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Transverse momentum correlations in Pb-Pb collisions at sqrt(NN) = 2.76 TeV

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We report on the first study of transverse momentum differential correlation, $la\Delta p_t\Delta p_t$

ra, in Pb - Pb collisions at \snn^= 2.76^TeV measured with the ALICE detector at the CERN Large Hadron Collider. We measure the two-particle correlation functions for ++, --, and +- charged particle pairs as a function of the pair azimuthal, $\Delta\phi$, and pseudorapidity, $\Delta\eta$, differences, and study their evolution with collision centrality. We find that similarly to number two-particle correlations, the $la\Delta p_t \Delta p_t$

ra correlations shape and amplitude exhibit a strong dependence on collision centrality. We further observe they too exhibit near-side ridge-like and double away-side peak structures in most central collisions. We carry out Fourier decompositions of the correlation dependence on $\Delta\phi$ as a function of $\Delta\eta$ and find the harmonics coefficients are essentially constant for $\Delta\eta>0.6$. We compare the measured harmonic coefficients with flow coefficients v_2, v_3, v_4 obtained with the reaction plane method and find that, up to scaling factors that depend on the order of the coefficients, they have identical collision centrality dependence.

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