

Fractional Order Modeling

A Tutorial Introduction and An Application in Characterizing Complex Relaxation Processes

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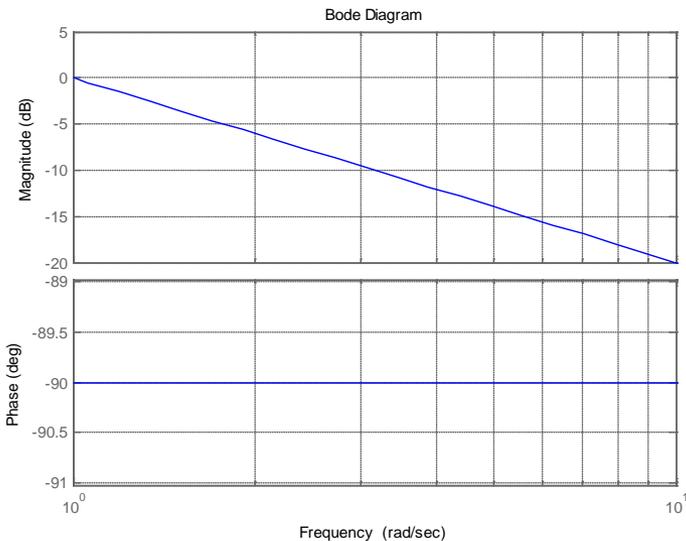
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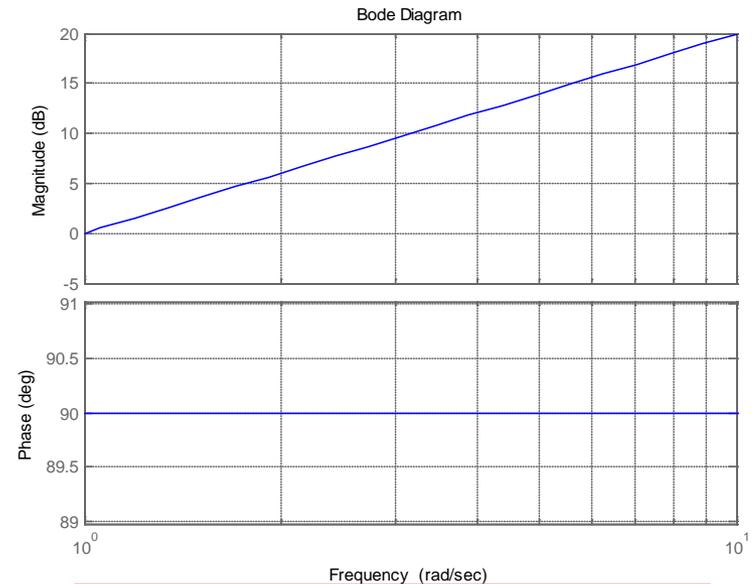
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Fractional (Noninteger)(order) operator

- First order differentiator: s
- First order integrator: $1/s$



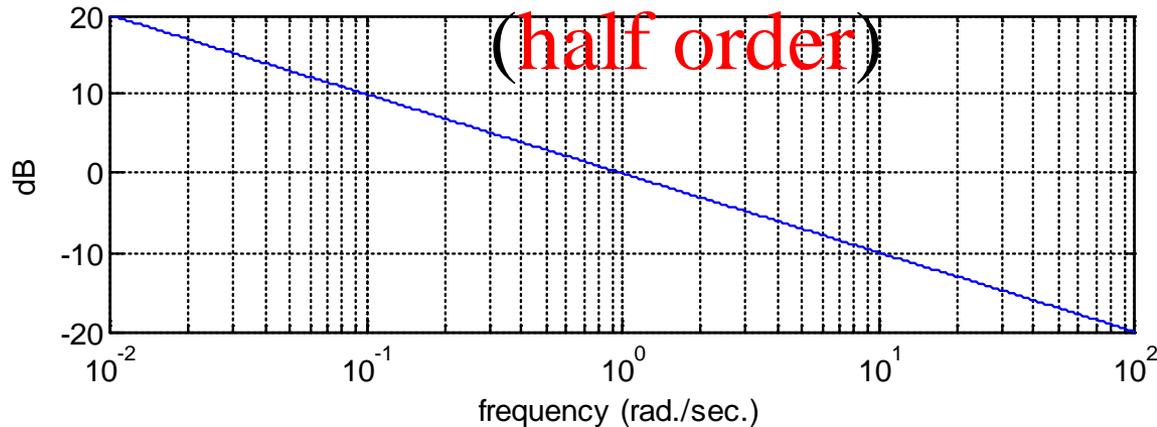
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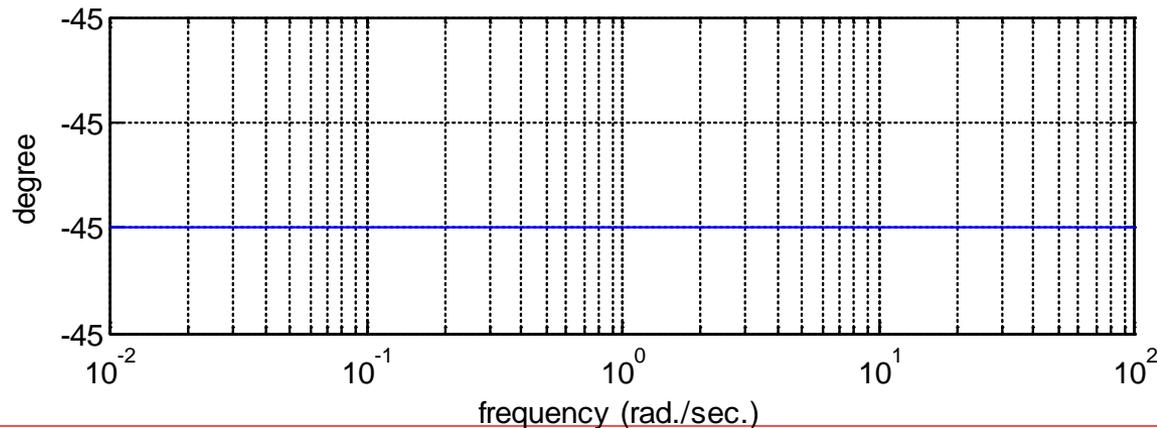
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What is s^α when α is a *non-integer*?

Fractional Order Integrator



$$G(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$$



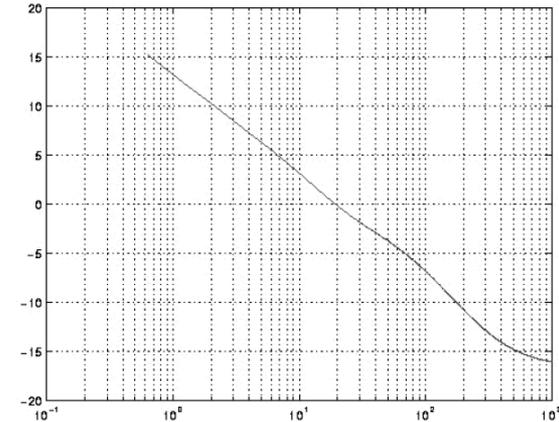
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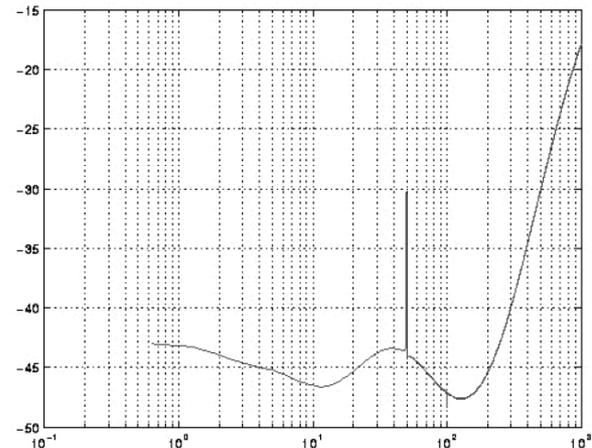
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a=-0.5;w=logspace(-2,2,1000);fi=(j.*w).^a;
figure;subplot(2,1,1);semilogx(w,20*log10(abs(fi)));
xlabel('frequency (rad./sec.)');ylabel('dB');grid on
subplot(2,1,2);semilogx(w,180*angle(fi)/pi);
xlabel('frequency (rad./sec.)');ylabel('degree');grid on
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Possible? Possible! Legal!!

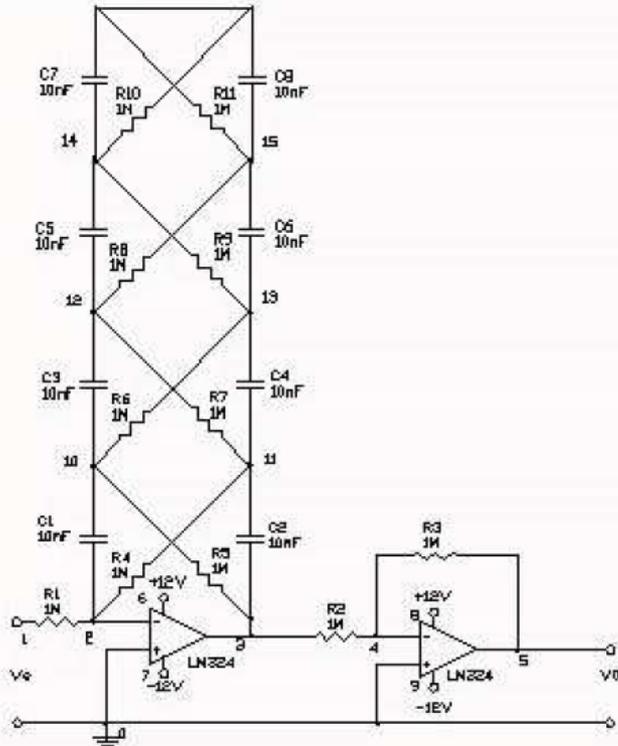
Magnitude plot (dB vs. rad./sec.)



Phase plot (deg. vs. rad./sec.)



Analog $1/\sqrt{s}$ using op-amps.

