

The Tsallis Distribution at the LHC

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Outline

Tsallis Distribution

Transverse Momentum Distributions

Conclusion



What is being done?

STAR, PHENIX, ALICE, CMS and ATLAS use:

$$\frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} = p_T \times \frac{dN}{dy} \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{nT(nT + m_0(n-2))} \left(1 + \frac{m_T - m_0}{nT}\right)^{-n}$$

What is the connection with the Tsallis distribution?

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

dN/dy is treated as a free parameter.

$m_0 = m_\pi$ assumed for all tracks.



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Sometimes ...

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

A is a normalization factor

T is not related to a temperature in the thermodynamic sense.

G. Wilk, Z. Włodarczyk, Physica, A413, 33, 2014



History

Possible Generalization of Boltzmann-Gibbs Statistics.

Constantino Tsallis

Rio de janeiro, TBPf

J. Stat. Phys. 52 (1988) 479-487.

Citations: 1389

Citations in HEP: 513



A recent example from outside HEP:

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Experimental Validation of a Nonextensive Scaling Law in Confined Granular Media

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In this Letter, we address the relationship between the statistical fluctuations of grain displacements for a full quasistatic plane shear experiment, and the corresponding anomalous diffusion exponent α . We experimentally validate a particular case of the Tsallis-Bukman scaling law, $\alpha = 2/(3 - q)$, where q is obtained by fitting the probability density function (PDF) of the displacement fluctuations with a q -Gaussian distribution, and the diffusion exponent is measured independently during the experiment. Applying an original technique, we are able to evince a transition from an anomalous diffusion regime to a Brownian behavior as a function of the length of the strain window used to calculate the displacements of the grains. The outstanding conformity of fitting curves to a massive amount of experimental data shows a clear broadening of the fluctuation PDFs as the length of the strain window decreases, and an increment in the value of the diffusion exponent—anomalous diffusion. Regardless of the size of the strain window considered in the measurements, we show that the Tsallis-Bukman scaling law remains valid, which is the first experimental verification of this relationship for a classical system at different diffusion regimes. We also note that the spatial correlations show marked similarities to the turbulence in fluids, a promising indication that this type of analysis can be used to explore the origins of the macroscopic friction in confined granular materials.



Tsallis Thermodynamics

The Tsallis distribution is given by

$$f(E) = \left[1 + (q - 1) \frac{E - \mu}{T} \right]^{-\frac{1}{q-1}},$$

and the thermodynamic quantities N , E , P , S , ... are integrals over this distribution.

Asymptotically

$$\lim_{E \rightarrow \infty} f(E) = \left(\frac{E}{T} \right)^{-\frac{1}{q-1}}$$

Scale is set by T .

Asymptotic behaviour is set by q .



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

$$\begin{aligned}N &= gV \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \left[1 + (q-1) \frac{E - \mu}{T} \right]^{-\frac{q}{q-1}}, \\ \epsilon &= g \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} E \left[1 + (q-1) \frac{E - \mu}{T} \right]^{-\frac{q}{q-1}}, \\ P &= g \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{p^2}{3E} \left[1 + (q-1) \frac{E - \mu}{T} \right]^{-\frac{q}{q-1}}.\end{aligned}$$

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



Thermodynamic consistency

$$dE = -pdV + TdS + \mu dN$$

Inserting $E = \epsilon V$, $S = sV$ and $N = nV$ leads to

$$d\epsilon = Tds + \mu dn$$

$$dP = nd\mu + sdT$$

In particular

$$n = \left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial \mu} \right|_T, \quad s = \left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \right|_\mu, \quad T = \left. \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial s} \right|_n, \quad \mu = \left. \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial n} \right|_s.$$

are satisfied.



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

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

The corresponding momentum distribution is given by

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

which, in terms of the rapidity and transverse mass variables, $E = m_T \cosh y$, becomes (at mid-rapidity $y = 0$ and for $\mu = 0$)

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

J.C. and D. Worku, J. Phys. **G39** (2012) 025006;
arXiv:1203.4343[hep-ph].



