

## Bose–Einstein Correlations in $pp$ Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 0.9$ and 7 TeV

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Bose–Einstein correlations between identical particles are measured in samples of proton-proton collisions at 0.9 and 7 TeV centre-of-mass energies, recorded by the CMS detector at the LHC. The signal is observed in the form of an enhancement of number of pairs of same-sign charged particles with small relative momentum. The dependence of this enhancement on kinematic and topological features of the event is studied. The first observation in  $pp$  interactions of anticorrelations between same-sign charged particles in the region of relative momenta higher than those in the signal region are discussed.

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Interferometry of identical bosons is a powerful tool to investigate the space-time structure of sources emitting particles produced at different center-of-mass energies and from different initial systems [1]. The effect manifests itself as a constructive interference at low values of the relative momentum of the pair, which can be expressed in a Lorentz-invariant form as  $Q = \sqrt{-(p_1 - p_2)^2} = \sqrt{M^2 - 4m_\pi^2}$ , where  $M$  is the invariant mass of the two particles, assumed to be pions with mass  $m_\pi$ . Experimentally, the Bose–Einstein correlation (BEC) function is constructed as the ratio  $R(Q) = (dN/dQ)/(dN_{\text{ref}}/dQ)$  of the  $Q$  distributions for pairs of identical bosons in the same event, and for pairs of particles in a reference sample not containing the BEC effect. In the measurements discussed here a mixed reference sample was used, which is the most commonly adopted in femto-scopic analyses. Such sample was constructed by pairing equally charged particles from different events that have similar charged-particle multiplicities in the same pseudorapidity regions.

The CMS detector is described in detail in Ref. [2]. Its inner tracking system is the most relevant part for the present analysis. It is composed of a silicon pixel detector with three barrel layers at radii between 4.4 and 10.2 cm, and a silicon strip tracker with 10 barrel layers extending outwards to a radius of 1.1 m. Each system is completed by two endcaps, extending the acceptance up to a pseudorapidity  $|\eta| = 2.5$ . A more complete description of the experimental acceptance and cuts adopted in this analysis is in [3, 4].

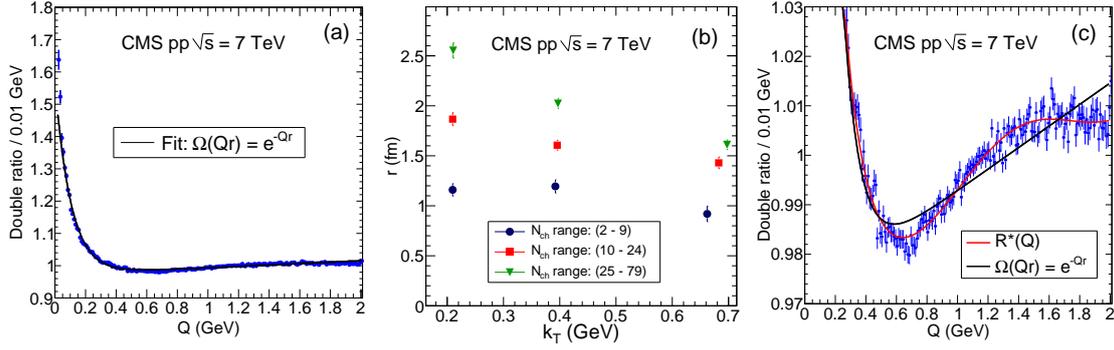
The analysis presented here correspond to the  $\sqrt{s} = 0.9$  and 7 TeV data taken during low-intensity runs, with 51.7 million tracks selected in the total of 2.7 million events. All pairs of same-sign charged particles with  $Q$  between 0.02 and 2 GeV (adopting  $\hbar = c = 1$ ) are used for the measurement. The  $Q$  resolution in the signal region is better than 10 MeV. The effect of Coulomb interactions between charged particles is pairwise corrected using the Gamow factor [5].

