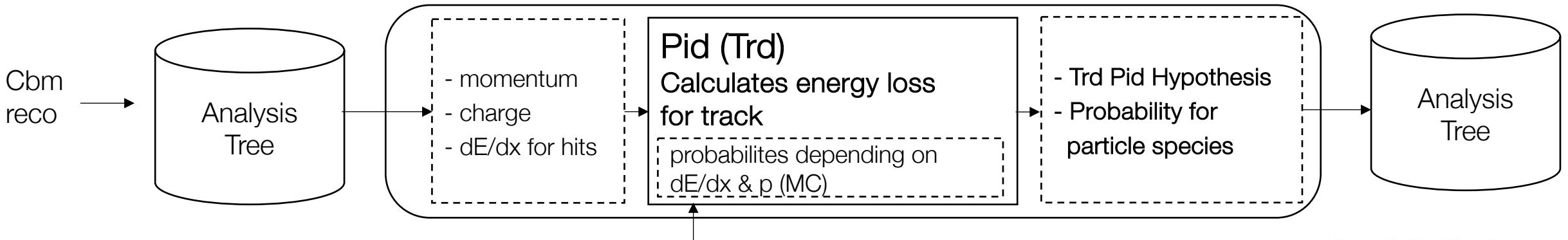


PID framework – Trd: Hadron identification with TRD-dE/dx

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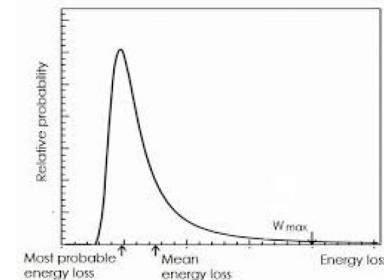
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Pid (Trd)



Calculation of energy loss over N detector layers

- 1) Average: Energy loss averaged over all N detector layers
- 2) Truncation: Select hits to reduce fluctuations through Landau distribution



Calculation of probabilities

- 1) *Total probability*: Probability that a track with dE/dx -p-value is particle specie i (depends on multiplicities)
- 2) *Likelihood*: Probability that a particle specie i with p-value has dE/dx -value

Number of minimum hits

Minimum purity for pid hypothesis

Branch RecTracks
Floating fields:
Id Name
...
48 prob_trd_bg
47 prob_trd_d
46 prob_trd_kaon
44 prob_trd_p
45 prob_trd_pion

Integer fields:
Id Name
...
7 pid_trd

Identification options:
- highest probability
=> 1 pid for every track
- minimum probability
=> 0, 1 or > 1 pids for
every track possible 2

Methods for probability calculation

Probability

1) Total probability

calculation based
on tracks

= ratio of particles i vs. all particles in dE/dx -p-bin

$$prob_{track}(i, dE/dx, p) = \frac{N_{tracks}^i \text{ in } dE/dx-p\text{-bin}}{N_{all \text{ tracks}} \text{ in } dE/dx-p\text{-bin}}$$

2) likelihood

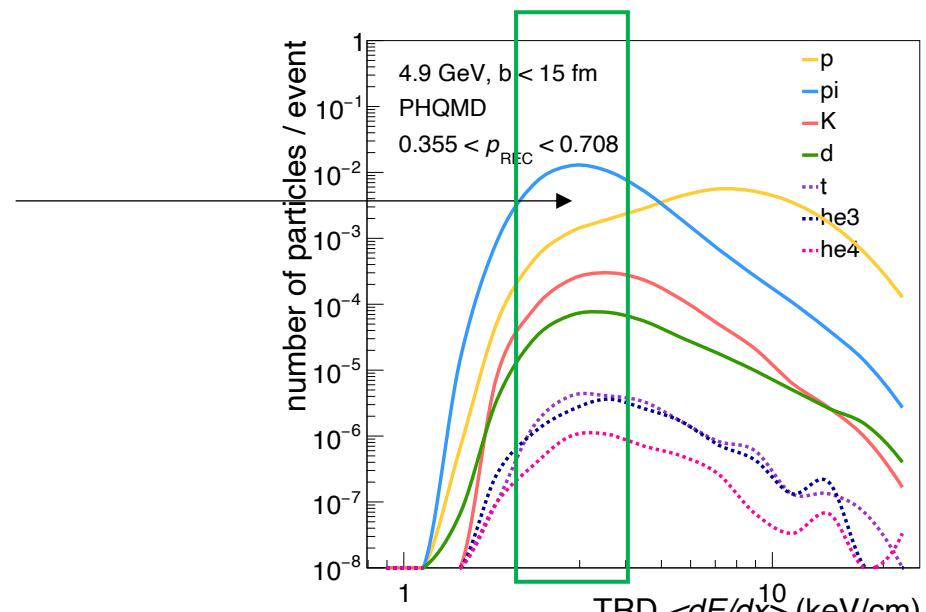
calculation based
on hits

= ratio of particles i in dE/dx -p-bin vs. particles i in p-slice (normalized over all particle species)

$$prob_{hit}(i, dE/dx, p) = \frac{N_{hits}^i \text{ in } dE/dx-p\text{-bin}}{N_{hits}^i \text{ in p-slice}}$$

$$prob_{track}(i, dE/dx, p) = \prod_i p_{hit}(i, dE/dx, p)$$

$$prob_{track}^{norm}(i, dE/dx, p) = \frac{p_{track}(i, dE/dx, p)}{\sum_i p_{track}(i, dE/dx, p)}$$



E. g. Protons with
 $2.0 < \langle dE/dx \rangle < 4.0$ keV/cm
- high probability for (1)
- low probability for (2)

Pid (Trd): Steps

Creating MC input (only once):

Step 1:

Create MC-histograms

Input: p_{REC} , dE/dx , q , mc-pdg

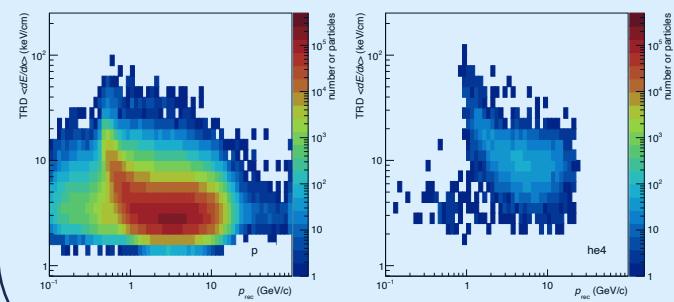
Output:

Number of entries in dE/dx vs. p_{REC}

- for all, p, π , K, d, he3, he4, e, μ
- for nhits trd = 1-4
- for truncation = 1-4 (including average)
- for tracks & hits

User options:

- p & dE/dx binning



Step 2:

Calculate MC-Probabilities

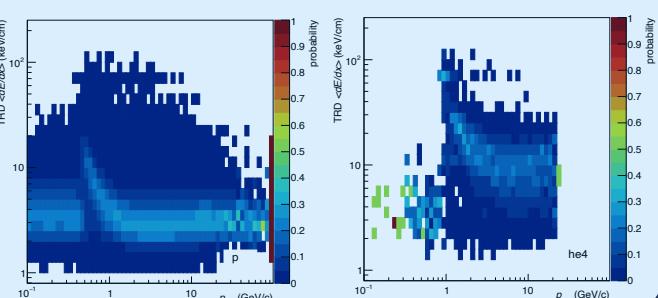
Input:

Number of entries in dE/dx vs. p_{REC} for particle species i

Output:

Probabilities in dE/dx vs. p_{REC}

- for p, π , K, d, he3, he4, e, μ
- for nhits = 1-4
- for truncation = 1-4 (including average)
- for probability mode R & L



Executing:

Step 3:

Fill output tree

Input: p_{REC} , dE/dx , q

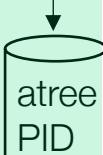
Output:

- Probability that a track is particle species i depending on p & $dEdx$

- Pid hypothesis (= highest probability)

User options:

- min. Trd-hits
- truncation or average
- probability mode
- minimum purity for pid-hypothesis



Calculation of probabilities

Step 1: MC-histograms

*total
prob*

For every track:

- 1) calculate dEdx with selected hits
- 2) fill histograms p vs. dEdx for all pdgs i

Step 2: MC-Probabilities

$$prob_{track}(i, dEdx, p) = \frac{N_{tracks}^i \text{ in } dEdx-p\text{-bin}}{N_{all}^i \text{ in } dEdx-p\text{-bin}}$$

Step 3: Fill output tree

- 1) calculate dEdx for track with selected hits
- 2) get probability for dEdx-p-bin for every pdg i
 $p_{track}(i, dEdx, p)$

*likeli-
hood*

For every hit:

- 1) fill histograms p vs. dEdx for all pdgs i for selected hits

$$prob_{hit}(i, dEdx, p) = \frac{N_{hits}^i \text{ in } dEdx-p\text{-bin}}{N_{hits}^i \text{ in } p\text{-slice}}$$

