



# $J/\psi$ $v_2$ azimuthal anisotropy

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# Forming the QGP and studying it

## Study of Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP)

- Deconfined state of matter
- Freely-roaming color charges

## Formation through Heavy-ion collisions

Pb-Pb  $\Rightarrow$  Formation of QGP

Pb-p, p-p  $\Rightarrow$  Reference (Cold Nuclear Matter (CNM) effects, assume no QGP formation)

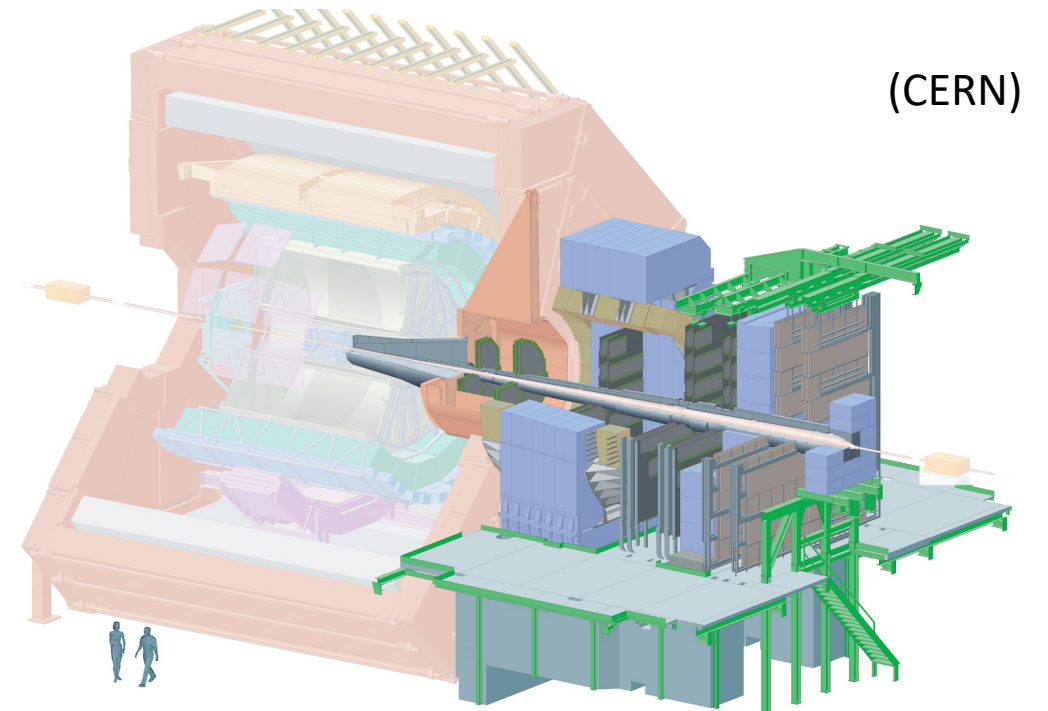
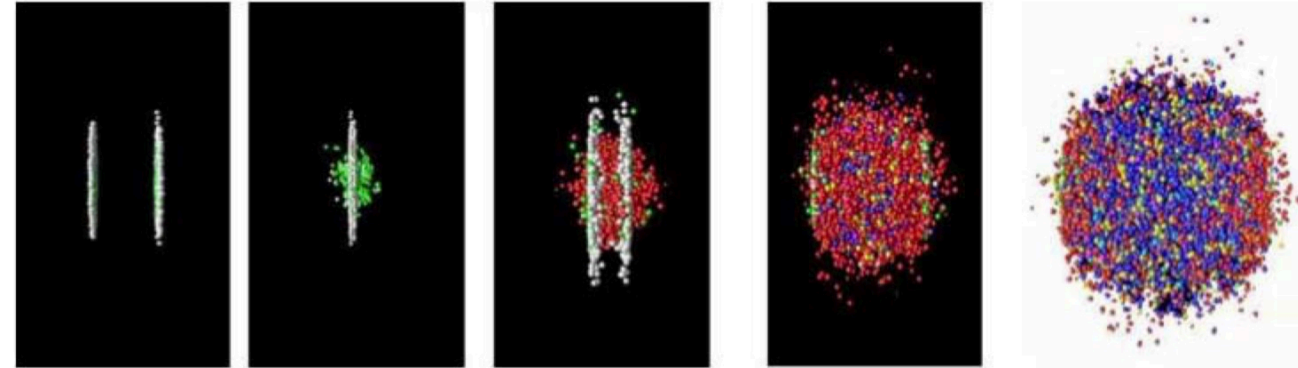
## What to look at ?

Focus on quarkonium ( $Q\bar{Q}$ )

Formed before the QGP

Influenced by color charges

Insight on QGP properties (e.g. Temperature)

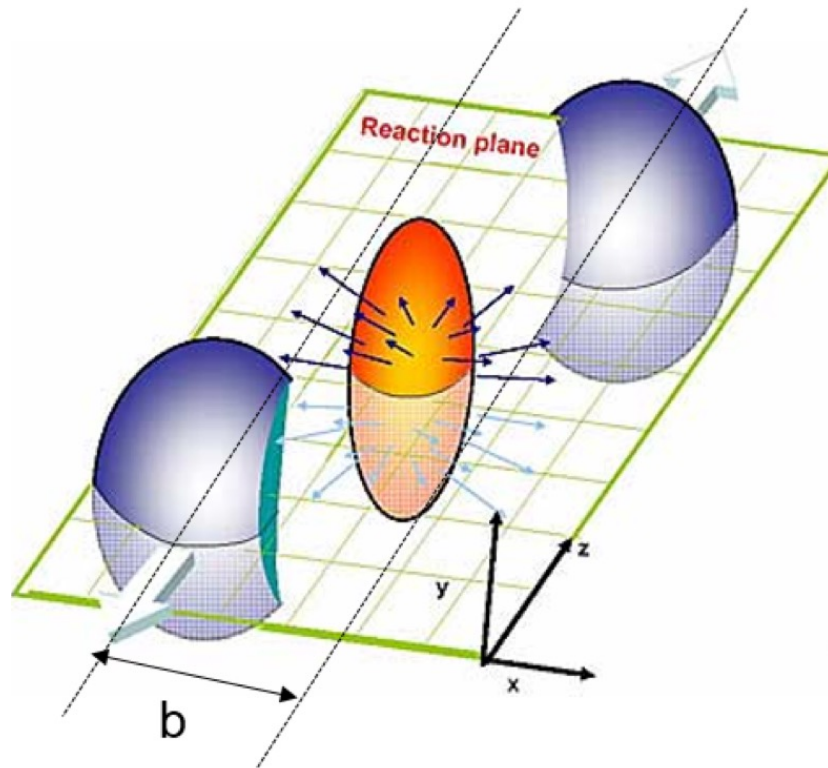


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# What is flow ?

