

PHeSCAMI GEANT4 simulation



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GEANT4
A SIMULATION TOOLKIT

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Detector concept

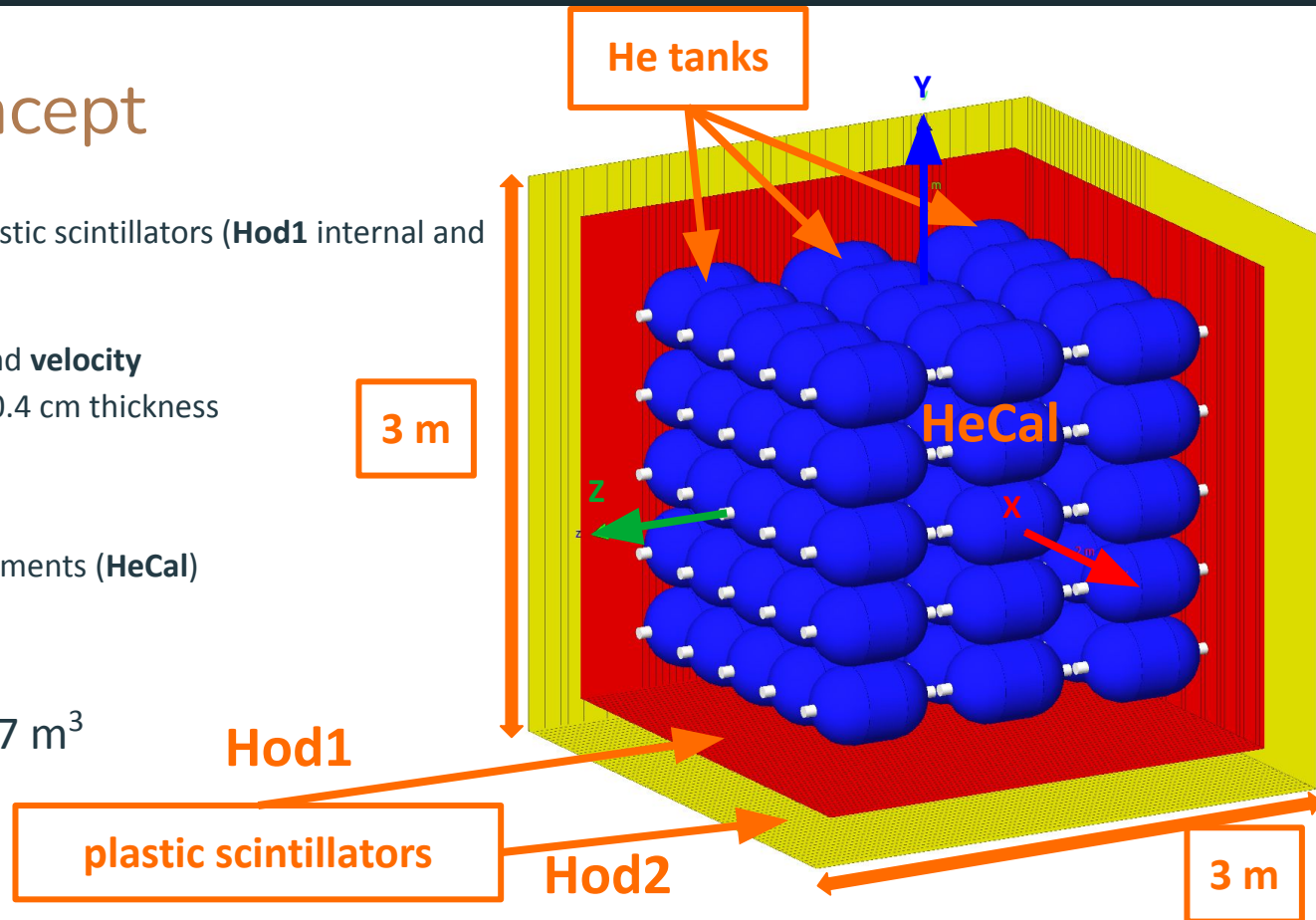
Two layers of **segmented** plastic scintillators (**Hod1** internal and **Hod2** external)

- **Time of flight (ToF)** and **velocity**
- 64 slab for each side 0.4 cm thickness

75 He vessels

- **Calorimetric measurements (HeCal)**

Total dimensions ~ 27 m³



Simulated spectra and particles

Particles are **uniformly** generated on a plane.

The **flux** is **isotropic**.

Shooting direction **opposite to z axis**.

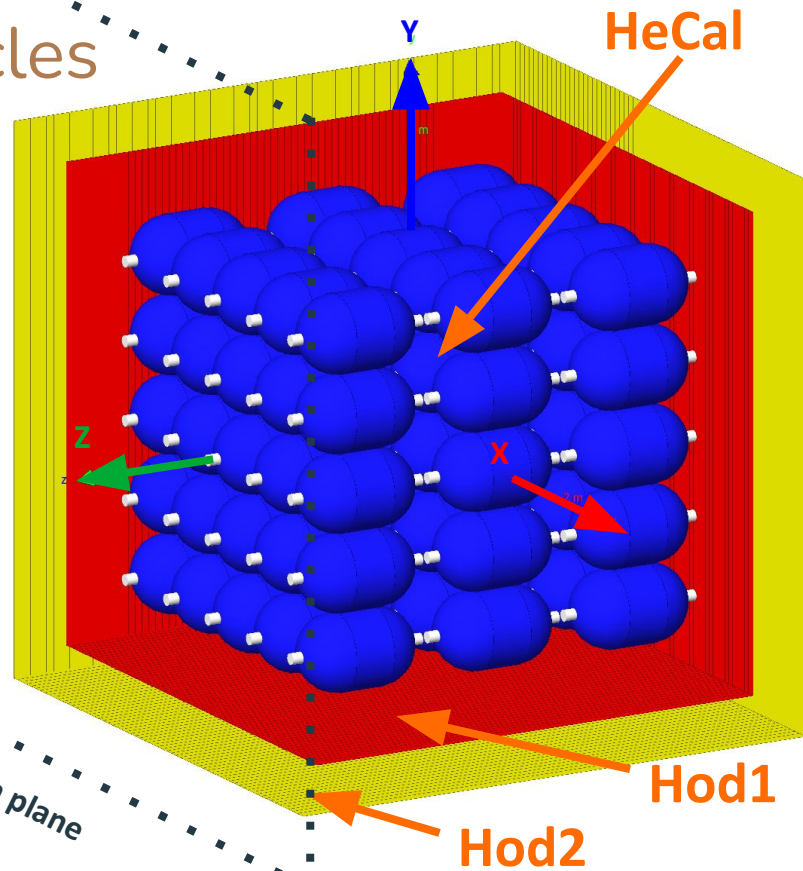
Spectral index -1: E_K^{-1} .

Kinetic energy range: [10, 10'000] MeV/N.

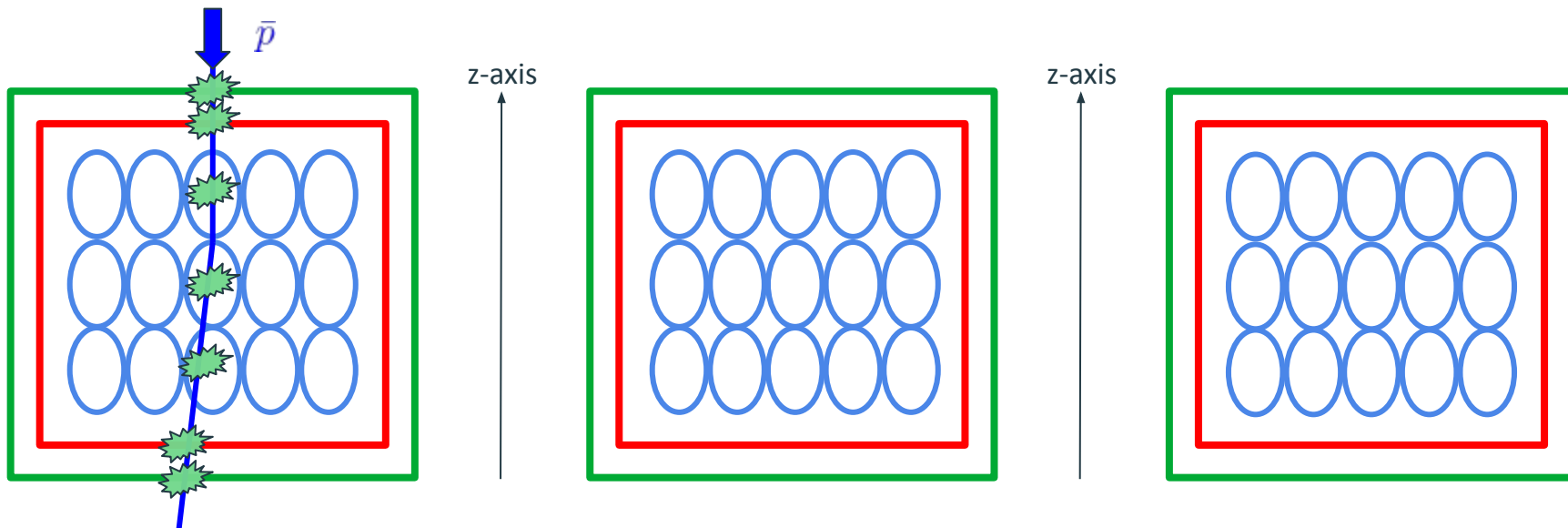
Particles simulated: p , \bar{p} , D , \bar{D} and ${}^4\text{He}$.

