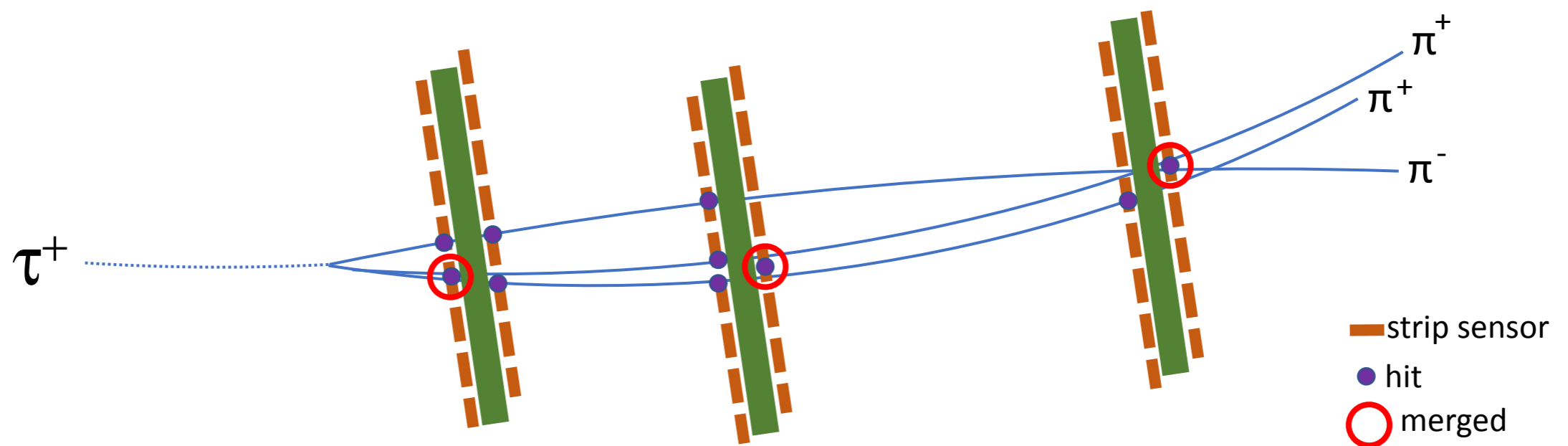


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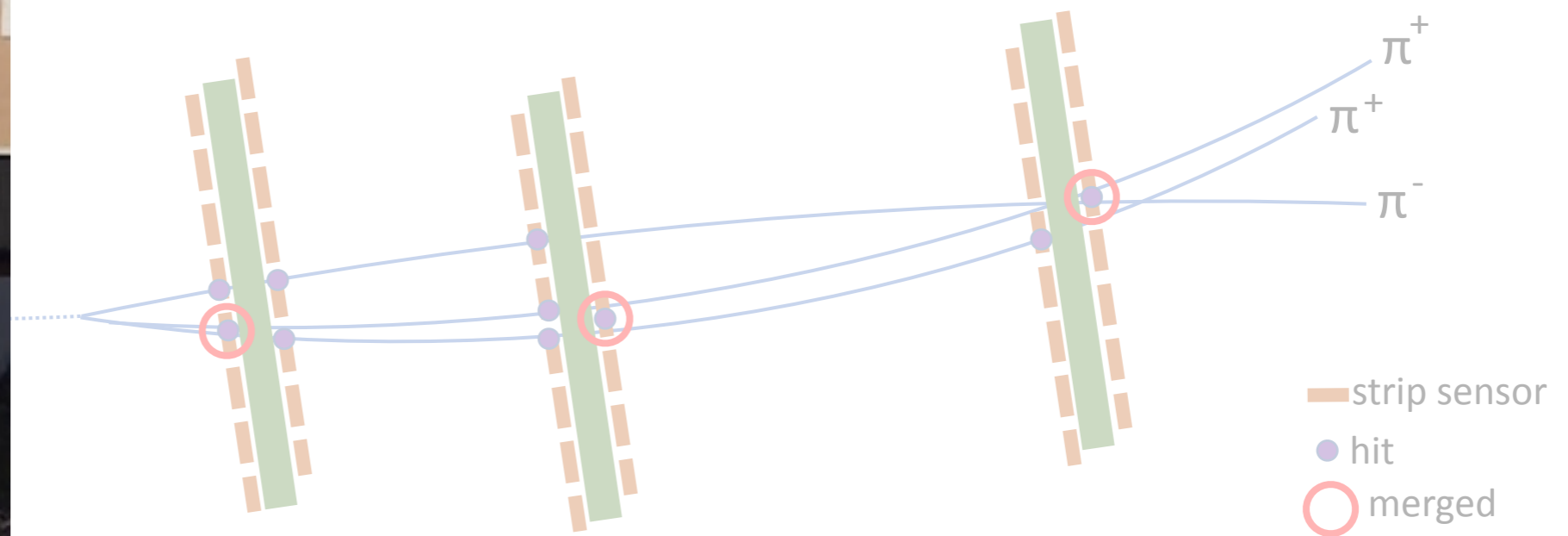
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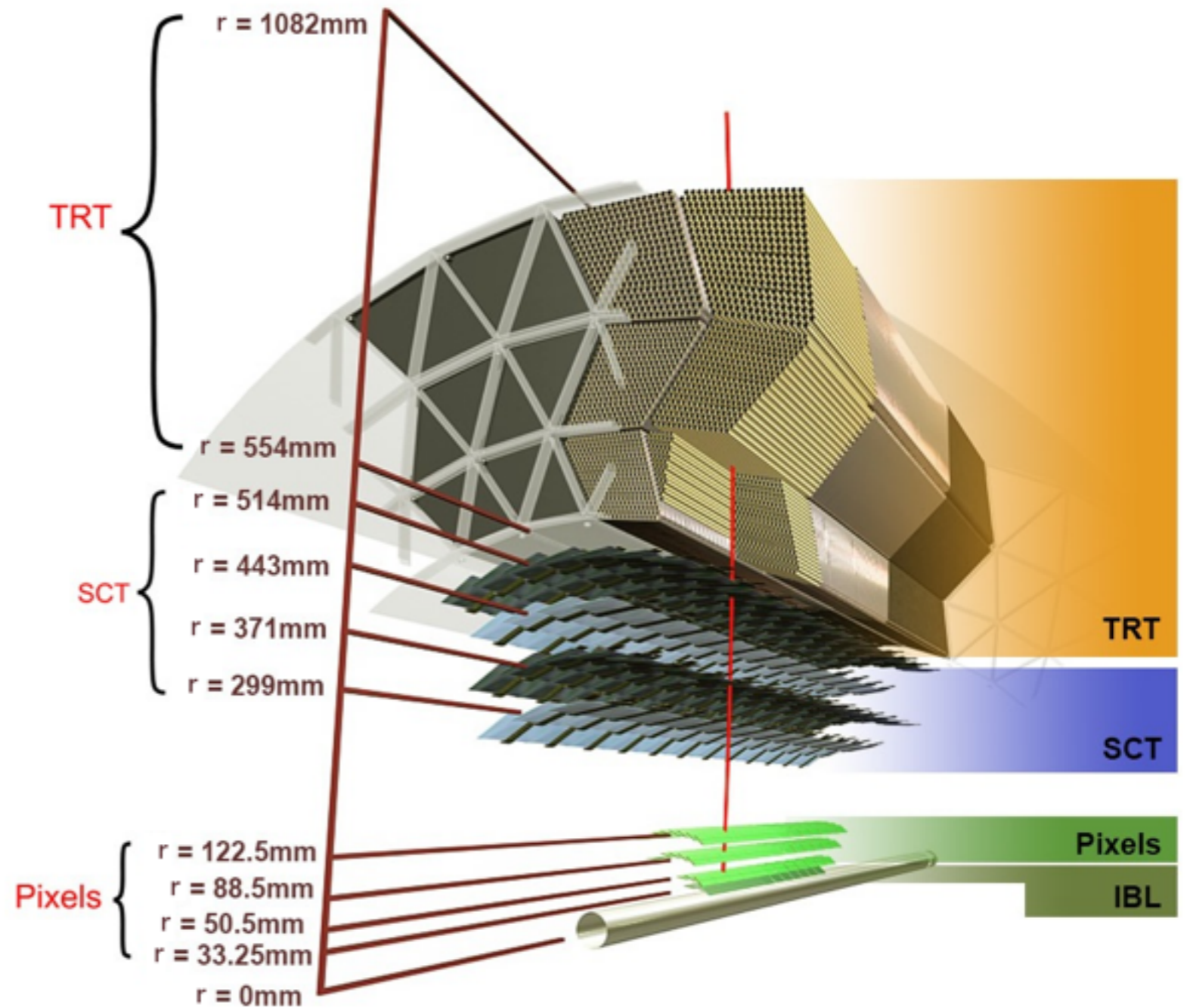
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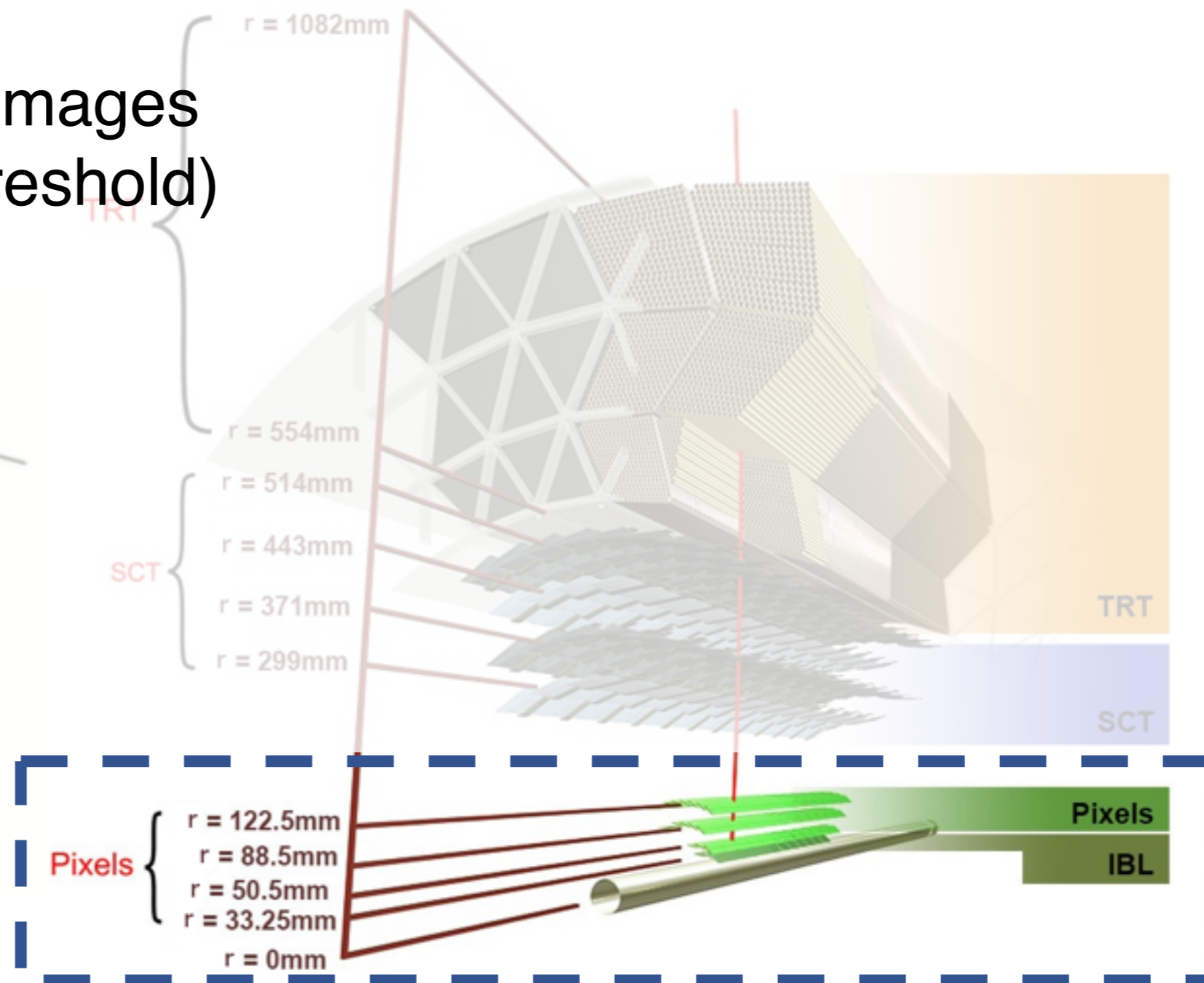
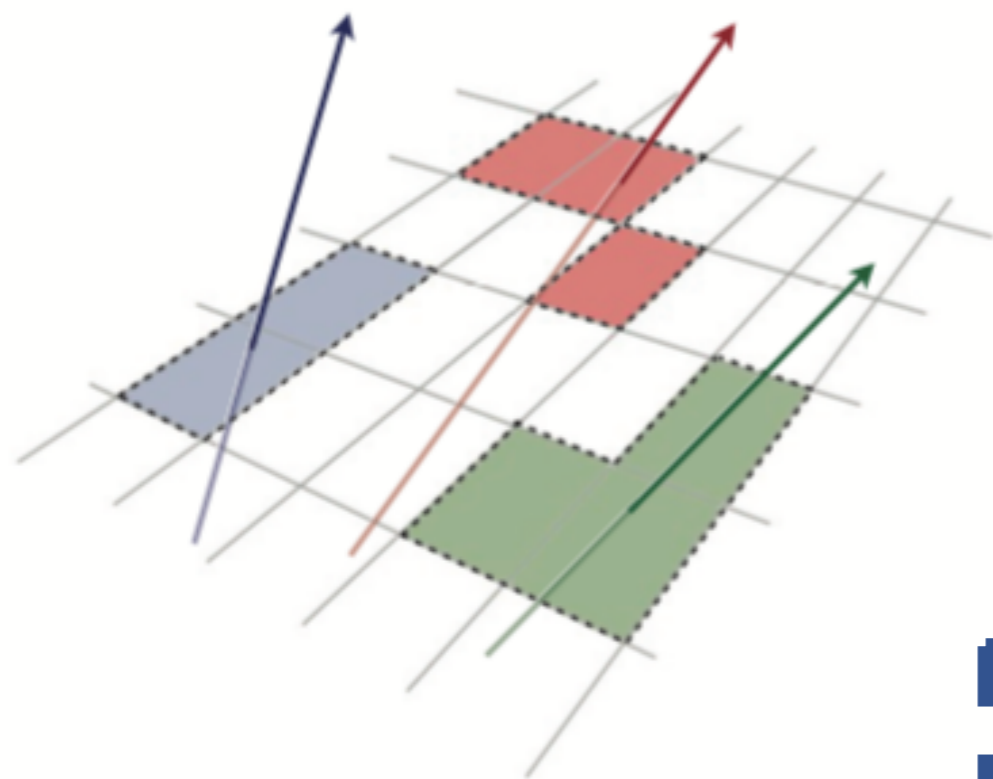
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## ATLAS Inner Detector