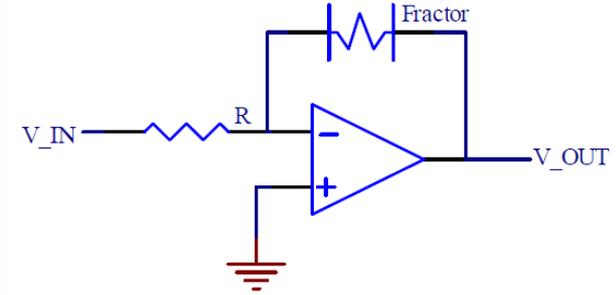


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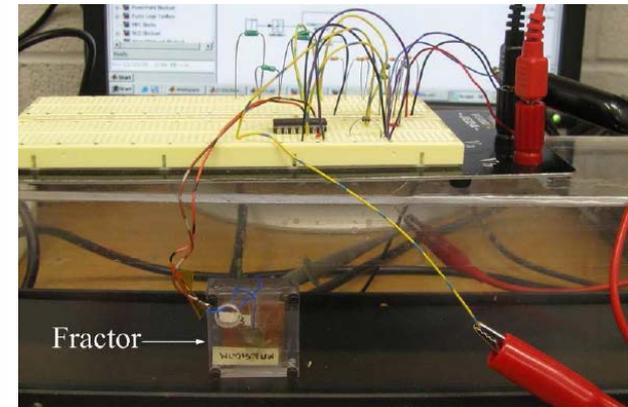
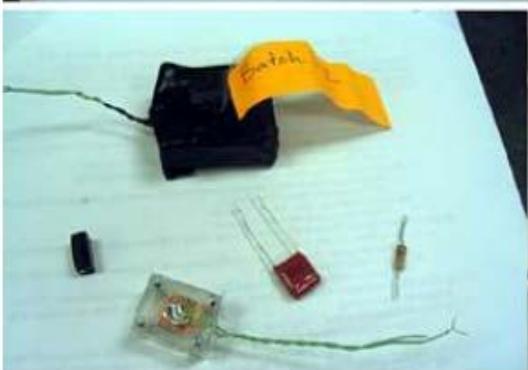
Fractor: Analogue device

Fractional Calculus Day at USU, April 19, 2005

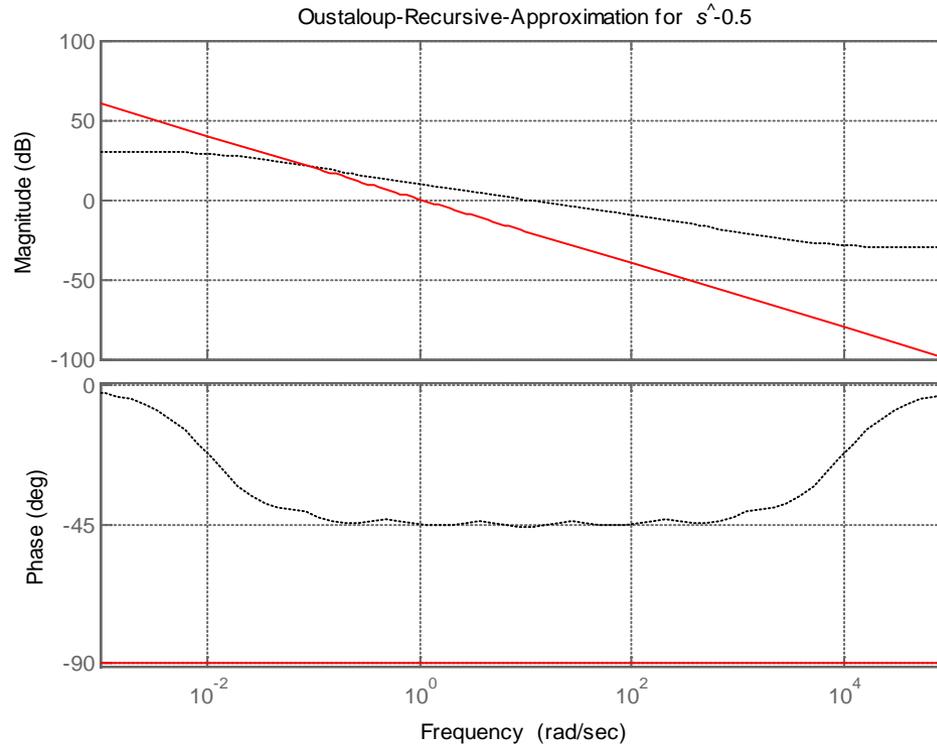
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$$G(s) = \frac{K}{R(sT)^\lambda}$$



Oustaloup's Recursive Approximation for fractional order differentiators/integrator

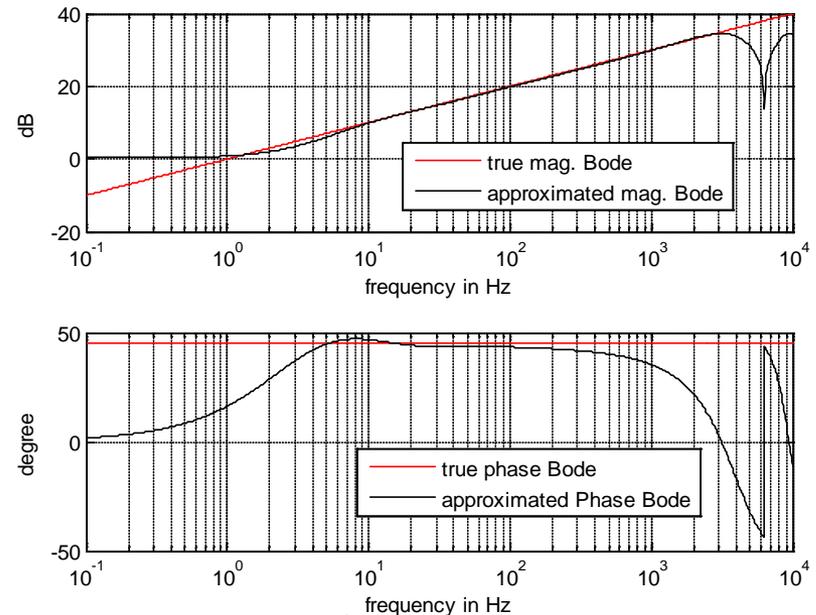
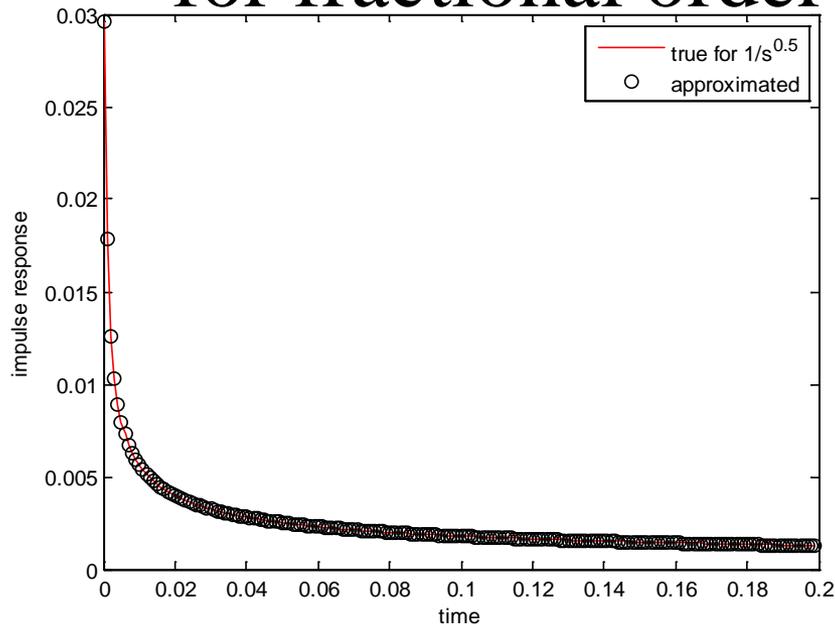


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w_L=0.1;w_H=1000;r=-0.5;figure;N=3;sys1=tf(1,[1,0]);
sys_N_tf=ora_foc(r,N,w_L,w_H);bode(sys_N_tf,'k',sys1,'r-');grid on;
title(['Oustaloup-Recursive-Approximation for {\\it s}^{\\^}',num2str(r)]);
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$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s^\gamma} \approx \frac{B(s)}{A(s)}$$

<http://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/3802-oustaloup-recursive-approximation-for-fractional-order-differentiators>

Chen's impulse response invariant discretization for fractional order differentiators/integrator



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$$G(s) = \frac{1}{s^\gamma} \approx \frac{B(z^{-1})}{A(z^{-1})}$$

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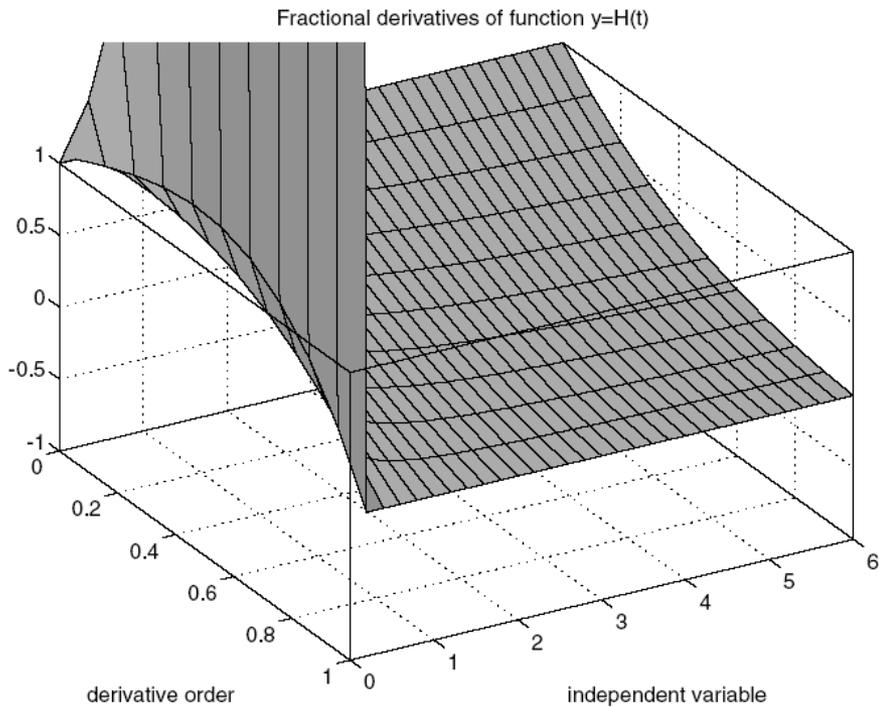
Operator ${}_aD_t^\alpha$

A generalization of differential and integral operators:

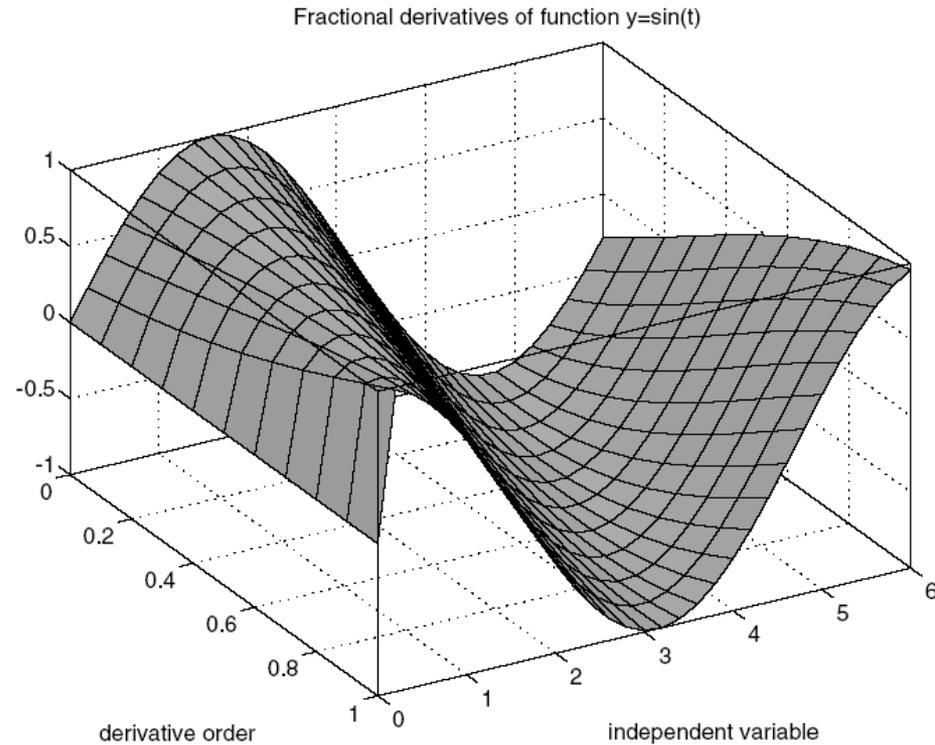
$${}_aD_t^\alpha = \begin{cases} d^\alpha/dt^\alpha & \mathbb{R}(\alpha) > 0, \\ 1 & \mathbb{R}(\alpha) = 0, \\ \int_a^t (d\tau)^{-\alpha} & \mathbb{R}(\alpha) < 0. \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

There are two commonly used definitions for the general fractional order differentiation and integral, i.e., the **Grünwald-Letnikov definition** and the **Riemann-Liouville definition**.