The correlation function represented by the ratio  $R(Q)$  is frequently fitted by superimposing the parameterization

$$R(Qr) = C [1 + \lambda \Omega(Qr)] \cdot (1 + \delta Q). \quad (1)$$

When space-time and momentum correlations in the system formed in the collisions are not significant,  $\Omega(Qr)$  is given by the modulus square of a Fourier transform of the space-time region emitting bosons with overlapping wave functions, characterized by an effective size  $r$ . A Gaussian function,  $\Omega(Qr) = e^{-(Qr)^2}$ , or an exponential form,  $\Omega(Qr) = e^{-Qr}$ , are commonly adopted. Some deviations from the idealized picture are taken into account in Eq.(1) by the intercept parameter  $\lambda$ , reflecting the BEC strength for incoherent boson emission from independent sources, the  $\delta$  factor, for accounting for long-range momentum correlations, and  $C$  is a normalization factor. Furthermore, for reducing possible biases in the construction of the reference sample, a double ratio  $\mathcal{R}(Q) = \frac{R}{R_{\text{MC}}} = \left( \frac{dN/dQ}{dN_{\text{ref}}/dQ} \right) / \left( \frac{dN_{\text{MC}}/dQ}{dN_{\text{MC,ref}}/dQ} \right)$  is defined, where the subscripts “MC” and “MC,ref” refer to the corresponding distributions from the Monte Carlo simulations, generated without BEC effects. More details can be found in Ref. [3, 4].

The double ratio is shown in Fig.1(a) for  $Q > 0.02$  GeV, with the correlation function fit of the exponential parameterization,  $\Omega(Qr) = e^{-Qr}$ , in  $\mathcal{R}(Q) = R(Qr)$  from Eq.(1). The fitted values correspond to  $r(\text{fm}) = 1.89 \pm 0.02(\text{stat}) \pm 0.19(\text{syst})$ , and  $\lambda = 0.618 \pm 0.009(\text{stat}) \pm 0.039(\text{syst})$ , which are strongly correlated, with correlation coefficients of about 86%. The Gaussian parameterizations,  $\Omega(Qr) = e^{-(Qr)^2}$ , used in several experiments was also analysed, but provided values of  $\chi^2/N_{\text{dof}} > 9$ .



**Figure 1:** Data points for the double ratio are shown in (a), together with the fit given by the exponential parameterization in Eq.(1). Part (b) shows the behavior of the  $r$  parameter obtained with this  $\Omega(Qr) = e^{-Qr}$  form as a function of  $k_T$  for three bins in  $N_{ch}$ . The plot in (c) shows the anticorrelation structure in the double ratio [note the zoomed ordinate axis with respect to the plot of part (a)]. The uncertainties in the plots are statistical only.

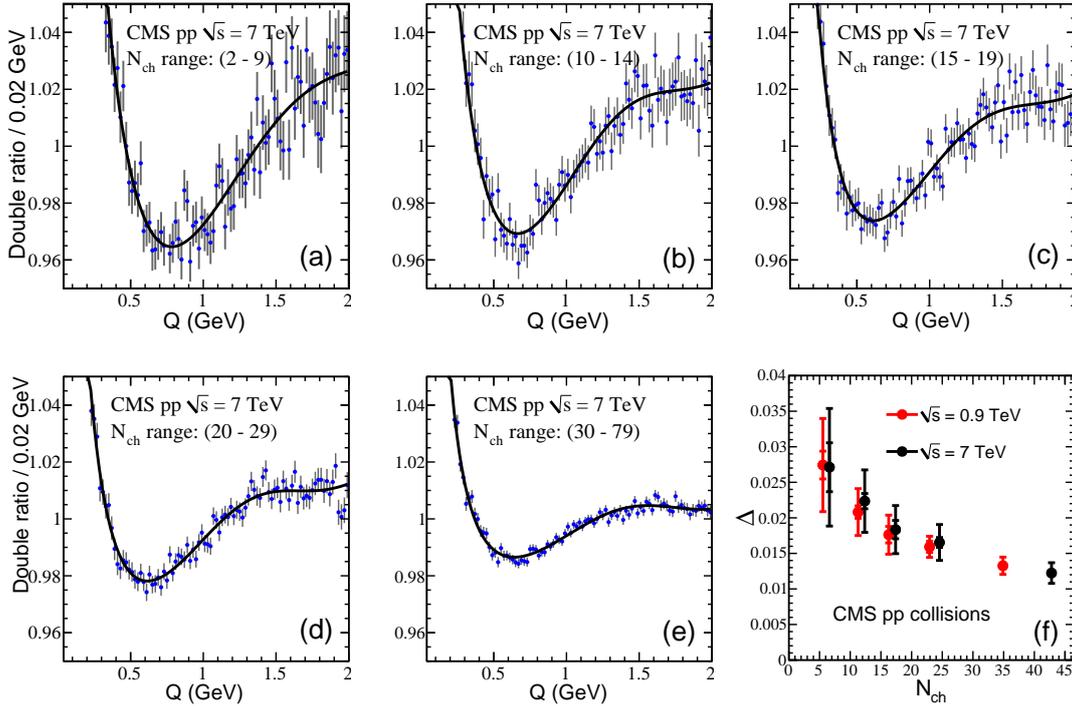
In Fig.1(b) results for the  $r$  parameter fitted with  $\Omega(Qr) = e^{-Qr}$  in Eq.(1) is shown as a function of the average transverse momentum of the pair,  $k_T = (k_{1T} + k_{2T})/2$ , for three different bins of charged multiplicity,  $N_{ch}$ . The points are presented at the position corresponding to the mean value of  $k_T$  in the considered interval of  $N_{ch}$ . The effective radius,  $r$ , is observed to steadily increase with  $N_{ch}$ . It can be seen that  $r$  is approximately independent of  $k_T$  in the smaller multiplicity range, but clearly decreases with increase  $k_T$  for larger charged multiplicity events. A dependence on  $k_T$  has been observed at the SPS, at the Tevatron and at RHIC [6], where it is associated with the system collective behavior. Similar results in pp collisions are seen by ALICE Collaboration [7].