# Tracking in ATLAS - Pixels

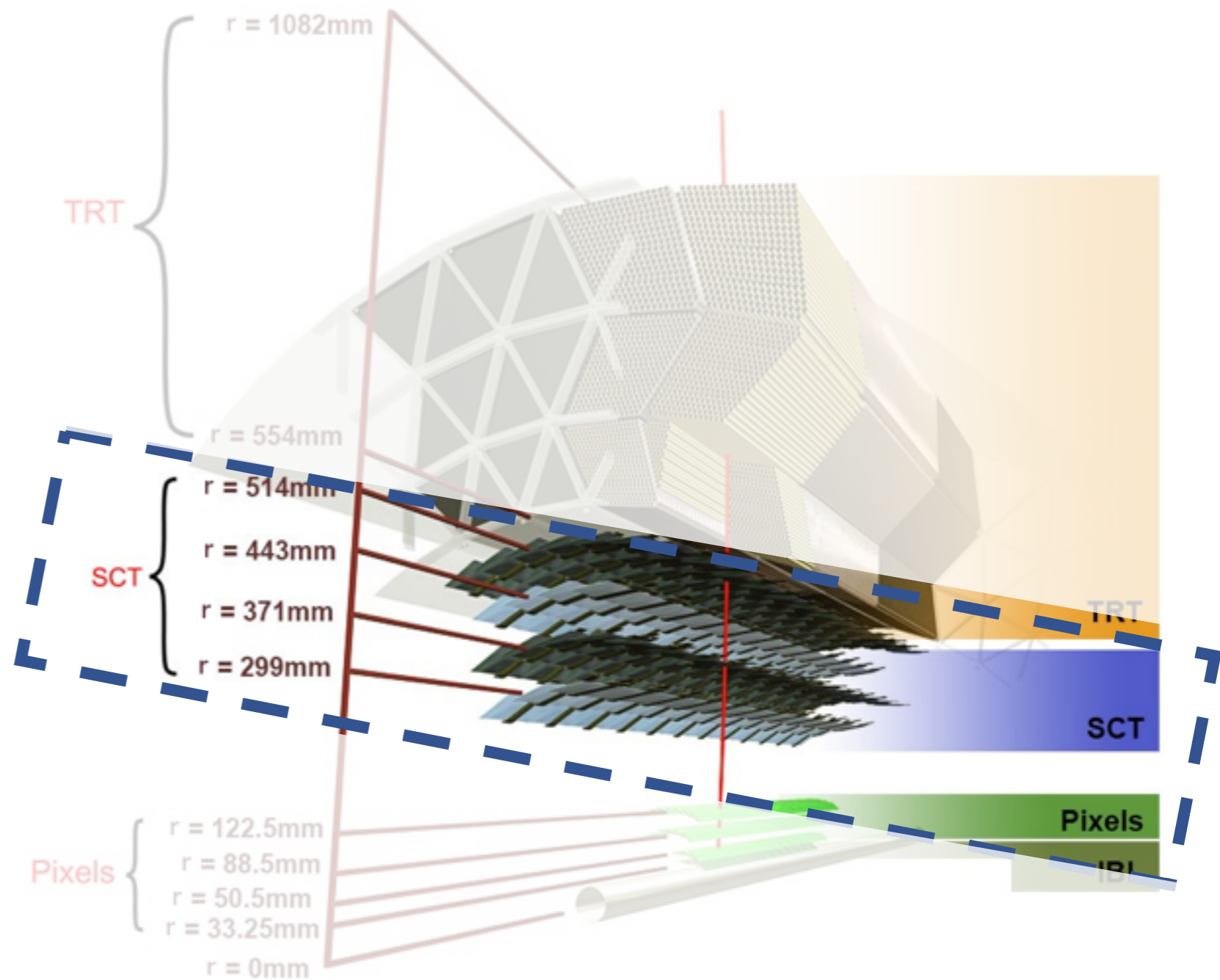
Clusters are gray-scale images  
(intensity = time-over-threshold)



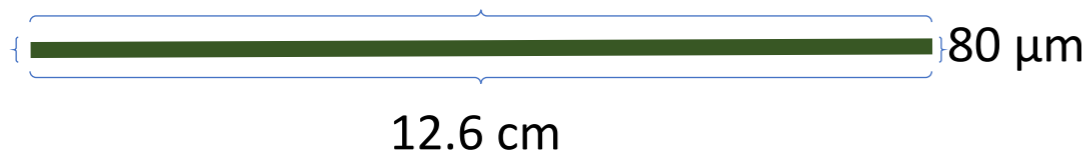


# Tracking in ATLAS - Strips

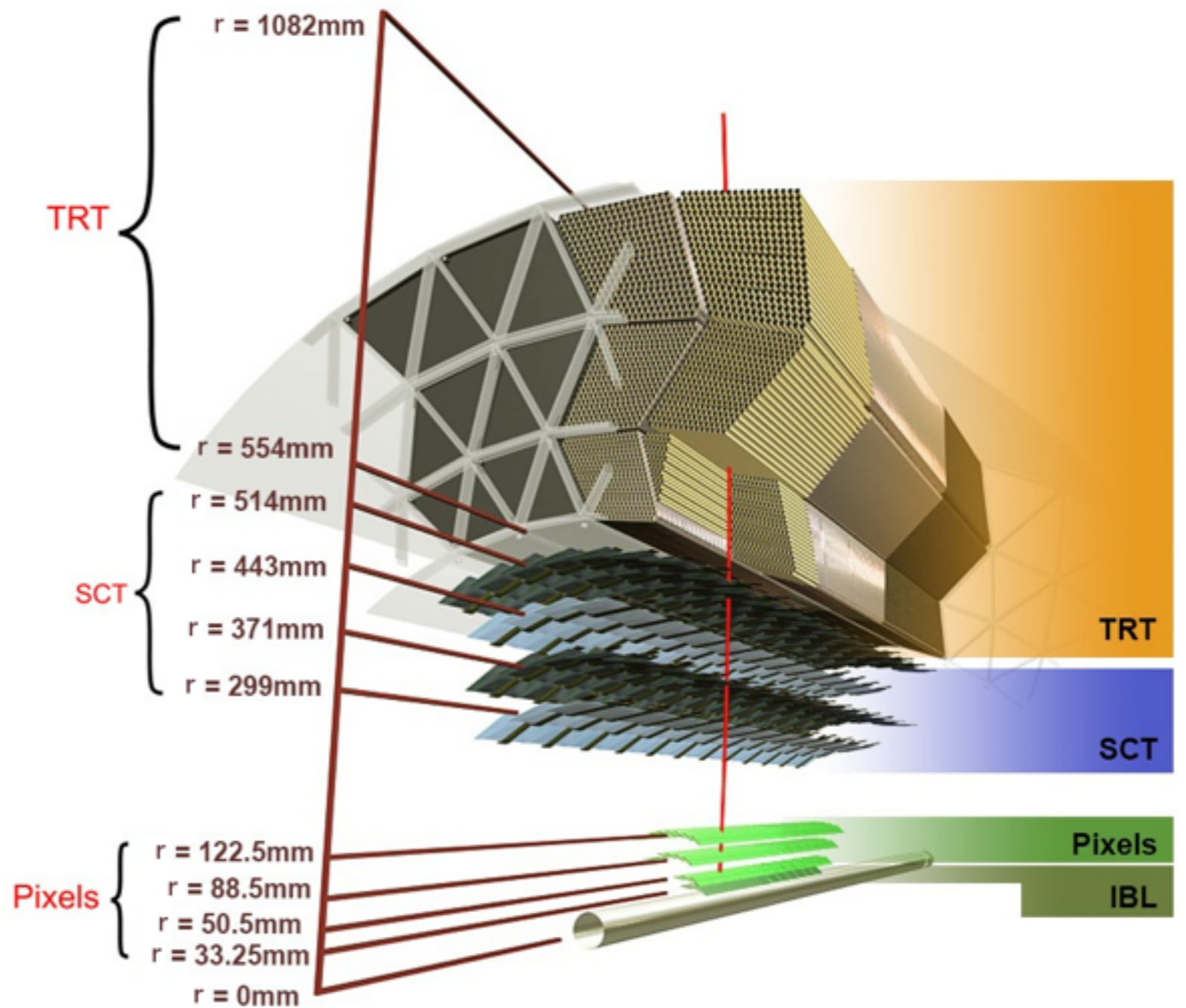
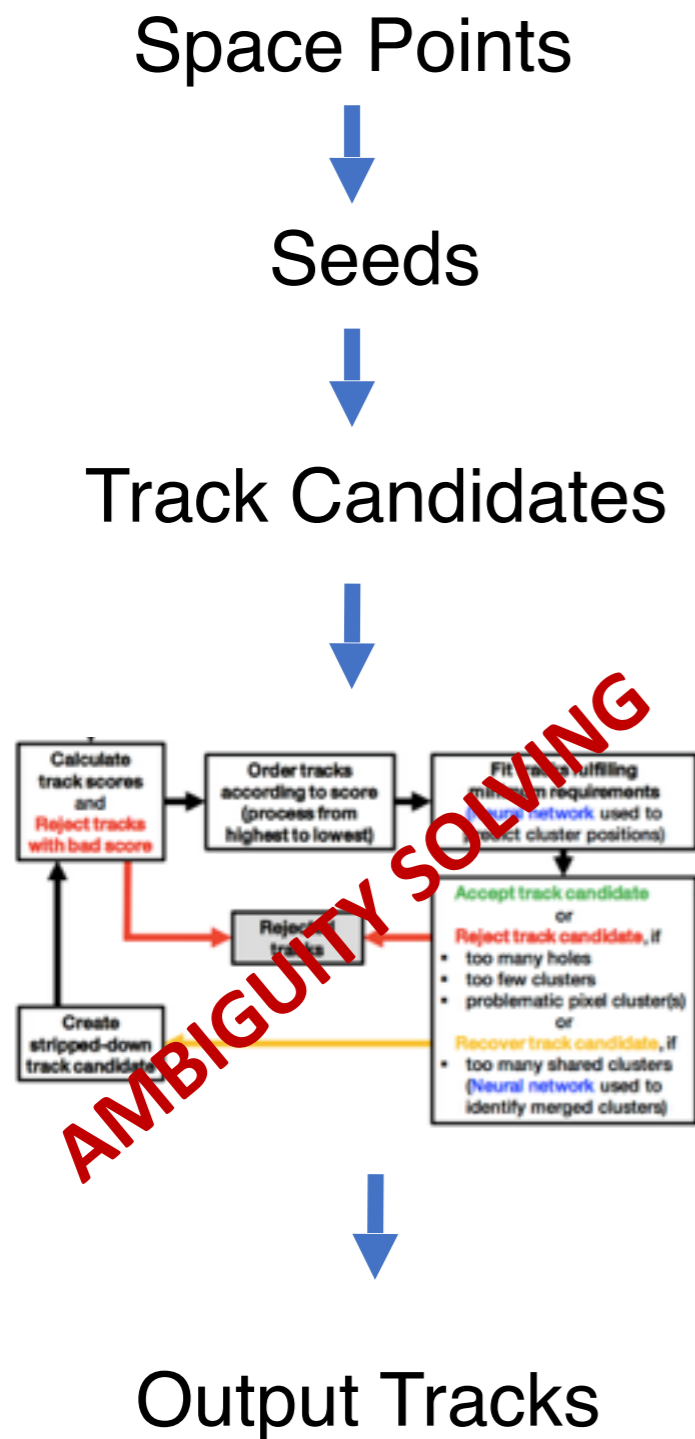
Binary readout  
*No charge information*

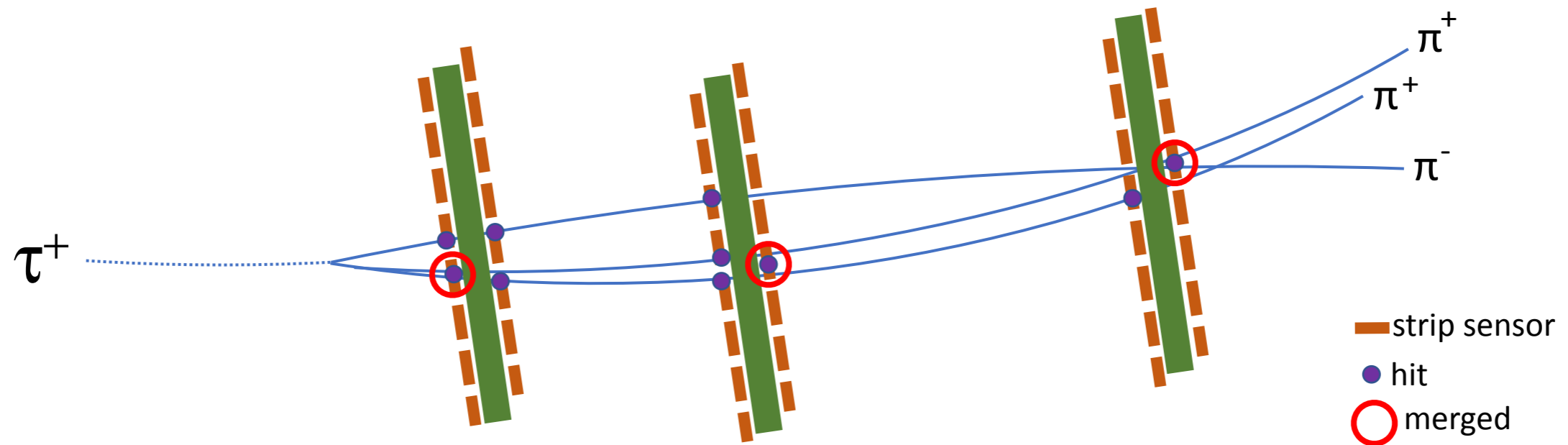


Strip dimensions – not to scale!



