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# Dissipativity analysis of neutral-type memristive neural network with two additive time-varying and leakage delays

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## Abstract

In this paper, we offer an approach about the dissipativity of neutral-type memristive neural networks (MNNs) with leakage, additive time, and distributed delays. By applying a suitable Lyapunov–Krasovskii functional (LKF), some integral inequality techniques, linear matrix inequalities (LMIs) and free-weighting matrix method, some new sufficient conditions are derived to ensure the dissipativity of the aforementioned MNNs. Furthermore, the global exponential attractive and positive invariant sets are also presented. Finally, a numerical simulation is given to illustrate the effectiveness of our results.

**Keywords:** Neutral-type memristive neural networks; Lyapunov–Krasovskii functional; Dissipativity; Mixed delays

## 1 Introduction

In the recent decades, neural networks have been widely applied in many areas, such as automatic control engineering, image processing, associative memory, pattern recognition, parallel computing, and so on [1, 2]. Therefore, it is extremely meaningful to study neural networks. Based on the completeness of circuit theory, Chua firstly proposed the fourth fundamental electrical circuit element memristor besides the known capacitance, inductance and resistance [3]. Subsequently, HP researchers discovered that memristors exist in nanoscale systems [4]. Memristor is a circuit element with memory function in the neural networks, whose resistance slowly changes depending on the quantity of passing electric charge by supplying a voltage or current. The working mechanism of a memristor is similar to that of the human brain. Thus, the research of MNNs is more valuable than we have realized [5, 6].

In the real world, time delays are ubiquitous. They may cause complex dynamical behaviors such as periodic oscillations, dissipation, divergence and chaos [7, 8]. Hence, the dynamic behaviors of neural networks with time delays have received lots of attention [9–11]. The existing studies on delayed neural networks can be divided into four categories dealing with constant, time-varying, distribution, and mixed delays. While a majority of literature is concentrated on the former three simple cases, mixed delays are more effective than simple delays in MNNs [12–16]. So the system of MNNs with mixed delays is worth a further study.



lays:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_i(t) = -c_i x_i(t - \eta(t)) + \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}(x_i(t)) f_j(x_j(t)) + \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}(x_i(t)) f(x_j(t - \tau_{j1}(t) - \tau_{j2}(t))) + \sum_{j=1}^n d_{ij}(x_i(t)) \int_{t-\delta_2(t)}^{t-\delta_1(t)} f_j(x_j(s)) ds + e_i \dot{x}_i(t - h(t)) + u_i(t), \\ y_i(t) = f_i(x_i(t)), \\ x_i(t) = \phi_i(t), \quad t \in (-\tau^*, 0), \end{cases} \tag{2.1}$$

where  $n$  is the number of cells in a neural network;  $x_i(t)$  is the voltage of the capacitor;  $f_i(\cdot)$  denotes the neuron activation functions of the  $i$ th neuron at time  $t$ ;  $y_i$  is the output of the  $i$ th neural cell;  $u_i(t) \in L_\infty$  is the external constant input of the  $i$ th neuron at time  $t$ ;  $\eta(t)$  denotes the leakage delay satisfying  $0 \leq \eta(t) \leq \eta$ ;  $\tau_{j1}(t)$  and  $\tau_{j2}(t)$  are two additive time varying delays that are assumed to satisfy the conditions  $0 \leq \tau_{j1}(t) \leq \tau_1 < \infty$ ,  $0 \leq \tau_{j2}(t) \leq \tau_2 < \infty$ ;  $\delta_1(t)$ ,  $\delta_2(t)$  and  $h(t)$  are the time-varying delays with  $0 \leq \delta_1 \leq \delta_1(t) \leq \delta_2(t) \leq \delta_2$ ,  $0 \leq h(t) \leq h$ ;  $\eta$ ,  $\tau_1$ ,  $\tau_2$ ,  $\delta_1$ ,  $\delta_2$  and  $h$  are nonnegative constants;  $\tau^* = \eta \vee (\delta_2 \vee (\tau \vee h))$ ;  $C = \text{diag}(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$  is a self-feedback connection matrix;  $E = \text{diag}(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$  is the neutral-type parameter;  $a_{ij}(t)$ ,  $b_{ij}(t)$ , and  $d_{ij}(t)$  represent the memristive-based weights, which are defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{ij}(x_i(t)) &= \frac{\mathbf{W}^{(1)ij}}{\mathbf{C}_i} \times \text{sign}_{ij}, & b_{ij}(x_i(t)) &= \frac{\mathbf{W}^{(2)ij}}{\mathbf{C}_i} \times \text{sign}_{ij}, \\ d_{ij}(x_i(t)) &= \frac{\mathbf{W}^{(3)ij}}{\mathbf{C}_i} \times \text{sign}_{ij}, & \text{sign}_{ij} &= \begin{cases} 1, & i \neq j, \\ -1, & i = j. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\mathbf{W}^{(k)ij}$  denote the memductances of memristors  $\mathbf{R}^{(k)ij}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3$ . In view of memristor property, we set

$$\begin{aligned} a_{ij}(x_i(t)) &= \begin{cases} \hat{a}_{ij}, & |x_i(t)| \leq \gamma_i, \\ \check{a}_{ij}, & |x_i(t)| > \gamma_i, \end{cases} & b_{ij}(x_i(t)) &= \begin{cases} \hat{b}_{ij}, & |x_i(t)| \leq \gamma_i, \\ \check{b}_{ij}, & |x_i(t)| > \gamma_i, \end{cases} \\ d_{ij}(x_i(t)) &= \begin{cases} \hat{d}_{ij}, & |x_i(t)| \leq \gamma_i, \\ \check{d}_{ij}, & |x_i(t)| > \gamma_i, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where the switching jumps  $\gamma_i > 0$ ,  $\hat{a}_{ij}$ ,  $\check{a}_{ij}$ ,  $\hat{b}_{ij}$ ,  $\check{b}_{ij}$ ,  $\hat{d}_{ij}$  and  $\check{d}_{ij}$  are known constants with respect to memristances.

*Remark 1* In the recent years, the dissipativity problem of MNNs has received a lot of attention. So far, substantial important results on dissipativity have been obtained for MNNs. Unfortunately, the work in [27, 28] only considered the leakage delay, while that in [29, 30] considered additive time-varying delays, but not distribution delays. In fact, the leakage delay and multiple signal transmission delays coexist in the system of MNNs. Because few results are found in the existing literature on the dissipativity analysis of neutral-type MNNs with multiple time delays, this paper attempts to extend our knowledge in this field by studying the dissipativity of such systems, and an example is given to prove the effectiveness of our results. Thus, the obtained results extend the study of the dynamic characteristics of MNNs.

*Remark 2* In many real applications, signals transmitted from one point to another may experience a few segments of networks, which can possibly induce successive delays with different properties due to the variable network transmission conditions, and when  $\tau_1(t) + \tau_2(t)$  reaches its maxima, we do not necessarily have both  $\tau_1(t)$  and  $\tau_2(t)$  reach their maxima at the same time. Therefore, in this paper, we will consider the two additive delay components in (2.1) separately.

*Remark 3* Furthermore, the above systems are switching systems whose connection weights vary due to their states. Although smooth analysis is suitable for studying continuous nonlinear systems, the nonsmooth analysis is suitable for studying switching nonlinear systems. Therefore, it is necessary to introduce some definitions of nonsmooth theory, such as differential inclusion and set-valued maps.

Let  $\underline{a}_{ij} = \min\{\hat{a}_{ij}, \check{a}_{ij}\}$ ,  $\bar{a}_{ij} = \max\{\hat{a}_{ij}, \check{a}_{ij}\}$ ,  $\underline{b}_{ij} = \min\{\hat{b}_{ij}, \check{b}_{ij}\}$ ,  $\bar{b}_{ij} = \max\{\hat{b}_{ij}, \check{b}_{ij}\}$ ,  $\underline{d}_{ij} = \min\{\hat{d}_{ij}, \check{d}_{ij}\}$ ,  $\bar{d}_{ij} = \max\{\hat{d}_{ij}, \check{d}_{ij}\}$ , for  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . By applying the theory of differential inclusions and set-valued maps in system (2.1) [31, 32], it follows that

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_i(t) \in -c_i x_i(t - \eta(t)) + \sum_{j=1}^n \text{co}[\underline{a}_{ij}, \bar{a}_{ij}] f_j(x_j(t)) + \sum_{j=1}^n \text{co}[\underline{b}_{ij}, \bar{b}_{ij}] f_j(x_j(t - \tau_1(t) - \tau_2(t))) + \sum_{j=1}^n \text{co}[\underline{d}_{ij}, \bar{d}_{ij}] \int_{t-\delta_2(t)}^{t-\delta_1(t)} f_j(x_j(s)) ds \\ \quad + e_i \dot{x}_i(t - h(t)) + u_i(t), \\ y_i(t) = f_i(x_i(t)), \\ x_i(t) = \phi_i(t), \quad t \in (-\tau^*, 0). \end{cases}$$

Using Filippov’s theorem in [33], there exist  $a'_{ij}(t) \in \text{co}[\underline{a}_{ij}, \bar{a}_{ij}]$ ,  $b'_{ij}(t) \in \text{co}[\underline{b}_{ij}, \bar{b}_{ij}]$ ,  $d'_{ij}(t) \in \text{co}[\underline{d}_{ij}, \bar{d}_{ij}]$ , and  $A = (a'_{ij}(t))_{n \times n}$ ,  $B = (b'_{ij}(t))_{n \times n}$ ,  $D = (d'_{ij}(t))_{n \times n}$ , such that

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = -Cx(t - \eta(t)) + Af(x(t)) + Bf(x(t - \tau_1(t) - \tau_2(t))) \\ \quad + D \int_{t-\delta_2(t)}^{t-\delta_1(t)} f(x(s)) ds + E\dot{x}(t - h(t)) + u(t), \\ y(t) = f(x(t)), \\ x(t) = \phi(t), \quad t \in (-\tau^*, 0), \end{cases} \tag{2.2}$$

where  $x(t) = (x_1(t), x_2(t), \dots, x_n(t))^T$ ,  $x(t - \eta(t)) = (x_1(t - \eta(t)), x_2(t - \eta(t)), \dots, x_n(t - \eta(t)))^T$ ,  $f(x(t)) = (f_1(x_1(t)), f_2(x_2(t)), \dots, f_n(x_n(t)))^T$ ,  $f(x(t - \tau_1(t) - \tau_2(t))) = (f_1(x_1(t - \tau_{11} - \tau_{12})), f_2(x_2(t - \tau_{21} - \tau_{22})), \dots, f_n(x_n(t - \tau_{n1} - \tau_{n2})))^T$ ,  $\dot{x}(t - h(t)) = (\dot{x}_1(t - h(t)), \dot{x}_2(t - h(t)), \dots, \dot{x}_n(t - h(t)))^T$ ,  $u(t) = (u_1(t), u_2(t), \dots, u_n(t))^T$ .

To prove our main results, the following assumptions, definitions and lemmas are needed.