generation plane

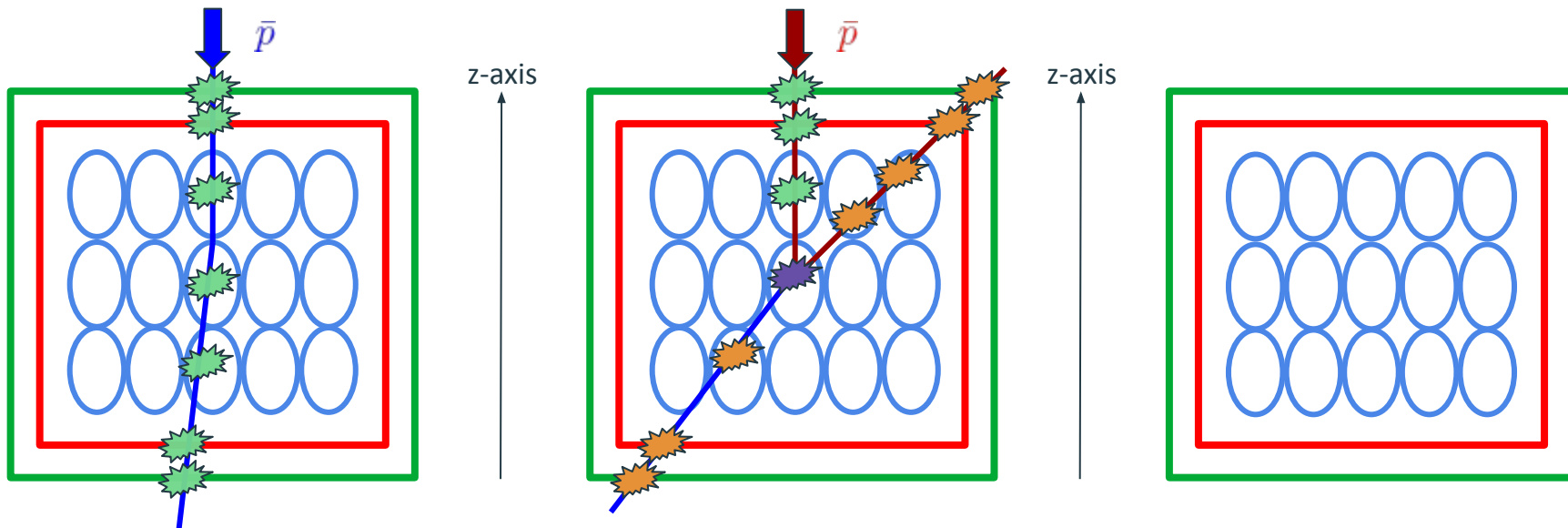
generation plane



Particle identification



Particle identification



Prompt hit  ≤ 50 ns

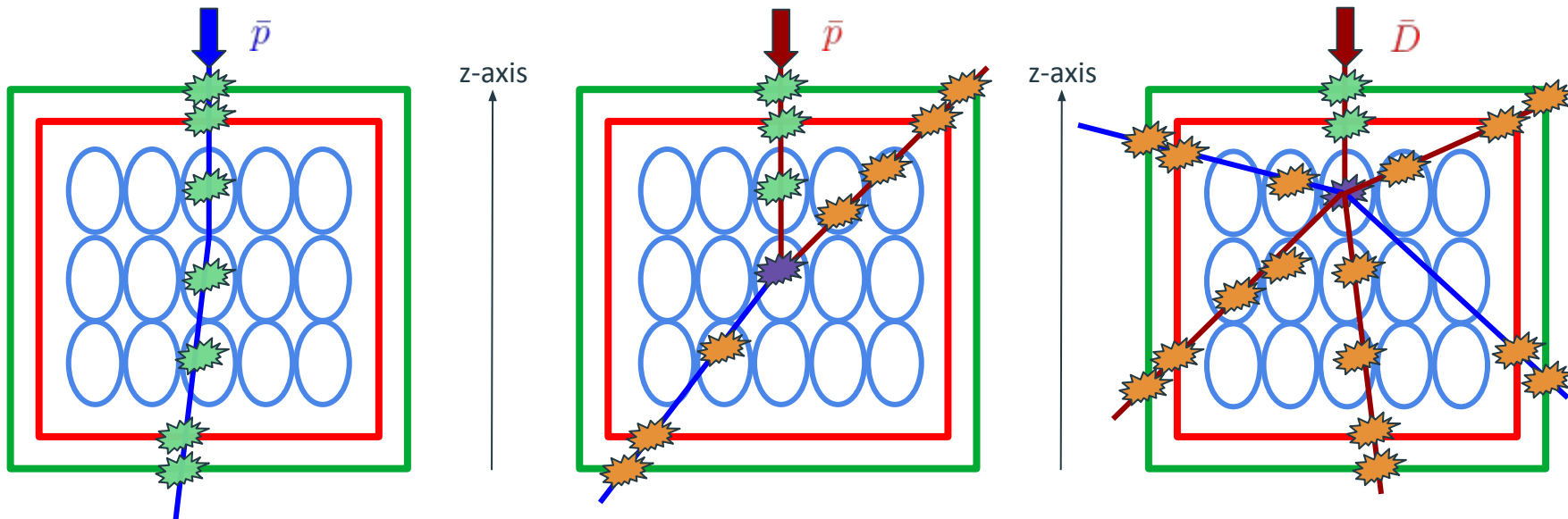
positive charge





Delayed hit  ≥ 50 ns

negative charge

Annihilation 

Particle identification



Prompt hit  ≤ 50 ns positive charge  Delayed hit  ≥ 50 ns negative charge  Annihilation 

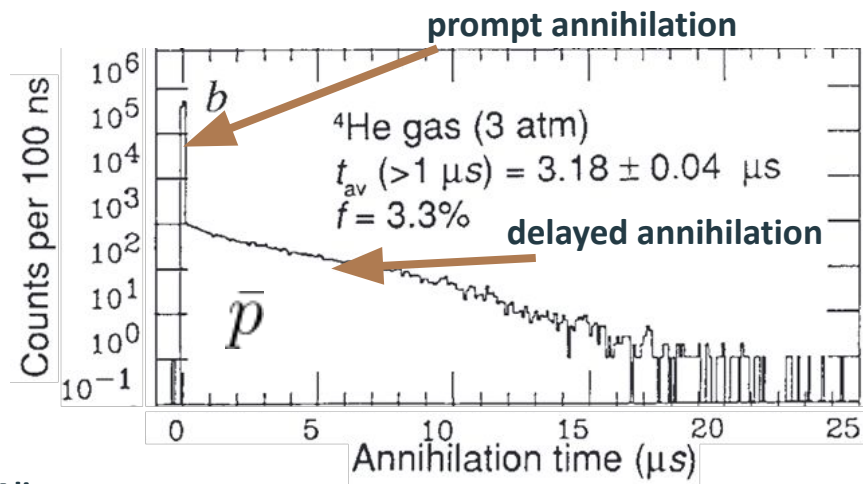
Implementation of the Helium metastable states

In the HeCal, we look for particles with:

- 0 kinetic energy
- mass > 900 MeV/c²
- charge < 0

Code implementation:

- G4Track object, we look for **TrackStatus = fStopButAlive**.
 - Meaning, active rest physics processes are invoked, afterwards the current track is killed.
- **G4Step (postStep)** is used to retrieve the mass and charge of the particle corresponding to the given track.
- **The global time of the G4Track is increased by 0.9 ms (90'0000 ns).**



