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## **Global exponential stability of pseudo almost automorphic solutions of octonion-valued stochastic high-order Hopfield neural networks with delays**

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**Abstract:** Octonion-valued neural networks (OVNNs) provide a powerful framework for modeling and processing high-dimensional data due to their eight-dimensional normed division algebraic structure. However, their inherent non-commutativity and non-associativity, coupled with ubiquitous time delays and stochastic disturbances in real-world systems, make the analysis of their dynamical behavior a significant challenge. This paper focuses on the complex oscillatory dynamics, specifically pseudo almost automorphy, within a class of stochastic higher-order Hopfield neural networks (NNs) based on octonions. To adequately characterize the stochastic processes involved, a novel concept of pseudo almost automorphic stochastic processes in finite-dimensional distributions is first proposed. Subsequently, by fixed point theorems and employing inequality techniques, sufficient criteria are established for the existence and global exponential stability of pseudo almost automorphic solutions in finite-dimensional distributions for the considered octonion-valued stochastic higher-order Hopfield NNs with time-varying delays. The obtained results are not only new for the octonionic system, but also remain novel even when the system degenerates to its real-valued counterpart. Furthermore, the analytical framework developed herein offers a general methodology applicable to studying pseudo almost automorphic dynamics in other types of complex-valued NNs.

**Keywords:** octonion-valued neural networks; stochastic neural networks; pseudo almost automorphic solutions in finite-dimensional distributions; global exponential stability

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### **1. Introduction**

As an eight-dimensional normed division algebra, octonions possess unique algebraic properties of non-commutativity and non-associativity. Their extended dimensionality and algebraic structure provide new mathematical tools for high-dimensional data processing and complex system modeling. Introducing octonions into the field of NNs gives rise to octonion-valued NNs (OVNNs) [1], which not only break through the dimensional limitations of traditional real-valued, complex-valued, and

quaternion-valued NNs, but also offer a new paradigm for solving high-dimensional complex tasks. An in-depth exploration of their dynamical behavior is a core prerequisite for ensuring stable network operation and expanding application boundaries.

Traditional real-valued, complex-valued, and quaternion-valued NNs have inherent limitations when handling ultra-high-dimensional data. Complex-valued and quaternion-valued NNs struggle to handle eight-dimensional and higher-dimensional data such as hyperspectral images and seven-degree-of-freedom physical systems [2]. In contrast, octonions, as an eight-dimensional number system, can directly model high-dimensional signals through their rich algebraic structure while capturing complex correlations among components [2]. For example, in signal processing tasks such as hyperspectral fluorescence data fusion and salient object detection, octonions can integrate multi-dimensional features, enhancing the completeness and efficiency of data processing [2, 3]. Moreover, compared to lower-dimensional NNs, OVNNs have greater storage capacity and information-carrying capability [3], giving them a natural advantage in high-dimensional feature recognition and representation tasks. They can effectively reduce information loss and computational redundancy caused by decomposing high-dimensional data [3].

The high-dimensional modeling capability of OVNNs demonstrates unique value in multiple engineering fields. In robot control, octonion-valued feedforward NNs can directly generate control inputs for robotic manipulators, enabling trajectory tracking of the end-effector in three-dimensional space. Their learning performance is comparable to that of quaternion-valued NNs, showing potential for practical engineering applications [4]. In secure communication, chaos masking techniques based on the fixed-time synchronization properties of OVNNs can encrypt and decrypt information signals, enhancing communication security [3].

Recently, various dynamical behaviors of OVNNs have been continuously revealed. For example, reference [5] studied the Hopf bifurcation problem of fractional-order OVNNs, reference [3, 6] investigated the finite-time synchronization of OVNNs, reference [7] examined the existence and stability of almost automorphic solutions for stochastic fuzzy OVNNs with delays, and reference [8] studied Weyl almost periodic synchronization of hypercomplex-valued NNs that include OVNNs as a special case. Reference [2] investigated the existence of  $(\mu_1, \mu_2)$ -pseudo almost periodic solutions and  $\mu$ -stability for a class of OVNNs with mixed delays. However, there are currently no results on the existence of pseudo almost automorphic solutions for stochastic OVNNs. As we know, the dynamical behavior of OVNNs is crucial for realizing their engineering applications. The coupling of non-commutative, non-associative algebraic properties with practical factors such as delays and impulses makes dynamical analysis a key challenge and focus in OVNN research.

On the one hand, almost automorphy is a generalization of almost periodicity, describing oscillation phenomena more complex than almost periodic oscillations. Pseudo-almost automorphy further generalizes almost automorphy. There has been extensive research on pseudo almost automorphic dynamics in deterministic systems [9–15]. Meanwhile, real-world systems are inevitably subject to numerous random disturbances, which are important causes of oscillation and instability [16–18]. In recent years, the study of dynamical behavior in stochastic NNs has become a hotspot in the field of NN research [19–23]. As noted in [24], for stochastic differential equations, it is more reasonable to study almost automorphic solutions in the distribution sense. However, results on pseudo almost automorphic dynamics in the distribution sense for stochastic are still very scarce. It is well known that the one-dimensional distribution of a stochastic process can only very limitedly

characterize the process, whereas the finite-dimensional distributions of a stochastic process can completely determine it. Therefore, studying pseudo almost automorphic oscillations in the finite-dimensional distributions of stochastic NNs is of great significance.

On the other hand, higher-order Hopfield NNs achieve a qualitative leap by introducing higher-order interactions between neurons into the energy function compared to classical models that only support pairwise connections. Their core advantages include an exponential increase in storage capacity, more accurate modeling of complex constraints, significant reduction of spurious attractors, and stronger representation capabilities for complex patterns. The main application scenarios include associative memory systems requiring high-density storage and precise retrieval (such as image or semantic pattern recovery) and solving combinatorial optimization problems with higher-order dependencies among variables. Moreover, their theoretical framework provides an important perspective for understanding the memory dynamics of modern attention mechanisms and Transformer models.

Inspired by the above observations and considering the fact that time delays are unavoidable in real-world situations, the main purpose of this paper is to propose a concept of pseudo almost automorphic stochastic processes in the finite-dimensional sense. Taking a class of octonion-valued stochastic higher-order Hopfield neural networks as an example, we establish the existence and stability of their pseudo almost automorphic solutions in finite-dimensional distributions.

The main contributions of this paper can be summarized as follows:

(1) A definition of pseudo almost automorphic stochastic processes in finite-dimensional distributions is proposed.

(2) For octonion-valued stochastic high-order Hopfield NNs with time-varying delays, the existence and stability of pseudo-almost automorphic solutions in finite-dimensional distributions are established. This shows that even under simultaneous random disturbances and time-delay effects, the solutions can retain regular restorative oscillations and dynamic stability. Mathematically, this confirms the model's robustness, reliability, and behavioral predictability. Together, these properties provide a critical foundation for advancing the theoretical model toward practical engineering applications.

(3) The results of this paper are novel even when the considered system degenerates to a real-valued system.

(4) The methods presented in this paper can be used to study the pseudo almost automorphic dynamics of other types of NNs.

The remainder of this paper is structured as follows: Section 2 introduces some definitions, lemmas, and provides the model description. Section 3 studies the existence and the global exponential stability of pseudo almost automorphic solutions in finite-dimensional distributions for octonion-valued stochastic higher-order Hopfield NNs with time-varying delays. Section 4 provides an example to illustrate the validity of the theoretical results. Section 5 gives a brief conclusion.

## 2. Model description and preliminaries

The algebra of octonions is defined as

$$\mathbb{O} = \left\{ x = \sum_{l=0}^7 x^l e_l \mid x^l \in \mathbb{R}, l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 7 \right\},$$

where  $e_l$  represent the octonion units,  $0 \leq l \leq 7$  and satisfy the following multiplication table:

**Table 1.** Multiplication table of octonions.

$\times$	$e_0$	$e_1$	$e_2$	$e_3$	$e_4$	$e_5$	$e_6$	$e_7$
$e_0$	$e_0$	$e_1$	$e_2$	$e_3$	$e_4$	$e_5$	$e_6$	$e_7$
$e_1$	$e_1$	$-e_0$	$e_3$	$-e_2$	$e_5$	$-e_4$	$-e_7$	$e_6$
$e_2$	$e_2$	$-e_3$	$-e_0$	$e_1$	$e_6$	$e_7$	$-e_4$	$-e_5$
$e_3$	$e_3$	$e_2$	$-e_1$	$-e_0$	$e_7$	$-e_6$	$e_5$	$-e_4$
$e_4$	$e_4$	$-e_5$	$-e_6$	$-e_7$	$-e_0$	$e_1$	$e_2$	$e_3$
$e_5$	$e_5$	$e_4$	$-e_7$	$e_6$	$-e_1$	$-e_0$	$-e_3$	$e_2$
$e_6$	$e_6$	$e_7$	$e_4$	$-e_5$	$-e_2$	$e_3$	$-e_0$	$-e_1$
$e_7$	$e_7$	$-e_6$	$e_5$	$e_4$	$-e_3$	$-e_2$	$e_1$	$-e_0$

From Table 1, it is easy to see that the multiplication of  $\mathbb{O}$  satisfies neither the commutative law nor the associative law.

The conjugate of an octonion  $x$  is defined as  $\bar{x} = x^0 e_0 - \sum_{l=1}^7 x^l e_l$  and its norm is defined by  $\|x\|_{\mathbb{O}} = \sqrt{x\bar{x}} = \sqrt{\bar{x}x} = \sqrt{\sum_{l=0}^7 (x^l)^2}$ . Thus,  $(\mathbb{O}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{O}})$  forms a Banach space.

The addition of octonions is expressed as  $x + y = \sum_{l=0}^7 (x^l + y^l) e_l$ , where  $x = \sum_{l=0}^7 x^l e_l$  and  $y = \sum_{l=0}^7 y^l e_l$ . Scalar multiplication is defined by  $ax = \sum_{l=0}^7 (ax^l) e_l$ . An octonion-valued function  $z(t) \in \mathbb{O}$  can be written as  $z(t) = \sum_{l=0}^7 z^l(t) e_l$ , where each  $z^l(t)$  is a real-valued function. The derivative of  $z(t)$  is given by  $\dot{z}(t) = \sum_{l=0}^7 \dot{z}^l(t) e_l$ . For  $x = \sum_{l=0}^7 x^l e_l$ , we denote  $x^c = \sum_{l \neq 0}^7 x^l e_l$  and set  $x^\phi = x - x^c$ . For a vector  $x \in \mathbb{O}^n$ , its norm is defined as  $\|x\|_{\mathbb{O}} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{\|x_i\|_{\mathbb{O}}\}$ . Then  $(\mathbb{O}^n, \|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{O}})$  is also a Banach space.

Readers interested in octonion algebra may refer to [25].

The model considered in this paper is the following octonion-valued stochastic high-order Hopfield NN with time-varying delays:

$$\begin{aligned}
 dx_i(t) = & \left[ -a_i(t)x_i(t) + \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}(t)f_j(x_j(t)) + \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij}(t)g_j(x_j(t - \eta_{ij}(t))) \right. \\
 & + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n Q_{ijl}(t)r_j(x_j(t - \theta_{ijl}(t)))r_l(x_l(t - \xi_{ijl}(t))) + I_i(t) \Big] dt \\
 & + \sum_{j=1}^n h_{ij}(t)\delta_{ij}(x_j(t - v_{ij}(t)))dw_j(t), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n,
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

where  $x_i = x_i^0 e_0 + x_i^1 e_1 + x_i^2 e_2 + x_i^3 e_3 + x_i^4 e_4 + x_i^5 e_5 + x_i^6 e_6 + x_i^7 e_7 \in \mathbb{O}$  denotes the state of the  $i$ th unit at time  $t$ ;  $\mathbb{O}$  is an octonion-algebra;  $a_i(t) \in \mathbb{O}$  represents the self-feedback coefficient at time  $t$ ;  $b_{ij}(t)$ ,

$c_{ij}(t)$ ,  $Q_{ijl}(t)$ , and  $h_{ij}(t) \in \mathbb{O}$  are the connection weights;  $f_j, g_j, r_j, r_l : \mathbb{O} \rightarrow \mathbb{O}$  stand for the activation functions;  $I_i(t) \in \mathbb{O}$  signifies the external input to the  $i$ th unit;  $\eta_{ij}, \theta_{ijl}, \xi_{ijl}, v_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}^+$  are the transmission delays;  $w(t) = (w_1(t), w_2(t), \dots, w_n(t))$  denotes a two-sided  $n$ -dimensional Brownian motion specified later; and  $\delta_{ij} : \mathbb{O} \rightarrow \mathbb{O}$  is a Borel measurable function.

**Remark 2.1.** In system (2.1), take  $e_0 = 1$ . If  $x^l = 0$  for all  $l = 1, 2, \dots, 7$ , then system (2.1) degenerates into a real-valued system; if  $x^l = 0$  for all  $l = 2, 3, \dots, 7$ , then system (2.1) degenerates into a complex-valued system; and, if  $x^l = 0$  for all  $l = 3, 4, \dots, 7$ , then system (2.1) degenerates into a quaternion-valued system. In a word, system (2.1) contains real-valued, complex-valued, and quaternion-valued systems as its special cases.