- 1) get probability for dEdx-p-bin for selected hits for every pdg i

$$prob_{hit}(i, dEdx, p)$$

- 2) multiply probabilities over all hits for all pdgs i

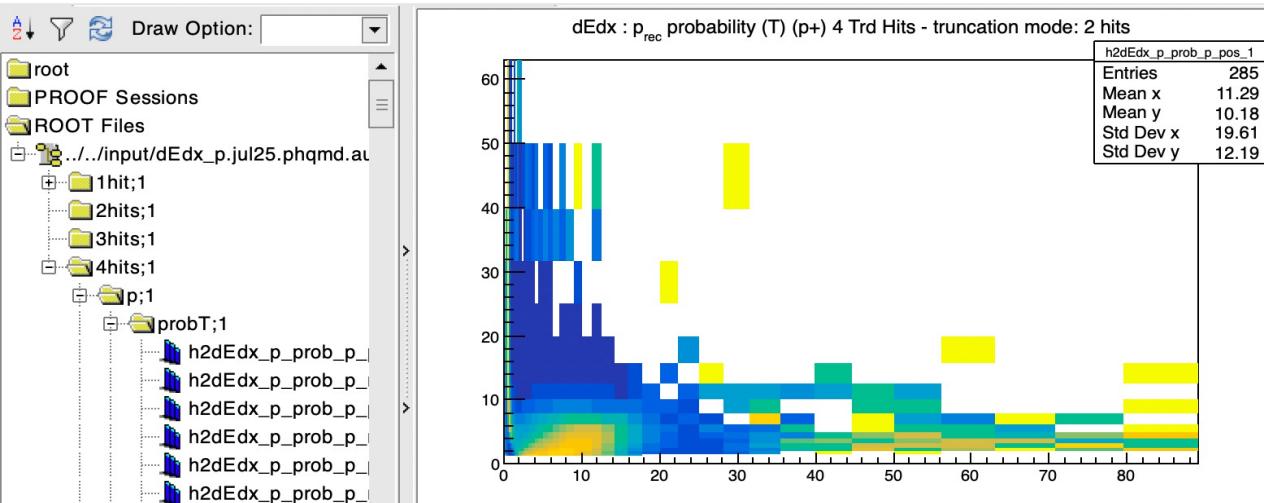
$$prob_{track}(i, dEdx, p) = \prod_i prob_{hit}(i, dEdx, p)$$

- 3) normalize probabilities over all particle species

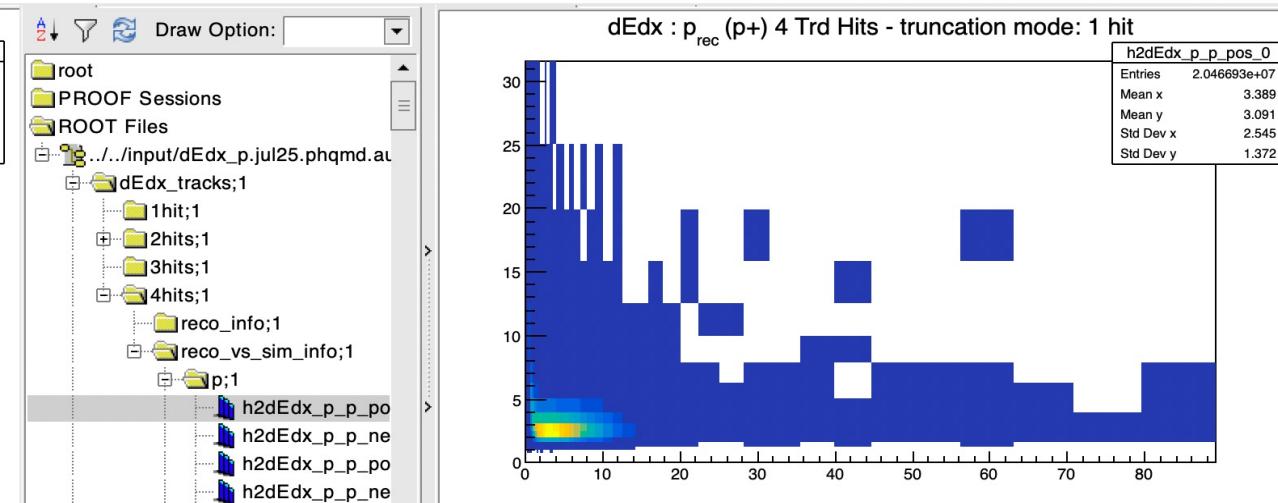
$$prob_{track}^{norm}(i, dEdx, p) = \frac{prob_{track}(i, dEdx, p)}{\sum_i prob_{track}(i, dEdx, p)}$$