Hit merging

	Plastic scintillators	HeCal
Spatial resolution	0.5 [mm]	20 [mm]
Temporal resolution	100 [ps]	200 [ps]

Hits are merged taking into account **spatial** and **temporal resolution** of each detector. For example:

i-th hit: E_i, \vec{r}_i, t_i

j-th hit: E_j, \vec{r}_j, t_j

merged hit:
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{(E_i \cdot r_i) + (E_j \cdot r_j)}{E_i + E_j} \\ \frac{(E_i \cdot t_i) + (E_j \cdot t_j)}{E_i + E_j} \\ E_i + E_j \end{array} \right.$$

Event reconstruction

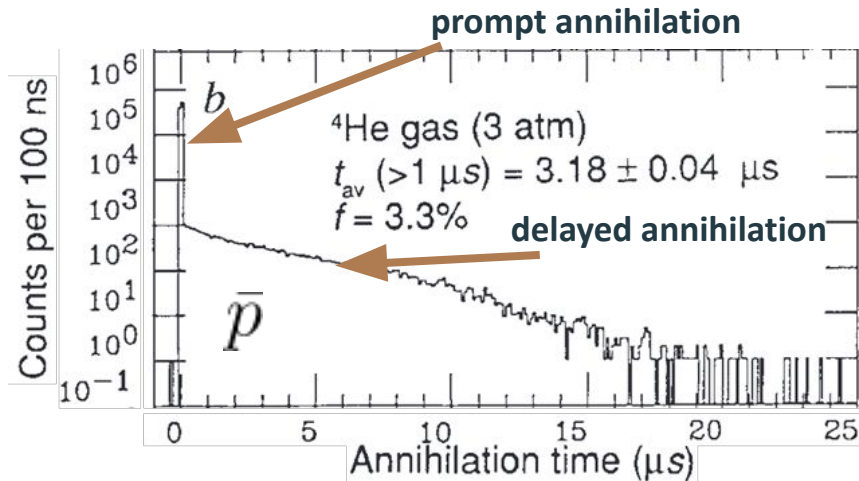
Each event with a **G4Hit** in **HeCal** is stored in the n-tuple.

ToF and **HeCal** are both **segmented**.

In each segment, the single **hits are summed** to get the total amount of energy deposited.

The **event is divided into two parts**: the first is named ***prompt***, the second is called ***delayed***.

- **50 ns** is the chosen **time threshold (customizable)**.
- **~ 50% of the annihilation happens within this interval**



Trigger selections

Reference values for MIPs particles:

1. Energy deposited in **1 scintillator slab** ~ **0.83 MeV**
2. Energy deposited in **1 He tank** ~ **7.50 MeV**

If prompt requirements are met, a gate is opened ($2 \mu\text{s}$); within this time interval the event is stored, if satisfies the delayed requirements.


Prompt selection (< 50 ns)

Max E_{dep} Hod1	> 1.6 MeV
Max E_{dep} Hod2	> 1.6 MeV
Number of slab Hod1	≤ 2
Number of slab Hod2	≤ 2
Max E_{dep} HeCal	> 7.5 MeV

Delayed selection (> 50 ns)

Max E_{dep} Hod1	> 0.8 MeV
Max E_{dep} Hod2	> 0.8 MeV
Number of slab Hod1	> 2
Number of slab Hod2	> 2
Max E_{dep} HeCal	> 7.5 MeV

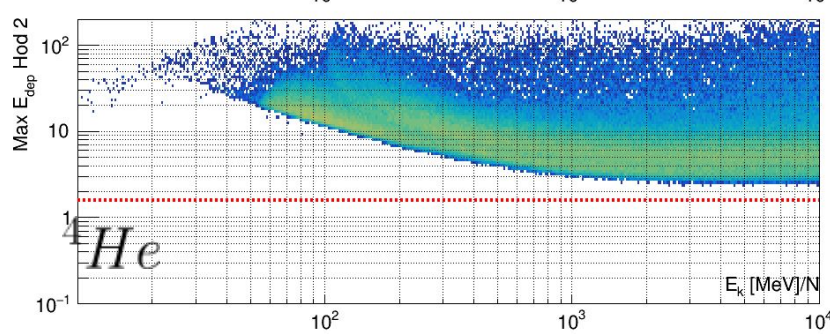
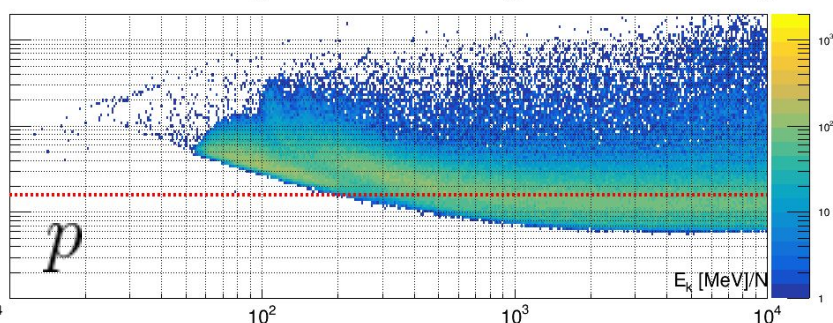
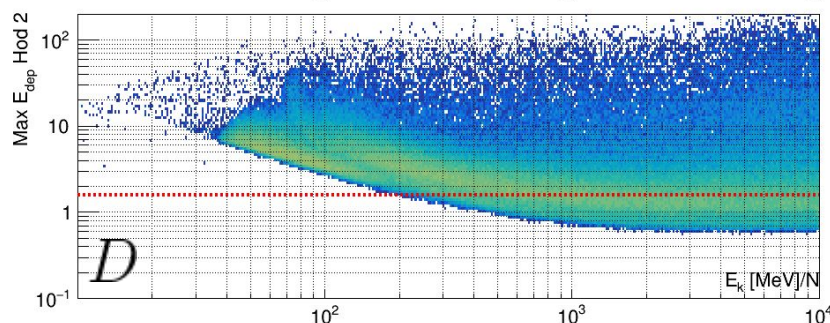
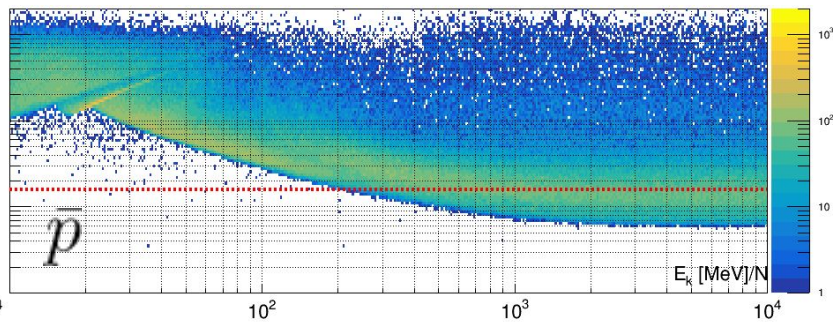
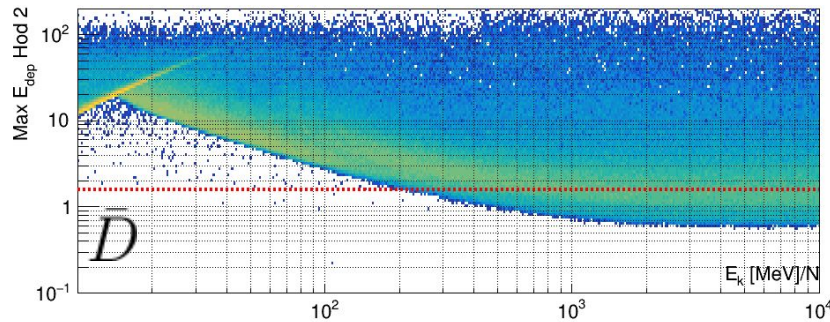
- Max E_{dep} Hod1/Hod2: maximum energy released in one slab, within 50 ns (prompt) or after 50 ns (delayed)
- Number of slab Hod1/Hod2: slabs number with E_{dep} higher than threshold (1.6 MeV for prompt or 0.8 MeV for delayed).
- Max E_{dep} HeCal: : maximum energy released in one tank, within 50 ns (prompt) or after 50 ns (delayed).



