



# Fractional Dynamics of Individuals In Complex Networks

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Fractional PDEs:  
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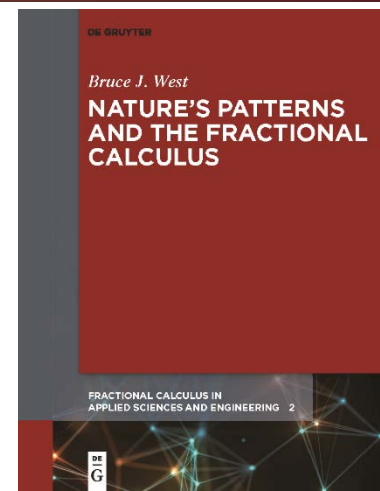


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# Why fractional calculus?

- Why a fractional calculus?
  - new ways of thinking
  - complexity
  - dynamics and fractals
- Complex dynamic networks
  - critical behavior
  - consensus
- Fractional dynamics
  - simple fractional operators
  - fractional rate equation
  - Mittag-Leffler function
  - phase space fractional equations
- Conclusions

Classical  
Geometry



Fractal  
Geometry

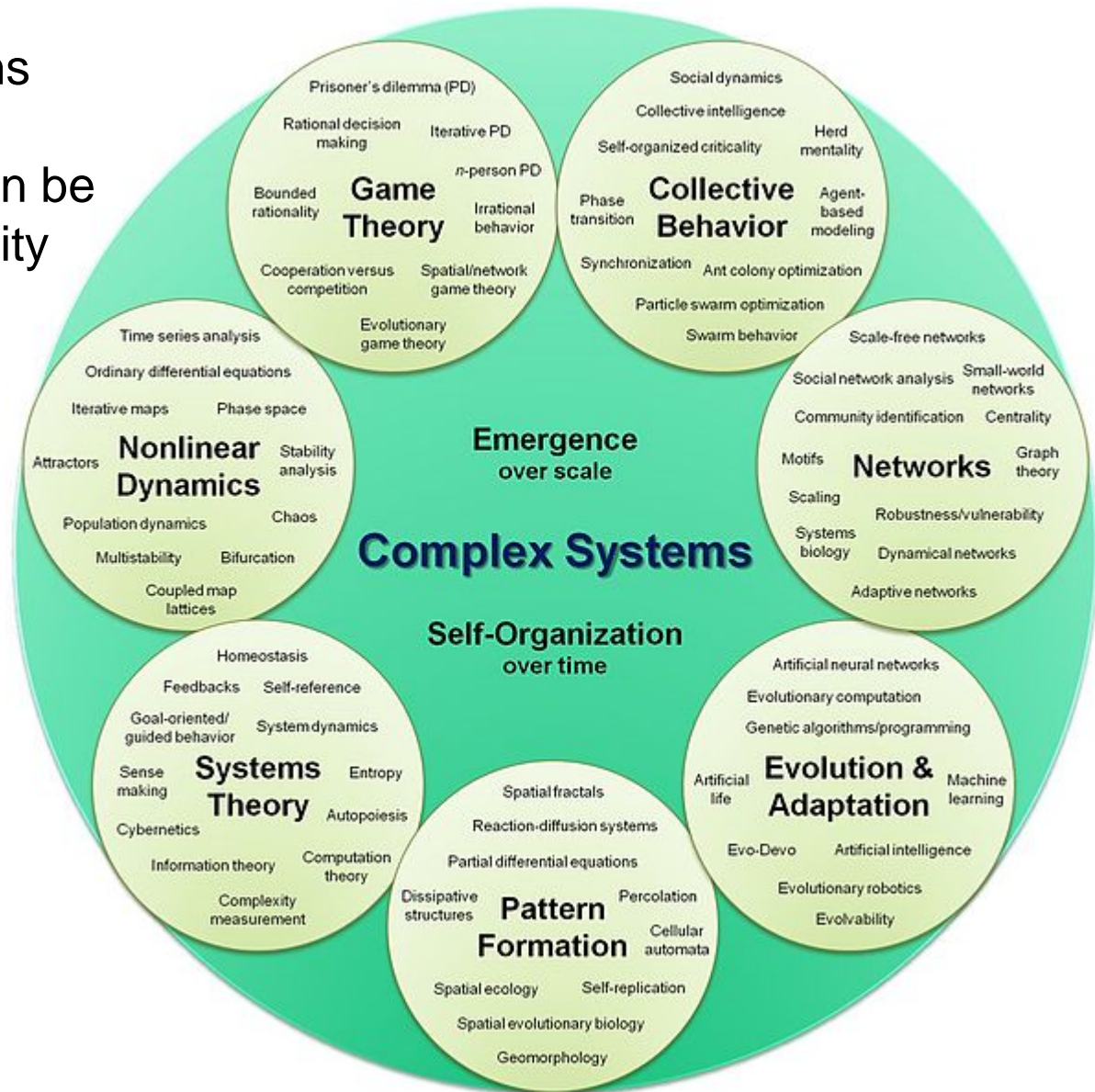


Fractal  
Dynamics



# Complex systems

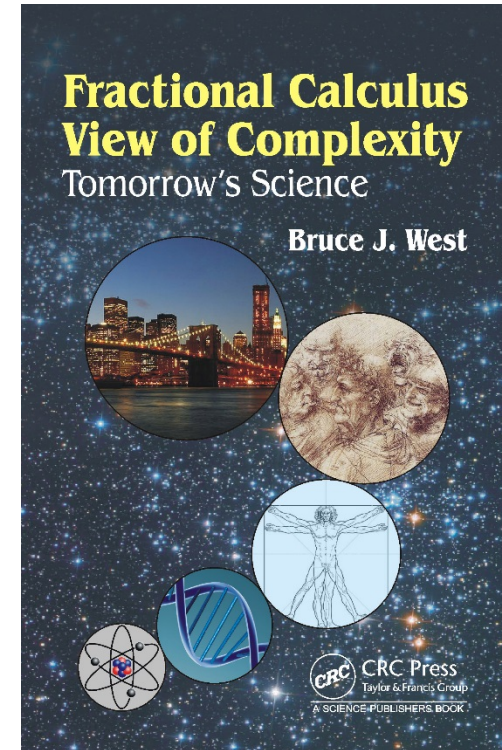
- Army research problems
- All research barriers can be traced back to complexity
