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### Dynamics and circuit simulation of a fractional-order hyperchaotic system

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Fractional-order derivatives; Hyperchaotic systems; Circuit design; Charef approximation; Fractional-order polynomial. **Abstract.** A hyperchaotic system with fractional terms and fractional-order derivatives is investigated in this paper. Simulations show that different attractors such as equilibrium point, limit cycle, and hyperchaotic attractor can be generated by the system. Circuit of fractional-order integrator is designed and used to implement the circuit of the studied system. The circuit implementation of the studied system proves its feasibility.

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### 1. Introduction

Fractional calculus has been an interesting topic since the 17th century. There are different definitions for fractional-order derivative. Three common methods for calculation of fractional-order derivative are Grunwald-Letnikov, Riemann-Liouville, and Caputo definitions [1–3]. Fractional calculus has many applications in different areas such as physics and chemical engineering [4]. Chaotic dynamics are very complex and several chaotic and hyperchaotic systems have been discovered over the last decades [5]. Chaotic attractors have only one Lyapunov Exponent (LE) where hyperchaotic attractors have more than one positive LE. Thus, they have more complex dynamic systems than chaotic ones. The generation of hyperchaotic attractors of dynamical systems is not well known

for researchers. Fractional-order systems are more complex than integer orders. Therefore, the study of fractional-order hyperchaotic is critical. Fractionalorder systems such as fractional-order Lorenz system [6] and fractional-order system without any equilibrium point [7] have been proposed recently. The time series of a hyperchaotic system is highly dependent on initial conditions. It is implied that a small difference in the initial conditions causes a huge difference in the final states of hyperchaotic systems.

Circuit implementation of chaotic systems is very important since it realizes the feasibility of their dynamics. Implementation of chaotic dynamics has been a hot topic for many years [8–10]. Feasibility of fractional-order systems has been studied in many works [11]. Circuit implementation of a fractionalorder system based on Chen system was investigated in [11]. In [12], a novel jerk chaotic system and its circuit implementation were developed.

The paper suggests a fractional-order system with more complex dynamics than those proposed in recent papers. In this system, fractional-order derivatives and fractional-order polynomial are combined. To enhance the potential application of the investigated system,

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its electronic circuit is then implemented to prove its feasibility.

### 2. Fractional calculus: Basic proprieties

In this paper, the Caputo is the adopted definition for the calculation of fractional-order derivatives. This method is used in engineering applications.

**Definition 1:** The Caputo approach is defined as [13]:

$$D^{q} x(t) = J^{m-q} x^{(m)}(t), \qquad q > 0, \tag{1}$$

where  $D^q$  is the noninteger-order differ-integral operator. q is the fractional-order and m is its integer part. J is the integral operator described as:

$$J^{\beta}x(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^\infty (t-\sigma)^{\beta-1} y(\sigma) d\sigma.$$
(2)

 $\Gamma(\beta)$  is the Gamma function [13].

The stability analysis of fractional-order systems is more complex than the integer orders which need particular definitions, as introduced below.

**Definition 2:** Let us consider the following fractional-order model [14]:

$$\frac{d^q x(t)}{dt^q} = f(x(t)), \tag{3}$$

where 0 < q < 1 and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . As shown in [15], the equilibrium points of f(x(t)) are locally asymptotically stable if all eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  of the Jacobian matrix  $J = \partial f(x(t))/\partial x(t)$  evaluated at the equilibrium points satisfy  $|arg(\lambda_i)| > q\frac{\pi}{2}$ .

### 3. A fractional-order hyperchaotic system

A hyperchaotic system with both fractional-order derivatives and terms is investigated. The designed system is based on the recently proposed system introduced in [16]. By modifying the derivative operator, the designed system is as follows:

$$\begin{cases} D^{q} x = y \\ D^{q} y = z \\ D^{q} z = -az - by + G(x) \\ D^{q} w = ky - hw + G(x) \end{cases}$$

$$\tag{4}$$

where 0 < q < 1. G(x) is a nonlinear function defined as:

$$G(x) = \begin{cases} (-c-d)x^2 - m(-x)^{r-1}, & \text{if } x < 0\\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0\\ (-c+d)x^2 + m(x)^{r-1}, & \text{if } x > 0. \end{cases}$$
(5)

(a, b, c, d, k, h, m, r) are the system parameters. r is a fractional number in the interval 1 < r < 2. Parameters (a, b, c, d, k, h, m, r) are set to (0.93, 1.11, -0.11, -0.21, 0.001, 14, 6.26, 1.3). By varying the parameter q, System (4) exhibits different attractors as in the following:

- (i) If  $q \leq 0.96$ , regular attractors are obtained;
- (ii) If  $q \in [0.96 \cdots 1]$ , strange attractors are obtained.

