



# Glauber Model + Particle Production Model

Modeling the experimental observables to determine centrality.

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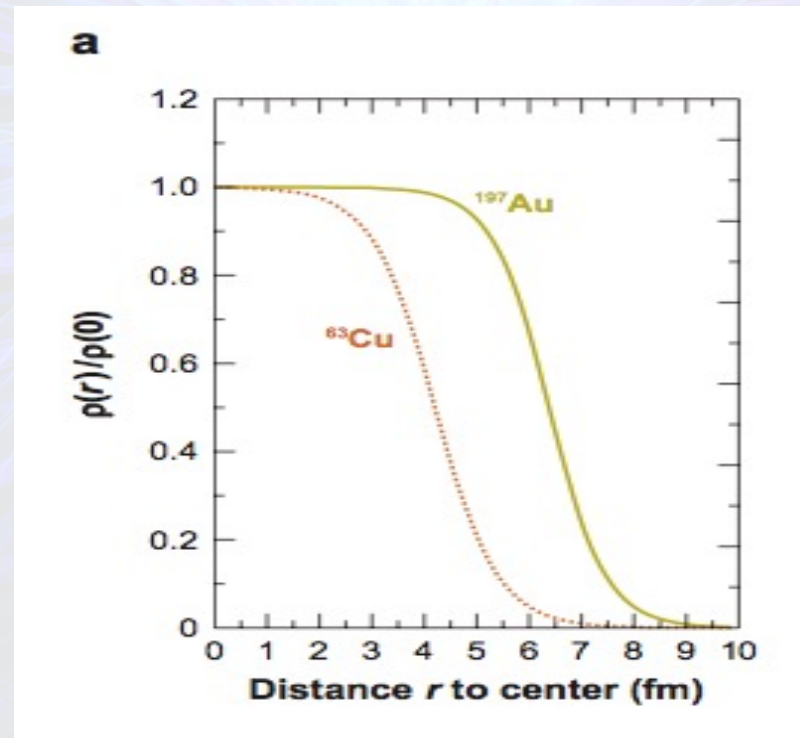


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# Nuclear Charge Densities

- Charge densities: similar to a hard sphere.
  - Edge is "fuzzy": Woods-Saxon distribution



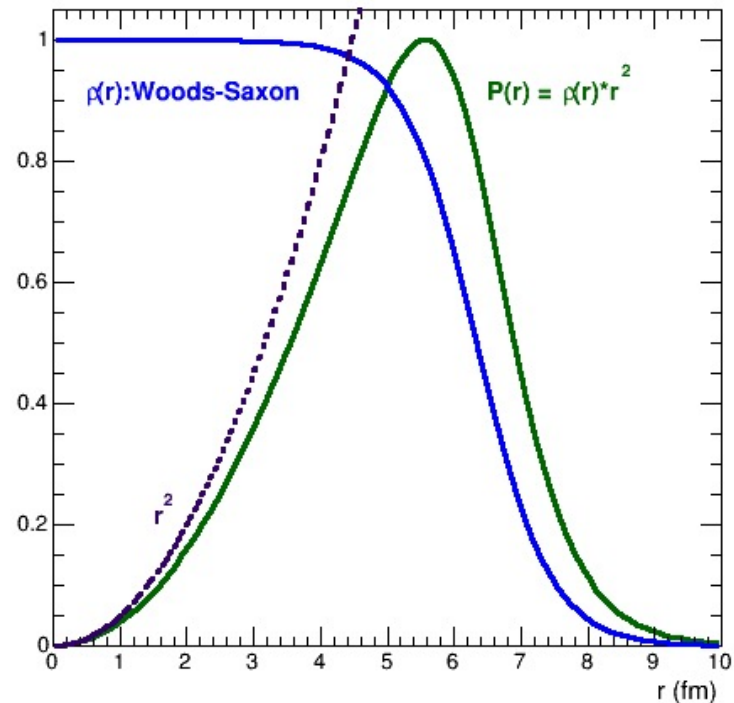
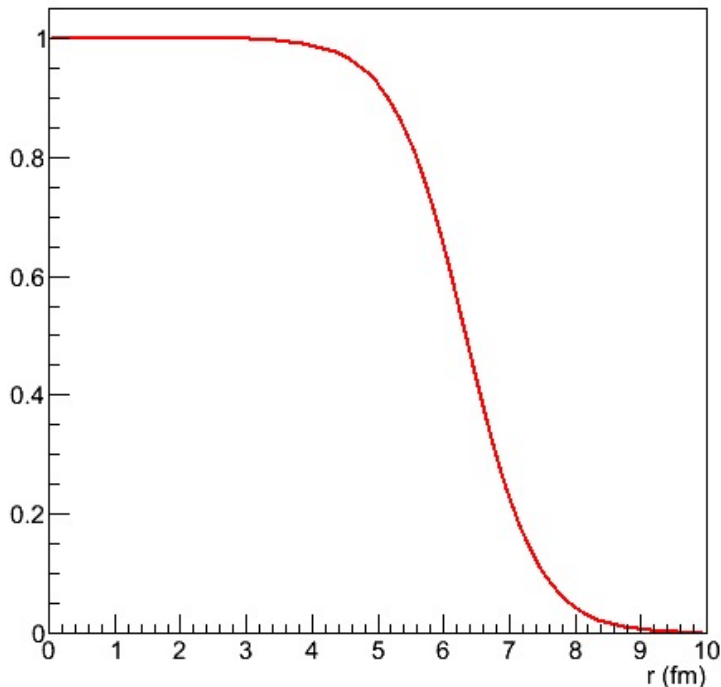


# For the Pb nucleus (used at LHC)

- Woods-Saxon density:
  - $R = 1.07 \text{ fm} * A^{1/3}$
  - $a = 0.54 \text{ fm}$
  - $A = 208 \text{ nucleons}$
- Probability :  $\propto r^2 \rho(r)$

$$\rho(r) = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + e^{\frac{r-R}{a}}}$$