  - Chaos
  - Statistics
  - Multiple scales
  - Criticality
- How do we understand complexity?





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- Introduce in-between thinking:
  - between integers are infinity of non-integers
  - between integer-order moments are fractional moments
  - between integer dimensions are fractal dimensions
  - between integer Taylor series are fractional Taylor series
  - between integer-valued operators are fractional-order operators
- This tutorial is on how the fractional calculus provides insight into complex phenomena.
- Complexity is emphasized, which highlights the inability of traditional analytic functions to satisfactorily characterized the rich structure of complex dynamic phenomena in both space and time.



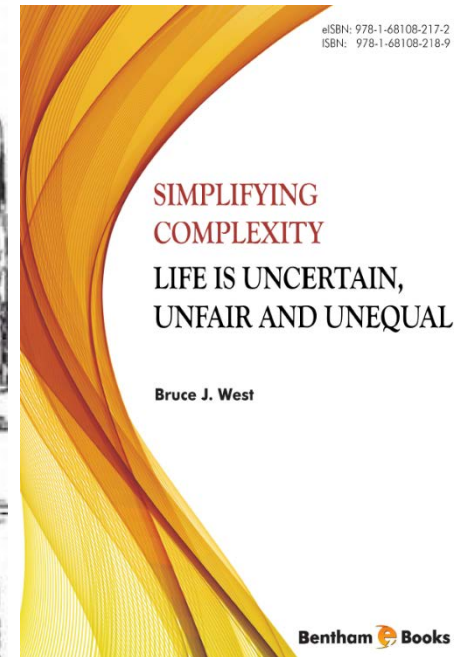
# Out with the old...