Phase portraits of different attractors are shown in Figure 1. If q = 1, System (4) will be equivalent to the hyperchaotic system presented in [16]. When



Figure 1. Regular and strange attractors of System (4): (a) q = 0.88, (b) q = 0.96, (c) q = 0.97, and (d) q = 0.99.



Figure 2. Projections of the attractor, related to the hyperchaotic System (4) when q = 0.97 in (a) xyz, (b) wyz, and (c) wxz space.

q = 0.98, a strange attractor is observed, as shown in Figure 2. This attractor is asymmetric and is characterized by two scrolls with different sizes.

Sensitivity to initial conditions is still valid for fractional-order hyperchaotic systems. Figure 3 represents the time evolution of state variables x, y, z, and w with two initial conditions (1, 1, 1, 1) and  $(1 + 10^{-6},$ 1, 1, 1). Figure 4 shows the errors between the two time series of each state variable. We have deduced that the two trajectories of System (4) for each variable are initially identical, but they completely differ after a certain time. It is clear that System (4) is sensitive to initial conditions.

System (4) exhibits four LEs such as  $LE_1 = 0.210$ ,  $LE_2 = 0.026$ ,  $LE_3 = 0$ , and  $LE_4 = -1.199$ . These LEs are estimated using the MATLAB code for LEs of fractional-order systems described in [17]. Since the LE spectrum has two positive LEs, System (4) is hyperchaotic.  $LE_1$  is the largest positive one and this exponent increases the expansion degree of the fractional-order attractor in the phase space.

The equilibrium points of System (4) are the roots of these equations:

$$y = z = w = 0,$$
  $G(x) = 0.$  (6)

Based on [16], the following results are obtained:

- (i) If x = 0, then  $H_1 = (0, 0, 0, 0)$  is an equilibrium point of System (4);
- (ii) If x > 0, then  $H_2 = (((c-d)/m)^{1/\alpha}, 0, 0, 0)$  is an equilibrium point of System (4) when  $\alpha = r 3$ ;
- (iii) If x < 0, then  $H_3 = ((-(-c-d)/m)^{1/\alpha}, 0, 0, 0)$  is an equilibrium point of System (4) when  $\alpha = r-3$ .

As a result, the hyperchaotic system admits three asymmetric equilibrium points. By considering the mentioned parameters, three algebraic points are obtained as  $H_1 = (0, 0, 0, 0), H_2 = (11.73, 0, 0, 0),$ and  $H_3 = (-5.87, 0, 0, 0)$ . To analyze the stability of each equilibrium point, Jacobian matrix should be computed. Table 1 summarizes eigenvalues of each equilibrium point of System (4). An argument is determined for each eigenvalue, noted  $arg(\lambda_i)$ .

Based on Definition 2, System (4) can exhibit a strange attractor only when it has at least one unstable equilibrium point. More precisely, at least one of its equilibrium points must satisfy the following condition:

$$q < \frac{2}{\pi} |arg(\lambda_i)|, \qquad q < \frac{2}{\pi} arctan\left(\frac{|Im(\lambda_i)|}{|Re(\lambda_i)|}\right), \quad (7)$$

where  $i = (1, \dots, 4)$ .  $Im(\lambda_i)$  and  $Re(\lambda_i)$  denote the imaginary and real parts of the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$ , respectively. To illustrate Condition (7), Figure 5 presents the stable and unstable regions of System (4) in q = 0.97.

Referring to Table 1, it is easy to say that for the first equilibrium point  $H_1$ ,  $\lambda_1$  belongs to the stable region while  $\lambda_2$ ,  $\lambda_3$ , and  $\lambda_4$  belong to the unstable region. However, for the equilibrium points  $H_2$  and  $H_3$ ,  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  belong to the unstable region, while  $\lambda_3$ and  $\lambda_4$  belong to the stable region.