In Heavy-ion collisions, anisotropic collision region

- Anisotropies in momentum distribution
- Long-range correlations of produced particles



Taken from Universe, 2017

[arXiv:nucl-ex/9805001]

Azimuthal correlations of particles quantified by Fourier coefficients in  $\phi$  angle distribution (wrt event plane if large multiplicity), or 2-particle correlations (in smaller systems)

$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} = \left\langle \frac{dN}{d\phi} \right\rangle \left( 1 + \sum_n 2v_n \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_n)] \right)$$

$$\frac{dN^{pairs}}{d\Delta\phi} \propto \left( 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n^2 \cos(n\Delta\phi) \right).$$

$v_2$  (elliptic) related to the initial geometry of the collision  
 $v_3$  (triangular) related to fluctuations

Flow is a **signature of QGP** formation as it shows collective behaviours

**Constrains** theoretical models

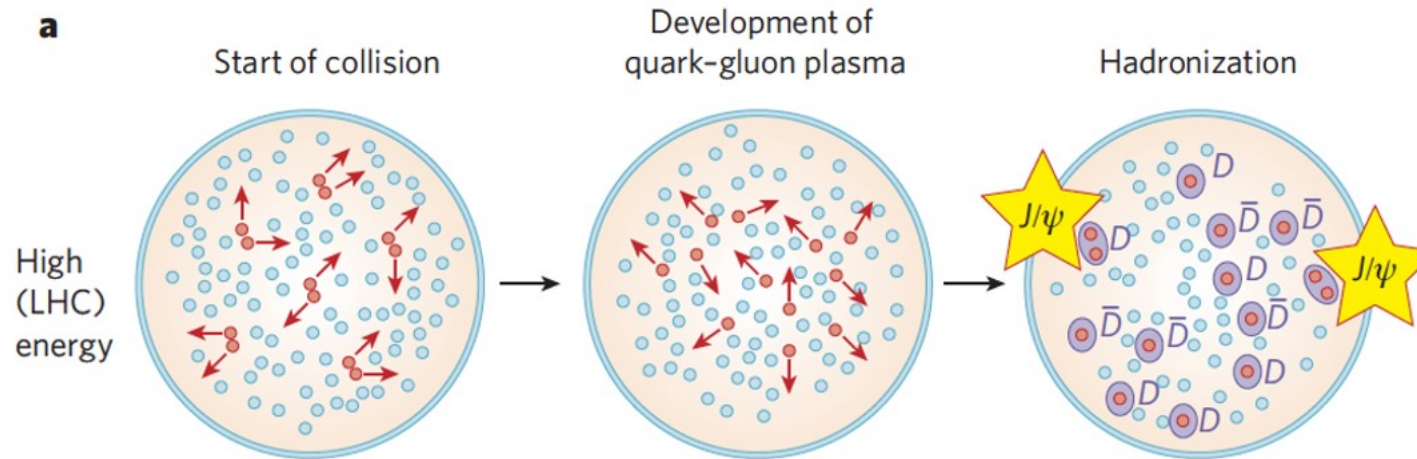
# Explaining the $J/\psi$ flow

## Final State effects

Flow is **acquired through QGP evolution** (geometry-related)

Two sources for the  $J/\psi$  flow:

- (Re)combination of charm quarks (flow inheritance)
  - At freeze-out
  - Dynamic transport model
- Path-length dependent suppression (primary  $J/\psi$ )



[*Nature* **448**, 302–309 (2007)]

# A first: PHENIX-STAR (Au-Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV)

## Motivation:

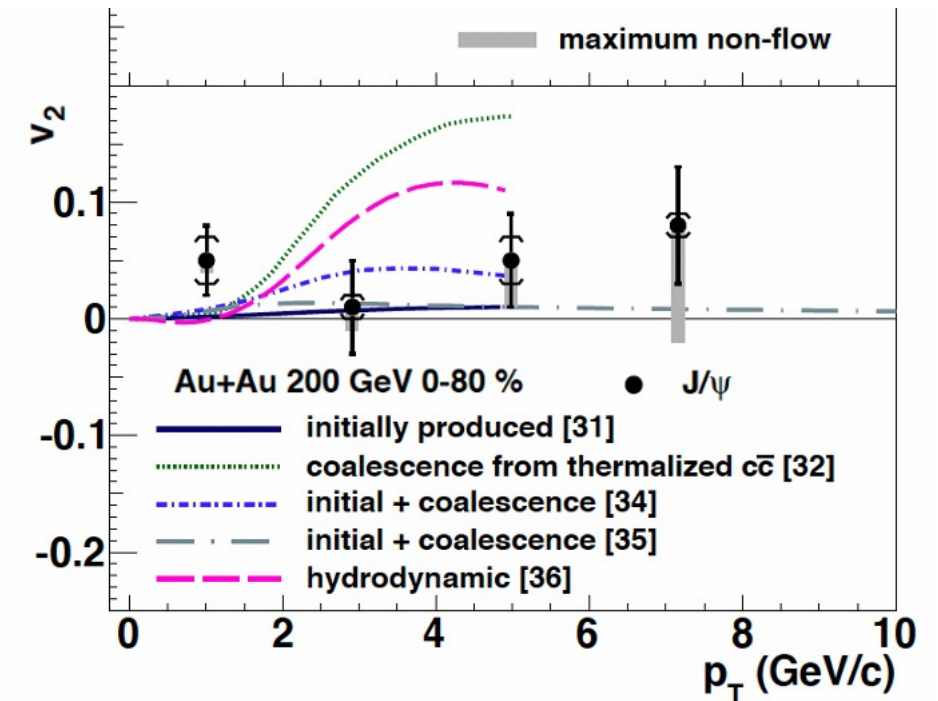
How is the  $J/\psi$  produced ? Is it through regeneration ?