MC Input - example

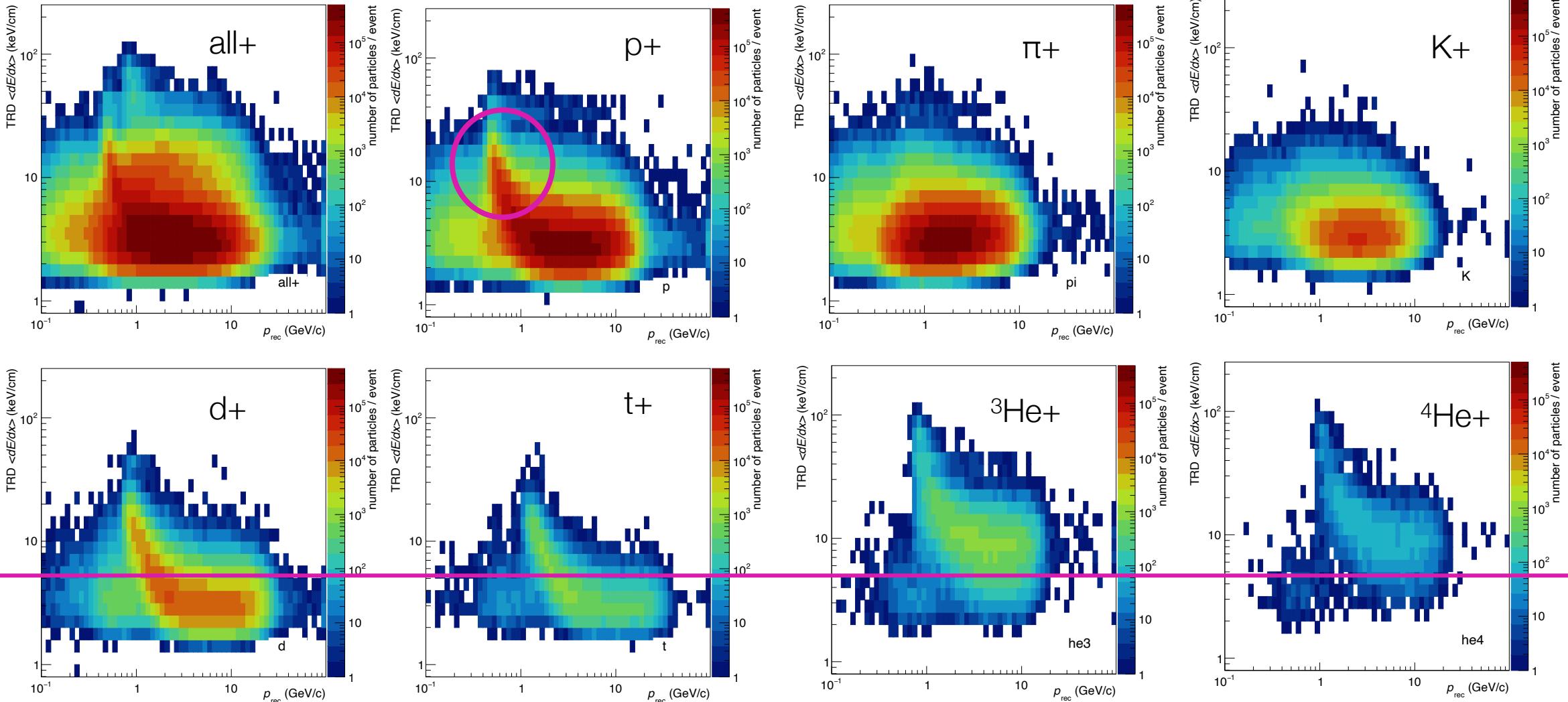
Step 1: MC-histograms



Step 2: MC-Probabilities



Number of tracks in dE/dx vs. p

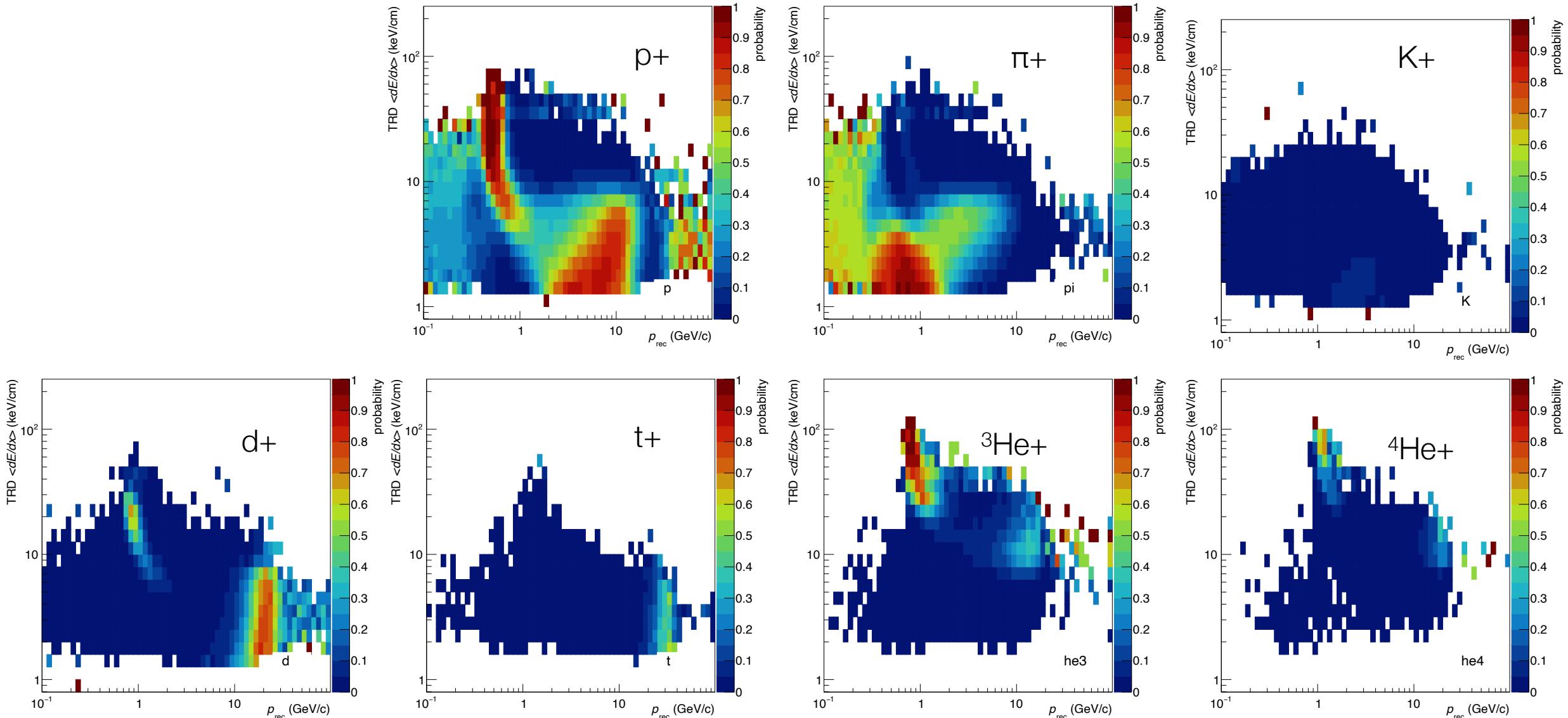


=> Separation of protons / pions for low momentum

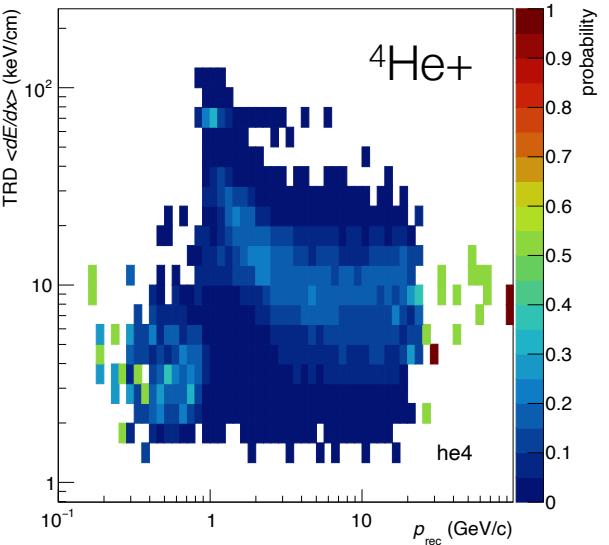
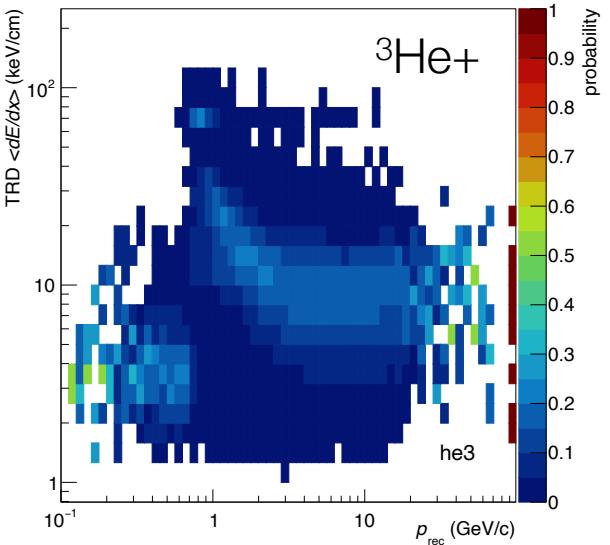
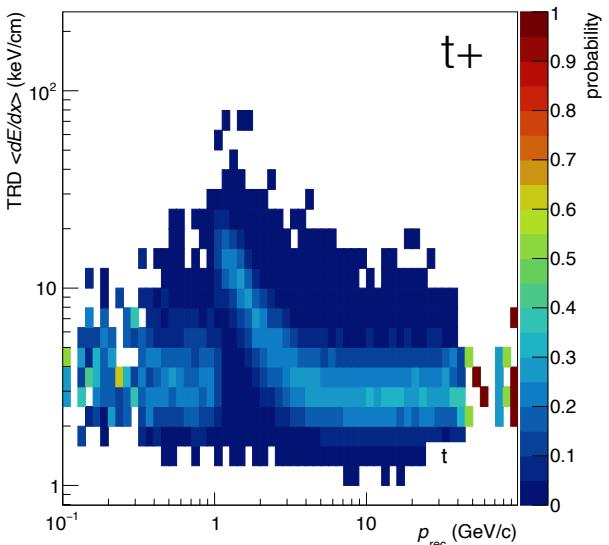
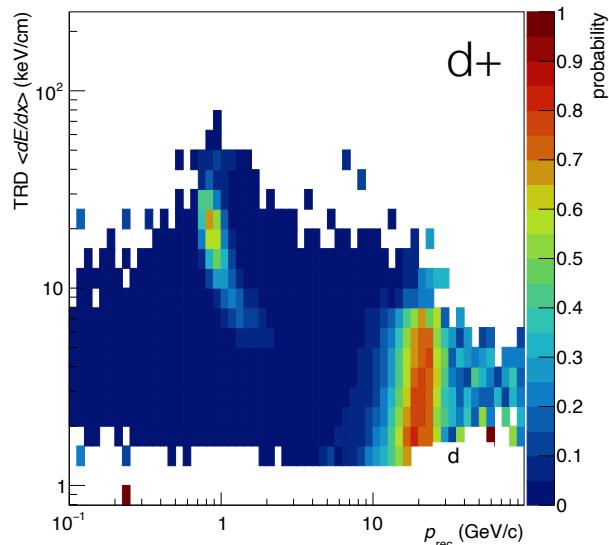
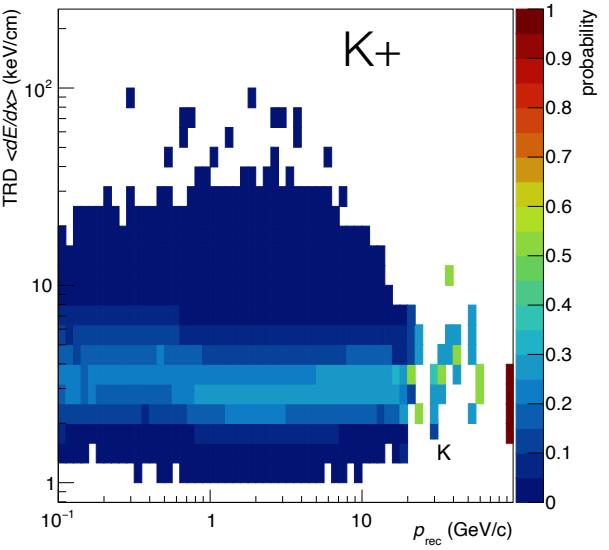
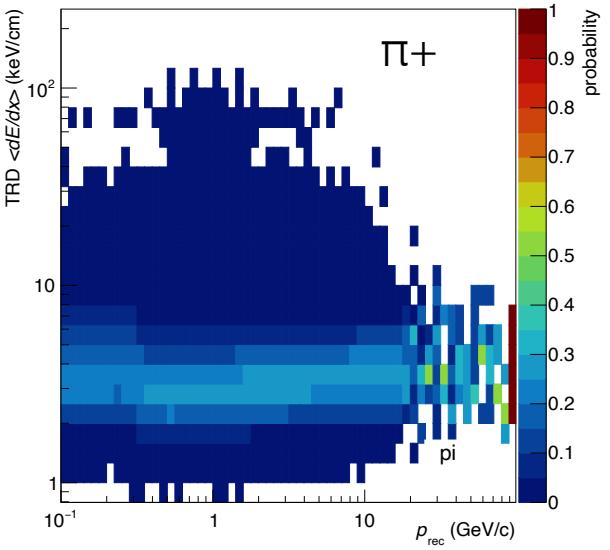
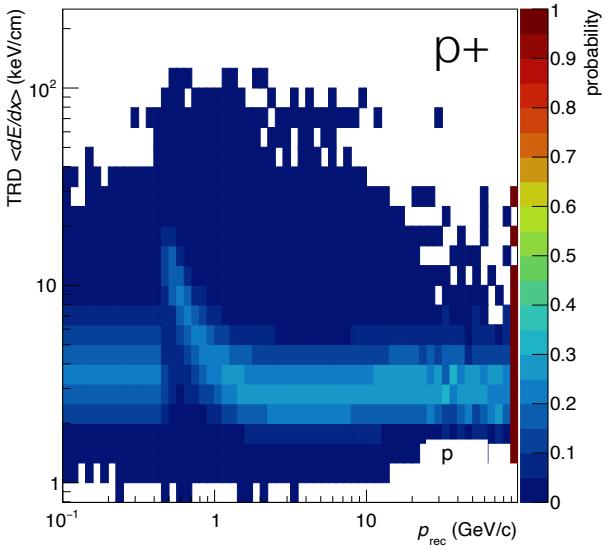
=> Separation of deuterons / ${}^4\text{He}$

