

The tsallis Distribution at the LHC

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Transverse Momentum Distribution

STAR, PHENIX, ALICE, CMS, ATLAS use:

$$\frac{d^2N}{dp_t dy} = p_t \times \frac{dN}{dy} \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{nC(nC + m_0(n-2))} \left(1 + \frac{m_t - m_0}{nC}\right)^{-n}$$

What is the connection with the Tsallis distribution?

Also, the physical significance of the parameters n and C has never been discussed by STAR, PHENIX, ALICE, ATLAS, CMS.



Tsallis Distribution

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Multifractal concepts and structures are quickly acquiring importance in many active areas (e.g., non-linear dynamical systems, growth models, commensurate/incommensurate structures). This is due to their utility as well as to their elegance. Within this framework, the quantity which is normally scaled is p_i^q , where p_i is the probability associated to an event and q any real number [1]. We shall use this quantity to generalize the standard expression of the entropy S in information theory, namely $S = -k \sum_{i=1}^W p_i \ln p_i$, where $W \in \mathbb{N}$ is the total number of possible (microscopic) configurations and $\{p_i\}$ the associated probabilities. We postulate for the entropy

$$S_q \equiv k \frac{1 - \sum_{i=1}^W p_i^q}{q-1} \quad (q \in \mathbb{R}) \quad (1)$$

where k is a conventional positive constant and $\sum_{i=1}^W p_i = 1$. We immediately verify that

$$S_1 \equiv \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} S_q = k \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \frac{1 - \sum_{i=1}^W p_i e^{(q-1) \ln p_i}}{q-1} = -k \sum_{i=1}^W p_i \ln p_i \quad (1')$$

where we have used the replica-trick type of expansion. We illustrate definition (1) in Fig. 1. S_q may be rewritten as follows:

$$S_q = \frac{k}{q-1} \sum_{i=1}^W p_i (1 - p_i^{q-1}) \quad (2)$$







For high energy physics a consistent form of Tsallis statistics for the particle number, energy density and pressure is given by

$$N = gV \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \left[1 + (q-1) \frac{E - \mu}{T} \right]^{-\frac{q}{q-1}}, \quad (1)$$

$$\epsilon = g \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} E \left[1 + (q-1) \frac{E - \mu}{T} \right]^{-\frac{q}{q-1}}, \quad (2)$$

$$P = g \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{p^2}{3E} \left[1 + (q-1) \frac{E - \mu}{T} \right]^{-\frac{q}{q-1}}. \quad (3)$$

where T and μ are the temperature and the chemical potential, V is the volume and g is the degeneracy factor. The Tsallis distribution introduces a new parameter q which for transverse momentum spectra is always close to 1,



The expressions for the energy density and the pressure are thermodynamically consistent, e.g. it can be easily shown that relations of the type

$$N = V \left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial \mu} \right|_T, \quad (4)$$

are satisfied.

In the Tsallis distribution the total number of particles is given by:

$$N = gV \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \left[1 + (q-1) \frac{E - \mu}{T} \right]^{q/(1-q)},$$

The corresponding momentum distribution is given by

$$E \frac{dN}{d^3p} = gVE \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \left[1 + (q-1) \frac{E - \mu}{T} \right]^{q/(1-q)},$$

which, in terms of the rapidity and transverse mass variables, becomes (for $\mu = 0$)

$$\left. \frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} \right|_{y=0} = gV \frac{p_T m_T}{(2\pi)^2} \left[1 + (q-1) \frac{m_T}{T} \right]^{q/(1-q)},$$

J.C. and D. Worku, J. Phys. G **G39** (2012) 025006;
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Rewrite the Tsallis distribution using

$$[1 + (q - 1)x]^{1/(1-q)} = \exp\left(\frac{1}{1-q} \ln[1 + (q - 1)x]\right),$$

and consider the limit $q \rightarrow 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} [1 + (q - 1)x]^{1/(1-q)} &= \exp \frac{1}{(1 - q)}(q - 1)x \\ &= \exp(-x), \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The Tsallis distribution reduces to the Boltzmann distribution in the limit where $q \rightarrow 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \frac{d^2 N}{dp_T dy} &= \\ gV \frac{p_T m_T \cosh y}{(2\pi)^2} \exp\left(-\frac{m_T \cosh y - \mu}{T}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

In all cases q is close to one, typically between 1.05 and 1.2.