## Observations:

- $v_2$  compatible with 0 above 2 GeV/c
- Compatible with initial state and/or transport
- Rules out coalescence at freeze-out

$J/\psi$  regeneration is not dominant at RHIC

[arXiv:1212.3304]  
Data from 2010





# Pb-Pb, $J/\psi$ regenerates

Pb-Pb ALICE (Run2, inclusive, 5.02 TeV)

Higher energy than RHIC: more c and thermalisation of c

Comparison to transport model (TAMU, X. Du et al.)  
(which reproduces nicely  $R_{AA}$  behaviour)

Overall behaviour OK-ish:

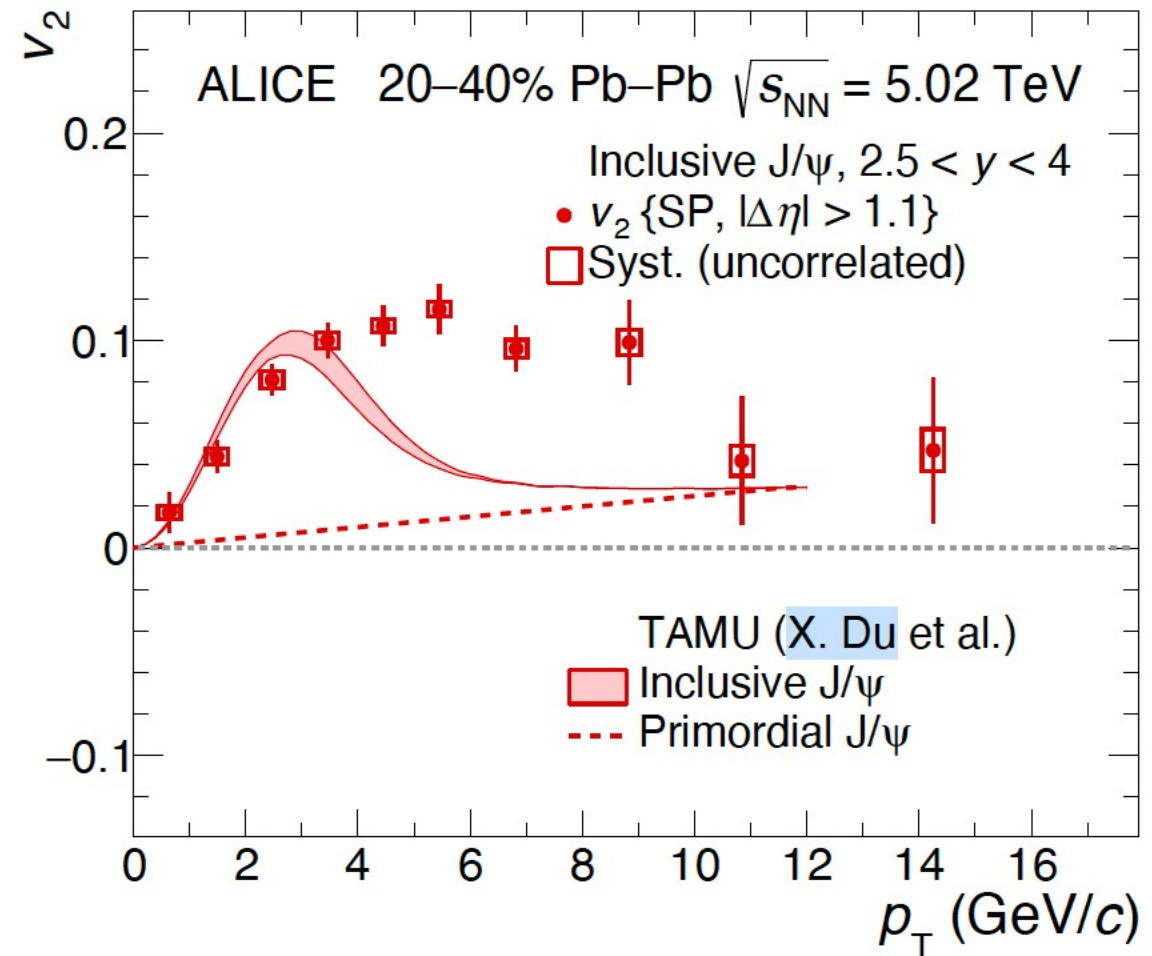
- Increase at low-  $p_T$  (recombined c quarks)
- Decrease at high-  $p_T$  (less recombination)
- Non-0 asymptote (only path-length dependence in primordial  $J/\psi$  bring a small  $v_2$ )