Although the parameterization  $\mathcal{R}(Qr)$  with the exponential form,  $\Omega(Qr) = e^{-Qr}$ , in Eq.(1) could describe the overall behavior of the data, it resulted in  $\chi^2/N_{dof} = 739/194$  for the  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV data and  $\chi^2/N_{dof} = 485/194$  for the  $\sqrt{s} = 0.9$  TeV data (more details in Ref. [4]). This poor quality fit is originated in an anticorrelation (dip with  $\mathcal{R} < 1$ ) observed in the double ratio at both energies, and with any choice of reference sample and MC simulation. This shown in Fig.1(c), corresponding to the plot in Fig.1(a) with a zoomed ordinate axis. The fit with  $\Omega(Qr) = e^{-Qr}$  shows a deviation from the data trend around the minimum ( $Q \sim 0.7$  GeV) and for  $Q \geq 1.8$  GeV. The other curve in Fig.1(c) was generated by a parameterization of the correlation function proposed in [8] for describing point-like interactions, such as in  $e^+e^-$  collisions (such a structure was observed in  $e^+e^-$  collisions at LEP [9]), i.e.,

$$R^*(Q) = \mathcal{R}(Qr) = C \left[ 1 + \lambda (\cos [(r_0 Q)^2 + \tan(\alpha\pi/4)(Qr_\alpha)^\alpha] e^{-(Qr_\alpha)^\alpha}) \right] \cdot (1 + \delta Q). \quad (2)$$

This parameterization describes the time evolution of the source by means of a one-sided asymmetric Lévy distribution. The parameter  $r_0$  is related to the proper time of the onset of particle emission,  $r_\alpha$  is a scale parameter, and  $\alpha$  corresponds to the Lévy index of stability. Fits obtained with Eq. (2) are of good quality, with  $\chi^2/N_{dof} = 215/192$  and  $\chi^2/N_{dof} = 213/192$  at 7 TeV and 0.9 TeV, respectively.

The dip structure was studied as a function of  $k_T$ , showing little sensitivity. The depth in this anticorrelation region was also investigated as a function of  $N_{ch}$ , and is found to decrease



**Figure 2:** A decrease in the anticorrelation structure (dip) for increasing charged multiplicity is shown in parts (a) to (e). In (f), the dip's depth is shown in terms of the parameter  $\Delta = C(1 + \delta Q) - R^*(Q)$ , at the minimum.

consistently with this variable as can be seen from the plots in parts Fig.2.(a)-(e). The depth of the dip was also quantified as the difference,  $\Delta$ , between the baseline curve defined as  $C \cdot (1 + \delta Q)$  and the value of  $\mathcal{R}(Q)$  defined by Eq.(2) as  $R^*(Q)$ , at its minimum. It is shown in Fig.2(f) as a function of  $N_{ch}$ , for both  $\sqrt{s} = 0.9$  TeV and 7 TeV. This detailed observation is made possible by the large data samples studied, and constitutes the first evidence of this effect at the LHC [3, 4].

In summary, results of Bose–Einstein correlations measured using data collected with the CMS experiment in  $pp$  collisions at the LHC were shown here. The effective emission radius,  $r$ , is observed to increase with the event charged-particle multiplicity. The parameter  $r$  is nearly independent of the average transverse momentum of the pair of particles at the lowest multiplicity range, and decreases with  $k_T$  in events with large charged-particle multiplicities. For the first time in  $pp$  interactions, anticorrelations between same-sign charged particles are observed for  $Q$  values above the signal region, as previously reported with LEP data. The anticorrelation effects decrease with increasing charged-particle multiplicity in the event considered in this analysis.

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