# Tracking in ATLAS - Track finding



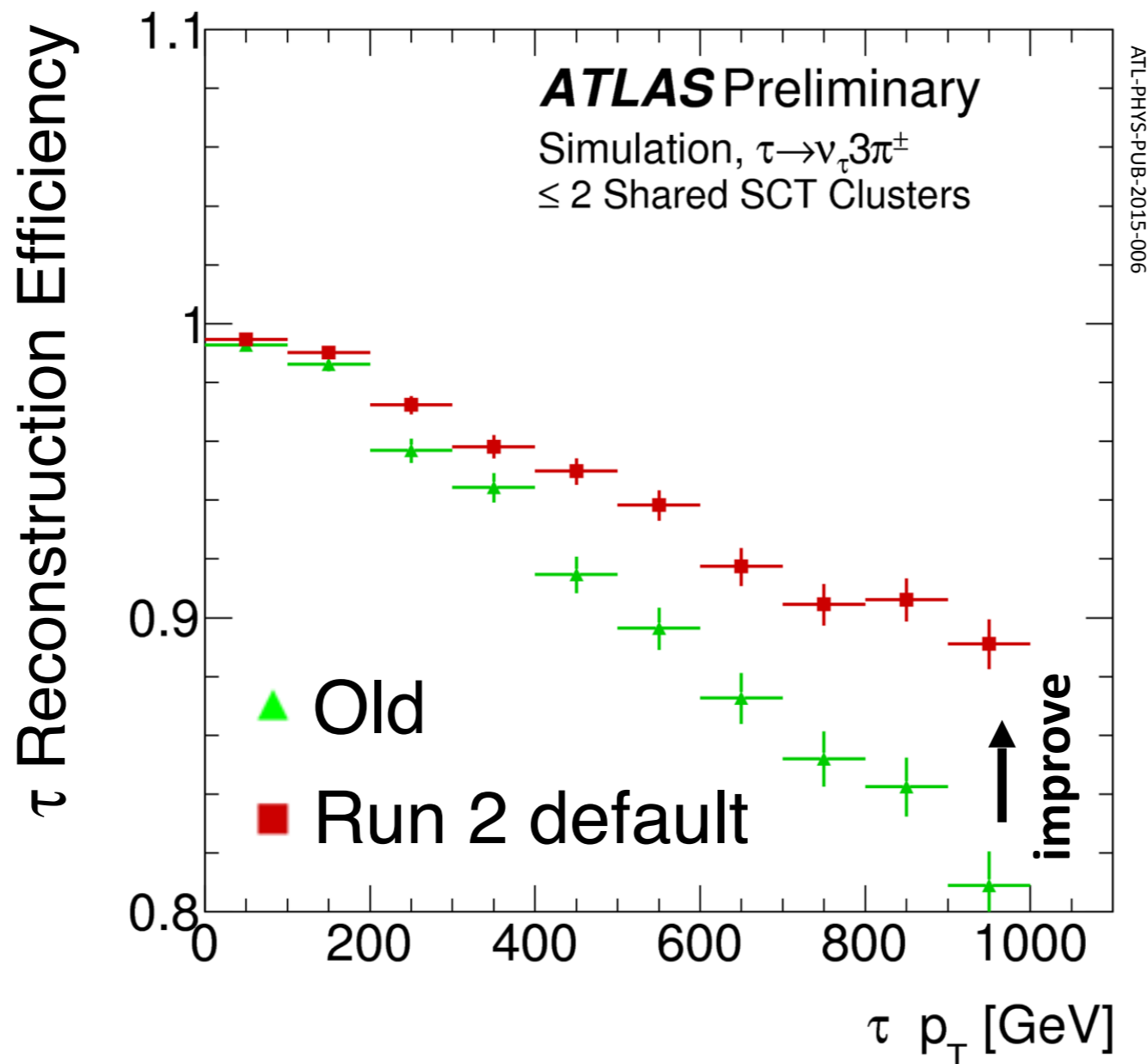


High  $p_T$ , three-prong taus are a good “lab” for high-density tracking – distance scales as  $1/p_T$

# Dense Environments



- In dense environments, merged clusters can dramatically affect tracking
- Cluster-splitting for pixels has been effective at improving reconstruction
- Strip clusters are important for momentum measurements due to lever-arm



Current algorithm: no  
SCT-cluster splitting

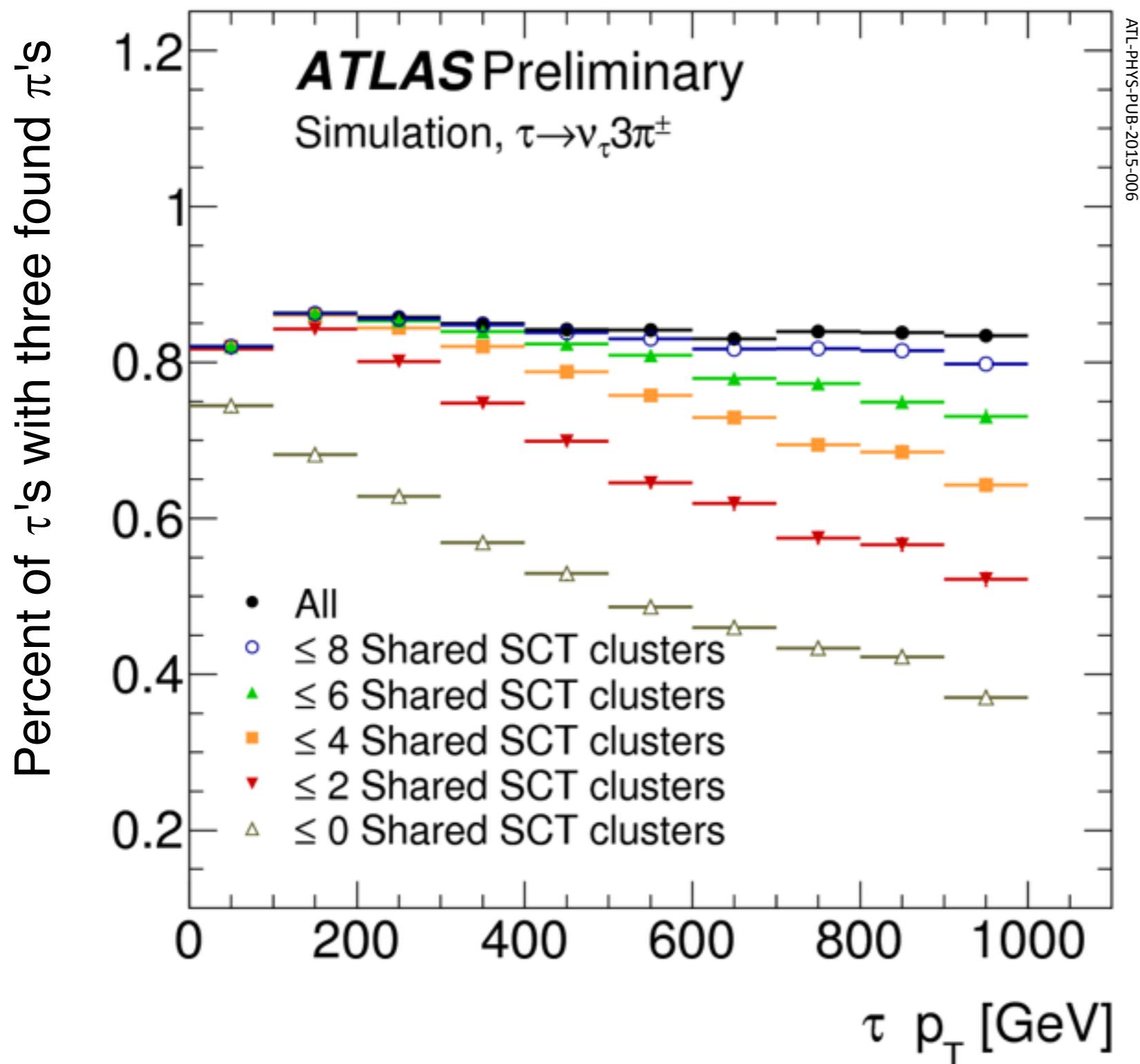
## *Pixel NN papers*

JINST, Vol. 9, (2014);  
Eur. Phys. J. C 77 (2017) 673;  
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Another CTD talk!  
"Implementation and performance of the  
ATLAS pixel clustering neural networks"  
by Louis-Guillaume Gagnon

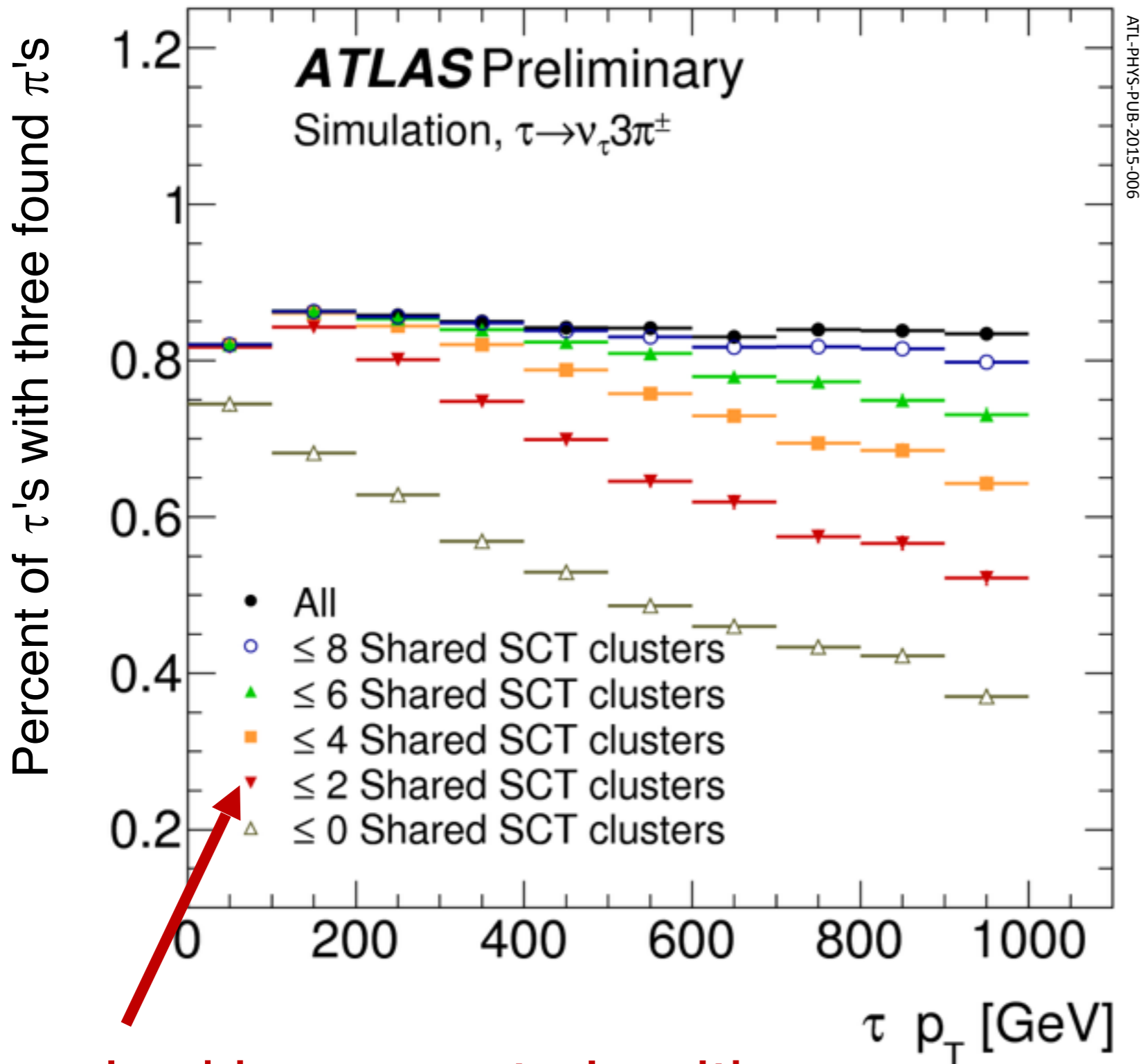


# What can strip cluster-splitting do for you?



Definition:  
“**Shared**” cluster =  
cluster used by  
more than track

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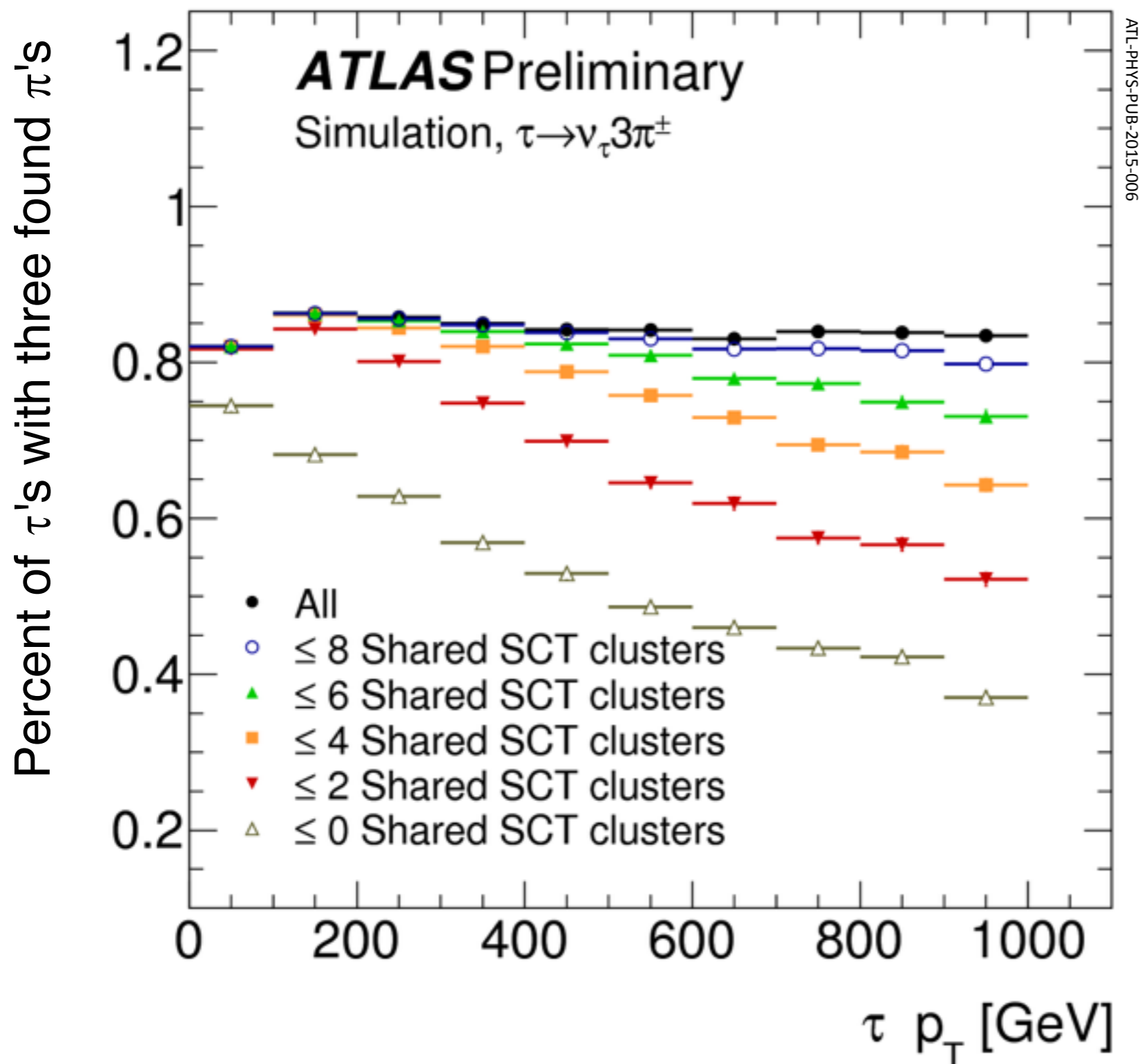


Large loss in efficiency  
for high  $p_T$   $\tau$ 's

Note: plot on previous  
slide required  $\leq 2$  shared  
clusters on truth tracks,  
meaning an artificially  
under-dense system

Required by current algorithm

# What can strip cluster-splitting do for you?



**The key question:**  
Can we improve efficiency without dramatically increasing fake rate?

Merged clusters **should be shared** without penalty!

