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# DEPENDENCE OF HIDDEN ATTRACTORS ON NON-LINEARITY AND HAMILTON ENERGY IN A CLASS OF CHAOTIC SYSTEM

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Non-linearity is essential for occurrence of chaos in dynamical system. The size of phase space and formation of attractors are much dependent on the setting of nonlinear function and parameters. In this paper, a three-variable dynamical system is controlled by different nonlinear function thus a class of chaotic system is presented, the Hamilton function is calculated to find the statistical dynamical property of the improved dynamical systems composed of hidden attractors. The standard dynamical analysis is confirmed in numerical studies, and the dependence of attractors and Hamilton energy on non-linearity selection is discussed. It is found that lower average Hamilton energy can be detected when intensity of nonlinear function is enhanced. It indicates that non-linearity can decrease the energy cost triggering for dynamical behaviors.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In the end of 19th century, Poincaré discovered the emergence of intrinsic stochastic properties in the deterministic systems by handling three-body problems [6]. In 1963, Lorenz presented the first realistic example for chaotic solution approached from a dissipative system described by deterministic dynamical equations during the predicting of weather change. It is confirmed that weather forecast with long period becomes difficult because the results are much dependent on the initial setting, and this phenomenon is called as butterfly effect [35]. As a result, sensitivity to initial setting is thought as one distinct property of chaotic systems [35, 43]. Furthermore, transition from periodical behavior to chaos and more statistical analysis on chaotic system become more attractive [8, 9, 13, 52]. Indeed, the application of chaos is often appreciated when its dynamical properties and behaviors are known for circuit implement. For example, signal oscillator [1, 23] can be designed by using chaotic circuits [39, 48, 51, 53, 62, 66], chaotic neural network is used to process and estimate signals [2, 3, 54], secure communication and image encryption [11, 25, 30, 32, 61, 65, 68] can be realized by using kinds of chaotic systems.

Inspired by the exact description on chaos, which period three implies chaos, the chaos emergence and ways to chaos occurrence are discussed [34]. For example, the ecologist May R M [46] found the occurrence of chaos via bifurcation in Logistic map. Feigenbaum [12] found two generic constants from period doubling bifurcation to chaos [22, 31]. Shaw et al. [55] investigated the droplet from dripping faucet and chaotic attractors were confirmed from the sampled time series. Within the topics associated with chaos and hyperchaos, many new chaotic systems are designed and improved to generate specific chaotic attractors [5, 19, 21, 26]. Furthermore, many schemes are proposed for realizing chaos control and synchronization [40, 45, 42, 60, 41]. The formation and profile of attractors tell more information about dynamical systems. Leonov and Kuznetsov proposed the concept about hidden attractors [27, 28, 29], which a basin of attraction that does not intersect with small neighborhoods of any equilibrium points. Dudkowski et al. [10] discussed the dynamical behaviors in a class of nonlinear systems composed of hidden attractors. In fact, the dynamics of attractors could be dependent on the shape of equilibrium points, for example, Wang et al. [59] discussed the attractors in system composed arbitrary number of equilibrium points, while Sprott et al. [20, 47] investigated the dynamical system that equilibrium points are located on line shape. Most of the well-known dynamical systems can generate finite number of attractors, and some dynamical systems can be controlled to generate infinite number of attractors by generating infinite equilibrium points, which can be realized by using nonlinear function such as step function, Jerk function. As a result, multi-scroll attractors [17, 38, 67] can be induced in the dynamical systems. More interesting, hidden attractors have been paid much attention and the dynamics transition is investigated by modulating the constraint formula on equilibrium points [14, 15, 16, 17, 50, 58, 69]. In fact, the dynamics of system is much dependent on the parameter region and nonlinear interaction function as well. Indeed, standard analysis [64, 70] such bifurcation calculation and Lyapunov exponent approach are available for detecting emergence of chaos.

In this paper, the nonlinear terms in a three-variable dynamical system composed of hidden attractors are modulated by different types, and the Hamilton energy, phase portrait and sampled time series are analyzed to understand the transition of hidden attractors and energy dependence on non-linearity selection.