truncation mode: 1 hit
 $\text{nhits} = 4$

MC probabilities total probability

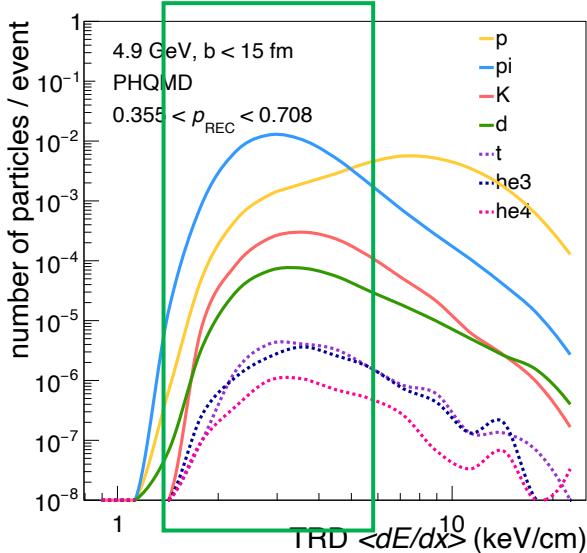


MC probabilities likelihood

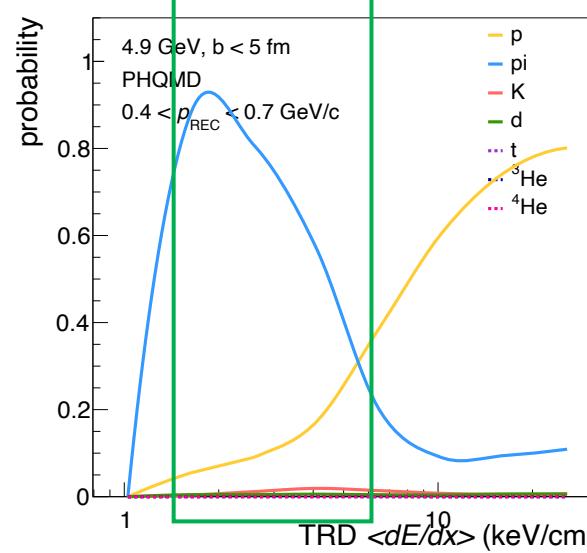


Pid (Trd) – comparison of different methods

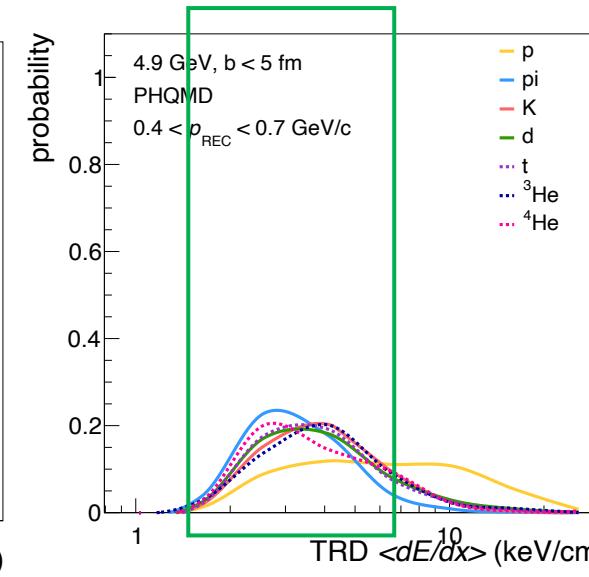
Number of particles



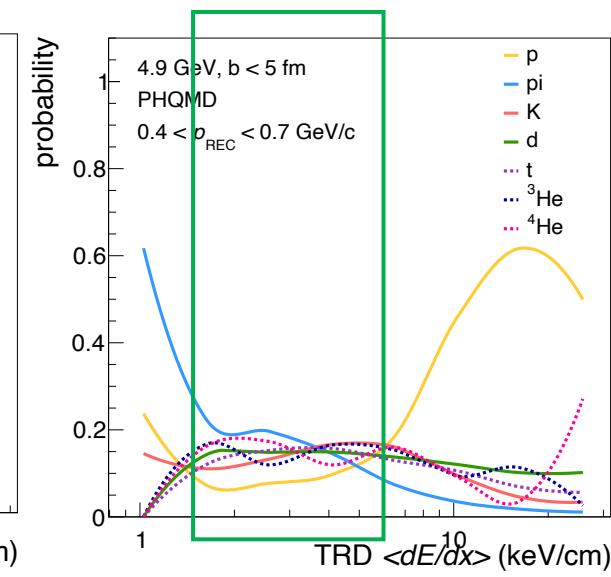
probabilities: total prob



probabilities: likelihood



Probabilities: likelihood normalized



- for $dEdx < 6$ keV: more protons than K, d, t, he3, he4
- proton distribution is more flat

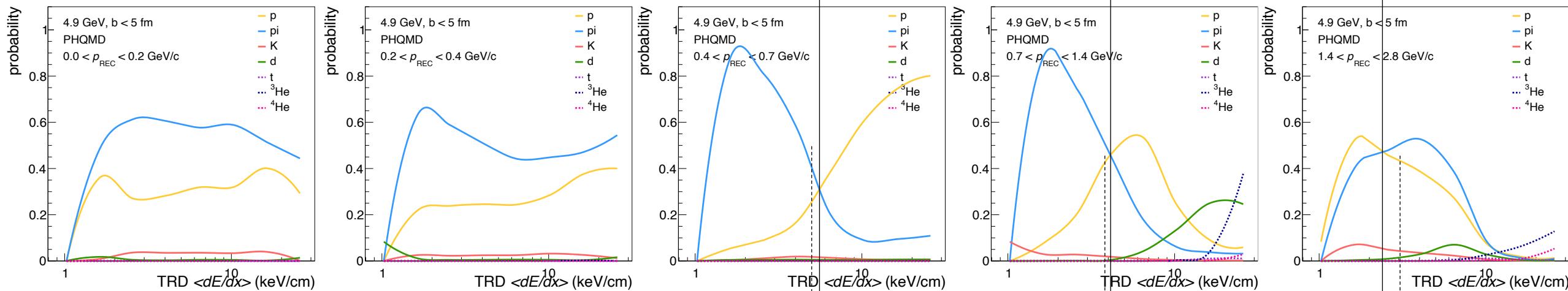
- for $dEdx < 6$ keV: high probability for protons

- for $dEdx < 6$ keV: lowest probability for protons

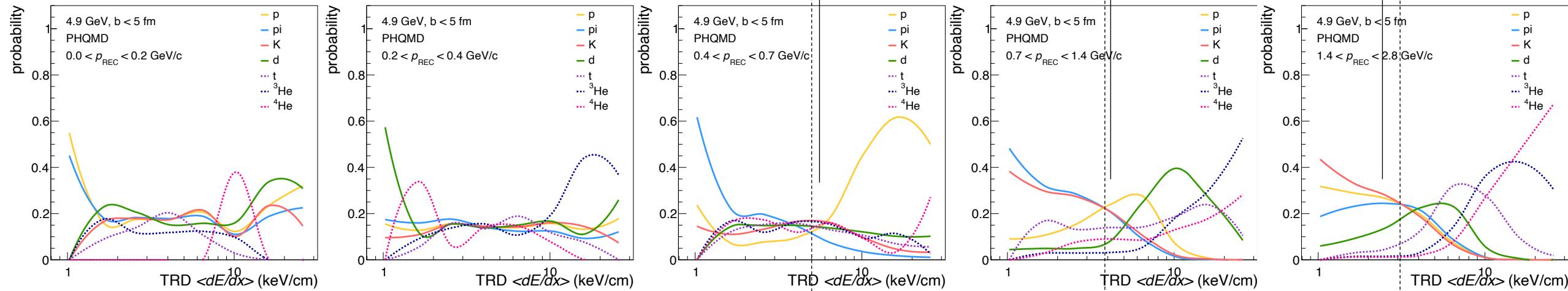
- for $dEdx < 6$ keV: lowest probability for protons

