

# Nonequilibrium Statistical Physics of Driven Granular Gases

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# Plan

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Kinetic theory of granular gases**
- 3. Freely cooling states**
- 4. Driven steady states I (forcing at large scales)**
- 5. Driven steady states II (forcing at all scales)**

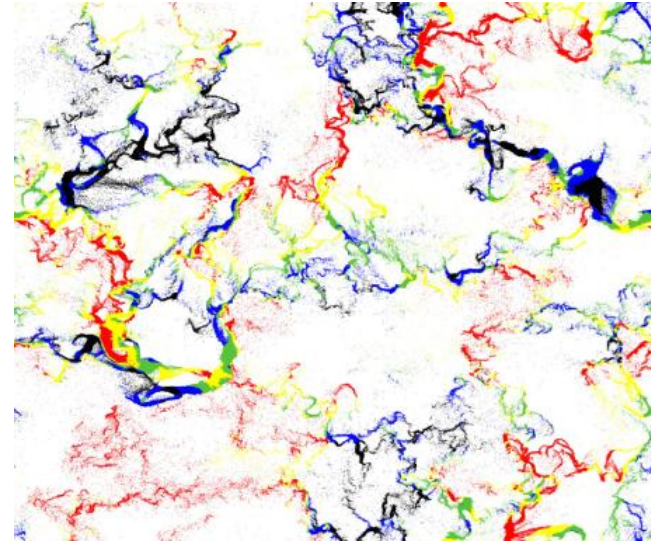
# Energy dissipation in granular matter

## ◆ Responsible for collective phenomena

- » **Clustering** I Goldhirsch, G Zanetti 93
- » **Hydrodynamic instabilities** B Meerson 04
- » **Pattern formation** H Swinney 96

## ◆ Anomalous statistical mechanics

- **No energy equipartition** R Wildman, D Parker 02
- **Nonequilibrium energy distributions**



$$P(E) \neq \exp(-E/kT)$$

# Driven Granular Gas

- ◆ Vigorous driving (gravity not relevant)
- ◆ Spatially uniform system
- ◆ Particles undergo binary collisions
- ◆ Velocities change due to:

☹ Collisions: lose energy

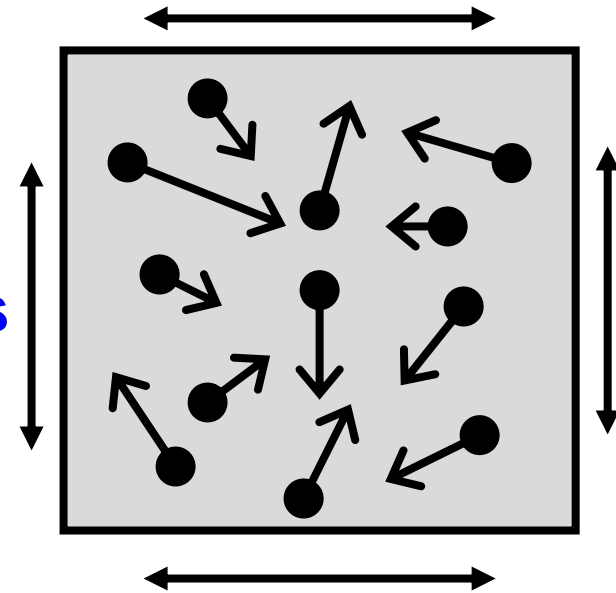
☺ Forcing: gain energy

- ◆ What is the typical velocity (granular “temperature”)?

$$T = \langle v^2 \rangle$$

- ◆ How are the velocities distributed?

$$f(v)$$



# Experiments

## ◆ Friction

D Blair, A Kudrolli 01

## ◆ Rotation

K Feitosa, N Menon 04

## ◆ Driving strength

W Losert, J Gollub 98

## ◆ Dimensionality

J Urbach & Olafsen 98

## ◆ Boundary

J van Zon, H Swinney 04

## ◆ Fluid drag

K Kohlstedt, I Aronson, EB 05

## ◆ Long range interactions

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K Kohlstedt, J Olafsen, EB 05

## ◆ Substrate

G Baxter, J Olafsen 04

**Deviations from equilibrium distribution**

# Nonequilibrium velocity distributions

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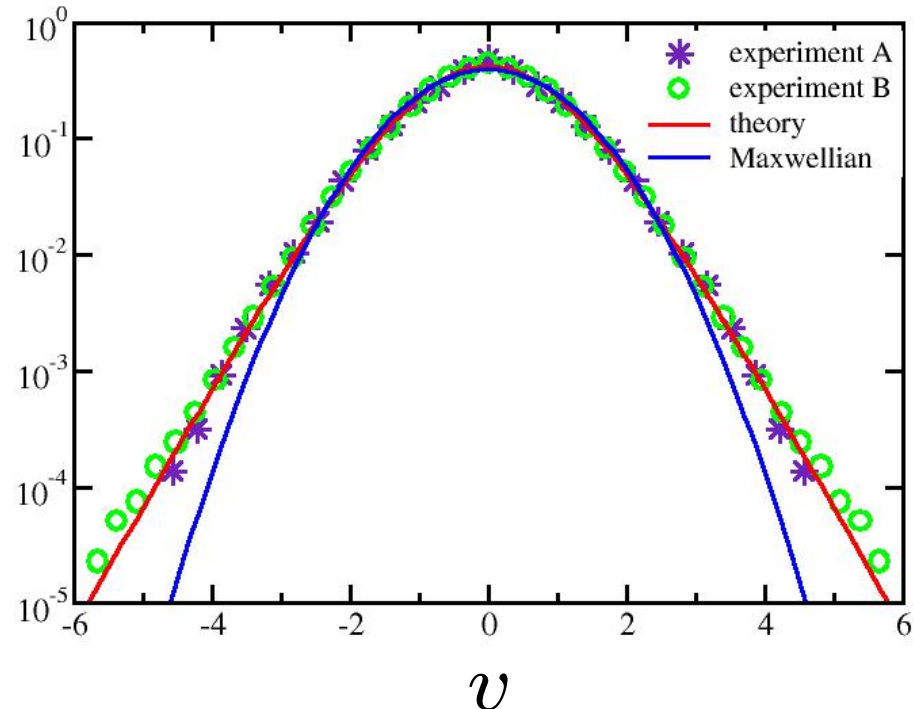
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$$1 \leq \delta \leq 3/2$$

