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ATLAS measurement of the two-particle correlation sensitivity to jets in pp collisions

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Measurements of two-particle correlations in pp collisions show the presence of long-range correlations along $\Delta \eta$ that are strikingly similar to those seen in heavy-ion collisions.

In larger systems, the long-range correlations are known to arise from the collective dynamics of the produced quark-gluon plasma (QGP). The similarity between the pp and heavy-ion measurements raises the possibility that a tiny droplet of the QGP is produced even in pp. However, models that attribute the correlation in pp collisions to semi-hard processes can qualitatively reproduce the measurements. Thus performing the pp measurements with distinguishing particles associated with semi-hard processes, such as low- p_T jets, can further elucidate the origin of the long-range correlations. This talk presents a new measurements of two-particle correlations in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV with two different particle pair selections. In the first case, tracks associated with jets are excluded from the correlation analysis. This case results in a minor influence on the magnitude of the long-range correlation. In the second case, the two-particle correlations are measured between jet constituents and the underlying-event tracks. In this case, the correlations show no ridge-like structure.

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