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Abstract:

The probability distributions (PDFs) of the differences of physical key variables in the intermittent solar wind are scale dependent and show strong non-Gaussianity for small-scale spatial separations, whereas for large scales the differences turn into a Gaussian normal distribution. These characteristics were hitherto described in the context of the Castaing distribution, log-normal or the shell model, containing a priori assumptions about the nature of long-range forces, thus providing insufficient justification for nonlocality in turbulence. Theoretically the nonextensive character of the interplanetary medium, counting for long-range interactions or memory, can be introduced by pseudo-additive entropy generalization where a single parameter κ measures the degree of nonextensivity in the system. This approach opens the possibility for experimental studies of specific mechanisms responsible for long-range interactions in turbulence without need of referring to a priori model assumptions. In order to study particular characteristics of short and long range interactions the functional dependence between the spatial separation scales and the nonextensive parameter κ for recently introduced fitting bi-kappa functions to the observed PDFs is evaluated. Moreover PDFs within periods of slow and fast wind are investigated separately to extract the nature of the underlying nonlinear coupling. It is argued that nonextensive entropy generalization provides generically an unbiased description of the specific nonlinear features of intermittency in the turbulent fluctuations.

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