....NEW WAY OF THINKING....

old



new



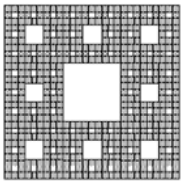
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Why is the fractional calculus entailed by complexity?



# Fractal dimensions

...from integer to non-integer...

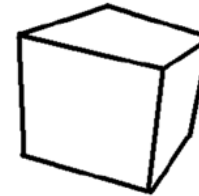


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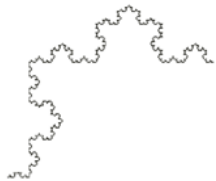


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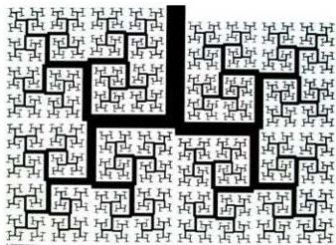
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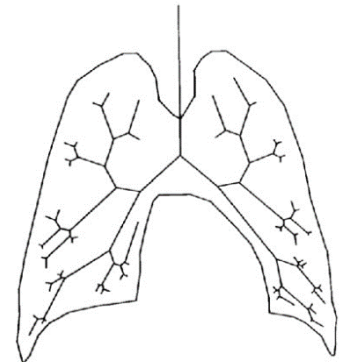
$D = 2$



$D = 1.26$



$D = 1$



How pervasive are non-integer phenomena?

## Empirical Power Laws

Discipline	Law's name	Form of law
<b>Anthropology</b>		
1913 [4]	Auerbach	$\text{Pr}(\text{city size rank } r) \propto 1/r$
1998 [65]	War	$\text{Pr}(\text{intensity} > I) \propto 1/I^\alpha$
1978 [86]	1/f Music	$\text{Spectrum}(f) \propto 1/f$
<b>Biology</b>		
1992 [87]	DNA sequence	$\text{Symbol spectrum}(\text{frequency } f) \propto 1/f^\alpha$
2000 [49]	Ecological web	$\text{Pr}(k \text{ species connections}) \propto 1/k^{1.1}$
2001 [35]	Protein	$\text{Pr}(k \text{ connections}) \propto 1/k^{2.4}$
2000 [34]	Metabolism	$\text{Pr}(k \text{ connections}) \propto 1/k^{2.2}$
2001 [40]	Sexual relations	$\text{Pr}(k \text{ relations}) \propto 1/k^\alpha$
<b>Botany</b>		
1883 [64]	da Vinci	Branching; $d_0^\alpha = d_1^\alpha + d_2^\alpha$
1922 [101]	Willis	No. of genera (No. of species $N$ ) $\propto 1/N^\alpha$
1927 [51]	Murray	$d_0^{2.5} = d_1^{2.5} + d_2^{2.5}$
<b>Economics</b>		
1897 [56]	Pareto	$\text{Pr}(\text{income } x) \propto 1/x^{1.5}$
1998 [24]	Price variations	$\text{Pr}(\text{stock price variations } x) \propto 1/x^3$
<b>Geophysics</b>		
1894 [55]	Omori	$\text{Pr}(\text{aftershocks in time } t) \propto 1/t$
1933 [67]	Rosen–Rammler	$\text{Pr}(\text{No. of ore fragments} < \text{size } r) \propto r^\alpha$
1938 [44]	Korčák	$\text{Pr}(\text{island area } A > a) \propto 1/a^\alpha$
1945 [31]	Horton	No. of segments at $n$ /No. of segments at $n + 1 = \text{constant}$
1954 [26]	Gutenberg–Richter	$\text{Pr}(\text{earthquake magnitude} < x) \propto 1/x^\alpha$
1957 [27]	Hack	River length $\propto (\text{basin area})^\alpha$
1977 [44]	Richardson	Length of coastline $\propto 1/(\text{ruler size})^\alpha$
2004 [84]	Forest fires	Frequency density (burned area $A$ ) $\propto 1/A^{1.38}$
<b>Information theory</b>		
1999 [32]	World Wide Web	$\text{Pr}(k \text{ connections}) \propto 1/k^{1.94}$
1999 [19]	Internet	$\text{Pr}(k \text{ connections}) \propto 1/k^\alpha$

