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Centrality dependence of transverse momentum correlations in Pb-Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV in ALICE at the LHC

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Two-particle correlations provide information about particle production mechanisms in heavy-ion collisions. We report on results of transverse momentum differential two particle correlations in Pb-Pb collisions at

$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV measured with the ALICE detector at the LHC. Correlation functions for unidentified $++$, $+-$ and $--$ charged particle pairs as a function of pair azimuthal and pseudo-rapidity differences are measured. We study their evolution with collision centrality. We find that p_T correlation shapes exhibit a strong centrality dependence in Pb-Pb collisions. The momentum correlation values are everywhere positive, indicating that both particles from one pair are more likely to have a momentum above or below the average transverse momentum in an event ensemble. We further study the Fourier decomposition of the correlation function dependence on ϕ as a function of ϕ for different collision centralities.

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