## 2. MODEL AND SCHEME

In Ref. [49], a chaotic system with different shapes of equilibria is presented to discuss the dynamics of hidden attractor. For example, the nonlinear function is selected carefully so that the system can exhibit chaotic attractor with circular equilibrium, ellipse equilibrium, square-shaped equilibrium, and/or rectangle-shaped equilibrium. As mentioned in Ref. [33], multi-scroll attractors can be triggered in the chaotic system coupled by Jerk function, which can generate a lot of equilibrium points in the chaotic system. A generic dynamical system composed of hidden attractors can be described by

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = az + f \\ \dot{y} = bxz + cz^3 \\ \dot{z} = x^2 + y^2 - r^2 + dxz, \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

where  $x, y, z$  are output variables, the parameters are often fixed at  $a = -0.1, b = 1, c = -1.2, r = 1.1, f$  describes the type of nonlinear function. It is confirmed that the equilibrium points are located in annulus defined by  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ . The position of equilibrium points are modulated when each kind of nonlinear functions  $f$  is applied, respectively. For simplicity, four kinds of nonlinear function are considered for following discussion.

$$f_1 = A \sin(\omega y + \varphi); \quad f_4 = k(\alpha + 3\beta y^2)x;$$

$$f_2 = \begin{cases} A & \omega y + \varphi > 0 \\ 0 & \omega y + \varphi = 0 \\ -A & \omega y + \varphi < 0 \end{cases}; \quad f_3 = \begin{cases} A(\omega y + \varphi) & \omega y + \varphi > 0 \\ 0 & \omega y + \varphi = 0 \\ -A(\omega y + \varphi) & \omega y + \varphi < 0 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where nonlinear function  $f_1$  encodes the sampled time series and can input quasi-periodical signals,  $f_2$  is a discontinuous sign function and the switch depends on the outputs,  $f_3$  inputs positive modulation,  $\varphi$  is initial phase value.  $f_4$  is memristor-based function [4, 7, 18, 36, 57] with memory effect dependent on the variable  $y$ . As mentioned in Ref. [36], the memory effect based on memristor could be available for selection of multiple modes in electrical activities of neuron. At first, the equilibrium points are estimated when the amplitude of nonlinear function  $f_1$  is set as  $A \neq 0$ , it is approached as follows

$$\begin{cases} A \sin(\omega y + \varphi) = 0 \rightarrow y = \frac{n\pi - \varphi}{\omega} \\ z(bx + cz^2) = 0 \rightarrow x \in R \\ x^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi - \varphi}{\omega}\right)^2 = r^2 \\ z = 0. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

As a result, the equilibrium points can be estimated by

$$\begin{cases} x = \pm r \\ y = 0, n\pi - \varphi = 0; \\ z = 0 \end{cases}; \quad \begin{cases} y \neq 0, n\pi - \varphi \neq 0 \\ x^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi - \varphi}{\omega}\right)^2 = r^2. \\ z = 0 \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

While the equilibrium points under  $z \neq 0$  are controlled to be free in a large region, it is approached as follows

$$\begin{cases} A \sin(\omega y + \varphi) = -az \rightarrow y = \frac{1}{\omega} \sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{az}{A}\right) - \frac{\varphi}{\omega} \\ z(bx + cz^2) = 0 \rightarrow x = -\frac{c}{b}z^2 \\ c^2z^4 + b^2\left[\frac{1}{\omega} \sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{az}{A}\right) - \frac{\varphi}{\omega}\right]^2 - b^2r^2 - bcdz^3 = 0. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

When  $f_4$  is applied for stability analysis, the equilibrium points will be controlled by  $y = r, -r$  at  $x = 0, z = 0$  while it will be dependent on the variable  $x, z$  as  $x^2 + dxz = r^2$  at  $y = 0$ ; otherwise, it can be dependent on all the variables. As is well known, continuous power supply is helpful to keep the oscillating behavior in the dynamical

system. The standard Hamilton energy [33, 42, 56, 63] in dimensionless dynamical system can be approached by using Helmholtz theorem [24], which the dynamical system can be mapped into two vector field named as gradient vector  $f_d$  and rotational field  $f_c$  as follows