Pb Radial Volume Density





# Nuclei: A bunch of nucleons

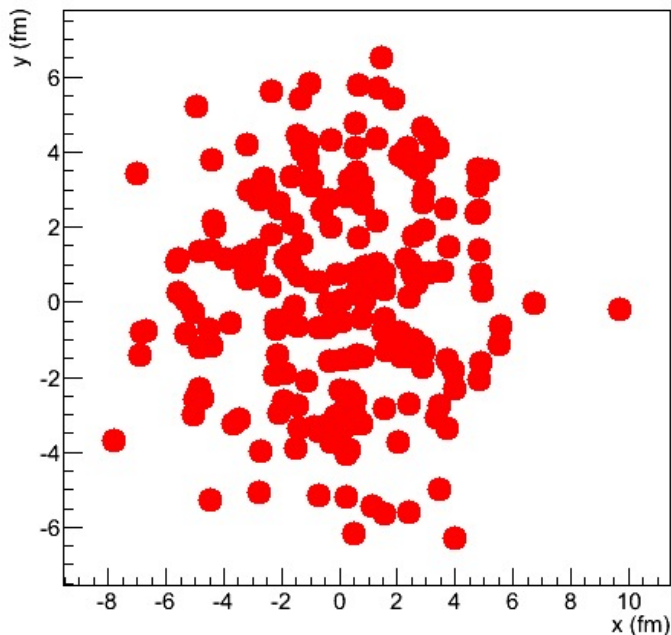
- Each nucleon is distributed with:

$$P(r, \theta, \phi) = \rho(r)dV = \rho(r)r^2 dr d(\cos \theta) d\phi$$

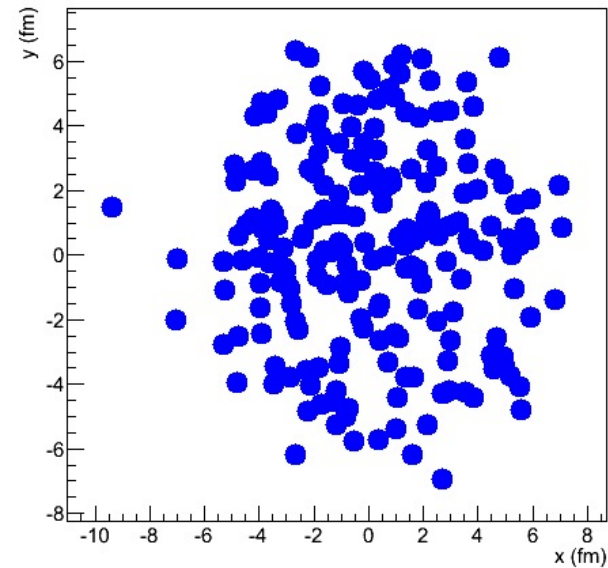
- Angular probabilities:

- Flat in  $\phi$ , flat in  $\cos(\theta)$ .

Nucleus A



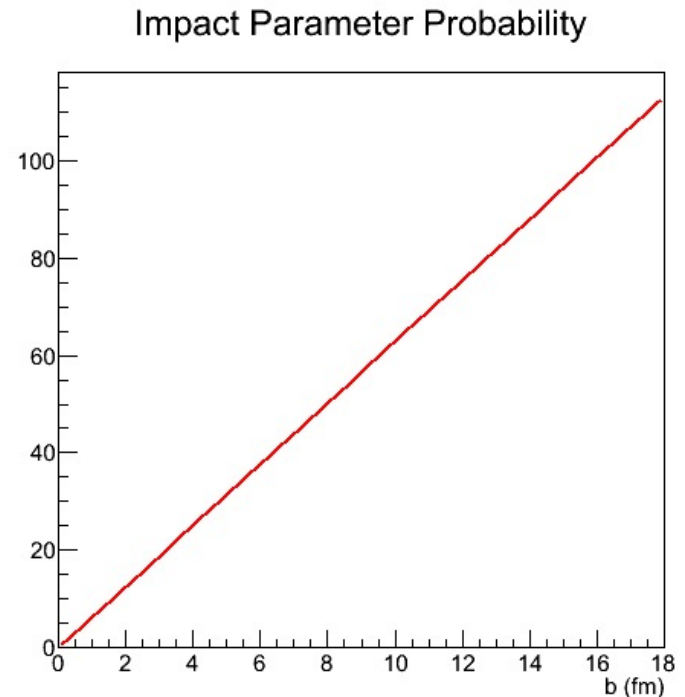
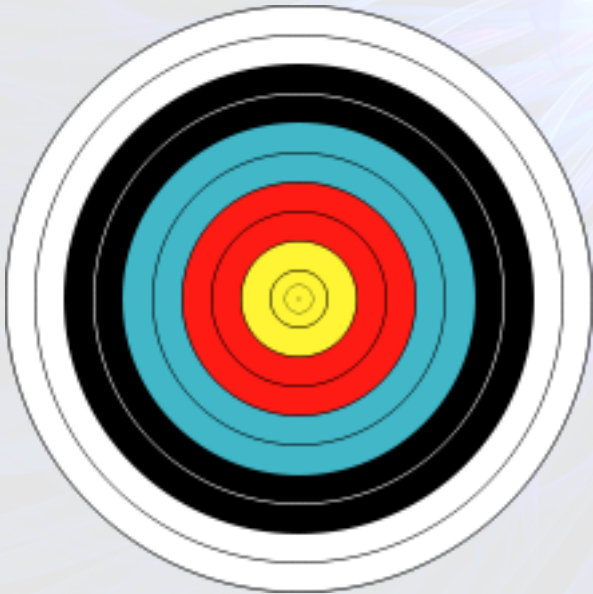
Nucleus B





# Impact parameter distribution

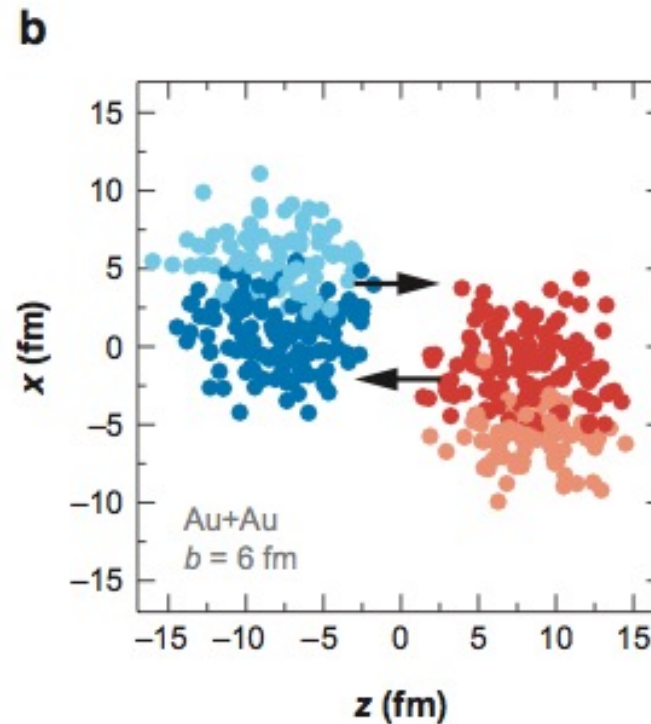
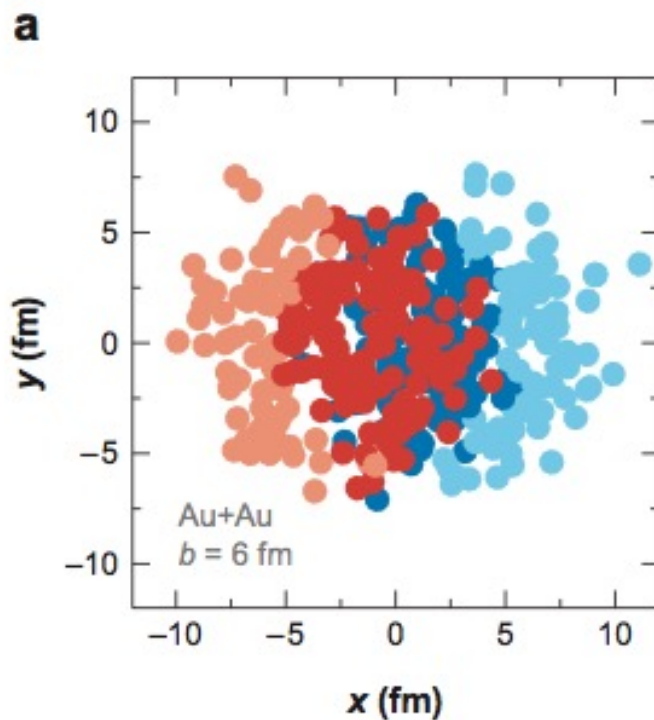
- Like hitting a target:
- Rings have more area
- Area of ring of radius  $b$ , thickness  $db$ :  $2\pi b db$
- **Area proportional to probability**