### ◆ Fourth Moment (or kurtosis)

$$\frac{\langle v^4 \rangle}{\langle v^2 \rangle^2} = \begin{cases} 3.55 & \text{theory} \\ 3.6 & \text{experiment} \end{cases}$$

$f(v)$



**Excellent agreement between theory and experiment**

balance between  
collisional dissipation,  
energy injection from walls

# Inelastic Collisions (1D)

- ◆ Relative velocity reduced by  $0 < r < 1$

$$v_1 - v_2 = -r(u_1 - u_2)$$

- ◆ Momentum is conserved

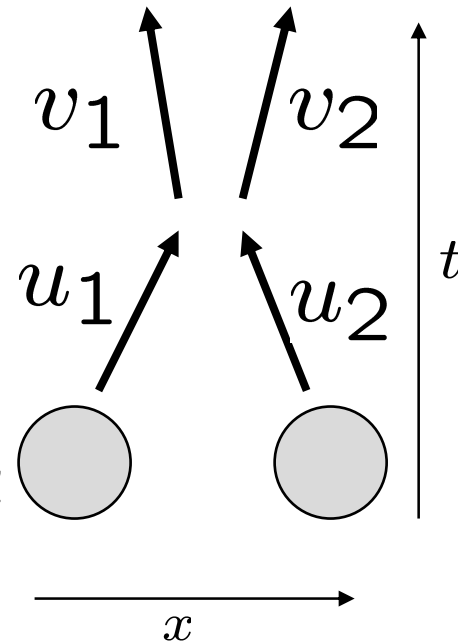
$$v_1 + v_2 = u_1 + u_2$$

- ◆ Energy is dissipated

$$\Delta E = \frac{1 - r^2}{4} (u_1 - u_2)^2$$

- ◆ Limiting cases

$$r = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{completely inelastic } (\Delta E = \max) \\ 1 & \text{elastic } (\Delta E = 0) \end{cases}$$



**Nonequilibrium: time irreversible process**

# Inelastic collisions as an averaging process

## ◆ Averaging process

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ q & p \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$r = 1 - 2p \quad p + q = 1$$

## ◆ Infinite particle system

- Pick two particles with probability proportional to  $K(u_1, u_2)$
- Update velocities according to averaging rule

## ◆ Used in many contexts

- Traffic: headway distance (majumdar, krug)
- Econophysics: asset exchange (krapivsky, redner, slanina)
- Opinion Dynamics (weisbuch, EB)



# Inelastic Collisions (any D)

- ◆ Normal relative velocity reduced by  $0 < r < 1$

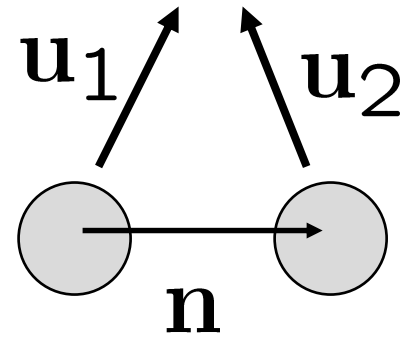
$$(\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2) \cdot \mathbf{n} = -r(\mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}_2) \cdot \mathbf{n}$$

- ◆ Momentum conservation

$$\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{u}_1 + \mathbf{u}_2$$

- ◆ Energy loss

$$\Delta E = \frac{1 - r^2}{4} [(\mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}_2) \cdot \mathbf{n}]^2$$



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# Non-Maxwellian velocity distributions

JC Maxwell, Phil Trans Roy. Soc. 157 49 (1867)

## 1. Velocity distribution is isotropic

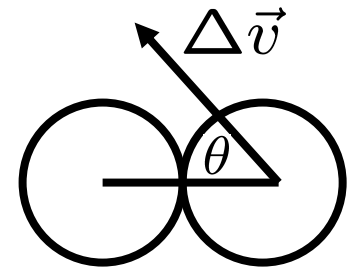
$$f(v_x, v_y, v_z) = f(|v|)$$

## 2. No correlations between velocity components

$$f(v_x, v_y, v_z) \neq f(v_x)f(v_y)f(v_z)$$

Only possibility is Maxwellian

$$f(v_x, v_y, v_z) \neq C \exp\left(-\frac{v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2}{2T}\right)$$



**Granular gases: collisions create correlations**

# Deviation from Maxwell-Boltzmann

◆ **Velocity correlations, curtosis:**  $Q = \frac{\langle v_x^2 v_y^2 \rangle}{\langle v_x^2 \rangle \langle v_y^2 \rangle} \propto \kappa$

◆ **Exact expressions**  $Q = \frac{6\left(\frac{1-r}{2}\right)^2}{d - \left[1 + 3\left(\frac{1-r}{2}\right)^2\right]}$

◆ **Inversely proportional to dimension**

$$Q \sim d^{-1} \quad d \rightarrow \infty$$

◆ **Vanishes in the elastic limit**

$$Q \sim (1-r)^2 \quad r \rightarrow 1$$

Exact solution of Maxwell's kinetic theory: thermal forcing balances dissipation [EB, Krapivsky 02](#)  
Experiment: vibrated beads [Olafsen 03](#)

# The collision rate

## ◆ Collision rate

$$K(\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2) = |(\mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}_2) \cdot \mathbf{n}|^\lambda$$

## ◆ Collision rate related to interaction potential (elastic)

$$U(r) \sim r^{-\gamma} \quad \lambda = 1 - 2\frac{d-1}{\gamma} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{Maxwell molecules} \\ 1 & \text{Hard spheres} \end{cases}$$

## ◆ Balance kinetic and potential energy

$$v^2 \sim r^{-\gamma} \quad \Rightarrow \quad r \sim v^{-2/\gamma}$$

## ◆ Collisional cross-section

$$\sigma \sim vr^{d-1} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sigma \sim v^{1-\frac{2}{\gamma}(d-1)}$$

# The Inelastic Boltzmann equation (1D)

◆ **Collision rule (linear)**  $r = 1 - 2p, \quad p + q = 1$

$$(u_1, u_2) \rightarrow (pu_1 + qu_2, pu_2 + qu_1)$$

◆ **General collision rate**

$$K(v_1, v_2) = |v_1 - v_2|^\lambda \quad \lambda = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{Maxwell molecules} \\ 1 & \text{Hard spheres} \end{cases}$$