Data (low-  $p_T$ ) shows that  $J/\psi$  regenerates

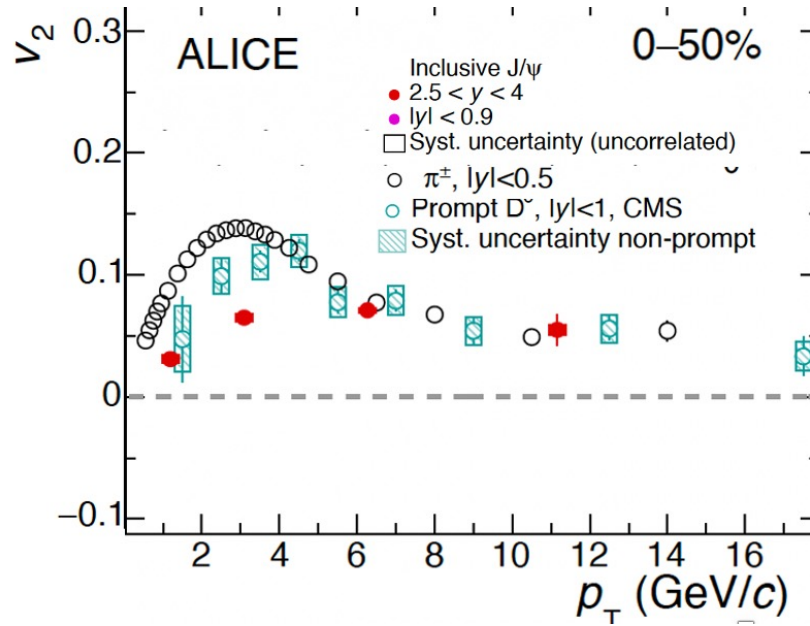
Bad description of the  $p_T$ -dependence at high- $p_T$

- Missing mechanism ?

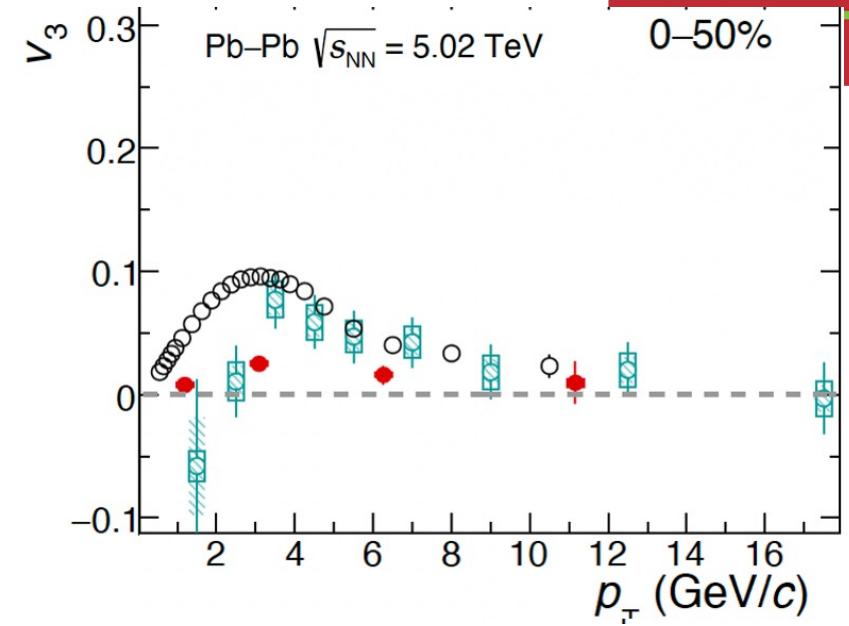
[arXiv:2005.14518]



# Pb-Pb, probing further than regeneration



[arXiv:1709.05260,  
arXiv:2005.14518]



$v_{2,J/\psi} > 0$  significant at mid- $p_T$

**Species-independent** asymptote at high- $p_T$ : common mechanism

- For pions, flow from parton energy loss but  $J/\psi$  is colourless
- How can it be explained ?
- **Mass hierarchy** of  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  **and similar magnitudes**: coherent charm quark thermalisation and hydrodynamics

$v_{3,J/\psi} > 0$  ( $> 5\sigma$  between 2 and 5 GeV/c in 0-50%)

c are sensitive to initial fluctuations: collectivity

# The LHC experiments agree

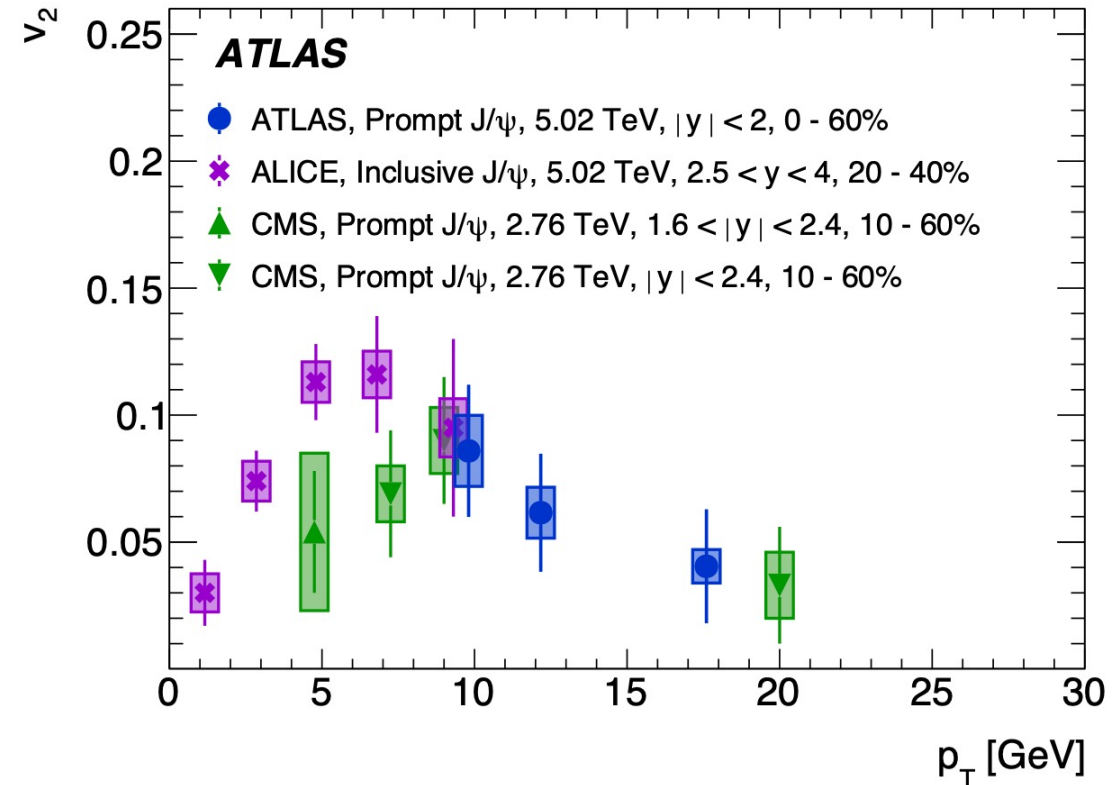
[arXiv:1807.05198,  
arXiv:1610.00613]