# Collision:

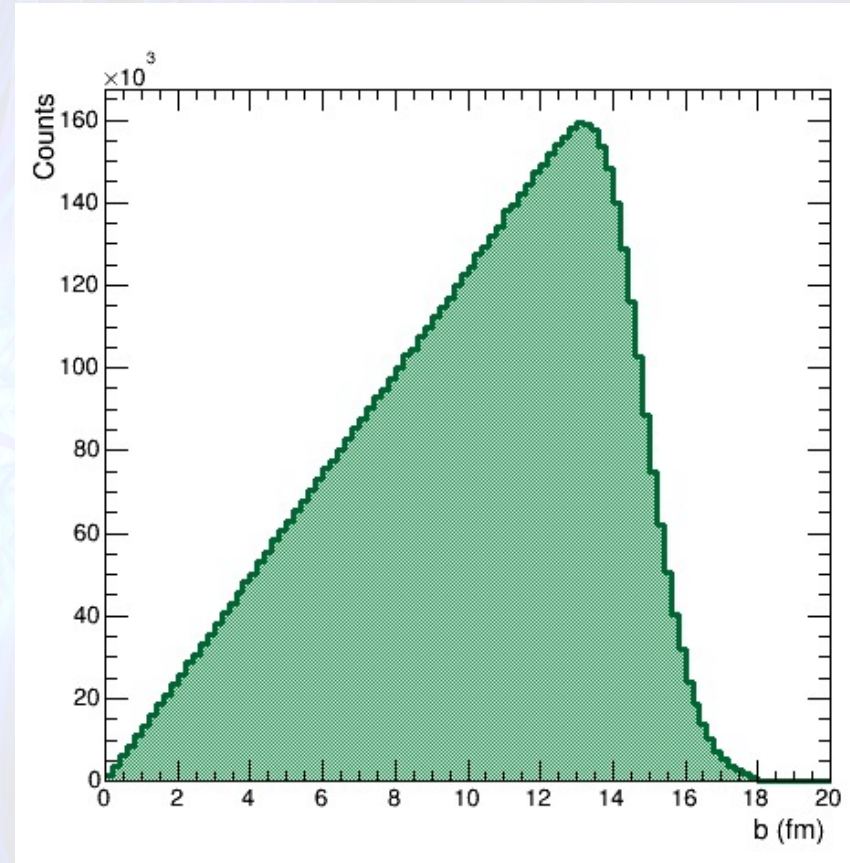
- 2 Nuclei colliding
- Red: nucleons from nucleus A
- Blue: nucleons from nucleus B





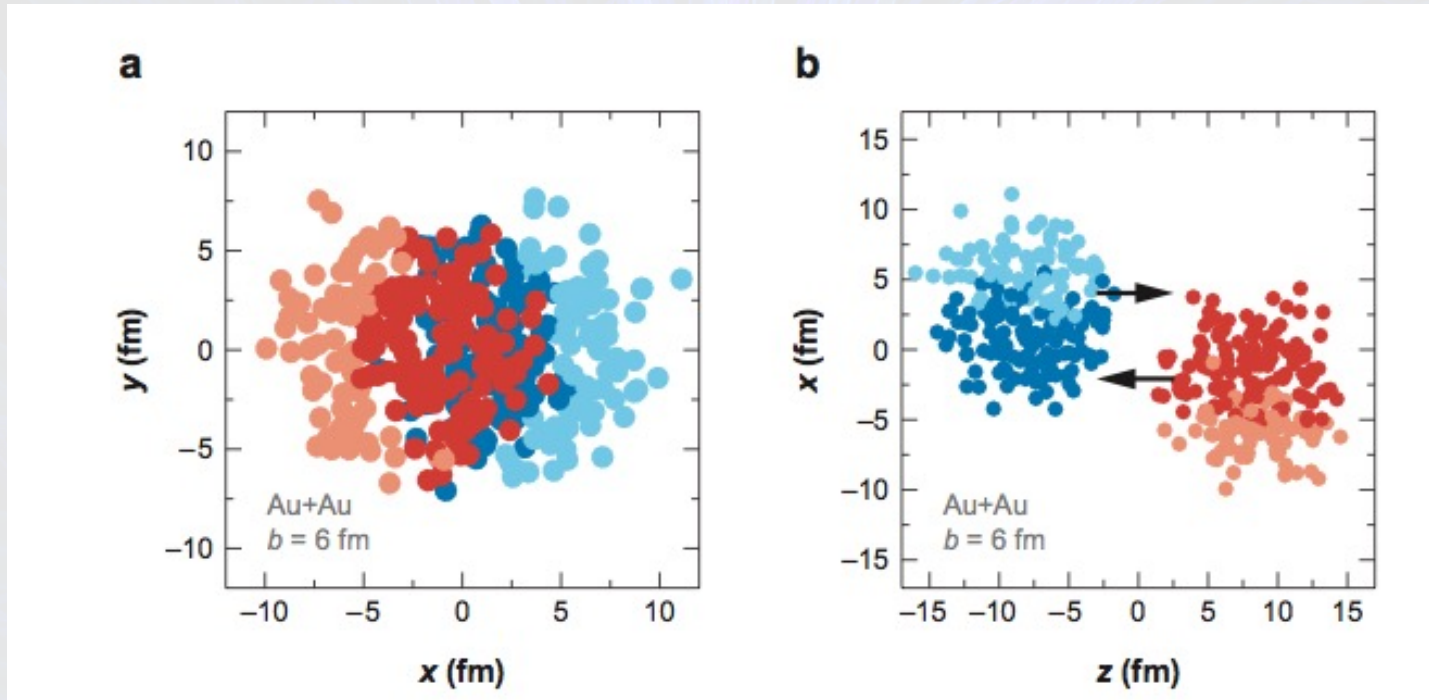
# Interaction Probability vs. Impact Parameter, $b$

