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Using Event Shape Engineering to study anisotropic flow of inclusive and identified particles in Pb-Pb collisions with ALICE

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Heavy-ion collisions produce asymmetric pressure gradients which convert via interactions the initial spatial asymmetry into an anisotropy in final state momentum space, a phenomenon referred to as anisotropic flow. Anisotropic flow is characterized using the harmonic coefficients v_n in a Fourier decomposition of the azimuthal distribution of produced particles relative to the symmetry plane in a collision. It is found that flow fluctuates event-by-event due to fluctuations in the initial geometry, which allows for an efficient selection of events that correspond to a specific initial geometry. This technique, called Event Shape Engineering, was applied to select events within the same centrality but having very different values of the elliptic (v_2) and triangular (v_3) flow coefficients. For those events, we present results on centrality, transverse momentum (p_T) and event-shape dependence of anisotropic flow for inclusive and identified (π^\pm , K^\pm , $p + \bar{p}$, $\Lambda + \bar{\Lambda}$, K_S^0 , $\Xi^- + \bar{\Xi}^+$, and $\Omega^- + \bar{\Omega}^+$) particles in Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV recorded by the ALICE detector in 2015 and 2018. We also investigate the correlation between v_2 of inclusive and identified particles averaged over low and high p_T ranges.

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