ATLAS (Run2, **prompt**) 5.02 TeV and  
CMS (Run2, **prompt**) 2.76 TeV

Distinction prompt/non-prompt  $J/\psi$  (depending on B feed-down)

Combining results between the experiments shows a **nice agreement** (despite uncertainties and centrality effects)

Fully confirms the flow of  $c$



So in Pb-Pb:  $J/\psi$  regeneration,  $c$  flow, validation of hydrodynamics and transport model despite missing mechanism

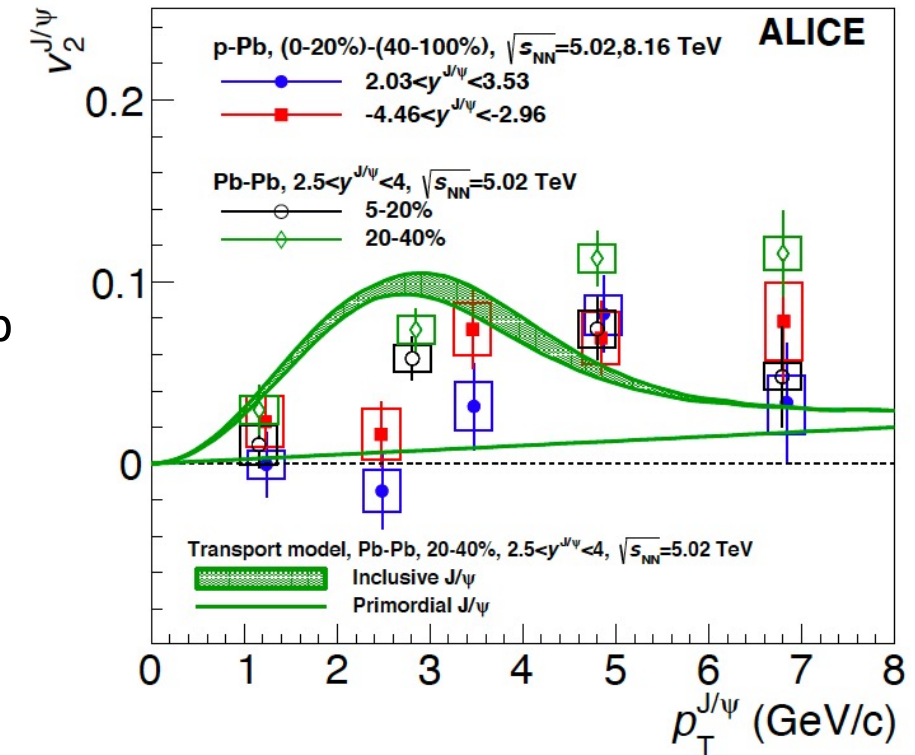


# p-Pb, exploration of smaller systems

ALICE (Run2, inclusive, 5.02 and 8.16 TeV)

[arXiv:1709.06807]

- $v_{2,J/\psi} > 0$  ( $> 5\sigma$ ) for  $3 < p_T < 6$  GeV/c
- Values in p-Pb close to Pb-Pb, suggests common mechanism
- Low- $p_T$   $v_2$  compatible with 0 : barely any recombination in p-Pb
- Should be no sizeable  $v_2$  from path-length dependence

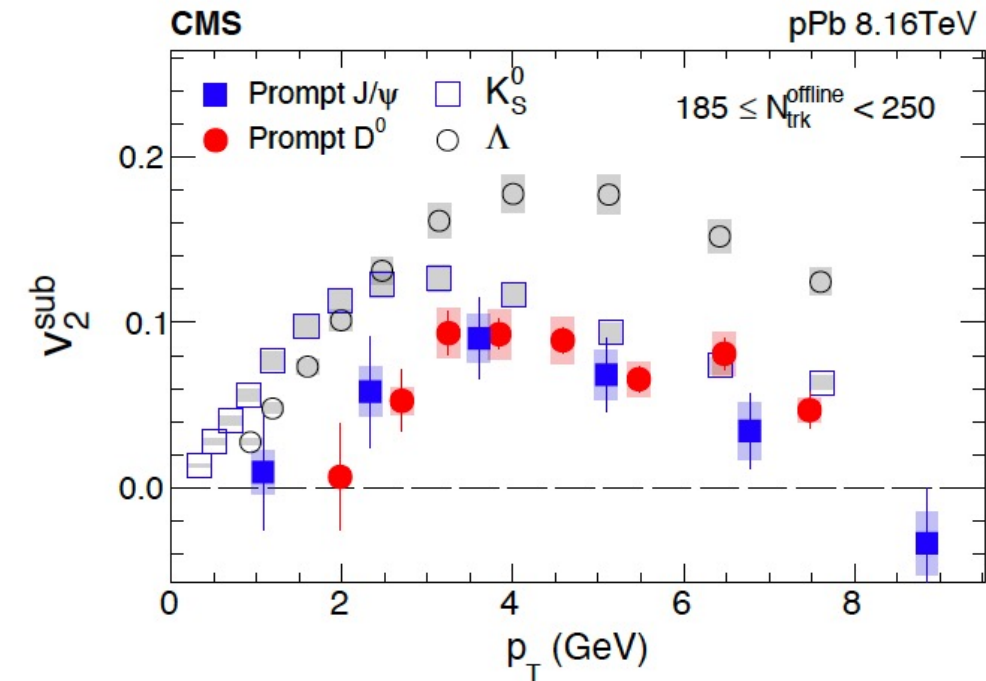


# p-Pb, exploration of smaller systems

CMS (Run2, prompt, 8.16 TeV)

[arXiv:1810.01473]

- Prompt  $J/\psi$   $v_2 > 0$  on a wide  $p_T$  interval
- Vague mass ordering
  - Maybe hydrodynamics do not fully apply ?
  - Is there another flow origin ?
- Consistent  $v_2$  values and trends between species (esp.  $D^0$  and  $J/\psi$ ), not the case in Pb-Pb !