Single particle contributions (50 ns)

Single contributions (50 ns)

Prompt max E Hod2

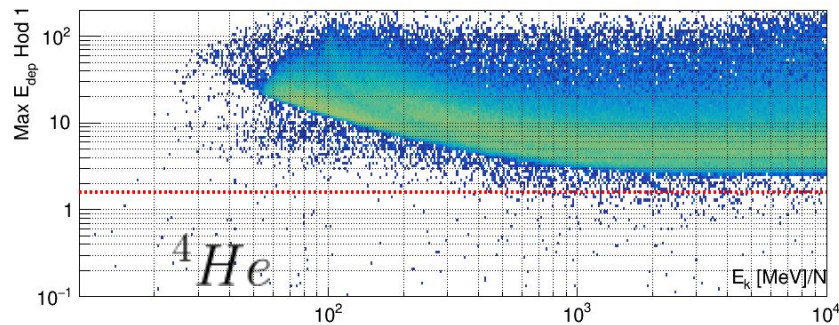
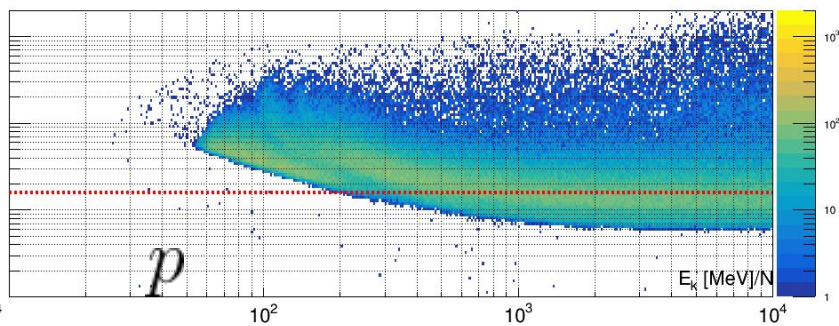
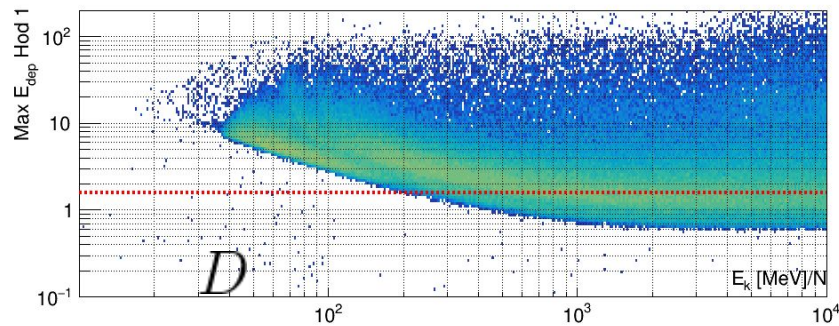
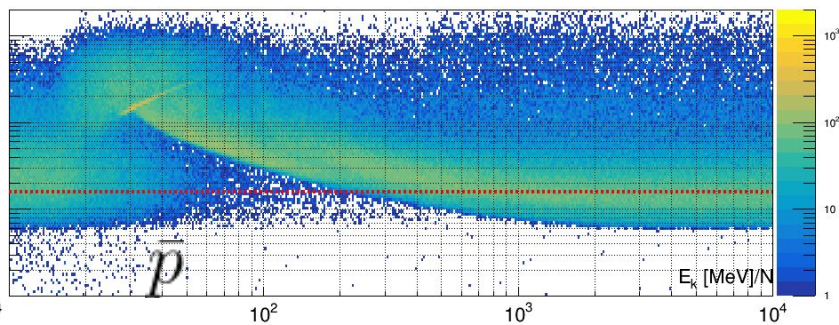
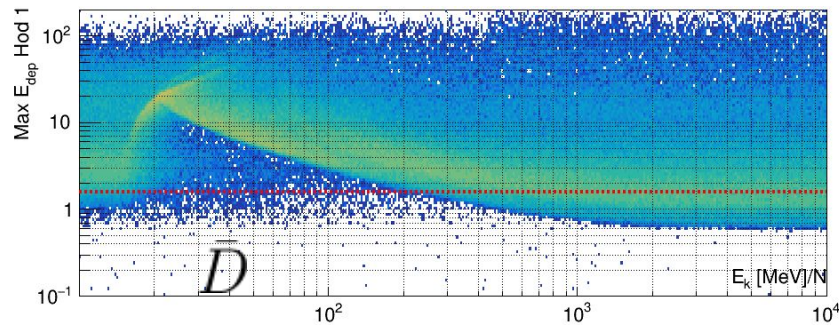


Max E_{dep} Hod1

> 1.6 MeV

Single contributions (50 ns)

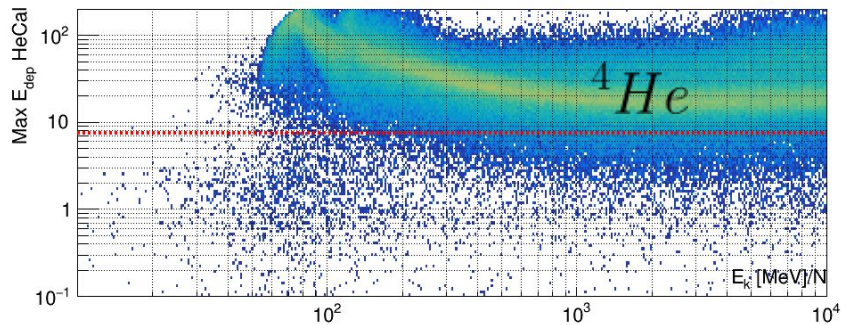
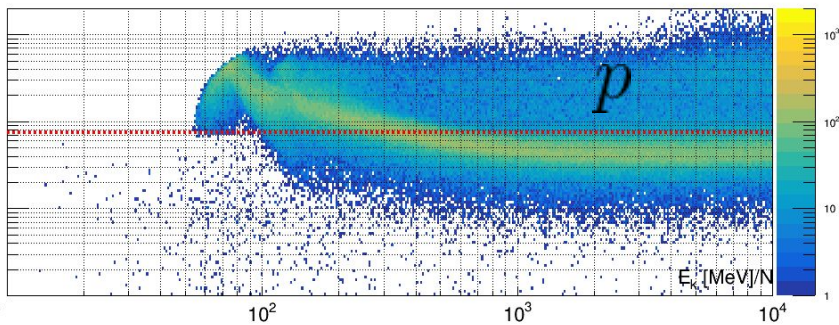
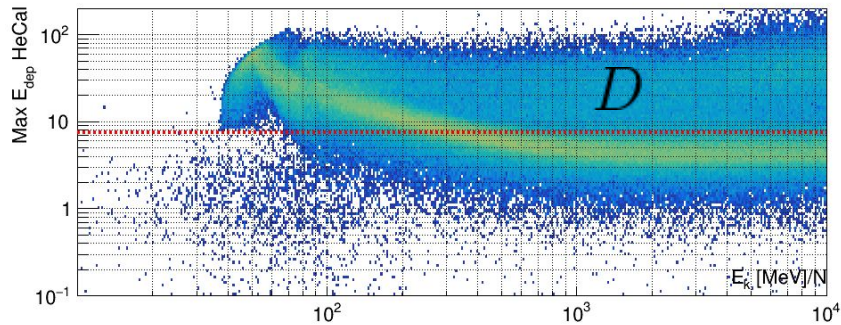
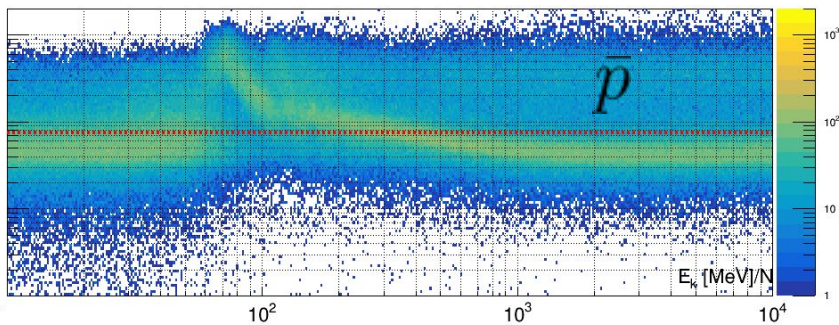
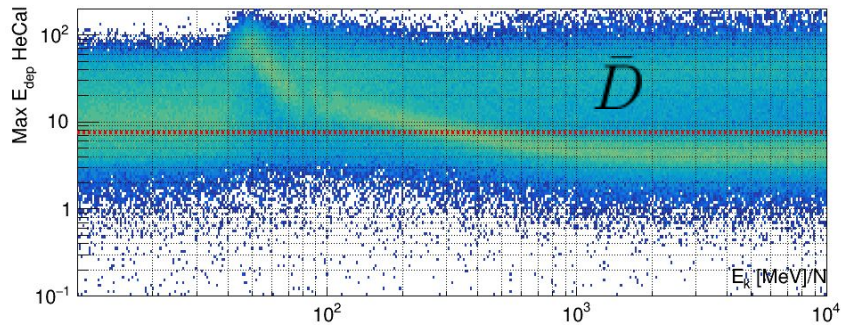
Prompt max E Hod1



