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Nonadditive entropy and nonextensive statistical mechanics -Recent predictions, verifications and applications

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A plethora of natural, artificial and social systems exist which defy Boltzmann-Gibbs (BG) statistical mechanics in the sense that they do not satisfy the basic requirements for its validity. These are, for classical systems, ergodicity, positive maximal Lyapunov exponent (sufficient but not necessary for ergodicity), Markovian mesoscopic processes, and equivalent ones. Such complex systems can be handled in a variety of manners. However, if we wish to follow a statistical mechanical path, it appears to be necessary the use of nonconventional entropies such as the nonadditive one $S_q \equiv k \frac{1-\sum_i p_i^q}{q-1}$ $(q \in \mathcal{R}; S_1 = S_{BG} \equiv -k \sum_i p_i \ln p_i)$. Important properties such as thermodynamical extensivity and finite entropy production per unit time can be achieved by tunnig the index q on precise values which reflect the dynamical/geometrical structure of occupancy of the Γ phase space (or Hilbert or Fock spaces, if quantum) of the system or, more precisely, of its nonextensivity universality class. This fact has also implications for the corresponding attractors in the sense of the Central Limit Theorem (q-generalized in [1, 2]). In addition to these conceptual aspects [3, 4], various recent predictions, verifications and applications will be briefly presented as well, in particular the recent ones achieved in the LHC and Brookhaven accelerators [5, 6, 7].

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