# How can we split strip clusters?

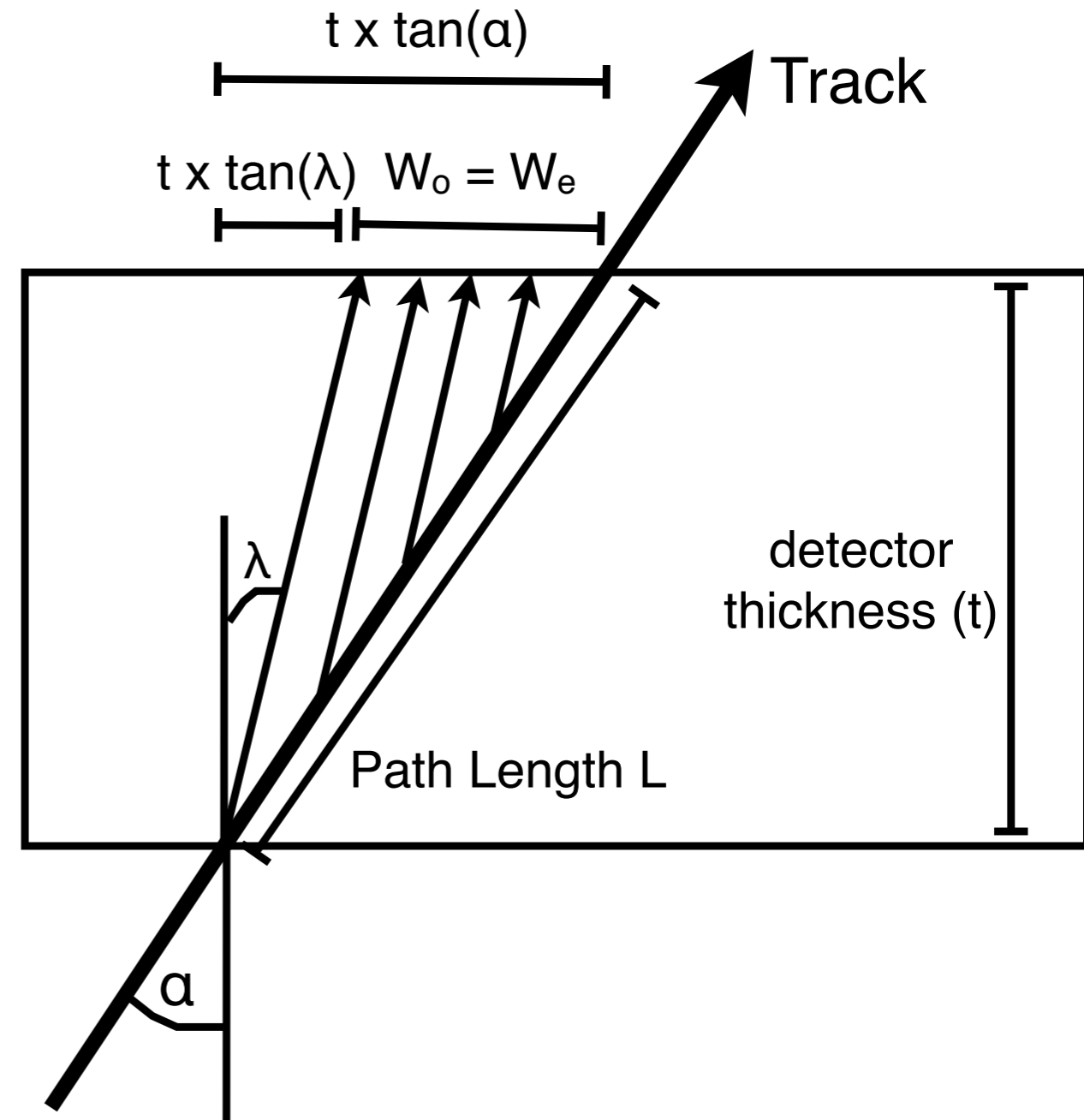


Pixels can use charge to split merged clusters.

... but strips do not have charge information!

Use idea from ATLAS study of  $\delta$ -rays:

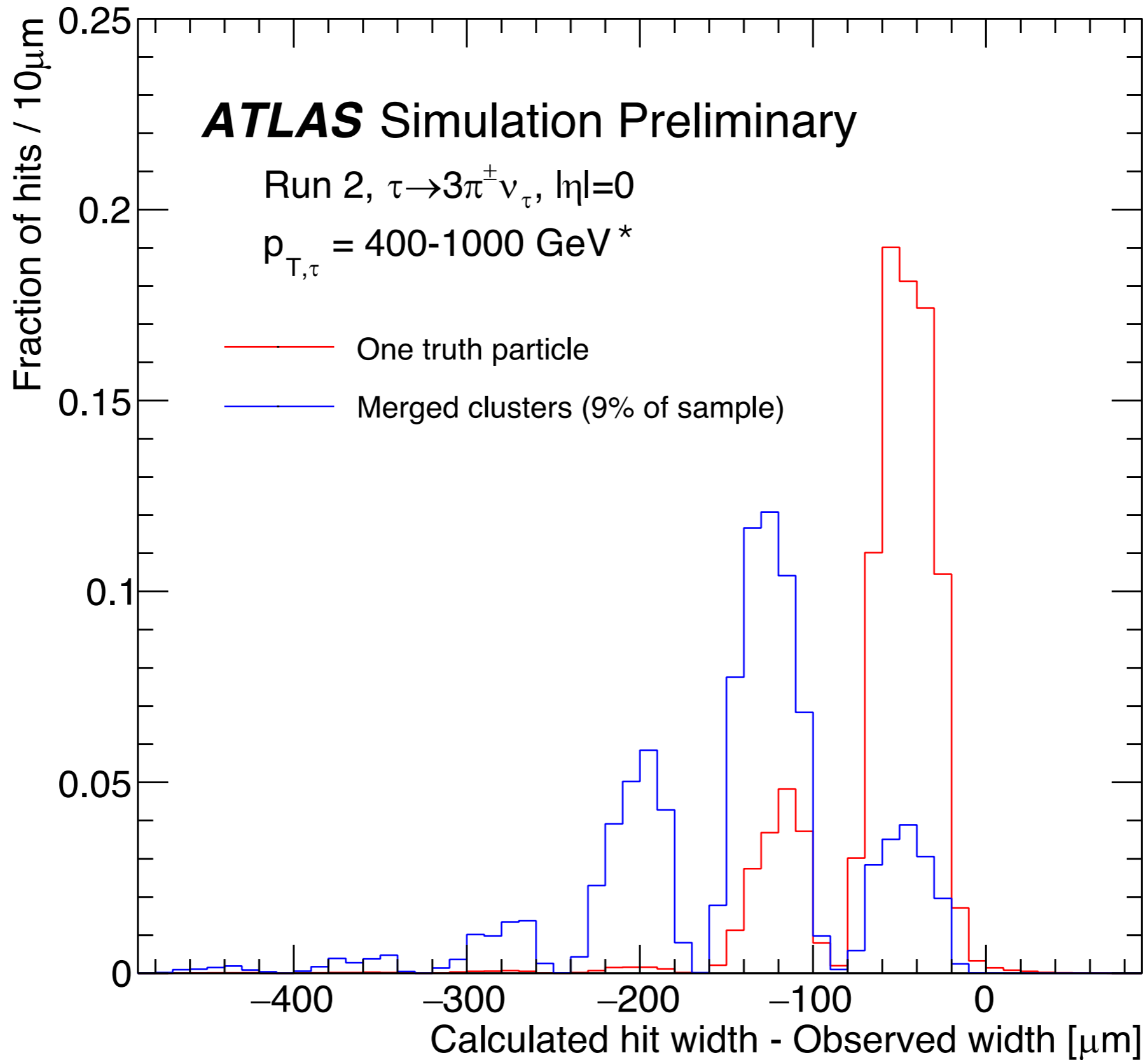
- Determine cluster expected width  $W_e$  from geometry
- Merged clusters are wider than expected





# Discrimination power

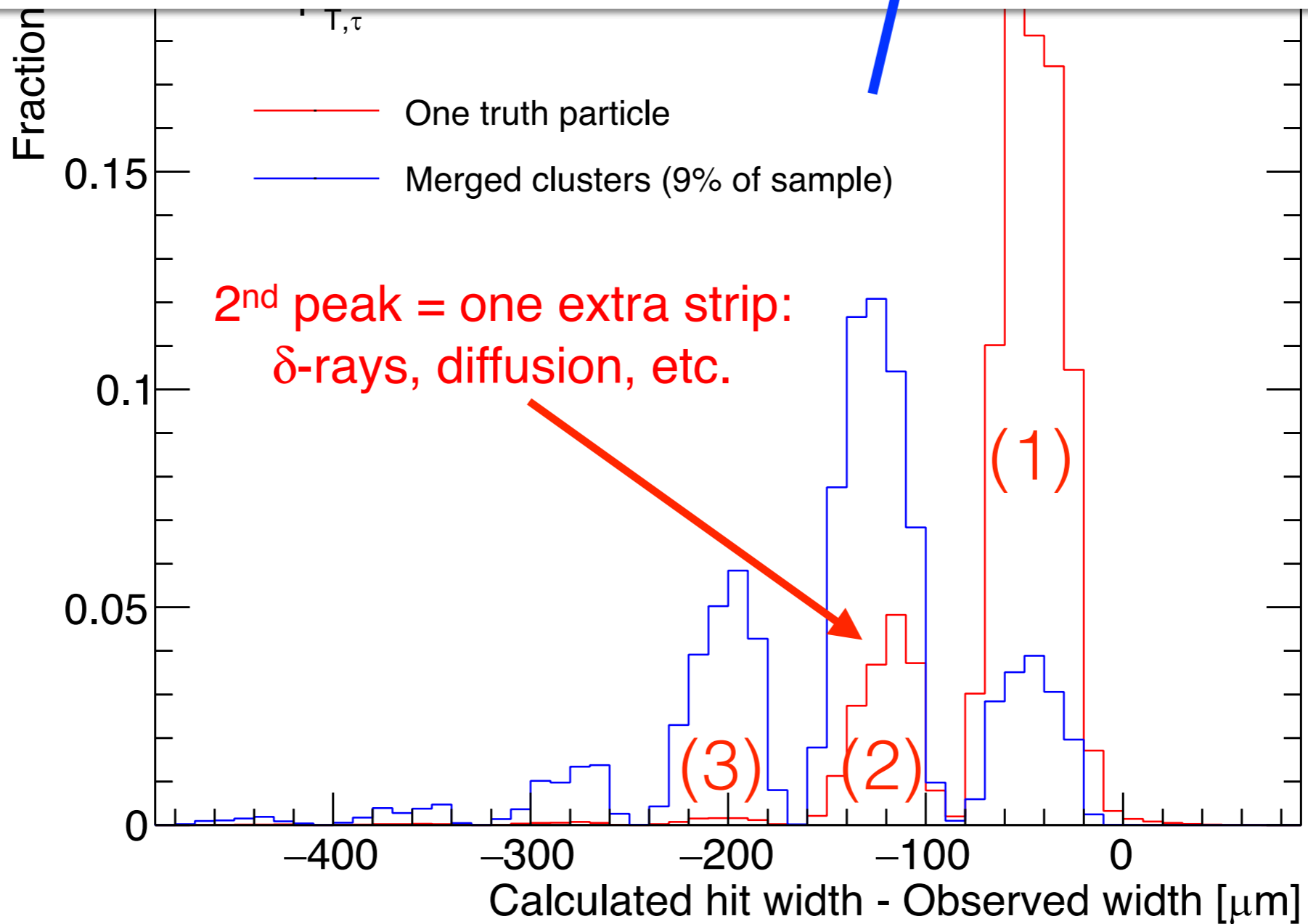
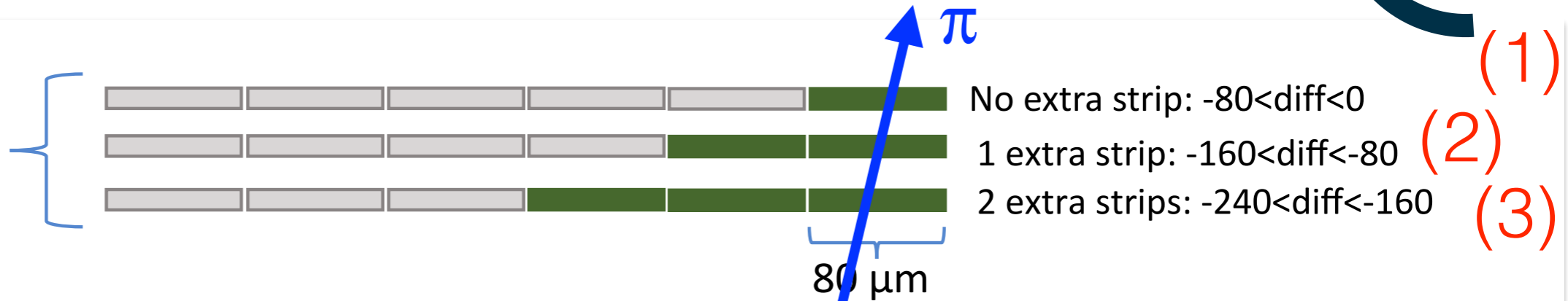
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\*uniform  $p_T$   
distribution