◆ **Boltzmann equation (nonlinear and nonlocal)**

$$\frac{\partial f(v)}{\partial t} = \iint du_1 du_2 f(u_1) f(u_2) |u_1 - u_2|^\lambda [\delta(v - pu_1 - qu_2) - \delta(v - u_2)]$$

collision rate gain loss

**Theory: non-linear, non-local, dissipative**

# The Inelastic Boltzmann equation

**Spatially homogeneous systems  
(Stosszahlansatz)**

$$\frac{\partial f(v)}{\partial t} = \iint du_1 du_2 f(u_1) f(u_2) |u_1 - u_2|^\lambda [\delta(v - pu_1 - qu_2) - \delta(v - u_2)]$$

**What are the stationary solutions of this equation?  
What is the nature of the velocity distribution?**

## Homogeneous cooling state: temperature decay

Haff, JFM 1982

- ◆ Energy loss  $\Delta T \sim (\Delta v)^2$
- ◆ Collision rate  $\Delta t \sim 1/(\Delta v)^\lambda$
- ◆ Energy balance equation

$$\frac{\Delta T}{\Delta t} \sim -(\Delta v)^{2+\lambda} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dT}{dt} \sim -T^{1+\lambda/2}$$

- ◆ Temperature decays, system comes to rest

$$T \sim t^{-2/\lambda} \quad \Rightarrow \quad f(v) \rightarrow \delta(v)$$

**Trivial stationary solution**

# Homogeneous cooling states: similarity solutions

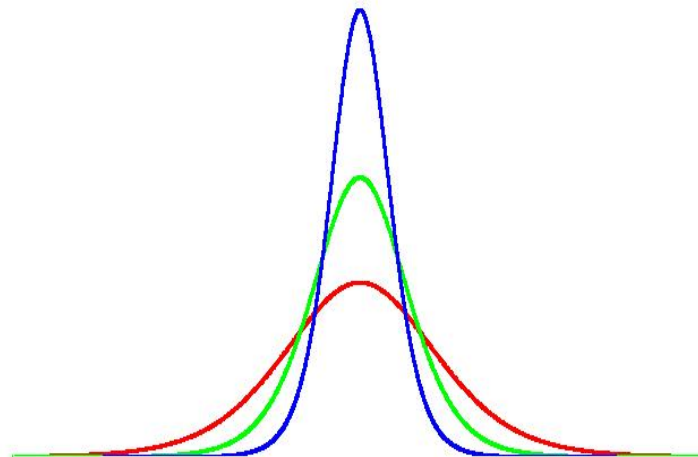
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## ◆ Similarity solution

$$f(v, t) = t^{1/\lambda} \Phi(vt^{1/\lambda})$$

## ◆ Stretched exponentials (overpopulation)

$$\Phi(z) \sim \exp(-|z|^\lambda)$$





# Are there nontrivial stationary solutions?

## ◆ Stationary Boltzmann equation

$$0 = \iint du_1 du_2 f(u_1) f(u_2) |u_1 - u_2|^\lambda [\delta(v - pu_1 - qu_2) - \delta(v - u_2)]$$

collision rate                      gain                      loss

Naive answer: NO!

## ◆ According to the energy balance equation

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -\Gamma$$

## ◆ Dissipation rate is positive

$$\Gamma \propto \langle |v_1 - v_2|^\lambda (v_1 - v_2)^2 \rangle > 0$$

## An exact solution (1D, $\lambda=0$ )

◆ One-dimensional Maxwell molecules

◆ Fourier transform obeys a closed equation  $F(k) = \int dv e^{ikv} f(v)$

$$F(k) = F(pk)F(qk)$$

◆ Exponential solution

$$F(k) = \exp(-v_0|k|)$$

◆ Lorentzian velocity distribution

$$f(v) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1 + v^2}$$

**A nontrivial stationary solution does exist!**

# Properties of stationary solution

- ◆ Perfect balance between collisional loss and gain
- ◆ Purely collisional dynamics (no source term)
- ◆ Family of solutions: scale invariance  $v \rightarrow v/v_0$

$$f(v) = \frac{1}{\pi v_0} \frac{1}{1 + (v/v_0)^2}$$

- ◆ Power-law high-energy tail

$$f(v) \sim v^{-2}$$

- ◆ Infinite energy, infinite dissipation rate!

Are these stationary solutions physical?

# Extreme Statistics (1D)

## ◆ Collision rule: arbitrary velocities

$$(u_1, u_2) \rightarrow (pu_1 + qu_2, pu_2 + qu_1)$$



## ◆ Large velocities: linear but nonlocal process

$$v \xrightarrow{v^\lambda} (pv, qv)$$

## ◆ High-energies: linear equation

$$\frac{\partial f(v)}{\partial t} = v^\lambda \left[ \underbrace{\frac{1}{p^{1+\lambda}} f\left(\frac{v}{p}\right)}_{\text{gain}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{q^{1+\lambda}} f\left(\frac{v}{q}\right)}_{\text{gain}} - \underbrace{f(v)}_{\text{loss}} \right]$$

**Linear, nonlocal evolution equation**

# Stationary solution (1D)

## ◆ High-energies: linear equation

May still hold when velocities are correlated

$$f(v) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{p^{1+\lambda}}}_{\text{loss}} f\left(\frac{v}{p}\right) + \underbrace{\frac{1}{q^{1+\lambda}}}_{\text{gain}} f\left(\frac{v}{q}\right)$$

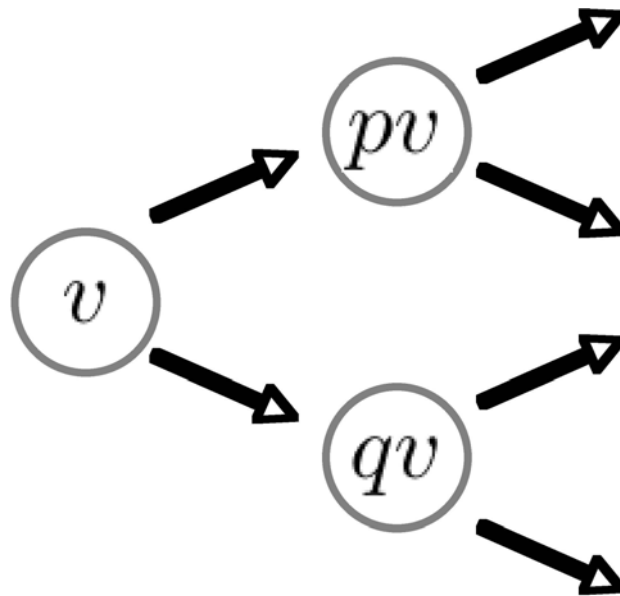
## ◆ Power-law tail

$$f(v) \sim v^{-2-\lambda}$$

# Energy Cascades (1D)

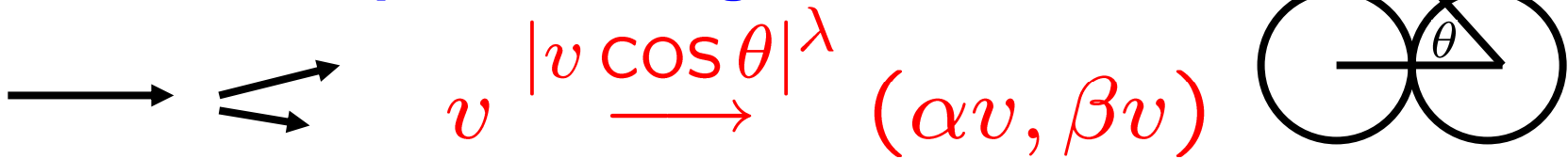
Energetic particles “see” a static medium

