Fundamental problems for main-stream Social & Life Sciences

Time series of observables of living systems (e.g. human physiology, performance and self-reports of well-being)

- Often no stationarity of central moments
- Often no characteristic scale of fluctuation (homogeneity)
- No memoryless-ness property (nontrivial after-effects of interactions)
- Anomalous diffusion rather than typical diffusion
- Ageing (losing identity over time)
- Scaling (1/f noise, multifractal spectrum, multiplicative cascades)

>> non-ergodic, non-equilibrium, non-linear phenomena Most common model in Social Sciences: General Linear Model

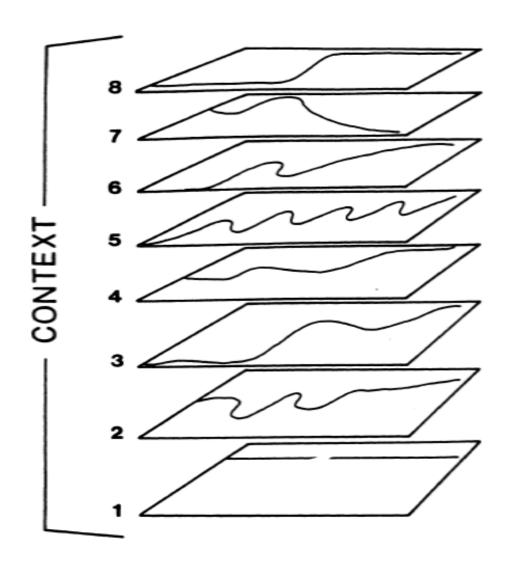
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Development:

Continuous

Occurs across and within multiple nested temporal and spatial scales The result of interactions with the internal and external environment