Example: Heaviside's unit step

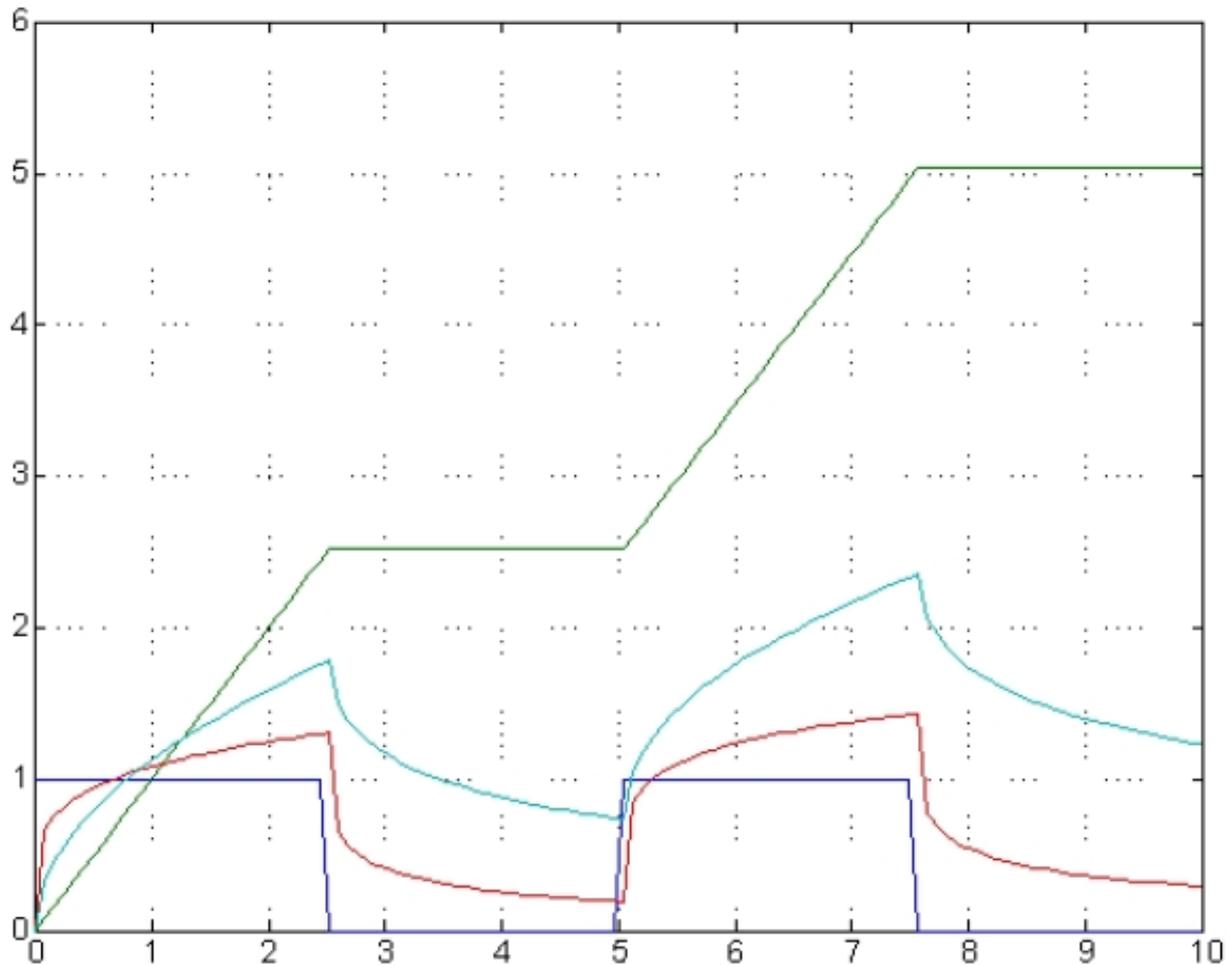


Example: $\sin(t)$



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Fractional derivatives of ramp function.

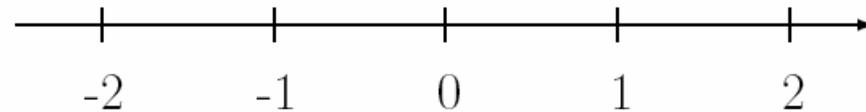


Anything surprising so far?

Quite intuitive in fact.

For example,

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



$$x^n = \underbrace{x \cdot x \cdot \dots \cdot x}_n$$

$$x^n = e^{n \ln x}$$

$$n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (n-1) \cdot n,$$

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{x-1} dt, \quad x > 0,$$

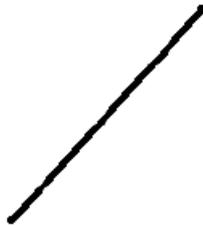
$$\Gamma(n+1) = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot n = n!$$

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

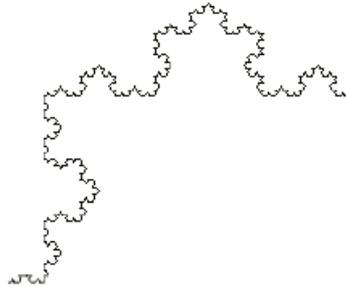
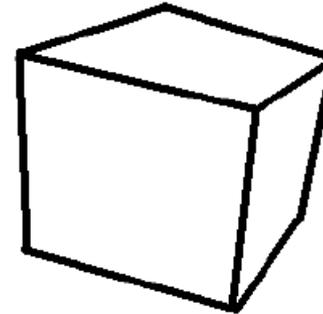
$D = 1$



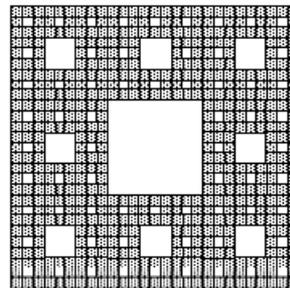
$D = 2$



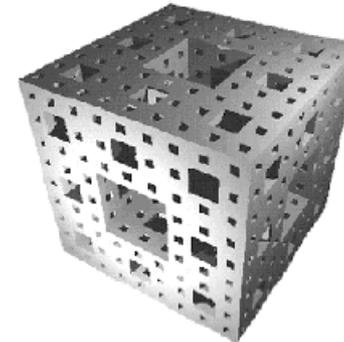
$D = 3$



$D = 1.26$



$D = 1.89$



$D = 2.73$

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Interpolation of operations

$$f, \frac{df}{dt}, \frac{d^2 f}{dt^2}, \frac{d^3 f}{dt^3}, \dots$$

$$f, \int f(t)dt, \int dt \int f(t)dt, \int dt \int dt \int f(t)dt, \dots$$

$$\dots, \frac{d^{-2} f}{dt^{-2}}, \frac{d^{-1} f}{dt^{-1}}, f, \frac{df}{dt}, \frac{d^2 f}{dt^2}, \dots$$

“Fractional Order Thinking” or, “In Between Thinking”

- For example
 - Between integers there are non-integers;
 - Between logic 0 and logic 1, there is the “**fuzzy logic**”;
 - Between integer order splines, there are “**fractional order splines**”
 - Between integer high order moments, there are **noninteger order moments (e.g. FLOS)**
 - Between “integer dimensions”, there are **fractal dimensions**
 - **Fractional Fourier transform** (FrFT) – in-between time-n-freq.
 - Non-Integer order calculus (**fractional** order calculus – abuse of terminology.) (FOC)

Fractional Calculus was born in 1695



G.F.A. de L'Hôpital
(1661–1704)

What if the
order will be
 $n = 1/2$?

It will lead to a
paradox, from which
one day useful
consequences will be
drawn.

$$\frac{d^n f}{dt^n}$$

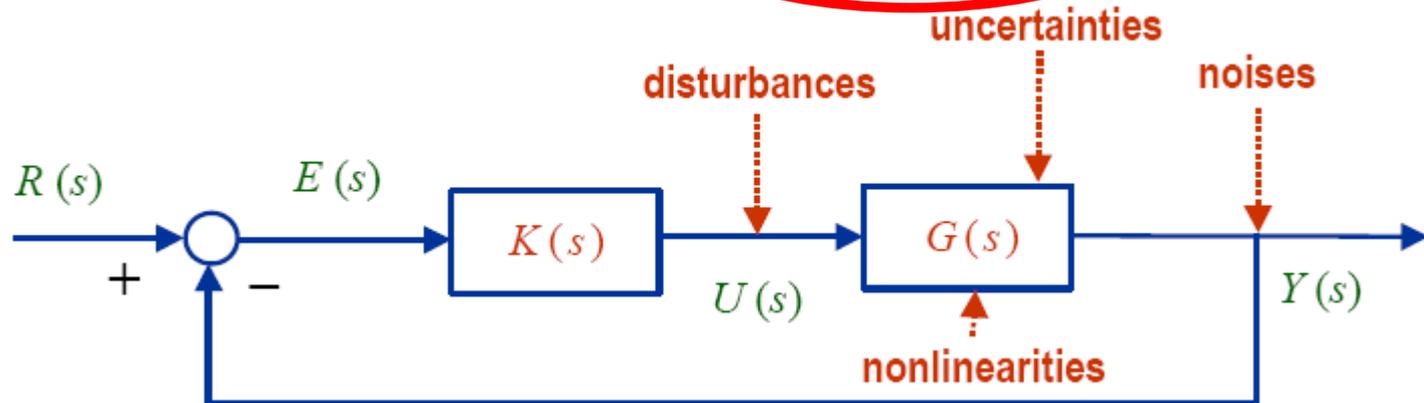


G.W. Leibniz
(1646–1716)