**Assumption 1** The time-varying delays  $\tau_1(t)$ ,  $\tau_2(t)$  and  $\eta(t)$  satisfy the conditions  $|\dot{\tau}_1(t)| \leq \mu_1$ ;  $|\dot{\tau}_2(t)| \leq \mu_2$ ;  $|\dot{\eta}(t)| \leq \mu_3$  where  $\mu$ ,  $\mu_1$ ,  $\mu_2$  and  $\mu_3$  are nonnegative constants, and we denote  $\tau(t) = \tau_1(t) + \tau_2(t)$ ,  $\mu = \mu_1 + \mu_2$  and  $\tau = \tau_1 + \tau_2$ .

**Assumption 2** For all  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  and  $\alpha \neq \beta, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , the activation function  $f$  is bounded and there exist constants  $k_i^-$  and  $k_i^+$  such that

$$k_i^- \leq \frac{f_i(\alpha) - f_i(\beta)}{\alpha - \beta} \leq k_i^+,$$

where let  $F_i = |k_i^-| \vee |k_i^+|, f = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n)^T$  and for any  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, f_i(0) = 0$ . For presentation convenience, in the following we denote

$$K_1 = \text{diag}\{k_1^- k_1^+, k_2^- k_2^+, \dots, k_n^- k_n^+\}, \quad K_2 = \text{diag}\left\{\frac{k_1^- + k_1^+}{2}, \frac{k_2^- + k_2^+}{2}, \dots, \frac{k_n^- + k_n^+}{2}\right\}.$$

**Assumption 3**  $\phi(t) \in C^1 : C([\tau^*, 0], R^n)$  is the initial function with the norm

$$\|\phi\|_{\tau^*} = \sup_{s \in [\tau^*, 0]} \{|\phi(s)|, |\dot{\phi}(s)|\}.$$

**Definition 1** ([34, 35]) Let  $x(t, 0, \phi)$  be the solution of neural network (2.2) through  $(0, \phi), \phi \in C^1$ . Suppose there exists a compact set  $S \subseteq R^n$  such that for every  $\phi \in C^1$ , there exists  $T(\phi) > 0$  such that, when  $t \geq T(\phi), x(t, 0, \phi) \subseteq S$ . Then the neural network (2.2) is said to be a globally dissipative system, and  $S$  is called a globally attractive set. The set  $S$  is called positively invariant if for every  $\phi \in S$ , it holds that  $x(t, 0, \phi) \subseteq S$  for all  $t \in R_+$ .

**Definition 2** ([34, 35]) Let  $S$  be a globally attractive set of neural network (2.2). The neural network (2.2) is said to be globally exponentially dissipative if there exist constant  $a > 0$  and compact  $S^* \supset S$  in  $R^n$  such that for every  $\phi \in R^n \setminus S^*$ , there exists a constant  $M(\phi) > 0$  such that

$$\inf_{\tilde{x} \in S} \{ |x(t, 0, \phi) - \tilde{x}| : x \in R^n \setminus S^* \} \leq M(\phi)e^{-at}, \quad t \in R_+.$$

Here  $x \in R^n$  but  $x \notin S^*$ . Set  $S^*$  is called a globally exponentially attractive set.

**Lemma 1** ([36]) Consider a given matrix  $R > 0$ . Then, for all continuous functions  $\omega(\cdot) : [a, b] \rightarrow R^n$ , such that the considered integral is well defined, one has

$$\int_a^b \omega^T(u)R\omega(u) du \geq \frac{1}{b-a} \left[ \int_a^b \omega(u) du \right]^T R \left[ \int_a^b \omega(u) du \right].$$

**Lemma 2** ([37]) For any given matrices  $H, E$ , a scalar  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $F$  with  $F^T F \leq I$ , the following inequality holds:

$$HFE + (HFE)^T \leq \varepsilon HH^T + \varepsilon^{-1} E^T E.$$

**Lemma 3** ([38]) For any constant matrix  $H \in R^{n \times n}$  and two scalars  $b \geq a \geq 0$ , the following inequality holds:

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{(b^2 - a^2)}{2} \int_{-b}^{-a} \int_{t+\theta}^t x^T(s)Hx(s) ds d\theta \\ & \leq -\left[ \int_{-b}^{-a} \int_{t+\theta}^t x(s) ds d\theta \right]^T H \left[ \int_{-b}^{-a} \int_{t+\theta}^t x(s) ds d\theta \right]. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 4** ([39]) *Let the functions  $f_1(t), f_2(t), \dots, f_N(t) : R^m \rightarrow R$  have positive values in an open subset  $D$  of  $R^m$  and satisfy*

$$\frac{1}{\alpha_1}f_1(t) + \frac{1}{\alpha_2}f_2(t) + \dots + \frac{1}{\alpha_N}f_N(t) : D \rightarrow R^n,$$

with  $\alpha_i > 0$  and  $\sum_i \alpha_i = 1$ , then the reciprocal convex combination of  $f_i(t)$  over the set  $D$  satisfies

$$\forall g_{i,j}(t) : R^m \rightarrow R^n, \quad g_{i,j}(t) \doteq g_{j,i}(t),$$

$$\sum_i \frac{1}{\alpha_i}f_i(t) \geq \sum_i f_i(t) + \sum_{i \neq j} g_{i,j}(t), \quad \begin{bmatrix} f_i(t) & g_{i,j}(t) \\ g_{j,i}(t) & f_j(t) \end{bmatrix} \geq 0.$$

### 3 Main results

In this section, under Assumptions 1–3 and by using Lyapunov–Krasovskii functional method and LMI technique, the delay-dependent dissipativity criterion of system (2.2) is derived in the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.1** *Under Assumptions 1–3, if there exist symmetric positive definite matrices  $P > 0, Q_i > 0, V_i > 0, U_i > 0$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ),  $R_j > 0, T_j > 0$  ( $j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ ),  $G_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ),  $L_1 > 0, L_2 > 0, S_2 > 0, S_3 > 0$ , three  $n \times n$  diagonal matrices  $M > 0, \beta_1 > 0, \beta_2 > 0$ ,  $n \times n$  real matrix  $S_1$  such that the following LMIs hold:*

$$\Phi_k = \Psi - e^{-2\alpha\tau} \Upsilon_k^T \begin{bmatrix} U_1 & V_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & U_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & U_2 & V_2 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & U_2 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & U_3 & V_3 \\ * & * & * & * & * & U_3 \end{bmatrix} \Upsilon_k < 0 \quad (k = 1, 2, 3, 4), \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\Psi = [\psi]_{l \times n}$  ( $l, n = 1, 2, \dots, 25$ );  $\psi_{1,1} = -PM - M^T P + 2\alpha P + 2Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3 + R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4 + R_5 - 4e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} T_1 - 4e^{-2\alpha\tau_2} T_2 - 4e^{-2\alpha\tau} T_3 - 4e^{-2\alpha\eta} T_4 - 4e^{-2\alpha h} T_5 + \eta^2 L_2 - K_1 \beta_1$ ,  $\psi_{1,2} = -2e^{-\alpha\tau} G_3$ ,  $\psi_{1,3} = -2e^{-\alpha\tau_1} G_1$ ,  $\psi_{1,4} = -2e^{-\alpha\tau_2} G_2$ ,  $\psi_{1,5} = PM - 2e^{-2\alpha\eta} G_4$ ,  $\psi_{1,6} = e^{-2\alpha h} T_5$ ,  $\psi_{1,7} = -2e^{-2\alpha\tau} (T_3 + 2G_3)$ ,  $\psi_{1,8} = -2e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} (T_1 + 2G_1)$ ,  $\psi_{1,9} = -2e^{-2\alpha\tau_2} (T_2 + 2G_2)$ ,  $\psi_{1,10} = -PC + S_1 C - 2e^{-2\alpha\eta} (T_4 + 2G_4)$ ,  $\psi_{1,11} = PA - S_1 A + K_2 \beta_1$ ,  $\psi_{1,12} = PB - S_1 B$ ,  $\psi_{1,13} = M^T P M - \alpha P M - \alpha M^T P$ ,  $\psi_{1,14} = -6e^{-2\alpha\eta} G_4$ ,  $\psi_{1,15} = -6e^{-2\alpha\eta} T_4$ ,  $\psi_{1,16} = -6e^{-2\alpha\tau} T_3$ ,  $\psi_{1,17} = -6e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} T_1$ ,  $\psi_{1,18} = -6e^{-2\alpha\tau_2} T_2$ ,  $\psi_{1,19} = 6e^{-2\alpha\tau} G_3$ ,  $\psi_{1,20} = 6e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} G_1$ ,  $\psi_{1,21} = 6e^{-2\alpha\tau_2} G_2$ ,  $\psi_{1,22} = PD - S_1 D$ ,  $\psi_{1,23} = S_1$ ,  $\psi_{1,24} = PE - S_1 E$ ,  $\psi_{2,2} = -e^{-2\alpha\tau} Q_1 - 4e^{-2\alpha\tau} T_3$ ,  $\psi_{2,7} = -2e^{-2\alpha\tau} (T_3 + 2G_3)$ ,  $\psi_{2,16} = 6e^{-2\alpha\tau} G_3$ ,  $\psi_{2,19} = 6e^{-2\alpha\tau} T_3$ ,  $\psi_{3,3} = -e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} Q_2 - 4e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} T_1$ ,  $\psi_{3,8} = -2e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} (T_1 + 2G_1)$ ,  $\psi_{3,17} = 6e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} G_1$ ,  $\psi_{3,20} = 6e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} T_1$ ,  $\psi_{4,4} = -e^{-2\alpha\tau_2} Q_3 - 4e^{-2\alpha\tau_2} T_2$ ,  $\psi_{4,9} = -2e^{-2\alpha\tau_2} (T_2 + 2G_2)$ ,  $\psi_{4,18} = 6e^{-2\alpha\tau_2} G_2$ ,  $\psi_{4,21} = 6e^{-2\alpha\tau_2} T_2$ ,  $\psi_{5,5} = -e^{-2\alpha\eta} R_2 - 4e^{-2\alpha\eta} T_4$ ,  $\psi_{5,10} = -2e^{-2\alpha\eta} (T_4 + 2G_4)$ ,  $\psi_{5,13} = -M^T P M$ ,  $\psi_{5,14} = 6e^{-2\alpha\eta} T_4$ ,  $\psi_{5,15} = 6e^{-2\alpha\eta} G_4$ ,  $\psi_{6,6} = -e^{-2\alpha h} T_5$ ,  $\psi_{7,7} = -(1 - \mu)e^{-2\alpha\tau} R_3 - 4e^{-2\alpha\tau} (2T_3 + G_3) - K_1 \beta_2$ ,  $\psi_{7,12} = K_2 \beta_2$ ,  $\psi_{7,16} = 6e^{-2\alpha\tau} (T_3 + G_3)$ ,  $\psi_{7,19} = 6e^{-2\alpha\tau} (T_3 + G_3)$ ,  $\psi_{8,8} = -(1 - \mu_1)e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} R_4 - 4e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} (2T_1 + G_1)$ ,  $\psi_{8,17} = 6e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} (T_1 + G_1)$ ,  $\psi_{8,20} = 6e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} (T_1 + G_1)$ ,  $\psi_{9,9} = -(1 - \mu_2)e^{-2\alpha\tau_2} R_5 - 4e^{-2\alpha\tau_2} (2T_2 + G_2)$ ,  $\psi_{9,18} = 6e^{-2\alpha\tau_2} (T_2 + G_2)$ ,  $\psi_{9,21} = 6e^{-2\alpha\tau_2} (T_2 + G_2)$ ,  $\psi_{10,13} = M^T P C$ ,  $\psi_{10,10} = -(1 - \mu_3)e^{-2\alpha\eta} R_1 - 4e^{-2\alpha\eta} (2T_4 + G_4)$ ,  $\psi_{10,14} = 6e^{-2\alpha\eta} (T_4 +$

