

Generalized thermodynamics of q -deformed bosons and fermions

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We study the thermostatics of q -deformed bosons and fermions obeying the symmetric ($q \leftrightarrow q^{-1}$) algebra and show that it can be built on the formalism of q calculus. The entire structure of thermodynamics is preserved if ordinary derivatives are replaced by an appropriate Jackson derivative. In this framework, we derive the most important thermodynamic functions describing the q -boson and q -fermion ideal gases in the thermodynamic limit. We also investigate the semiclassical limit and the low-temperature regime and demonstrate that the nature of the q deformation gives rise to pure quantum statistical effects stronger than undeformed boson and fermion particles.

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I. INTRODUCTION

There have emerged two distinct methods in the literature for the purpose of introducing an intermediate statistical behavior to describe a deformed physical system. The first method consists of modifying the partitioning of the microstates and thus the logarithm of the statistical weight W of the many-body system. Specifically this is accomplished by a deformation of the logarithm function in the Boltzmann entropy $S = \ln_T W$, by the introduction of the Tsallis logarithm [1]. This then introduces nonextensivity in the statistical behavior. The second method is to deform the quantum algebra of the creation and annihilation operators, thus modifying the exchange factor between the permuted particles or states. The theory of q oscillators is related to the theory of quantum groups originally introduced individually by Biedenharn and Macfarlane [2,3].

The mathematical framework of q oscillators is based on the q calculus, which is introduced via the Jackson derivative (JD) [4]. We thus expect such a q calculus to play an important role in the thermostatics of q oscillators. Indeed, it has been shown [5] that an internally self-consistent thermostatics of q bosons can be formulated by using an appropriate prescription of the JD to be used in the thermodynamic relations so that the entire structure of thermodynamics in the sense of the Legendre transformations is preserved.

Many investigations are devoted to the study of q oscillators providing much insight into both the mathematical development and the q -deformed thermodynamics [6–14]. However, it is our opinion that a full understanding of the physical meaning of the q deformation and its effect on the thermodynamic relations is still lacking.

The purpose of this paper is twofold: first, we want to extend the formalism introduced in Ref. [5] to incorporate the algebra that is symmetric under the transformation $q \leftrightarrow q^{-1}$, considering both boson and fermion degrees of freedom. Second, by using the generalized thermodynamic relations, we wish to examine the equation of state of the q -deformed ideal gas in the semiclassical limit and the low-temperature regime of q fermions in order to provide a deeper insight into the understanding of the statistical behav-

ior of q -deformed bosons and fermions. We organize the paper as follows. Section II introduces the q -deformed algebra of bosons and fermions and the thermal expectation values. The statistical thermodynamics of q -deformed bosons and fermions is developed in Sec. III. The equation of state and specific heat of the ideal boson and fermion gases are derived in Sec. IV. We study the equation of state in the semiclassical limit in Sec. V. We devote Sec. VI to the investigation of the ideal q -deformed fermions at low temperatures. Section VII contains some concluding remarks.

II. q -OSCILLATORS ALGEBRA AND THERMAL AVERAGES

In this section we shall briefly review the basic properties of q -oscillators algebra useful in the present investigation. The symmetric q -oscillators algebra is defined in terms of the creation and annihilation operators c , c^\dagger and the q -number operator N by [6–9]

$$[c, c]_\kappa = [c^\dagger, c^\dagger]_\kappa = 0, \quad cc^\dagger - \kappa q^\kappa c^\dagger c = q^{-N}, \quad (1)$$

$$[N, c^\dagger] = c^\dagger, \quad [N, c] = -c, \quad (2)$$

where the deformation parameter q is real and $[x, y]_\kappa = xy - \kappa yx$, where $\kappa = 1$ for q bosons with commutators and $\kappa = -1$ for q fermions with anticommutators.

Furthermore, the operators obey the relations

$$c^\dagger c = [N], \quad cc^\dagger = [1 + \kappa N], \quad (3)$$

where the q -basic number is defined as

$$[x] = \frac{q^x - q^{-x}}{q - q^{-1}}. \quad (4)$$

By using the above algebra it is possible to construct the q -Fock space valid for both q bosons and q fermions. It is, however, important to stress that for q fermions the eigenvalues of the number operator N can take on the values $n = 0, 1$ only (as in the case of undeformed fermions).