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \end{pmatrix} = (J(x, y, z) + R(x, y, z))\nabla H = f_c(x, y, z) + f_d(x, y, z). \tag{6}$$

When the nonlinear function is described by  $f_1, f_2, f_3$ , the vector field is defined by

$$\begin{cases} f_c = (x, y, z) = J(x, y, z)\nabla H = \begin{pmatrix} az + f_{1,2,3} + \frac{ac}{br^2}xz^3 \\ bxz + cz^3 - \frac{c}{r^2}y^2z^3 + \frac{b}{a}xf_{1,2,3} \\ x^2 + y^2 - r^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ f_d = (x, y, z) = R(x, y, z)\nabla H = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{ac}{br^2}xz^3 \\ \frac{c}{r^2}y^2z^3 - \frac{b}{a}xf_{1,2,3} \\ dxz \end{pmatrix}. \end{cases} \tag{7}$$

Where the subscript 1, 2, 3 defines different nonlinear functions, and the vector field should meet the criterion [24, 63] as follows

$$\begin{cases} \nabla H^T f_c(x, y, z) = 0 \\ \nabla H^T f_d(x, y, z) = dH/dt = \dot{H}. \end{cases} \tag{8}$$

As a result, the Hamilton function is approached by

$$H = H_{1,2,3} = -\frac{b}{2a}x^2 + y + \frac{c}{4r^2}z^4. \tag{9}$$

That is, the Hamilton energy holds the same formula when nonlinear terms are controlled by the functions  $f_1, f_2, f_3$ . Furthermore, the derivative of Hamilton energy function with respect to time is verified by

$$dH/dt = \dot{H} = \dot{H}_{1,2,3} = -\frac{b}{a}xf_{1,2,3} + \frac{c}{r^2}x^2z^3 + \frac{c}{r^2}y^2z^3 + \frac{c}{r^2}dxz^4. \tag{10}$$

It is found that the Hamilton energy function with respect to time is dependent on the setting for non-linearity completely. In the case for setting function  $f_4$  with multiplication between different variables, the vector is calculated by

$$\begin{cases} f_c = (x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} az + \frac{ac}{br^2}xz^3 \\ bxz + cz^3 - \frac{c}{r^2}y^2z^3 \\ x^2 + y^2 - r^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ f_d = (x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} f_4 - \frac{ac}{br^2}xz^3 \\ \frac{c}{r^2}y^2z^3 \\ dxz \end{pmatrix}. \end{cases} \tag{11}$$

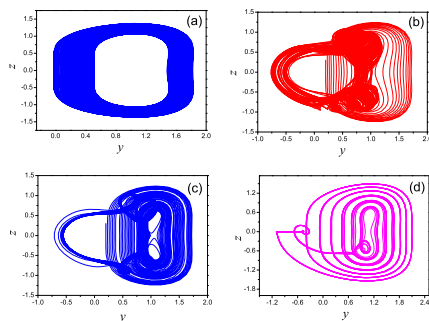
According to the criterion shown in Eq.(8), the Hamilton function can be calculated as follows

$$\begin{cases} H = H_4 = -\frac{b}{2a}x^2 + y + \frac{c}{4r^2}z^4 \\ dH/dt = \dot{H}_4 = -\frac{b}{a}xf_4 + \frac{c}{r^2}x^2z^3 + \frac{c}{r^2}y^2z^3 + \frac{c}{r^2}dxxz^4. \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

That is, the Hamilton energy function is dependent on the variables, parameter setting and nonlinear terms as well. As a result, restriction of variable and phase compression can modulate the Hamilton energy, and then the attractors can be controlled in effective way.