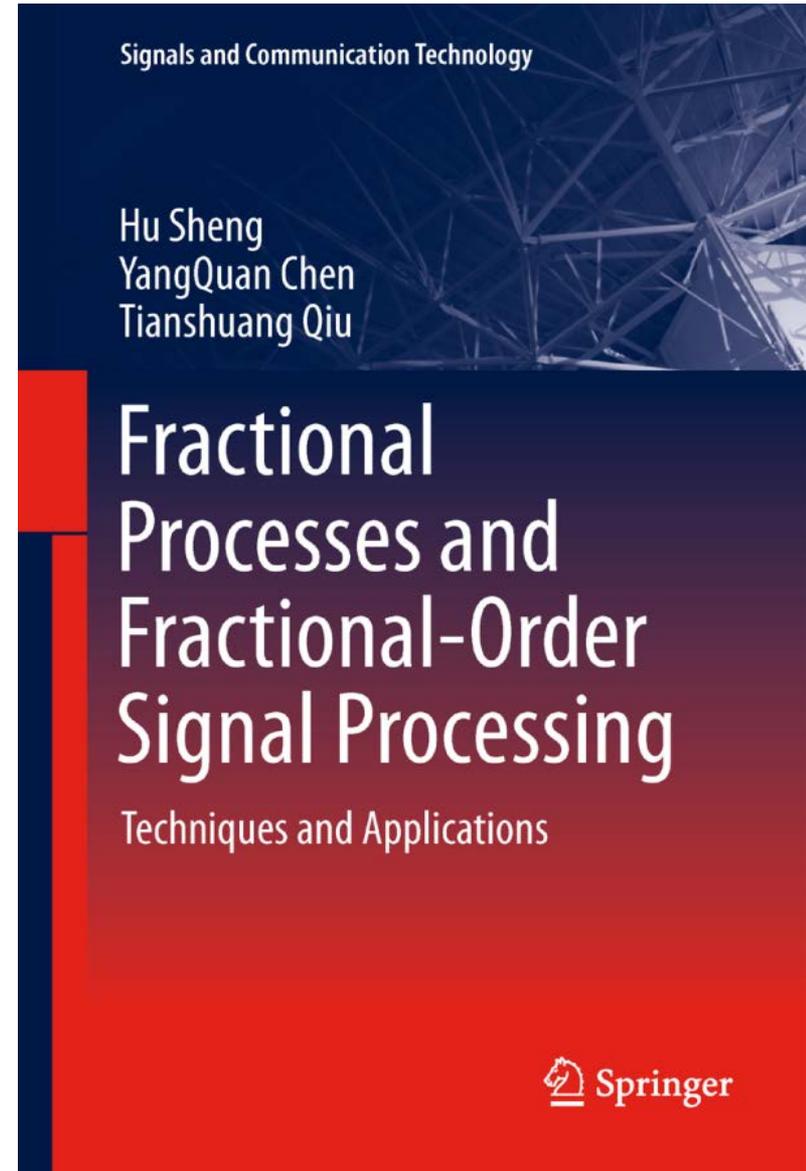
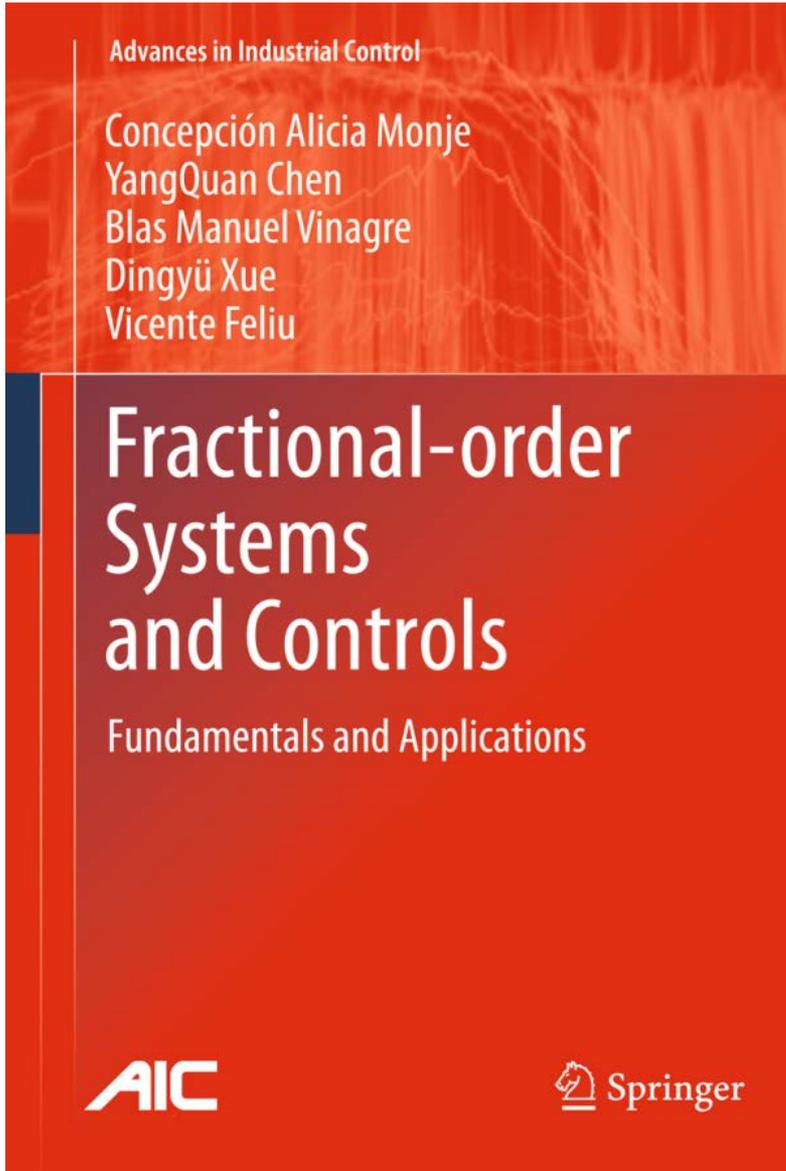
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FOMs and Fractional Order Controls

- IO Controller + IO Plant
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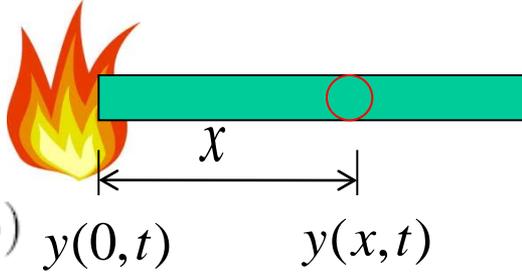
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Modeling: heat transfer

$$\frac{\partial^2 y(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = k^2 \frac{\partial y(x, t)}{\partial t},$$

$(t > 0, \quad 0 < x < \infty)$



Boundary condition: $y(0, t) = m(t)$

$y(x, 0) = 0$ initial condition

$\left| \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} y(x, t) \right| < \infty$ Physical limit

Transfer function:

$$\frac{d^2 Y(x, s)}{dx^2} = k^2 s Y(x, s)$$

$$Q(0, s) = M(s)$$

$$\left| \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} Y(x, s) \right| < \infty$$

$$Y(x, s) = A(s)e^{-kx\sqrt{s}} + B(s)e^{kx\sqrt{s}}$$

$$A(s) = Y(0, s) = M(s)$$

$$B(s) = 0$$

$$Y(x, s) = M(s)e^{-kx\sqrt{s}}$$

$$G(s) = \frac{Y(x, s)}{M(s)} = e^{-kx\sqrt{s}}$$

think about transfer function $e^{-\sqrt{s}}$!

Irrational Transfer Function.

Taylor series expansion: polynomial of **half order integrators!!**

Ideal physical plant model:

$$G_p(s) = e^{-\sqrt{s}}$$

First Order Plus Time Delay
(FOPTD) Model:

$$G_{IO}(s) = \frac{K_1}{T_1s + 1} e^{-L_1s}$$

Time Delay with Single
Fractional Pole Model:

$$G_{FO}(s) = \frac{K_2}{T_2s^{0.5} + 1} e^{-L_2s}$$

*All models are wrong
but some are useful.*

George E. P. Box

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Leonard A. Smith

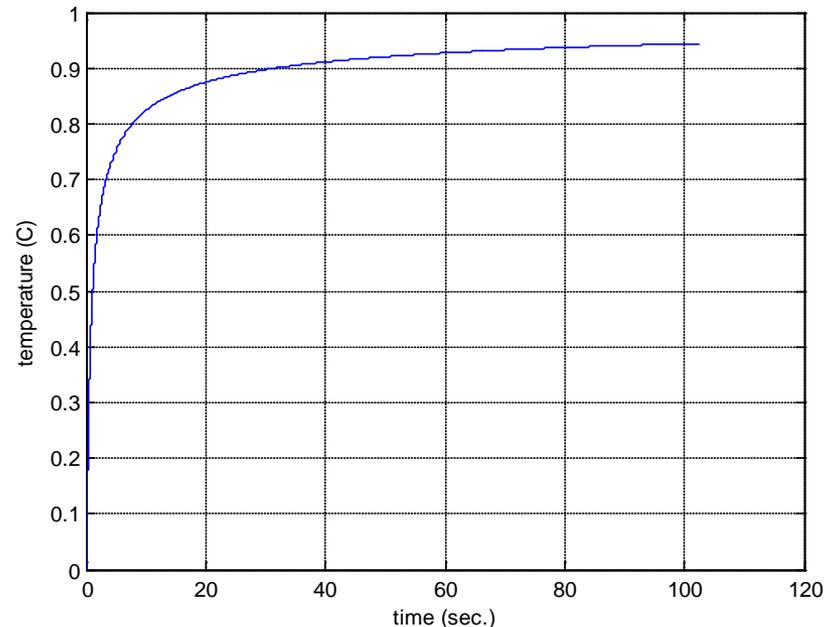
Step response of the "Ideal Plant"

$$y(0, t) = m(t) = 1u(t), M(s) = \frac{1}{s}$$

$$Y(x, s)\big|_{x=1} = G(x, s)\big|_{x=1} M(s) = G_p(s)M(s) = \frac{1}{s} e^{-\sqrt{s}}$$

So, "Reaction-Curve" or Step response of the "Ideal Plant"

$$y(t) = L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s} e^{-\sqrt{s}}\right]$$