# p-Pb, theories of flow

## Theoretical models

- Transport model (TAMU, X. Du et al.)

Model way below the experimental data

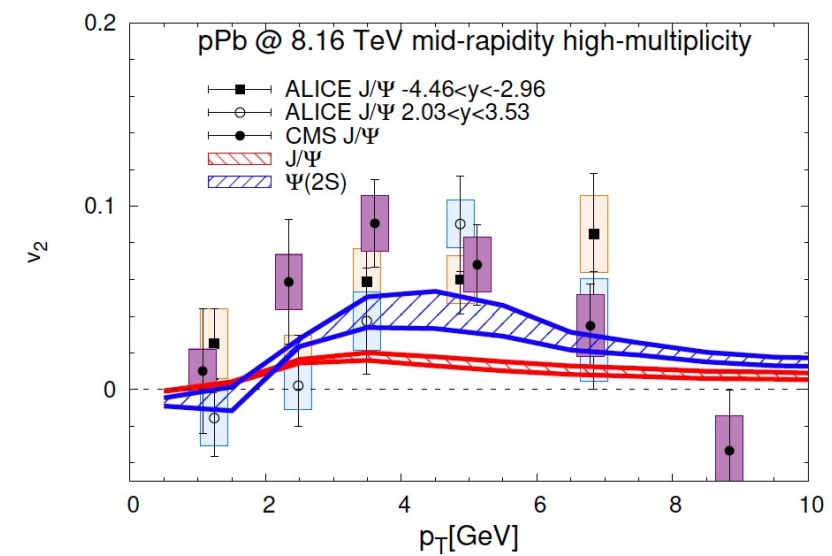
Missing mechanism

- Initial state effects – CGC (C. Zhang et al.)

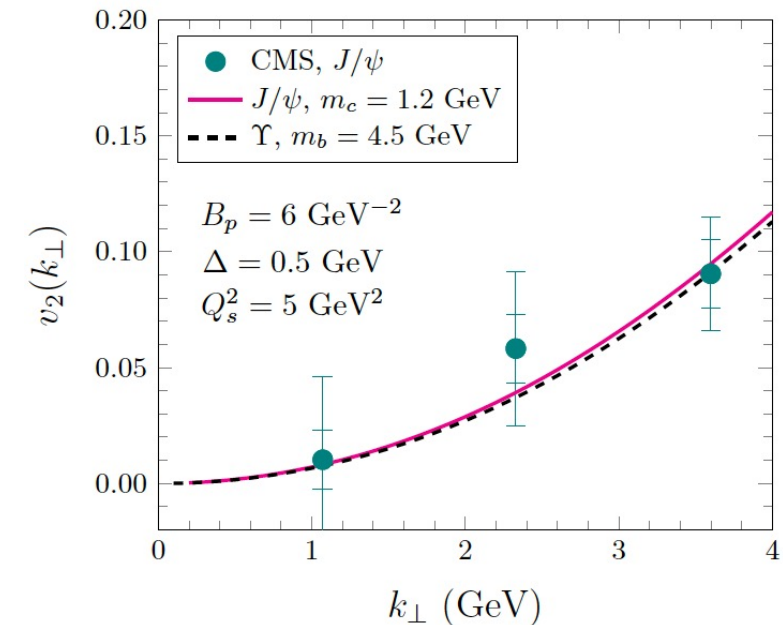
Idea: Flow is **here from the start**

- Long-range correlations come from initial momentum/color correlations (CGC framework)

Nice agreement with both ALICE and CMS data



[arXiv:1808.10014]

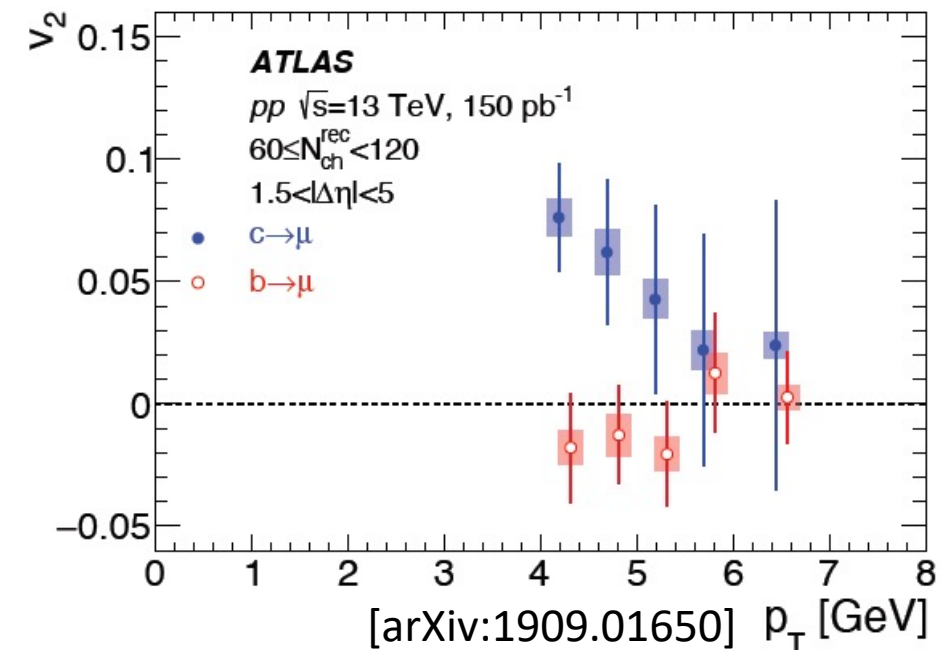
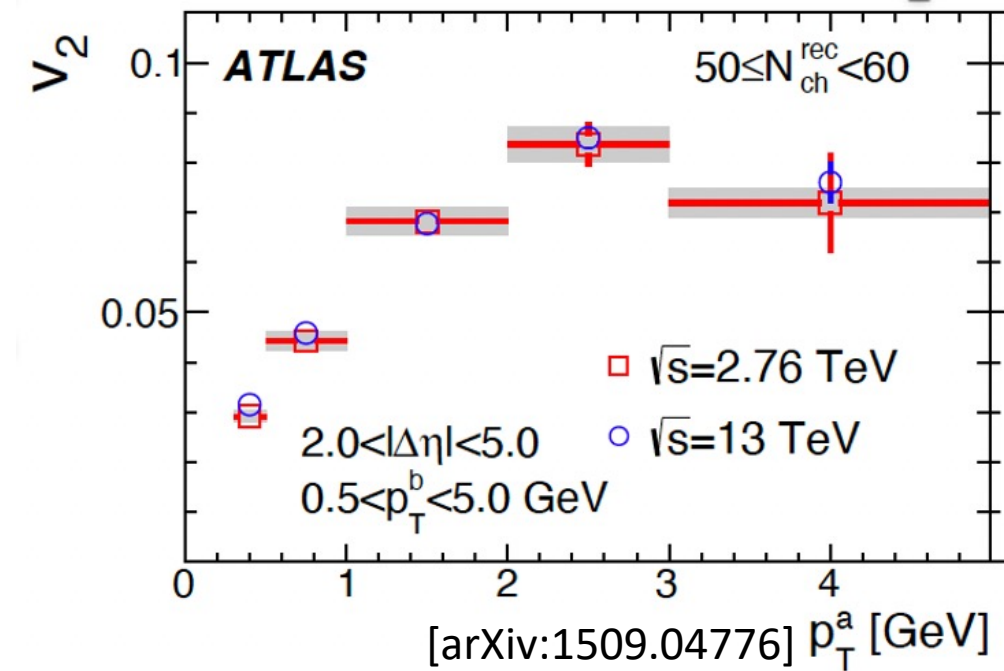