### 3. NUMERICAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

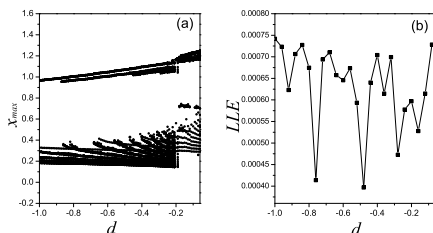
The fourth order Runge–Kutta algorithm is used to find solutions from the dynamical system with time step  $h=0.01$ , and ODE45 is carried out on Matlab tool. The initial values are selected as  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (0.1, 0.2, 0.3)$ , parameters are selected as  $a = -0.1$ ,  $b = 1$ ,  $c = -1.2$ ,  $r = 1.1$ . In fact, the improved system (1) driven by  $f_1 = A \sin(\omega y + \varphi)$  is similar to the dynamical system mapped from the Jerk circuit that the outputs are encoded by quasi-periodical function and then the dynamical system can be controlled completely. It is important to detect the emergence of chaos in this dynamical system when different nonlinear functions are applied. There is a lot of different exact definitions of the chaos phenomenon like the definition in the Smale's sense, Devaney's sense, Li-Yorke's sense, ergodic definition. In this paper, we use the Li–Yorke's definition to observe the occurrence of chaos by calculating the Lyapunov exponent spectrum reported by Wolf in Ref. [64]. In Figure 1, the phase portrait is calculated to observe the dependence of attractors on bifurcation parameters setting.



**Fig. 1.** Different attractors are plotted by setting different parameters  $d$ ,  $A$ . For (a)  $d = 0.005$ ,  $A = 0$ ; (b)  $d = -0.06$ ,  $A = 0.01$ ; (c)  $d = -0.06$ ,  $A = 0$ ; (d)  $d = -0.6$ ,  $A = 0.01$ ; and  $\omega = \pi/4$ ,  $\varphi = 0.0$ .

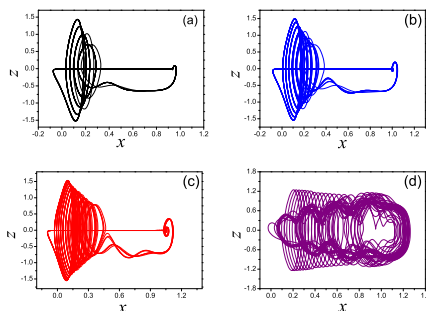
It is found that chaotic attractors can be tamed to trigger multi-scroll attractors, and chaos can be suppressed under applying appropriate parameter setting. Furthermore,

the bifurcation analysis and largest Lyapunov exponent [64] spectrum are calculated to detect the occurrence of chaos for parameter region, the results are plotted in Figure 2.



**Fig. 2.** Bifurcation diagram and largest Lyapunov exponents are calculated by changing the bifurcation parameter  $d$ , the other parameters are fixed at  $A = 0.01, \omega = \pi/4, \varphi = 0$ .  $x_{\max}$  represents the maximal value in the sampled time series for variable  $x$ , and it is detected as  $x(t - 1) < x_{\max}(t) < x(t + 1)$ .

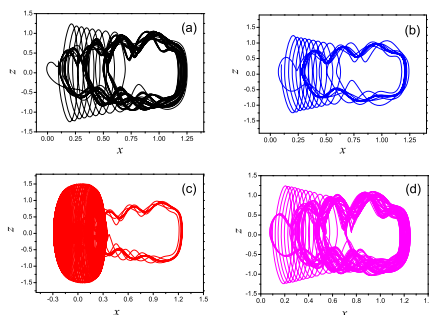
That is, the largest Lyapunov exponent is much close to zero with increasing the parameter  $d$ , and the bifurcation analysis for maximal variable confirms that the first variable can show multiple peaks to induce multi-periodical mode in the sampled time series. Furthermore, the evolution of the variables is calculated to show the transition and stability of attractors in Figure 3.



**Fig. 3.** Formation of attractors, for (a)  $d = -1$ ; (b)  $d = -0.6$ ; (c)  $d = -0.3$ ; (d)  $d = -0.03$ ; the other parameters are fixed at  $A = 0.01, \omega = \pi/4, \varphi = 0$ . The nonlinear function is selected by  $f_1$ .