$$v \longrightarrow (pv, qv)$$



# Extreme Statistics (any D)

- ◆ Collision process: large velocities



- ◆ Stretching parameters related to impact angle

$$\alpha = (1 - p) \cos \theta \quad \beta = \sqrt{1 - (1 - p^2) \cos^2 \theta}$$

- ◆ Energy decreases, velocity magnitude increases

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 \leq 1 \quad \alpha + \beta \geq 1$$

- ◆ Linear equation

$$\frac{\partial f(v)}{\partial t} = \left\langle (v \cos \theta)^\lambda \left[ \frac{1}{\alpha^{d+\lambda}} f\left(\frac{v}{\alpha}\right) + \frac{1}{\beta^{d+\lambda}} f\left(\frac{v}{\beta}\right) - f(v) \right] \right\rangle$$

angular integration  $\langle f(\cos \theta) \rangle \propto \int_0^1 d \cos^2 \theta [\cos^2 \theta]^{-1/2} [1 - \cos^2 \theta]^{(d-3)/2} f(\cos \theta)$

# Power-laws are generic

- ◆ Velocity distribution always has power-law tail

$$f(v) \sim v^{-\sigma}$$

- ◆ Characteristic exponent varies with parameters

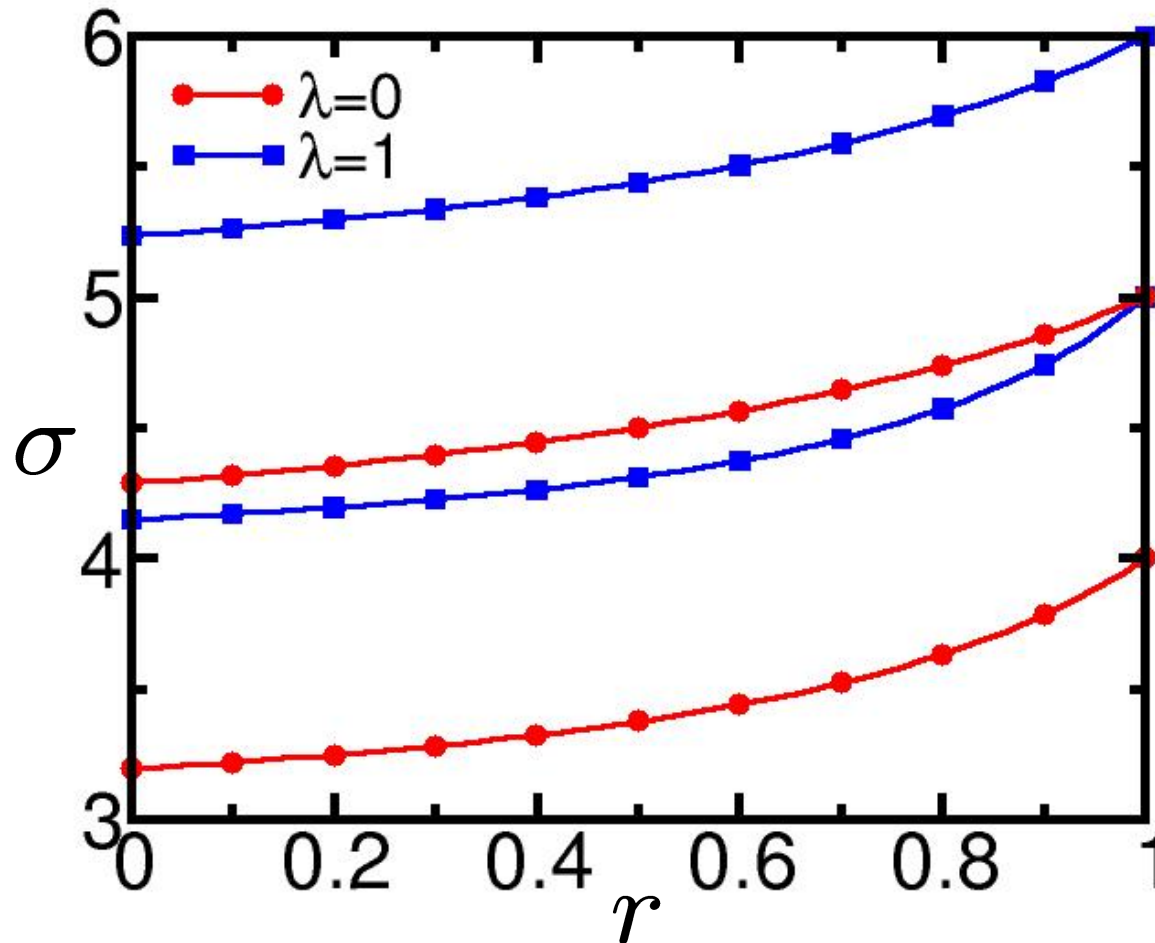
$$\frac{{}_1F_2\left(\frac{d+\lambda-\sigma}{2}, \frac{\lambda+1}{2}, \frac{d+\lambda}{2}, 1-p^2\right)}{(1-p)^{\sigma-d-\lambda}} = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\sigma-d+1}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{d+\lambda}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\sigma}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{\lambda+1}{2}\right)}$$

- ◆ Tight bounds  $1 \leq \sigma - d - \lambda \leq 2$
- ◆ Elastic limit is singular  $\sigma \rightarrow d + 2 + \lambda$