#### 4. The fractional-order integrator

4.1. Approximation of the fractional derivative Based on the Caputo definition and assuming that the initial conditions are null, the Laplace transform



Figure 3. Time series of System (4) with initial conditions (1, 1, 1, 1) (blue) and  $(1 + 10^6, 1, 1, 1)$  (red): (a) x, (b) y, (c) z, and (d) w.



Figure 4. Error between the trajectories with the initial conditions (1, 1, 1, 1) and  $(1 + 10^{-6}, 1, 1, 1)$ : (a) x, (b) y, (c) z, and (d) w.

Equilibrium points	Eigenvalues	$arg(\lambda_i)$
$H_1$	$\lambda_1 = 0$	$arg(\lambda_1) = 0$
	$\lambda_2 = -0.001$	$arg(\lambda_2) = \pi$
	$\lambda_3 = -0.465 + 0.945i$	$arg(\lambda_3) = 2.027$
	$\lambda_4 = -0.465 - 0.945i$	$arg(\lambda_4) = -2.027$
$H_2$		
	$\lambda_1 = -0.001$	$arg(\lambda_1) = \pi$
	$\lambda_2 = -1.738$	$arg(\lambda_2) = \pi$
	$\lambda_3 = -0.404 + 1.533i$	$arg(\lambda_3) = 1.313$
	$\lambda_4 = -0.404 - 1.533i$	$arg(\lambda_4) = -1.313$
	$\Delta_1 = 2dx - 2cx + (r - 1)cx $	$1)mx^{r-2}$
	$\lambda_1 = -0.001$	$arg(\lambda_1) = \pi$
H	$\lambda_2 = -1.193$	$arg(\lambda_2) = \pi$
11 3	$\lambda_3 = -0.131 + 1.186i$	$arg(\lambda_3) = 1.460$
	$\lambda_4 = -0.131 - 1.186i$	$arg(\lambda_4) = -1.460$
	$\Delta_2 = -2dx - 2cx - (r + 1)$	$(-1)mx^{r-2}$

Table 1. Stability analysis of the hyperchaotic System (4).



Figure 5. Stable and unstable regions of System (4) in q = 0.97.

of the fractional derivative is defined by the following equation [13]:

$$\mathscr{L}\{D^q x(t)\} = S^q \mathscr{L}\{x(t)\}.$$
(8)

Thus, the fractional-order integration q is represented by the transfer function  $F(s) = \frac{1}{s^q}$  in the fractional domain, where s is the Laplace operator. To reduce the calculation's complexity, F(s) is approximated by an integer-order transfer function. There are many methods based on the concept of Fractional Power Poles (FPP). They are called the approximation method with n zeros and n poles or n zeros and n-1 poles. The most famous one is the approximation of Charef et al. [18]. The Charef approximation allows a linear approximation in the frequency domain. Specifically, the approximation of the fractional-order integrator  $\left(\frac{1}{s^{q}}\right)$  depends on the desired bandwidth and the amplitude error between the Bode diagrams before and after approximation.

**Theorem 1** [18]. The Charef approximation is defined as follows:

$$\frac{1}{s^q} \simeq \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{p_T}\right)^q} \simeq \frac{\prod_{i=0}^{N-1} \left(1 + \frac{s}{Z_i}\right)}{\prod_{i=0}^{N} \left(1 + \frac{s}{P_i}\right)},\tag{9}$$

where N is the approximation order and q is the fractional-order of F(s).  $P_i$  and  $Z_i$  are the poles and zeros of the Charef approximation.  $\frac{1}{p_T}$  is the relaxation time constant. According to this method,  $P_i$  and  $Z_i$  are defined as follows:

$$P_{0} = P_{\alpha}\sqrt{b}, \qquad P_{i} = P_{0}(ab)^{i}, \qquad i = 1, \cdots, N,$$
$$Z_{i} = P_{0}a(ab)^{i}, \qquad i = 0, \cdots, N-1, \qquad (10)$$

where  $P_{\alpha}$  is the selected limited frequency. *a* is the location rate of one zero relative to its previous pole and *b* is the location rate of one pole relative to its previous zero. These two rates are calculated as follows:

$$a = 10^{\left(\frac{Y}{10(1-q)}\right)}, \qquad b = 10^{\left(\frac{Y}{10q}\right)},$$

where Y is the approximation error expressed in dB.

