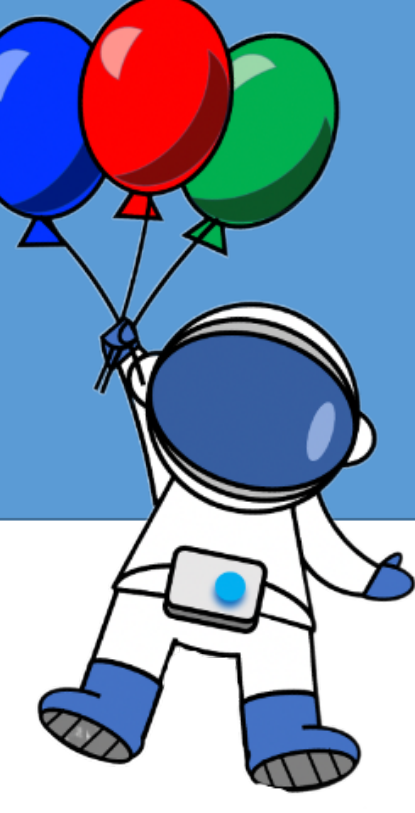


# Differences in the population of jets at different $R$ contribute to the $R$ -dependence of the $R_{AA}$ in a manner consistent with recent ALICE results.



## Investigating the $R$ -dependence of Jet Suppression

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### INTRODUCTION

- Jet quenching measurements in heavy-ion collisions, such as the suppression of the jet yield compared to binary scaled pp collisions, aim to elucidate the various mechanisms of parton energy loss [1] and mechanisms for the addition of energy to the jet cone (see Fig 1).
- Differential measurements of the dependence of the inclusive jet nuclear modification factor ( $R_{AA}$  - defined in Eq.1) can be used to disentangle different energy loss mechanisms.

$$R_{AA} = \frac{1}{N_{\text{event}}} \frac{d^2 N_{\text{jet}}^{\text{PbPb}}}{dp_T dy} \bigg|_{\text{cent}} \frac{\langle T_{AA} \rangle}{d^2 \sigma_{\text{jet}}^{\text{pp}} / dp_T dy} \quad (1)$$

- $R$ -dependence of  $R_{AA}$ : This project examines the dependence of the  $R_{AA}$  on the resolution parameter  $R$ . Jets with different  $R$  are unique in terms of their fragmentation function, q/g fractions, etc. We will investigate the influence of these effects!