$G_4$ ),  $\psi_{10,15} = 6e^{-2\alpha\eta}(T_4 + G_4)$ ,  $\psi_{10,23} = -S_2C$ ,  $\psi_{10,24} = -S_3C$ ,  $\psi_{11,11} = (\delta_2 - \delta_1)^2L_1 - \beta_1$ ,  $\psi_{11,13} = -M^T PA$ ,  $\psi_{11,23} = S_2A$ ,  $\psi_{11,24} = S_3A$ ,  $\psi_{12,12} = -\beta_2$ ,  $\psi_{12,13} = -M^T PB$ ,  $\psi_{12,23} = S_2B$ ,  $\psi_{12,24} = S_3B$ ,  $\psi_{13,13} = \alpha M^T PM - 2e^{-2\alpha\eta}L_2$ ,  $\psi_{13,22} = -M^T PD$ ,  $\psi_{13,24} = -M^T PE$ ,  $\psi_{13,25} = -MP$ ,  $\psi_{14,14} = -12e^{-2\alpha\eta}T_4$ ,  $\psi_{14,15} = -12e^{-2\alpha\eta}G_4$ ,  $\psi_{15,15} = -12e^{-2\alpha\eta}T_4$ ,  $\psi_{16,16} = -12e^{-2\alpha\tau}T_3$ ,  $\psi_{16,19} = -12e^{-2\alpha\tau}G_3$ ,  $\psi_{17,17} = -12e^{-2\alpha\tau_1}T_1$ ,  $\psi_{17,20} = -12e^{-2\alpha\tau_1}G_1$ ,  $\psi_{18,18} = -12e^{-2\alpha\tau_2}T_2$ ,  $\psi_{18,21} = -12e^{-2\alpha\tau_2}G_2$ ,  $\psi_{19,19} = -12e^{-2\alpha\tau}T_3$ ,  $\psi_{20,20} = -12e^{-2\alpha\tau_1}T_1$ ,  $\psi_{21,21} = -12e^{-2\alpha\tau_2}T_2$ ,  $\psi_{22,22} = -e^{-2\alpha\delta_2}L_1$ ,  $\psi_{22,23} = S_2D$ ,  $\psi_{22,24} = S_3D$ ,  $\psi_{23,23} = \frac{\tau_1^4}{4}U_1 + \frac{\tau_2^4}{4}U_2 + \frac{\tau_3^4}{4}U_3 - S_2 + \tau_1^2T_1 + \tau_2^2T_2 + \tau^2T_3 + \eta^2T_4 + h^2T_5$ ,  $\psi_{23,24} = S_2E$ ,  $\psi_{24,24} = S_3E + E^T S_3 + S_3$ ,  $\psi_{25,25} = S_2$ ,  $\Gamma_k^T = [\Gamma_{1k}, \Gamma_{2k}, \Gamma_{3k}, \Gamma_{4k}, \Gamma_{5k}, \Gamma_{6k}]^T$  ( $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ),  $\Gamma_{11}^T = \Gamma_{12}^T = \tau_1(e_1 - e_{20})$ ,  $\Gamma_{13}^T = \Gamma_{14}^T = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\Gamma_{21}^T = \Gamma_{22}^T = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\Gamma_{23}^T = \Gamma_{24}^T = \tau_1(e_1 - e_{17})$ ,  $\Gamma_{31}^T = \Gamma_{33}^T = \tau_2(e_1 - e_{21})$ ,  $\Gamma_{32}^T = \Gamma_{34}^T = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\Gamma_{41}^T = \Gamma_{43}^T = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\Gamma_{42}^T = \Gamma_{44}^T = \tau_2(e_1 - e_{18})$ ,  $\Gamma_{51}^T = \tau(e_1 - e_{19})$ ,  $\Gamma_{52}^T = \tau_1(e_1 - e_{19})$ ,  $\Gamma_{53}^T = \tau_2(e_1 - e_{19})$ ,  $\Gamma_{54}^T = \Gamma_{61}^T = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\Gamma_{62}^T = \tau_2(e_1 - e_{16})$ ,  $\Gamma_{63}^T = \tau_1(e_1 - e_{16})$ ,  $\Gamma_{64}^T = \tau(e_1 - e_{19})$ ,  $e_i = [\mathbf{0}_{n \times (i-1)n}, \mathbf{I}_{n \times n}, \mathbf{0}_{n \times (25-i)n}]$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, 25$ ), then the neural network (2.2) is exponentially dissipative, and

$$S = \left\{ x : |x| \leq \frac{|(P - S_1)| + \sqrt{|(P - S_1)|^2 + \lambda_{\min}(Q_1)\lambda_{\max}(S_3)}}{\lambda_{\min}(Q_1)} \Gamma_u \right\}$$

is a positively invariant and globally exponentially attractive set, where the external input  $|u(t)| \leq \Gamma_u$ ,  $\Gamma_u > 0$  is a bound of the external input  $u(t)$  on  $R^+$ . In addition, the exponential dissipativity rate index  $\alpha$  can be used in the  $\Phi$ .

*Proof* Considering the following Lyapunov–Krasovskii function:

$$V(t, x(t)) = \sum_{k=1}^6 V_k(t), \tag{3.2}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} V_1(t, x(t)) &= \left[ x(t) - M \int_{t-\eta}^t x(s) ds \right]^T P \left[ x(t) - M \int_{t-\eta}^t x(s) ds \right], \\ V_2(t, x(t)) &= \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{2\alpha(s-t)} x^T(s) Q_1 x(s) ds + \int_{t-\tau_1}^t e^{2\alpha(s-t)} x^T(s) Q_2 x(s) ds \\ &\quad + \int_{t-\tau_2}^t e^{2\alpha(s-t)} x^T(s) Q_3 x(s) ds, \\ V_3(t, x(t)) &= \int_{t-\eta(t)}^t e^{2\alpha(s-t)} x^T(s) R_1 x(s) ds + \int_{t-\eta}^t e^{2\alpha(s-t)} x^T(s) R_2 x(s) ds \\ &\quad + \int_{t-\tau(t)}^t e^{2\alpha(s-t)} x(s)^T R_3 x(s) ds + \int_{t-\tau_1(t)}^t e^{2\alpha(s-t)} x(s)^T R_4 x(s) ds \\ &\quad + \int_{t-\tau_2(t)}^t e^{2\alpha(s-t)} x(s)^T R_5 x(s) ds, \\ V_4(t, x(t)) &= \tau_1 \int_{-\tau_1}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t e^{2\alpha(s-t)} \dot{x}^T(s) T_1 \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \\ &\quad + \tau_2 \int_{-\tau_2}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t e^{2\alpha(s-t)} \dot{x}^T(s) T_2 \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \\ &\quad + \tau \int_{-\tau}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t e^{2\alpha(s-t)} \dot{x}^T(s) T_3 \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \eta \int_{-\eta}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t e^{2\alpha(s-t)} \dot{x}^T(s) T_4 \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \\
 & + h \int_{-h}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t e^{2\alpha(s-t)} \dot{x}^T(s) T_5 \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta, \\
 V_5(t, x(t)) & = (\delta_2 - \delta_1) \int_{-\delta_2}^{-\delta_1} \int_{t+\theta}^t e^{2\alpha(s-t)} f^T(x(s)) L_1 f(x(s)) ds d\theta \\
 & + \eta \int_{-\eta}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t e^{2\alpha(s-t)} x^T(s) L_2 x(s) ds d\theta, \\
 V_6(t, x(t)) & = \frac{\tau_1^2}{2} \int_{-\tau_1}^0 \int_{\theta}^0 \int_{t+\lambda}^t e^{2\alpha(s-t)} \dot{x}^T(s) U_1 \dot{x}(s) ds d\lambda d\theta \\
 & + \frac{\tau_2^2}{2} \int_{-\tau_2}^0 \int_{\theta}^0 \int_{t+\lambda}^t e^{2\alpha(s-t)} \dot{x}^T(s) U_2 \dot{x}(s) ds d\lambda d\theta \\
 & + \frac{\tau^2}{2} \int_{-\tau}^0 \int_{\theta}^0 \int_{t+\lambda}^t e^{2\alpha(s-t)} \dot{x}^T(s) U_3 \dot{x}(s) ds d\lambda d\theta.
 \end{aligned}$$