That is, multi-scroll attractors can be suppressed to behave periodical oscillation when nonlinear modulation  $f_1$  is applied. On the other hand, the modulation from  $f_1$  can also be suppressed by another nonlinear term  $dxz$  via setting appropriate parameter  $d$ ,

so that multi-scroll attractors can be enhanced greatly. Furthermore, the effect of initial phase setting is investigated in Figure 4.



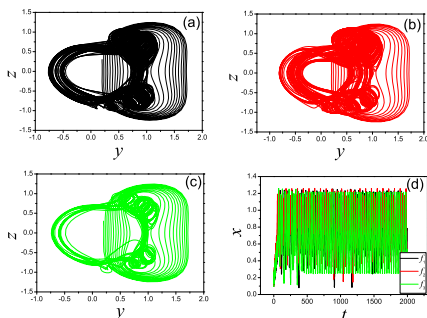
**Fig. 4.** Formation of attractors are calculated by setting different initials phase  $\varphi$ , for (a)  $\varphi = \pi/8$ ; (b)  $\varphi = \pi/2$ ; (c)  $\varphi = 3\pi/4$ ; (d)  $\varphi = 2\pi$ ; the other parameters are fixed at  $A = 0.01$ ,  $\omega = \pi/4$ ,  $d = -0.06$ . The nonlinear function is selected by  $f_1$ .

It is found that the attractors in the dynamical system are much dependent on the initial setting for phase in the nonlinear function  $f_1$ , and the scroll number of attractors can be modulated completely. Extensive numerical results confirmed that chaotic attractors can also be suppressed by setting appropriate initial phase, e. g.  $\varphi = -\pi/4$ , and  $A = 0.01$ ,  $\omega = 2$ ,  $d = -0.10$ . In fact, nonlinear function  $f_1$  changes the dynamical system modulated by Jerk function-like function that more equilibrium points can be formed to generate scroll-attractors. The evolution of response behavior of this system is also dependent on the nonlinear term  $dxz$ , however, the properties of attractors in this system is mainly controlled by the nonlinear function  $f_1$  when parameter  $d$  is fixed. It is also interesting to investigate the case when nonlinear term  $f_2 = A\text{sign}(\omega y + \varphi)$ ,  $f_3 = A|\omega y + \varphi|$  are used to change the dynamical properties in this system. Similar numerical algorithm is carried out to find solutions from the system driven by discontinuous nonlinear functions as  $f_2$ ,  $f_3$ , then the attractors and sampled time series for the first variables are calculated in Figure 5.

It is found that similar chaotic attractors can be formed by applying different nonlinear modulation  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$ ,  $f_3$  on the dynamical system when the amplitude  $A$  is fixed the same, and the sampled time series for variable  $x$  also show similar oscillating properties. The mechanism could be that the nonlinear modulation from  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$ ,  $f_3$  all depends on the second variable  $y$  completely and modulation function are switched with certain rhythm. In fact, the three kinds of nonlinear functions can modulate the dynamical behaviors with certain periodicity.

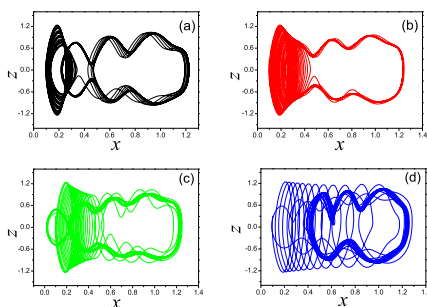
In the following discussion, we investigate the dynamical response of system by applying memristor-based function as  $f_4 = k(\alpha + 3\beta y^2)x$ , and the stability of attractors will be discussed. Memristor [57] is a new electric device and it is often used in the