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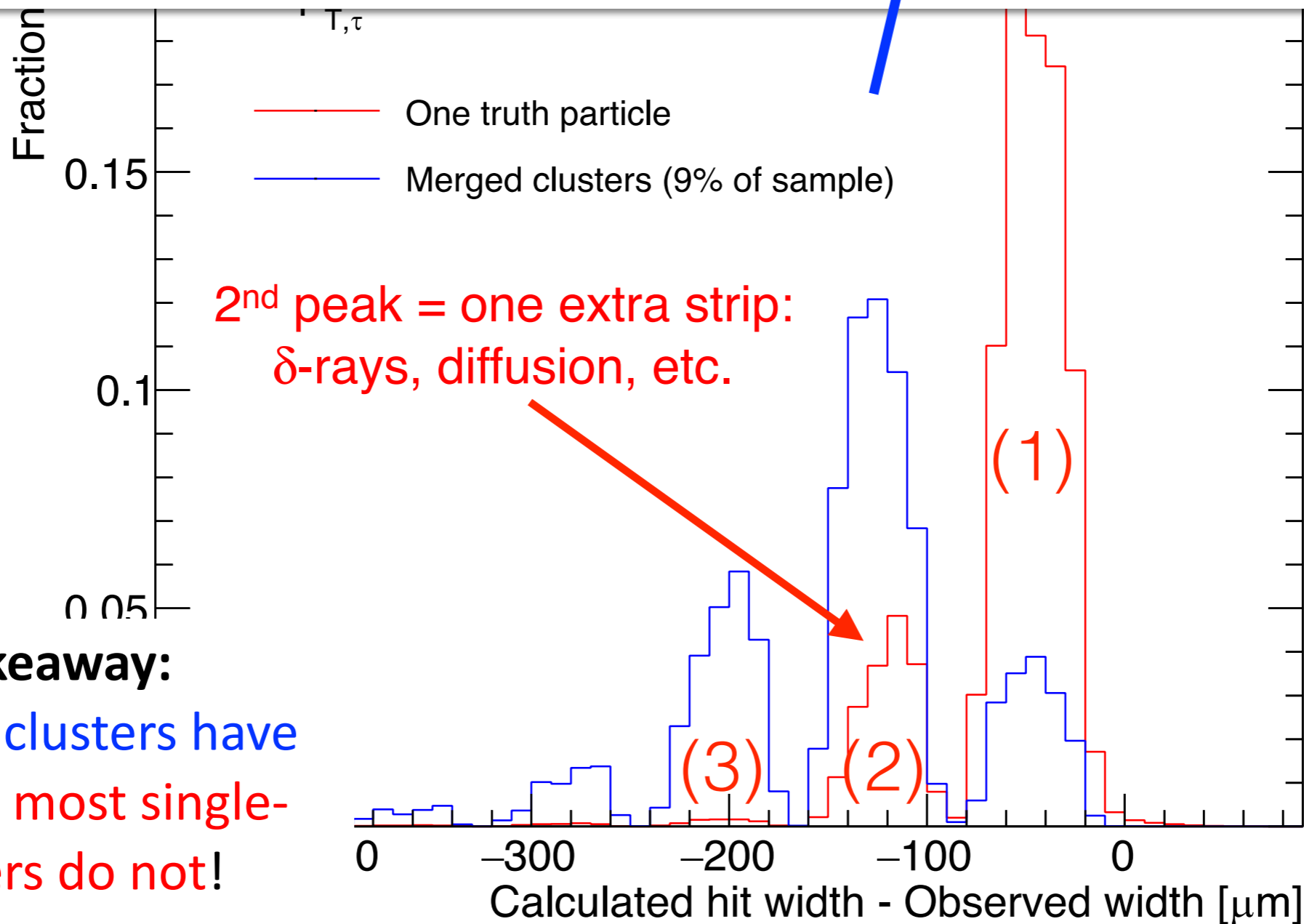
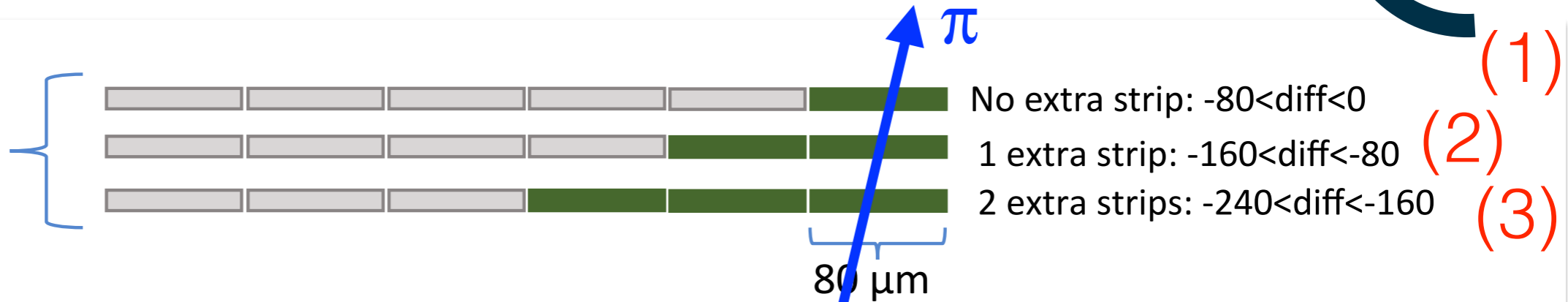
Example if you expect 1 strip!



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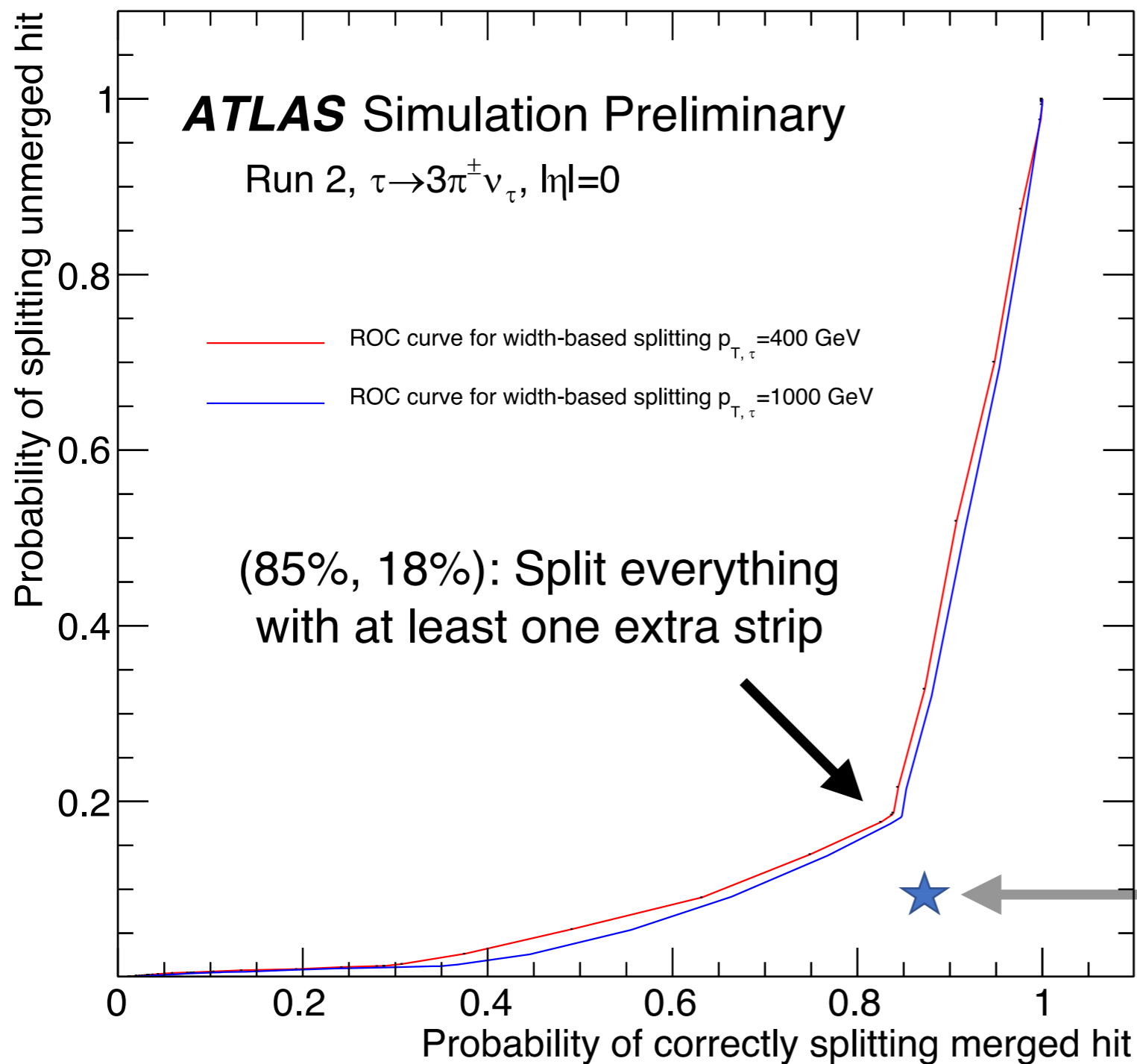
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Example if you expect 1 strip!



**Important takeaway:**

Most merged clusters have an extra strip; most single-particle clusters do not!



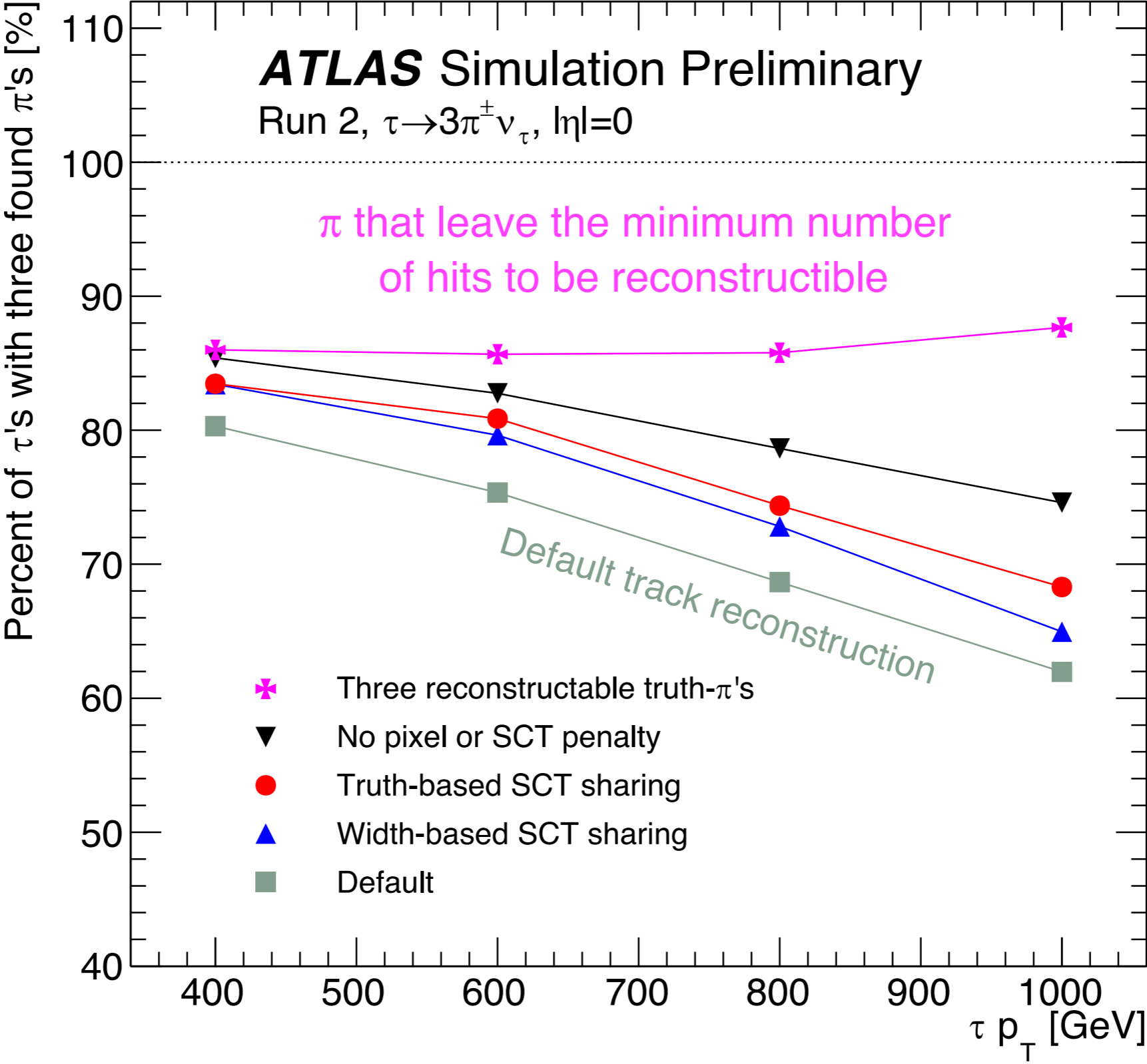
ROC curve mostly independent of  $\tau$   $p_T$

(merging rate increases with  $p_T$ )

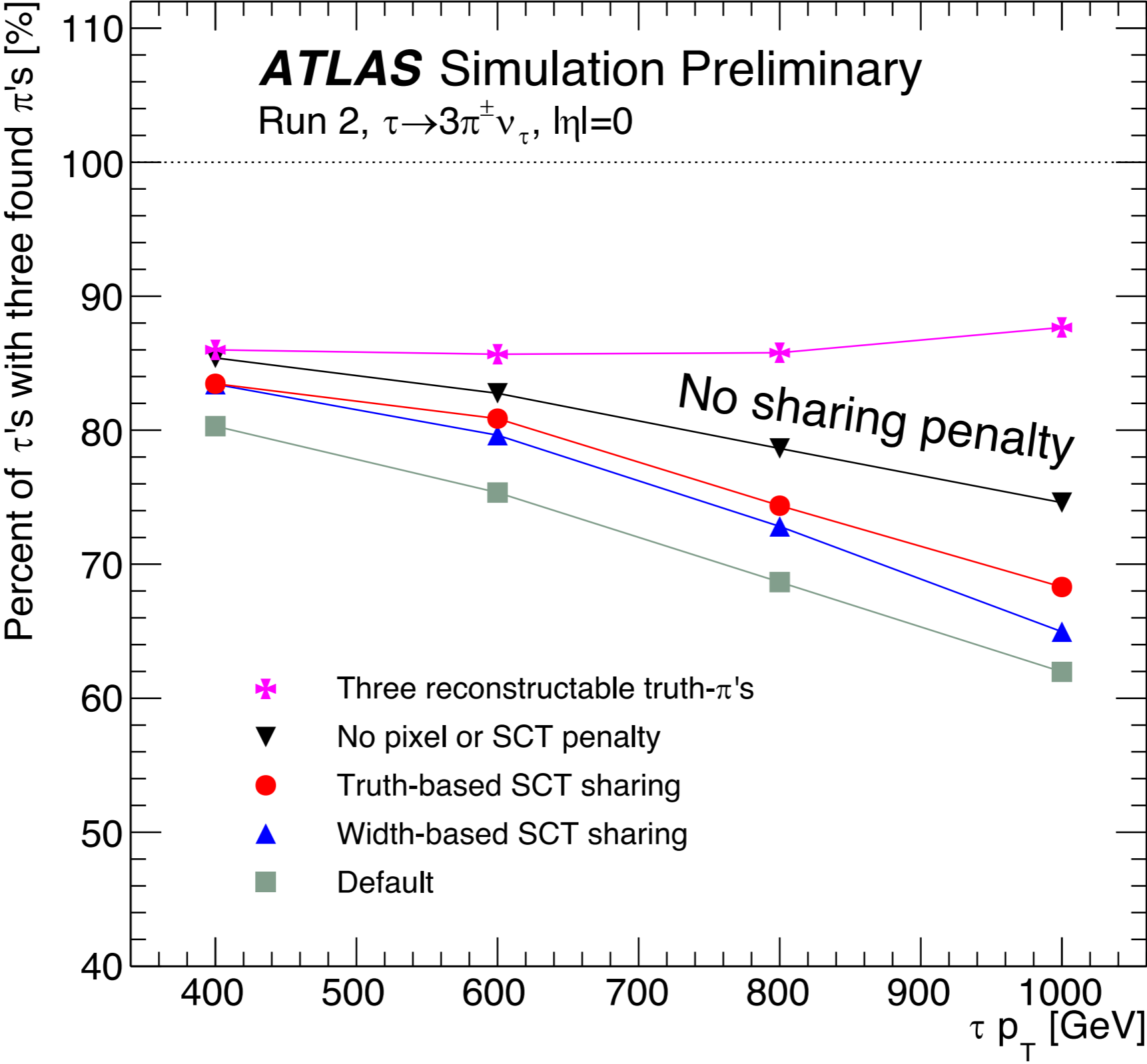
The pixel NN correctly splits 85-90% of clusters, and incorrectly splits <10%