The transformation from Fock space to the configuration space (Bargmann holomorphic representation) may be accomplished by means of the JD [4,15,16]

$$\mathcal{D}^{(q)}f(x) = \frac{f(qx) - f(q^{-1}x)}{x(q - q^{-1})}, \quad (5)$$

which reduces to the ordinary derivative in the limit when q goes to unity. Therefore, the JD occurs naturally in q -deformed structures and we will see that it plays a crucial role in the q generalization of the thermodynamic relations.

Thermal average of observables can be computed by following the usual prescription of quantum mechanics. The Hamiltonian of the noninteracting q -deformed oscillators (fermions or bosons) is expected to have the form

$$H = \sum_i (\epsilon_i - \mu) N_i, \quad (6)$$

where μ is the chemical potential and ϵ_i is the kinetic energy in the state i associated with the number operator N_i . Let us note that the Hamiltonian is deformed and depends implicitly on q , since the number operator is deformed by means of Eq. (3). The thermal average of an operator has the standard form

$$\langle O \rangle = \text{Tr}(\rho O), \quad (7)$$

where ρ is the density operator and \mathcal{Z} is the grand canonical partition function defined as

$$\rho = \frac{e^{-\beta H}}{\mathcal{Z}}, \quad \mathcal{Z} = \text{Tr}(e^{-\beta H}), \quad (8)$$

and $\beta = 1/T$ (henceforward we shall set Boltzmann constant equal to unity). We observe that the structure of the density matrix ρ and the thermal average are undeformed. As a consequence, the structure of the partition function is also unchanged. We emphasize that this is not a trivial assumption because its validity implicitly amounts to an unmodified structure of the Boltzmann-Gibbs entropy, $S_q = \ln W_q$, where W_q stands for the number of states of the system corresponding to the set of occupation numbers n_i . Obviously the number W_q is modified in the q -deformed case. Such a deformation is radically different from the so-called nonextensive statistics, recently proposed by Tsallis [1], where the structure of the entropy is deformed via the logarithmic function.

The above assumptions allow us to calculate the average occupation number n_i defined by the relation $[n_i] = \text{Tr}(e^{-\beta H} c_i^\dagger c_i) / \mathcal{Z}$. Repeated application of the algebra of c, c^\dagger along with the use of the cyclic property of the trace leads to the result [17]

$$n_i = \frac{1}{q - q^{-1}} \ln \left(\frac{z^{-1} e^{\beta \epsilon_i} - \kappa q^{-\kappa}}{z^{-1} e^{\beta \epsilon_i} - \kappa q^\kappa} \right), \quad (9)$$

where $z = e^{\beta \mu}$ is the fugacity. It is easy to verify that the $q \rightarrow 1$ limit reproduces the standard distribution. We shall see later that such a result can be obtained in a natural way by means the generalization of the standard thermodynamic relations.

III. THERMODYNAMICS OF q -DEFORMED BOSONS AND FERMIONS

In order to develop the thermodynamics of q oscillators, we shall begin with the logarithm of the grand partition function given by

$$\ln \mathcal{Z} = -\kappa \sum_i \ln(1 - \kappa z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}). \quad (10)$$

This form is due to the fact that we have chosen the Hamiltonian to be a linear function of the number operator but it is not linear in $c^\dagger c$. For this reason, the standard thermodynamic relations in the usual form are ruled out. It is verified, for instance, that $N \neq z(\partial/\partial z) \ln \mathcal{Z}$.

As the coordinate space representation of the q -boson algebra is realized by the introduction of the JD, we stress that the key point of the q -deformed thermostatistics is in the observation that the ordinary thermodynamic derivative with respect to z , must be replaced with the JD, thus

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \Rightarrow \mathcal{D}_z^{(q)}. \quad (11)$$

Consequently, the number of particles in the q -deformed theory can be derived from the relation

$$N = z \mathcal{D}_z^{(q)} \ln \mathcal{Z} \equiv \sum_i n_i, \quad (12)$$

where n_i is the mean occupation number expressed in Eq. (9).