Discipline	Law's name	Form of law
<b>Physics</b>		
1918 [70]	1/f noise	$\text{Spectrum}(f) \propto 1/f$
2002 [25]	Solar flares	$\text{Pr}(\text{time between flares } t) \propto 1/t^{2.14}$
2003 [69]	Temperature anomalies	$\text{Pr}(\text{time between events } t) \propto 1/t^{2.14}$
<b>Physiology</b>		
1959 [61]	Rall	Neurons; $d_0^{1.5} = d_1^{1.5} + d_2^{1.5}$
1963 [76]	Mammalian vascular network	Veins and arteries; $d_0^{2.7} = d_1^{2.7} + d_2^{2.7}$
1963 [90]	Bronchial tree	$d_0^3 = d_1^3 + d_2^3$
1973 [48]	McMahon	Metabolic rate (body mass $M$ ) $\propto M^{0.75}$
1976 [103]	Radioactive clearance	$\text{Pr}(\text{isotope expelled in time } t) \propto 1/t^\alpha$
1987 [93]	West–Goldberger	Airway diameter (generation $n$ ) $\propto 1/n^{1.25}$
1991 [30]	Mammalian brain	Surface area $\propto \text{volume}^{0.90}$
1992 [77]	Interbreath variability	No. of breaths (interbreath time $t$ ) $\propto 1/t^{2.16}$
1993 [58]	Heartbeat variability	Power spectrum (frequency $f$ ) $\propto f$
2007 [23]	EEG	$\text{Pr}(\text{time between EEG events}) \propto 1/t^{1.61}$
2007 [13]	Motivation and addiction	$\text{Pr}(k \text{ behavior connections}) \propto 1/k^\alpha$
<b>Psychology</b>		
1957 [75]	Psychophysics	Perceived response (stimulus intensity $x$ ) $\propto x^\alpha$
1963 [71]	Trial and error	Reaction time (trial $N$ ) $\propto 1/N^{0.91}$
1961 [29]	Decision making	utility (delay time $t$ ) $\propto 1/t^\alpha$
1991 [3]	Forgetting	Percentage correct recall (time $t$ ) $\propto 1/t^\alpha$
2001 [20]	Cognition	Response spectrum (frequency $f$ ) $\propto 1/f^\alpha$
2009 [37]	Neurophysiology	$\text{Pr}(\text{phase-locked interval} < \tau) \propto 1/\tau^\alpha$
<b>Sociology</b>		
1926 [41]	Lotka	$\text{Pr}(\text{No. of papers published rank } r) \propto 1/r^2$
1949 [104]	Zipf	$\text{Pr}(\text{word has rank } r) \propto 1/r$
1963 [16]	Price	$\text{Pr}(\text{citation rank } r) \propto 1/r^\alpha$
1994 [8]	Urban growth	Population density (rank $r$ ) $\propto 1/r^\alpha$
1998 [88]	Actors	$\text{Pr}(k \text{ connections}) \propto 1/k^\alpha$