Magic code to do $y(t) = L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s} e^{-\sqrt{s}} \right]$

```
% step response of normalized 1D heat equation when x=1
clear all;close all; alpha=.5; Ts=0.1;
F= @(s) exp(-s.^alpha)./s;
%-----
alfa=0; M=1024; P=20; Er=1e-10; tm=M*Ts; wmax0=2*pi/Ts/2; L = M;
Taxis=[0:L-1]*Ts; n=1:L-1; n=n*Ts ;
N=2*M; qd=2*P+1; t=linspace(0,tm,M); NT=2*tm*N/(N-2); omega=2*pi/NT;
c=alfa-log(Er)/NT; s=c-i*omega*(0:N+qd-1);
Fsc=feval(F,s); ft=fft(Fsc(1:N)); ft=ft(1:M);
q=Fsc(N+2:N+qd)./Fsc(N+1:N+qd-1); d=zeros(1,qd); e=d;
d(1)=Fsc(N+1); d(2)=-q(1); z=exp(-i*omega*t);
for r=2:2:qd-1; w=qd-r; e(1:w)=q(2:w+1)-q(1:w)+e(2:w+1); d(r+1)=e(1);
if r>2; q(1:w-1)=q(2:w).*e(2:w)./e(1:w-1); d(r)=-q(1);
end
end
A2=zeros(1,M); B2=ones(1,M); A1=d(1)*B2; B1=B2;
for n=2:qd
A=A1+d(n)*z.*A2; B=B1+d(n)*z.*B2;A2=A1; B2=B1; A1=A; B1=B;
end
ht=exp(c*t)/NT.*(2*real(ft+A./B)-Fsc(1));
%-----
figure;tt=0:(length(ht)-1);tt=tt*Ts;plot(tt,ht);
xlabel('time (sec.)');ylabel('temperature (C)');grid on
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Application of numerical inverse Laplace transform algorithms in fractional calculus

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Hu Sheng, Yan Li, YangQuan Chen <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jfranklin.2010.11.009> (Check ref [8])

So, let us do fitting!

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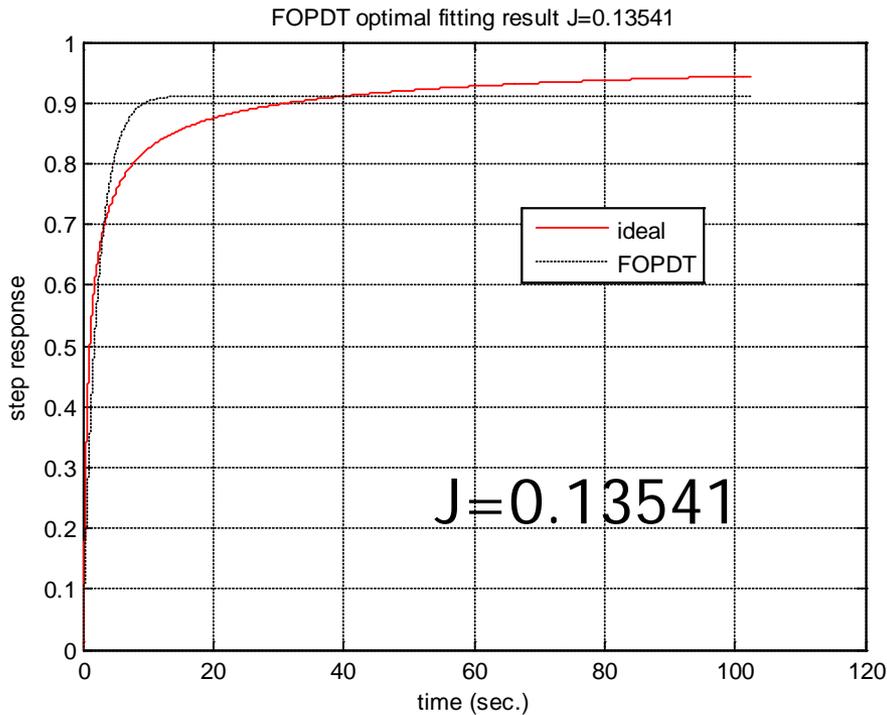
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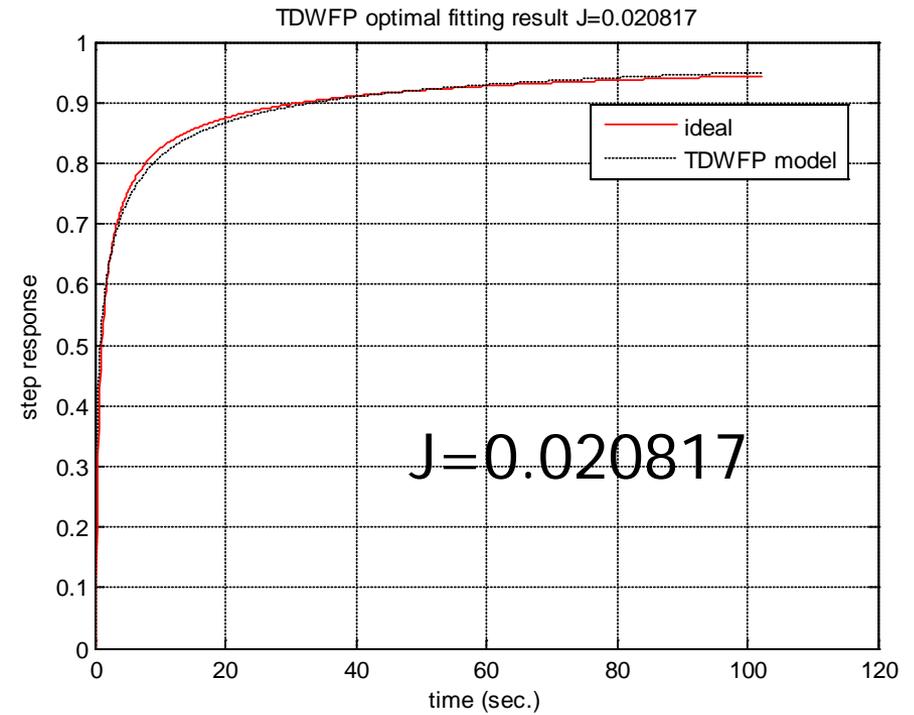
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K1	T1	L1
0.9120	2.2393	0



K2	T2	L2
1.0197	1.2312	0.0001

Fitting code for

$$G_{IO}(s) = \frac{K_1}{T_1 s + 1} e^{-L_1 s}$$

```
% Ts: sampling period; ht: step response (from NILT numerical inverse
% Laplace transform)
% previously we got Ts and ht array (reaction curve)
options=optimset('TolX',1e-10,'TolFun',1e-10);
Tic;[x,FVAL,EXITFLAG] =fminsearch(@(x) fopdtfit(x,ht,Ts),[1,1,0],options);toc
% May need to wait half minute
K1=x(1);T1=x(2);L1=x(3);T=(0:length(ht)-1)*Ts;if L1<0; L1=0; end
sysfoptd=tf([K1],[T1,1],'iodelay',L1);
y=step(sysfoptd,T);plot(T,ht,'r',t,y,'k:');grid on;
title(['FOPDT optimal fitting result J=',num2str(FVAL)]);
xlabel('time (sec.)');ylabel('step response'); legend('ideal', 'FOPDT')
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```
% fitting using FOPTD model - integral of error square (ISE)
function [J]=foptdfit(x,y0,Ts);
K1=x(1);T1=x(2);L1=x(3);T=(0:length(y0)-1)*Ts;if L1<0; L1=0; end
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J=(y'-y0)*(y-y0')*Ts;
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options=optimset('TolX',1e-10,'TolFun',1e-10);
Tic;[x,FVAL,EXITFLAG]=fminsearch(@(x) tdwfpfit(x,ht,Ts),[1,2,0],options);toc
% May need to wait 1000+ seconds!
K1=x(1);T1=x(2);L1=x(3);Np=length(ht);T=(0:Np-1)*Ts;if L1<0; L1=0; end
y=mlf(0.5,1.5,-T.^0.5/T1);y=(K1/T1)*(T.^0.5) .* y;
Nstep=floor(L1/Ts);
y1=zeros(size(y));y1(Nstep+1:Np)=y(1:Np-Nstep);
y=y1;plot(T,ht,'r',t,y,'k:');grid on;
title(['TDWFP optimal fitting result J=',num2str(FVAL)]);
xlabel('time (sec.)');ylabel('step response'); legend('ideal', 'TDWFP model')
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% fitting using TDWFP model - integral of error square (ISE)
function [J]=tdwfpfit(x,y0,Ts);
K1=x(1);T1=x(2);L1=x(3);Np=length(y0);T=(0:Np-1)*Ts;if L1<0; L1=0; end
y=mlf(0.5,1.5,-T.^0.5/T1);y=(K1/T1)*(T.^0.5) .* y;
Nstep=floor(L1/Ts);y1=zeros(size(y));y1(Nstep+1:Np)=y(1:Np-Nstep);
J=(y1-y0)*(y1-y0)'.*Ts;
% get MLF.m from
% www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/8738-mittag-leffler-function
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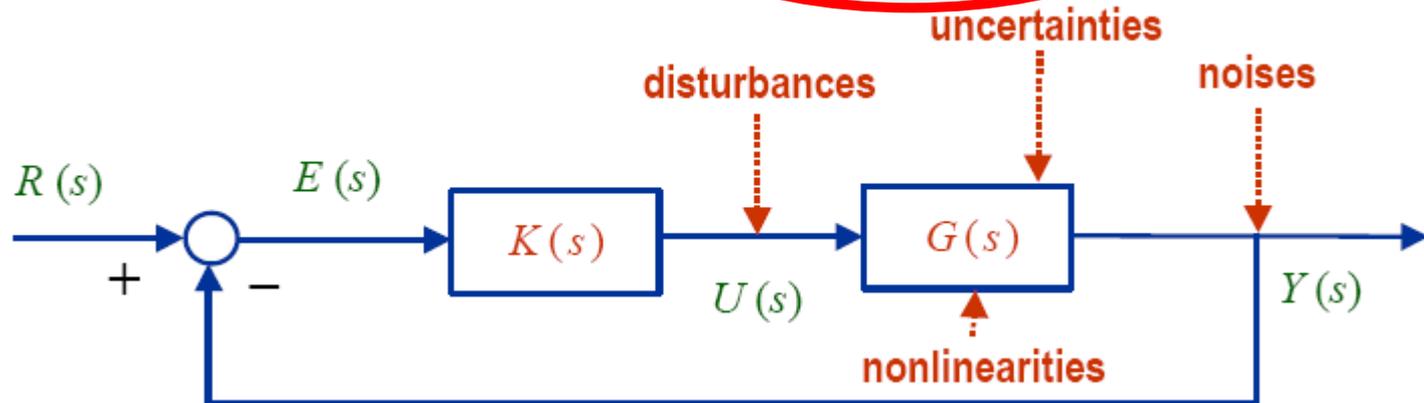
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Benefits of FOM

- Captures (more) physics $G_p(s) = e^{-\sqrt{s}} \rightarrow G_{FO}(s) = \frac{K_2}{T_2 s^{0.5} + 1} e^{-L_2 s}$
- Reaction curve fitting: **Better than the best**
FOPDT model $G_{IO}(s) = \frac{K_1}{T_1 s + 1} e^{-L_1 s}$
- Could be a nice starting point for better controller design?