Comparison of Tsallis with STAR, ALICE, CMS distributions

$$\frac{d^2N}{dp_t dy} = gV \frac{p_T m_T}{(2\pi)^2} \left[1 + (q-1) \frac{m_T}{T} \right]^{q/(1-q)}, \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{d^2N}{dp_t dy} = p_t \times \frac{dN}{dy} \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{nC(nC + m_0(n-2))} \left[1 + \frac{m_t - m_0}{nC} \right]^{-n} \quad (8)$$

$$n \rightarrow \frac{q}{q-1}$$

$$nC \rightarrow \frac{T}{q-1} \frac{m_T - m_0}{m_T}$$



After this substitution one obtains

$$\frac{d^2 N}{dp_T dy} = p_T \frac{dN}{dy} \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{nC(nC + m_0(n-2))} \left[\frac{T}{T + m_0(q-1)} \right]^{-q/(q-1)} \left[1 + (q-1) \frac{m_T}{T} \right]^{-q/(q-1)}. \quad (9)$$

to be compared with

$$\frac{d^2 N}{dp_T dy} = gV \frac{p_T m_T}{(2\pi)^2} \left[1 + (q-1) \frac{m_T}{T} \right]^{-q/(q-1)}, \quad (10)$$

Only a factor of m_T differs! However, m_0 shouldn't appear as it destroys m_T scaling. The inclusions of the factor m_T leads to a more consistent interpretation of the variables q and T . In particular, no clear pattern emerges for the values of n and C while an interesting regularity is obtained for q and T .



Interpretation of Tsallis Parameter q

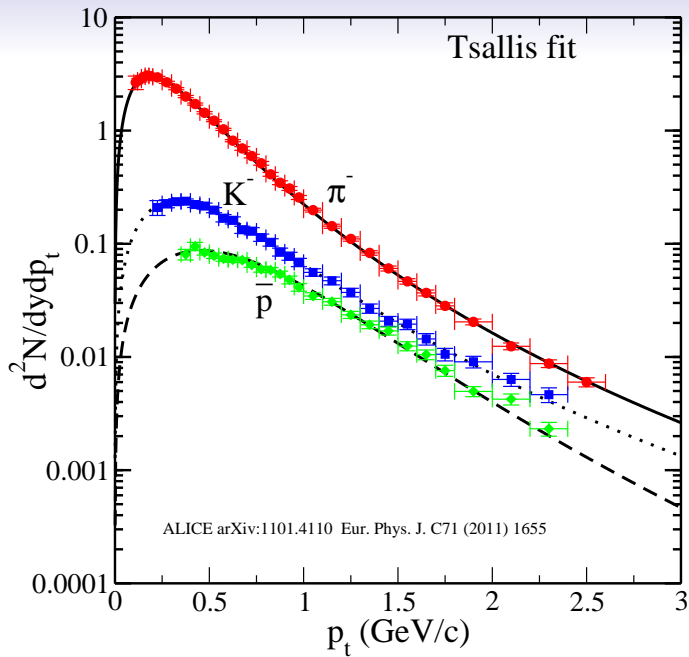
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$$\left\langle \frac{1}{T_B} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{T}$$

and also

$$\frac{\left\langle \left(\frac{1}{T_B} \right)^2 \right\rangle - \left\langle \frac{1}{T_B} \right\rangle^2}{\left\langle \frac{1}{T_B} \right\rangle^2} = q - 1$$





$p - p$ 900 GeV		
Particle	q	T
π^+	1.154 ± 0.036	0.0682 ± 0.0026
π^-	1.146 ± 0.036	0.0704 ± 0.0027
K^+	1.158 ± 0.142	0.0690 ± 0.0223
K^-	1.157 ± 0.139	0.0681 ± 0.0217
K_S^0	1.134 ± 0.079	0.0923 ± 0.0139
p	1.107 ± 0.147	0.0730 ± 0.0425
\bar{p}	1.106 ± 0.158	0.0764 ± 0.0464
Λ	1.114 ± 0.047	0.0698 ± 0.0148
Ξ^-	1.110 ± 0.218	0.0440 ± 0.0752