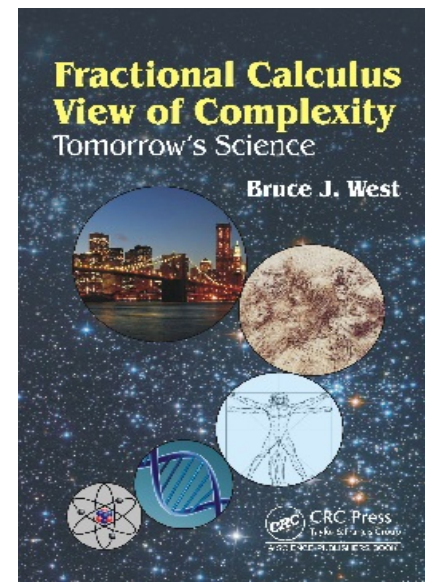
- There are a number of ways to derive fractional PDEs for PDFs that are fractional in both space and time:
  - Using the continuous time random walk (CTRW): Metzler & Klafter, *Phys. Rept.* **339**, 1 (2000); Shlesinger, West & Klafter, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **28**, 1100 (1987).
  - Averaging over chaotic trajectories: Zaslavsky, *Phys. Rept.* **371**, 461 (2002)
  - Subordination arguments: Pramukul., Svenkeson, Grigolini, Bologna & West, *Adv. Math. Phys.* 2013

$$\partial_t^\alpha [P(x, t)] = K_\beta D_{|x|}^\beta [P(x, t)]$$

- The solution to this fractional PDE has the scaling form:
 
$$P(x, t) = \frac{1}{t^\mu} F\left(\frac{x}{t^\mu}\right) ; \mu = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$$

Uchaikin, *Int. J. Theor. Phys.* **39**, 3805, 2000.

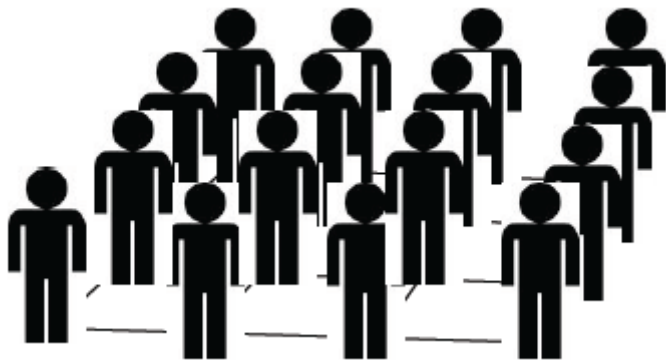
- We apply subordination theory to dynamic groups.



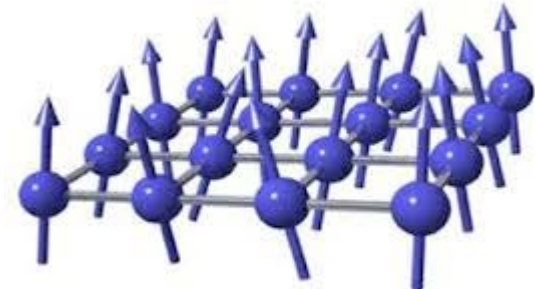


- One approach to the fractional calculus

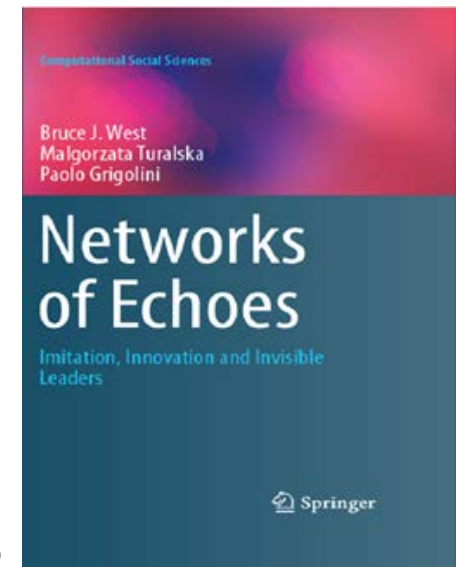
Human network



Network model



- Two-state master equation decision making model (DMM)
- DMM is member of Ising universality class
  - phase transitions to consensus
  - scaling behavior
  - temporal complexity
- How does the network dynamics influence individual dynamics?