**Dissipation rate always divergent  
Energy finite or infinite**



## The characteristic exponent $\sigma$ (d=2,3)

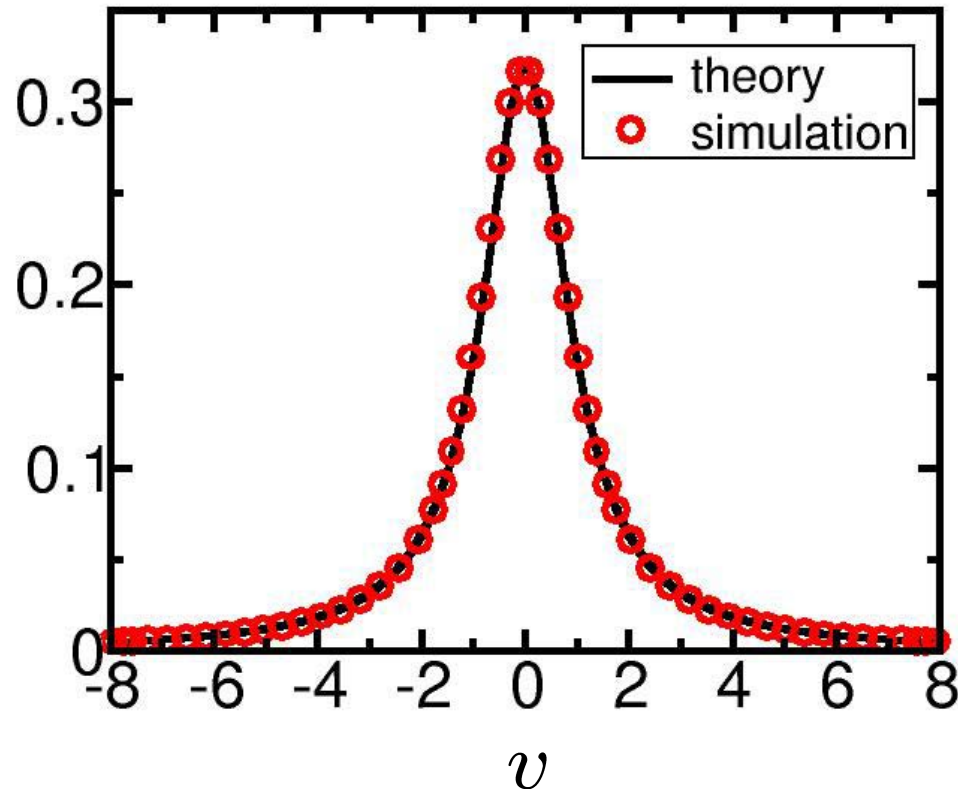


$\sigma$  varies with spatial dimension, collision rules

# Monte Carlo Simulations: Driven Steady States

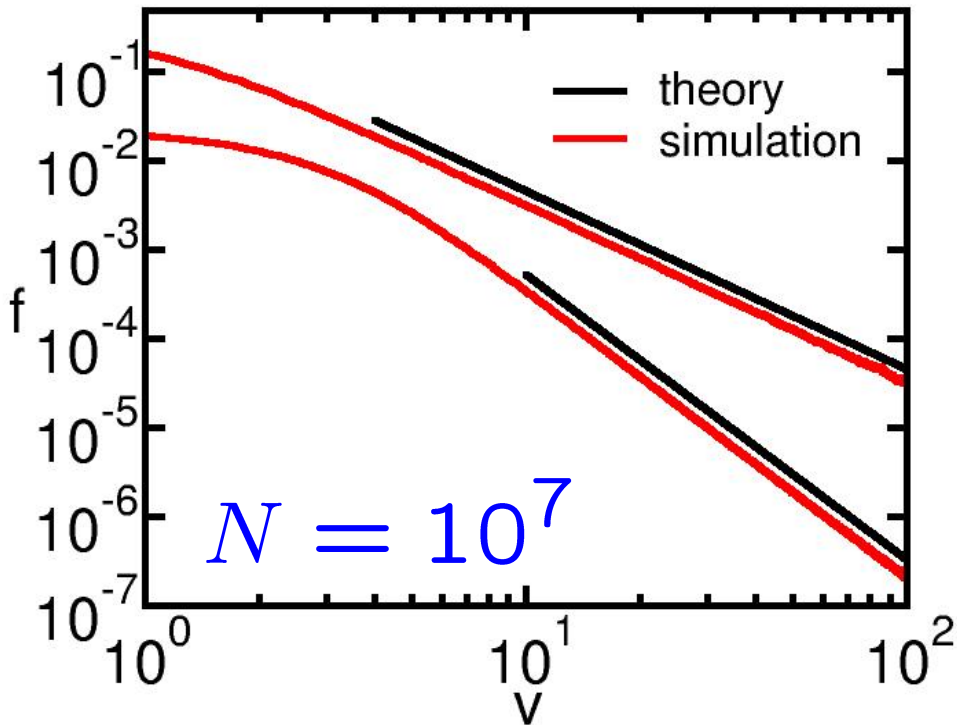
- ◆ Compact initial distribution
- ◆ Inject energy at very large velocity scales only
- ◆ Maintain constant total energy
- ◆ “Lottery” implementation:
  - Keep track of total energy dissipated,  $E_T$
  - With small rate, boost a particle by  $E_T$

$f$



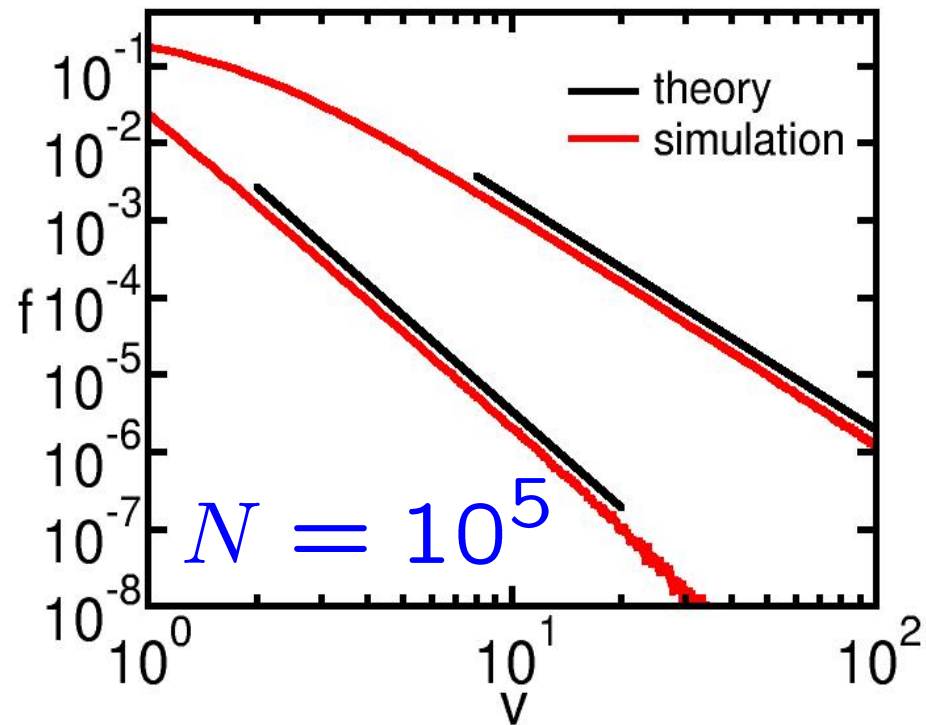
# Further confirmation: extremal statistics