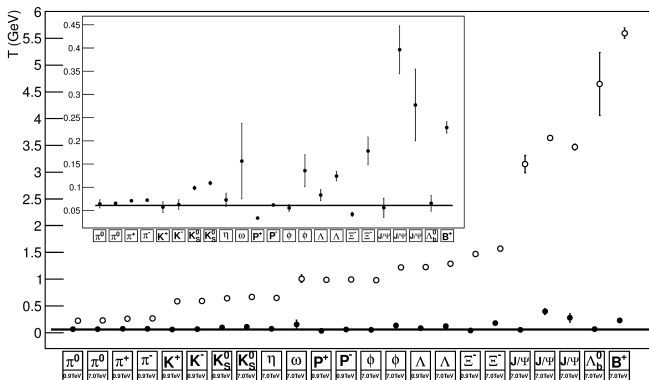
Table: Fitted values of the T and q parameters measured in $p - p$ collisions by the ALICE and CMS collaborations using the Tsallis form for the momentum distribution.



$p - p$
900 GeV

Particle	T Tsallis vs C ALICE (MeV)	q
π^+	70 (126)	1.147
K^+	70 (160)	1.156
p	73 (196)	1.110

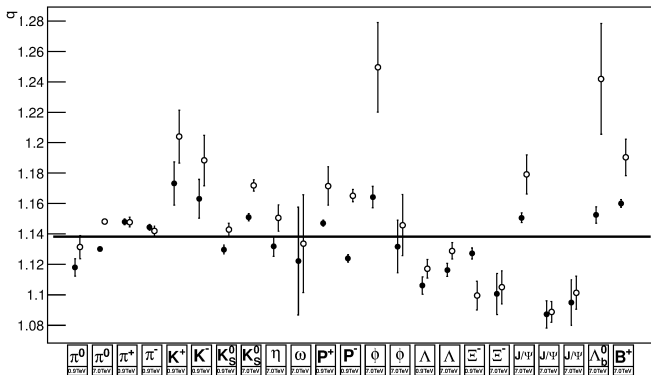




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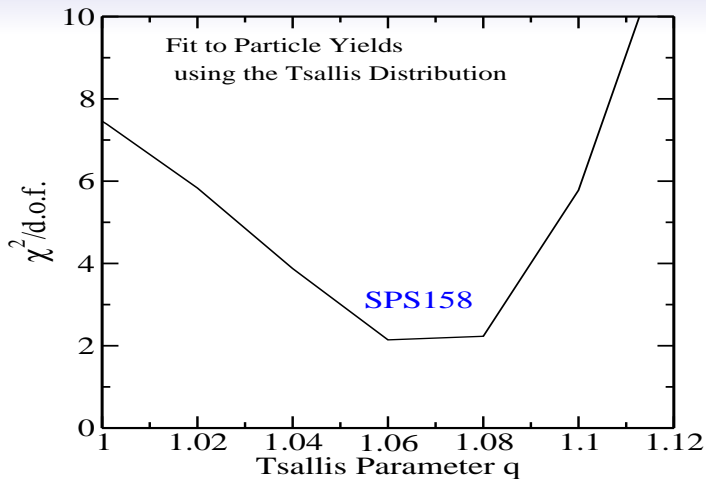
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Conclusion:

Use

$$\frac{d^2 N}{dp_t dy} = gV \frac{\rho_T m_T}{(2\pi)^2} \left[1 + (q-1) \frac{m_T}{T} \right]^{q/(1-q)}, \quad (11)$$

instead of

$$\frac{d^2 N}{dp_t dy} = p_t \times \frac{dN}{dy} \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{nC(nC + m_0(n-2))} \left[1 + \frac{m_t - m_0}{nC} \right]^{-n} \quad (12)$$