Calculating the derivative of  $V(t, x(t))$  along the trajectory of neural network (2.2), it can be deduced that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{V}_1(t, x(t)) & = 2 \left[ x^T(t) - \int_{t-\eta}^t x^T(s) ds \times M \right] P \left[ -Cx(t - \eta(t)) + Af(x(t)) \right. \\
 & \quad + Bf(x(t - \tau_1(t) - \tau_2(t))) + D \int_{t-\delta_2(t)}^{t-\delta_1(t)} f(x(s)) ds + E\dot{x}(t - h(t)) \\
 & \quad \left. + u(t) - Mx(t) + Mx(t - \eta) \right], \tag{3.3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{V}_2(t, x(t)) & \leq x(t)^T [Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3] x(t) - e^{-2\alpha\tau} x(t - \tau)^T Q_1 x(t - \tau) \\
 & \quad - e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} x(t - \tau_1)^T Q_2 x(t - \tau_1) - e^{-2\alpha\tau_2} x(t - \tau_2)^T Q_3 x(t - \tau_2) \\
 & \quad - 2\alpha V_2(t, x(t)), \tag{3.4}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{V}_3(t, x(t)) & \leq x^T(t) [R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4 + R_5] x(t) - e^{-2\alpha\eta} x^T(t - \eta) R_2 x(t - \eta) \\
 & \quad - (1 - \mu_3) e^{-2\alpha\eta} x^T(t - \eta(t)) R_1 x(t - \eta(t)) \\
 & \quad - (1 - \mu) e^{-2\alpha\tau} x^T(t - \tau(t)) R_3 x(t - \tau(t)) \\
 & \quad - (1 - \mu_1) e^{-2\alpha\tau_1(t)} x^T(t - \tau_1(t)) R_4 x(t - \tau_1) \\
 & \quad - (1 - \mu_2) e^{-2\alpha\tau_2} x^T(t - \tau_2(t)) R_5 x(t - \tau_2(t)) - 2\alpha V_3(t, x(t)), \tag{3.5}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{V}_4(t, x(t)) & \leq \tau_1^2 \dot{x}^T(t) T_1 \dot{x}(t) - \tau_1 e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} \int_{t-\tau_1}^t \dot{x}^T(s) T_1 \dot{x}(s) ds \\
 & \quad + \tau_2^2 \dot{x}^T(t) T_2 \dot{x}(t) - \tau_2 e^{-2\alpha\tau_2} \int_{t-\tau_2}^t \dot{x}^T(s) T_2 \dot{x}(s) ds \\
 & \quad + \tau^2 \dot{x}^T(t) T_3 \dot{x}(t) - \tau e^{-2\alpha\tau} \int_{t-\tau}^t \dot{x}^T(s) T_3 \dot{x}(s) ds \\
 & \quad + \eta^2 \dot{x}^T(t) T_4 \dot{x}(t) - \eta e^{-2\alpha\eta} \int_{t-\eta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) T_4 \dot{x}(s) ds \\
 & \quad + h^2 \dot{x}^T(t) T_5 \dot{x}(t) - h e^{-2\alpha h} \int_{t-h}^t \dot{x}^T(s) T_5 \dot{x}(s) ds - 2\alpha V_4(t, x(t)), \tag{3.6}
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_5(t, x(t)) &\leq (\delta_2 - \delta_1)^2 f^T(x(t))L_1 f(x(t)) + \eta^2 x^T(t)L_2 x(t) \\ &\quad - e^{2\alpha\delta_2} (\delta_2(t) - \delta_1(t)) \int_{t-\delta_2(t)}^{t-\delta_1(t)} f^T(x(s))L_1 f(x(s)) ds \\ &\quad - \eta e^{-2\alpha\eta} \int_{t-\eta}^t x^T(s)L_2 x(s) ds - 2\alpha V_5(t, x(t)), \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_6(t, x(t)) &\leq \frac{\tau_1^4}{4} \dot{x}(t)U_1 \dot{x}(t) + \frac{\tau_2^4}{4} \dot{x}(t)U_2 \dot{x}(t) + \frac{\tau^4}{4} \dot{x}(t)U_3 \dot{x}(t) \\ &\quad - \frac{\tau_1^2}{2} e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} \int_{-\tau_1}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s)U_1 \dot{x}(s) ds \\ &\quad - \frac{\tau_2^2}{2} e^{-2\alpha\tau_2} \int_{-\tau_2}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s)U_2 \dot{x}(s) ds \\ &\quad - \frac{\tau^2}{2} e^{-2\alpha\tau} \int_{-\tau}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s)U_3 \dot{x}(s) ds - 2\alpha V_6(t, x(t)). \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

For any matrix  $G_1$  with  $\begin{bmatrix} T_1 & G_1 \\ * & T_1 \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$ , by using Lemmas 1 and 4, we can obtain the following:

$$\begin{aligned} & -\tau_1 e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} \int_{t-\tau_1}^t \dot{x}^T(s)T_1 \dot{x}(s) ds \\ &= -\tau_1 e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} \left[ \int_{t-\tau_1}^{t-\tau_1(t)} \dot{x}^T(s)T_1 \dot{x}(s) ds + \int_{t-\tau_1(t)}^t \dot{x}^T(s)T_1 \dot{x}(s) ds \right] \\ &\leq e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} \left\{ -\frac{\tau_1}{\tau_1 - \tau_1(t)} [\vartheta_1^T(t)T_1 \vartheta_1 + 3\vartheta_2^T(t)T_1 \vartheta_2(t)] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{\tau_1}{\tau_1(t)} [\vartheta_3^T(t)T_1 \vartheta_3(t) + 3\vartheta_4^T(t)T_1 \vartheta_4(t)] \right\} \\ &\leq e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} [-\vartheta_1^T(t)T_1 \vartheta_1(t) - 3\vartheta_2^T(t)T_1 \vartheta_2(t) - \vartheta_3^T(t)T_1 \vartheta_3(t) \\ &\quad - 3\vartheta_4^T(t)T_1 \vartheta_4(t) - 2\vartheta_1^T(t)G_1 \vartheta_3(t) - 6\vartheta_2^T(t)G_1 \vartheta_4(t)], \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_1(t) &= x(t - \tau_1(t)) - x(t - \tau_1); \\ \vartheta_2(t) &= x(t - \tau_1(t)) + x(t - \tau_1) - \frac{2}{\tau_1 - \tau_1(t)} \int_{t-\tau_1}^{t-\tau_1(t)} x(s) ds; \\ \vartheta_3(t) &= x(t) - x(t - \tau_1(t)); \quad \vartheta_4(t) = x(t) + x(t - \tau_1(t)) - \frac{2}{\tau_1(t)} \int_{t-\tau_1(t)}^t x(s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} & -\tau_2 e^{-2\alpha\tau_2} \int_{t-\tau_2}^t \dot{x}^T(s)T_2 \dot{x}(s) ds \\ &\leq e^{-2\alpha\tau_2} [-\vartheta_5^T(t)T_2 \vartheta_5(t) - 3\vartheta_6^T(t)T_2 \vartheta_6(t) - \vartheta_7^T(t)T_2 \vartheta_7(t) - 3\vartheta_8^T(t)T_2 \vartheta_8(t) \\ &\quad - 2\vartheta_5^T(t)G_2 \vartheta_7(t) - 6\vartheta_6^T(t)G_2 \vartheta_8(t)], \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\tau e^{-2\alpha\tau} \int_{t-\tau}^t \dot{x}^T(s) T_3 \dot{x}(s) ds \\
 & \leq e^{-2\alpha\tau} \left[ -\vartheta_9^T(t) T_3 \vartheta_9(t) - 3\vartheta_{10}^T(t) T_3 \vartheta_{10}(t) - \vartheta_{11}^T(t) T_3 \vartheta_{11}(t) - 3\vartheta_{12}^T(t) T_3 \vartheta_{12}(t) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - 2\vartheta_9^T(t) G_3 \vartheta_{11}(t) - 6\vartheta_{10}^T(t) G_3 \vartheta_{12}(t) \right], \tag{3.11}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\eta e^{-2\alpha\eta} \int_{t-\eta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) T_4 \dot{x}(s) ds \\
 & \leq e^{-2\alpha\eta} \left[ -\vartheta_{13}^T(t) T_4 \vartheta_{13}(t) - 3\vartheta_{14}^T(t) T_4 \vartheta_{14}(t) - \vartheta_{15}^T(t) T_4 \vartheta_{15}(t) - 3\vartheta_{16}^T(t) T_4 \vartheta_{16}(t) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - 2\vartheta_{13}^T(t) G_4 \vartheta_{15}(t) - 6\vartheta_{14}^T(t) G_4 \vartheta_{16}(t) \right], \tag{3.12}
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vartheta_5(t) &= x(t - \tau_2(t)) - x(t - \tau_2); \\
 \vartheta_6(t) &= x(t - \tau_2(t)) + x(t - \tau_2) - \frac{2}{\tau_2 - \tau_2(t)} \int_{t-\tau_2}^{t-\tau_2(t)} x(s) ds; \\
 \vartheta_7(t) &= x(t) - x(t - \tau_2(t)); \quad \vartheta_8(t) = x(t) + x(t - \tau_2(t)) - \frac{2}{\tau_2(t)} \int_{t-\tau_2(t)}^t x(s) ds; \\
 \vartheta_9(t) &= x(t - \tau(t)) - x(t - \tau); \\
 \vartheta_{10}(t) &= x(t - \tau(t)) + x(t - \tau) - \frac{2}{\tau - \tau(t)} \int_{t-\tau}^{t-\tau(t)} x(s) ds; \quad \vartheta_{11}(t) = x(t) - x(t - \tau(t)); \\
 \vartheta_{12}(t) &= x(t) + x(t - \tau(t)) - \frac{2}{\tau(t)} \int_{t-\tau(t)}^t x(s) ds; \quad \vartheta_{13}(t) = x(t - \eta(t)) - x(t - \eta); \\
 \vartheta_{14}(t) &= x(t - \eta(t)) + x(t - \eta) - \frac{2}{\eta - \eta(t)} \int_{t-\eta}^{t-\eta(t)} x(s) ds; \quad \vartheta_{15}(t) = x(t) - x(t - \eta(t)); \\
 \vartheta_{16}(t) &= x(t) + x(t - \eta(t)) - \frac{2}{\eta(t)} \int_{t-\eta(t)}^t x(s) ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 1 and Newton–Leibniz formula, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -he^{-2\alpha h} \int_{t-h}^t \dot{x}^T(s) T_5 \dot{x}(s) ds \\
 & \leq -e^{-2\alpha h} \left[ \int_{t-h}^t \dot{x}(s) ds \right]^T T_5 \left[ \int_{t-h}^t \dot{x}(s) ds \right] \\
 & \leq [x(t) - x(t - h)]^T [-e^{-2\alpha h} T_5] [x(t) - x(t - h)]. \tag{3.13}
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -e^{2\alpha\delta_2} (\delta_2(t) - \delta_1(t)) \int_{t-\delta_2(t)}^{t-\delta_1(t)} f^T(x(s)) L_1 f(x(s)) ds \\
 & \leq -e^{2\alpha\delta_2} \left[ \int_{t-\delta_2(t)}^{t-\delta_1(t)} f(x(s)) ds \right]^T L_1 \left[ \int_{t-\delta_2(t)}^{t-\delta_1(t)} f(x(s)) ds \right], \tag{3.14}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -e^{2\alpha\eta} \int_{t-\eta}^t (x(s))^T L_2 x(s) ds \\
 & \leq -e^{2\alpha\eta} \left[ \int_{t-\eta}^t x(s) ds \right]^T L_2 \left[ \int_{t-\eta}^t x(s) ds \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.15}$$

The second term of Eq. (3.8) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{\tau_1^2}{2} e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} \int_{-\tau_1}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) U_1 \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \\
 & = -\frac{\tau_1^2}{2} e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} \int_{-\tau_1}^{-\tau_1(t)} \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) U_1 \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \\
 & \quad -\frac{\tau_1^2}{2} e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} \int_{-\tau_1(t)}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) U_1 \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.16}$$

By Lemma 3, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{\tau_1^2}{2} e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} \int_{-\tau_1}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) U_1 \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \\
 & \leq -\frac{\tau_1^2}{\tau_1^2 - \tau_1^2(t)} e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} \left[ \int_{-\tau_1}^{-\tau_1(t)} \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \right]^T U_1 \left[ \int_{-\tau_1}^{-\tau_1(t)} \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \right] \\
 & \quad -\frac{\tau_1^2}{\tau_1^2(t)} e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} \left[ \int_{-\tau_1(t)}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \right]^T U_1 \left[ \int_{-\tau_1(t)}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.17}$$