At mid-rapidity $y = 0$ and for $\mu = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\left. \frac{d^2 N}{dp_T dy} \right|_{y=0} &= \left. \frac{dN}{dy} \right|_{y=0} \frac{p_T m_T}{T} \left[1 + (q-1) \frac{m_T}{T} \right]^{-q/(q-1)} \\ &\times \frac{(2-q)(3-2q)}{(2-q)m^2 + 2mT + 2T^2} \\ &\times \left[1 + (q-1) \frac{m}{T} \right]^{1/(q-1)}\end{aligned}$$

or:

$$\begin{aligned}\left. \frac{d^2 N}{dp_T dy} \right|_{y=0} &= \left. \frac{dN}{dy} \right|_{y=0} p_T \frac{m_T}{T} \left[1 + (q-1) \frac{m_T}{T} \right]^{-q/(q-1)} \\ &\times (\text{factors independent of } p_T)\end{aligned}$$



Asymptotic Behavior

At mid-rapidity $y = 0$ and for $\mu = 0$

$$\lim_{p_T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d^2 N}{dp_T dy} \Big|_{y=0} = p_T \left[\frac{p_T}{T} \right]^{-q/(q-1)}$$

For example, for $q = 1.1$:

$$\lim_{p_T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d^2 N}{dp_T dy} \Big|_{y=0} = p_T^{-11}$$

for $q = 1.2$

$$\lim_{p_T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d^2 N}{dp_T dy} \Big|_{y=0} = p_T^{-6}$$

Very sensitive to small changes in q !

Upper limit on q :

$$q < \frac{4}{3}$$

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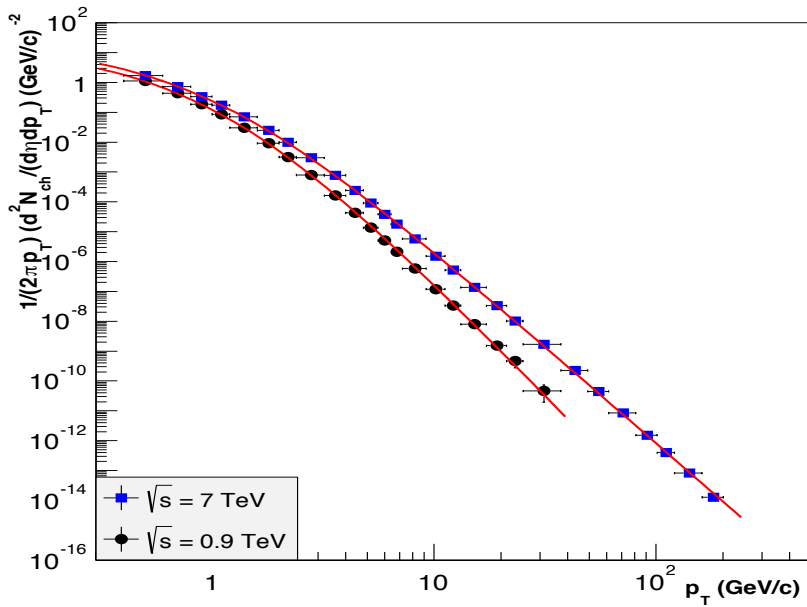
For charged particles use:

$$\left. \frac{d^2 N(\text{charged})}{dp_T dy} \right|_{y=0} = \sum_{i=\pi, K, p, \dots} g_i V \frac{p_T m_T}{(2\pi)^2} \left[1 + (q-1) \frac{m_T}{T} \right]^{-\frac{q}{q-1}},$$

M.D. Azmi and J.C. , arXiv:1501.07217v3[hep-ph].



Tsallis Distribution p-p CMS



Tsallis Distribution p-p

Experiment	\sqrt{s} (TeV)	q	T (MeV)
ATLAS	0.9	1.129 ± 0.005	74.21 ± 3.55
ATLAS	7	1.150 ± 0.002	75.00 ± 3.21
CMS	0.9	1.129 ± 0.003	76.00 ± 0.17
CMS	7	1.153 ± 0.002	73.00 ± 1.42

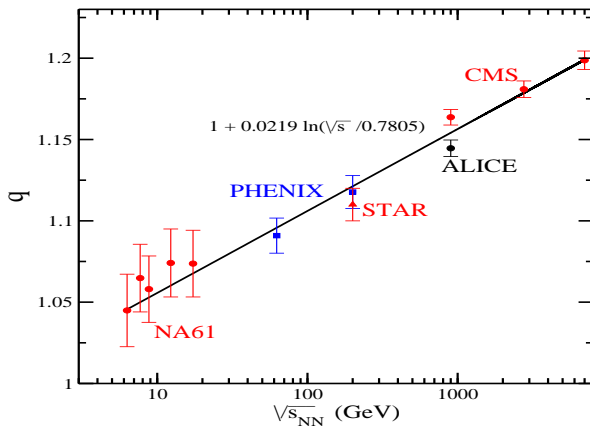
Values of the q and T parameters to fit the p_T spectra measured by the ATLAS and CMS collaborations.