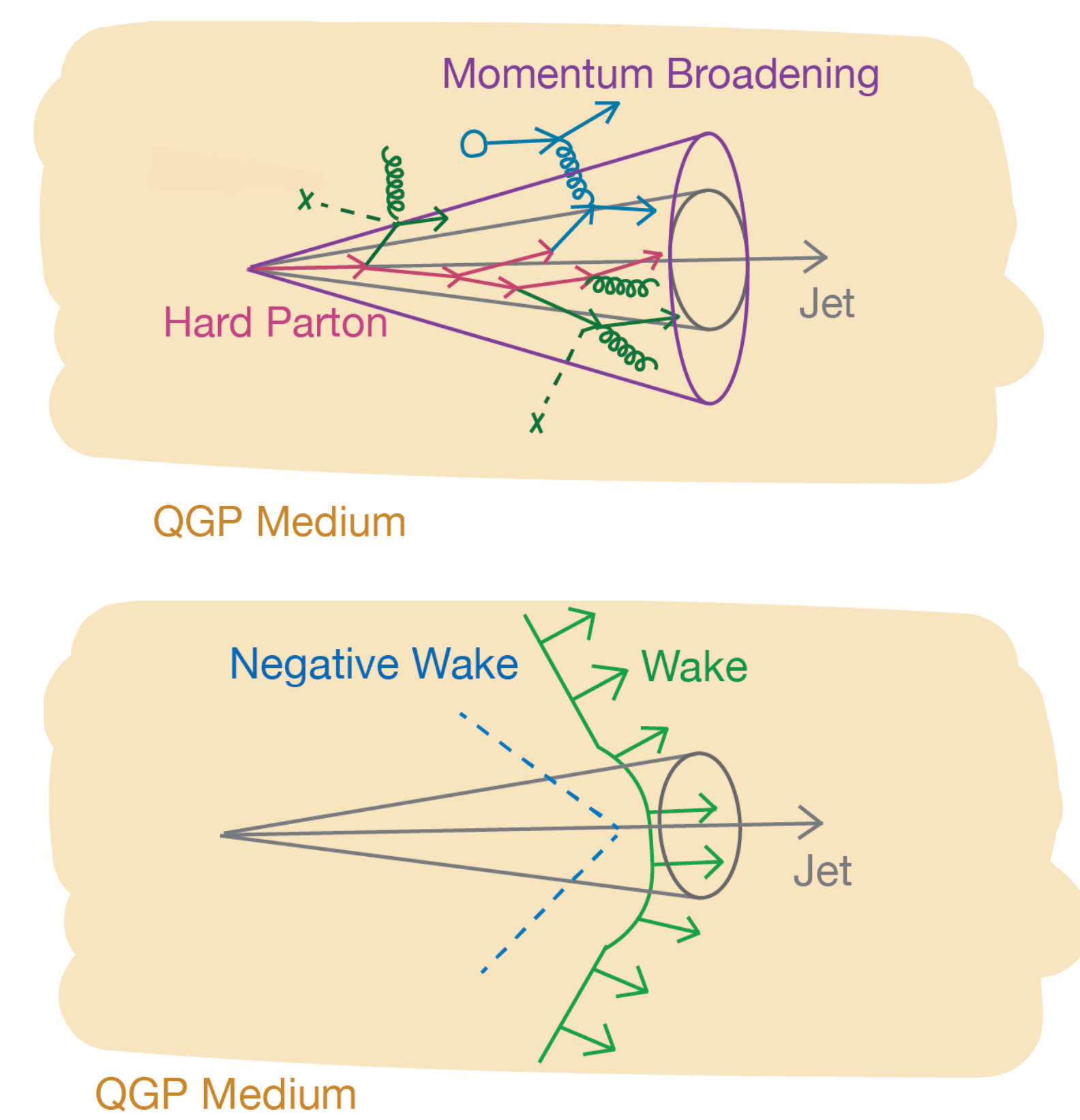


Figure 1. Illustrations of example jet energy loss effects such as momentum broadening (top) and medium response effects such as the wake (bottom).

### PYTHIA AND METHODS

- Used PYTHIA [2] to simulate charged-particle jets with various  $R$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$  TeV.
- Used ALICE kinematic settings ( $|\eta_{\text{jet}}| < 0.9 - R$ ,  $p_{T,\text{const}} > 150$  MeV).
- Model energy loss ( $S$ ) with  $\alpha = 0.55$  as : (1) fractional quenching, (2)  $p_T$ -dependent quenching, and (3) flavor-dependent quenching similar to Ref. [3].  $p_{T,\text{quenched}} = p_{T,\text{unquenched}} - S$

$$S = s' \left( \frac{p_{T,\text{unquenched}}}{p_{T,0}} \right)^\alpha \quad S_{\text{quark}} = s' \left( \frac{p_{T,\text{unquenched}}}{p_{T,0}} \right)^\alpha \quad S_{\text{gluon}} = \left( \frac{9}{4} \right) \times s' \left( \frac{p_{T,\text{unquenched}}}{p_{T,0}} \right)^\alpha$$

### RESULTS

PYTHIA vacuum simulations match experimental data; consistent shift between simulation and experiment at larger  $R$  observed may propagate into  $R_{AA}$  and  $R$ -dependence calculations with QGP