Applying Lemma 4, for any matrix  $V_1$  with  $\begin{bmatrix} U_1 & V_1 \\ * & U_1 \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$ , the above inequality becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{\tau_1^2}{2} e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} \int_{-\tau_1}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) U_1 \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \\
 & \leq e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} \left\{ -\left[ \int_{-\tau_1}^{-\tau_1(t)} \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \right]^T U_1 \left[ \int_{-\tau_1}^{-\tau_1(t)} \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \right] \right\} \\
 & \quad + e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} \left\{ -\left[ \int_{-\tau_1(t)}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \right]^T 2V_1 \left[ \int_{-\tau_1}^{-\tau_1(t)} \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \right] \right\} \\
 & \quad + e^{-2\alpha\tau_1} \left\{ -\left[ \int_{-\tau_1(t)}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \right]^T U_1 \left[ \int_{-\tau_1(t)}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \right] \right\} \\
 & \leq e^{-2\alpha\tau} (-s_1^T U_1 s_1 - 2s_1^T V_1 s_2 - s_2^T U_1 s_2) \\
 & = \xi^T(t) e^{-2\alpha\tau} [-\Gamma_1^T(t) U_1 \Gamma_1(t) - 2\Gamma_2^T(t) V_1 \Gamma_1(t) - \Gamma_2^T(t) U_1 \Gamma_2(t)] \xi(t),
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.18}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 s_1 & = (\tau_1 - \tau_1(t))x(t) - \int_{t-\tau_1}^{t-\tau_1(t)} x(s) ds; & s_2 & = \tau_1(t) - \int_{t-\tau_1(t)}^t x(s) ds; \\
 \Gamma_1(t) & = (\tau_1 - \tau_1(t))(e_1 - e_{20}); & \Gamma_2(t) & = \tau_1(t)(e_1 - e_{17}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, by Lemmas 3 and 4, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &-\frac{\tau_2^2}{2} e^{-2\alpha\tau_2} \int_{-\tau_2}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) U_2 \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \\
 &\leq e^{-2\alpha\tau} (-S_3^T U_2 S_3 - 2S_3^T V_2 S_4 - S_4^T U_2 S_4) \\
 &= \xi^T(t) e^{-2\alpha\tau} [-\Gamma_3^T(t) U_2 \Gamma_3(t) - 2\Gamma_4^T(t) V_2 \Gamma_3(t) - \Gamma_4^T(t) U_4 \Gamma_2(t)] \xi(t), \tag{3.19}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &-\frac{\tau^2}{2} e^{-2\alpha\tau} \int_{-\tau}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) U_3 \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \\
 &\leq e^{-2\alpha\tau} (-S_5^T U_3 S_5 - 2S_5^T V_3 S_6 - S_6^T U_3 S_6) \\
 &= \xi^T(t) e^{-2\alpha\tau} [-\Gamma_5^T(t) U_3 \Gamma_5(t) - 2\Gamma_6^T(t) V_3 \Gamma_5(t) - \Gamma_6^T(t) U_3 \Gamma_6(t)] \xi(t), \tag{3.20}
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_3 &= (\tau_2 - \tau_2(t))x(t) - \int_{t-\tau_2}^{t-\tau_2(t)} x(s) ds; & S_4 &= \tau_2(t) - \int_{t-\tau_2(t)}^t x(s) ds; \\
 \Gamma_3(t) &= (\tau_2 - \tau_2(t))(e_1 - e_{21}); & \Gamma_4(t) &= \tau_2(t)(e_1 - e_{18}); \\
 S_4 &= (\tau - \tau(t))x(t) - \int_{t-\tau}^{t-\tau(t)} x(s) ds; & S_5 &= \tau(t) - \int_{t-\tau(t)}^t x(s) ds; \\
 \Gamma_4(t) &= (\tau - \tau(t))(e_1 - e_{19}); & \Gamma_5(t) &= \tau(t)(e_1 - e_{16}).
 \end{aligned}$$

By using Assumption 2, we can obtain the following:

$$[f_i(x(t)) - l_i^- x(t)][f_i(x(t)) - l_i^+ x(t)] \leq 0 \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n),$$

which can be compactly written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ f(x(t)) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} K_1 & -K_2 \\ * & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ f(x(t)) \end{bmatrix} \leq 0, \\
 &\begin{bmatrix} x(t - \tau_1(t) - \tau_2(t)) \\ f(x(t - \tau_1(t) - \tau_2(t))) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} K_1 & -K_2 \\ * & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(t - \tau_1(t) - \tau_2(t)) \\ f(x(t - \tau_1(t) - \tau_2(t))) \end{bmatrix} \leq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then for any positive matrices  $\beta_1 = \text{diag}(\beta_{1s}, \beta_{2s}, \dots, \beta_{ns})$  and  $\beta_2 = \text{diag}(\tilde{\beta}_{1s}, \tilde{\beta}_{2s}, \dots, \tilde{\beta}_{ns})$ , the following inequalities hold true:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ f(x(t)) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} K_1 \beta_1 & -K_2 \beta_1 \\ * & \beta_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ f(x(t)) \end{bmatrix} \leq 0, \tag{3.21}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x(t - \tau_1(t) - \tau_2(t)) \\ f(x(t - \tau_1(t) - \tau_2(t))) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} K_1 \beta_2 & -K_2 \beta_2 \\ * & \beta_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(t - \tau_1(t) - \tau_2(t)) \\ f(x(t - \tau_1(t) - \tau_2(t))) \end{bmatrix} \leq 0. \tag{3.22}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} &\dot{x}(t) + Cx(t - \eta(t)) - Af(x(t)) - Bf(x(t - \tau_1(t) - \tau_2(t))) \\ &- D \int_{t-\delta_2(t)}^{t-\delta_1(t)} f(x(s)) ds - E\dot{x}(t - h(t)) - u(t) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

For any appropriately dimensioned matrix  $S_1$ , the following is satisfied:

$$\begin{aligned} &2\dot{x}^T(t)S_1\dot{x}(t) + 2x^T(t)S_1Cx(t - \eta(t)) - 2x^T(t)S_1Af(x(t)) \\ &- 2x^T(t)S_1Bf(x(t - \tau_1(t) - \tau_2(t))) - 2x^T(t)S_1D \int_{t-\delta_2(t)}^{t-\delta_1(t)} f(x(s)) ds \\ &- 2x^T(t)S_1E\dot{x}(t - h(t)) - 2x^T(t)S_1u(t) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{3.23}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &2\dot{x}^T(t)S_2\dot{x}(t) + 2\dot{x}^T(t)S_2Cx(t - \eta(t)) - 2\dot{x}^T(t)S_2Af(x(t)) \\ &- 2\dot{x}^T(t)S_2Bf(x(t - \tau_1(t) - \tau_2(t))) - 2\dot{x}^T(t)S_2D \int_{t-\delta_2(t)}^{t-\delta_1(t)} f(x(s)) ds \\ &- 2\dot{x}^T(t)S_2E\dot{x}(t - h(t)) - 2\dot{x}^T(t)S_2u(t) = 0, \end{aligned} \tag{3.24}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &2\dot{x}^T(t - h(t))S_3\dot{x}(t) + 2\dot{x}^T(t - h(t))S_3Cx(t - \eta(t)) - 2\dot{x}^T(t - h(t))S_3Af(x(t)) \\ &- 2\dot{x}^T(t - h(t))S_3Bf(x(t - \tau_1(t) - \tau_2(t))) - 2\dot{x}^T(t - h(t))S_3E\dot{x}(t - h(t)) \\ &- 2\dot{x}^T(t - h(t))S_3D \int_{t-\delta_2(t)}^{t-\delta_1(t)} f(x(s)) ds - 2\dot{x}^T(t - h(t))S_3u(t) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{3.25}$$

In addition, it follows from Lemma 2 that for every  $H \geq 0, N \geq 0$ ,

$$2\dot{x}^T(t)S_2u(t) \leq \dot{x}^T(t)H\dot{x}(t) + u^T(t)S_2H^{-1}S_2u(t), \tag{3.26}$$

$$2\dot{x}^T(t - h(t))S_3u(t) \leq \dot{x}^T(t - h(t))N\dot{x}(t - h(t)) + u^T(t)S_3N^{-1}S_3u(t). \tag{3.27}$$

From Eqs. (3.2)–(3.27), if we let  $H = S_2, N = S_3$ , we can derive that

$$\begin{aligned} &\dot{V}(t, x(t)) + 2\alpha V(t, x(t)) \\ &\leq -x^T(t)Q_1x(t) + x^T(t)[2P - 2S_1]u(t) + u^T(t)S_3u(t) + \xi^T(t)\Phi\xi(t), \end{aligned} \tag{3.28}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \xi(t) = &\left[ x(t), x(t - \tau), x(t - \tau_1), x(t - \tau_2), x(t - \eta), x(t - h), x(t - \tau(t)), \right. \\ &x(t - \tau_1(t)), x(t - \tau_2(t)), x(t - \eta(t)), f(x(t)), f(x(t - \tau(t))), \\ &\int_{t-\eta}^t x(s) ds, \frac{1}{\eta - \eta(t)} \int_{t-\eta}^{t-\eta(t)} x(s) ds, \frac{1}{\eta(t)} \int_{t-\eta(t)}^t x(s) ds, \\ &\left. \frac{1}{\tau(t)} \int_{t-\tau(t)}^t x(s) ds, \frac{1}{\tau_1(t)} \int_{t-\tau_1(t)}^t x(s) ds, \frac{1}{\tau_2(t)} \int_{t-\tau_2(t)}^t x(s) ds, \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\tau - \tau(t)} \int_{t-\tau}^{t-\tau(t)} x(s) ds, \frac{1}{\tau_1 - \tau_1(t)} \int_{t-\tau_1}^{t-\tau_1(t)} x(s) ds, \\ & \left. \frac{1}{\tau_2 - \tau_2(t)} \int_{t-\tau_2}^{t-\tau_2(t)} x(s) ds, \int_{t-\delta_2(t)}^{t-\delta_1(t)} f(x(s)) ds, \dot{x}(t), \dot{x}(t-h(t)), u(t) \right]^T, \\ \Phi = & \Psi - e^{-2\alpha\tau} \left[ -\Gamma_1^T(t)U_1\Gamma_1(t) - 2\Gamma_2^T(t)V_1\Gamma_1(t) - \Gamma_2^T(t)U_1\Gamma_2(t) \right. \\ & - \Gamma_3^T(t)U_2\Gamma_3(t) - 2\Gamma_4^T(t)V_2\Gamma_3(t) - \Gamma_4^T(t)U_2\Gamma_4(t) \\ & \left. - \Gamma_5^T(t)U_3\Gamma_5(t) - 2\Gamma_6^T(t)V_3\Gamma_5(t) - \Gamma_6^T(t)U_3\Gamma_6(t) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $\tau_1(t) = 0$ ,  $\tau_1(t) = \tau_1$  and  $\tau_2(t) = 0$ ,  $\tau_2(t) = \tau_2$ , we can get

$$\begin{cases} \Phi_1 = \Phi(0, 0), \\ \Phi_2 = \Phi(0, \tau_2), \\ \Phi_3 = \Phi(\tau_1, 0), \\ \Phi_4 = \Phi(\tau_1, \tau_2). \end{cases}$$