$\text{Max } E_{\text{dep}} \text{ Hod 2}$	$> 1.6 \text{ MeV}$
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Single contributions (50 ns)

Prompt max E HeCal

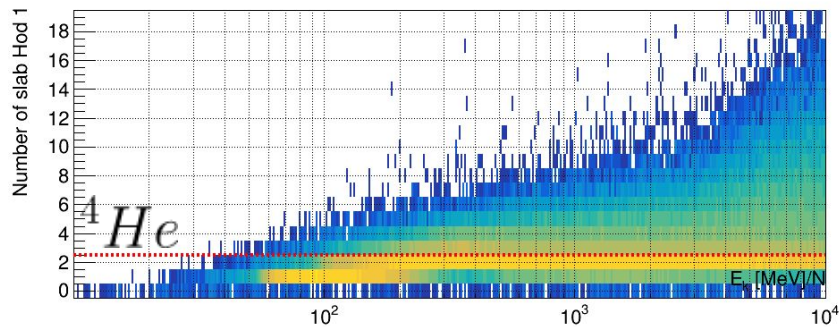
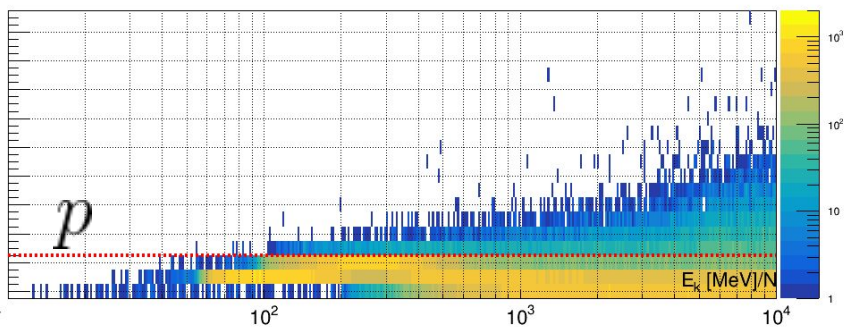
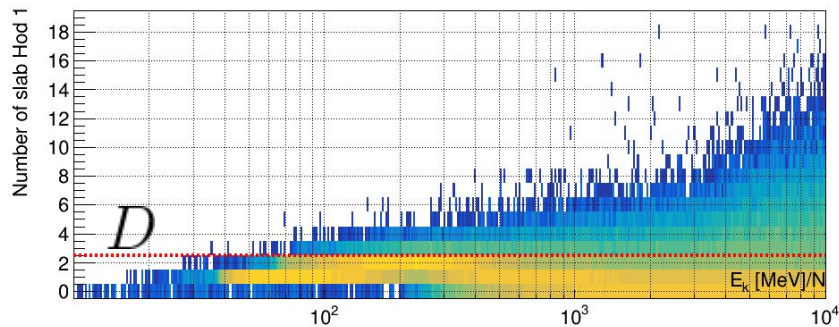
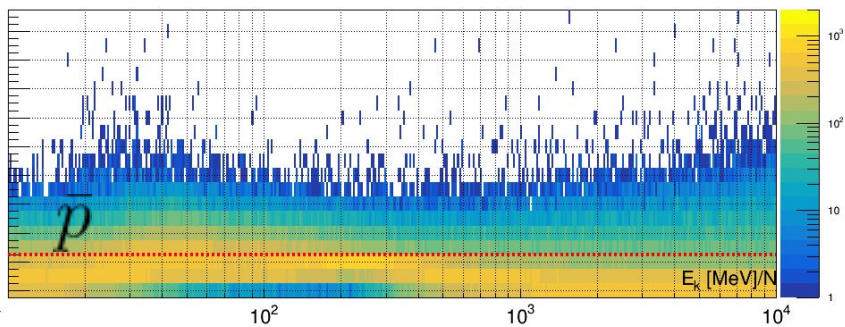
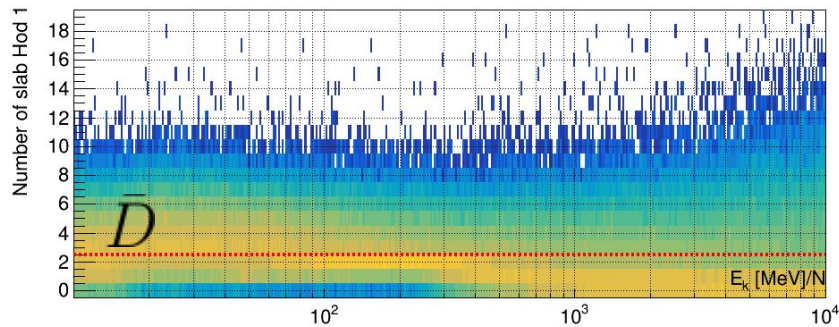


$\text{Max } E_{\text{dep}} \text{ HeCal}$

$> 7.6 \text{ MeV}$

Single contributions (50 ns)

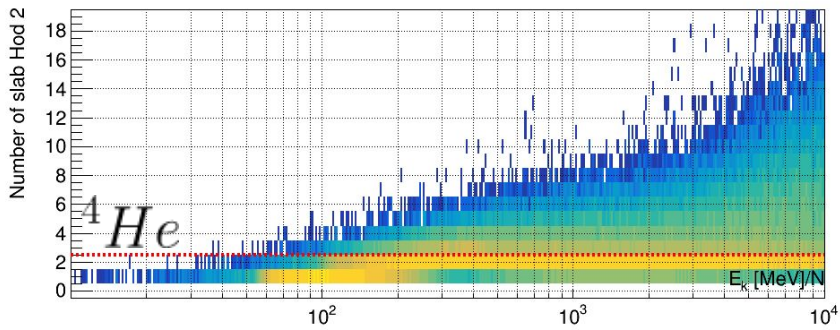
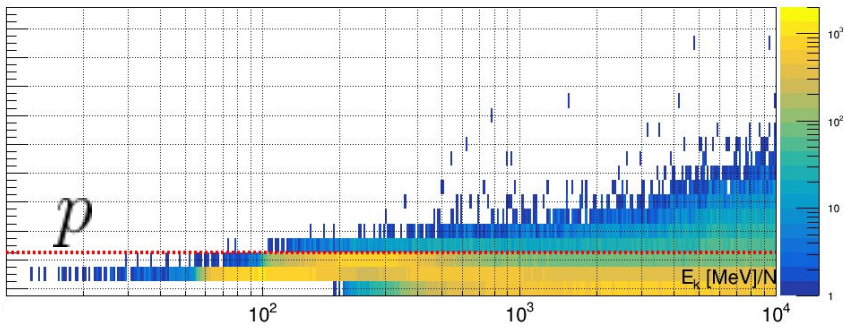
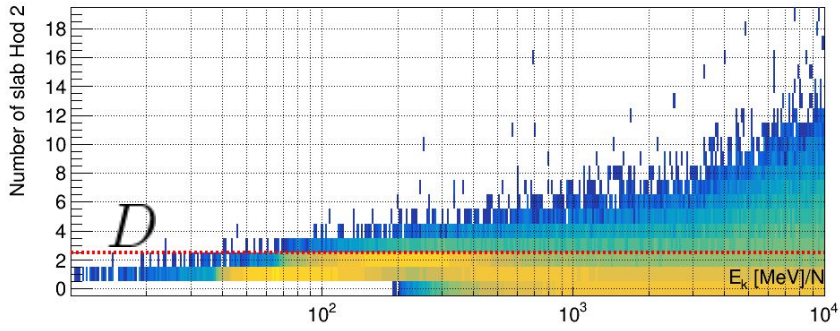
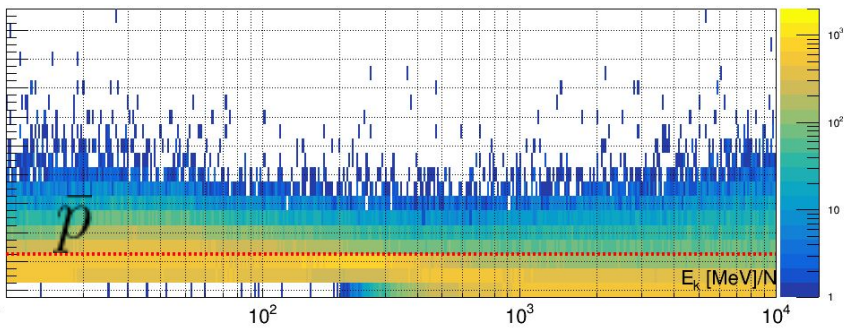
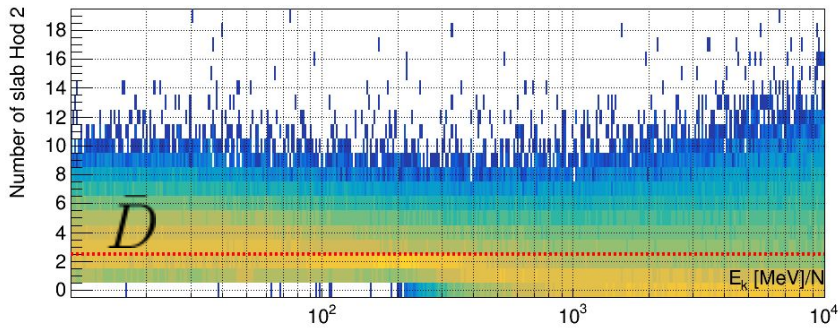
Prompt number of slab Hod1