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a complete probability space. Let  $\{B^+(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  and  $\{B^-(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  be two independent  $n$ -dimensional standard Brownian motions defined on this space, each satisfying  $B^+(0) = B^-(0) = 0$ . The two-sided  $n$ -dimensional Brownian motion  $\{\omega(t)\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  is defined as follows:

$$\omega(t) := \begin{cases} B^+(t), & t \geq 0, \\ B^-(-t), & t < 0. \end{cases}$$

We write  $\omega(t) = (\omega_1(t), \omega_2(t), \dots, \omega_n(t))$ , where the components are mutually independent. Define the filtration  $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  by

$$\mathcal{F}_t := \bigcap_{u > t} \sigma(\omega(s) : s \leq u) \vee \mathcal{N},$$

where  $\sigma(\omega(s) : s \leq u)$  denotes the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by all random vectors  $\{\omega(s) : s \leq u\}$ ,  $\mathcal{N} := \{N \subset \Omega : \exists A \in \mathcal{F} \text{ with } N \subset A \text{ and } P(A) = 0\}$  is the collection of  $P$ -null sets,  $\mathcal{G}_1 \vee \mathcal{G}_2$  denotes the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing both  $\mathcal{G}_1$  and  $\mathcal{G}_2$ , and  $\bigcap_{u > t}$  ensures right-continuity of the filtration.

Then,  $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  is a complete and right-continuous filtration (i.e., it satisfies the *usual conditions*), and  $\{\omega(t), \mathcal{F}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  is a two-sided  $n$ -dimensional Brownian motion with the following properties:

- (a)  $\omega(0) = 0$  almost surely;
- (b) For any  $s < t$ , the increment  $\omega(t) - \omega(s)$  is independent of  $\mathcal{F}_s$  and follows an  $n$ -dimensional normal distribution  $N(0, |t - s|I_n)$ , where  $I_n$  denotes the  $n \times n$  identity matrix;
- (c) The sample paths are almost surely continuous.

For any  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{O}$ , it is stipulated throughout this paper that  $abc = (ab)c$ . For convenience, the following notations are introduced.

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{a}_i^\phi &= \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} a_i^\phi(t), & \bar{a}_i^c &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|a_i^c(t)\|_{\mathbb{O}}, & \check{b}_{ij} &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|b_{ij}(t)\|_{\mathbb{O}}, & \check{c}_{ij} &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|c_{ij}(t)\|_{\mathbb{O}}, \\ \check{Q}_{ijl} &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|Q_{ijl}(t)\|_{\mathbb{O}}, & \check{h}_{ij} &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|h_{ij}(t)\|_{\mathbb{O}}, & \eta_{ij}^+ &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \eta_{ij}(t), & \theta_{ijl}^+ &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \theta_{ijl}(t), \\ \xi_{ijl}^+ &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \xi_{ijl}(t), & v_{ij}^+ &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} v_{ij}(t), & I_i^+ &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|I_i(t)\|_{\mathbb{O}}. \end{aligned}$$

We denote by  $BC_{\mathcal{F}_0}([-\rho, 0], \mathbb{O}^n)$  the set of all bounded,  $\mathcal{F}_0$ -measurable random variables taking values in  $C([-\rho, 0], \mathbb{O}^n)$ , where  $\rho = \max_{1 \leq i, j, l \leq n} \{\eta_{ij}^+, \theta_{ijl}^+, \xi_{ijl}^+, v_{ij}^+\}$ .

System (2.1) is supplemented with initial values given by

$$x_i(s) = \psi_i(s) \in \mathbb{O}, \quad s \in [-\rho, 0], \quad (2.2)$$

where  $\psi_i \in BC_{\mathcal{F}_0}([-\rho, 0], \mathbb{O})$ .

Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Banach space. We denote by  $BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X})$  the collection of all bounded and continuous functions from  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$ . For a random variable  $X : (\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P) \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$ , we signify by  $\mu(X) := P \circ X^{-1}$  its law and by  $EX$  its expectation. Let  $\mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{X})$  be the space of all  $\mathbb{X}$ -valued random variables such that  $E\|X\|^2 = \int_{\Omega} \|X\|^2 dP < \infty$ .

**Definition 2.1.** [26] A function  $g \in BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{O}^n)$  is termed almost automorphic if, for every sequence of real numbers  $(s'_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ , one can find a subsequence  $(s_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that

$$\tilde{g}(t) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g(t + s_k)$$

for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , and

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{g}(t - s_k) = g(t)$$

for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . The set of all such functions is denoted by  $AA(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{O}^n)$ .

$$\text{Let } PAA_0(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{O}^n) = \left\{ g \in BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{O}^n) \mid \lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T \|g(t)\|_0 dt = 0 \right\}.$$

**Definition 2.2.** [27] A function  $g \in BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{O}^n)$  is said to be pseudo almost automorphic if it can be expressed as  $g = g^1 + g^0$ , where  $g^1 \in AA(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{O}^n)$  and  $g^0 \in PAA_0(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{O}^n)$ . The collection of all such functions will be denoted by  $PAA(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{O}^n)$ .

**Remark 2.2.** [26] Let  $g \in BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{O}^n)$  be almost automorphic. Then,  $\tilde{g}$  is bounded and  $\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|\tilde{g}\|_{\mathbb{O}^n} = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|g\|_{\mathbb{O}^n}$ , where  $\tilde{g}$  is mentioned in Definition 2.1.

**Definition 2.3.** [28] A stochastic process  $X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n)$  is said to be  $\mathcal{L}^2$ -continuous if for any  $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} E\|X(t) - X(t_0)\|_0^2 = 0.$$

It is said to be  $\mathcal{L}^2$ -bounded if  $\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} E\|X(t)\|_0^2 < \infty$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [29] A stochastic process  $X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n)$  is said to be square-mean almost automorphic if for every sequence of real numbers  $(s'_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ , there exists a subsequence  $(s_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} E\|X(t + s_k) - \tilde{X}(t)\|_0^2 = 0$$

is well defined for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , and

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} E\|\tilde{X}(t - s_k) - X(t)\|_0^2 = 0$$

for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . The family of all such functions is denoted by  $SAA(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n))$ .

$$\text{Set } SPAA_0(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n)) = \left\{ X \in BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n)) \mid \lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T E\|X(t)\|_0^2 dt = 0 \right\}.$$

**Definition 2.5.** [29] A stochastic process  $X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n)$  is said to be square-mean pseudo almost automorphic if it can be decomposed as  $X = X^1 + X^0$ , where  $X^1 \in SAA(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n))$  and  $X^0 \in SPAA_0(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n))$ . Denote by  $SPAA(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n))$  the set of all such functions.

Let  $\mathbb{E}$  be a separable Banach space. For any fixed positive integer number  $m$ , let  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{E}^m)$  be the  $\sigma$ -algebra of Borel sets of  $\mathbb{E}^m$  and  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{E}^m)$  the set of all probability measures on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{E}^m)$ . We denote by  $C_b(\mathbb{E}^m, \mathbb{R})$  the family of all bounded and continuous functions  $g : \mathbb{E}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\|g\|_\infty := \sup_{x \in \mathbb{E}^m} \{|g(x)|\} < \infty$ .

For any fixed positive integer number  $m$ , let  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{O}^m)$  be the  $\sigma$ -algebra of Borel sets of  $\mathbb{O}^m$  and  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{O}^m)$  the set of all probability measures on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{O}^m)$ . We denote by  $C_b(\mathbb{O}^m, \mathbb{R})$  the family of all bounded and continuous functions  $g : \mathbb{O}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\|g\|_\infty := \sup_{x \in \mathbb{O}^m} \{|g(x)|\} < \infty$ .

For  $g \in C_b(\mathbb{E}^m, \mathbb{R})$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{E}^m)$ , we define

$$\|g\|_L = \sup_{u \neq v} \frac{|g(u) - g(v)|}{d(u, v)}, \quad \|g\|_{BL} = \max\{\|g\|_\infty, \|g\|_L\}, \quad d_{BL}(\alpha, \beta) = \sup_{\|g\|_{BL} \leq 1} \left| \int_{\mathbb{E}^m} g d(\alpha - \beta) \right|.$$

Then,  $(\mathbb{E}^m, d_{BL})$  is a Polish space [30].

**Definition 2.6.** [31] A stochastic process  $X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n)$  is said to be almost automorphic in finite-dimensional distributions if for all finite points  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m \in \mathbb{R}$  and every sequence of real numbers  $(s'_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ , there exists a subsequence  $(s_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d_{BL}(M_X(t + s_k), M_X(t)) = 0$$

for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d_{BL}(\tilde{M}_X(t - s_k), M_X(t)) = 0$$

for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , where  $M_X$  and  $\tilde{M}_X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (\mathcal{P}((\mathbb{O}^n)^m), d_{BL}(\cdot, \cdot))$  are defined by  $M_X(t) = \mu(X(t + t_1), X(t + t_2), \dots, X(t + t_m))$  and  $\tilde{M}_X = \mu(\tilde{X}(t + t_1), \tilde{X}(t + t_2), \dots, \tilde{X}(t + t_m))$ , respectively. The collection of all such functions will be denoted by  $DAA(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n))$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** [32] Assume that  $X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n)$  is an  $\mathcal{L}^2$ -bounded stochastic process. Then, for all finite numbers  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m \in \mathbb{R}$  and each  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$ , it holds that

$$d_{BL}^p(M_X(t + \tau), M_X(t)) \leq m \sum_{i=1}^m E \|X(t_i + t + \tau) - X(t_i + t)\|_X^2,$$

in which  $M_X(t)$  is mentioned in Definition 2.6.

An  $\mathcal{L}^2$ -bounded stochastic process belongs to  $DPAA_0(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n))$  if and only if

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T d_{BL}(\mu(X(t)), \delta_0) dt = 0,$$

where  $\delta_0$  is the distribution of random variable  $\mathbf{0}$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** [33] If  $X \in SPAA_0(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n))$ , then  $X \in DPAA_0(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n))$ .

The definition of pseudo almost automorphic stochastic processes in finite-dimensional distributions introduced in this paper is as follows.

**Definition 2.7.** A stochastic process  $X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n)$  is said to be pseudo almost automorphic in finite-dimensional distributions if it can be expressed as

$$X = X^1 + X^0,$$

where  $X^1 \in DAA(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n))$  and  $X^0 \in DPAA_0(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n))$ . The collection of all such functions will be denoted by  $DPAA(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n))$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** [31] Let  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function satisfying, for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$0 \leq \varphi(t) \leq a(t) + b \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-c(t-s)} \varphi(s) ds,$$

where  $a : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is locally integrable,  $b$  and  $c$  are positive constants with  $c > b$ , and the integral on the right-hand side is assumed to be convergent. Then, for any  $d \in (0, c - b]$  such that  $\int_{-\infty}^0 e^{ds} a(s) ds < \infty$ , it holds that

$$\varphi(t) \leq a(t) + b \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-d(t-s)} a(s) ds. \quad (2.3)$$

The assumptions used in this paper are as follows:

- (A<sub>1</sub>) For  $i, j, l = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $a_i^\phi \in AA(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^+)$  with  $\underline{a}_i^\phi > 0$ ,  $a_i^c \in AA(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{O})$ ,  $b_{ij}, c_{ij}, Q_{ijl}, h_{ij}, I_i \in PAA(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{O})$ , i.e.,  $b_{ij} = b_{ij}^1 + b_{ij}^0$ ,  $c_{ij} = c_{ij}^1 + c_{ij}^0$ ,  $Q_{ijl} = Q_{ijl}^1 + Q_{ijl}^0$ ,  $h_{ij} = h_{ij}^1 + h_{ij}^0$ , where  $b_{ij}^1, c_{ij}^1, Q_{ijl}^1, h_{ij}^1 \in AA(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{O})$ ,  $b_{ij}^0, c_{ij}^0, Q_{ijl}^0, h_{ij}^0 \in PAA_0(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{O})$ ;  $\eta_{ij}, \theta_{ijl}, \xi_{ijl}, \nu_{ij} \in AA(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^+) \cap C^1(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ , there exist constants  $\hat{\eta}_{ij}^+, \hat{\theta}_{ijl}^+, \hat{\xi}_{ijl}^+, \hat{\nu}_{ij}^+$  such that  $\hat{\eta}_{ij} \leq \hat{\eta}_{ij}^+ < 1$ ,  $\hat{\theta}_{ijl} \leq \hat{\theta}_{ijl}^+ < 1$ ,  $\hat{\xi}_{ijl} \leq \hat{\xi}_{ijl}^+ < 1$ ,  $\hat{\nu}_{ij} \leq \hat{\nu}_{ij}^+ < 1$ .
- (A<sub>2</sub>) For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $f_j, g_j, r_j, \delta_{ij} \in C(\mathbb{O}, \mathbb{O})$ , and there exist positive constants  $L_j^f, L_j^g, L_j^r, L_j^\delta$ , and  $M_j^r$  such that for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{O}$ ,

$$\|f_j(x) - f_j(y)\|_{\mathbb{O}} \leq L_j^f \|x - y\|_{\mathbb{O}}, \quad \|g_j(x) - g_j(y)\|_{\mathbb{O}} \leq L_j^g \|x - y\|_{\mathbb{O}},$$

$$\|r_j(x) - r_j(y)\|_{\mathbb{O}} \leq L_j^r \|x - y\|_{\mathbb{O}}, \quad \|\delta_{ij}(x) - \delta_{ij}(y)\|_{\mathbb{O}} \leq L_{ij}^\delta \|x - y\|_{\mathbb{O}}, \quad \|r_j(x)\|_{\mathbb{O}} \leq M_j^r;$$

moreover,  $f_j(0) = g_j(0) = r_j(0) = \delta_{ij}(0) = 0$ .