## Maxwell molecules (1D, 2D)



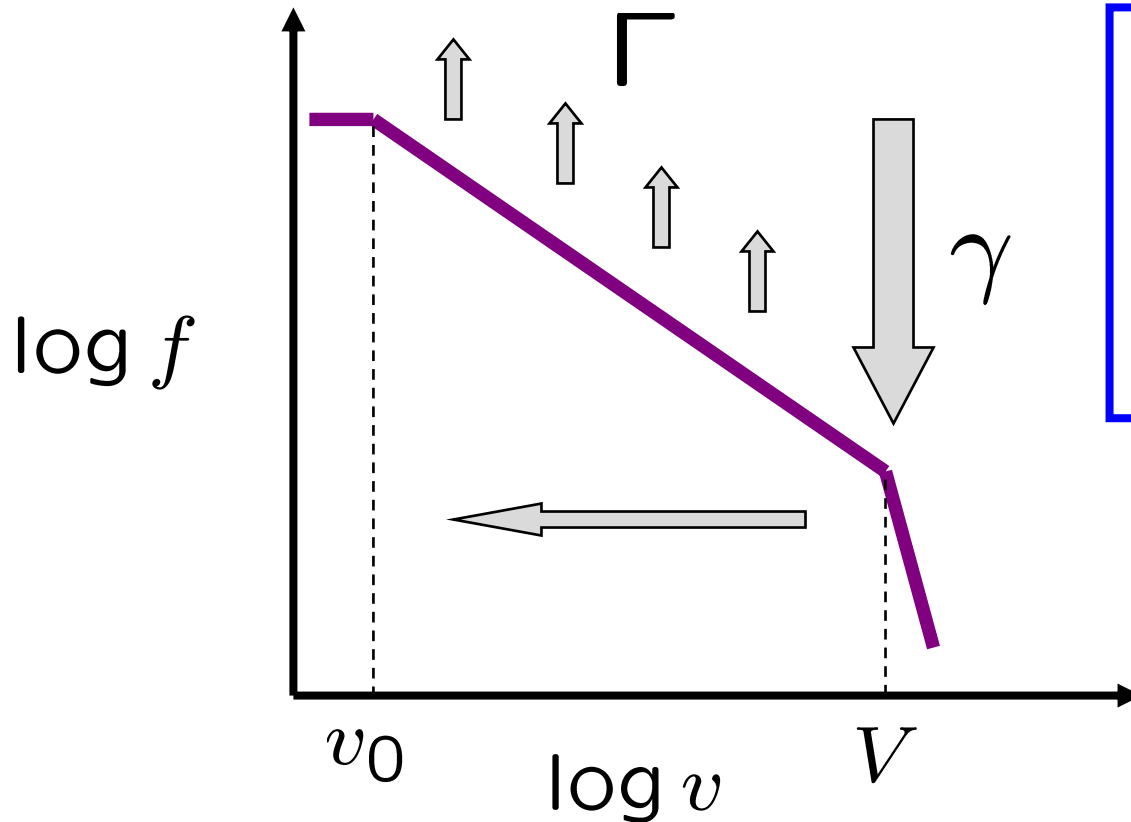
d	theory	simulation
1	2	1.995
2	3.19520	3.19

## Hard spheres (1D, 2D)



d	theory	simulation
1	3	2.994
2	4.14922	4.15

# Injection, cascade, dissipation



**Experimental realization?**  
Energetic particle  
“shot” into static  
medium

**Energy balance**  
 $\Gamma \sim \gamma V^2$

- ❖ Energy is injected ONLY AT LARGE VELOCITY SCALES!
- ❖ Energy cascades from large velocities to small velocities
- ❖ Energy dissipated at small velocity scales

# Energy balance

- ◆ Energy injection rate  $\gamma$
- ◆ Energy injection scale  $V$
- ◆ Typical velocity scale  $v_0$
- ◆ Balance between energy injection and dissipation  
 $\Gamma \sim \langle |v|^{2+\lambda} \rangle \rightarrow \gamma \sim V^\lambda (V/v_0)^{d-\sigma}$
- ◆ For “lottery” injection: injection scale diverges with injection rate  
$$V \sim \begin{cases} \gamma^{-1/(2-\lambda)} & \sigma < d + 2 \\ \gamma^{-1/(\sigma-d-\lambda)} & \sigma > d + 2 \end{cases}$$