[arXiv:1901.10320]

# Hints in p-p

- Charged particles  $v_2$  (ATLAS, CMS)
- Similar trend with p-A and A-A collisions
  - Similar mechanism ?
- c and b through muon decay (ATLAS)
- b-hadrons  $v_2$  consistent with 0
- c-hadrons  $v_2 > 0$ . Is c flowing or are only lighter quarks flowing ?

Need to study  $J/\psi$  p-p flow to determine if c flows or not !



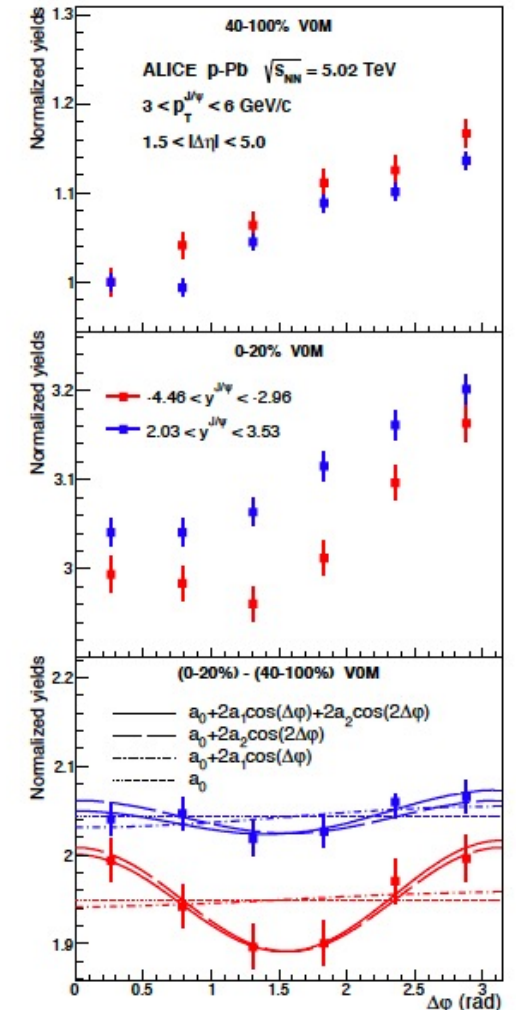
# Analysis description (from p-Pb analysis)

- Separate high and low multiplicity collisions (“central” and “peripheral”)
  - Make pairs of particles: dimuon-tracklet or tracklet-tracklet  
(tracklet: charged particle track in the central barrel, whereas  $J/\psi$  observed through dimuon decay in forward spectrometer)
  - Measure particle correlations with respect to  $\Delta\eta$  (pseudorapidity) and  $\Delta\phi$  (azimuthal angle)
  - Compute “per trigger yields”\*
  - ~Subtract Central and Peripheral yields to get rid of non flow-effects
  - Measure  $V_{2,tracklet-J/\psi}$ ,  $V_{2,tracklets}$  and deduce  $v_{2,J/\psi} = \frac{V_{2,tracklet-J/\psi}}{\sqrt{V_{2,tracklets}}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 * Y^i(z_{vtx}, M_{\mu\mu}, p_T^{\mu\mu}, \Delta\phi, \Delta\eta) &= \frac{1}{N_{trig}^i(z_{vtx}, M_{\mu\mu}, p_T^{\mu\mu})} \frac{d^2 N_{assoc}^i(z_{vtx}, M_{\mu\mu}, p_T^{\mu\mu})}{d\Delta\phi d\Delta\eta} \\
 &= \frac{1}{N_{trig}^i(z_{vtx}, M_{\mu\mu}, p_T^{\mu\mu})} \frac{SE^i(z_{vtx}, M_{\mu\mu}, p_T^{\mu\mu}, \Delta\phi, \Delta\eta)}{ME^i(z_{vtx}, M_{\mu\mu}, p_T^{\mu\mu}, \Delta\phi, \Delta\eta)},
 \end{aligned}$$