The approximation order N is calculated by the following definition:

$$N = integer\left(\frac{log\left(\frac{w_{\max}}{P_0}\right)}{log(ab)}\right) + 1,$$
(11)

where  $w_{\max}$  is the corresponding pulse to the maximum error.

Points	Amplitude dB	Amplitude dB	
	(transfer function before approximation)	(transfer function after approximation)	
$H_1$	-0.4	-2.71	
$H_2$	-58.5	-59.1	
$H_3$	-116	-116	

**Table 2.** Coordinate points of  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$ , and  $L_3$  for the two fractional-order transfer functions.

In the literature, several fractional-order integrators have been approximated by the Charef method. There is a summary table of these orders ranging from 0.1 to 0.9 with a step 0.1 and an approximation error 1 dB. This table was presented in the reference [19]. System (4) exhibits a strange attractor where  $q \in$  $[0.96 \cdots 1]$ . Thus, the function  $\frac{1}{s^{0.97}}$  corresponding to the fractional derivative  $D^{0.97}$  should be approximated. Based on new works in the literature, we did not find the corresponding approximation to q = 0.97. To apply the Charef method, the parameters ( $P_{\alpha}, w_{\max}, Y$ ) are fixed to ( $10^{-3}, 1000, 1$  dB).  $P_{\alpha}$  and  $w_{\max}$  are the limit frequencies of the approximation. Using the MATLAB software, the obtained results are:

N = 2, a = 2154.4346, b = 1.2679,

 $P_0 = 0.0011, \qquad P_1 = 3.0759, \qquad P_2 = 8402.3085,$ 

 $Z_0 = 2.4259, \qquad Z_1 = 6626.8301.$  (12)

It is an approximation of order 2 (two zeros and three poles). The obtained transfer function is described as follows:

$$\frac{1}{s^{0.97}} = \frac{\left(1 + \frac{s}{Z_0}\right)\left(1 + \frac{s}{Z_1}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{P_0}\right)\left(1 + \frac{s}{P_1}\right)\left(1 + \frac{s}{P_2}\right)}$$
$$= \frac{P_0 P_1 P_2}{Z_0 Z_1} \frac{(s + Z_0)(s + Z_1)}{(s + P_0)(s + P_1)(s + P_2)}$$
$$= \frac{0.018s^2 + 12s + 29.1}{s^3 + 8405.4s^2 + 25854s + 28.4291}.$$
(13)

In order to verify the accuracy of the obtained results, the Bode magnitude diagram for the 0.97 fractional integrator and its approximated transfer function is realized using the FOMCOM toolbox and the predefined functions under MATLAB software. The obtained results are shown in Figure 6. The two obtained Bode diagrams are similar. Since the two simulations are conducted with different methods (FOMCOM toolbox and MATLAB algorithm), it is difficult to group them on the same graph. To remedy this problem, we identified the coordinates of three specific points on the two trajectories. These points are  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$ , and  $L_3$  corresponding to the frequencies  $10^{-3}$ , 1, and



Figure 6. Magnitude bode diagram of fractional-order transfer function before and after approximation with q = 0.97.

 $10^{-3}~({\rm rad/s}),$  respectively. Table 2 summarizes these coordinates.

Figure 6 and Table 2 prove that the Charef method gives very good approximation results with a margin of error 1 dB in the frequency range  $[P_{\alpha}, w_{\text{max}}] = [10^{-3}, 10^3].$ 

# 4.2. Circuit design of the fractional-order integrator

To realize the fractional-order approximation of (N+1)poles and N zeros, several circuits are used. Figure 7 represents one of the widely used circuit to design the approximate transfer function  $\frac{1}{s^q}$  based on Charef approximation [20]. n is equal to the number of poles.

In our case, the number of poles is N + 1 = 3. The designed circuit contains three resistors and three capacitors. Its corresponding transfer function H(s)



Figure 7. Circuit of the approximate function  $\frac{1}{s^m}$  based on Charef approximation.