- After 10M events
- Beyond  $b \sim 2R$  Nuclei miss each other
  - Note fuzzy edge
- Largest probability:
  - Collision at  $b \sim 12-14$  fm
- Head on collisions:
  - $b \sim 0$ : Small probability





# Binary Collisions, Number of participants



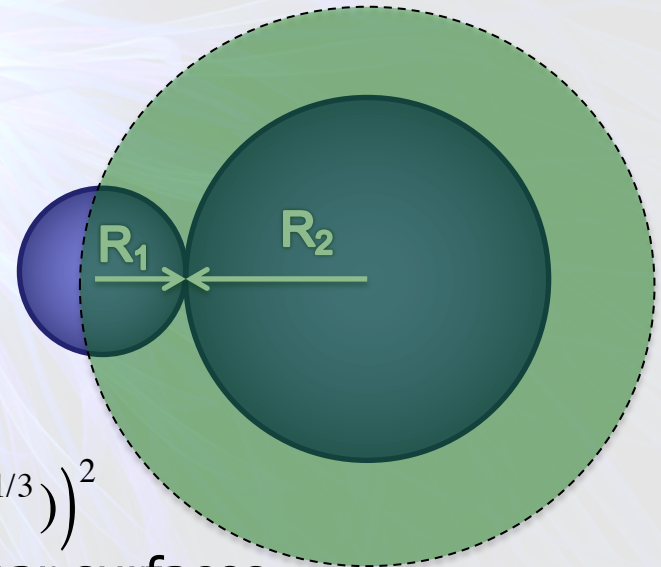
- If two nucleons get closer than  $d^2 < \sigma/\pi$  **they collide.**
- **Each colliding nucleon is a “participant” (Dark colors)**
- **Count number of binary collisions.**
- **Count number of participants**





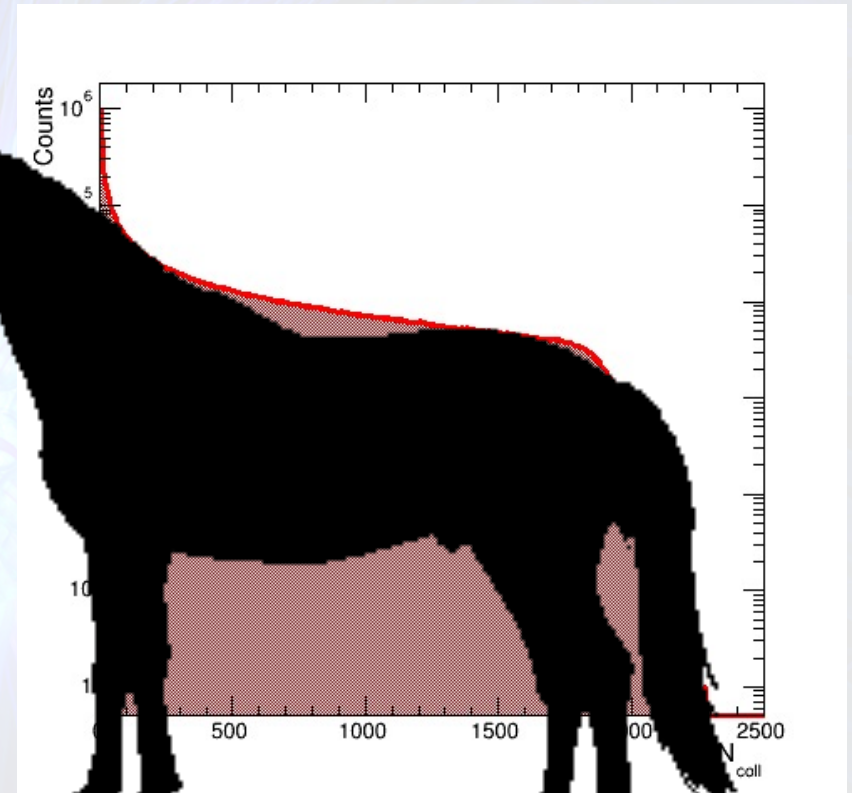
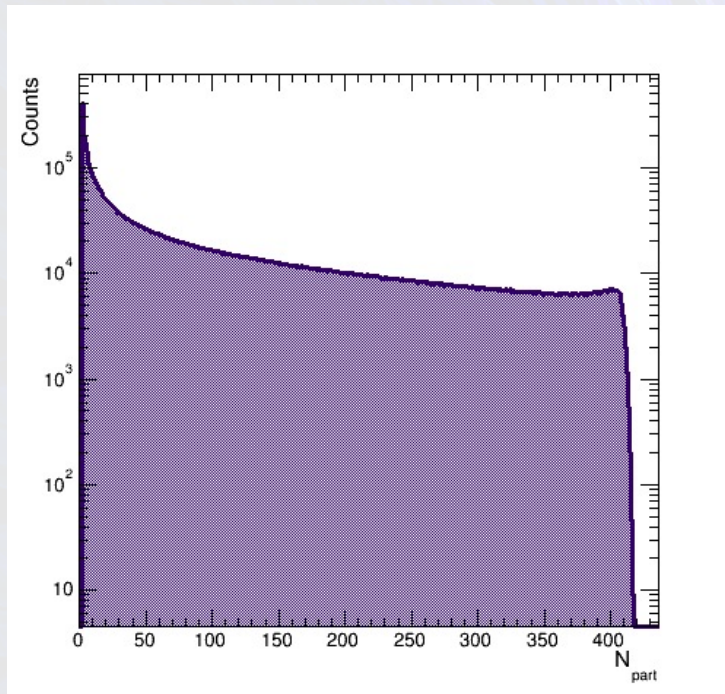
# Cross Section in Nuclear Collisions