- (A<sub>3</sub>) The positive constant

$$R := 5 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{(\underline{a}_i^\phi)^2} \left[ (\bar{a}_i^c)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{b}_{ij})^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^f)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{c}_{ij})^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^g)^2 \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl})^2 \sum_{l=1}^n (M_j^r)^2 \right) \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^r)^2 + \frac{\underline{a}_i^\phi}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{h}_{ij})^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_{ij}^\delta)^2 \right] \right\} < \frac{1}{4}.$$

- (A<sub>4</sub>) The positive constant

$$R' := 5 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{(\underline{a}_i^\phi)^2} \left[ (\bar{a}_i^c)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{b}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^f)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{c}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^g)^2 \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl}^1)^2 \sum_{l=1}^n (M_j^r)^2 \right) \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^r)^2 + \frac{\underline{a}_i^\phi}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{h}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_{ij}^\delta)^2 \right] \right\} < \frac{1}{4},$$

where  $b_{ij}^1, c_{ij}^1, Q_{ijl}^1, h_{ij}^1$  are defined in  $(H_1)$ ,  $\check{b}_{ij}^1 = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|b_{ij}^1(t)\|_0$ ,  $\check{c}_{ij}^1 = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|c_{ij}^1(t)\|_0$ ,  $\check{Q}_{ijl}^1 = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|Q_{ijl}^1(t)\|_0$ ,  $\check{h}_{ij}^1 = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|h_{ij}^1(t)\|_0$ .

(A<sub>5</sub>) The positive constant

$$\Upsilon := \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{17}{a_i^\phi} \left[ (\bar{a}_i^\phi)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{b}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^f)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{c}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^g)^2 \frac{e^{a_i^\phi \eta_{ij}^+}}{1 - \eta_{ij}^+} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + 4n \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl}^1)^2 \sum_{l=1}^n (M_j^r L_l^r)^2 \right] \frac{e^{a_i^\phi \xi_{ijl}^+}}{1 - \xi_{ijl}^+} + 4n \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl}^1)^2 \sum_{l=1}^n (M_l^r L_j^r)^2 \right] \right. \\ \left. \times \frac{e^{a_i^\phi \theta_{ijl}^+}}{1 - \theta_{ijl}^+} + 2a_i^\phi \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{h}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_{ij}^\delta)^2 \frac{e^{2a_i^\phi v_{ij}^+}}{1 - v_{ij}^+} \right\} < \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{a_i^\phi\},$$

where  $\check{b}_{ij}^1, \check{c}_{ij}^1, \check{Q}_{ijl}^1, \check{h}_{ij}^1$  are the same as those defined in (A<sub>4</sub>).

### 3. Pseudo almost automorphic solutions in finite-dimensional distributions

Let  $\mathbb{H}$  denote the set of  $\mathcal{L}^2$ -bounded and  $\mathcal{L}^2$ -uniformly continuous functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n)$ . For  $\varphi = (\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n) \in \mathbb{H}$ , define the norm  $\|\varphi\|_{\mathbb{H}} = \left( \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} (E\|\varphi(t)\|_0^2) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Then,  $(\mathbb{H}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{H}})$  is a Banach space.

Let

$$\varphi_0 = \left( \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u)du} I_1(s)ds, \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u)du} I_2(s)ds, \dots, \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u)du} I_n(s)ds \right), \\ \varphi_0^1 = \left( \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u)du} I_1^1(s)ds, \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u)du} I_2^1(s)ds, \dots, \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u)du} I_n^1(s)ds \right)$$

and take a constant  $K \geq \max\{\|\varphi_0\|_{\mathbb{H}}, \|\varphi_0^1\|_{\mathbb{H}}\}$ .

**Definition 3.1.** An  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -progressively measurable stochastic process is called a mild solution of system (2.1), if  $x(t)$  satisfies the following stochastic integral equation:

$$x_i(t) = x_i(t_0) e^{-\int_{t_0}^t a_i^\phi(u)du} + \int_{t_0}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u)du} \left[ -a_i^c(s)x_i(s) + \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}(s)f_j(x_j(s)) \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij}(s)g_j(x_j(s - \eta_{ij}(s))) + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n Q_{ijl}(s)r_j(x_j(s - \theta_{ijl}(s)))r_l(x_l(s - \xi_{ijl}(s))) \right. \\ \left. + I_i(s) \right] ds + \int_{t_0}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u)du} \sum_{j=1}^n h_{ij}(s)\delta_{ij}(x_j(s - v_{ij}(s)))dw_j(s). \tag{3.1}$$

**Theorem 3.1.** If conditions (A<sub>1</sub>)–(A<sub>5</sub>) are satisfied, then system (2.1) has a unique pseudo almost automorphic solution in finite-dimensional distributions. More precisely, this solution belongs to the closed ball  $\mathbb{H}_0 = \{\varphi \in \mathbb{H} \mid \|\varphi - \varphi_0\|_{\mathbb{H}} \leq K\}$ .

*Proof.* According to Definition 3.1, taking the limit as  $t_0 \rightarrow -\infty$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x_i(t) = & \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u)du} \left[ -a_i^c(s)x_i(s) + \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}(s)f_j(x_j(s)) + \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij}(s)g_j(x_j(s - \eta_{ij}(s))) \right. \\ & + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n Q_{ijl}(s)r_j(x_j(s - \theta_{ijl}(s)))r_l(x_l(s - \xi_{ijl}(s))) + I_i(s) \left. \right] ds \\ & + \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u)du} \sum_{j=1}^n h_{ij}(s)\delta_{ij}(x_j(s - v_{ij}(s)))dw_j(s), \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

which is also a mild solution of system (2.1).

Define an operator  $\Gamma : \mathbb{H}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_0$  by  $\Gamma\varphi = (\Gamma_1\varphi, \dots, \Gamma_n\varphi)$ , where for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\Gamma_i\varphi)(t) = & \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u)du} \left[ -a_i^c(s)\varphi_i(s) + \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}(s)f_j(\varphi_j(s)) + \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij}(s)g_j(\varphi_j(s - \eta_{ij}(s))) \right. \\ & + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n Q_{ijl}(s)r_j(\varphi_j(s - \theta_{ijl}(s)))r_l(\varphi_l(s - \xi_{ijl}(s))) + I_i(s) \left. \right] ds \\ & + \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u)du} \sum_{j=1}^n h_{ij}(s)\delta_{ij}(\varphi_j(s - v_{ij}(s)))dw_j(s). \end{aligned}$$

We will divide the rest of the proof into three steps.

Step 1. We will prove that system (2.1) has a unique solution in  $\mathbb{H}_0$ . To begin with, we will prove that the mapping  $\Gamma$  is a self-mapping from  $\mathbb{H}_0$  to  $\mathbb{H}_0$ . In fact, for each  $\varphi \in \mathbb{H}_0$ , we have

$$\|\varphi\|_{\mathbb{H}} \leq \|\varphi - \varphi_0\|_{\mathbb{H}} + \|\varphi_0\|_{\mathbb{H}} \leq 2K \quad (3.3)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Gamma\varphi - \varphi_0\|_{\mathbb{H}}^2 \leq & 5 \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u)du} a_i^c(s)\varphi_i(s)ds \right\|_{\mathbb{O}}^2 \right\} \\ & + 5 \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u)du} \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}(s)f_j(\varphi_j(s))ds \right\|_{\mathbb{O}}^2 \right\} \\ & + 5 \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u)du} \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij}(s)g_j(\varphi_j(s - \eta_{ij}(s)))ds \right\|_{\mathbb{O}}^2 \right\} \\ & + 5 \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u)du} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n Q_{ijl}(s)r_j(\varphi_j(s - \theta_{ijl}(s)))r_l(\varphi_l(s - \xi_{ijl}(s)))ds \right\|_{\mathbb{O}}^2 \right\} \\ & + 5 \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u)du} \sum_{j=1}^n h_{ij}(s)\delta_{ij}(\varphi_j(s - v_{ij}(s)))dw_j(s) \right\|_{\mathbb{O}}^2 \right\} \\ := & J_1 + J_2 + J_3 + J_4 + J_5. \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &\leq \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \left[ \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u) du} ds \right] \left[ \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u) du} E \|a_i^c(s) \varphi_i(s)\|_0^2 ds \right] \right\} \\ &\leq 5 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{(\bar{a}_i^c)^2}{(\underline{a}_i^\phi)^2} \right\} \|\varphi\|_{\mathbb{H}}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

Similarly, we can get

$$J_2 \leq 5 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{(\underline{a}_i^\phi)^2} \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{b}_{ij})^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^f)^2 \right\} \|\varphi\|_{\mathbb{H}}^2, \quad (3.6)$$

$$J_3 \leq 5 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{(\underline{a}_i^\phi)^2} \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{c}_{ij})^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^g)^2 \right\} \|\varphi\|_{\mathbb{H}}^2, \quad (3.7)$$

$$J_4 \leq 5 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{(\underline{a}_i^\phi)^2} \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl})^2 \sum_{l=1}^n (M_l^r)^2 \right) \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^r)^2 \right\} \|\varphi\|_{\mathbb{H}}^2. \quad (3.8)$$

By the Itô isometry, we can obtain

$$J_5 \leq 5 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2\underline{a}_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{h}_{ij})^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_{ij}^\delta)^2 \right\} \|\varphi\|_{\mathbb{H}}^2. \quad (3.9)$$

Substituting (3.5)–(3.9) into (3.4), by (3.3) and  $(A_3)$ , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Gamma\varphi - \varphi_0\|_{\mathbb{H}}^2 &\leq 5 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{(\underline{a}_i^\phi)^2} \left[ (\bar{a}_i^c)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{b}_{ij})^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^f)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{c}_{ij})^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^g)^2 \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl})^2 \sum_{l=1}^n (M_l^r)^2 \right) \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^r)^2 + \frac{\underline{a}_i^\phi}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{h}_{ij})^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_{ij}^\delta)^2 \right] \right\} \|\varphi\|_{\mathbb{H}}^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} (2K)^2 = K^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we arrive at  $\|\Gamma\varphi - \varphi_0\|_{\mathbb{H}} \leq K$  for every  $\varphi \in \mathbb{H}_0$ .

To prove that  $\Gamma\varphi$  is uniformly  $\mathcal{L}^2$ -continuous, for every  $\varphi \in \mathbb{H}_0$ ,  $t_1, t_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t_1 > t_2$ , we infer that

$$\begin{aligned} &E \|(\Gamma\varphi)(t_1) - (\Gamma\varphi)(t_2)\|_0^2 \\ &= \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_2} \left[ e^{-\int_s^{t_1} a_i^\phi(u) du} - e^{-\int_s^{t_2} a_i^\phi(u) du} \right] \left[ -a_i^c(s) \varphi_i(s) + \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}(s) f_j(\varphi_j(s)) \right. \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij}(s) g_j(\varphi_j(s - \eta_{ij}(s))) + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n Q_{ijl}(s) r_j(\varphi_j(s - \theta_{ijl}(s))) r_l(\varphi_l(s - \xi_{ijl}(s))) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + I_i(s) \right] ds + \int_{t_2}^{t_1} e^{-\int_s^{t_1} a_i^\phi(u) du} \left[ -a_i^c(s) \varphi_i(s) + \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}(s) f_j(\varphi_j(s)) \right. \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij}(s)g_j(\varphi_j(s - \eta_{ij}(s))) + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n Q_{ijl}(s)r_j(\varphi_j(s - \theta_{ijl}(s)))r_l(\varphi_l(s - \xi_{ijl}(s))) \\
& + I_i(s) \Big] ds + \int_{-\infty}^{t_2} \left[ e^{-\int_s^{t_1} a_i^\phi(u)du} - e^{-\int_s^{t_2} a_i^\phi(u)du} \right] \sum_{j=1}^n h_{ij}(s)\delta_{ij}(\varphi_j(s - v_{ij}(s)))dw_j(s) \\
& + \int_{t_2}^{t_1} e^{-\int_s^{t_1} a_i^\phi(u)du} \sum_{j=1}^n h_{ij}(s)\delta_{ij}(\varphi_j(s - v_{ij}(s)))dw_j(s) \Big]_{\circ}^2 \Big\} \\
\leq & 12 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{t_2} \left| e^{-\int_s^{t_1} a_i^\phi(u)du} - e^{-\int_s^{t_2} a_i^\phi(u)du} \right| ds \right] \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{t_2} \left| e^{-\int_s^{t_1} a_i^\phi(u)du} - e^{-\int_s^{t_2} a_i^\phi(u)du} \right| \right. \right. \\
& \times \left( E \|a_i^c(s)\varphi_i(s)\|_{\circ}^2 + E \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}(s)f_j(\varphi_j(s)) \right\|_{\circ}^2 + E \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij}(s)g_j(\varphi_j(s - \eta_{ij}(s))) \right\|_{\circ}^2 \right. \\
& + E \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n Q_{ijl}(s)r_j(\varphi_j(s - \theta_{ijl}(s)))r_l(\varphi_l(s - \xi_{ijl}(s))) \right\|_{\circ}^2 + E \|I_i(s)\|_{\circ}^2 \Big] ds \Big\} \\
& + 12 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \left[ \int_{t_2}^{t_1} e^{-\int_s^{t_1} a_i^\phi(u)du} ds \right] \left[ \int_{t_2}^{t_1} e^{-\int_s^{t_1} a_i^\phi(u)du} \left( E \|a_i^c(s)\varphi_i(s)\|_{\circ}^2 \right. \right. \right. \\
& + E \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}(s)f_j(\varphi_j(s)) \right\|_{\circ}^2 + E \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij}(s)g_j(\varphi_j(s - \eta_{ij}(s))) \right\|_{\circ}^2 \\
& + E \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n Q_{ijl}(s)r_j(\varphi_j(s - \theta_{ijl}(s)))r_l(\varphi_l(s - \xi_{ijl}(s))) \right\|_{\circ}^2 + E \|I_i(s)\|_{\circ}^2 \Big] ds \Big\} \\
& + 12 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{t_2} \left[ e^{-\int_s^{t_1} a_i^\phi(u)du} - e^{-\int_s^{t_2} a_i^\phi(u)du} \right]^2 E \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n h_{ij}(s)\delta_{ij}(\varphi_j(s - v_{ij}(s))) \right\|_{\circ}^2 ds \right\} \\
& + 12 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \int_{t_2}^{t_1} e^{-2\int_s^{t_1} a_i^\phi(u)du} E \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n h_{ij}(s)\delta_{ij}(\varphi_j(s - v_{ij}(s))) \right\|_{\circ}^2 ds \right\} \\
\leq & \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ 12 \left[ (\bar{a}_i^c 2K)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{b}_{ij} L_j^f 2K)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{c}_{ij} L_j^g 2K)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl} L_j^r 2K)^2 + (I_i^+)^2 \right] \right. \\
& \times \left[ \left( \int_{-\infty}^{t_2} e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(t_2-s)} \left| \int_s^{t_2} a_i^\phi(u)du - \int_s^{t_1} a_i^\phi(u)du \right| ds \right)^2 + \left( \int_{t_2}^{t_1} e^{-\int_s^{t_1} a_i^\phi(u)du} ds \right)^2 \right] \Big\} \\
& + \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ 12 \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{h}_{ij} L_j^\delta 2K)^2 \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{t_2} e^{-2\underline{a}_i^\phi(t_2-s)} \left| \int_s^{t_2} a_i^\phi(u)du - \int_s^{t_1} a_i^\phi(u)du \right|^2 ds + \int_{t_2}^{t_1} e^{-2\int_s^{t_1} a_i^\phi(u)du} ds \right] \right\} \\
\leq & \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ 12 \left[ (\bar{a}_i^c 2K)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{b}_{ij} L_j^f 2K)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{c}_{ij} L_j^g 2K)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl} L_j^r 2K)^2 + (I_i^+)^2 \right] \right. \\
& \times \left[ \left( \frac{\bar{a}_i^\phi}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \right)^2 |t_1 - t_2|^2 + |t_1 - t_2|^2 \right] \Big\} + \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ 12 \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{h}_{ij} L_j^\delta 2K)^2 \left[ \frac{(\bar{a}_i^\phi)^2}{2\underline{a}_i^\phi} |t_1 - t_2|^2 + |t_1 - t_2|^2 \right] \right\} \\
\leq & \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ 12 \left[ (\bar{a}_i^c 2K)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{b}_{ij} L_j^f 2K)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{c}_{ij} L_j^g 2K)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl} L_j^r 2K)^2 + (I_i^+)^2 \right] \left[ \left( \frac{\bar{a}_i^c}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \right)^2 + 1 \right] \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$+ \frac{6(\bar{a}_i^c)^2}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{h}_{ij} L_{ij}^\delta 2K)^2 |t_1 - t_2|^2 + \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ 12 \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{h}_{ij} L_{ij}^\delta 2K)^2 \right\} |t_1 - t_2|.$$