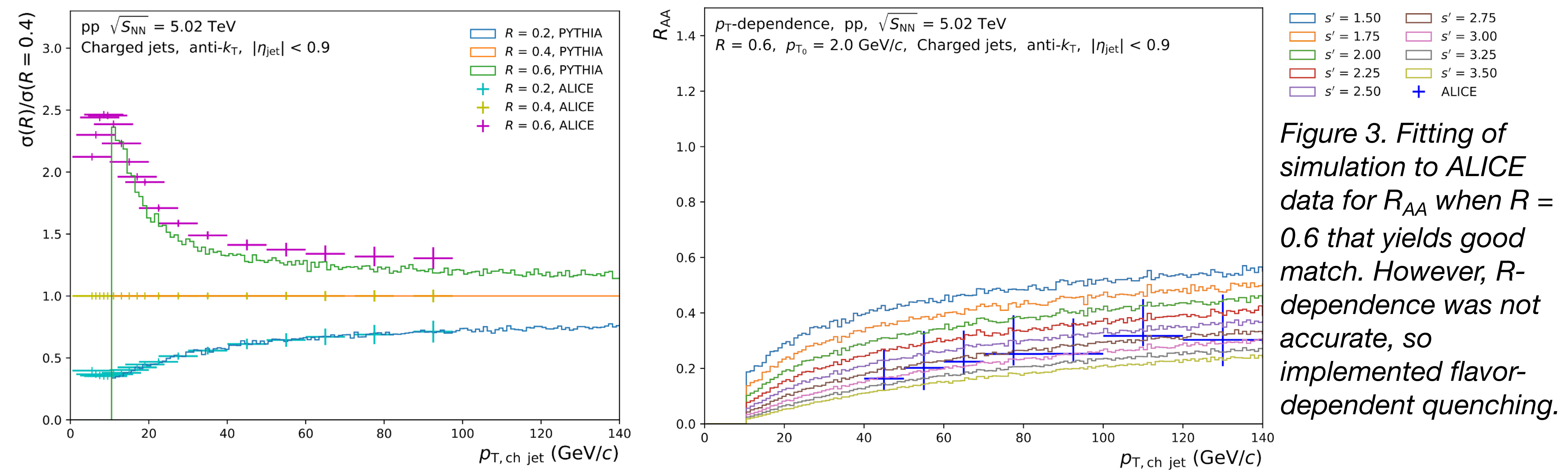


Figure 2. Simulated cross section ratios of jets at a given  $R$  over that when  $R = 0.2$  overlaid with ALICE data.