The usual Leibniz chain rule is not valid for the JD and, therefore, derivatives encountered in thermodynamics must be modified according to a well-defined prescription as follows. First we observe that the JD applies only with respect to the variable in the exponential form, such as $z = e^{\beta \mu}$ or $y_i = e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}$. Therefore for the q -deformed case, any thermodynamic derivative of functions that depend on z or y_i must be transformed to derivatives in one of these variables by using the ordinary chain rule and then evaluating the JD with respect to the exponential variable. For the case of the internal energy in the q -deformed case, we can write this prescription explicitly as

$$U = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln \mathcal{Z} \Big|_z = \kappa \sum_i \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial \beta} \mathcal{D}_{y_i}^{(q)} \ln(1 - \kappa z y_i). \quad (13)$$

In this case we obtain the correct form of the internal energy

$$U = \sum_i \epsilon_i n_i, \quad (14)$$

where n_i is the mean occupation number expressed in Eq. (9). This shows that the above procedure is the correct prescription for the application of the JD.

Introducing the thermodynamic potential $\Omega = -T \ln \mathcal{Z}$, we can determine the entropy to be

$$S = - \left. \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial T} \right|_{\mu} \equiv \ln \mathcal{Z} + \kappa \beta \sum_i \left. \frac{\partial \alpha_i}{\partial \beta} \right|_{\mu} \mathcal{D}_{\alpha_i}^{(q)} \ln(1 - \kappa \alpha_i)$$

$$= \ln \mathcal{Z} + \beta U - \beta \mu N, \quad (15)$$

where $\alpha_i = z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}$, N and U are the modified functions expressed in Eqs. (12) and (13). After some simple manipulations, we may express the above entropy in terms of the q -basic numbers as follows:

$$S = \sum_i \{ -n_i \ln[n_i] + \kappa(1 + \kappa n_i) \ln[1 + \kappa n_i] - \kappa \ln([1 + \kappa n_i] - \kappa[n_i]) \}. \quad (16)$$

We point out that the entropy determined in Eq. (16) reduces to the standard boson and fermion entropies [18] in the $q \rightarrow 1$ limit. It is interesting to observe that the above entropy has the same structure as the standard boson/fermion entropy apart from the appearance of the last term, which follows from the nonadditivity property of the q -basic number defined in Eq. (4).

We can establish internal self-consistency by demonstrating that the extremization of the entropy with constrained internal energy and total number of particles, leads to the correct distribution function. Accordingly, the extremization can be stated as

$$\delta(S - \beta U + \beta \mu N) = 0, \quad (17)$$

where β and $\beta \mu$ play the role of Lagrange multipliers. Following our prescription for the use of the JD, this condition becomes

$$\mathcal{D}_{y_i}^{(q)}(S - \beta U + \beta \mu N) \delta y_i = 0. \quad (18)$$

After simple manipulations it is easy to show that the above condition gives the correct distribution function as in Eq. (9) derived from the q algebra.

IV. IDEAL q -DEFORMED BOSON AND FERMION GAS

We shall now proceed to investigate the thermodynamic functions describing the behavior of an ideal q -deformed boson or fermion gas. In the following, we shall not analyze the phenomena of q -boson condensation (explicitly studied in Ref. [5]). In other words, for q -bosons the considered temperature is greater than the critical temperature.

For a large volume and a large number of particles, the sum over states can be replaced with the integral and the thermodynamic relation $PV/T = \ln \mathcal{Z}$ can be written as

$$\frac{P}{T} = -\kappa \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{g_{\kappa}}{\lambda^3} \int_0^{\infty} dx x^{1/2} \ln(1 - \kappa z e^{-x}), \quad (19)$$

where g_{κ} is the spin degeneracy factor, $x = \beta \epsilon$, $\epsilon = p^2/2m$ is the kinetic energy and $\lambda = h/(2\pi mT)^{1/2}$ is the thermal wavelength.