MC probabilities for $p < 2.8$ GeV/c – p/π separation

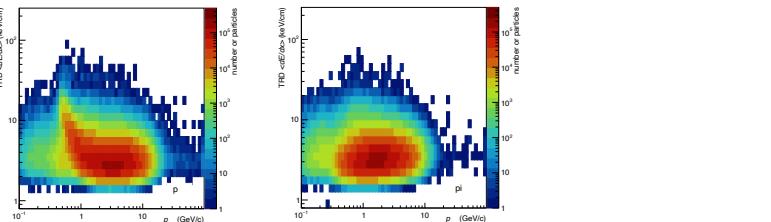
Total prob



Likelihood

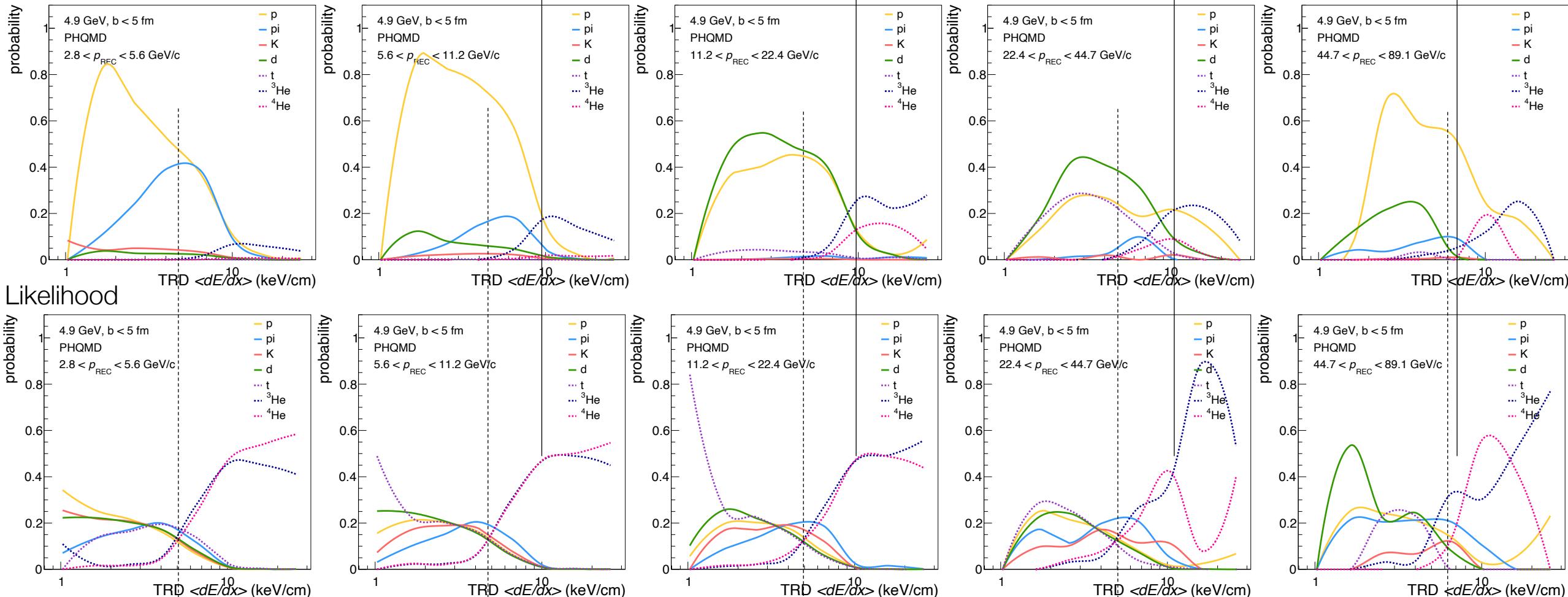


=> Separation / identification of p/pi for 0.4 GeV/c $< p < 2.8$ GeV/c.

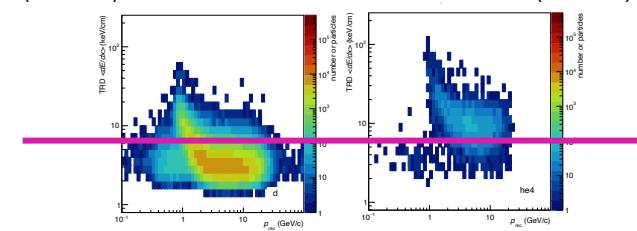


MC probabilities for $2.8 < p < 89.1$ GeV/c - ${}^4\text{He}/\text{d}$ separation

Total prob



=> Likelihood in favour of ${}^4\text{He}$ vs. d compared to ratio



Using probabilities for particle identification

Available information for every track after running Pid:

probability to be a p, π , K, d, t, ${}^3\text{He}$, ${}^4\text{He}$, e, μ , bg

This information can be used later on in the following ways (e.g. in PFSimple):

Pid selection for tracks:

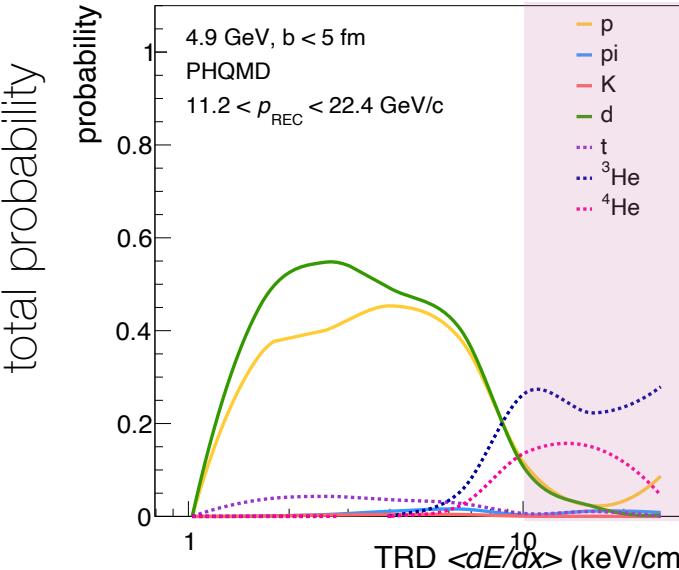
- Maximum purity: choose species with maximum purity
- Minimum purities: select minimum purity for a track to be considered as specie i
(one track can be considered several species or none)
- Maximum probability d/ ${}^4\text{He}$

Application of Trd-cut:

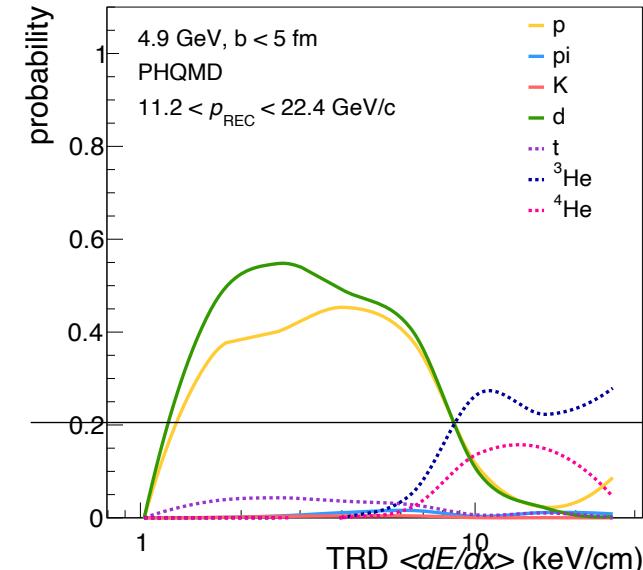
- on top of Tof-cut to include tracks or to exclude tracks
- on tracks without Tof-id
- to separate d/ ${}^4\text{He}$