Energy injection selects stationary solution  $\rightarrow v_0$

# Time dependent solutions (1D, $\lambda > 0$ )

## ◆ Self-similar distribution

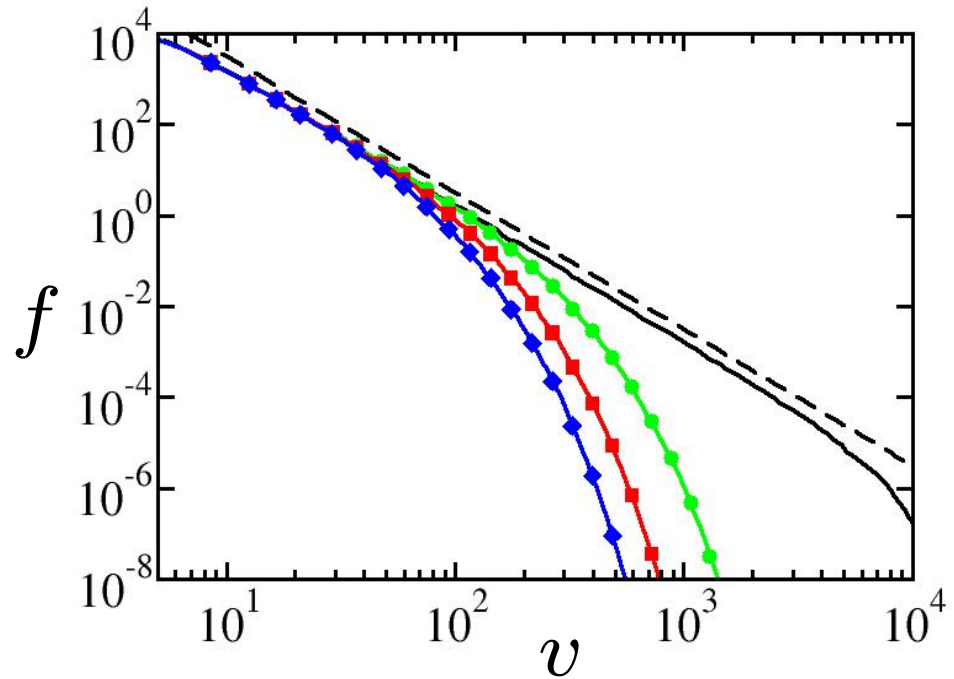
$$f(v, t) \simeq v^{-\sigma} \Phi \left( \frac{v}{V(t)} \right)$$

## ◆ Cutoff velocity decays

$$V(t) \sim t^{-1/\lambda}$$

## ◆ Scaling function

$$\Phi(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \exp \left[ -(2^n x)^\lambda \right] \quad A_n = \prod_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq n}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - 2^{\lambda(n-k)}}$$



**Hybrid between steady-state and time dependent state**

# Solution via Laplace transform

$$p = q = 1/2 \quad \lambda = 1$$

◆ **Linear Boltzmann equation**

$$\frac{\partial f(v)}{\partial t} = |v|^\lambda \left[ \frac{1}{p^{1+\lambda}} f\left(\frac{v}{p}\right) + \frac{1}{q^{1+\lambda}} f\left(\frac{v}{q}\right) - f(v) \right]$$

◆ **Scaling solution, cutoff decays with Haff's law**

$$f(v, t) \simeq v^{-\sigma} \Phi\left(\frac{v}{V(t)}\right) \quad dV/dt = -cV^{1+\lambda}$$

◆ **Linear, nonlocal equation for scaling function**

$$c\phi'(x) = x^{\lambda-1} \left[ p\phi\left(\frac{x}{p}\right) + q\phi\left(\frac{x}{q}\right) - \phi(x) \right]$$

◆ **Laplace transform equation**

$$(2 + s)\tilde{\phi}(s) = 1 + \tilde{\phi}(s/2)$$

◆ **Infinite product solution**

$$\tilde{\phi}(s) = s^{-1} [1 - g(s)] \longrightarrow g(s) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{s}{2}} g(s)$$

$$g(s) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 + s/2^n}$$

# Extreme statistics

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## ◆ Large velocities: as in free cooling

$$\Phi(x) \sim \exp(-x^\lambda) \quad x \rightarrow \infty$$

## ◆ Small velocities: non-analytic, log-normal, behavior

$$1 - \Phi(x) \sim \exp \left[ -(\ln x)^2 \right] \quad x \rightarrow 0$$

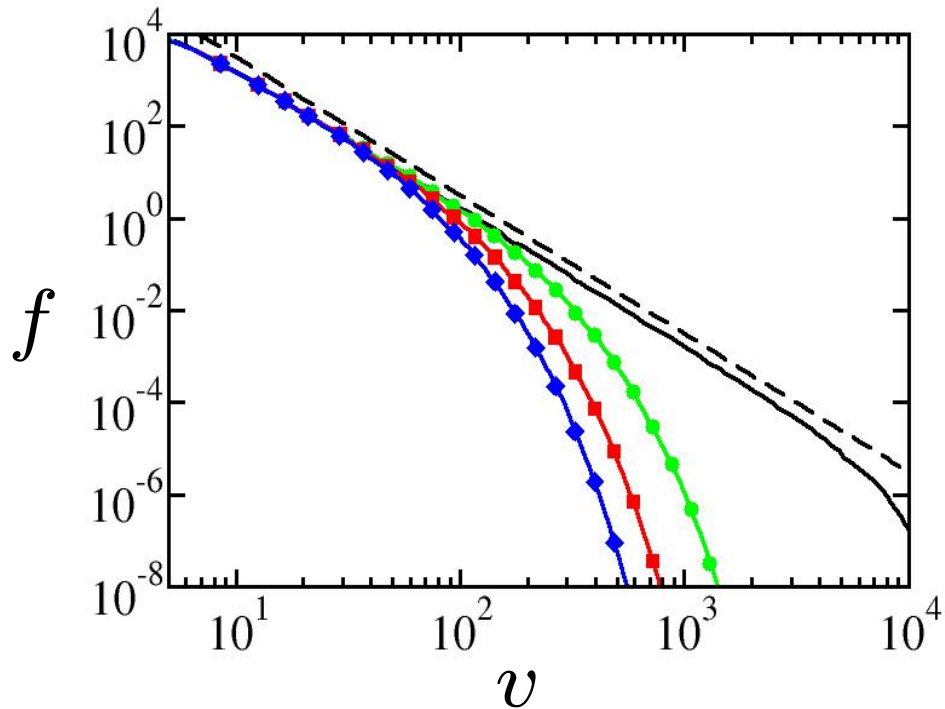
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**Maxwell Model ( $\lambda=0$ ) only unsolved case!**