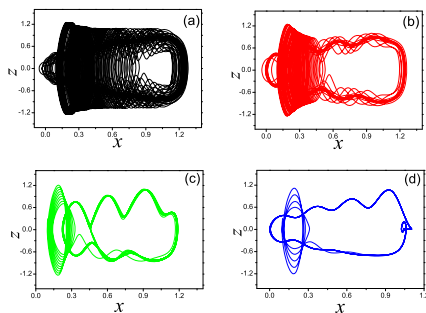
**Fig. 5.** Formation of attractors by applying nonlinear terms, for (a) $f_1$ ; (b) $f_2$ ; (c) $f_3$ ; sampled time series for variable  $x$  are calculated (d); the other parameters are fixed at  $A = 0.01$ ,  $\omega = \pi/4$ ,  $\varphi = 0$ ,  $d = -0.06$ .

nonlinear circuit to support the chaotic behaviors, and its memductance is dependent on the inputs current. As a result, memory effect is found in the memristor. As mentioned in Ref. [43], switch and resetting initial values for the dynamical system can select different periodical and chaotic attractors when other parameters are fixed in the initial-dependent system with memory. Furthermore, the memristor is used to describe the effect of electromagnetic induction in neuron and it can bridge the coupling between magnetic flux and membrane potential of neuron. Indeed, this improved neuron model [37, 44] can explain the emergence of multiple modes and response to external electromagnetic radiation on neuronal activities. In Figure 6, the attractors are calculated by setting different feedback gains  $k$  in the memristor function  $f_4$ .



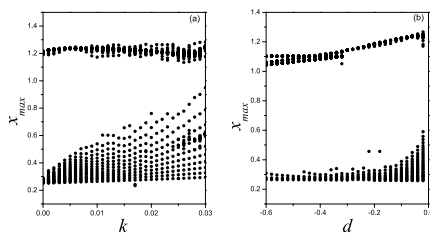
**Fig. 6.** Formation of attractors in the system modulated by memristor function  $f_4$ , for (a) $k = 0.001$ ; (b) $k = 0.005$ ; (c) $k = 0.01$ ; (d) $k = 0.03$ ; the other parameters are fixed at  $\alpha = 0.2$ ,  $\beta = 0.2$ ,  $d = -0.06$ .

That is, the chaotic attractors are modulated with increasing the feedback gain in the memristor function and the scrolls are enhanced. Furthermore, we also investigate the case when feedback gain  $d$  is changed when gain  $k$  in memristor function is fixed at appropriate values; the results are shown in Figure 7.



**Fig. 7.** Formation of attractors in the system modulated by memristor function  $f_A$ , for (a) $d = -0.01$ ; (b) $d = -0.03$ ; (c) $d = -0.2$ ; (d) $d = -0.6$ , the other parameters are fixed at  $\alpha = 0.2, \beta = 0.2, k = 0.005$ .

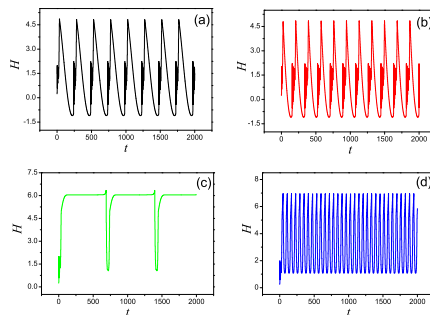
It is found that chaotic attractors can be suppressed and a periodical oscillating behavior is induced when memristor function is applied on the dynamical systems. To discern the effect of feedback gains  $k, d$  in the nonlinear function, the bifurcation diagram is calculated in Figure 8.



**Fig. 8.** Bifurcation diagram is calculated from maximal value  $x$  with increasing the feedback gains. (a)  $k$  is changing at fixed  $d = -0.06$ ; (b)  $d$  is changing at fixed  $k = 0.006$ . The other parameters are fixed at  $a = -0.1, b = 1, c = -1.2, r = 1.1, \alpha = 0.2, \beta = 0.2$ .

The results in Figure 8 confirmed that periodical behaviors can be switched to chaotic

states by applying appropriate setting on feedback gains  $k$  in memristor function, and  $d$  in the nonlinear terms of the dynamical systems. Extensive numerical results found that the profile of attractors is much dependent on the feedback gains in the memristor function and nonlinear function  $xz$ . Finally, it is important to detect the evolution of Hamilton energy by setting and triggering different attractors in the dynamical system.