Therefore, we find that  $E\|\Gamma\varphi(t_1) - \Gamma\varphi(t_2)\|_0^2 \rightarrow 0$  as  $t_1 \rightarrow t_2$ , which implies that  $T\varphi$  is uniformly  $\mathcal{L}^2$ -continuous. As a result, we reach the conclusion that  $\Gamma(\mathbb{H}_0) \subset \mathbb{H}_0$ .

Now, we prove that  $\Gamma$  is a contracting mapping. Indeed, for any  $\varphi, \psi \in X_0$ , we can deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\Gamma\varphi - \Gamma\psi\|_{\mathbb{H}}^2 \\ & \leq 5 \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u) du} a_i^c(s) [\varphi_i(s) - \psi_i(s)] ds \right\|_0^2 \right\} \\ & \quad + 5 \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u) du} \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}(s) [f_j(\varphi_j(s)) - f_j(\psi_j(s))] ds \right\|_0^2 \right\} \\ & \quad + 5 \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u) du} \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij}(s) [g_j(\varphi_j(s - \eta_{ij}(s))) - g_j(\psi_j(s - \eta_{ij}(s)))] ds \right\|_0^2 \right\} \\ & \quad + 5 \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u) du} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n Q_{ijl}(s) r_j(\varphi_j(s - \theta_{ijl}(s))) r_l(\varphi_l(s - \xi_{ijl}(s))) ds \right\|_0^2 \right\} \\ & \quad + 5 \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u) du} \sum_{j=1}^n h_{ij}(s) [\delta_{ij}(\varphi_j(s - v_{ij}(s))) - \delta_{ij}(\psi_j(s - v_{ij}(s)))] ds \right\|_0^2 \right\} \\ & \leq 5 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{(\underline{a}_i^\phi)^2} [(\bar{a}_i^c)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{b}_{ij})^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^f)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{c}_{ij})^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^g)^2 \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl})^2 \sum_{l=1}^n (M_l^r)^2 \right) \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^r)^2 + \frac{\underline{a}_i^\phi}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{h}_{ij})^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_{ij}^\delta)^2 \right\} \|\varphi - \psi\|_{\mathbb{H}}^2, \end{aligned}$$

which combined with  $(A_3)$  yields that

$$\|\Gamma\varphi - \Gamma\psi\|_{\mathbb{H}} \leq \sqrt{R} \|\varphi - \psi\|_{\mathbb{H}} < \frac{1}{2} \|\varphi - \psi\|_{\mathbb{H}},$$

i.e.,  $\Gamma$  is a contraction mapping. Hence,  $\Gamma$  has a unique fixed point  $x$  in  $\mathbb{H}_0$ . Therefore, system (2.1) possesses a unique solution  $x \in \mathbb{H}_0$ .

Step 2. We will show that the system

$$\begin{aligned} y_i(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u) du} \left[ -a_i^c(s) y_i(s) + \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}^1(s) f_j(y_j(s)) + \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij}^1(s) g_j(y_j(s - \eta_{ij}(s))) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n Q_{ijl}^1(s) r_j(y_j(s - \theta_{ijl}(s))) r_l(y_l(s - \xi_{ijl}(s))) + I_i^1(s) \right] ds \\ & \quad + \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u) du} \sum_{j=1}^n h_{ij}^1(s) \delta_{ij}(y_j(s - v_{ij}(s))) dw_j(s), \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

possesses a unique solution  $y$  that is almost automorphic in finite-dimensional distributions.

In fact, similar to Step 1, by using conditions  $(A_1)$ ,  $(A_2)$ , and  $(A_4)$ , one can show that system (3.10) does have a unique solution  $y \in \mathbb{H}_0$ , which satisfies (3.10). We will prove that  $y$  is also almost automorphic in finite-dimensional distributions.

By (3.10), we can get

$$\begin{aligned} y_i(t + s_k) = & \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u+s_k)du} \left[ -a_i^c(s + s_k)y_i(s + s_k) + \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}^1(s + s_k)f_j(y_j(s + s_k)) \right. \\ & + \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij}^1(s + s_k)g_j(y_j(s + s_k - \eta_{ij}(s + s_k))) + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n Q_{ijl}^1(s + s_k) \\ & \times r_j(y_j(s + s_k - \theta_{ijl}(s + s_k)))r_l(y_l(s + s_k - \xi_{ijl}(s + s_k))) + I_i^1(s + s_k) \left. \right] ds \\ & + \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u+s_k)du} \sum_{j=1}^n h_{ij}^1(s + s_k)\delta_{ij}(y_j(s + s_k - v_{ij}(s + s_k)))d[w_j(s + s_k) - w_j(s_k)], \end{aligned}$$

where  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $w_j(s + s_k) - w_j(s_k)$  is a Brownian motion with the same distribution as  $w_j(s)$ . Let us consider the processes

$$\begin{aligned} y_i(t + s_k) = & \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u+s_k)du} \left[ -a_i^c(s + s_k)y_i(s + s_k) + \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}^1(s + s_k)f_j(y_j(s + s_k)) \right. \\ & + \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij}^1(s + s_k)g_j(y_j(s + s_k - \eta_{ij}(s + s_k))) + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n Q_{ijl}^1(s + s_k) \\ & \times r_j(y_j(s + s_k - \theta_{ijl}(s + s_k)))r_l(y_l(s + s_k - \xi_{ijl}(s + s_k))) + I_i^1(s + s_k) \left. \right] ds \\ & + \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t a_i^\phi(u+s_k)du} \sum_{j=1}^n h_{ij}^1(s + s_k)\delta_{ij}(y_j(s + s_k - v_{ij}(s + s_k)))dw_j(s) \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{y}_i(t) = & \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t \tilde{a}_i^\phi(u)du} \left[ -\tilde{a}_i^c(s)\tilde{y}_i(s) + \sum_{j=1}^n \tilde{b}_{ij}^1(s)f_j(\tilde{y}_j(s)) + \sum_{j=1}^n \tilde{c}_{ij}^1(s)g_j(\tilde{y}_j(s - \tilde{\eta}_{ij}(s))) \right. \\ & + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n \tilde{Q}_{ijl}^1(s)r_j(\tilde{y}_j(s - \tilde{\theta}_{ijl}(s)))r_l(\tilde{y}_l(s - \tilde{\xi}_{ijl}(s))) + \tilde{I}_i^1(s) \left. \right] ds \\ & + \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t \tilde{a}_i^\phi(u)du} \sum_{j=1}^n \tilde{h}_{ij}^1(s)\delta_{ij}(\tilde{y}_j(s - \tilde{v}_{ij}(s)))dw_j(s). \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

Under conditions  $(A_1)$ ,  $(A_2)$ , and  $(A_4)$ , according to Remark 2.2, in the same way as in Step 1, one can prove that (3.12) possesses a unique solution  $\tilde{y} \in \mathbb{H}_0$ .

In view of  $(A_1)$ , for every sequence of real numbers  $(s'_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ , there exists a subsequence  $(s_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , there hold

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |a_i^\phi(t + s_k) - \tilde{a}_i^\phi(t)| = 0, \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |\tilde{a}_i^\phi(t - s_k) - a_i^\phi(t)| = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|a_i^c(t + s_k) - \tilde{a}_i^c(t)\|_0^2 &= 0, & \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\tilde{a}_i^c(t - s_k) - a_i^c(t)\|_0^2 &= 0, \\
\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|b_{ij}^1(t + s_k) - \tilde{b}_{ij}^1(t)\|_0^2 &= 0, & \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\tilde{b}_{ij}^1(t - s_k) - b_{ij}^1(t)\|_0^2 &= 0, \\
\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|c_{ij}^1(t + s_k) - \tilde{c}_{ij}^1(t)\|_0^2 &= 0, & \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\tilde{c}_{ij}^1(t - s_k) - c_{ij}^1(t)\|_0^2 &= 0, \\
\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|Q_{ijl}^1(t + s_k) - \tilde{Q}_{ijl}^1(t)\|_0^2 &= 0, & \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\tilde{Q}_{ijl}^1(t - s_k) - Q_{ijl}^1(t)\|_0^2 &= 0, \\
\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|I_i^1(t + s_k) - \tilde{I}_i^1(t)\|_0^2 &= 0, & \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\tilde{I}_i^1(t - s_k) - I_i^1(t)\|_0^2 &= 0, \\
\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|h_{ij}^1(t + s_k) - \tilde{h}_{ij}^1(t)\|_0^2 &= 0, & \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\tilde{h}_{ij}^1(t - s_k) - h_{ij}^1(t)\|_0^2 &= 0, \\
\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |\eta_{ij}(t + s_k) - \tilde{\eta}_{ij}(t)|^2 &= 0, & \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |\tilde{\eta}_{ij}(t - s_k) - \eta_{ij}(t)|^2 &= 0, \\
\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |\theta_{ijl}(t + s_k) - \tilde{\theta}_{ijl}(t)|^2 &= 0, & \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |\tilde{\theta}_{ijl}(t - s_k) - \theta_{ijl}(t)|^2 &= 0, \\
\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |\xi_{ijl}(t + s_k) - \tilde{\xi}_{ijl}(t)|^2 &= 0, & \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |\tilde{\xi}_{ijl}(t - s_k) - \xi_{ijl}(t)|^2 &= 0, \\
\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |v_{ij}(t + s_k) - \tilde{v}_{ij}(t)|^2 &= 0, & \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |\tilde{v}_{ij}(t - s_k) - v_{ij}(t)|^2 &= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\tilde{y} \in UCB(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n))$ , for any  $\{t_k\}, \{t'_k\} \subset \mathbb{R}$ , we have that if  $|t_k - t'_k| \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $E\|\tilde{y}(t_k) - \tilde{y}(t'_k)\|_0^2 \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus, for every sequence of real numbers of  $(s'_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ , there exists a subsequence  $(s_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $(s'_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} E\|\tilde{y}(s - \eta_{ij}(s + s_k)) - \tilde{y}(s - \tilde{\eta}_{ij}(s))\|_0^2 = 0, \quad (3.13)$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} E\|\tilde{y}(s - \theta_{ijl}(s + s_k)) - \tilde{y}(s - \tilde{\theta}_{ijl}(s))\|_0^2 = 0, \quad (3.14)$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} E\|\tilde{y}(s - \xi_{ijl}(s + s_k)) - \tilde{y}(s - \tilde{\xi}_{ijl}(s))\|_0^2 = 0, \quad (3.15)$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} E\|\tilde{y}(s - v_{ij}(s + s_k)) - \tilde{y}(s - \tilde{v}_{ij}(s))\|_0^2 = 0. \quad (3.16)$$