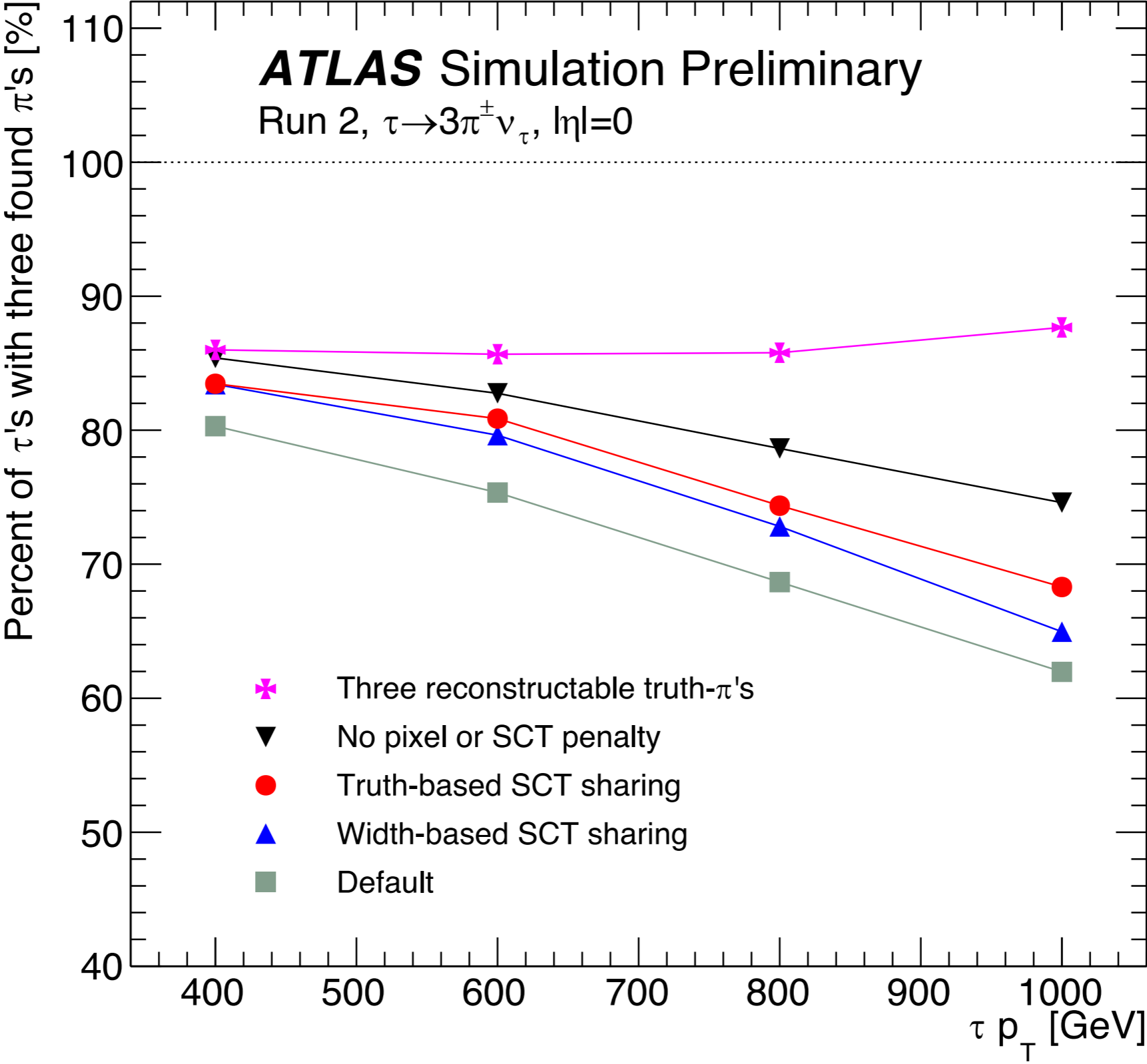
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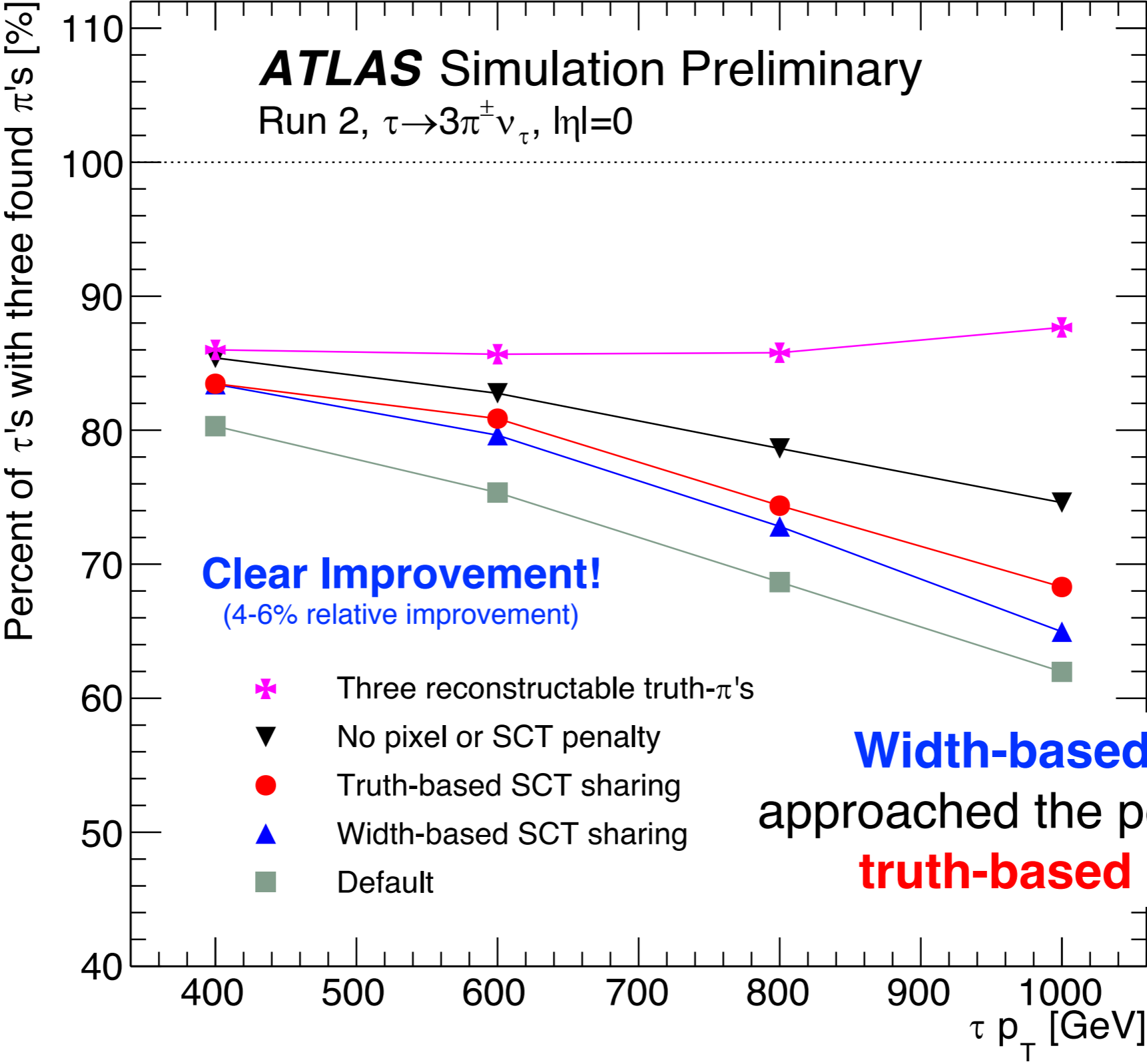


# Let's Split!



Split when merged  
(theoretical limit - requires truth info)

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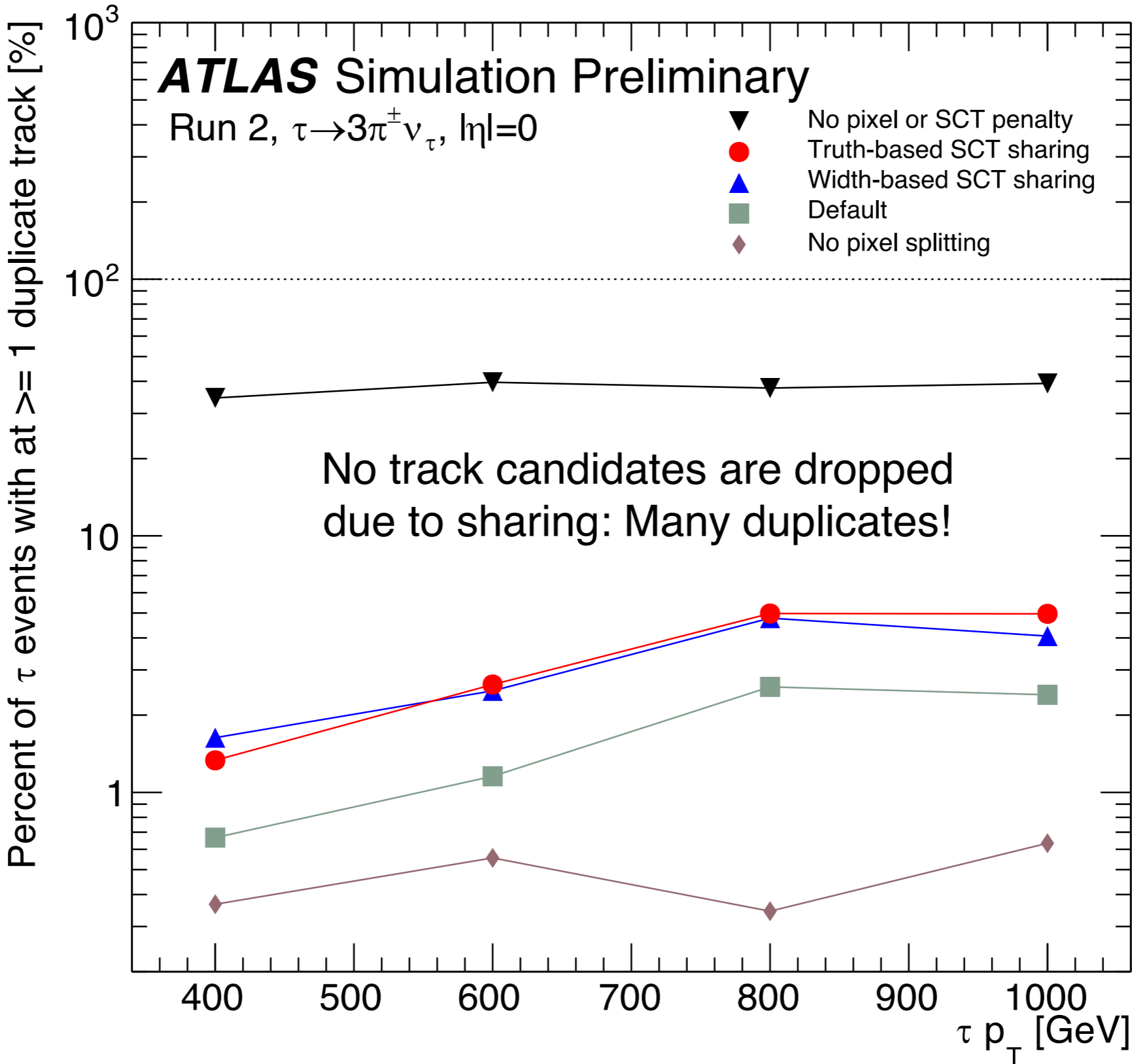