- **Subordination** models numerical integration of individual opinion  $s(n)$  in discrete operational time  $n$ :

$$s(n+1) = (1 - \Delta\tau g)s(n) \Rightarrow s(n) = (1 - \Delta\tau g)^n s_0$$

- This is the time experienced by the individual and for  $g\Delta\tau \ll 1$  is a Poisson process
- The influence of network dynamics on individual in chronological time  $t$  is (*The Organization Man*)

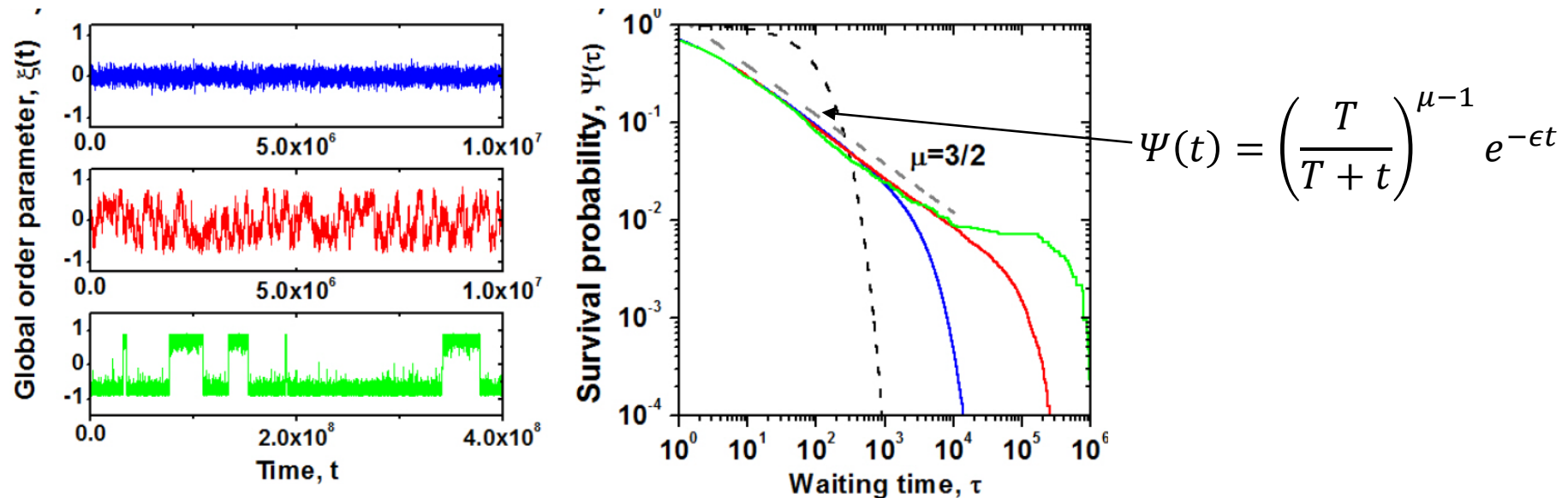
$$\langle s(t) \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t \psi_n(t') \Psi(t-t') s(n) dt'$$

Pramukul, Svenkeson, Grigolini, Bologna & West, *Advances in Mathematical Physics* 2013, Article ID 498789 (2013).

Probability density of last of  $n$  events occurs in time  $(0, t)$

Probability no event occurs in  $(t-t')$

- The waiting-time distribution and survival probability are taken from numerics.



- Solve the subordination equation using Laplace transforms to obtain fractional differential equation for average individual opinion:

$$(\partial + \epsilon)^\alpha \langle s(t) \rangle = -\gamma^\alpha \langle s(t) \rangle ; \alpha = \mu - 1$$

- This is the **predicted average dynamics** of the single individual within the social network.