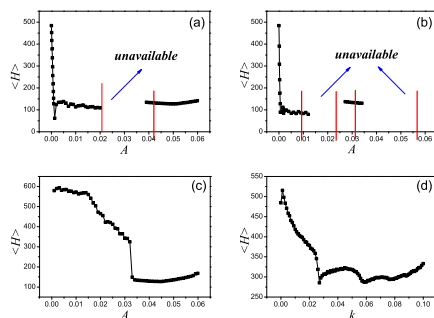


**Fig. 9.** Evolution of Hamilton function is calculated by applying different nonlinear modulation function, for (a) $f_1$ ;(b) $f_2$ ;(c) $f_3$ ;(d) $f_4$ , the parameters are fixed at  $A = 0.01, \omega = \pi/4, \varphi = 0, d = -0.6, k = 0.05, \alpha = 0.2, \beta = 0.2$ .

It was ever confirmed that chaotic state can consume a lower average Hamilton energy, and the average Hamilton energy will be decreased with increase the scroll number of attractors [33]. The nonlinear function  $f_3$  always imposes positive stimulus and thus the dynamical system can hold higher maximal Hamilton energy than the system driven by nonlinear function  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ , which generates switch between negative and positive perturbation on the dynamical system. The memristor function enlarges the fluctuation of Hamilton energy greatly. It is also found that periodical oscillation can cost higher Hamilton energy. To further estimate the dependence of Hamilton energy on amplitude of nonlinear function, the average Hamilton energy is calculated by

$$\langle H \rangle = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T H(t) dt \tag{13}$$

where  $T$  is the transient period for calculating the average Hamilton energy. From the view of dynamical control, these nonlinear function  $f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4$  can input continuous energy to change the dynamical states. As a result, appropriate amplitude is useful to enhance the oscillating behavior in the dynamical system driven by nonlinear function. However, setting some amplitude can cause breakdown and no solution can be approached in these dynamical systems because no stable equilibrium point can be detected. In Figure 10, the average Hamilton energy is estimated within a transient period 2000 time units.



**Fig. 10.** Evolution of average Hamilton energy function by applying different nonlinear modulation function, for (a)  $f_1$ ; (b)  $f_2$ ; (c)  $f_3$ ; (d)  $f_4$ , calculated by changing the amplitude  $A$  and the feedback gain  $k$ , the parameters are fixed at  $\omega = \pi/4$ ,  $\varphi = 0$ ,  $d = -0.6$ ,  $\alpha = 0.2$ ,  $\beta = 0.2$ . Transient period about  $T = 2000$  time units is used for calculating. 'Unavailable' means that no solution can be found from the dynamical system, thus no Hamilton energy can be estimated.

As shown in the curves in Figure 10, the average Hamilton energy decreases with the increase of amplitude in the nonlinear function. The potential mechanism could be that stronger non-linearity can much contribute to the oscillating behaviors in the dynamical system, continuous release and absorbing in energy will approach a lower average Hamilton energy. As a result, appropriate setting for amplitude in nonlinear functions can enhance rich dynamical behaviors and also decrease the Hamilton energy, which is also available for circuit realization when operational amplifier is required. In this way, appropriate nonlinear function and electric devices can be selected to design chaotic circuits with lower energy cost, thus it decreases the cost of commercial electric devices such as operational amplifier(OM) in circuit setting.

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

Based on a three-variable dynamical system, a different nonlinear term is modulated to trigger different hidden attractors. The Hamilton energy dependence on non-linearity and parameter setting is estimated. The improved dynamical system composed of hidden attractors can be controlled to switch between periodical and chaotic attractors. Nonlinear terms are critical to trigger chaotic behaviors and the modulation amplitude is important to supply enough energy. Indeed, appropriate setting in amplitude and nonlinear terms are important to decrease Hamilton energy in the dynamical systems, thus the dynamical system can be controlled to reach target orbits. These results indicate that appropriate setting and selection in non-linear function could be helpful to design chaotic, periodical circuits with lower energy cost.

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