**Clear Improvement!**  
(4-6% relative improvement)

**Width-based splitting**  
approached the performance of  
**truth-based splitting!**

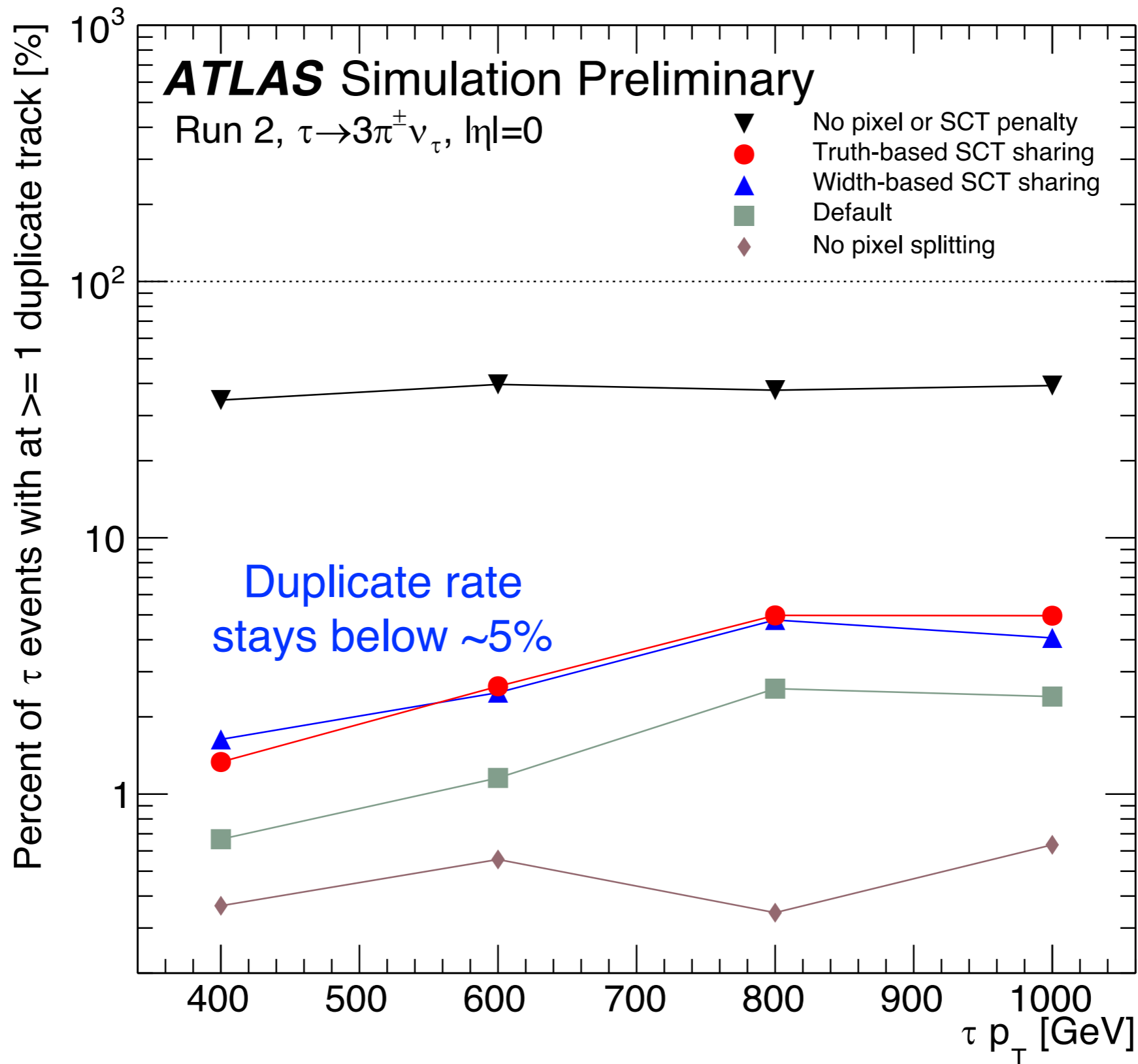


# Don't be too accepting!



*Duplicate:*  
when  $> 1$   
reconstructed  
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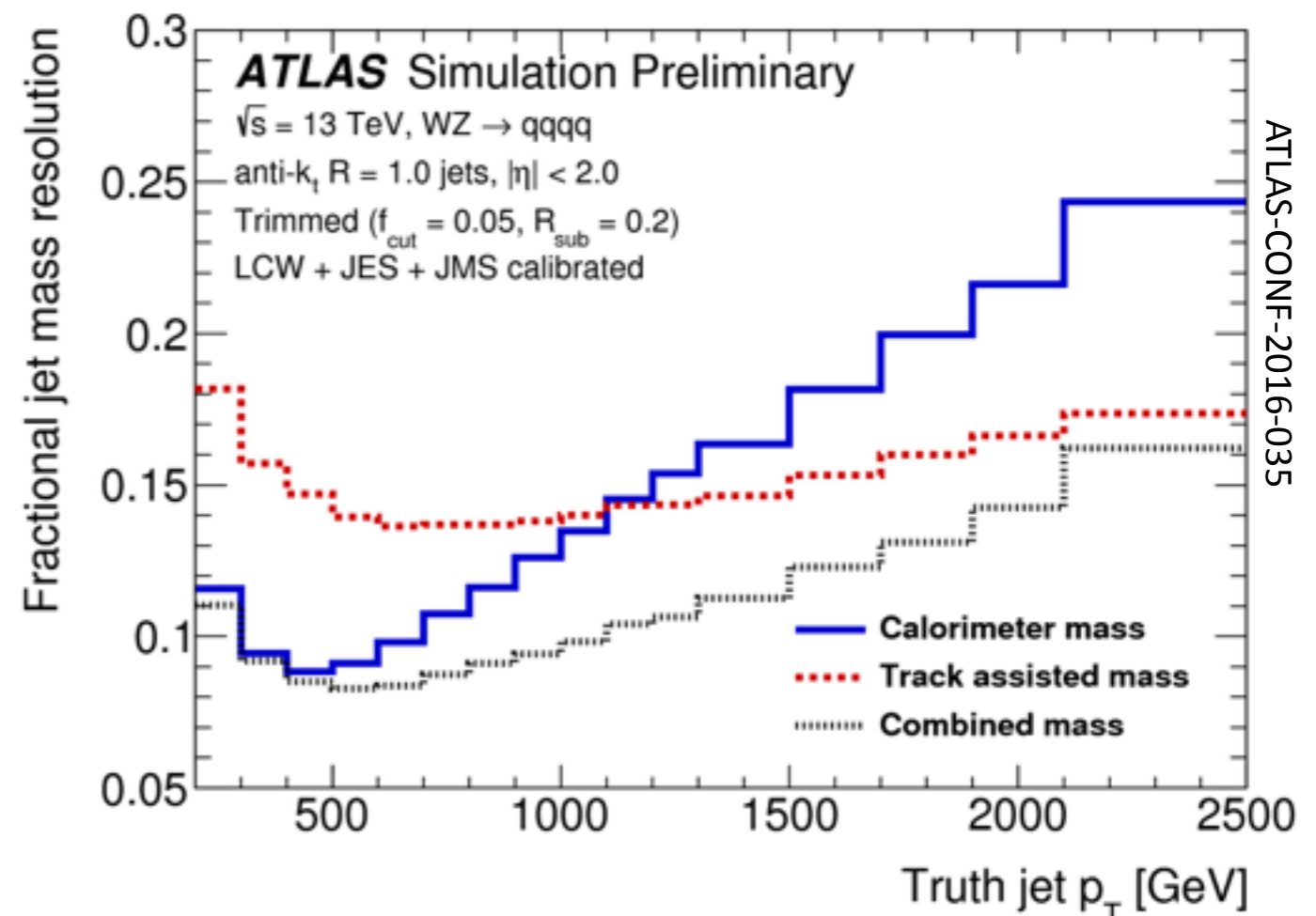
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# Conclusions and Outlook

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- Comparing **expected cluster widths** to the **observed width** is effective for splitting **strip clusters**
- Allowing tracks to share strip clusters with 1 extra strip **increases efficiency** in dense environments, without increasing duplicate rate
- Will **improve searches & measurements** using tracks inside  $\tau$ 's & jets

strip-cluster splitting  
will improve **red** and  
**black** lines



# Questions?

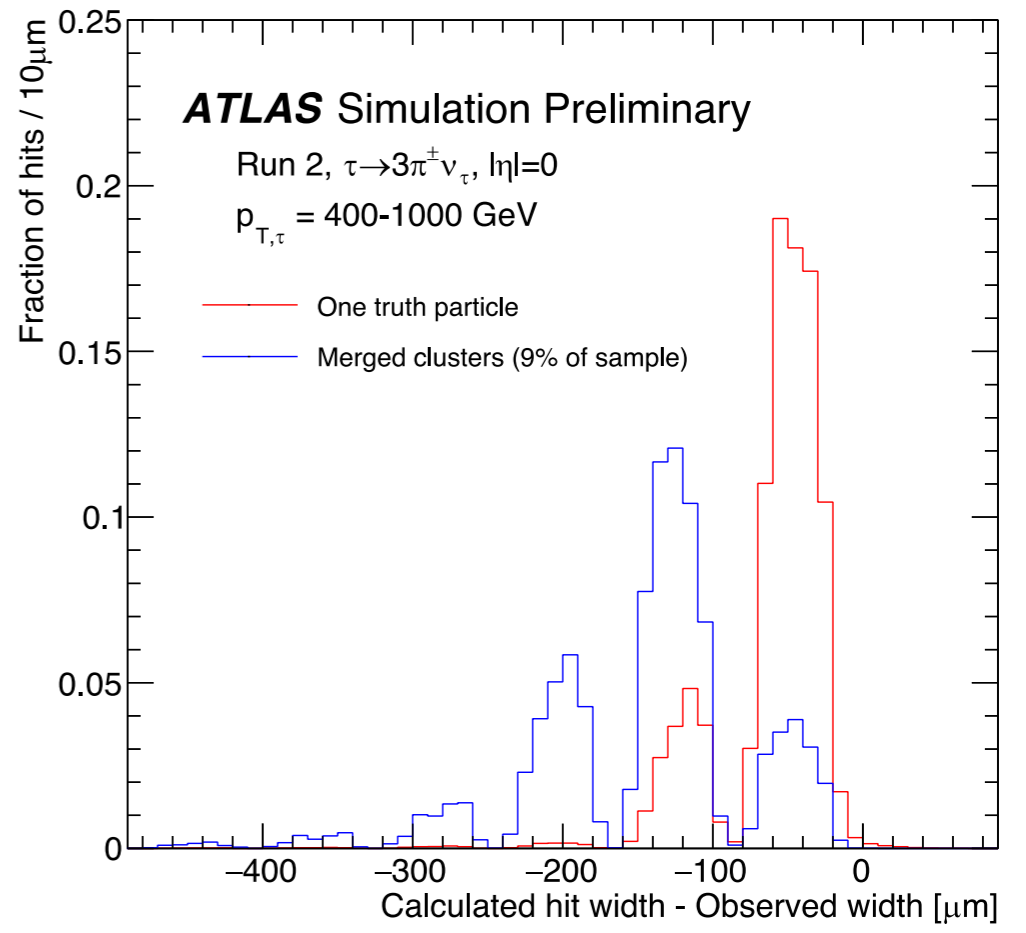
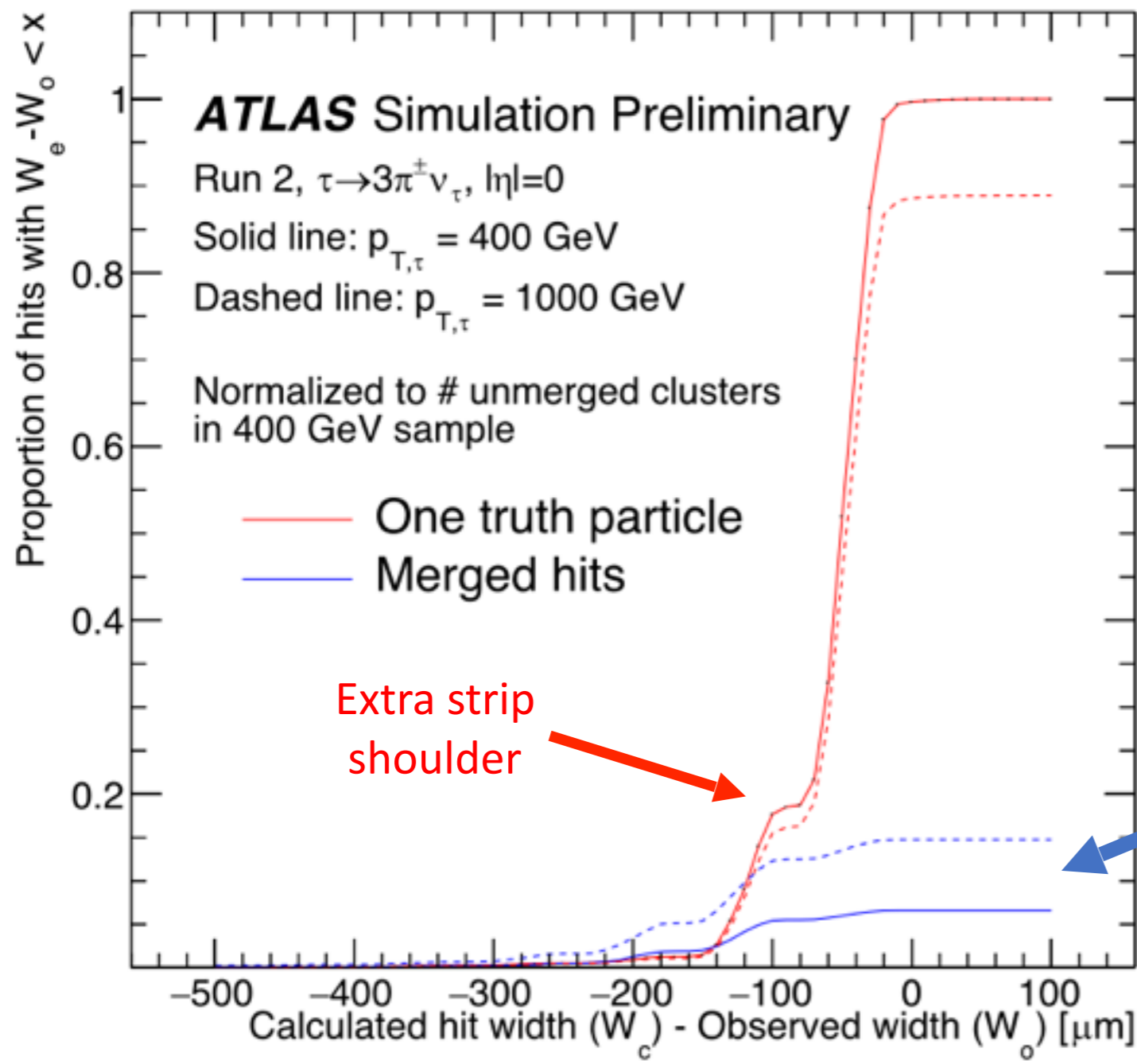