- Nuclear forces are short range
  - Range for Yukawa Potential  $R \sim 1/M_x$ 
    - Exchanged particles are pions:  $R \sim 1/(140 \text{ MeV}) \sim 1.4 \text{ fm}$
  - Nuclei interact when their edges are  $\sim 1 \text{ fm}$  apart
  - 0<sup>th</sup> Order: Hard sphere
    - $\sigma_{\text{geom}} = \pi (R_1 + R_2)^2 = \pi r_0^2 (A_1^{1/3} + A_2^{1/3})^2$ 
      - $r_0 = 1.2 \text{ fm}$
  - Bradt & Peters formula
    - $\sigma_{\text{geom}} = \pi r_0^2 (A_1^{1/3} + A_2^{1/3} - b)^2$ 
      - $b$  decreases with increasing  $A_{\text{min}}$
  - J.P. Vary's formula:
    - $\sigma_{\text{geom}} = \pi r_0^2 (A_1^{1/3} + A_2^{1/3} - b_0 (A_1^{-1/3} + A_2^{-1/3}))^2$ 
      - Last term: curvature effects on nuclear surfaces





# Find $N_{\text{part}}$ , $N_{\text{coll}}$ , $b$ distributions

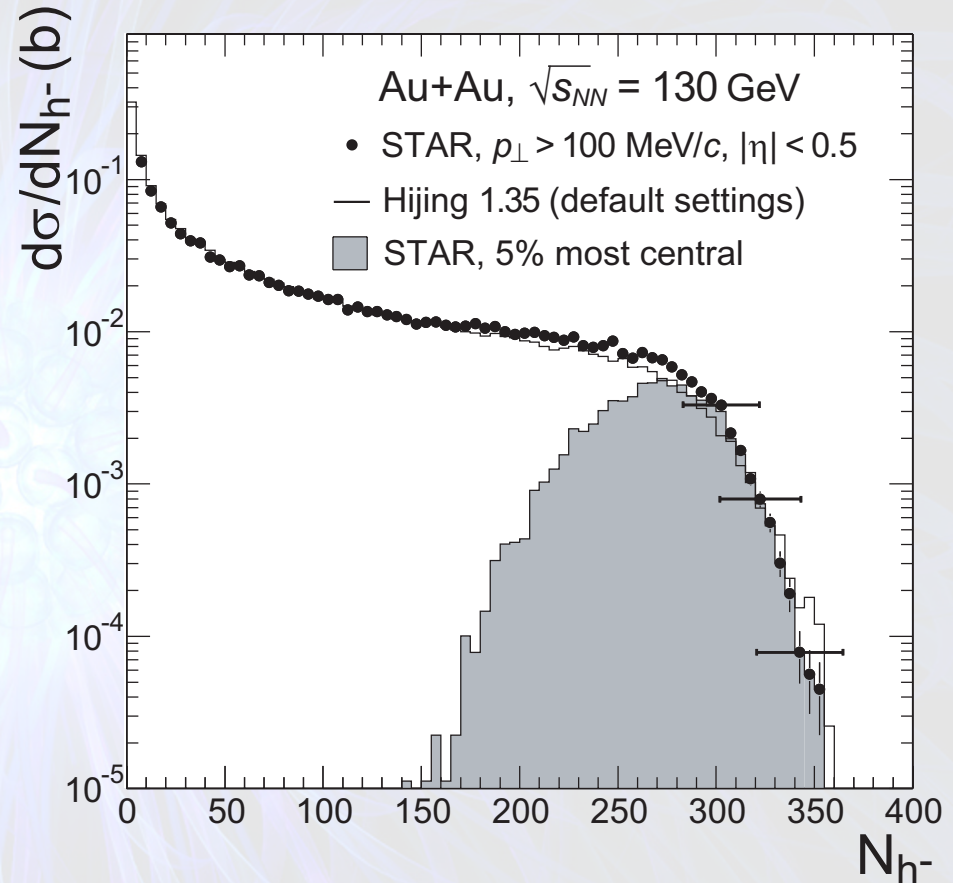
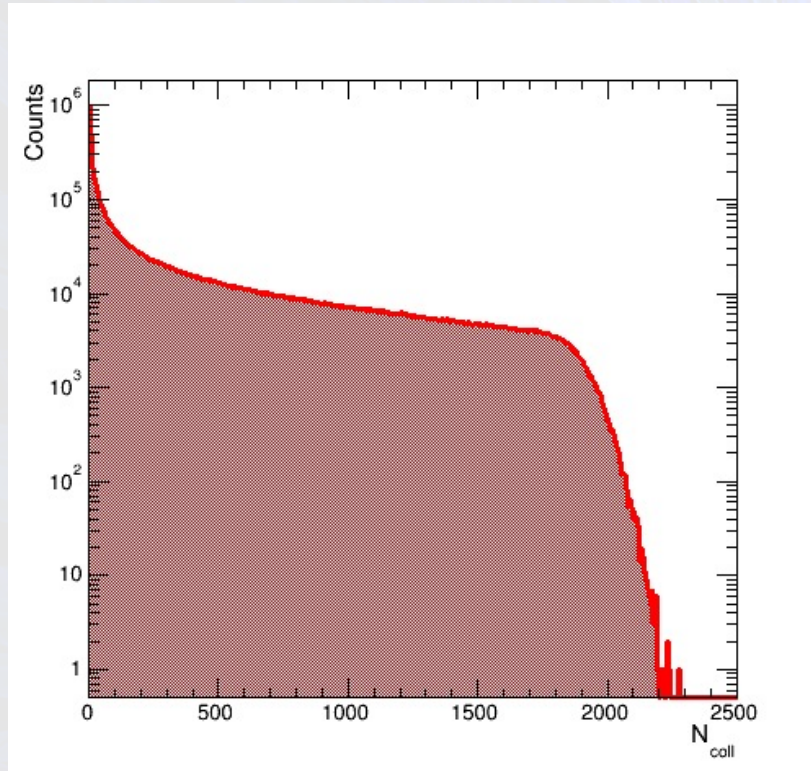