**Figure 8.** Circuit design of H(s) in q = 0.97.

when q = 0.97 is defined as follows:

$$H(s) = \frac{R_1}{\frac{1}{sC_1}} \frac{1}{R_2} \frac{1}{R_2} \frac{1}{R_2} \frac{1}{R_2} \frac{1}{R_3} \frac{1}{R_3}}{\frac{1}{R_1} \frac{1}{R_2} \frac{1}{R_2} \frac{1}{R_2} \frac{1}{R_2} \frac{1}{R_2} \frac{1}{R_3} \frac{1}{R_$$

with:

$$\begin{split} \alpha &= \frac{(R_1C_1 + R_2C_2 + R_1C_2)R_3C_3 + R_1R_2C_2(C_1 + C_3)}{R_3R_2R_1C_1C_2C_3}\\ \beta &= \frac{R_1C_1 + R_2C_2 + R_1C_2 + R_1C_3 + R_3C_3}{R_3R_2R_1C_1C_2C_3},\\ \gamma &= \frac{1}{R_3R_2R_1C_1C_2C_3}. \end{split}$$

Using Eqs. (13) and (14), the numerical values are obtained:

$R_1 = 10.29 \text{ k}\Omega,$	$R_2 = 293.70 \text{ k}\Omega,$
$R_3 = 9.6 \text{ k}\Omega,$	$C_1 = 0.5524 \text{ nF},$

 $C_2 = 0.1396 \text{ nF}, \qquad C_3 = 0.1 \text{ nF}.$ 

Figure 8 describes the circuit of the fractional-order integrator 0.97 with Multisim software.

### 5. Circuit design

### 5.1. Reduced system

To implement the non-integer order terms in System (4), we have designed a specific case study when the system parameter r is fixed to 1.5. Thus, the studied system is defined by the following differential equations:

$$\begin{cases} D^{q} x = y \\ D^{q} y = z \\ D^{q} z = -az - by - cx^{2} + d|x|x + m\sqrt{|x|}sgn(x) \\ D^{q} w = ky - hw - cx^{2} + d|x|x + m\sqrt{|x|}sgn(x) \end{cases}$$
(15)

where the parameters (a, b, c, d, m, h, k, q) are equal to (1, 1, -0.11, -0.21, 5, 0.01, 1.4, 0.97). The strange attractors are presented in Figure 9. Based on Figure 9, the maximum and minimum values of the signals



Figure 9. Three projections of the attractor of System (15) in (a) wx, (b) zx, and (c) zy planes.

w and x are in the interval [-50, 50] and [-15, 25], respectively. 50 V and 25 V are not supported by the used common components. Thus, the tension should be less than 15 V to eliminate saturation problems. A linear transformation for the fractional-order System (15) is recommended to decrease amplitudes of the state variables. Let consider x = 2.5u, y = 2.5v, z = 2.5g, and w = 2.5f. The adjusted system is described as follows:

$$\begin{cases} D^{q} x = y, \\ D^{q} y = z, \\ D^{q} z = az - by - 2.5cx^{2} + 2.5d|x|x \\ + \frac{m}{\sqrt{2.5}}\sqrt{|x|}sgn(x) \\ D^{q} w = ky - hw - 2.5cx^{2} + 2.5d|x|x \\ + \frac{m}{\sqrt{2.5}}\sqrt{|x|}sgn(x) \end{cases}$$
(16)

The state variables x and w of System (16) are now included in the interval [-15, 15]. Moreover, the fractional-order hyperchaotic Systems (15) and (16) have the same dynamics since the linear transformation does not change the physical properties of nonlinear systems.