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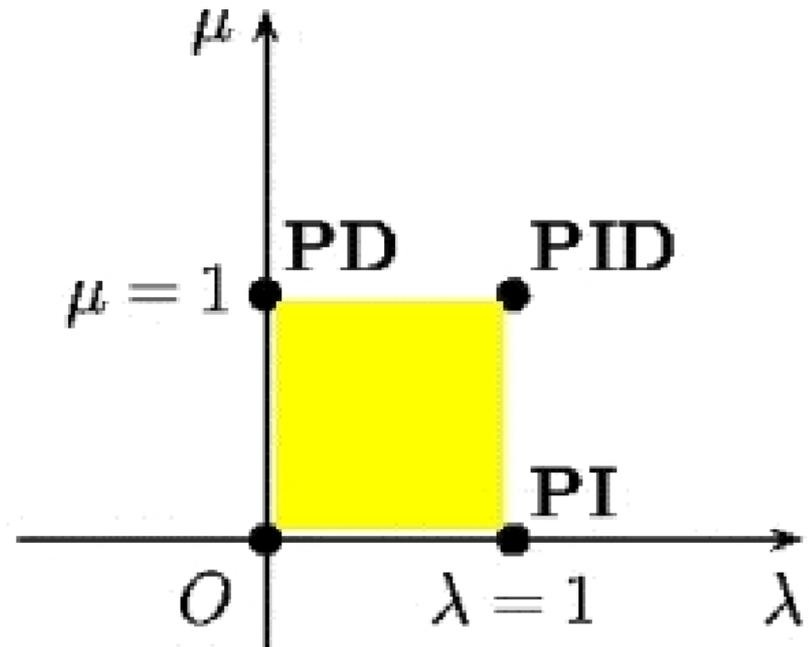
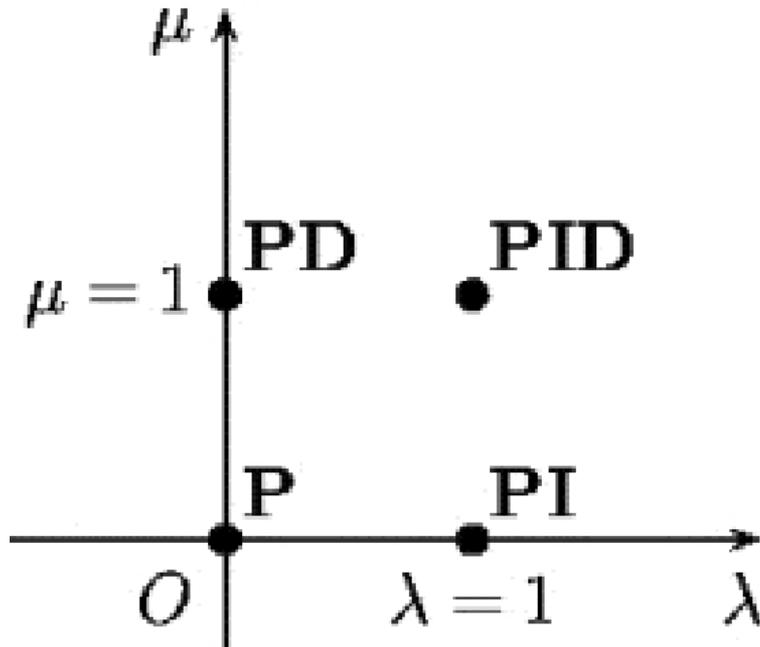


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Fractional order PID control

- 90% are PI/PID type in **(Ubiquitous)** industry.

$$u(t) = K_p(e(t) + T_i D_t^{-\lambda} e(t) + \frac{1}{T_d} D_t^\mu e(t)). \quad (D_t^{(*)} \equiv_0 D_t^{(*)}).$$



Igor Podlubny. "*Fractional-order systems and PI^D^μ -controllers*". *IEEE Trans. Automatic Control*, 44(1): 208–214, 1999.

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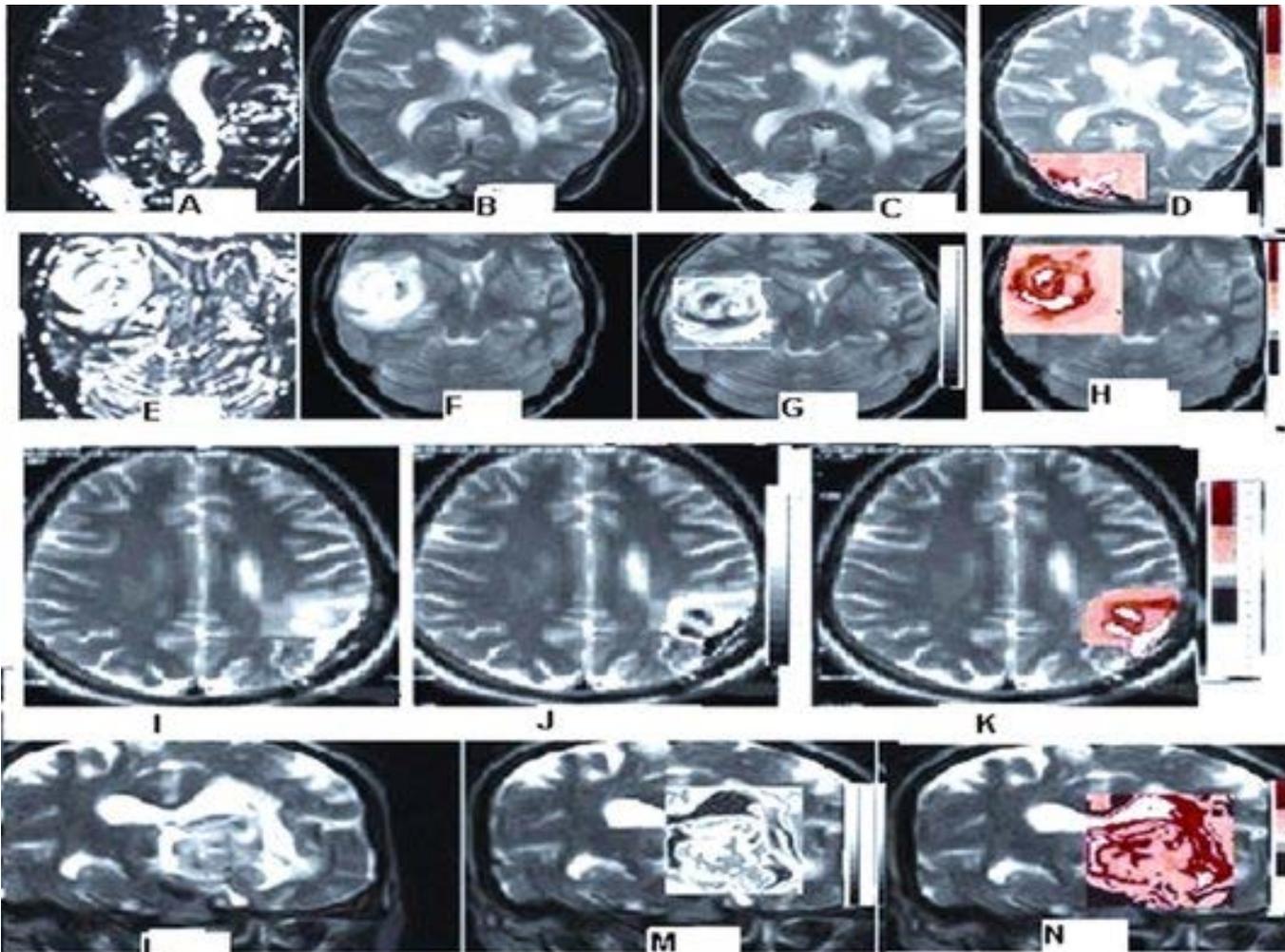
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"Fractional Order Modeling" @ EECS Seminar @ UC Merced

Outline

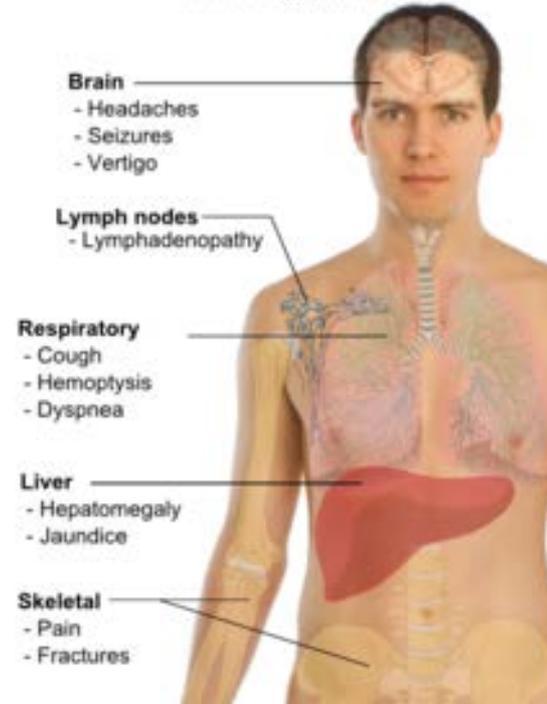
- **What is Fractional Calculus and Fractional Order Modeling/Controls**
- **A Worked Out Example on Fractional Order Modeling (FOM)**
- **Summary of Benefits of Using FOM**
- **An Application: Parameter-Distributed and DO FOM of Complex Relaxation Processes**

Complex relaxation in NMR



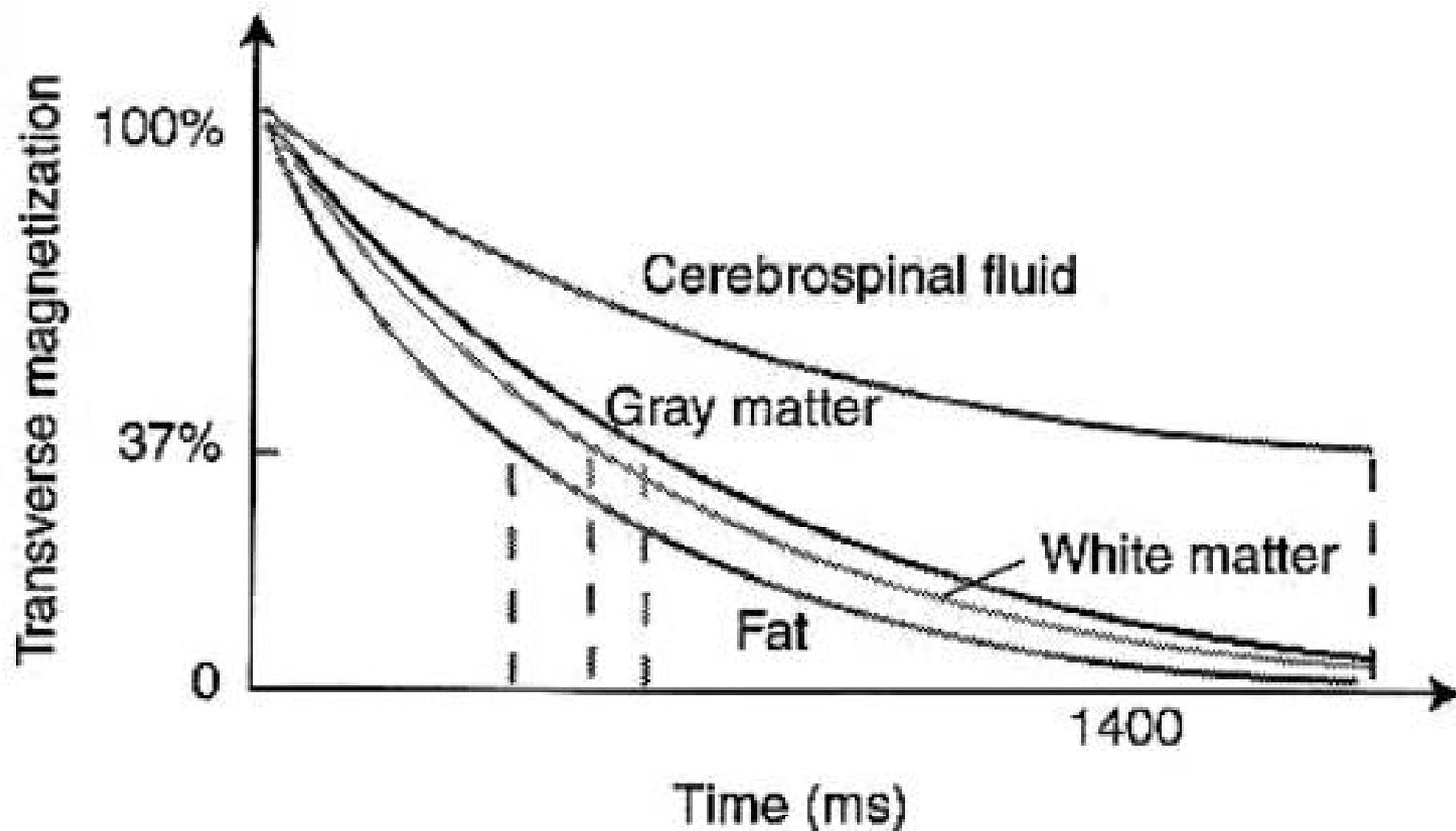
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metastasis>