## ● Nuclear Collisions



# From Glauber to Measurements

## ● Multiplicity Distributions in STAR



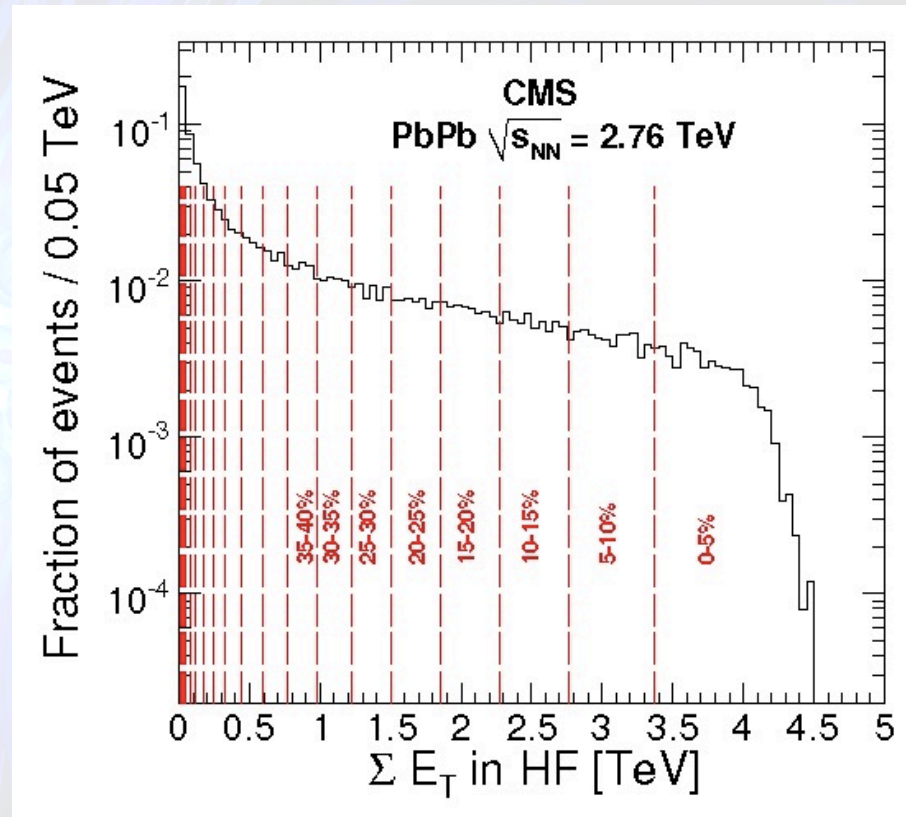
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# Comparing to Experimental data: CMS example

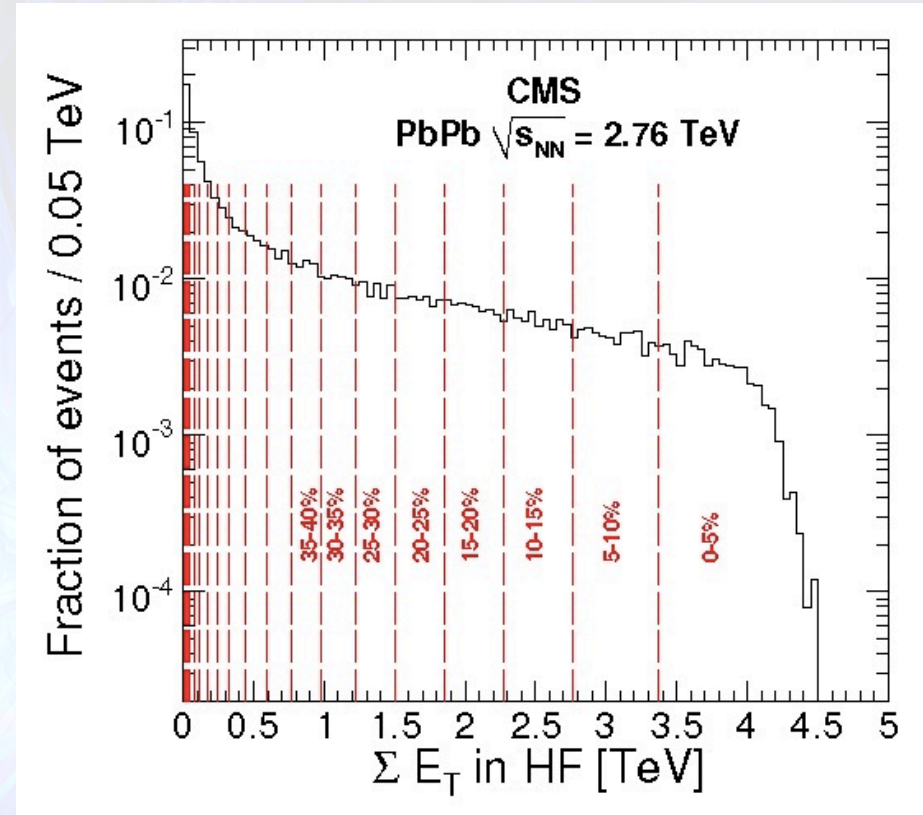
- Each nucleon-nucleon collision produces particles.
  - Particle production: negative binomial distribution.
- Particles can be measured: tracks, energy in a detector.
- CMS: Energy deposited by Hadrons in "Forward" region





# Centrality Table in CMS

- From CMS MC Glauber model.
- CMS: HIN-10-001,
- JHEP 08 (2011) 141
- Phobos version of Glauber MC:
  - SoftwareX 1-2 (2015) 13-18
  - [arXiv:1408.2549](https://arxiv.org/abs/1408.2549)

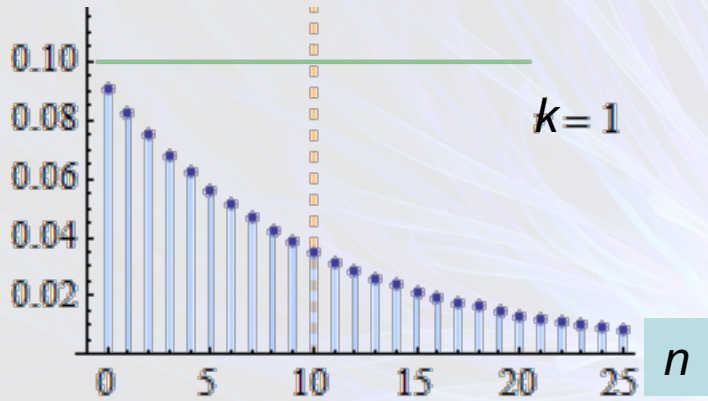


Centrality	0-5%	5-10%	10-15%	15-20%	20-25%	25-30%
$N_{\text{part}}$	$381 \pm 2$	$329 \pm 3$	$283 \pm 3$	$240 \pm 3$	$203 \pm 3$	$171 \pm 3$
Centrality	30-35%	35-40%	40-45%	45-50%	50-55%	55-60%
$N_{\text{part}}$	$142 \pm 3$	$117 \pm 3$	$95.8 \pm 3.0$	$76.8 \pm 2.7$	$60.4 \pm 2.7$	$46.7 \pm 2.3$
Centrality	60-65%	65-70%	70-75%	75-80%	80-85%	85-90%
$N_{\text{part}}$	$35.3 \pm 2.0$	$25.8 \pm 1.6$	$18.5 \pm 1.2$	$12.8 \pm 0.9$	$8.64 \pm 0.56$	$5.71 \pm 0.24$