For every  $t_q \in \mathbb{R}$ , by (3.11) and (3.12), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& E\|y(t_q + t + s_k) - \tilde{y}(t_q + t)\|_0^2 \\
& \leq 17 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} a_i^c(s + s_k) [y_i(s + s_k) - \tilde{y}_i(s)] ds \right\|_0^2 \\
& \quad + 17 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} [a_i^c(s + s_k) - \tilde{a}_i^c(s)] \tilde{y}_i(s) ds \right\|_0^2 \\
& \quad + 17 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} \left( e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} - e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u) du} \right) \tilde{a}_i^c(s) \tilde{y}_i(s) ds \right\|_0^2 \\
& \quad + 17 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}^1(s + s_k) [f_j(y_j(s + s_k)) - f_j(\tilde{y}_j(s))] ds \right\|_0^2
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + 17 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_{q+t}} e^{-\int_s^{t_{q+t}} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} \sum_{j=1}^n (b_{ij}^1(s+s_k) - \tilde{b}_{ij}^1(s)) f_j(\tilde{y}_j(s)) ds \right\|_0^2 \\
& + 17 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_{q+t}} \left( e^{-\int_s^{t_{q+t}} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} - e^{-\int_s^{t_{q+t}} a_i^\phi(u) du} \right) \sum_{j=1}^n \tilde{b}_{ij}^1(s) f_j(\tilde{y}_j(s)) ds \right\|_0^2 \\
& + 17 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_{q+t}} e^{-\int_s^{t_{q+t}} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij}^1(s+s_k) [g_j(y_j(s+s_k - \eta_{ij}(s+s_k))) - g_j(\tilde{y}_j(s - \tilde{\eta}_{ij}(s)))] ds \right\|_0^2 \\
& + 17 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_{q+t}} e^{-\int_s^{t_{q+t}} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} \sum_{j=1}^n (c_{ij}^1(s+s_k) - \tilde{c}_{ij}^1(s)) g_j(\tilde{y}_j(s - \tilde{\eta}_{ij}(s))) ds \right\|_0^2 \\
& + 17 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_{q+t}} \left( e^{-\int_s^{t_{q+t}} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} - e^{-\int_s^{t_{q+t}} a_i^\phi(u) du} \right) \sum_{j=1}^n \tilde{c}_{ij}^1(s) g_j(\tilde{y}_j(s - \tilde{\eta}_{ij}(s))) ds \right\|_0^2 \\
& + 17 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_{q+t}} e^{-\int_s^{t_{q+t}} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n Q_{ijl}^1(s+s_k) \left[ r_j(y_j(s+s_k - \theta_{ijl}(s+s_k))) \right. \right. \\
& \times \left. \left. r_l(y_l(s+s_k - \xi_{ijl}(s+s_k))) - r_j(\tilde{y}_j(s - \tilde{\theta}_{ijl}(s))) r_l(\tilde{y}_l(s - \tilde{\xi}_{ijl}(s))) \right] ds \right\|_0^2 \\
& + 17 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_{q+t}} e^{-\int_s^{t_{q+t}} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n (Q_{ijl}^1(s+s_k) - \tilde{Q}_{ijl}^1(s)) r_j(\tilde{y}_j(s - \tilde{\theta}_{ijl}(s))) \right. \\
& \times \left. r_l(\tilde{y}_l(s - \tilde{\xi}_{ijl}(s))) ds \right\|_0^2 \\
& + 17 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_{q+t}} \left( e^{-\int_s^{t_{q+t}} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} - e^{-\int_s^{t_{q+t}} a_i^\phi(u) du} \right) \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n \tilde{Q}_{ijl}^1(s) r_j(\tilde{y}_j(s - \tilde{\theta}_{ijl}(s))) \right. \\
& \times \left. r_l(\tilde{y}_l(s - \tilde{\xi}_{ijl}(s))) ds \right\|_0^2 \\
& + 17 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_{q+t}} e^{-\int_s^{t_{q+t}} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} [I_i^1(s+s_k) - \tilde{I}_i^1(s)] ds \right\|_0^2 \\
& + 17 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_{q+t}} \left( e^{-\int_s^{t_{q+t}} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} - e^{-\int_s^{t_{q+t}} a_i^\phi(u) du} \right) \tilde{I}_i^1(s) ds \right\|_0^2 \\
& + 17 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_{q+t}} e^{-\int_s^{t_{q+t}} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} \sum_{j=1}^n h_{ij}^1(s+s_k) [\delta_{ij}(y_j(s+s_k - v_{ij}(s+s_k))) \right. \\
& \left. - \delta_{ij}(\tilde{y}_j(s - \tilde{v}_{ij}(s)))] dw_j(s) \right\|_0^2 \\
& + 17 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_{q+t}} e^{-\int_s^{t_{q+t}} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} \sum_{j=1}^n (h_{ij}^1(s+s_k) - \tilde{h}_{ij}^1(s)) \delta_{ij}(\tilde{y}_j(s - \tilde{v}_{ij}(s))) dw_j(s) \right\|_0^2 \\
& + 17 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_{q+t}} \left( e^{-\int_s^{t_{q+t}} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} - e^{-\int_s^{t_{q+t}} a_i^\phi(u) du} \right) \sum_{j=1}^n \tilde{h}_{ij}^1(s) \delta_{ij}(\tilde{y}_j(s - \tilde{v}_{ij}(s))) dw_j(s) \right\|_0^2
\end{aligned}$$

$$:= \sum_{i=1}^{17} F_i(t). \quad (3.17)$$

In view of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(t) &\leq 17 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} \mathbf{d}s \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} (a_i^c(s+s_k)(y_i(s+s_k) - \tilde{y}_i(s)))^2 \mathbf{d}s \right\|_0 \\ &\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{17}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} (\bar{a}_i^c)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(t_q+t-s)} E \|y(s+s_k) - \tilde{y}(s)\|_0^2 \mathbf{d}s \right\} \\ &\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{17}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} (\bar{a}_i^c)^2 \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(t-s)} E \|y(t_q+s+s_k) - \tilde{y}(t_q+s)\|_0^2 \mathbf{d}s \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

Since  $E \|\tilde{y}(s)\|_0^2 < (2K)^2$ ,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|a_i^c(s+s_k) - \tilde{a}_i^c(s)\|_0^2 = 0$ , and by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem, we can get

$$F_2(t) \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{17}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} \|a_i^c(s+s_k) - \tilde{a}_i^c(s)\|_0^2 E \|\tilde{y}(s)\|_0^2 \mathbf{d}s \right\} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.19)$$

Due to the fact that  $E \|\tilde{y}(s)\|_0^2 < (2K)^2$ ,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |a_i^\phi(u+s_k) - \tilde{a}_i^\phi(u)|^2 = 0$ , we can get

$$\begin{aligned} F_3(t) &\leq 17 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \left( \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} \left| e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} - e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} \tilde{a}_i^\phi(u) du} \right| \mathbf{d}s \right)^2 (\bar{a}_i^c)^2 E \|\tilde{y}\|_0^2 \right\} \\ &\leq 17 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \left( \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(t_q+t-s)} \int_s^{t_q+t} |a_i^\phi(u+s_k) - \tilde{a}_i^\phi(u)| \mathbf{d}u \mathbf{d}s \right)^2 (\bar{a}_i^c)^2 E \|\tilde{y}(s)\|_0^2 \right\} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (3.20)$$

Similarly, it is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} F_5(t) &\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{17}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^f)^2 (2K)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(t_q+t-s)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n (b_{ij}^1(s+s_k) - \tilde{b}_{ij}^1(s)) \right\|_0^2 \mathbf{d}s \right\} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty, \end{aligned} \quad (3.21)$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_6(t) &\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ 17 \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{b}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^f)^2 (2K)^2 \left( \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(t_q+t-s)} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \times \int_s^{t_q+t} |a_i^\phi(u+s_k) - \tilde{a}_i^\phi(u)| \mathbf{d}u \mathbf{d}s \right)^2 \right\} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty, \end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_8(t) &\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{17}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^g)^2 (2K)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(t_q+t-s)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n (c_{ij}^1(s+s_k) - \tilde{c}_{ij}^1(s)) \right\|_0^2 \mathbf{d}s \right\} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty, \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

$$F_9(t) \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{c}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^g)^2 (2K)^2 \left( \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(t_q+t-s)} \right. \right.$$

$$\times \int_s^{t_q+t} |a_i^\phi(u + s_k) - \tilde{a}_i^\phi(u)| du ds \Big)^2 \Big\} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty, \quad (3.24)$$

$$F_{11}(t) \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{17}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^r)^2 \sum_{l=1}^n (M_l^r)^2 (2K)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(t_q+t-s)} \right. \\ \left. \times \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n (Q_{ijl}^1(s + s_k) - \tilde{Q}_{ijl}^1(s)) \right\|_{\mathbb{O}}^2 \right\} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty, \quad (3.25)$$

$$F_{12}(t) \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ 17 \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl}^1)^2 \sum_{l=1}^n (L_l^r)^2 \right] \sum_{j=1}^n (M_j^r)^2 (2K)^2 \left( \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(t_q+t-s)} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \times \int_s^{t_q+t} |a_i^\phi(u + s_k) - \tilde{a}_i^\phi(u)| du ds \right)^2 \right\} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty, \quad (3.26)$$

$$F_{13}(t) \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{17}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(t_q+t-s)} \|I_i^1(s + s_k) - \tilde{I}_i^1(s)\|_{\mathbb{O}}^2 ds \right\} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty, \quad (3.27)$$

$$F_{14}(t) \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{17}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} (\check{I}_i^1)^2 \left( \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(t_q+t-s)} \int_s^{t_q+t} |a_i^\phi(u + s_k) - \tilde{a}_i^\phi(u)| du ds \right)^2 \right\} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty, \quad (3.28)$$

$$F_{16}(t) \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ 17 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_{ij}^\delta)^2 (2K)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-2\underline{a}_i^\phi(t_q+t-s)} \right. \\ \left. \times \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n (h_{ij}^1(s + s_k) - \tilde{h}_{ij}^1(s)) \right\|_{\mathbb{O}}^2 ds \right\} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty, \quad (3.29)$$

$$F_{17}(t) \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ 17 \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{h}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_{ij}^\delta)^2 (2K)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-2\underline{a}_i^\phi(t_q+t-s)} \right. \\ \left. \times \left( \int_s^{t_q+t} |a_i^\phi(u + s_k) - \tilde{a}_i^\phi(u)| du \right)^2 ds \right\} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.30)$$

In addition, we can get

$$F_4(t) \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{17}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{b}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^f)^2 \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(t-s)} E \left\| y(t_q + s + s_k) - \tilde{y}(t_q + s) \right\|_{\mathbb{O}}^2 ds \right\}. \quad (3.31)$$

For  $F_7(t)$ , we have

$$F_7(t) \leq 34 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij}^1(s + s_k) [g_j(y_j(s + s_k) - \eta_{ij}(s + s_k)) \right. \\ \left. - g_j(\tilde{y}_j(s - \eta_{ij}(s + s_k)))] ds \right\|_{\mathbb{O}}^2 + 34 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij}^1(s + s_k) \right. \\ \left. \times [g_j(\tilde{y}_j(s - \eta_{ij}(s + s_k))) - g_j(\tilde{y}_j(s - \tilde{\eta}_{ij}(s)))] ds \right\|_{\mathbb{O}}^2 \\ := H_1(t) + H_2(t). \quad (3.32)$$

By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and (3.13), we have

$$H_2(t) \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{34}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{c}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^g)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(t_q+t-s)} \right. \\ \left. \times E \|\tilde{y}_j(s - \eta_{ij}(s + s_k)) - \tilde{y}_j(s - \tilde{\eta}_{ij}(s))\|_{\mathbb{O}}^2 ds \right\} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.33)$$

For  $H_1(t)$ , letting  $u = s - \eta_{ij}(s + s_k)$ , we infer that

$$H_1(t) \leq 34 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{c}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^g)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t-\eta_{ij}(t+s_k)} \frac{e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(t_q+t-u-\eta_{ij}(s+s_k))}}{1 - \check{\eta}_{ij}^+} E \|y_j(u + s_k) - \tilde{y}_j(u)\|_{\mathbb{O}}^2 du \right\} \\ \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{34}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{c}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^g)^2 \frac{e^{\underline{a}_i^\phi \eta_{ij}^+}}{1 - \check{\eta}_{ij}^+} \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(t-s)} E \|y(t_q + s + s_k) - \tilde{y}(t_q + s)\|_{\mathbb{O}}^2 ds \right\}. \quad (3.34)$$

Similarly, we have

$$F_{10}(t) \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{68n}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl}^1)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} \underline{a}_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} \sum_{l=1}^n (M_j^r L_l^r) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \times E \|y_l(s + s_k - \xi_{ijl}(s + s_k)) - \tilde{y}_l(s - \xi_{ijl}(s + s_k))\|_{\mathbb{O}}^2 \right] ds \right\} \\ + \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{68n}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl}^1)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} \underline{a}_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} \sum_{l=1}^n (M_j^r L_l^r) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \times E \|\tilde{y}_l(s - \xi_{ijl}(s + s_k)) - \tilde{y}_l(s - \tilde{\xi}_{ijl}(s))\|_{\mathbb{O}}^2 \right] ds \right\} \\ + \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{68n}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl}^1)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} \underline{a}_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} \sum_{l=1}^n (M_l^r L_j^r) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \times E \|y_j(s + s_k - \theta_{ijl}(s + s_k)) - \tilde{y}_j(s - \theta_{ijl}(s + s_k))\|_{\mathbb{O}}^2 \right] ds \right\} \\ + \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{68n}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl}^1)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} \underline{a}_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} \sum_{l=1}^n (M_l^r L_j^r) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \times E \|\tilde{y}_j(s - \theta_{ijl}(s + s_k)) - \tilde{y}_j(s - \tilde{\theta}_{ijl}(s))\|_{\mathbb{O}}^2 \right] ds \right\} \\ = B_1(t) + B_2(t) + B_3(t) + B_4(t). \quad (3.35)$$

By (3.14) and (3.15), we can infer that

$$B_2(t) \rightarrow 0, \quad B_4(t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.36)$$