Most common sites of Cancer metastasis and their symptoms



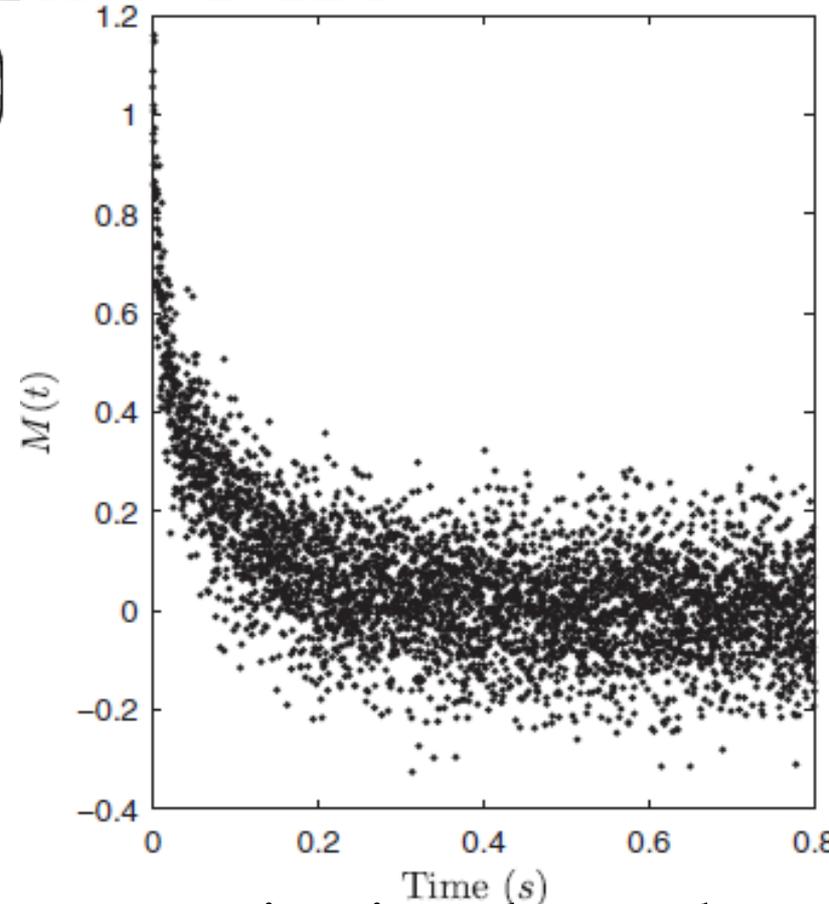
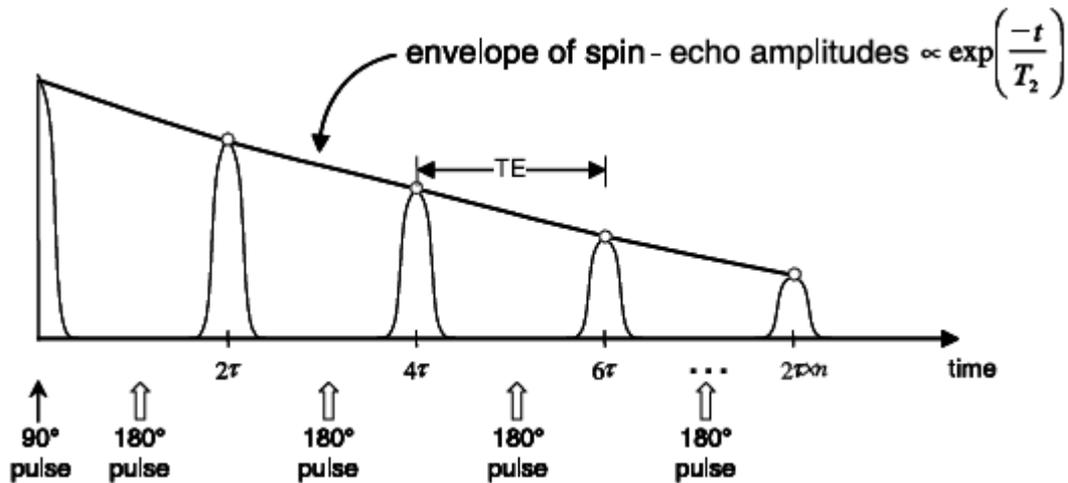
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T2 relaxation in NMR



<http://hs.doversherborn.org/hs/bridgerj/DSHS/appphysics/NMR/T2.htm>

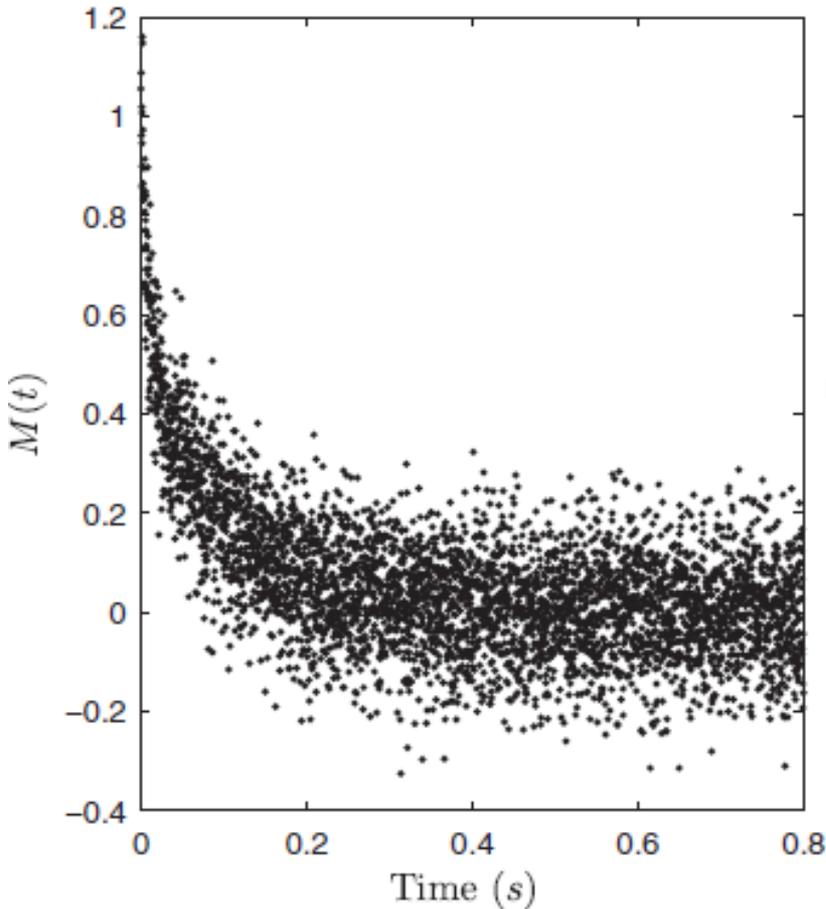
T2 relaxation in NMR



magnetization decay data
 $M(t)$ with poor SNR

Carr–Purcell–Meiboom–Gill
(*CPMG*) pulse sequence, as
shown in Fig. 1, is widely used to
measure spin–spin *relaxation*
time T_2

Complex relaxation: How to characterize or model it?

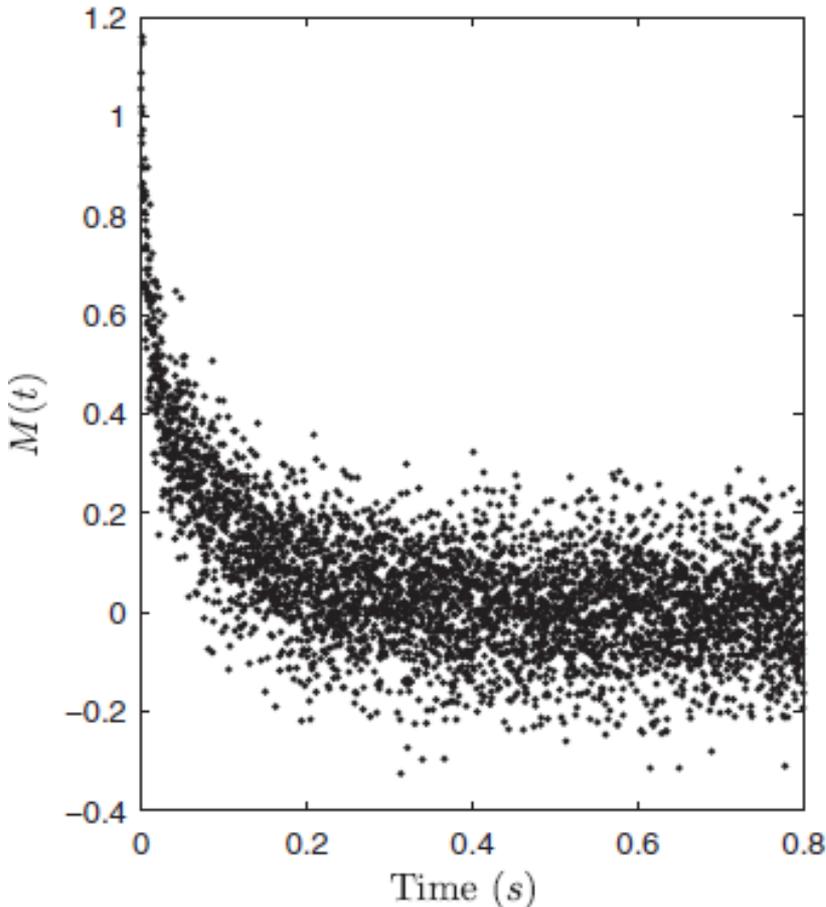


- Debye relaxation $\exp(-t/\tau)$
 $1/(1 + \tau s)$
- Distributed-parameter
(infinite # of time constants)

$$\int_0^T \frac{f(\tau)}{\tau s + 1} d\tau$$

(H. Fröhlich, 1949)

Complex relaxation: How to better characterize or model it?