← **Ask this guy**

**Backup**

# Cumulative distribution function

Integrate this from the left to get CDF  $\longrightarrow$



Higher  $p_T =$  more merging

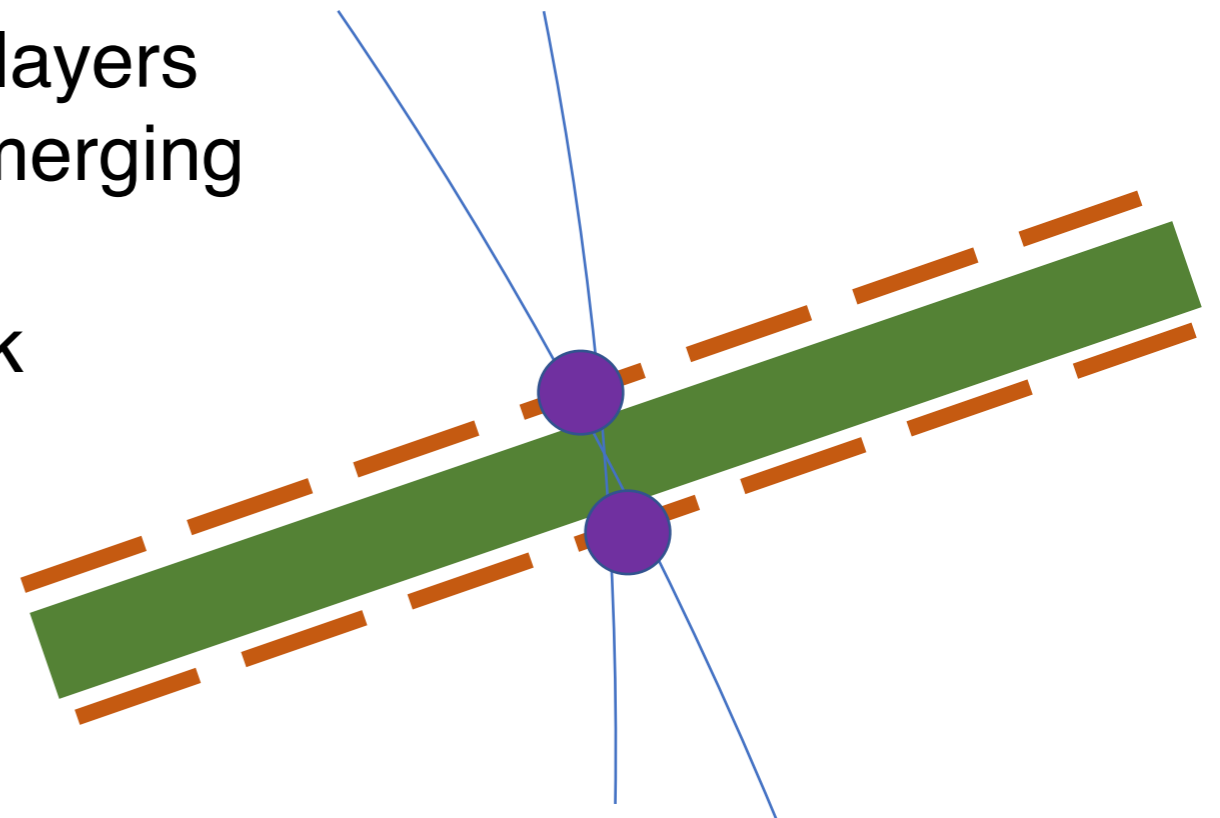


We can consider multiple variables to improve efficiency

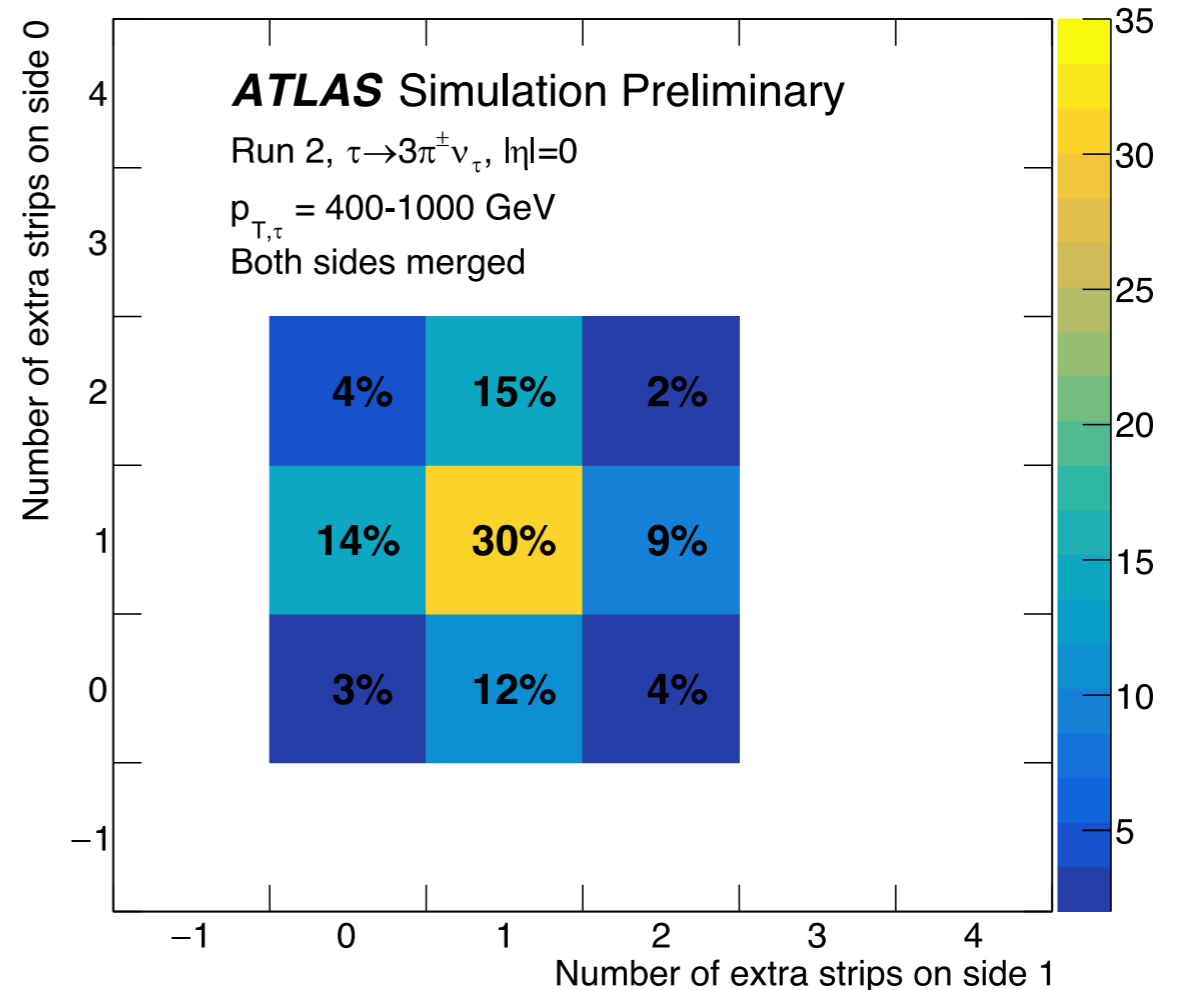
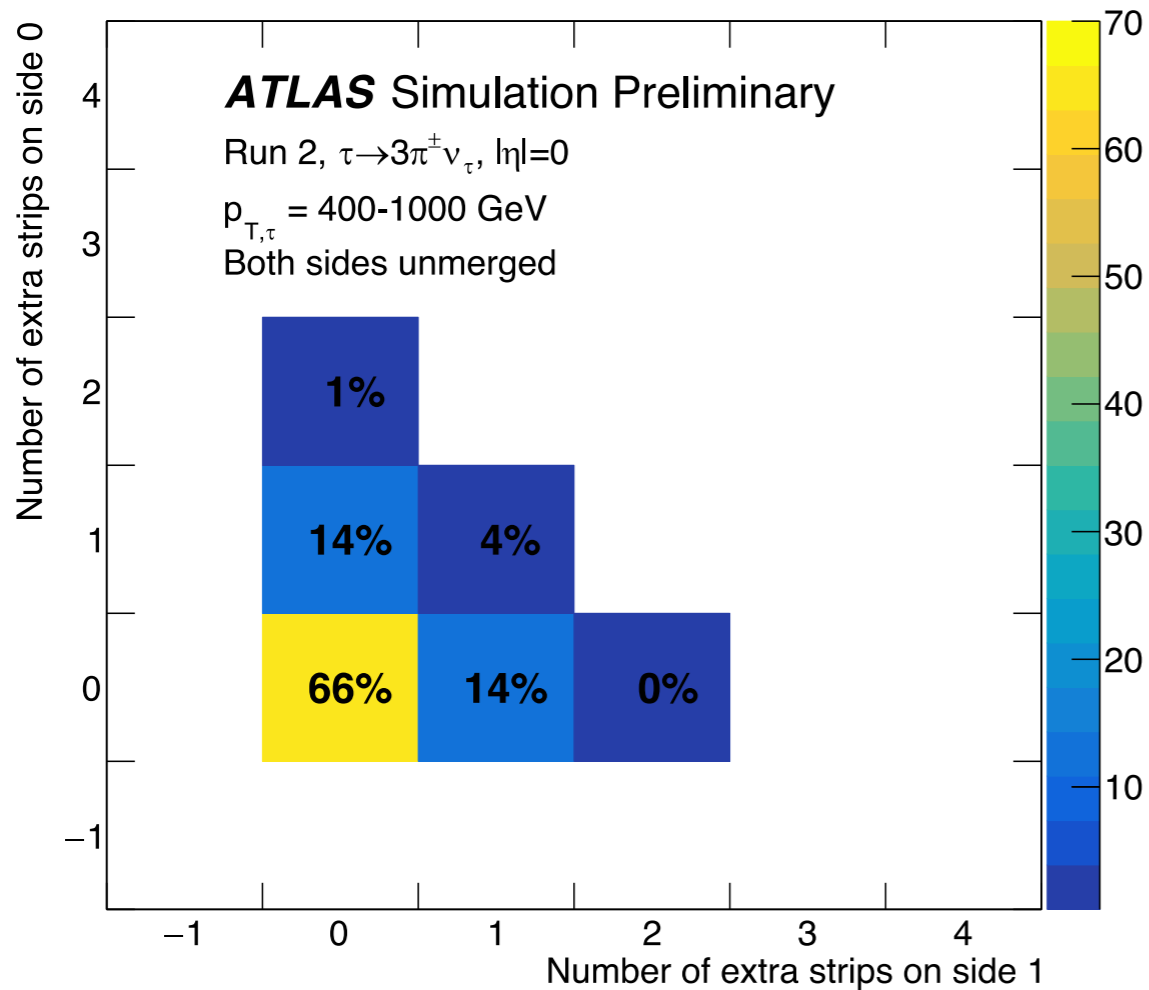
Can we recover marginal truth vs width splitting loss at high  $p_T$ ? (and check jets)

Example input variables:

1.  $W_e - W_o$  (of course)
2. Cluster layer, more merging in inner layers
3. Track  $p_T$ ; higher  $p_T$  can mean more merging
4.  $\tau p_T$
5. Number of split pixel clusters on track
6.  $W_e - W_o$  of cluster on other strip layer



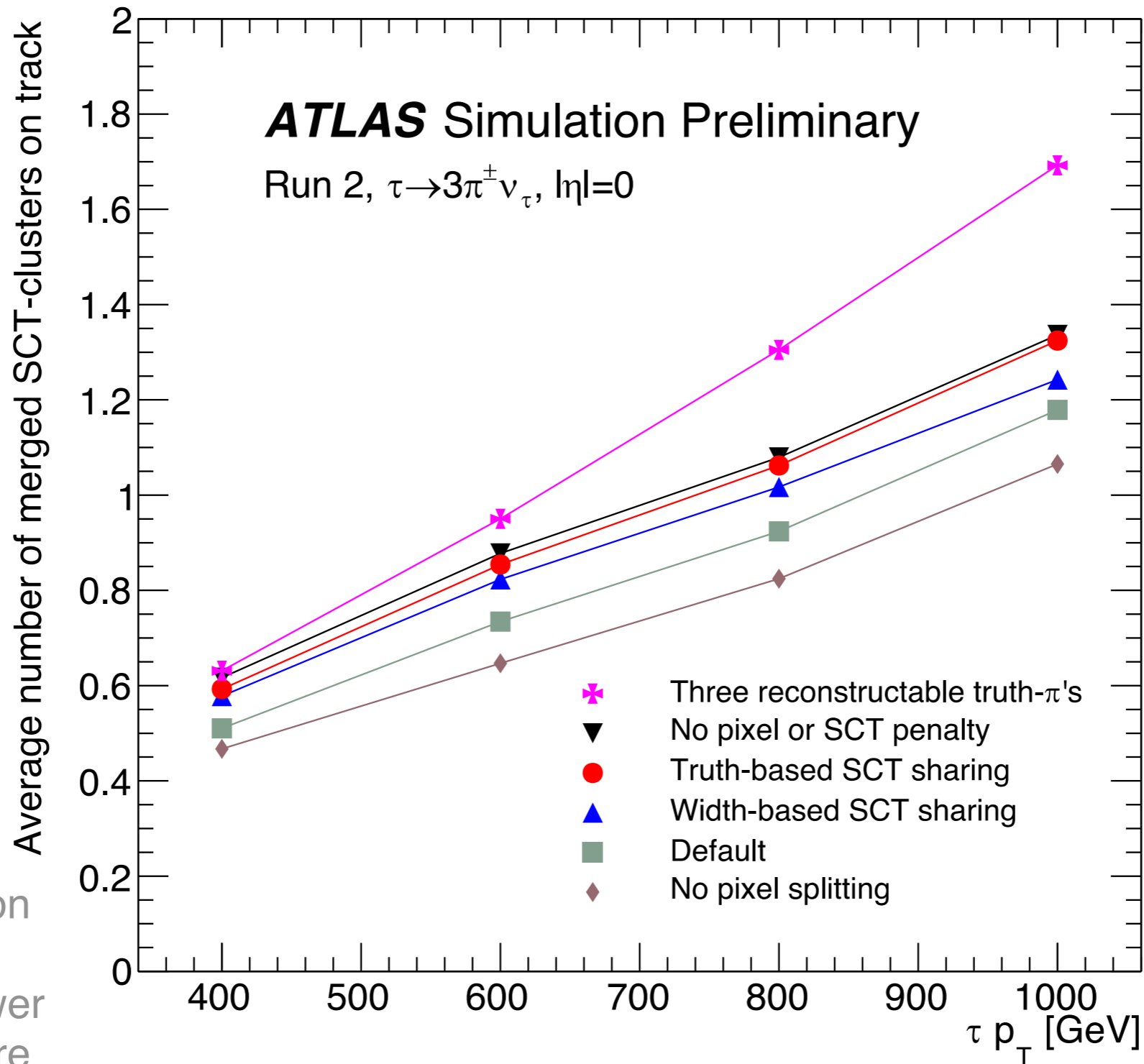
# For example: use two sides



If both sides are not merged, both will most likely not have an extra strip

If both sides are merged, both will most likely have an extra strip

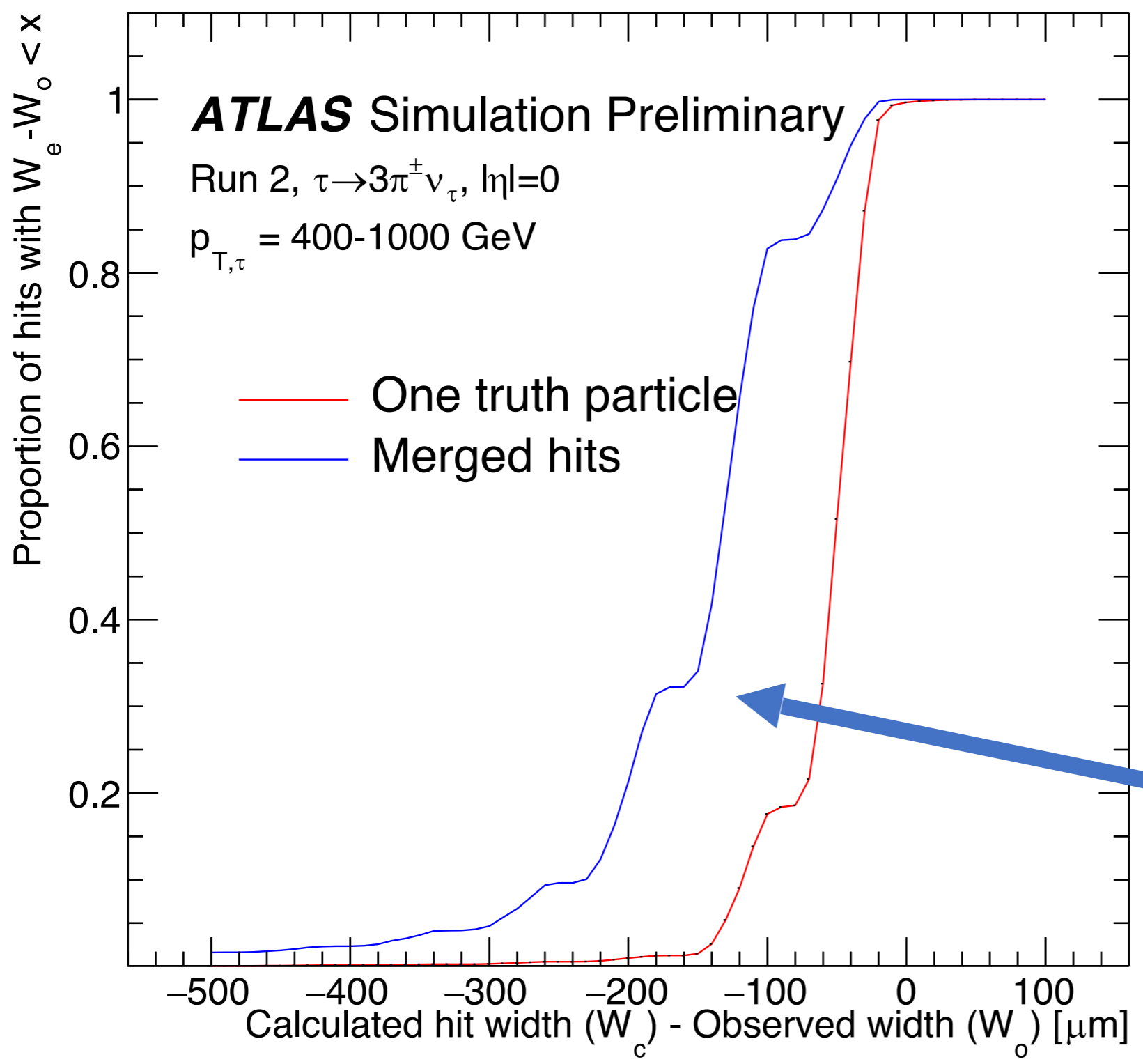
# Getting a sense of the merging rate



The average pion is almost at the allowed limit for default sharing!

Merging is based on truth, so a higher average means fewer track candidates are rejected when they shouldn't be

# Renormalized CDF



A cut in this area would make sense!