# UA5 Multiplicity Distributions in $p + \bar{p}$

## Fit to negative binomial:



$$\binom{n+k-1}{n} p^n (1-p)^k, \text{ Mean: } \mu = \frac{pk}{1-p}$$

## NBD

Rewrite in terms of mean  $\mu$  and  $k$ :

$$(1-p)\mu = pk; \mu/k = p/(1-p)$$

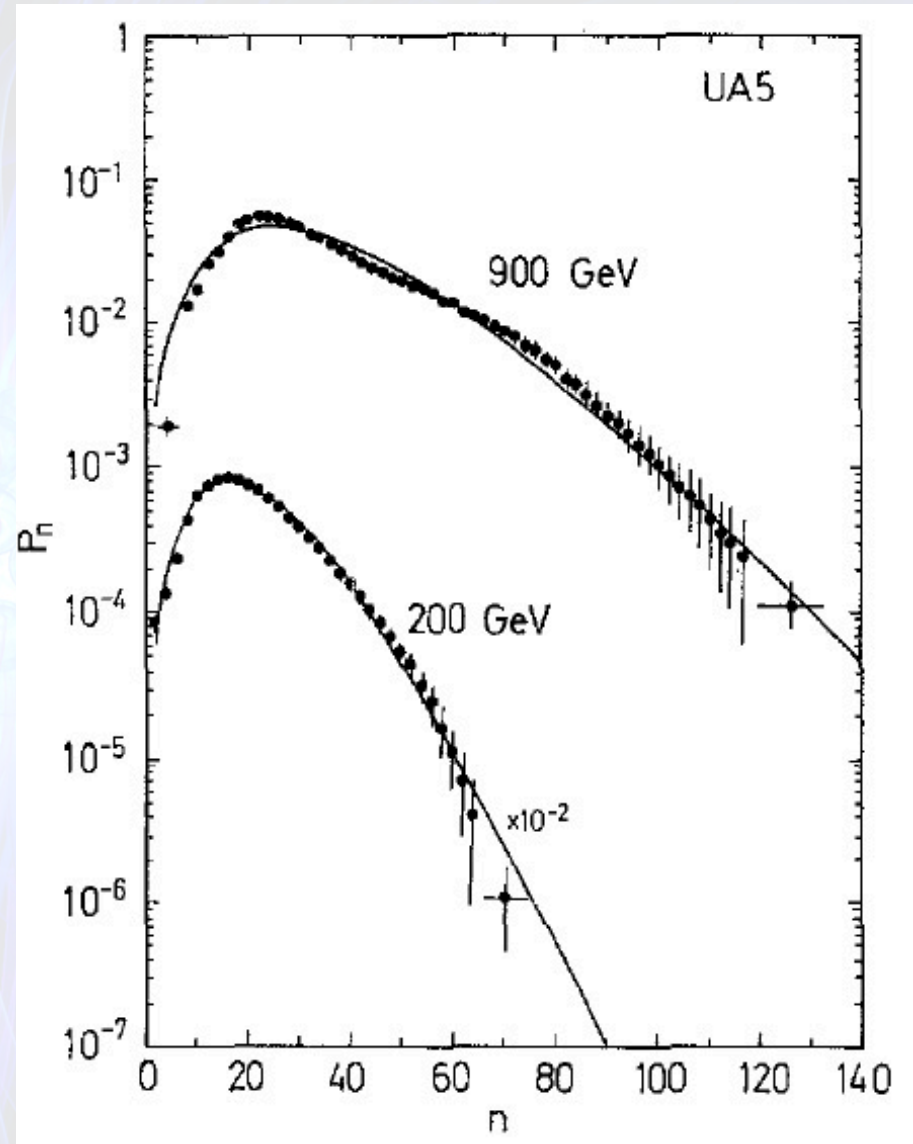
$$(\mu/k)^n = p^n / (1-p)^n$$

$$(\mu/k+1) = (p+1-p)/(1-p) = 1/(1-p)$$

$$(\mu/k+1)^{-(n+k)} = (1-p)^{n+k}$$

$$\frac{(\mu/k)^n}{(\mu/k+1)^{n+k}} = p^n (1-p)^k$$

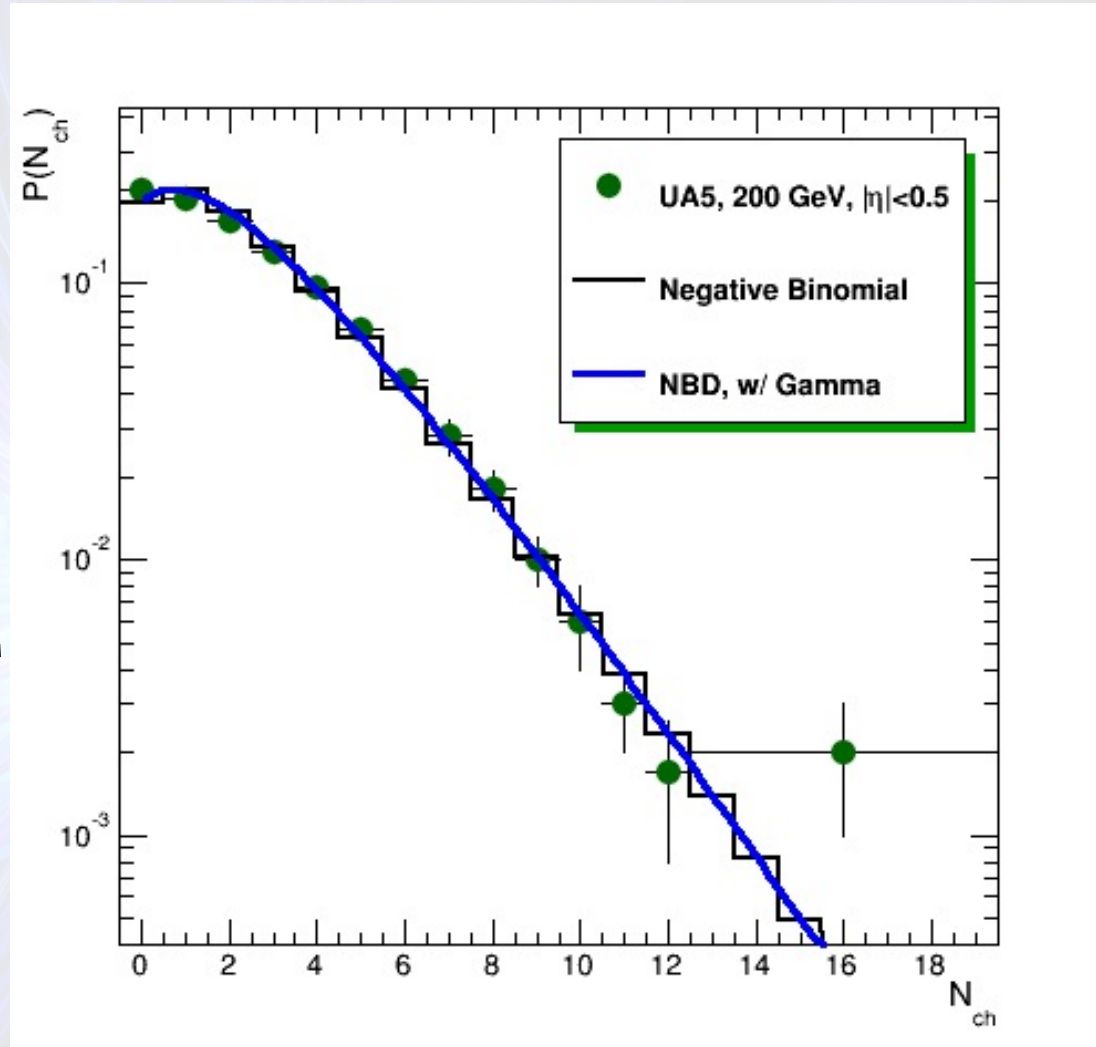
$$\binom{n+k-1}{n} \frac{(\mu/k)^n}{(\mu/k+1)^{n+k}}$$