Number of slab Hod1	≤ 2
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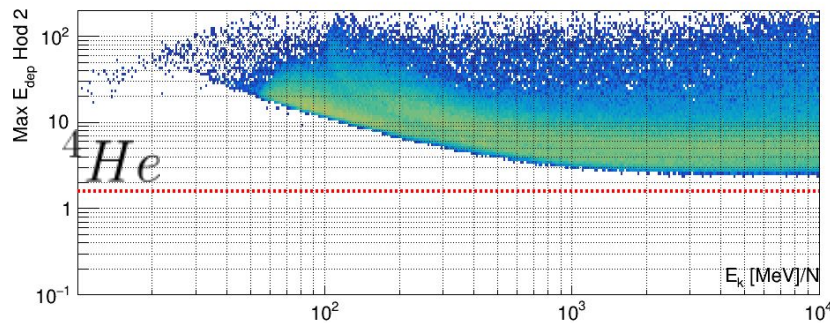
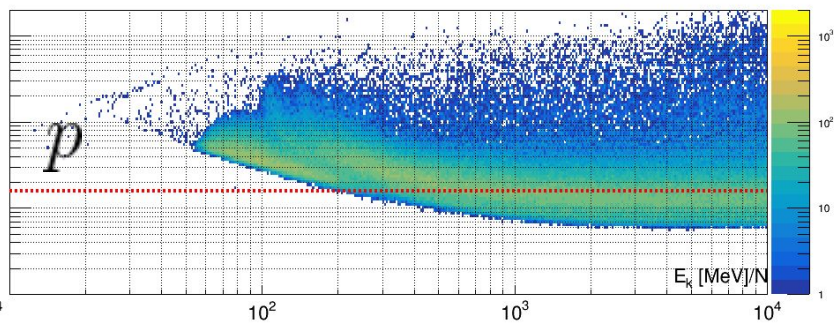
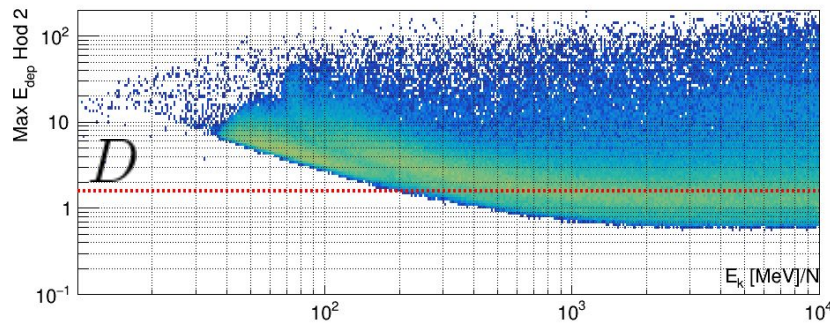
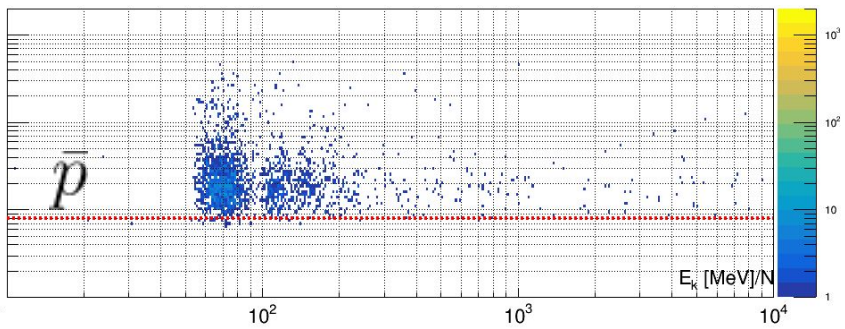
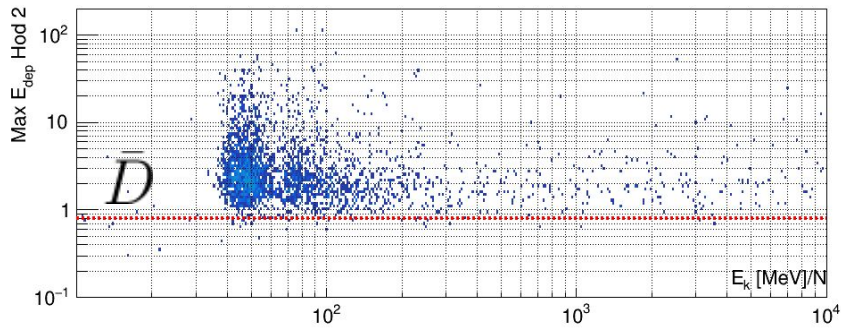
Prompt number of slab Hod2



Number of slab Hod2 | ≤ 2

Single contributions (50 ns)