^4He identification – Comparing maximum and minimum purities

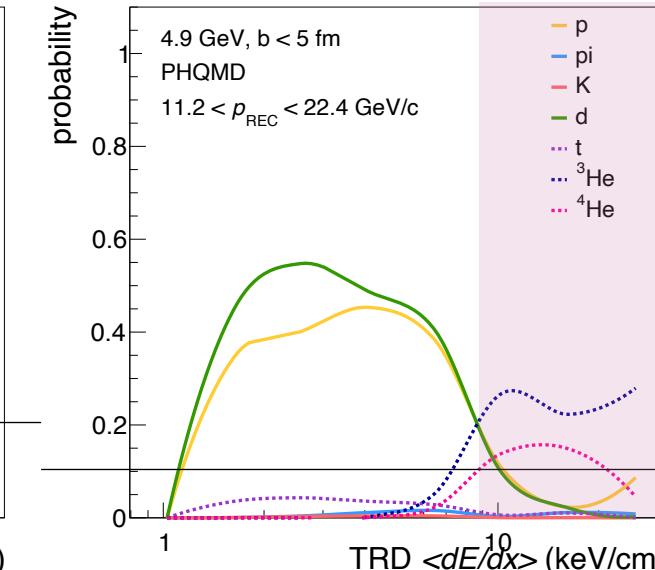
max purity d & ^4He



minimum purity > 0.2



minimum purity > 0.1

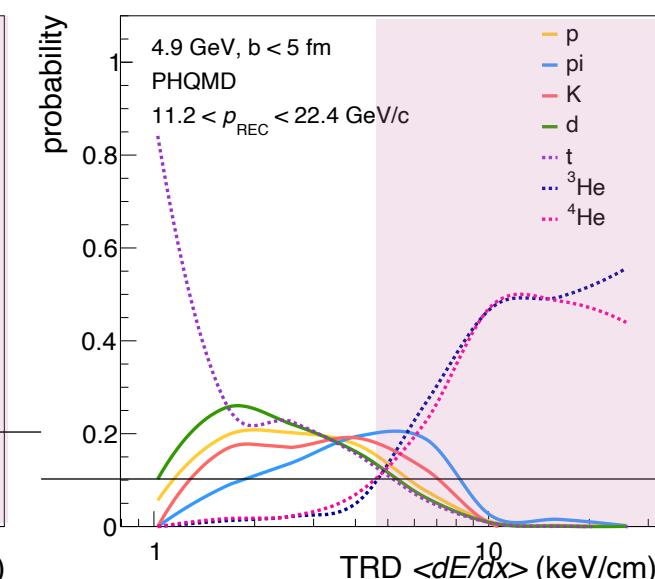
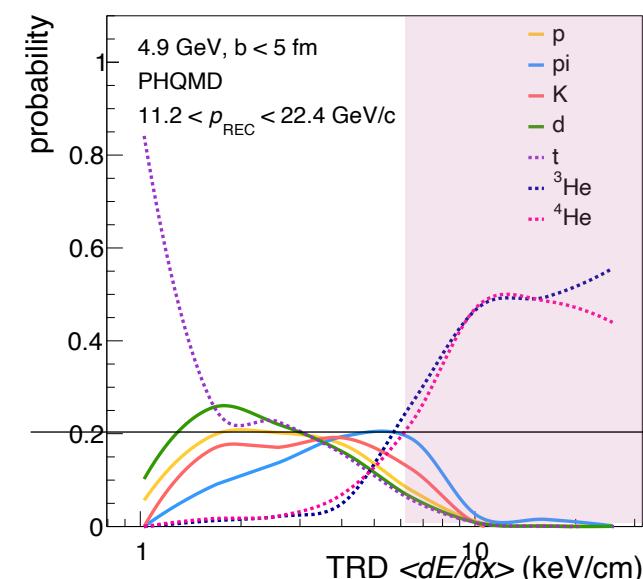
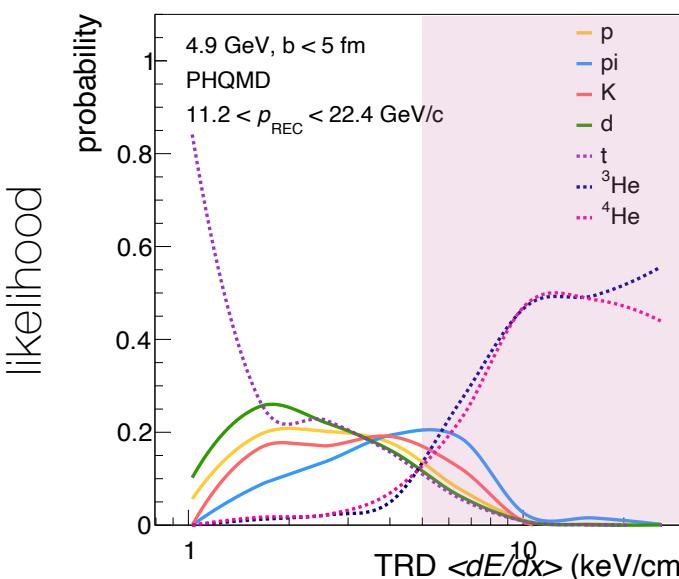


In this example:

max purity $d/{}^4\text{He}$
identifies more ^4He
than *min purity > 0.2*

min purity > 0.1
identifies slightly more
 ^4He than *max purity $d/{}^4\text{He}$*

for both probability
methods

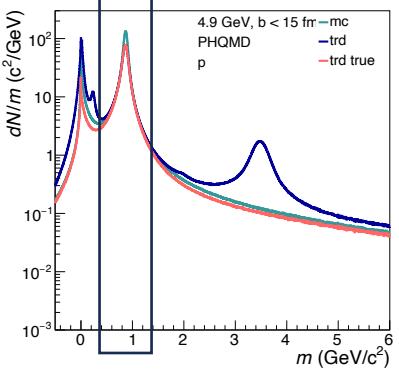


MASS spectra

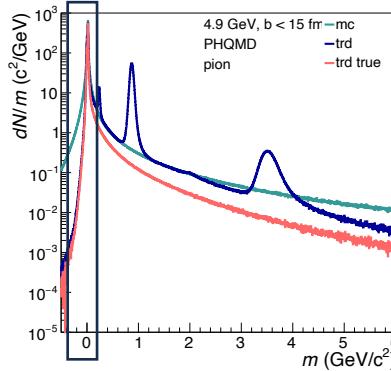
Mass spectra of reconstructed tracks – probability methods

Pid selection: Maximum purity

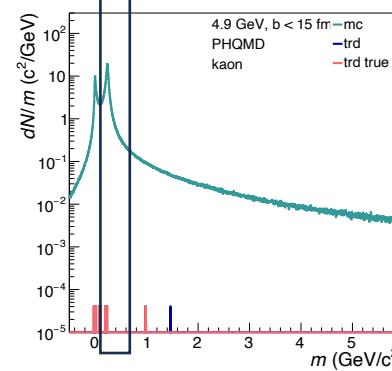
Total prob p



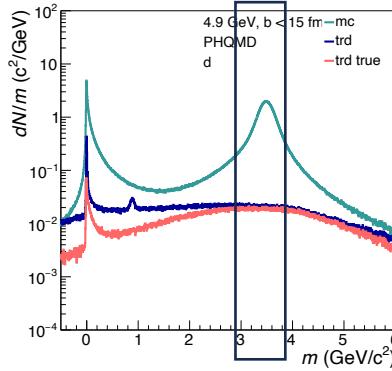
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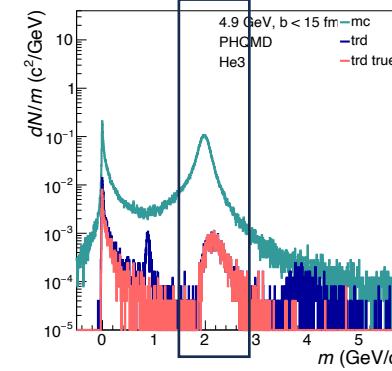
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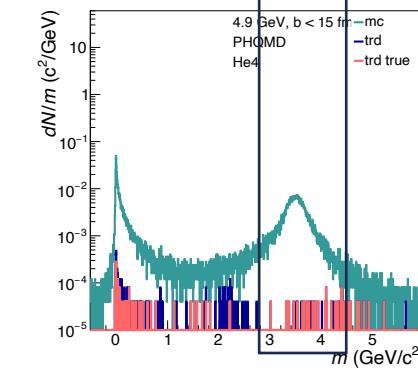
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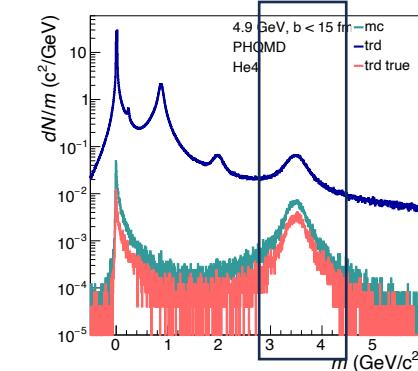
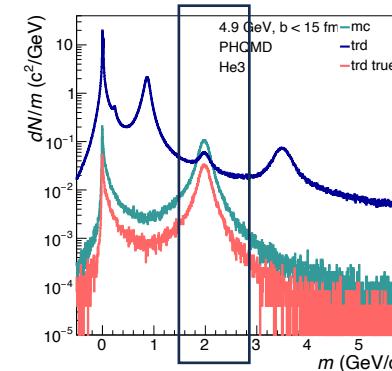
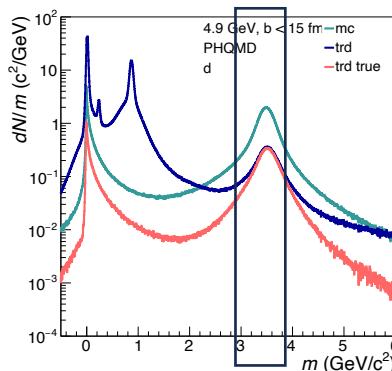
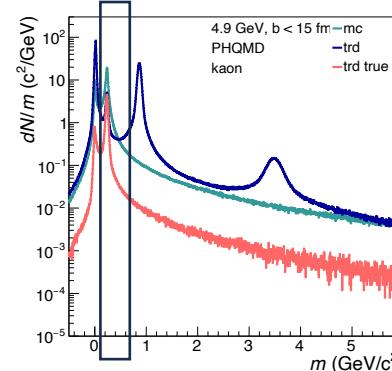
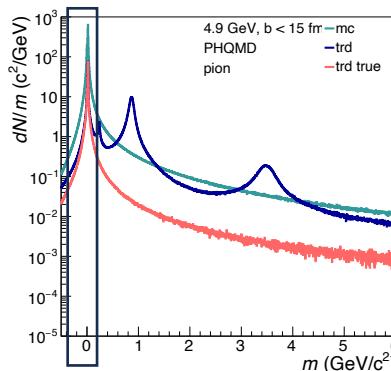
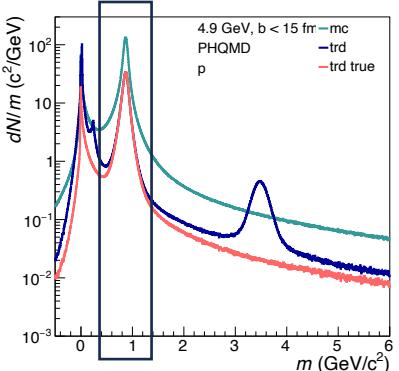
^3He