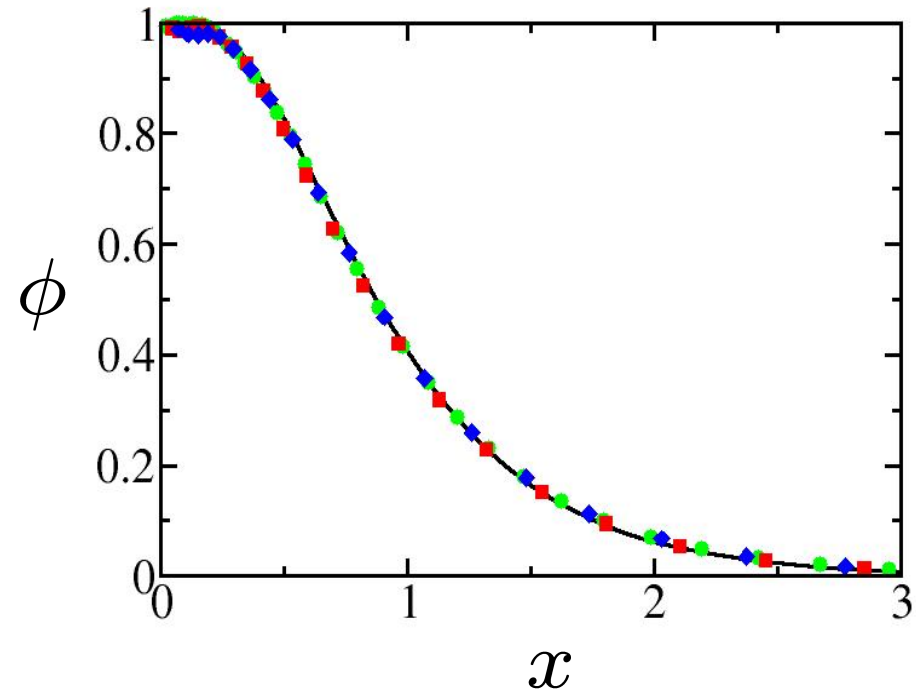


# Numerical confirmation

Velocity distribution



Scaling function



**A third family of solutions exists**

# Summary: solutions of kinetic theory

## ◆ Time dependent solution

$$f(v, t) = t^{1/\lambda} \Psi(vt^{1/\lambda})$$

## ◆ Time independent solution

$$f_s(v) \sim v^{-\sigma}$$

## ◆ Hybrid solution

$$f(v, t) = f_s(v) \Phi(vt^{1/\lambda})$$

**Are there other types of solutions?**

# Conclusions I

- ◆ **New class of nonequilibrium steady states**
- ◆ **Energy cascades from large to small velocities**
- ◆ **Power-law high-energy tail**
- ◆ **Energy input at large scales balances dissipation**
- ◆ **Associated similarity solutions exist as well**
- ◆ **Temperature insufficient to characterize velocities**
- ◆ **Experimental realization: requires a different driving mechanism**

# The Thermally Forced Inelastic Boltzmann equation

- ◆ Energy injection: thermal forcing (at all scales)

$$dv/dt = \eta$$

- ◆ Energy dissipation: inelastic collision

$$\frac{\partial f(v)}{\partial t} = D\nabla^2 f(v) + \iint du_1 du_2 f(u_1) f(u_2) |u_1 - u_2|^\lambda [\delta(v - pu_1 - qu_2) - \delta(v - u_2)]$$

- ◆ Steady state equation

$$0 = D\nabla^2 f(v) + \iint du_1 du_2 f(u_1) f(u_2) |u_1 - u_2|^\lambda [\delta(v - pu_1 - qu_2) - \delta(v - u_2)]$$

# Driven Steady States: extremal statistics

T van Noije, M Ernst 97

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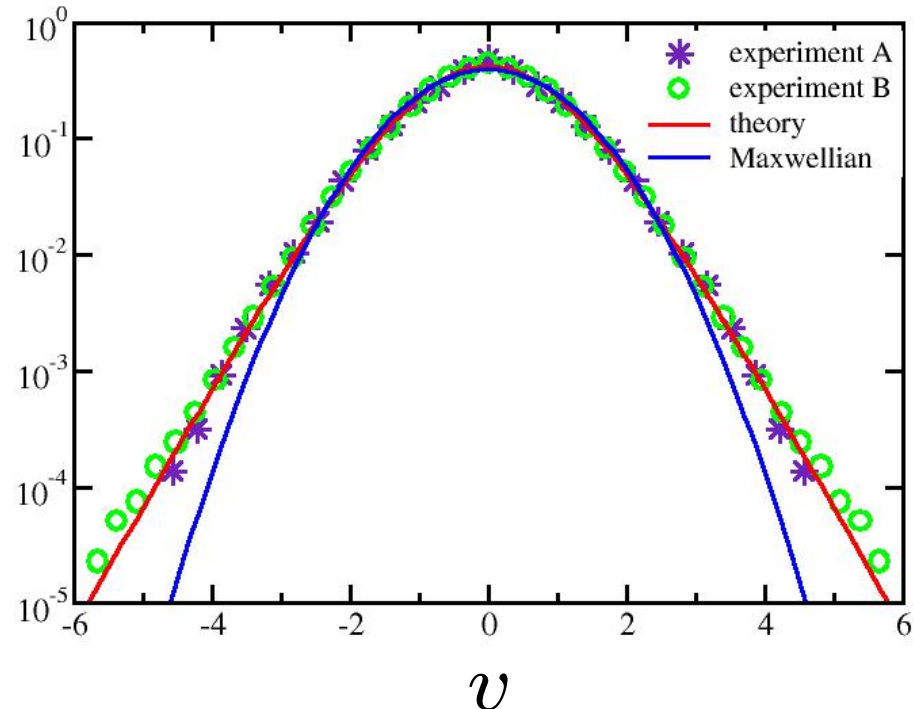
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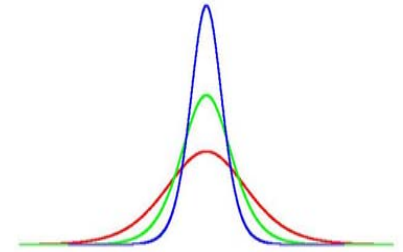
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## ◆ Similarity solution

$$f(v) \rightarrow t^{1/\lambda} \Phi(vt^{1/\lambda})$$



## ◆ Steady state equation

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} \left[ \Phi(z) + z \frac{d}{dz} \Phi(z) \right] = z^\lambda \left[ \frac{1}{p^{1+\lambda}} \Phi\left(\frac{z}{p}\right) + \frac{1}{q^{1+\lambda}} \Phi\left(\frac{z}{q}\right) - \Phi(z) \right]$$

## ◆ Stretched exponentials (overpopulation)

$$\Phi(z) \sim \exp(-z^\lambda)$$

## Conclusions II

- ◆ **Conventional nonequilibrium steady states**
- ◆ **Energy cascades from large to small velocities**
- ◆ **Energy input at ALL scales balances dissipation**
- ◆ **Stretched exponential tails**
- ◆ **Low order moments (temperature, kurtosis) useful**
- ◆ **Excellent agreement between experiments and kinetic theory**





*Who, then, can calculate the course of a molecule?*

*How do we know that the creation of worlds is not determined by the fall of grains of sand?*

*Victor Hugo, Les Miserables*

*I can calculate the motion of heavenly bodies,  
but not the madness of people.*

*Isaac Newton*

# Clustering and Shocks