From Eq. (3.2) it is easy to deduce that

$$\lambda_1 |x(t)|^2 \leq V(t, x(t)) \leq \lambda_2 \|x(t)\|^2, \tag{3.29}$$

where

$$\|x(t)\|_{\tau^*} = \sup_{\theta \in [-\tau^*, 0]} \{|x(t+\theta)|, |\dot{x}(t+\theta)|\}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 = & \lambda_{\min}(P), \\ \lambda_2 = & \lambda_{\max}(P) + \tau \lambda_{\max}(Q_1) + \tau_1 \lambda_{\max}(Q_2) + \tau_2 \lambda_{\max}(Q_3) \\ & + \eta \lambda_{\max}(R_1) + \eta \lambda_{\max}(R_2) + \tau \lambda_{\max}(R_3) + \tau_1 \lambda_{\max}(R_4) \\ & + \tau_2 \lambda_{\max}(R_5) + \tau_1^2 \lambda_{\max}(T_1) + \tau_2^2 \lambda_{\max}(T_2) + \tau^2 \lambda_{\max}(T_3) \\ & + \eta^2 \lambda_{\max}(T_4) + h^2 \lambda_{\max}(T_5) + \frac{\tau_1^3}{2} \lambda_{\max}(U_1) + \frac{\tau_2^3}{2} \lambda_{\max}(U_2) \\ & + \frac{\tau^3}{2} \lambda_{\max}(U_3) + \eta^2 \lambda_{\max}(L_2) + \max_{j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}} F_j (\delta_2 - \delta_1)^2 \lambda_{\max}(L_1). \end{aligned}$$

Then according to the LMI (3.1) and Eq. (3.29), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \dot{V}(t, x(t)) + 2\alpha V(t, x(t)) \\ & \leq -x^T(t)Q_1x(t) + x^T(t)[2P - 2S_1]u(t) + u^T(t)S_3u(t) \\ & \leq -\lambda_{\min}(Q_1)|x(t)|^2 + 2|x(t)| \cdot |(P - S_1)| \cdot |u(t)| + \lambda_{\max}(S_3)|u(t)|^2 \\ & \leq -\lambda_{\min}(Q_1)|x(t)|^2 + 2|x(t)| \cdot |(P - S_1)| \cdot \Gamma_u + \lambda_{\max}(S_3)\Gamma_u^2 \\ & \leq -\lambda_{\min}(Q_1)(|x(t)| - \phi_1)(|x(t)| - \phi_2), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1 &= \frac{|(P - S_1)| + \sqrt{|(P - S_1)|^2 + \lambda_{\min}(Q_1)\lambda_{\max}(S_3)}}{\lambda_{\min}(Q_1)} \Gamma_u, \\ \phi_2 &= \frac{|(P - S_1)| - \sqrt{|(P - S_1)|^2 + \lambda_{\min}(Q_1)\lambda_{\max}(S_3)}}{\lambda_{\min}(Q_1)} \Gamma_u. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\phi_2 \leq 0$  and  $\phi_2 = 0$  if and only if external input  $u = 0$ . Hence, one may deduce that when  $|x(t)| > \phi_1$ , i.e.,  $x \notin S$ , it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(t, x(t)) + 2\alpha V(t, x(t)) &\leq 0, \quad t \in R_+, \quad V(t, x(t)) \leq V(0, \phi)e^{-2\alpha t}, \quad t \in R_+, \\ \lambda_1 |x(t, 0, \phi)|^2 &\leq V(t, x(t)) \leq V(0, \phi)e^{-2\alpha t} \leq \lambda_2 e^{-2\alpha t} \|\phi\|_{\tau^*}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence when  $x \notin S$ , we finally obtain that

$$|x(t, 0, \phi)| \leq \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}} \|\phi\|_{\tau^*} e^{-\alpha t}, \quad t \in R_+.$$

Note that  $S$  is a sphere, when  $x \notin S$ ,  $M = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}} \|\phi\|_{\tau^*}$ ,

$$\inf_{\tilde{x} \in S} |x(t, 0, \phi) - \tilde{x}| \leq |x(t, 0, \phi) - 0| \leq M e^{-\alpha t}, \quad t \in R_+.$$

According to Definition 2, we can get that system (2.2) is globally exponentially dissipative with positively invariant and globally exponentially attractive set  $S$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 4* In the proof of Theorem 3.1, an LMI-based condition imposed on global exponential dissipativity of system (2.2) was given. It is worth mentioning that in order to derive the globally exponentially attractive set  $S$  and guarantee the practicability of dissipativity criteria, we chose two special but suitable  $H = S_2$  and  $N = S_3$  in (3.28). From Theorem 3.1, we can find that the globally exponentially attractive set  $S$  can be directly obtained by using the LMIs.

*Remark 5* In Theorem 3.1, we firstly transform system (2.1) to system (2.2) by using a convex combination technique and Filippov’s theorem. In addition, we introduce the double and triple integrals in the LKF by considering leakage, discrete and two additive time-varying delays. The problem has not been solved in [29, 30, 40]. Constructing this form of double and triple integral terms in the LKF is a recent tool to get less conservative results.

If in Theorem 3.2 we take the exponential dissipativity rate index  $\alpha = 0$  and replace the exponential-type Lyapunov–Krasovskii functional in Theorem 3.1, then we can obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.2** *Under the same conditions as in Theorem 3.1, system (2.2) is global dissipative, and  $S$  given in Theorem 3.1 is the positively invariant and globally attractive set if the*

following LMI holds:

$$\Phi_k = \Theta - \Upsilon_k^T \begin{bmatrix} U_1 & V_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & U_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & U_2 & V_2 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & U_2 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & U_3 & V_3 \\ * & * & * & * & * & U_3 \end{bmatrix} \Upsilon_k < 0 \quad (k = 1, 2, 3, 4), \tag{3.30}$$

where  $\Theta = [\Theta]_{l \times n}$  ( $l, n = 1, 2, \dots, 25$ ),  $\Theta_{1,1} = -PM - M^T P + 2Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3 + R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4 + R_5 - 4T_1 - 4T_2 - 4T_3 - 4T_4 - 4T_5 + \eta^2 L_2 - K_1 \beta_1$ ,  $\Theta_{1,2} = -2G_3$ ,  $\Theta_{1,3} = -2G_1$ ,  $\Theta_{1,4} = -2G_2$ ,  $\Theta_{1,5} = PM - 2G_4$ ,  $\Theta_{1,6} = T_5$ ,  $\Theta_{1,7} = -2(T_3 + 2G_3)$ ,  $\Theta_{1,8} = -2(T_1 + 2G_1)$ ,  $\Theta_{1,9} = -2(T_2 + 2G_2)$ ,  $\Theta_{1,10} = -PC + S_1 C - 2(T_4 + 2G_4)$ ,  $\Theta_{1,11} = PA - S_1 A + K_2 \beta_1$ ,  $\Theta_{1,12} = PB - S_1 B$ ,  $\Theta_{1,13} = M^T P M$ ,  $\Theta_{1,14} = -6G_4$ ,  $\Theta_{1,15} = -6T_4$ ,  $\Theta_{1,16} = -6T_3$ ,  $\Theta_{1,17} = -6T_1$ ,  $\Theta_{1,18} = -6T_2$ ,  $\Theta_{1,19} = 6G_3$ ,  $\Theta_{1,20} = 6G_1$ ,  $\Theta_{1,21} = 6G_2$ ,  $\Theta_{1,22} = PD - S_1 D$ ,  $\Theta_{1,23} = -S_1$ ,  $\Theta_{1,24} = PE - S_1 E$ ,  $\Theta_{2,2} = -Q_1 - 4T_3$ ,  $\Theta_{2,7} = -2(T_3 + 2G_3)$ ,  $\Theta_{2,18} = 6G_3$ ,  $\Theta_{2,21} = 6T_3$ ,  $\Theta_{3,3} = -Q_2 - 4T_1$ ,  $\Theta_{3,8} = -2(T_1 + 2G_1)$ ,  $\Theta_{3,19} = 6G_1$ ,  $\Theta_{3,22} = 6T_1$ ,  $\Theta_{4,4} = -Q_3 - 4T_2$ ,  $\Theta_{4,9} = -2(T_2 + 2G_2)$ ,  $\Theta_{4,20} = 6G_2$ ,  $\Theta_{4,23} = 6T_2$ ,  $\Theta_{5,5} = -R_2 - 4T_4$ ,  $\Theta_{5,10} = -2(T_4 + 2G_4)$ ,  $\Theta_{5,13} = -M^T P M$ ,  $\Theta_{5,14} = 6T_4$ ,  $\Theta_{5,15} = 6G_4$ ,  $\Theta_{6,6} = -T_5$ ,  $\Theta_{7,7} = -(1 - \mu)R_3 - 4(2T_3 + G_3) - K_1 \beta_2$ ,  $\Theta_{7,12} = -K_2 \beta_2$ ,  $\Theta_{7,16} = 6(T_3 + G_3)$ ,  $\Theta_{7,19} = 6(T_3 + G_3)$ ,  $\Theta_{8,8} = -(1 - \mu_1)R_4 - 4(2T_1 + G_1)$ ,  $\Theta_{8,17} = 6(T_1 + G_1)$ ,  $\Theta_{8,20} = 6(T_1 + G_1)$ ,  $\Theta_{9,9} = -(1 - \mu_2)R_5 - 4(2T_2 + G_2)$ ,  $\Theta_{9,18} = 6(T_2 + G_2)$ ,  $\Theta_{9,21} = 6(T_2 + G_2)$ ,  $\Theta_{10,10} = -(1 - \mu_3)R_1 - 4(2T_4 + G_4)$ ,  $\Theta_{10,13} = M^T P C$ ,  $\Theta_{10,14} = 6(T_4 + G_4)$ ,  $\Theta_{10,15} = 6(T_4 + G_4)$ ,  $\Theta_{10,23} = -S_2 C$ ,  $\Theta_{10,24} = -S_3 C$ ,  $\Theta_{11,11} = (\delta_2 - \delta_1)^2 L_1 - \beta_1$ ,  $\Theta_{11,13} = -M^T P A$ ,  $\Theta_{11,23} = S_2 A$ ,  $\Theta_{11,24} = -S_3 A$ ,  $\Theta_{12,12} = -\beta_2$ ,  $\Theta_{12,13} = -M^T P B$ ,  $\Theta_{12,23} = S_2 B$ ,  $\Theta_{12,24} = -S_3 B$ ,  $\Theta_{13,13} = -2L_2$ ,  $\Theta_{13,21} = -M^T P D$ ,  $\Theta_{13,24} = -M^T P E$ ,  $\Theta_{13,25} = -2MP$ ,  $\Theta_{14,14} = -12T_4$ ,  $\Theta_{14,15} = -12G_4$ ,  $\Theta_{15,15} = -12T_4$ ,  $\Theta_{16,16} = -12T_3$ ,  $\Theta_{16,19} = -12G_3$ ,  $\Theta_{17,17} = -12T_1$ ,  $\Theta_{17,20} = -12G_1$ ,  $\Theta_{18,18} = -12T_2$ ,  $\Theta_{18,21} = -12G_2$ ,  $\Theta_{19,19} = -12T_3$ ,  $\Theta_{20,20} = -12T_1$ ,  $\Theta_{21,21} = -12T_2$ ,  $\Theta_{22,22} = -L_1$ ,  $\Theta_{22,23} = S_2 D$ ,  $\Theta_{22,24} = -S_3 D$ ,  $\Theta_{23,23} = \frac{\tau_1^4}{4} U_1 + \frac{\tau_2^4}{4} U_2 + \frac{\tau_3^4}{4} U_3 - S_2 + \tau_1^2 T_1 + \tau_2^2 T_2 + \tau_3^2 T_3 + \eta^2 T_4 + h^2 T_5$ ,  $\Theta_{23,24} = S_2 E$ ,  $\Theta_{24,24} = S_3 E + E^T S_3 + S_3$ ,  $\Theta_{25,25} = S_2$ ,  $\Upsilon_k^T = [\Gamma_{1k}, \Gamma_{2k}, \Gamma_{3k}, \Gamma_{4k}, \Gamma_{5k}, \Gamma_{6k}]^T$  ( $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ),  $\Gamma_{11}^T = \Gamma_{12}^T = \tau_1(e_1 - e_{20})$ ,  $\Gamma_{13}^T = \Gamma_{14}^T = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\Gamma_{21}^T = \Gamma_{22}^T = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\Gamma_{23}^T = \Gamma_{24}^T = \tau_1(e_1 - e_{17})$ ,  $\Gamma_{31}^T = \Gamma_{33}^T = \tau_2(e_1 - e_{21})$ ,  $\Gamma_{32}^T = \Gamma_{34}^T = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\Gamma_{41}^T = \Gamma_{43}^T = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\Gamma_{42}^T = \Gamma_{44}^T = \tau_2(e_1 - e_{18})$ ,  $\Gamma_{51}^T = \tau(e_1 - e_{19})$ ,  $\Gamma_{52}^T = \tau_1(e_1 - e_{19})$ ,  $\Gamma_{53}^T = \tau_2(e_1 - e_{19})$ ,  $\Gamma_{54}^T = \Gamma_{61}^T = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\Gamma_{62}^T = \tau_2(e_1 - e_{16})$ ,  $\Gamma_{63}^T = \tau_1(e_1 - e_{16})$ ,  $\Gamma_{64}^T = \tau(e_1 - e_{19})$ ,  $e_i = [\mathbf{0}_{n \times (i-1)n}, \mathbf{I}_{n \times n}, \mathbf{0}_{n \times (25-i)n}]$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, 25$ ).