^4He



Likelihood



Total probability works better for particles with high multiplicities.

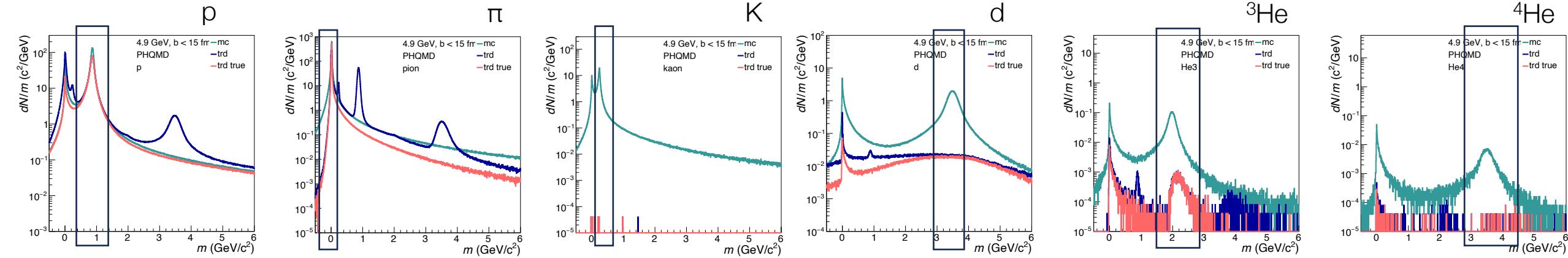
Likelihood works better for particles with low multiplicities.

truncation mode: 1 hit with lowest dE/dx
min trd hits: 1

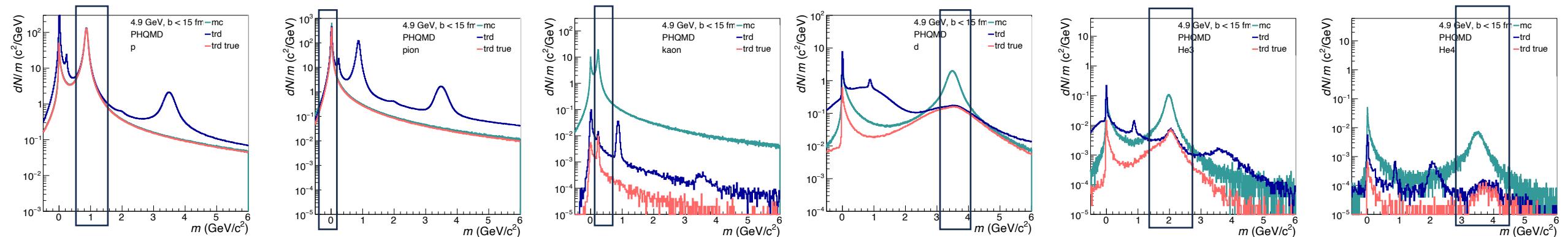
Mass spectra of reconstructed tracks – pid selection methods

Probability method: total probability

Pid selection: max purity



Pid selection: purity > 0.1.

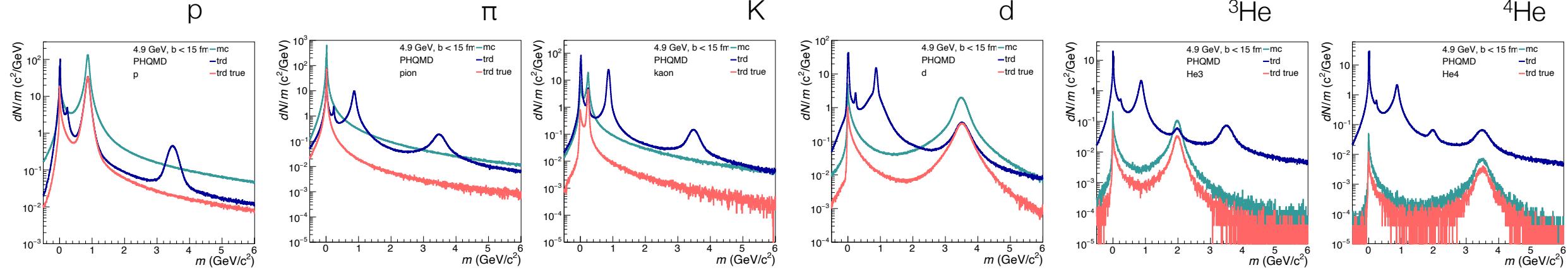


=> purity > 0.1 increases number of reconstructed particles and works better for particles with low multiplicities compared to max purity.

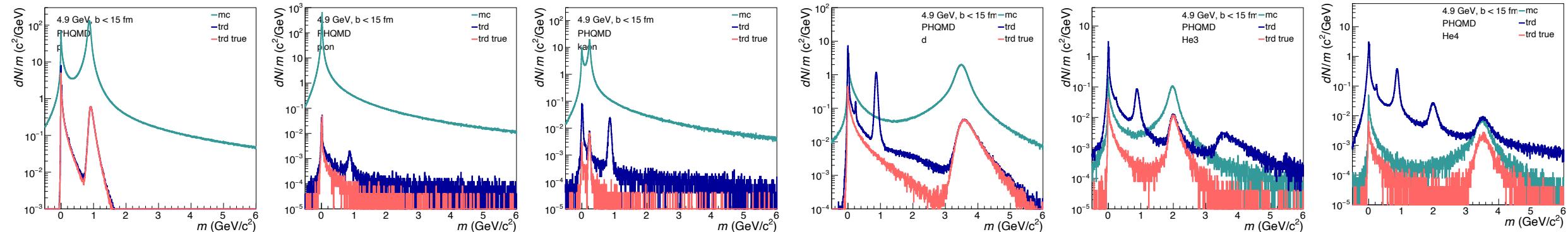
Mass spectra of reconstructed tracks – pid selection methods