For  $B_1(t)$ , letting  $u = s - \xi_{ijl}(s + s_k)$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
B_1(t) &\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{68n}{a_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl}^1)^2 \sum_{l=1}^n (M_j^r L_l^r)^2 \right] \frac{e^{a_i^\phi \xi_{ijl}^+}}{1 - \xi_{ijl}^+} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \times \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-a_i^\phi(t-s)} E \|y(t_q + s + s_k) - \tilde{y}(t_q + s)\|_0^2 ds \right\}. \tag{3.37}
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
B_3(t) &\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{68n}{a_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl}^1)^2 \sum_{l=1}^n (M_l^r L_j^r)^2 \right] \frac{e^{a_i^\phi \theta_{ijl}^+}}{1 - \theta_{ijl}^+} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \times \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-a_i^\phi(t-s)} E \|y(t_q + s + s_k) - \tilde{y}(t_q + s)\|_0^2 ds \right\}. \tag{3.38}
\end{aligned}$$

By the Itô isometry, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
F_{15}(t) &\leq 34 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} \sum_{j=1}^n h_{ij}^1(s + s_k) \delta_{ij}(\tilde{y}_j(s + s_k - v_{ij}(s + s_k))) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \delta_{ij}(\tilde{y}_j(s - v_{ij}(s + s_k))) dw_j(s) \right\|_0^2 \\
&\quad + 34 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} \sum_{j=1}^n h_{ij}^1(s + s_k) [\delta_{ij}(\tilde{y}_j(s - v_{ij}(s + s_k))) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \delta_{ij}(\tilde{y}_j(s - \tilde{v}_{ij}(s)))] dw_j(s) \right\|_0^2 \\
&\leq 34 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{h}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_{ij}^\delta)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-2 \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} E \|y_j(s + s_k - v_{ij}(s + s_k)) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \tilde{y}_j(s - v_{ij}(s + s_k))\|_0^2 ds \right\} \\
&\quad + 34 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{h}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_{ij}^\delta)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-2 \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u+s_k) du} E \|\tilde{y}_j(s - v_{ij}(s + s_k)) - \tilde{y}_j(s - \tilde{v}_{ij}(s))\|_0^2 ds \right\} \\
&= C_1(t) + C_2(t). \tag{3.39}
\end{aligned}$$

According to (3.16), we have

$$C_2(t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty. \tag{3.40}$$

For  $C_1(t)$ , letting  $u = s - v_{ij}(s + s_k)$ , we obtain

$$C_1(t) \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ 34 \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{h}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_{ij}^\delta)^2 \frac{e^{2a_i^\phi v_{ij}^+}}{1 - \check{v}_{ij}^+} \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-2a_i^\phi(t-s)} E \|y(t_q + s + s_k) - \tilde{y}(t_q + s)\|_0^2 ds \right\}. \tag{3.41}$$

Therefore, from (3.17)–(3.41), it follows that

$$E\|y(t_q + t + s_k) - \tilde{y}(t_q + t)\|_0^2 \leq J_k(t) + \Upsilon \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-a^-(t-s)} E\|y(t_q + s + s_k) - \tilde{y}(t_q + s)\|_0^2 ds,$$

where  $a^- = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{a_i^\phi\}$ ,  $\Upsilon$  is given in (A<sub>5</sub>), and

$$J_k(t) = F_2(t) + F_3(t) + F_5(t) + F_6(t) + F_8(t) + F_9(t) + F_{11}(t) + F_{12}(t) + F_{13}(t) \\ + F_{14}(t) + F_{16}(t) + F_{17}(t) + H_2(t) + B_2(t) + B_4(t) + C_2(t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus, by Lemma 2.3, we can get  $E\|y(t_q + t + s_k) - \tilde{y}(t_q + t)\|_0^2 \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  for every  $t, t_q \in \mathbb{R}$ , which means that  $y(t)$  is square-mean almost automorphic. By Lemma 2.1, we deduce that  $y(t)$  is almost automorphic in finite-dimensional distributions.

Step 3. We will show that the  $x$  obtained in Step 1 is pseudo almost automorphic in finite-dimensional distributions.

Let  $z = x - y$ . Then,  $x = y + z$ . From Step 2, we have  $y \in DAA(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n))$ . So, to end the proof, we just need to prove that  $z \in DPAA_0(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n))$ .

From (3.2) and (3.10), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T E\|z(t_q + t)\|_0^2 dt \\ & \leq 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u) du} [-a_i^c(s)(x_i(s) - y_i(s))] ds \right\|_0^2 dt \right\} \\ & + 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u) du} \sum_{j=1}^n (b_{ij}(s) - b_{ij}^1(s)) f_j(x_j(s)) ds \right\|_0^2 dt \right\} \\ & + 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u) du} \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}^1(s) [f_j(x_j(s)) - f_j(y_j(s))] ds \right\|_0^2 dt \right\} \\ & + 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u) du} \sum_{j=1}^n (c_{ij}(s) - c_{ij}^1(s)) g_j(x_j(s - \eta_{ij}(s))) ds \right\|_0^2 dt \right\} \\ & + 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u) du} \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij}^1(s) [g_j(x_j(s - \eta_{ij}(s))) - g_j(y_j(s - \eta_{ij}(s)))] ds \right\|_0^2 dt \right\} \\ & + 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u) du} \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \sum_{l=1}^n (Q_{ijl}(s) - Q_{ijl}^1(s)) \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. \times r_j(x_j(s - \theta_{ijl}(s))) r_l(x_l(s - \xi_{ijl}(s))) \right] ds \right\|_0^2 dt \right\} \\ & + 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u) du} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n Q_{ijl}^1(s) [r_j(x_j(s - \theta_{ijl}(s))) \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. \times r_l(x_l(s - \xi_{ijl}(s))) - r_j(y_j(s - \theta_{ijl}(s))) r_l(y_l(s - \xi_{ijl}(s)))] ds \right\|_0^2 dt \right\} \\ & + 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u) du} [I_i(s) - I_i^1(s)] ds \right\|_0^2 dt \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u) du} \sum_{j=1}^n (h_{ij}(s) - h_{ij}^1(s)) \delta_{ij}(x_j(s - v_{ij}(s))) dw_j(s) \right\|_0^2 dt \right\} \\
& + 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u) du} \sum_{j=1}^n h_{ij}^1(s) [\delta_{ij}(x_j(s - v_{ij}(s))) \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. - \delta_{ij}(y_j(s - v_{ij}(s)))] dw_j(s) \right\|_0^2 dt \right\} \\
& := \sum_{i=1}^{10} D_i(t). \tag{3.42}
\end{aligned}$$

By a change of variables and Fubini's theorem, we can get

$$\begin{aligned}
D_1(t) &= 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T E \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u) du} [-a_i^c(s)(x_i(s) - y_i(s))] ds \right\|_0^2 dt \right\} \\
&\leq 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} (\bar{a}_i^c)^2 \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(t_q+t-s)} E \|z(s)\|_0^2 ds dt \right\} \\
&= 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} (\bar{a}_i^c)^2 \int_{-\infty}^0 \left( \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T e^{\underline{a}_i^\phi s} E \|z(s + t_q + t)\|_0^2 dt \right) ds \right\} \\
&= 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} (\bar{a}_i^c)^2 \int_{-\infty}^0 \left( \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T+s}^{T+s} e^{\underline{a}_i^\phi s} E \|z(t_q + t)\|_0^2 dt \right) ds \right\} \\
&= 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} (\bar{a}_i^c)^2 \int_{-\infty}^T e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(T-s)} \left( \frac{1}{2T} \int_{s-2T}^s E \|z(t_q + t)\|_0^2 dt \right) ds \right\}. \tag{3.43}
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can obtain that

$$D_3(t) \leq 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{b}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^f)^2 \int_{-\infty}^T e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(T-s)} \left( \frac{1}{2T} \int_{s-2T}^s E \|z(t_q + t)\|_0^2 dt \right) ds \right\}. \tag{3.44}$$

For  $D_5(t)$ , through variable substitutions and Fubini's theorem, one has

$$\begin{aligned}
D_5(t) &\leq 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{c}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^g)^2 \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(t_q+t-s)} E \|z(s - \eta_{ij}(s))\|_0^2 ds dt \right\} \\
&\leq 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{c}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^g)^2 \frac{e^{\underline{a}_i^\phi \eta_{ij}^+}}{1 - \dot{\eta}_{ij}^+} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(t_q+t-s)} E \|z(s)\|_0^2 ds dt \right\} \\
&= 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{c}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^g)^2 \frac{e^{\underline{a}_i^\phi \eta_{ij}^+}}{1 - \dot{\eta}_{ij}^+} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-\infty}^0 \int_{-T}^T e^{\underline{a}_i^\phi s} E \|z(s + t_q + t)\|_0^2 dt ds \right\} \\
&= 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{c}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^g)^2 \frac{e^{\underline{a}_i^\phi \eta_{ij}^+}}{1 - \dot{\eta}_{ij}^+} \int_{-\infty}^0 \left( \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T+s}^{T+s} e^{\underline{a}_i^\phi s} E \|z(t_q + t)\|_0^2 dt \right) ds \right\} \\
&\leq 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{c}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^g)^2 \frac{e^{\underline{a}_i^\phi \eta_{ij}^+}}{1 - \dot{\eta}_{ij}^+} \int_{-\infty}^T e^{-\underline{a}_i^\phi(T-s)} \left( \frac{1}{2T} \int_{s-2T}^s E \|z(t_q + t)\|_0^2 dt \right) ds \right\}. \tag{3.45}
\end{aligned}$$

For  $D_7(t)$ , it can be estimated in a similar way. That is, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
D_7(t) &\leq 20n \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl}^1)^2 \sum_{l=1}^n (M_j^r L_l^r)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u) du} E \|z(s - \xi_{ijl}(s))\|_0^2 ds dt \right] \right\} \\
&\quad + 20n \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl}^1)^2 \sum_{l=1}^n (M_l^r L_j^r)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-\int_s^{t_q+t} a_i^\phi(u) du} E \|z(s - \theta_{ijl}(s))\|_0^2 ds dt \right] \right\} \\
&\leq 20n \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl}^1)^2 \sum_{l=1}^n (M_j^r L_l^r)^2 \right] \frac{e^{a_i^\phi \xi_{ijl}^+}}{1 - \xi_{ij}^+} \int_{-\infty}^T e^{-a_i^\phi(T-s)} \left( \frac{1}{2T} \int_{s-2T}^s E \|z(t_q + t)\|_0^2 dt \right) ds \right\} \\
&\quad + 20n \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl}^1)^2 \sum_{l=1}^n (M_l^r L_j^r)^2 \right] \frac{e^{a_i^\phi \theta_{ijl}^+}}{1 - \theta_{ij}^+} \right. \\
&\quad \times \left. \int_{-\infty}^T e^{-a_i^\phi(T-s)} \left( \frac{1}{2T} \int_{s-2T}^s E \|z(t_q + t)\|_0^2 dt \right) ds \right\}. \tag{3.46}
\end{aligned}$$

Next, we will estimate  $D_2(t)$ . According to Fubini's theorem, we can get

$$\begin{aligned}
D_2(t) &\leq 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{a_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^f)^2 (2K)^2 \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-a_i^\phi(t_q+t-s)} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}^0(s) \right\|_0^2 ds dt \right\} \\
&= 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{a_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^f)^2 (2K)^2 \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T e^{-a_i^\phi s} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}^0(t_q + t - s) \right\|_0^2 dt ds \right\} \\
&= 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{a_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^f)^2 (2K)^2 \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{t_q-T-s}^{t_q+T-s} e^{-a_i^\phi s} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}^0(t) \right\|_0^2 dt ds \right\} \\
&\leq 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{a_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^f)^2 (2K)^2 \int_0^{+\infty} \left(1 + \frac{s}{T}\right) \frac{1}{2(T+s)} \int_{t_q-T-s}^{t_q+T+s} e^{-a_i^\phi s} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}^0(t) \right\|_0^2 dt ds \right\} \\
&\leq 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{a_i^\phi} \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^f)^2 (2K)^2 \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-a_i^\phi s} e^{\frac{s}{T}} ds \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}^0(t) \right\|_0^2 dt \right\}. \tag{3.47}
\end{aligned}$$

By the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem, one has  $D_2(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $T \rightarrow +\infty$ . Similarly, we can get  $D_4(t) \rightarrow 0$ ,  $D_6(t) \rightarrow 0$ ,  $D_8(t) \rightarrow 0$ , and  $D_9(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $T \rightarrow +\infty$ .