Delayed max E Hod2

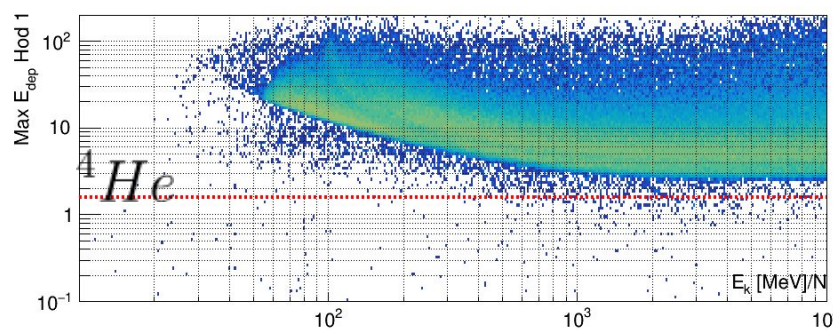
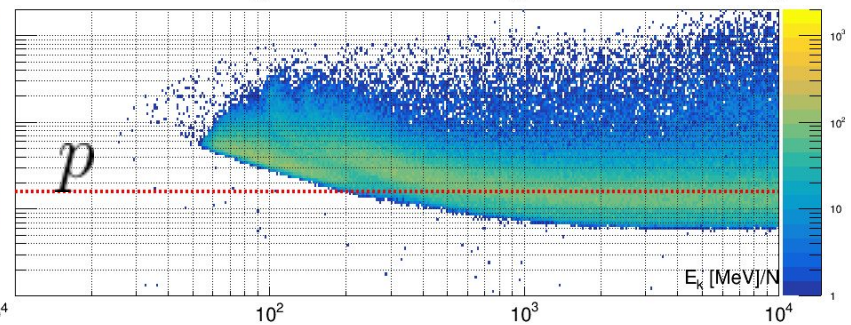
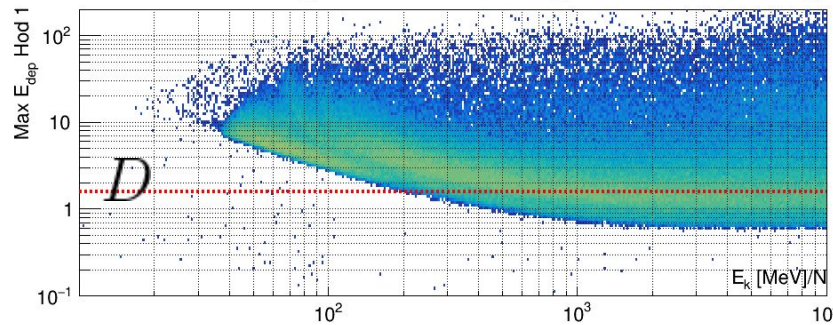
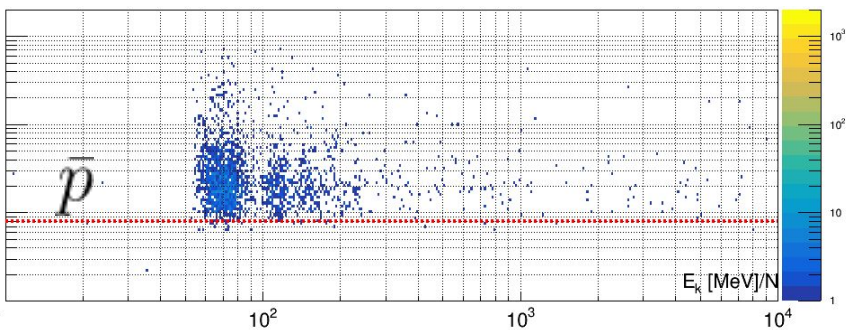
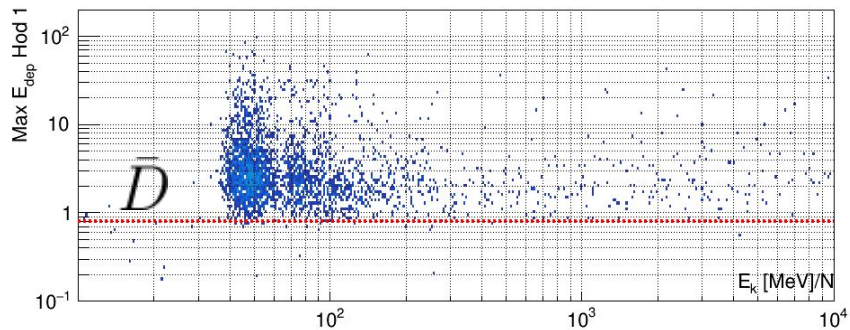


Max E_{dep} Hod2

> 0.8 MeV

Single contributions (50 ns)

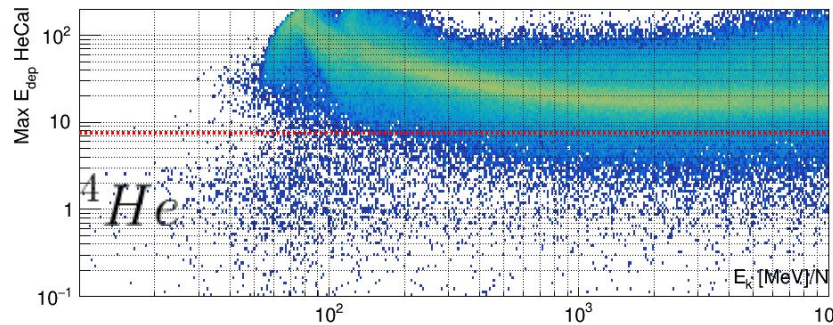
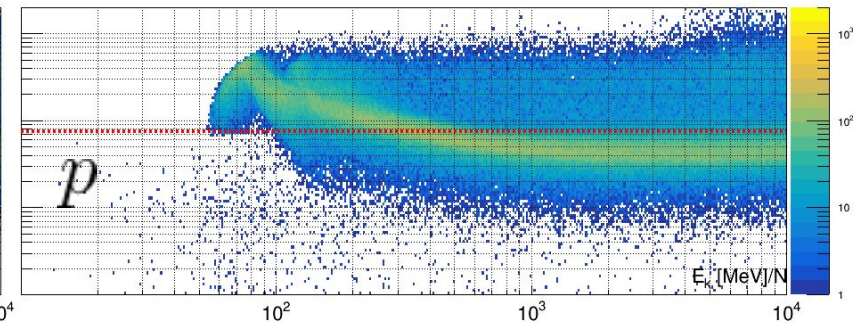
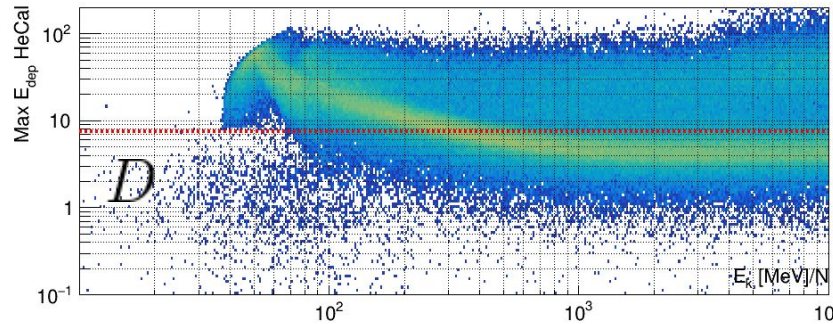
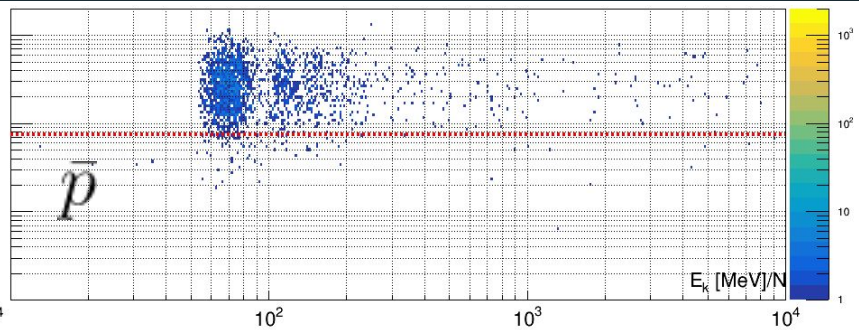
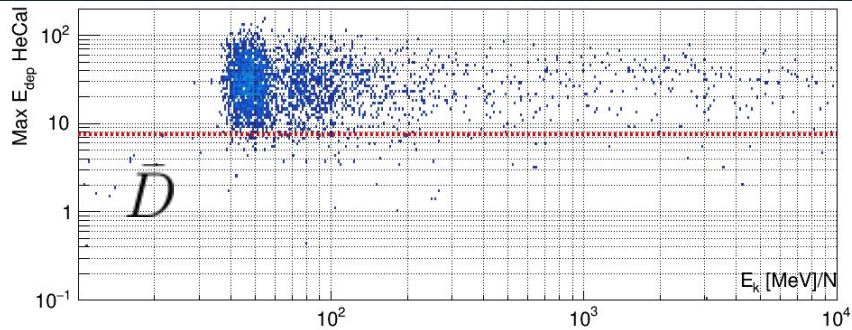
Delayed max E Hod1



$\text{Max } E_{\text{dep}} \text{ Hod 1}$	$> 0.8 \text{ MeV}$
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Single contributions (50 ns)