Number of associated particle pairs found in a bin of  $\Delta\eta$ ,  $\Delta\phi$ ,  $z_{vertex}$ , invariant mass,  $p_t$ , centrality

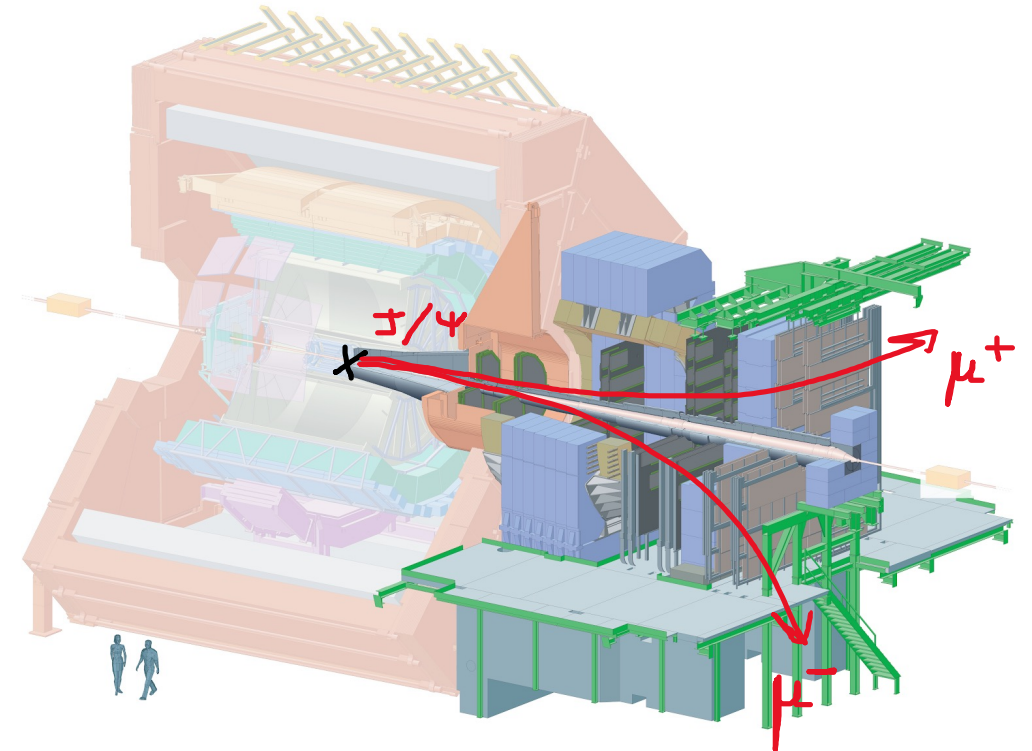
Number of reference particles triggered on in a bin of  $z_{vertex}$ , invariant mass,  $p_t$ , centrality



ALICE, p-Pb publication  
[arXiv:1709.06807]

# Event selection

Event Selection	(Di)Muon Selection
$N_{contrib} > 0$ $\sigma_{Z_{vtx,SPD}} < 0.25 \text{ cm}$ $ Z_{vtx}  < 10 \text{ cm}$ $ \eta_{SPD}  < 2$ $\Delta\Phi_{tracklets} < 10 \text{ mrad}$ (azimuth difference between inner and outer SPD layers) – standard, equivalent to $p_T$ cut  <b>Pile-up rejection</b>	$R_{abs}$ in $[17.6, 89.5]$ Match a trigger track with $p_T > 0.5 \text{ GeV}$ $pDCA < 6\sigma$ $\eta_{muon}$ in acceptance Dimuon charge = 0 $y_{dimu}$ in acceptance $p_{T J/\psi}$ in $[0; 12] \text{ GeV}/c$





# Other methods of $V_2$ extraction

- **ZYAM** – Similar to Ext1 and 2 but the baselines are subtracted from the yields

*Fourier analysis of  $(Y_C - B_C) - (Y_P - B_P)$*   
(similar to p-Pb, just changes the calculations to get to  $V_2$ )

**Template fits:**  $Y_C = A(\text{ridge}) + \mathbf{F} * \text{Peripheral yields}$

- **Template fit - by Quentin and Cvetan**

*Fit of  $Y_C = B_C(1 + 2v_{2,2} \cos(2\Delta\phi)) + \mathbf{F} * (Y_P - B_P)$*

- **Template fit – ATLAS [PRL – 116,172301 (2016)]**

- G is a fixed parameter to ensure the integrals on both side of the equation are the same

*Fit of  $Y_C = G(1 + 2v_{2,2} \cos(2\Delta\phi)) + \mathbf{F} * Y_P$*

- **Template fit + Peripheral ZYAM – ATLAS [PRL – 116,172301 (2016)]**

*Fit of  $Y_C = G(1 + 2v_{2,2} \cos(2\Delta\phi)) + \mathbf{F} * (Y_P - B_P)$*

# Conclusions and Outlook on $J/\psi$ flow

At LHC energies		
A-A	p-Pb	p-p
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c quarks participate in <b>collective</b> effects</li> <li>Showed that <math>J/\psi</math> was regenerated from thermalised c quarks</li> <li>Flow behaviour follows <b>hydrodynamics</b> and <b>transport</b> model</li> <li><b>Missing mechanism at high-<math>p_T</math></b> to explain <math>J/\psi</math> flow, <b>what is it ?</b></li> <li><b>Investigate higher harmonics and their correlations (Run 3 and 4) ?</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c quarks participate in <b>collective</b> effects</li> <li><b>Common flow mechanism</b> between Pb-Pb and p-Pb</li> <li><b>Hydrodynamics fragile</b> and transport <b>model fails</b></li> <li><b>What is the origin of flow in p-Pb ?</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charged particles show <b>collective</b> effects</li> <li>Suggest <b>common flow mechanism</b> between all systems</li> <li><b>c could flow, need to check by looking at <math>J/\psi</math> flow (work in progress !)</b></li> <li><b>Theories in p-p ? May help for flow in bigger systems</b></li> </ul>