Following the prescription of the JD in the q -deformed thermodynamics derivatives, we may reexpress the above equation as

$$\frac{P}{T} = \frac{g_{\kappa}}{\lambda^3} h_{\delta/2}^{\kappa}(z, q), \quad (20)$$

where we have defined the q -deformed $h_n^{\kappa}(z, q)$ function as

$$h_n^{\kappa}(z, q) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n)} \int_0^{\infty} dx x^{n-1} \frac{1}{q - q^{-1}} \ln \left(\frac{z^{-1} e^x - \kappa q^{-\kappa}}{z^{-1} e^x - \kappa q^{\kappa}} \right)$$

$$\equiv \frac{1}{q - q^{-1}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\kappa q^{\kappa} z)^i}{i^{n+1}} - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\kappa q^{-\kappa} z)^i}{i^{n+1}} \right). \quad (21)$$

In the limit $q \rightarrow 1$, the deformed $h_n^{\kappa}(z, q)$ functions reduce to the standard $g_n(z)$ functions for bosons and to the $f_n(z)$ functions for fermions [18]. In terms of these q -generalized functions, we obtain the particle density

$$\frac{N}{V} = \frac{g_{\kappa}}{\lambda^3} h_{3/2}^{\kappa}(z, q), \quad (22)$$

and the internal energy

$$U = \frac{3}{2} \frac{g_{\kappa}}{\lambda^3} VT h_{5/2}^{\kappa}(z, q). \quad (23)$$

Comparing Eqs. (20) and (23), we see that, as in the case of the undeformed gas, the following well-known relation is satisfied:

$$U = \frac{3}{2} PV. \quad (24)$$

In a similar manner, in the thermodynamic limit, we can obtain the entropy per unit volume

$$\frac{S}{V} = \frac{g_{\kappa}}{\lambda^3} \left[\frac{5}{2} h_{5/2}^{\kappa}(z, q) - h_{3/2}^{\kappa}(z, q) \ln z \right]. \quad (25)$$

We may now proceed to calculate the specific heat

$$C_v = \left. \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right|_{V, N}. \quad (26)$$

Making use of the JD prescription as before, we determine the specific heat to be

$$C_v = -\beta^2 \sum_i \epsilon_i \frac{\partial \alpha_i}{\partial \beta} \frac{1}{q - q^{-1}} \mathcal{D}_{\alpha_i}^{(q)} \ln \left(\frac{1 - \kappa q^{-\kappa} \alpha_i}{1 - \kappa q^{\kappa} \alpha_i} \right), \quad (27)$$

where $\alpha_i = z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i}$. The above equation can be written in the thermodynamic limit as

$$C_v = \frac{g_{\kappa}}{\lambda^3} \left\{ \frac{15}{4} z \mathcal{D}_z^{(q)} h_{7/2}^{\kappa}(z, q) - \frac{9}{4} \frac{z [\mathcal{D}_z^{(q)} h_{5/2}^{\kappa}(z, q)]^2}{\mathcal{D}_z^{(q)} h_{3/2}^{\kappa}(z, q)} \right\}. \quad (28)$$

We observe that the above equations have the same structure as the undeformed relation, even though the deformation is contained in the JD and in the $h(z, q)$ functions.

V. EQUATION OF STATE IN THE SEMICLASSICAL LIMIT

First, we observe that in the classical limit $z = e^{\beta\mu} \ll 1$, the q -deformed distribution function (9) reduces to the standard Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution and the entropy (16) reduces to the Boltzmann entropy: $S = -\sum_i n_i \ln n_i$, for any value of q . Furthermore, studying the classical limit in Eq. (28), it is easy to check that the specific heat goes to its classical value: $C_v \rightarrow 3/2N$. Hence the q deformation in the thermodynamic relations is a pure quantum effect, which is washed up in the classical limit. Such a feature is quite the opposite in the case of Tsallis statistics, where the deformation is intrinsic and does not depend on the quantum nature of the system [1].