Now, we estimate  $D_{10}(t)$ . By the Itô isometry and the Fubini theorem, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
D_{10}(t) &\leq 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{h}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_{ij}^\delta)^2 \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-2a_i^\phi(t_q+t-s)} E \|s - v_{ij}(s)\|_0^2 ds dt \right\} \\
&\leq 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{h}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_{ij}^\delta)^2 \frac{e^{2a_i^\phi v_{ij}^+}}{1 - v_{ij}^+} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T \int_{-\infty}^{t_q+t} e^{-2a_i^\phi(t_q+t-s)} E \|z(s)\|_0^2 ds dt \right\} \\
&\leq 10 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{h}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_{ij}^\delta)^2 \frac{e^{2a_i^\phi v_{ij}^+}}{1 - v_{ij}^+} \int_{-\infty}^T e^{-2a_i^\phi(T-s)} \left( \frac{1}{2T} \int_{s-2T}^s E \|z(t_q + t)\|_0^2 dt \right) ds \right\}. \tag{3.48}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by (3.32)–(3.48), we have

$$\frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T E \|z(t_q + t)\|_0^2 dt \leq \iota(t) + \Xi \int_{-\infty}^T e^{-a^-(T-s)} \left( \frac{1}{2T} \int_{s-2T}^s E \|z(t_q + t)\|_0^2 dt \right) ds,$$

where  $\iota(t) = D_2(t) + D_4(t) + D_6(t) + D_8(t) + D_9(t)$  with  $D_h(t) = 0$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $h = 2, 4, 6, 8, 9$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{10}{\underline{a}_i^\phi} \left[ (\bar{a}_i^c)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{b}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^f)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{c}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_j^g)^2 \frac{e^{\underline{a}_i^\phi \eta_{ij}^+}}{1 - \check{\eta}_{ij}^+} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + 2n \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl}^1)^2 \sum_{l=1}^n (M_j^r L_l^r)^2 \right] \frac{e^{\underline{a}_i^\phi \xi_{ijl}^+}}{1 - \check{\xi}_{ijl}^+} + 2n \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \sum_{l=1}^n (\check{Q}_{ijl}^1)^2 \sum_{l=1}^n (M_l^r L_j^r)^2 \right] \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \times \frac{e^{\underline{a}_i^\phi \theta_{ijl}^+}}{1 - \check{\theta}_{ijl}^+} + \underline{a}_i^\phi \sum_{j=1}^n (\check{h}_{ij}^1)^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (L_{ij}^\delta)^2 \frac{e^{2\underline{a}_i^\phi v_{ij}^+}}{1 - \check{v}_{ij}^+} \right] \right\} < \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{\underline{a}_i^\phi\}. \end{aligned}$$

By the definition of  $\Upsilon$  in (A<sub>5</sub>), we have  $\Xi \leq \Upsilon$ . Hence, by (A<sub>4</sub>),  $\Xi < \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{\underline{a}_i^\phi\}$ .

Since  $\iota(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $T \rightarrow +\infty$ , by Lemma 2.3, we obtain that  $\frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T E \|z(t_q + t)\|_0^2 dt \rightarrow 0$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$  for any  $t_q \in \mathbb{R}$ . According to Lemma 2.2, we deduce that  $z \in DPAA_0(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathbb{O}^n))$ . The proof is completed.

**Remark 3.1.** In the proof of Theorem 3.1, we take  $\mathbb{H}$  to be the space of  $\mathcal{L}^2$ -bounded and  $\mathcal{L}^2$ -uniformly continuous functions in order to handle the case with time delay; if the system under consideration has no time delay, then it suffices to take  $\mathbb{H}$  as the space of  $\mathcal{L}^2$ -bounded and  $\mathcal{L}^2$ -continuous functions.

By adapting the method used in the proof of Theorem 3.2 in [34], one can easily obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let conditions (A<sub>1</sub>) – (A<sub>5</sub>) be fulfilled. Then, system (2.1) admits a unique pseudo almost automorphic solution in finite-dimensional distributions, which is global exponential stability, that is, for the pseudo almost automorphic solution in finite-dimensional distributions  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  of (2.1) agreeing with (2.2), there are positive constants  $\lambda > 0$  and  $M > 1$  such that each solution  $x' = (x'_1, \dots, x'_n)$  with the initial value  $\phi = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)$  satisfies

$$E \|x'(t) - x(t)\|_0^2 \leq M(E \|\phi - \psi\|_0^2) e^{-\lambda t}, \quad t > 0,$$

where

$$\|\phi - \psi\|_0^2 = \sup_{s \in [-\rho, 0]} E \|\phi_i(t) - \psi_i(t)\|_0^2.$$

#### 4. An example

In system (2.1), let  $e_0 = 1$ ,  $n = 2$ , and for  $i, j, l = 1, 2$ , take

$$\begin{aligned} x_i &= x_i^0 + x_i^1 e_1 + x_i^2 e_2 + x_i^3 e_3 + x_i^4 e_4 + x_i^5 e_5 + x_i^6 e_6 + x_i^7 e_7, \\ f_j(x_j) &= 0.031 \sin(x_j^0) + 0.015 e_1 \sin(x_j^1) + 0.027 e_2 \tanh(x_j^2) + 0.024 e_3 \sin(x_j^3) \\ &\quad + 0.025 e_4 \sin(x_j^4) + 0.018 e_5 \sin(x_j^5) + 0.025 e_6 \tanh(x_j^6) + 0.029 e_7 \sin(x_j^7), \end{aligned}$$

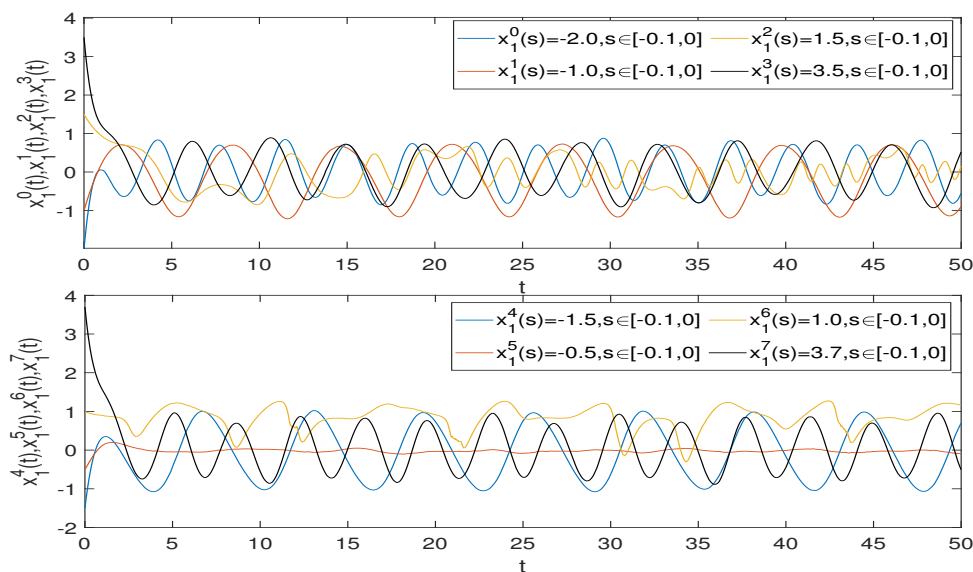
$$\begin{aligned}
g_j(x_j) &= 0.07 \sin(x_j^0) + 0.05e_1 \sin(x_j^1) + 0.04e_2 \sin(x_j^2) + 0.06e_3 \sin(x_j^3) \\
&\quad + 0.05e_4 \sin(x_j^4) + 0.02e_5 \sin(x_j^5) + 0.04e_6 \sin(x_j^6) + 0.03e_7 \sin(x_j^7), \\
r_j(x_j) &= 0.04 \sin(x_j^0) + 0.02e_1 \sin(x_j^1) + 0.04e_2 \sin(x_j^2) + 0.03e_3 \sin(x_j^3) \\
&\quad + 0.04e_4 \sin(x_j^4) + 0.03e_5 \sin(x_j^5) + 0.02e_6 \sin(x_j^6) + 0.01e_7 \sin(x_j^7), \\
\delta_{ij}(x_j) &= 0.037 \sin(x_j^0) + 0.015e_1 \sin(x_j^1) + 0.017e_2 \tanh(x_j^2) + 0.023e_3 \sin(x_j^3) \\
&\quad + 0.01e_4 \sin(x_j^4) + 0.021e_5 \sin(x_j^5) + 0.031e_6 \sin(x_j^6) + 0.015e_7 \sin(x_j^7), \\
a_1(t) &= (1.4 + 0.4 \sin t) + (0.03 + 0.02 \cos \sqrt{3}t)e_1 \\
&\quad + (0.03 + 0.02 \sin \sqrt{2}t)e_2 + (0.04 + 0.02 \sin t)e_3 \\
&\quad + (0.04 + 0.01 \cos t)e_4 + (0.05 + 0.01 \cos t)e_5 \\
&\quad + (0.04 + 0.01 \cos \sqrt{3}t)e_6 + (0.07 + 0.01 \sin \sqrt{7}t)e_7, \\
a_2(t) &= (2.1 - 1.1 \cos \sqrt{5}t) + (0.08 + 0.02 \sin t)e_1 \\
&\quad + (0.05 + 0.04 \cos \sqrt{3}t)e_2 + (0.05 + 0.02 \sin \sqrt{2}t)e_3 \\
&\quad + (0.05 + 0.01 \sin \sqrt{3}t)e_4 + (0.05 + 0.02 \cos \sqrt{2}t)e_5 \\
&\quad + (0.04 + 0.02 \sin t)e_6 + (0.05 + 0.01 \sin t)e_7, \\
b_{11}(t) &= 0.07 \sin t + 0.03e_3 \frac{\sin t}{1+t^2}, \quad b_{12}(t) = 0.05e_1 \cos t - 0.02e_6 \frac{1}{1+t^2}, \\
b_{21}(t) &= 0.05e_4 \sin t + 0.01e_7 \sin \sqrt{2}t, \quad b_{22}(t) = 0.08e_2 \cos t - 0.02e_5 \frac{\sin t}{1+t^2}, \\
c_{11}(t) &= 0.03e_4 \sin \sqrt{5}t - 0.01e_7 \cos t, \quad c_{12}(t) = 0.07e_2 \cos \sqrt{2}t - 0.02e_5 \sin t, \\
c_{21}(t) &= 0.06 \sin t - 0.02e_3 \frac{\sin t}{1+t^2}, \quad c_{22}(t) = 0.07e_1 \cos t - 0.01e_6 \sin \sqrt{3}t, \\
Q_{111}(t) &= Q_{112}(t) = 0.08 \sin t + 0.01e_3 \sin \sqrt{5}t, \quad Q_{121}(t) = Q_{122}(t) = 0.07e_1 \cos \sqrt{5}t - 0.02e_6 \frac{1}{1+t^2}, \\
Q_{211}(t) &= Q_{212}(t) = 0.06e_4 \cos t + 0.01e_7 \frac{\sin t}{1+t^2}, \quad Q_{221}(t) = Q_{222}(t) = 0.09e_2 \sin t - 0.02e_5 \cos t, \\
h_{11}(t) &= 0.06 \cos t + 0.02e_3 \frac{\sin t}{1+t^2}, \quad h_{12}(t) = 0.04e_1 \sin \sqrt{3}t - 0.01e_6 \cos t, \\
h_{21}(t) &= 0.08e_4 \sin \sqrt{2}t + 0.01e_7 \sin t, \quad h_{22}(t) = 0.05e_2 \cos t - 0.02e_5 \sin \sqrt{3}t, \\
I_1(t) &= 1.7 \cos \sqrt{3}t + 1.5e_1 \sin t + 1.4e_2 \cos \left( \frac{1}{2 + \sin t + \sin \sqrt{3}t} \right) + 1.5e_3 \sin \sqrt{2}t \\
&\quad + 1.7e_4 \cos t + 1.2e_5 \frac{1}{1+t^2} + 1.9e_6 \cos \left( \frac{1}{2 + \sin 2t + \sin \sqrt{2}t} \right) + 1.8e_7 \sin t, \\
I_2(t) &= 1.6 \sin \sqrt{5}t + 1.7e_1 \cos \sqrt{2}t + 1.4e_2 \sin \sqrt{3}t + 1.5e_3 \cos \left( \frac{1}{2 + \sin t + \sin \sqrt{2}t} \right) \\
&\quad + 1.6e_4 \sin t + 0.8e_5 \sin \sqrt{7}t + 1.7e_6 \cos t + 1.8e_7 \frac{1}{1+t^2}, \\
\eta_{11}(t) &= \eta_{12}(t) = 0.09 + 0.01 \sin t, \quad \eta_{21}(t) = \eta_{22}(t) = 0.08 + 0.02 \cos t, \\
\xi_{111}(t) &= \xi_{112}(t) = \xi_{121}(t) = \xi_{122}(t) = 0.07 + 0.02 \sin t,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\xi_{211}(t) &= \xi_{212}(t) = \xi_{221}(t) = \xi_{222}(t) = 0.06 + 0.04 \sin t, \\ \theta_{111}(t) &= \theta_{112}(t) = \theta_{121}(t) = \theta_{122}(t) = 0.07 + 0.03 \cos t, \\ \theta_{211}(t) &= \theta_{212}(t) = \theta_{221}(t) = \theta_{222}(t) = 0.08 + 0.02 \sin t, \\ v_{11}(t) &= v_{12}(t) = 0.08 + 0.01 \cos t, \quad v_{21}(t) = v_{22}(t) = 0.09 + 0.01 \sin t.\end{aligned}$$