Probability method: likelihood

Pid selection: max purity



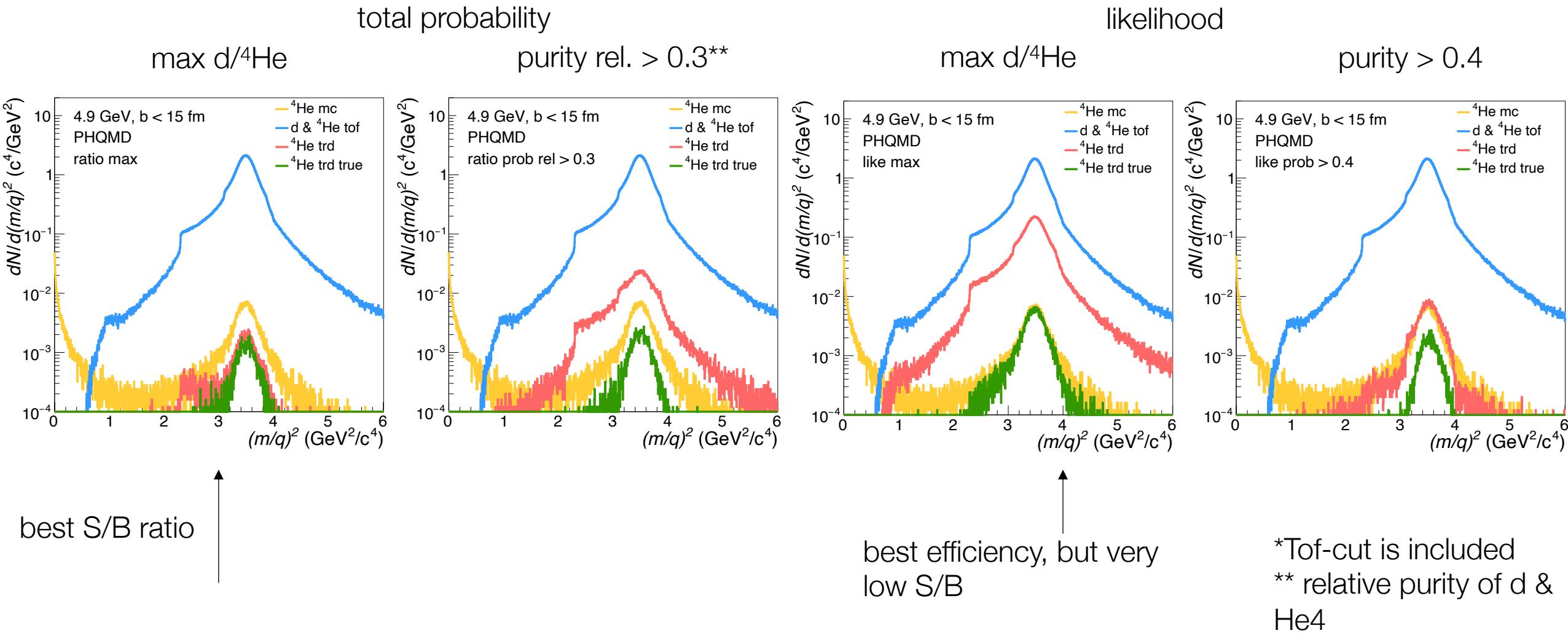
Pid selection: purity > 0.4



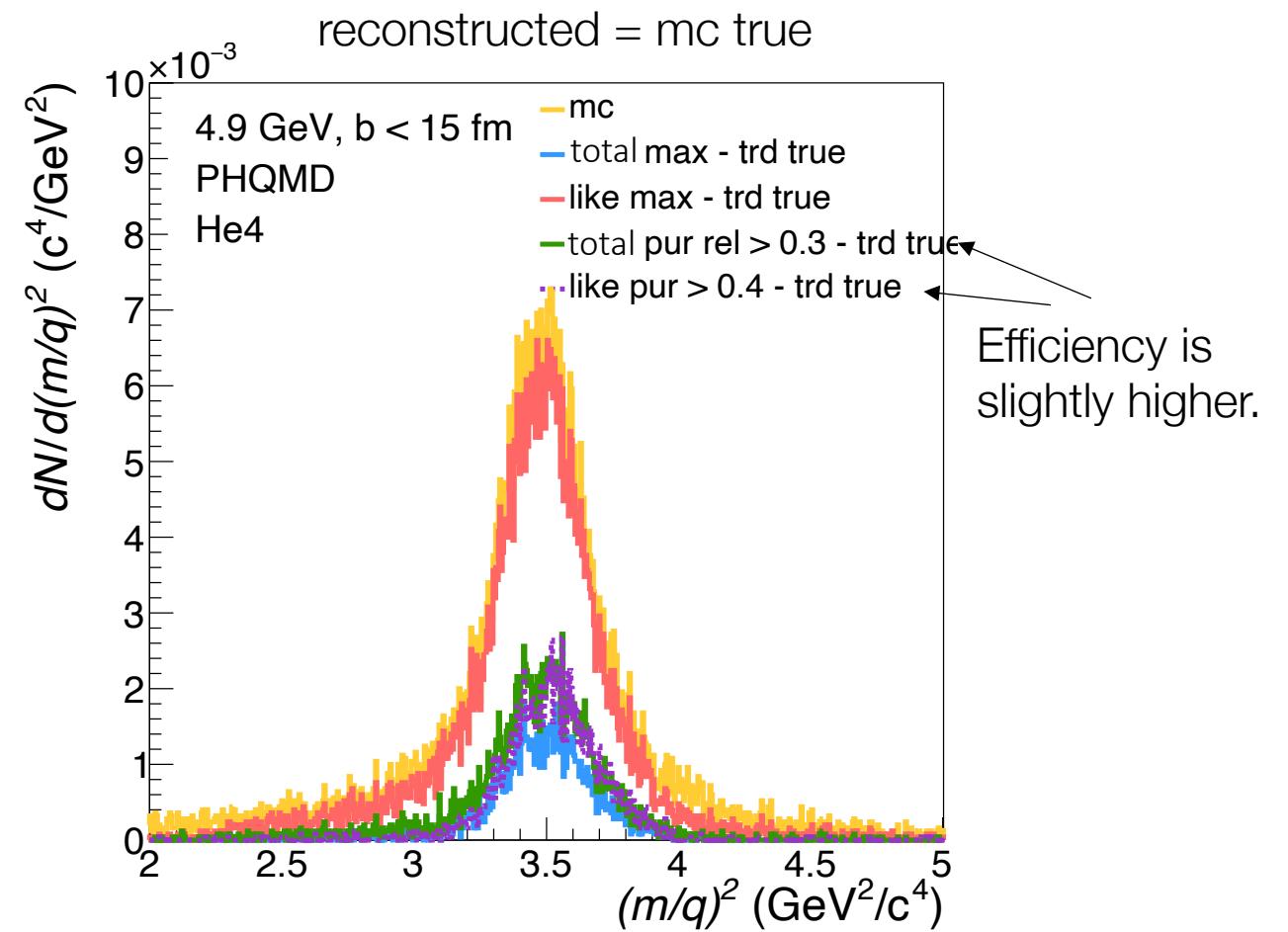
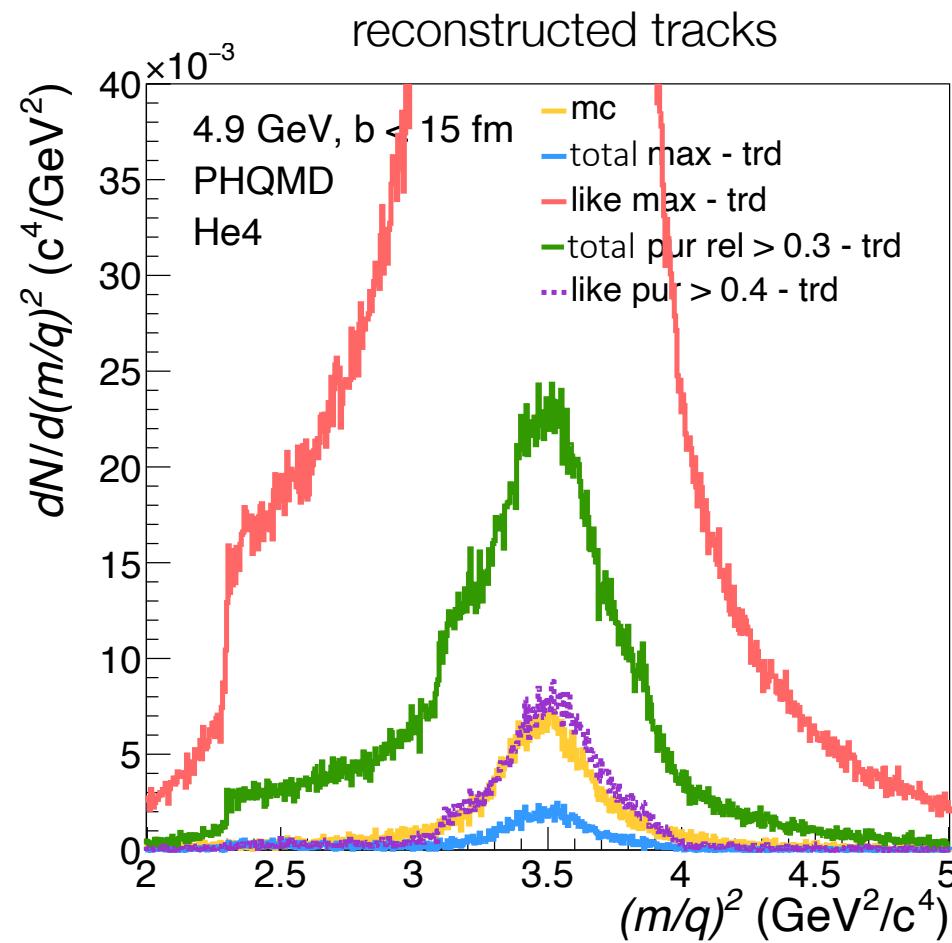
purity > 0.4 decreases the number of reconstructed particles and improves the S/B ratio compared *max purity*.

d/⁴He

^4He separation* – different methods



^4He separation* – comparison of efficiencies



*Tof-cut is included

=> Likelihood with *max purity* gives highest efficiencies, but S/B ratio is very low.

=> Likelihood with purity > 0.4 gives the best combination of efficiency and S/B ratio.