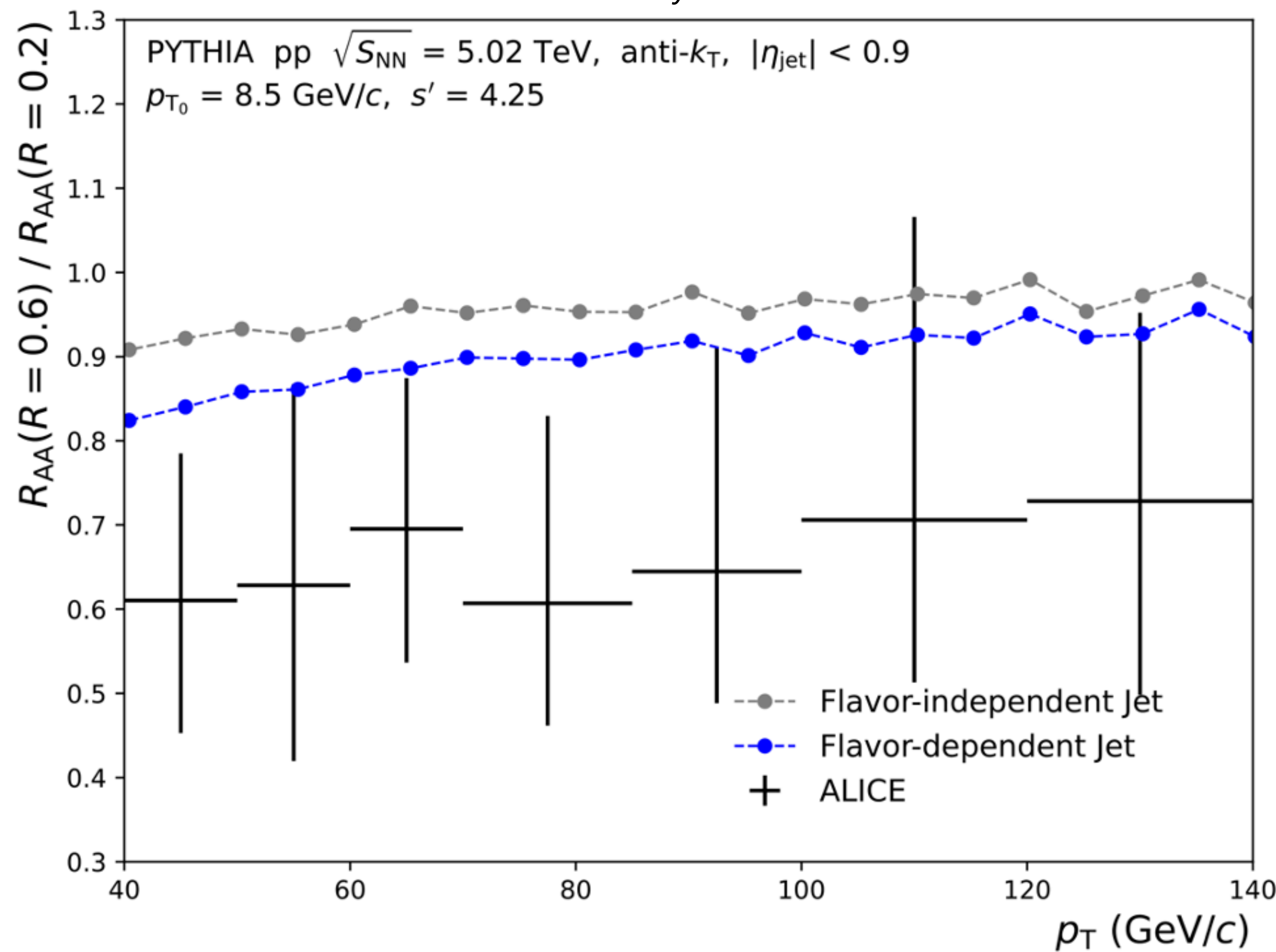
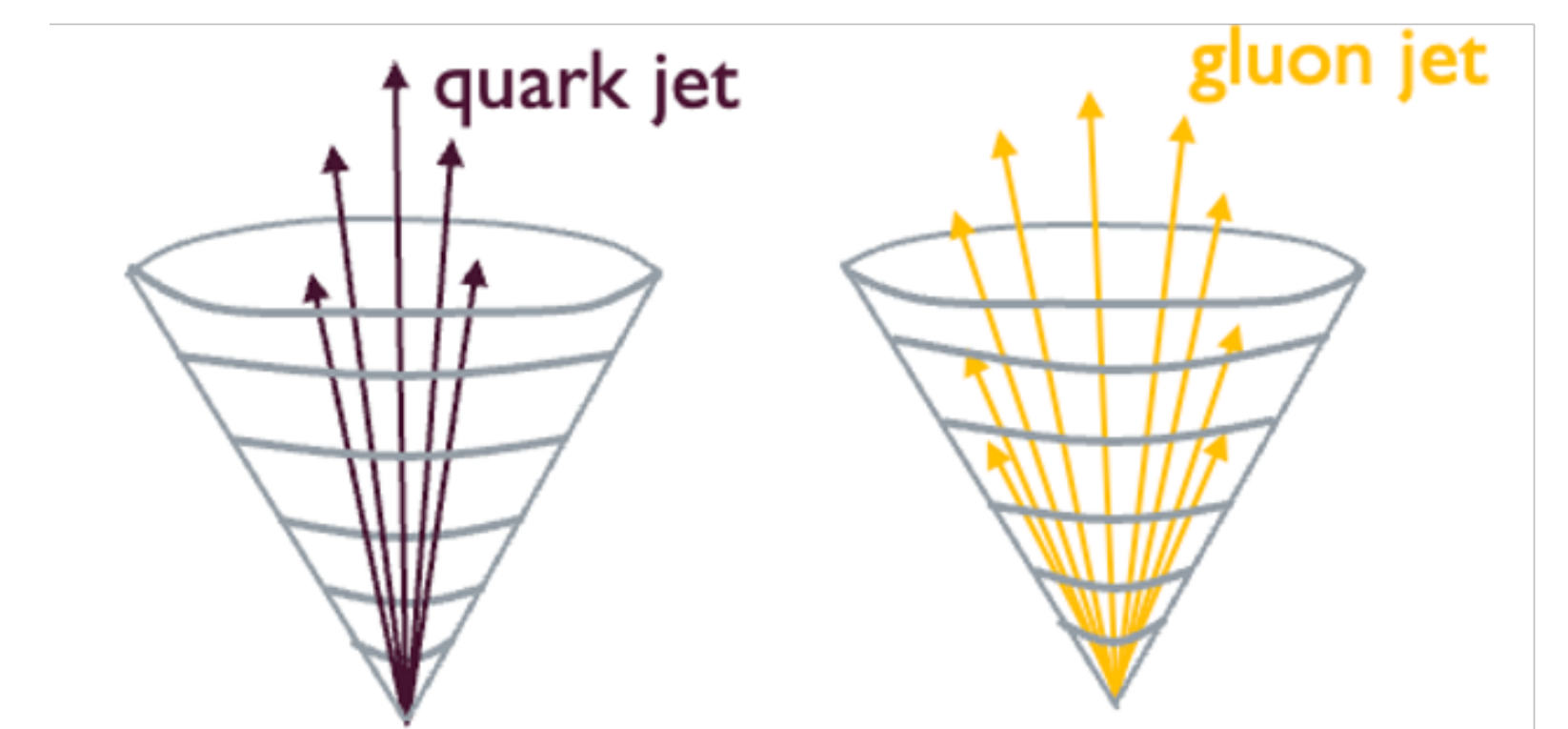


Figure 4. Ratio of  $R_{AA}$  at  $R = 0.6$  over that of  $R = 0.2$  for jets with and without jet population flavor taken into account in the implemented energy loss. Compared to ALICE data from Ref. [4].



Quark jets are more collimated than gluon jets, which could contribute to the  $R$ -dependence.

Figure 3 suggests that adding in flavor dependence increases the  $R$ -dependence and improves the fit with experimental data.

### CONCLUSIONS

- The differences in jet population at different  $R$  could describe the observed  $R$ -dependence of jet quenching in experiment.
- Developed a framework that has the capacity to build-in and study each energy loss mechanism independently.
- Continued work could include implementing momentum broadening, substructure influence, fragmentation function, and groomed jet observables.

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