Delayed max E HeCal

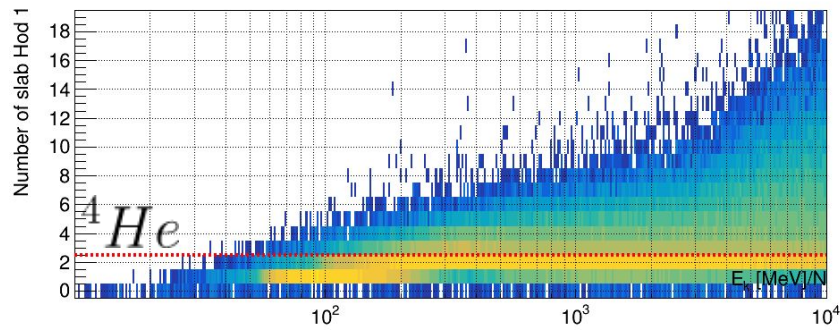
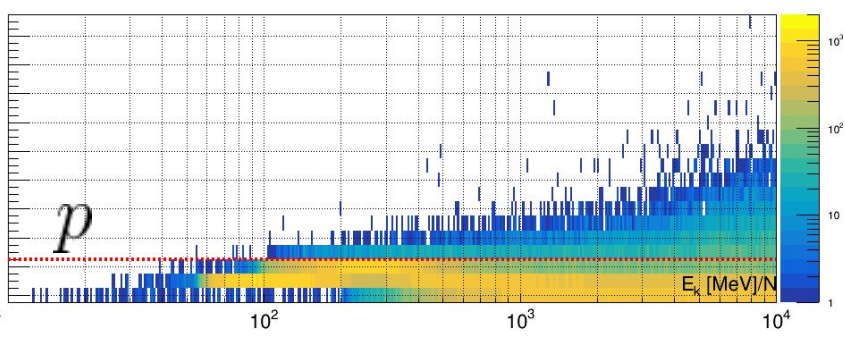
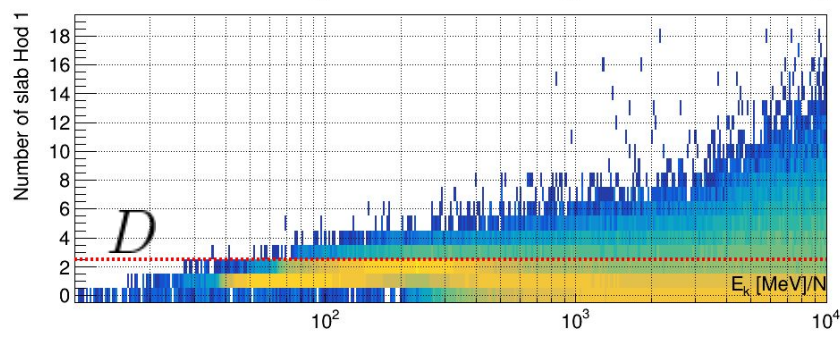
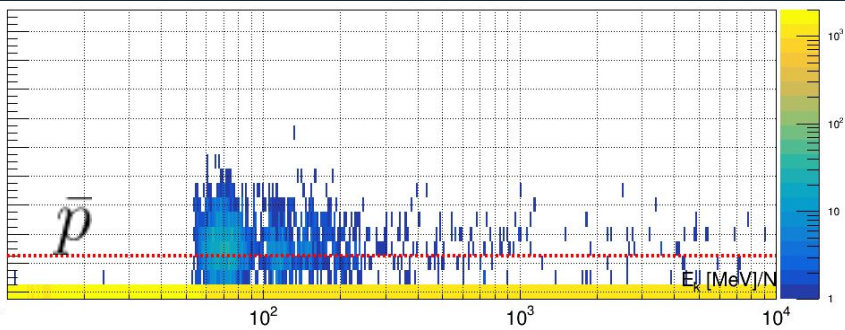
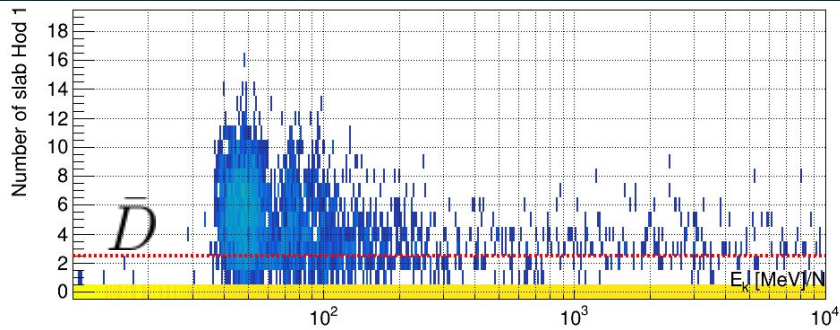


Max E_{dep} HeCal

> 7.5 MeV

Single contributions (50 ns)

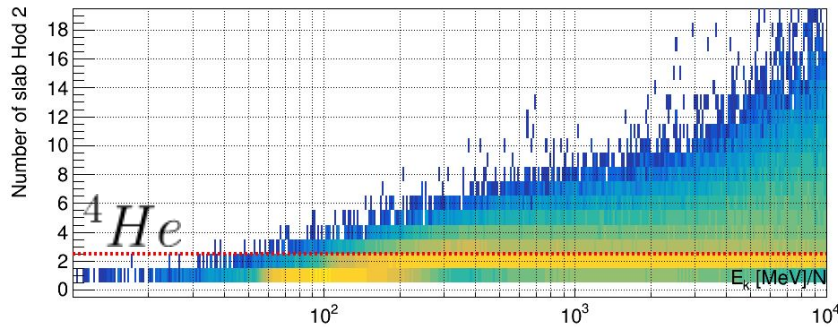
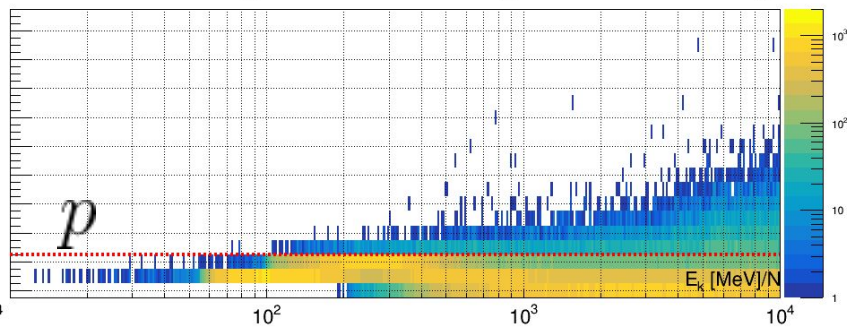
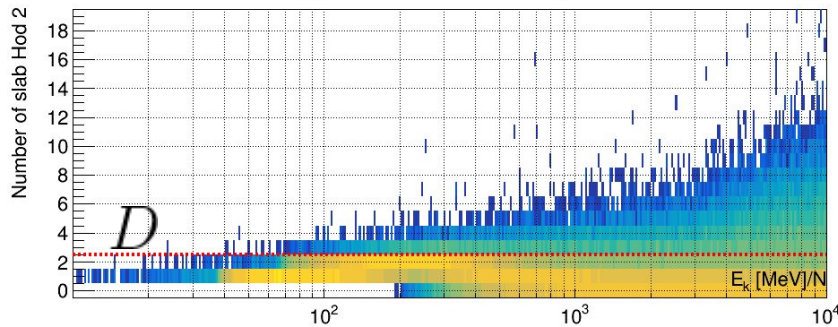
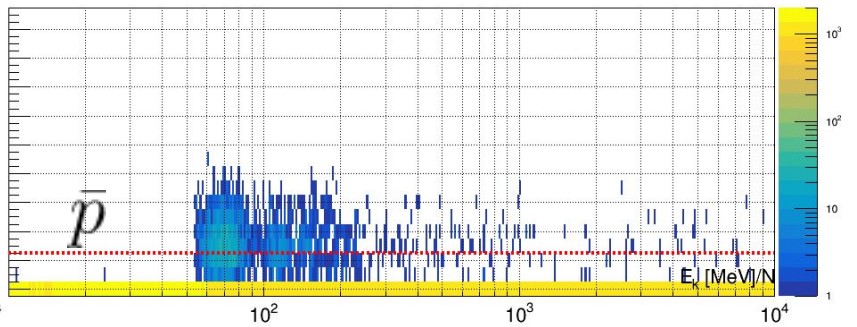
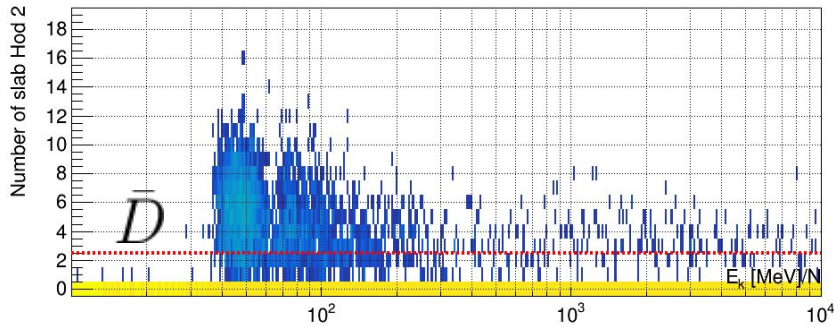
Delayed number of slab Hod1



Number of slab Hod1 > 2

Single contributions (50 ns)

Delayed number of slab Hod2



Number of slab Hod2 | > 2

Conclusions

A preliminary version of a trigger selection has been presented.

Next steps:

The efficiencies of the prompt and delayed selection must be evaluated.

The number of scintillators slab, can be evaluated between two thresholds.