We shall now investigate the effects of the deformation in the equation of state of an ideal quantum boson/fermion gas in the semiclassical limit. For low values of z , Eq. (19) reduces to

$$P \simeq \frac{T}{\lambda^3} g_\kappa z \left\{ 1 + \kappa \left(\frac{q+q^{-1}}{2} \right) \frac{z}{2^{5/2}} \right\}. \quad (29)$$

The equation of state can be expressed in terms of the number of particles considering the semiclassical limit of Eq. (22),

$$N \simeq \frac{V}{\lambda^3} g_\kappa z \left\{ 1 + \kappa \left(\frac{q+q^{-1}}{2} \right) \frac{z}{2^{3/2}} \right\}. \quad (30)$$

Inverting the above equation as $z = z(N)$ and inserting the result in Eq. (29), we can write the equation of state in the semiclassical limit as

$$PV \simeq NT \left[1 - \kappa \left(\frac{q+q^{-1}}{2} \right) \frac{N\lambda^3}{Vg_\kappa 2^{5/2}} \right]. \quad (31)$$

As usual, when the thermal wavelength λ is much less than the average interparticle distance ($\lambda^3 \ll V$), the quantum statistics does not have a significant influence on the thermodynamic property of the gas. Otherwise we find that the equation of state is modified by the quantum statistical effect and, at fixed volume, the pressure is decreased for q -boson particles ($\kappa = 1$) and increased for q -fermion particles ($\kappa = -1$) compared with the classical case. This feature is similar to the standard boson/fermion result: the attractive boson interactions reduce the pressure and the repulsive fermion interactions increase the degeneracy pressure. However, in Eq. (31), this effect is enhanced by the factor $(q+q^{-1})/2$ (always greater than unity). Therefore, the q deformation of the algebra implies an enhancement of the quantum statistical behavior of the particles relative to the standard bosons or fermions. In the following section, we will see that this feature is in agreement with the results obtained considering q -deformed fermions at a low-temperature regime.

VI. IDEAL q -DEFORMED FERMIONS AT LOW TEMPERATURES

We shall now investigate the low-temperature behavior of the q -deformed fermions ($\kappa = -1$). We start by observing

that for the case of q fermions, the Fermi surface in the limit $T \rightarrow 0$ (or $\beta \rightarrow +\infty$) assumes the standard undeformed step shape, for all values of q : $n_q \rightarrow \vartheta(\mu - \epsilon)$. Consequently, the quantum deformation of the statistics is a finite temperature effect only.

In order to bring out the salient features of the behavior of the q -deformed fermion gas at low but finite temperature, let us begin with the function introduced in Eq. (21), now with $\kappa = -1$ which is needed to evaluate the number of particles for unit volume and the internal energy. Thus we specifically consider the integral

$$f_{3/2}(z, q) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty dx x^{1/2} \frac{1}{q - q^{-1}} \ln \left(\frac{e^{x-\nu} + q}{e^{x-\nu} + q^{-1}} \right), \quad (32)$$

where $\nu = \beta\mu$. Considering the low-temperature limit $\nu \rightarrow \infty$, the above integral can be expanded in a Taylor series as follows:

$$f_{3/2}(z, q) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left\{ \frac{2}{3} \nu^{2/3} + \gamma_1(q) \frac{\pi^2}{12} \nu^{-1/2} + \gamma_3(q) \frac{7\pi^4}{120} \frac{\nu^{-5/2}}{8} + \dots \right\}, \quad (33)$$

where $\gamma_n(q)$ is a factor that depends on the deformation parameter

$$\gamma_n(q) = \int_0^\infty dt t^n \frac{1}{q - q^{-1}} \ln \left(\frac{e^t + q}{e^t + q^{-1}} \right) \bigg/ \int_0^\infty dt t^n \frac{1}{e^t + 1}, \quad (34)$$

and goes to unity when $q \rightarrow 1$.

Inserting Eq. (33) in Eq. (22), we have

$$\frac{1}{g_F} \frac{N}{V} \left(\frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{m} \right) = \frac{4}{3\sqrt{\pi}} \left\{ \nu^{3/2} + \gamma_1(q) \frac{\pi^2}{8} \mu^{-1/2} T^2 + \gamma_3(q) \frac{7\pi^4}{640} \nu^{-5/2} T^4 \dots \right\}. \quad (35)$$

In the limit $T \rightarrow 0$, we obtain the expression for the chemical potential (equivalent to the Fermi energy) as a function of the average density in the form

$$\mu(T=0) \equiv \epsilon_F = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{6\pi^2 N}{g_F V} \right)^{2/3}. \quad (36)$$

Since the deformation acts only at finite temperature, the Fermi energy does not depend on q .