*Proof* Replace the exponential-type Lyapunov–Krasovskii functional in Theorem 3.1 by

$$V(t, x(t)) = \sum_{k=1}^6 V_k(t), \tag{3.31}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} V_1(t, x(t)) &= \left[ x(t) - M \int_{t-\eta}^t x(s) ds \right]^T P \left[ x(t) - M \int_{t-\eta}^t x(s) ds \right], \\ V_2(t, x(t)) &= \int_{t-\tau}^t x^T(s) Q_1 x(s) ds + \int_{t-\tau_1}^t x^T(s) Q_2 x(s) ds \\ &\quad + \int_{t-\tau_2}^t x^T(s) Q_3 x(s) ds, \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 V_3(t, x(t)) &= \int_{t-\eta(t)}^t x^T(s)R_1x(s) ds + \int_{t-\eta}^t x^T(s)R_2x(s) ds \\
 &\quad + \int_{t-\tau(t)}^t x(s)^T R_3x(s) ds + \int_{t-\tau_1(t)}^t x(s)^T R_4x(s) ds \\
 &\quad + \int_{t-\tau_2(t)}^t x(s)^T R_5x(s) ds, \\
 V_4(t, x(t)) &= \tau_1 \int_{-\tau_1}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s)T_1\dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \\
 &\quad + \tau_2 \int_{-\tau_2}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s)T_2\dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \\
 &\quad + \tau \int_{-\tau}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s)T_3\dot{x}(s) ds d\theta + \eta \int_{-\eta}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s)T_4\dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \\
 &\quad + h \int_{-h}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s)T_5\dot{x}(s) ds d\theta, \\
 V_5(t, x(t)) &= (\delta_2 - \delta_1) \int_{-\delta_2}^{-\delta_1} \int_{t+\theta}^t f^T(x(s))L_1f(x(s)) ds d\theta + \eta \int_{-\eta}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t x^T(s)L_2x(s) ds d\theta, \\
 V_6(t, x(t)) &= \frac{\tau_1^2}{2} \int_{-\tau_1}^0 \int_{\theta}^0 \int_{t+\lambda}^t \dot{x}^T(s)U_1\dot{x}(s) ds d\lambda d\theta \\
 &\quad + \frac{\tau_2^2}{2} \int_{-\tau_2}^0 \int_{\theta}^0 \int_{t+\lambda}^t \dot{x}^T(s)U_2\dot{x}(s) ds d\lambda d\theta \\
 &\quad + \frac{\tau^2}{2} \int_{-\tau}^0 \int_{\theta}^0 \int_{t+\lambda}^t \dot{x}^T(s)U_3\dot{x}(s) ds d\lambda d\theta.
 \end{aligned}$$

The rest of the proof of Theorem 3.2 is similar to that of Theorem 3.1, so the details are omitted. □

*Remark 6* In particular, when  $E = 0$  and  $D = 0$ , system (2.2) is written as system (4) in [19], we can see that the system is dissipative from [19]. Furthermore, we discuss the global exponential dissipativity of system (2.2): our model can be regarded as an extension of system (4) from [19].

*Remark 7* If  $\tau_1(t) + \tau_2(t) = \tau(t)$ ,  $0 \leq \tau(t) \leq \tau$ ,  $|\dot{\tau}(t)| \leq \mu$ ,  $E = 0$  and  $\eta(t) = 0$ , i.e., system (2.2) is without two additive time-varying as well as leakage delays and neural term, then system (2.2) is reduced to the following neural network:

$$\begin{cases}
 \dot{x}(t) = -Cx(t) + Af(x(t)) + Bf(x(t - \tau(t))) \\
 \quad + D \int_{t-\delta_2(t)}^{t-\delta_1(t)} f(x(s)) ds + \mu(t), \\
 y(t) = f(x(t)), \\
 x(t) = \phi(t), t \in (-\tau^*, 0).
 \end{cases}$$

So the system is no longer a neutral-type memristive neural network. We find that the dissipativity of other types of neural network model has been discussed in [30, 41, 42]. When some terms are removed, the dissipativity result of Theorem 3.1 can be obtained by utilizing LMI. So our system is more general.

### 4 Example and simulation

In this section, we give a numerical example to illustrate the effectiveness of our results.

*Example 1* Consider the two-dimensional MNNs (2.1) with the following parameters:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{11}(x_1(t)) &= \begin{cases} 1.2, & |x_1(t)| \leq 1, \\ -1, & |x_1(t)| > 1, \end{cases} & a_{12}(x_1(t)) &= \begin{cases} 0.3, & |x_1(t)| \leq 1, \\ 0.5, & |x_1(t)| > 1, \end{cases} \\
 a_{21}(x_2(t)) &= \begin{cases} 0.7, & |x_2(t)| \leq 1, \\ -1, & |x_2(t)| > 1, \end{cases} & a_{22}(x_2(t)) &= \begin{cases} 2.5, & |x_2(t)| \leq 1, \\ -0.3, & |x_2(t)| > 1, \end{cases} \\
 b_{11}(x_1(t)) &= \begin{cases} 0.8, & |x_1(t)| \leq 1, \\ 0.2, & |x_1(t)| > 1, \end{cases} & b_{12}(x_1(t)) &= \begin{cases} 0.05, & |x_1(t)| \leq 1, \\ -0.05, & |x_1(t)| > 1, \end{cases} \\
 b_{21}(x_2(t)) &= \begin{cases} 0.3, & |x_2(t)| \leq 1, \\ 1, & |x_2(t)| > 1, \end{cases} & b_{22}(x_2(t)) &= \begin{cases} 0.9, & |x_2(t)| \leq 1, \\ -0.3, & |x_2(t)| > 1, \end{cases} \\
 d_{11}(x_1(t)) &= \begin{cases} -0.9, & |x_1(t)| \leq 1, \\ 2, & |x_1(t)| > 1, \end{cases} & d_{12}(x_1(t)) &= \begin{cases} -0.5, & |x_1(t)| \leq 1, \\ -0.3, & |x_1(t)| > 1, \end{cases} \\
 d_{21}(x_2(t)) &= \begin{cases} 2, & |x_2(t)| \leq 1, \\ 0.3, & |x_2(t)| > 1, \end{cases} & d_{22}(x_2(t)) &= \begin{cases} 1.5, & |x_2(t)| \leq 1, \\ 1, & |x_2(t)| > 1. \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

The activation function are  $f_1(s) = \tanh(0.3s) - 0.2 \sin(s)$ ,  $f_2(s) = \tanh(0.2s) + 0.3 \sin(s)$ . Let  $\alpha = 0.01$ ,  $c_1 = c_2 = 2$ ,  $e_1 = e_2 = 0.2$ ,  $m_1 = 2$ ,  $m_2 = 3.56$ ,  $h(t) = 0.1 \sin(2t) + 0.5$ ,  $\eta(t) = 0.1 \sin(2t) + 0.2$ ,  $\tau_1(t) = 0.1 \sin(t) + 0.2$ ,  $\tau_2(t) = 0.1 \cos(t) + 0.5$ ,  $\delta_1(t) = 0.4 \sin(t) + 0.4$ ,  $\delta_2(t) = 0.4 \sin(t) + 0.6$ ,  $u = [0.5 \sin(t); 0.25 \cos(t)]^T$ . So  $\eta = 0.4$ ,  $\bar{h} = 0.6$ ,  $\tau_1 = 0.3$ ,  $\tau_2 = 0.6$ ,  $\tau = 0.9$ ,  $\delta_1 = 0$ ,  $\delta_2 = 1$ ,  $\mu_1 = 0.1$ ,  $\mu_2 = 0.1$ ,  $\mu = 0.2$ . Then  $K_1^- = -0.2$ ,  $K_1^+ = 0.5$ ,  $K_2^- = -0.3$  and  $K_2^+ = 0.5$ , i.e.,

$$K_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.15 \end{bmatrix}, \quad K_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.15 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

With the above parameters, using LMI toolbox in MATLAB, we obtain the following feasible solution to LMIs in Theorem 3.1:

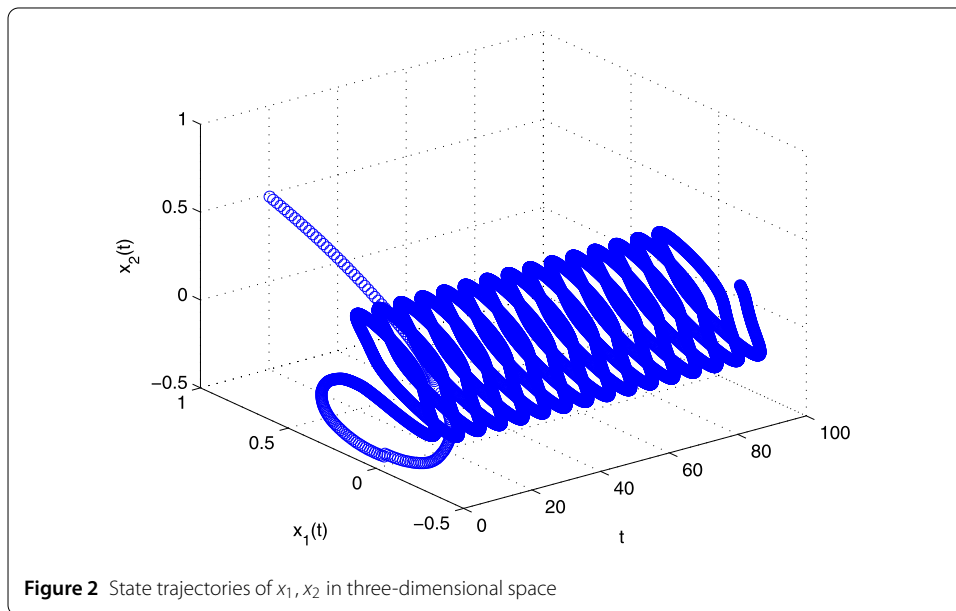
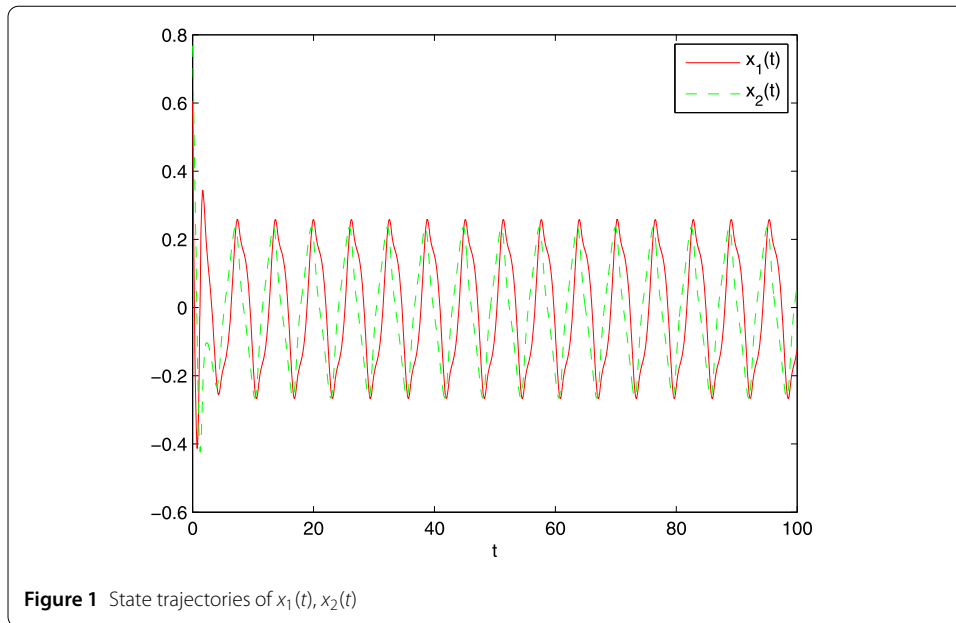
$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= 1.0 \times 10^{-11} \begin{bmatrix} 0.0764 & -0.0110 \\ -0.0110 & 0.1583 \end{bmatrix}, & Q_1 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-11} \begin{bmatrix} -0.6182 & -0.0001 \\ -0.0001 & -0.6132 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 Q_2 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-11} \begin{bmatrix} 0.1918 & 0.0006 \\ 0.0006 & 0.2014 \end{bmatrix}, & Q_3 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-11} \begin{bmatrix} 0.2056 & -0.0002 \\ -0.0002 & 0.2169 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 U_1 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-10} \begin{bmatrix} 0.2502 & 0.0004 \\ 0.0004 & 0.2525 \end{bmatrix}, & U_2 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-10} \begin{bmatrix} 0.1844 & 0.0010 \\ 0.0010 & 0.1857 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 U_3 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-12} \begin{bmatrix} 0.3907 & 0.0451 \\ 0.0451 & 0.4122 \end{bmatrix}, & R_1 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-11} \begin{bmatrix} 0.3373 & 0.0191 \\ 0.0191 & 0.4588 \end{bmatrix},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_2 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-11} \begin{bmatrix} 0.3207 & -0.0053 \\ -0.0053 & 0.3337 \end{bmatrix}, & R_3 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-10} \begin{bmatrix} 0.1887 & -0.0002 \\ -0.0002 & 0.1863 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 R_4 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-11} \begin{bmatrix} 0.2471 & 0.0008 \\ 0.0008 & 0.2573 \end{bmatrix}, & R_5 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-11} \begin{bmatrix} 0.3801 & 0.0002 \\ 0.0002 & 0.3920 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 T_1 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-10} \begin{bmatrix} 0.6706 & 0.0008 \\ 0.0008 & 0.6752 \end{bmatrix}, & T_2 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-11} \begin{bmatrix} 0.3678 & 0.0005 \\ 0.0005 & 0.3711 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 T_3 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-11} \begin{bmatrix} 0.1644 & 0.0005 \\ 0.0005 & 0.1672 \end{bmatrix}, & T_4 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-11} \begin{bmatrix} 0.5042 & -0.0251 \\ -0.0251 & 0.4591 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 T_5 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-12} \begin{bmatrix} -0.4935 & 0.1301 \\ 0.1301 & -0.5262 \end{bmatrix}, & G_1 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-10} \begin{bmatrix} 0.2745 & 0.0004 \\ 0.0004 & 0.2766 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 G_2 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-12} \begin{bmatrix} 0.1888 & 0.0007 \\ 0.0007 & 0.1930 \end{bmatrix}, & G_3 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-12} \begin{bmatrix} -0.3413 & 0.0003 \\ 0.0003 & -0.3296 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 G_4 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-12} \begin{bmatrix} -0.5025 & -0.0079 \\ -0.0079 & -0.5993 \end{bmatrix}, & L_1 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-12} \begin{bmatrix} -0.9111 & -0.3262 \\ -0.3262 & -0.8944 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 L_2 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-9} \begin{bmatrix} 0.1237 & -0.0008 \\ -0.0008 & 0.1207 \end{bmatrix}, & S_2 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-12} \begin{bmatrix} -0.4977 & 0.1688 \\ 0.1688 & -0.2524 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 S_3 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-13} \begin{bmatrix} 0.0904 & -0.4569 \\ -0.4569 & -0.7191 \end{bmatrix}, & \beta_1 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-9} \begin{bmatrix} 0.1429 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.1061 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 \beta_2 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-9} \begin{bmatrix} 0.2035 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.1523 \end{bmatrix}, & S_1 &= 1.0 \times 10^{-11} \begin{bmatrix} 0.2004 & -0.0384 \\ -0.0303 & 0.1845 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 V_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 74.2116 & 0 \\ 0 & 74.2116 \end{bmatrix}, & V_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 74.2116 & 0 \\ 0 & 74.2116 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 V_3 &= \begin{bmatrix} 74.2116 & 0 \\ 0 & 74.2116 \end{bmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

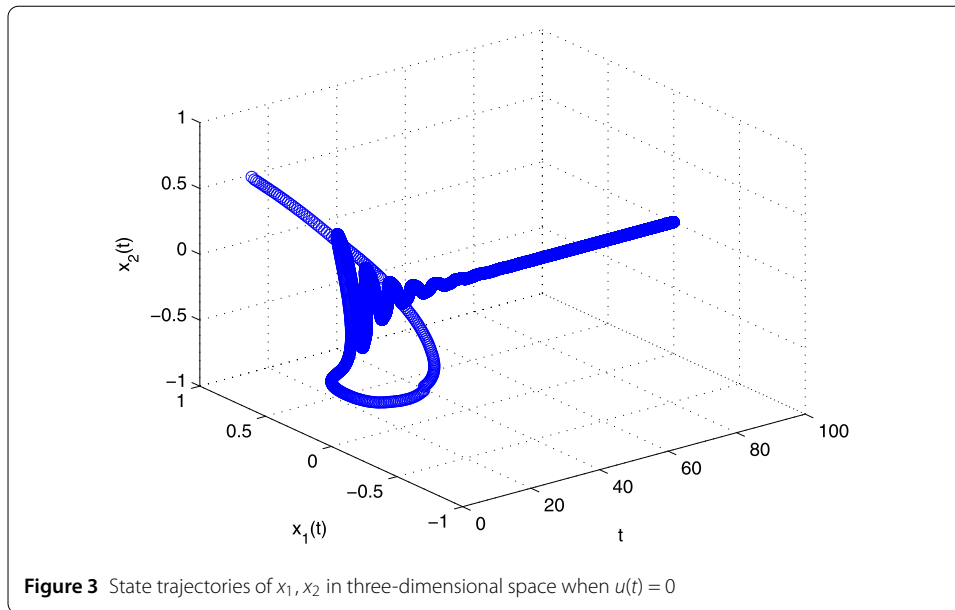
Then system (2.1) is a globally exponentially dissipative system, and the set  $S = \{x : |x| \leq 8.333\}$ . Figure 1 shows trajectories of neuron states  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$  of neutral-type MNNs (2.1). Figure 2 shows three-dimensional space trajectories of neuron states  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$  of neutral-type MNNs (2.1). It can be seen that neuron states  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$  are becoming periodic when the outputs of neutral-type MNNs (2.1) controllers are designed as periodic signals. According to Theorem 3.1 and Definition 2, system (2.1) is globally dissipative. Under the same conditions, if we take the external input  $u(t) = 0$ , then by Theorem 3.2, we know that the invariant set is  $S = \{0\}$  and system (2.1) is globally stable as shown in Fig. 3.

### 5 Conclusions

This paper has investigated the dissipativity of neutral-type memristive neural network with two additive time-varying delays, as well as distribution time and time-varying leak-



age delays. By applying novel linear matrix inequalities, Lyapunov–Krasovskii functional and Newton–Leibniz formula, the dissipativity of the system was obtained. Even though the dissipative of MNNs has been reported before, there are few references about the dissipativity of neutral-type MNNs. We have considered adding neutral terms to the model, which made the model more realistic. Finally, we have given a numerical example to illustrate the effectiveness and exactness of our results. When Markovian jumping is added to this model, how to study the dissipativity of neutral-type MNNs with mixed delays in such a model becomes an interesting question. We will extend our work towards this direction in the future.



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