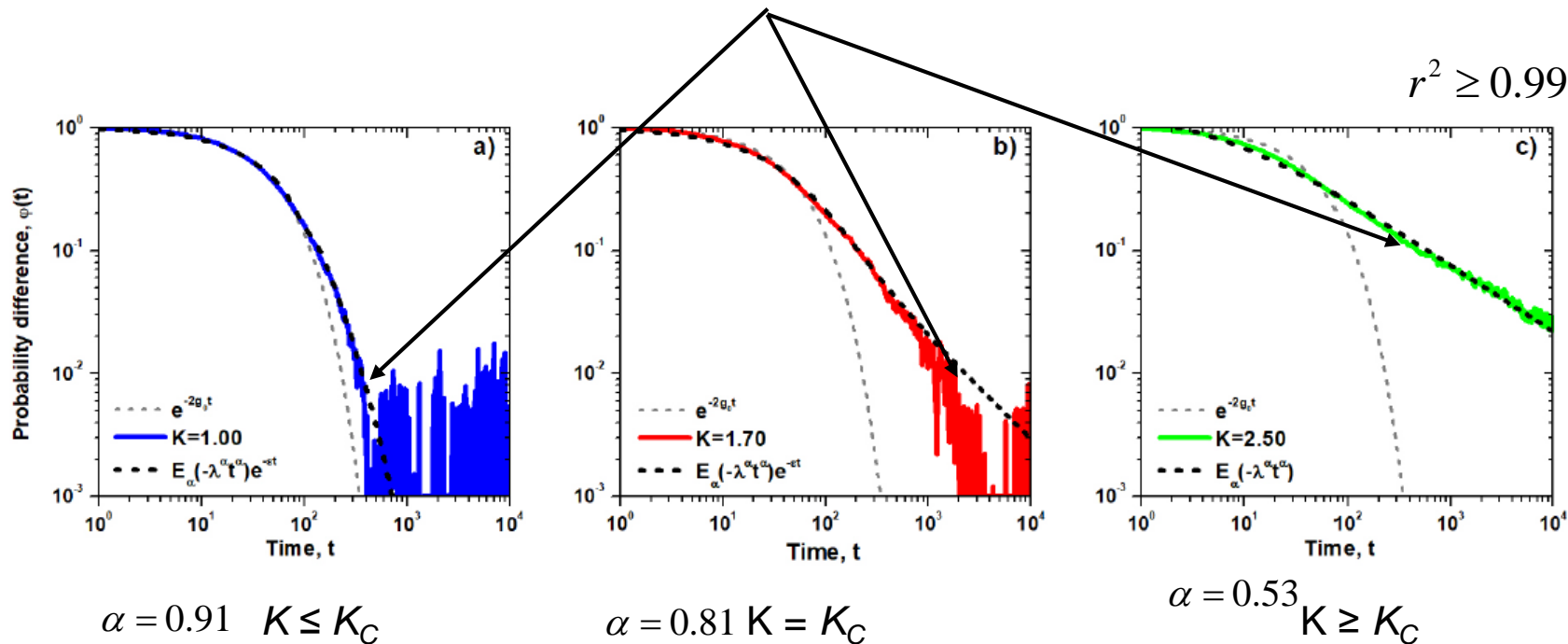
- Fractional dynamics of individuals in complex networks; Turala& West, *Frontiers in Physics* (under review)

$$(\partial + \epsilon)^\alpha \langle s(t) \rangle = -\lambda^\alpha \langle s(t) \rangle ; \alpha = \mu - 1$$

- Solution to FDE is the tempered Mittag-Leffler function

$$\langle s(t) \rangle = E_\alpha(-(\lambda t)^\alpha) e^{-\epsilon t}$$

**Network Effect**



## Conclusions

- FC is a strategy for systematically addressing complexity-induced research challenges.
- FC entails a new way of thinking, as different as geometry is from number theory.
- FC provides a framework for the dynamics of scale-free complex networks.
- The influence of a network on an individual is described by a stochastic FDE.
- Network dynamics transforms a capricious decision maker into a thoughtful one.



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