## 5.2. Circuit design of the fractional-order system

Based on the previous work in [16], the electric circuit

relative to System (16) with q = 1 is described by the following equations:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = \frac{1}{R_{1}^{\prime}C_{1}^{\prime}}y, \\ \dot{y} = \frac{1}{R_{2}^{\prime}C_{2}^{\prime}}z, \\ \dot{z} = -\frac{1}{R_{3}^{\prime}C_{3}^{\prime}}z - \frac{1}{R_{4}^{\prime}C_{3}^{\prime}}y + \frac{1}{R_{5}^{\prime}C_{3}^{\prime}}x^{2} \\ -\frac{1}{R_{6}^{\prime}C_{3}^{\prime}}|x|x + \frac{1}{R_{7}^{\prime}C_{3}^{\prime}}\sqrt{|x|}sgn(x) \\ \dot{w} = -\frac{1}{R_{8}^{\prime}C_{4}^{\prime}}y - \frac{1}{R_{9}^{\prime}C_{4}^{\prime}}w + \frac{1}{R_{5}^{\prime}C_{4}^{\prime}}x^{2} \\ -\frac{1}{R_{6}^{\prime}C_{4}^{\prime}}|x|x + \frac{1}{R_{7}^{\prime}C_{4}^{\prime}}\sqrt{|x|}sgn(x) \end{cases}$$
(17)

where the resistor and capacitor values are:

$$\begin{split} C_1' = C_2' = C_3' = C_4' = 1 \text{ nF}, & R_1' = R_2' = 100 \text{ k}\Omega, \\ R_3' = 70 \text{ k}\Omega, & R_4' = 35 \text{ k}\Omega, \\ R_5' = 100 \text{ k}\Omega, & R_6' = 35 \text{ k}\Omega, \\ R_7' = 4.5 \text{ k}\Omega, & R_8' = 40 \text{ k}\Omega, \\ R_9' = 10 \text{ k}\Omega. \end{split}$$

On the other hand, based on Eq. (8), the Laplace transformation of System (16) in q = 0.97 is given as:

$$\begin{cases} \mathscr{L}\{x(t)\} = \frac{1}{s^{0.97}} \mathscr{L}\{y(t)\},\\ \mathscr{L}\{y(t)\} = \frac{1}{s^{0.97}} \mathscr{L}\{z(t)\},\\ \mathscr{L}\{z(t)\} = \frac{1}{s^{0.97}} \mathscr{L}\{az - by - 2.5cx^2 + 2.5d|x|x + \frac{m}{\sqrt{2.5}}\sqrt{|x|}sgn(x)\},\\ \mathscr{L}\{w(t)\} = \frac{1}{s^{0.97}} \mathscr{L}\{ky - hw - 2.5cx^2 + 2.5d|x|x + \frac{m}{\sqrt{2.5}}\sqrt{|x|}sgn(x)\}. \end{cases}$$

Thus, based on Eq. (17), the integrator q = 1 will be replaced by the integrator of fractional-order 0.97. The product operation is realized with AD633 Multiplier. The root square function is realized by two operational amplifier LM741 and 7 resistors as described in [16]. Figure 10 describes the obtained circuit of System (16) designed by Multisim. For the oscillator circuit, all active devices (UA741 and AD633) are powered by 15 V. Several design considerations were taken into account to prevent degrading of the hyperchaotic behavior such as the adjustment of the electrical components relating to the fractional-order integrator. This is also related to the availability and standardization of electrical components in the market. After several tests, we opted for the following values for the fractional-order integrator:

$$R_1 = 180 \text{ k}\Omega,$$
  $R_2 = 300 \text{ k}\Omega,$   $R_3 = 10 \text{ k}\Omega,$   
 $C_1 = 0.5 \text{ nF},$   $C_2 = 0.2 \text{ nF},$   $C_3 = 0.1 \text{ nF}.$ 

Figure 11 represents the attractors of the designed circuit with Multisim software. The oscilloscope traces have the same forms as the attractors represented in Figure 9 (dark blue). It reflects the steady state. However, there is a minimal difference between the two



Figure 10. Design of the electrical circuit relative to System (16).



Figure 11. Strange attractors of the fractional-order System (16).

attractors, which does not affect their structure but rather act on the rate of expansion and contraction over time.

### 6. Conclusion

In this paper, a hyperchaotic system with fractional terms and fractional-order derivatives was studied. The system featured different attractors such as equilibrium point, limit cycle, and hyperchaotic attractor. This study approximated the fractional derivative and designed the circuit of fractional-order integrator. Then, the circuit of our studied system was designed, which could show the same dynamics as the theoretical system. Declaration of interest: The authors declare that there is no conflict of interests regarding the publication of this paper.

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