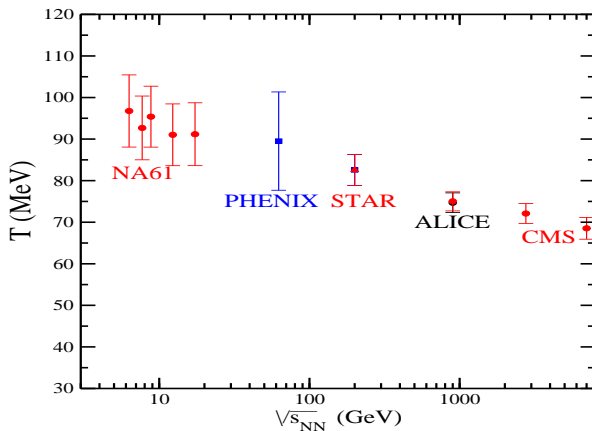
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Energy Dependence of Tsallis Parameters



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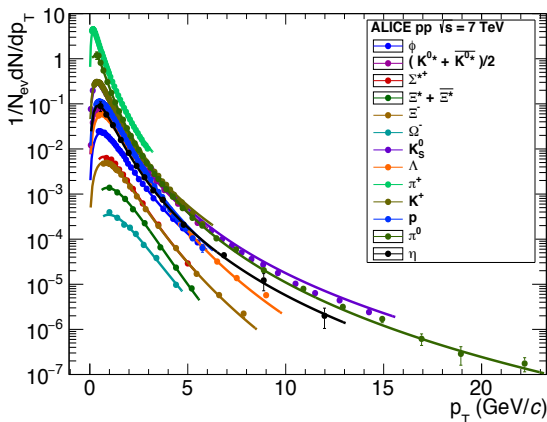


ALICE Ion Collider Experiment



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First look



ALICE | Spectra PAG | 1 June 2015 | Lee Barnby

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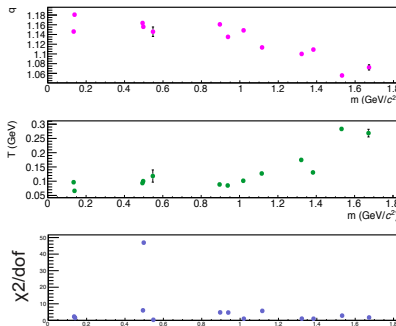


ALICE Ion Collider Experiment



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Extracted parameters



K^0_S very high,
v. small stat.
errors
TO DO
Redo with syst.
uncertainties

• TO DO

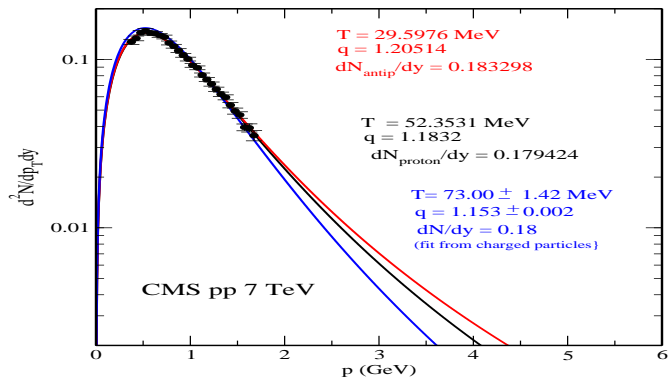
- Going to higher masses seems to get higher T ?
- Anti-correlation between T and q ?

- Check whether this is due to limited p_T range
- Investigate T - q 2-D correlation



T

q



The Tsallis distribution provides an **excellent description of the transverse momentum spectra over 14 orders of magnitude** up to 200 GeV.

Use

$$\left. \frac{d^2 N}{dp_T dy} \right|_{y=0} = \left. \frac{dN}{dy} \right|_{y=0} p_T \frac{m_T}{T} \left[1 + (q-1) \frac{m_T}{T} \right]^{-q/(q-1)} \\ \times (\text{factors independent of } p_T)$$

Advantages : thermodynamic consistency:

$$n = \frac{\partial P}{\partial \mu} \quad \text{etc...},$$

and the parameter T deserves its name since

$$T = \frac{\partial E}{\partial S} \quad \dots$$

But ... the determination of the parameters needs to be resolved.