If we now consider the effect to second order in T , the chemical potential can be written as

$$\mu = \epsilon_F \left[1 - \gamma_1(q) \frac{\pi^2}{12} \left(\frac{T}{\epsilon_F} \right)^2 \right]. \quad (37)$$

Because $\gamma_1(q) < 1$ for $q \neq 1$ and decreases when the deformation parameter is increased [for example, $\gamma_1(1.5) = 0.989$, $\gamma_1(2) = 0.969$], the deformed quantum statistics im-

plies a reduction of the chemical potential at finite temperature but this reduction is smaller than the undeformed fermion case. In other words, the q -deformation increases the strength of the Pauli repulsion between particles at finite temperature in clear agreement with the result obtained in the preceding section. A somewhat similar result was found by Greenberg in the framework of quon statistics [19].

Let us now compute the internal energy, which in the low-temperature regime becomes

$$\frac{U}{V} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{g_F}{\lambda^3} T f_{5/2}(z, q) \simeq \frac{4}{5\sqrt{\pi}} g_F \left(\frac{m}{2\pi\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} \times \left[\mu^{5/2} + \gamma_1(q) \frac{5\pi^2}{8} \mu^{1/2} T^2 - \gamma_3(q) \frac{7\pi^4}{384} \mu^{-3/2} T^4 + \dots \right]. \quad (38)$$

By using Eqs. (35) and (36), the above expression at the second order in T can be written as

$$U = \frac{3}{5} N \epsilon_F \left[1 + \gamma_1(q) \frac{5\pi^2}{12} \left(\frac{T}{\epsilon_F} \right)^2 \right]. \quad (39)$$

Similarly, the heat capacity in the low-temperature regime and for $q \approx 1$ can be obtained as

$$C_v = \left. \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right|_{V, N} = \gamma_1(q) \frac{N\pi^2}{2\epsilon_F} T. \quad (40)$$

The q -fermionic specific heat depends linearly on T at very low temperatures and goes to zero at zero temperature in accordance with the third law of thermodynamics. In Eq. (40) the specific heat is modulated by the factor $\gamma_1(q)$, which is always smaller than unity for $q \neq 1$, therefore the specific heat at low temperatures is smaller in q -deformed theories as a consequence of a greater Pauli repulsion at non-zero temperature.

VII. CONCLUSION

We have studied the thermostatics of q bosons and q fermions using the symmetric $q \leftrightarrow q^{-1}$ algebra and we have shown that the entire structure of thermodynamics is preserved if the ordinary derivatives are replaced by the JD. This prescription gives us the recipe to derive the fundamental thermodynamic functions and an explicit form of the q -deformed entropy.

In the classical limit, the q -deformed statistics is reduced to the classical statistical mechanics: the distribution function goes to the Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution and the entropy reduces to the Boltzmann entropy. The q deformation is a pure quantum effect. However, we have seen that q -deformed bosons and fermions have an enhancement of the quantum statistical effects compared to standard behavior: at finite temperature, the ideal gas of q bosons is more attractive than undeformed ideal boson gas, and for q fermions, the Pauli repulsion is stronger than undeformed fermions. This feature is confirmed by an examination of the low-temperature limit of q -deformed fermion ideal gas. At zero temperature the Pauli exclusion principle is rigorously satisfied but at low but nonzero temperature, the chemical potential is greater than in the undeformed case and the specific heat is smaller. Such an effect appears more significant by increasing the deformation parameter q .

The generalized thermostatics, which we have developed, appears to provide a deeper insight into the nature of the deformed boson and fermion algebra. These results can be conceptually important in many physical fields from solid state to cosmological problems. For example, primordial nucleosynthesis can be nontrivially modified by the influence of statistics [20]. Furthermore, finite limits on Pauli principle violation by nuclei produced in the core collapse supernovas has been found in Ref. [21]. Since supernova explosions are finite temperature events ($T \approx 430$ keV), a value of the q -deformation parameter slightly different from unity could take into account such effects and influence sensibly the stellar collapse mechanism.

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