- Cole-Cole (1941)

$$1 / \left(1 + \tau s^\alpha \right)$$

- Distributed-parameter (infinite # time constants)

$$\int_0^T \frac{f(\tau)}{\tau s^\alpha + 1} d\tau$$

(Hu, Li and Chen, IEEE CDC 2010)

More complex relaxation models

- Cole-Davidson

$$H_{\text{C-D}}(s) = \int_0^T \frac{f(\tau)}{(1 + \tau s)^\beta} d\tau$$

- Havriliak-Negami

$$H_{\text{H-N}}(s) = \int_0^T \frac{f(\tau)}{(1 + \tau s^\alpha)^\beta} d\tau$$

- **Distributed-order case? Sure!**

$$H(s) = \int_0^1 \frac{f(\gamma)}{\tau s^\gamma + 1} d\gamma$$

More complex relaxation models:

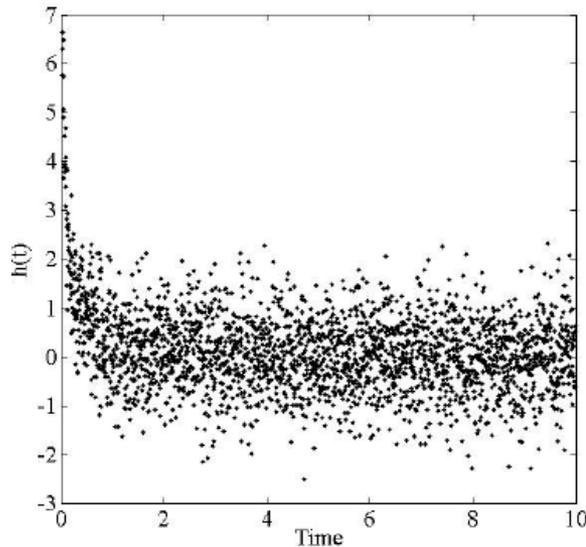
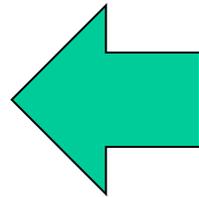
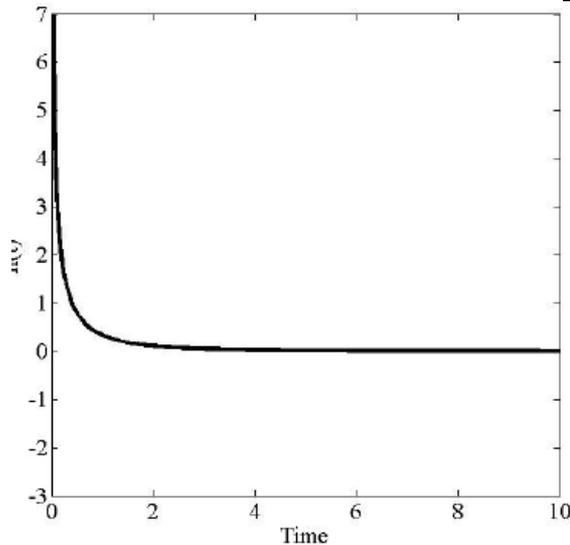
Why?

- More complexities captured
- More informing (useful) parameters extracted
- Closer to the nature of the *real* (fractional) dynamics
- Not much added computational overhead



increase model complexities! When?

An illustration



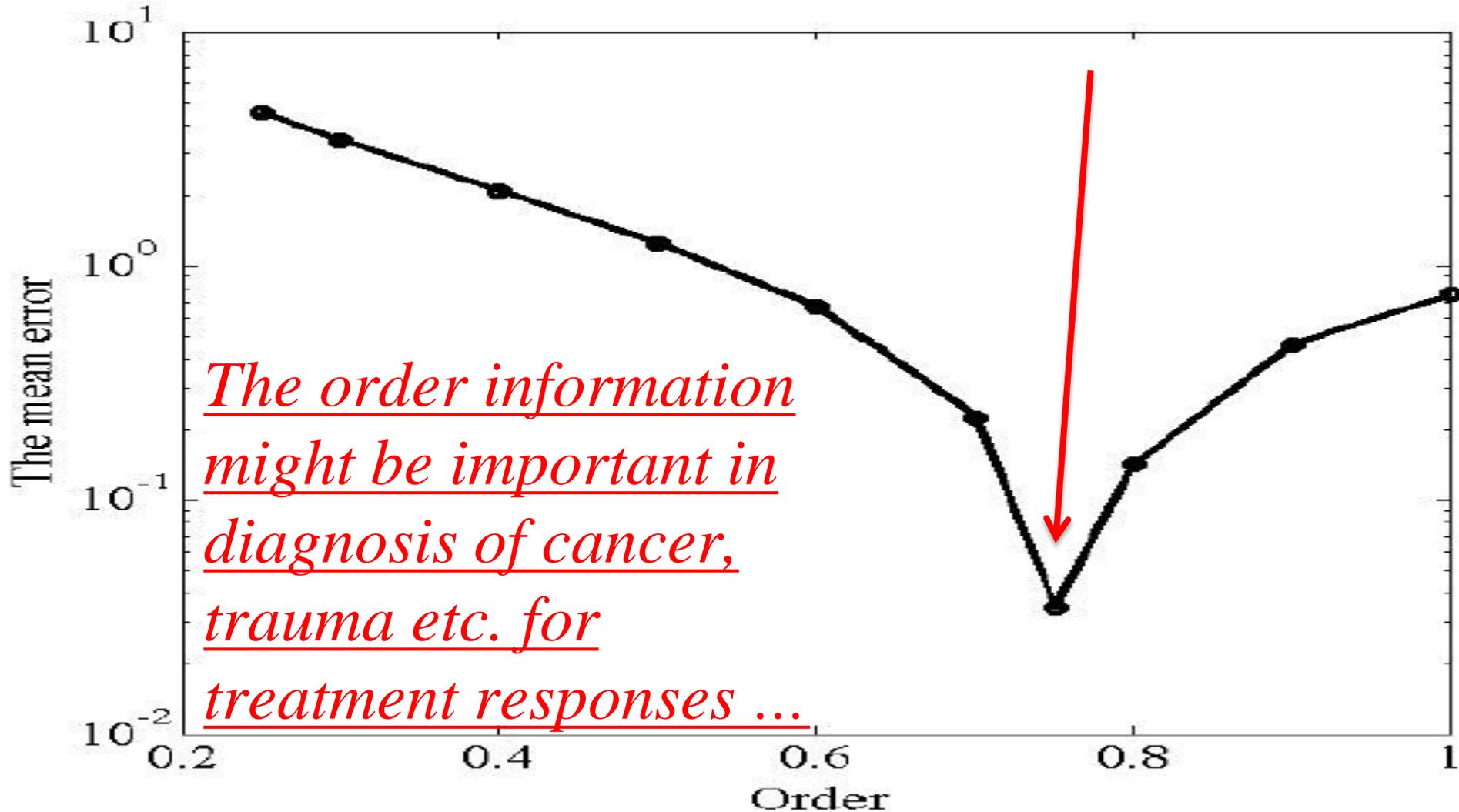
- Distributed-parameter (infinite time constants)

$$\int_0^T \frac{f(\tau)}{\tau S^\alpha + 1} d\tau$$

- $\alpha = 0.75, T = 1$ sec.

$$f(\tau) = 1 + 2\tau$$

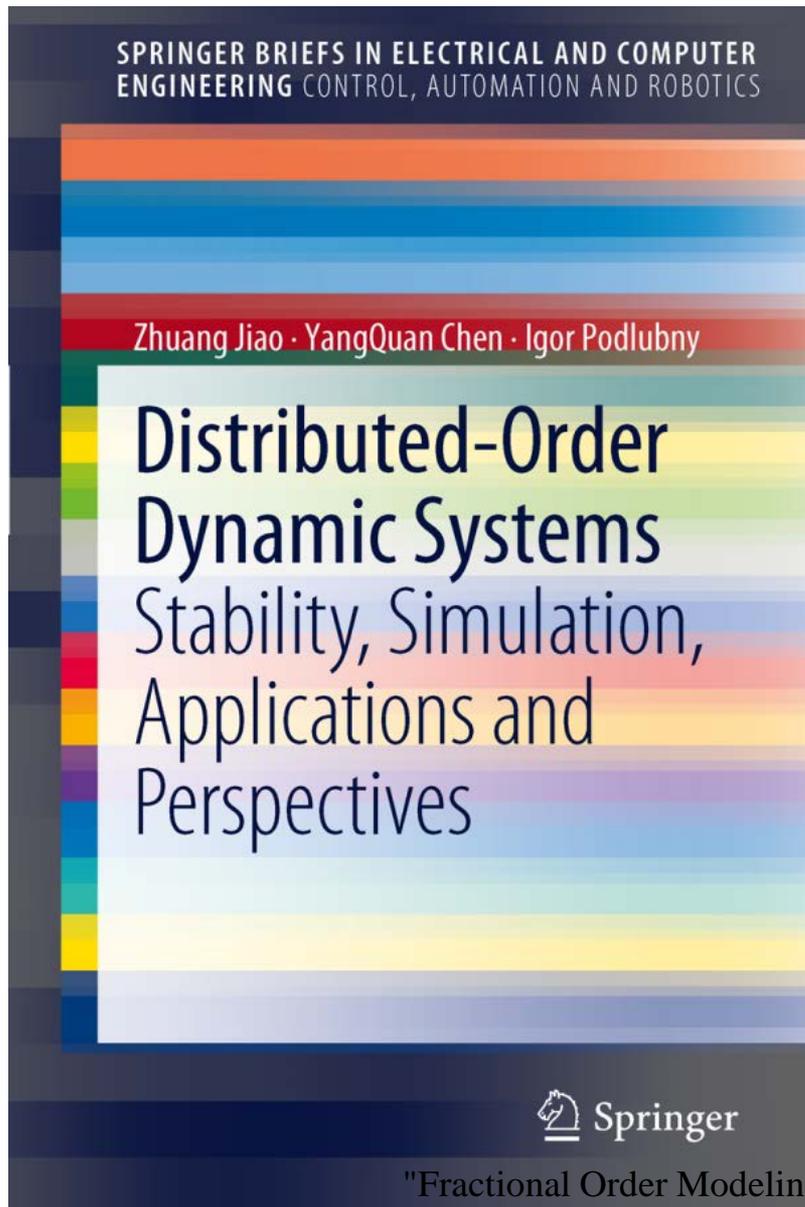
Scanning the “order” and fitting



A take home message

- Go “Fractional Order Models” if (note: not **iff**)
 - The signals are from a complex “system”
 - biological,
 - physiological,
 - behavioral,
 - social (crowds, community emergence, alcohol diffusion ...)
 - man-made, (transportation/comm/power networks, etc.)
 - natural (geological, ecological, environmental etc.)
 - cosmological
 - etc.

Go "Fractional Order Models", too?



$$H(s) = \int_0^1 \frac{f(\gamma)}{\tau s^\gamma + 1} d\gamma$$

Thank you for attending my talk!

For more information, check

<http://mechatronics.ece.usu.edu/foc/afc>

<http://www.youtube.com/user/FractionalCalculus>

coming soon

<http://mechatronics.ucmerced.edu/>