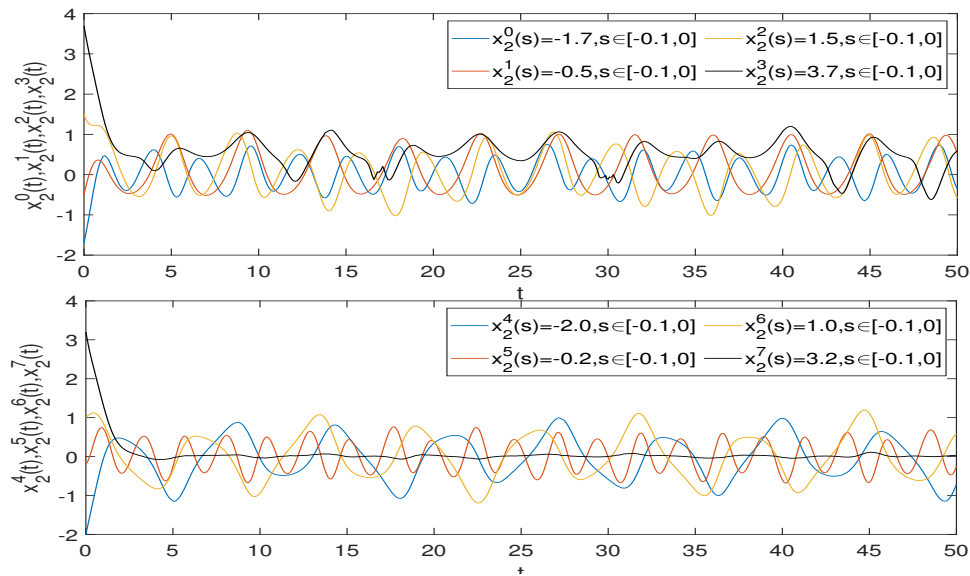
Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}L_j^f &= 0.07, L_j^g \approx 0.134, L_j^r \approx 0.087, M_j^r = 0.04, L_{ij}^\delta \approx 0.064, \bar{a}_1^c \approx 0.154, \bar{a}_2^c \approx 0.197, \check{b}_{11}^1 = 0.07, \\ \check{b}_{11} &\approx 0.076, \check{b}_{12}^1 = 0.05, \check{b}_{12} \approx 0.054, \check{b}_{21}^1 = \check{b}_{21} \approx 0.051, \check{b}_{22}^1 = \check{b}_{22} \approx 0.082, \check{c}_{11}^1 = \check{c}_{11} = 0.1, \\ \check{c}_{12}^1 &= \check{c}_{12} \approx 0.073, \check{c}_{21}^1 = 0.06, \check{c}_{21} \approx 0.063, \check{c}_{22}^1 = \check{c}_{22} \approx 0.071, \check{Q}_{111}^1 = \check{Q}_{112}^1 = \check{Q}_{111} = \check{Q}_{112} \approx \\ &0.081, \check{Q}_{121}^1 = \check{Q}_{122}^1 = 0.07, \check{Q}_{121} = \check{Q}_{122} \approx 0.073, \check{Q}_{211}^1 = \check{Q}_{212}^1 = 0.06, \check{Q}_{211} = \check{Q}_{212} = 0.061, \\ \check{Q}_{211}^1 &= \check{Q}_{222}^1 = \check{Q}_{221} = \check{Q}_{222} \approx 0.092, \check{h}_{11}^1 = 0.06, \check{h}_{11} \approx 0.063, \check{h}_{12}^1 = \check{h}_{12} \approx 0.041, \check{h}_{21}^1 = \check{h}_{21} \approx \\ &0.081, \check{h}_{22}^1 = \check{h}_{22} \approx 0.054, \underline{a}_1^\phi = \underline{a}_2^\phi = 1, R \approx 0.196, R' \approx 0.196, \Upsilon \approx 0.680.\end{aligned}$$

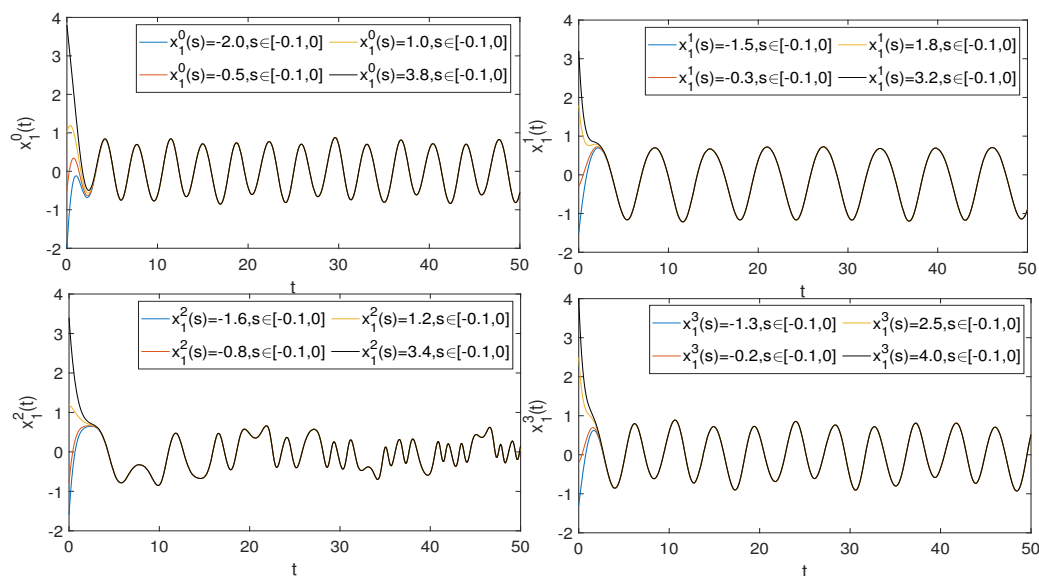
So,  $(A_1) - (A_5)$  are satisfied. Hence, we see that system (2.1) has a unique pseudo almost automorphic solution in finite-dimensional distribution that is globally exponentially stable (see Figures 1–6).



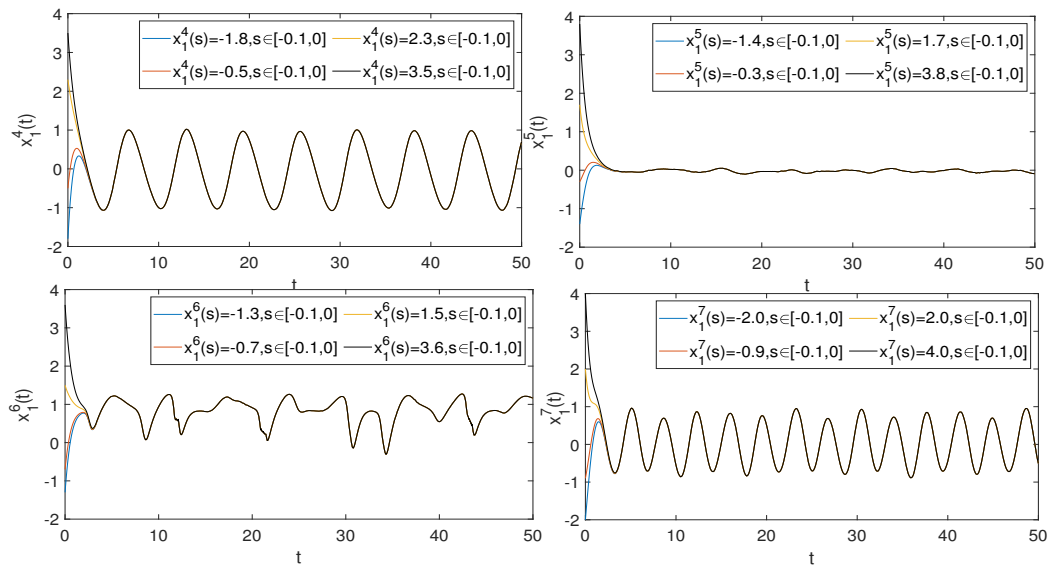
**Figure 1.** The states  $x_1^0(t), x_1^1(t), x_1^2(t), x_1^3(t), x_1^4(t), x_1^5(t), x_1^6(t), x_1^7(t)$  of system (2.1) all exhibit almost automorphic oscillations.



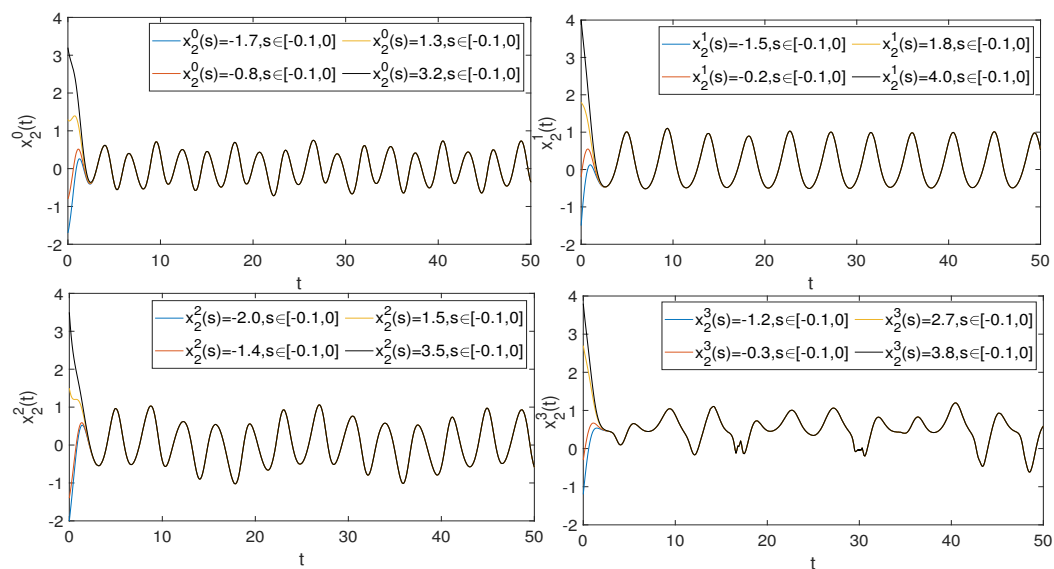
**Figure 2.** The states  $x_2^0(t)$ ,  $x_2^1(t)$ ,  $x_2^2(t)$ ,  $x_2^3(t)$ ,  $x_2^4(t)$ ,  $x_2^5(t)$ ,  $x_2^6(t)$ ,  $x_2^7(t)$  of (2.1) all exhibit almost automorphic oscillations.



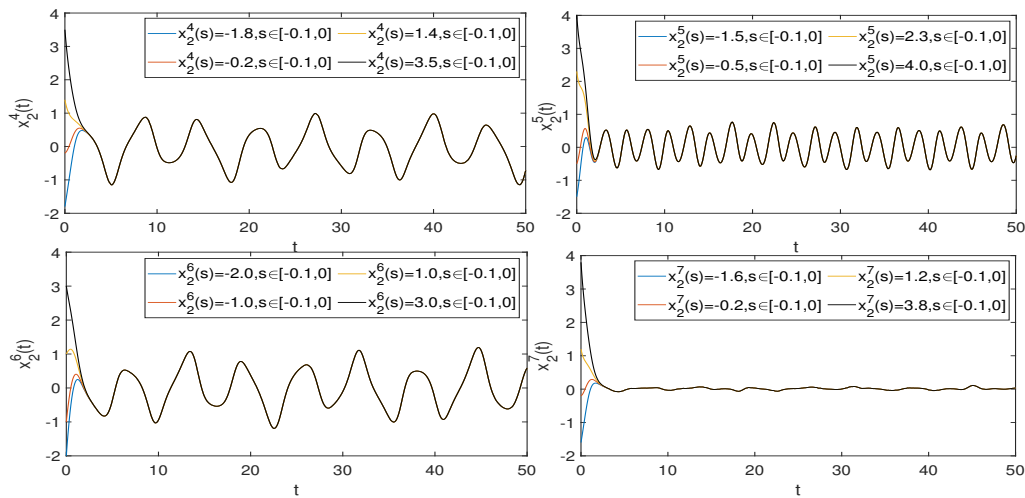
**Figure 3.** Global exponential stability of states  $x_1^0(t)$ ,  $x_1^1(t)$ ,  $x_1^2(t)$ ,  $x_1^3(t)$  of (2.1) with different initial values.



**Figure 4.** Global exponential stability of states  $x_1^4(t)$ ,  $x_1^5(t)$ ,  $x_1^6(t)$ ,  $x_1^7(t)$  of (2.1) with different initial values.



**Figure 5.** Global exponential stability of states  $x_2^0(t)$ ,  $x_2^1(t)$ ,  $x_2^2(t)$ ,  $x_2^3(t)$  of (2.1) with different initial values.



**Figure 6.** Global exponential stability of states  $x_2^4(t)$ ,  $x_2^5(t)$ ,  $x_2^6(t)$ ,  $x_2^7(t)$  of (2.1) with different initial values.

Figures 1 and 2 show that each component of the state variables of system (2.1) exhibits a certain recurrent oscillation phenomenon over time, indicating that system (2.1) has a pseudo almost automorphic solution.

Figures 3–6 show that the same component of the state variables of system (2.1) with different initial values rapidly coincide over time, indicating that the solution of system (2.1) is exponentially stable.

## 5. Conclusions

This paper has investigated the pseudo almost automorphic dynamics for a class of octonion-valued stochastic higher-order Hopfield neural networks with time-varying delays in the finite-dimensional distribution sense. The main work and contributions are summarized as follows.

First, to achieve a higher accuracy in capturing the oscillatory characteristics of stochastic systems, a new definition of pseudo almost automorphic stochastic processes based on finite-dimensional distributions was introduced, which provides a significantly more thorough description than the conventional one-dimensional distribution sense.

Second, by effectively handling the complexities arising from the non-commutative and non-associative nature of octonions, stochastic noise, time delays, and higher-order interactions, five easily verifiable sufficient conditions were derived. These conditions guarantee the existence and global exponential stability of the finite-dimensional distribution pseudo almost automorphic solution for the proposed network model. The results significantly extend the dynamical analysis of into the octonion domain with stochastic perturbations.

Third, the theoretical findings presented in this paper are fundamentally new. Their novelty persists even when the octonion-valued system is reduced to a quaternion-valued, complex-valued, or real-valued system, thereby enriching the dynamical theory for across various number systems.

Finally, the research framework and analytical techniques employed, including the fixed-point theorem and Lyapunov method, are not limited to the specific model studied. They offer a viable and

general approach for exploring pseudo almost automorphic dynamics and other collective behaviors in a broader class of stochastic with high-dimensional algebra or complex topology.

Future work may focus on exploring the practical applications of these theoretical guarantees in areas such as high-dimensional associative memory and secure communication. Additionally, extending the current analysis to include other complex dynamics, such as multistability or synchronization in finite-time/fixed-time, and considering a wider class of generalized noise (e.g., Lévy noise) or impulsive effects, present important and challenging research directions.

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