# Fit of UA5 Data to NBD

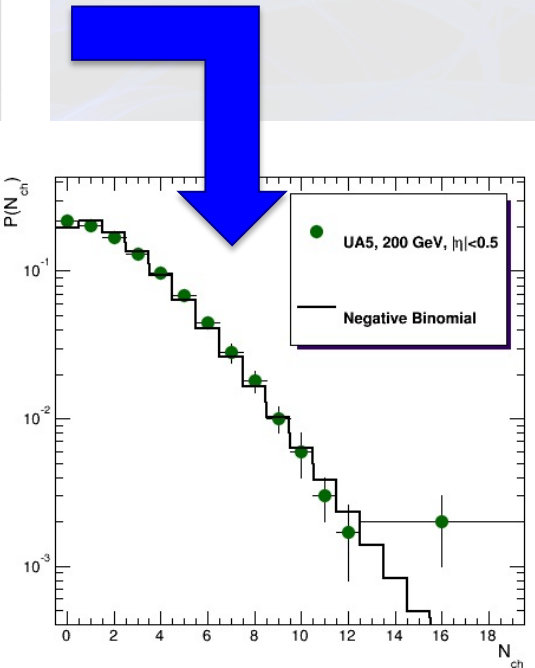
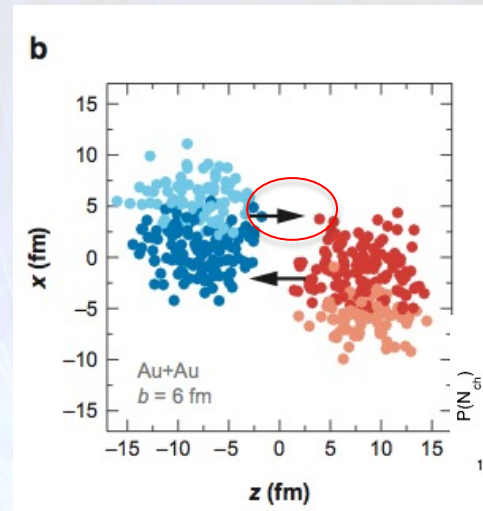
- Midrapidity data
- Fit to NBD:
  - $\mu = 2.53 \pm 0.06$
  - $k = 2.00 \pm 0.03$
- Easy to do in ROOT with Minuit
  - Data are fit to an analytic function
    - Can use Gamma functions to get a smooth curve





# Fitting the $E_T$ Distribution

- Each binary collision:
  - Produces particles or energy
  - For a given PbPb collision, with  $N_{\text{coll}}$  binary collisions:
    - Sample from NBD,  $N_{\text{coll}}$  times.
    - Gives one realization (pseudo-event) for that value of  $N_{\text{coll}}$
- Obtain a distribution for that value of  $N_{\text{coll}}$  by repeating the above many times.
- Sum the results for all values of  $N_{\text{coll}}$
- This is no longer analytic!

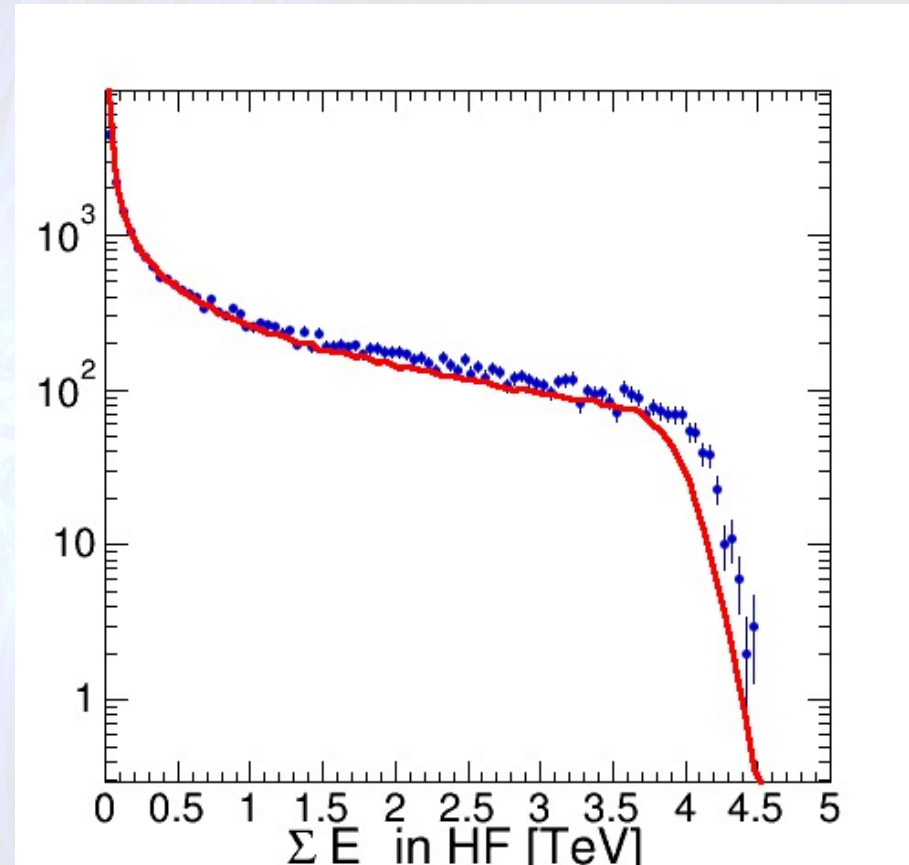






# Resulting distribution

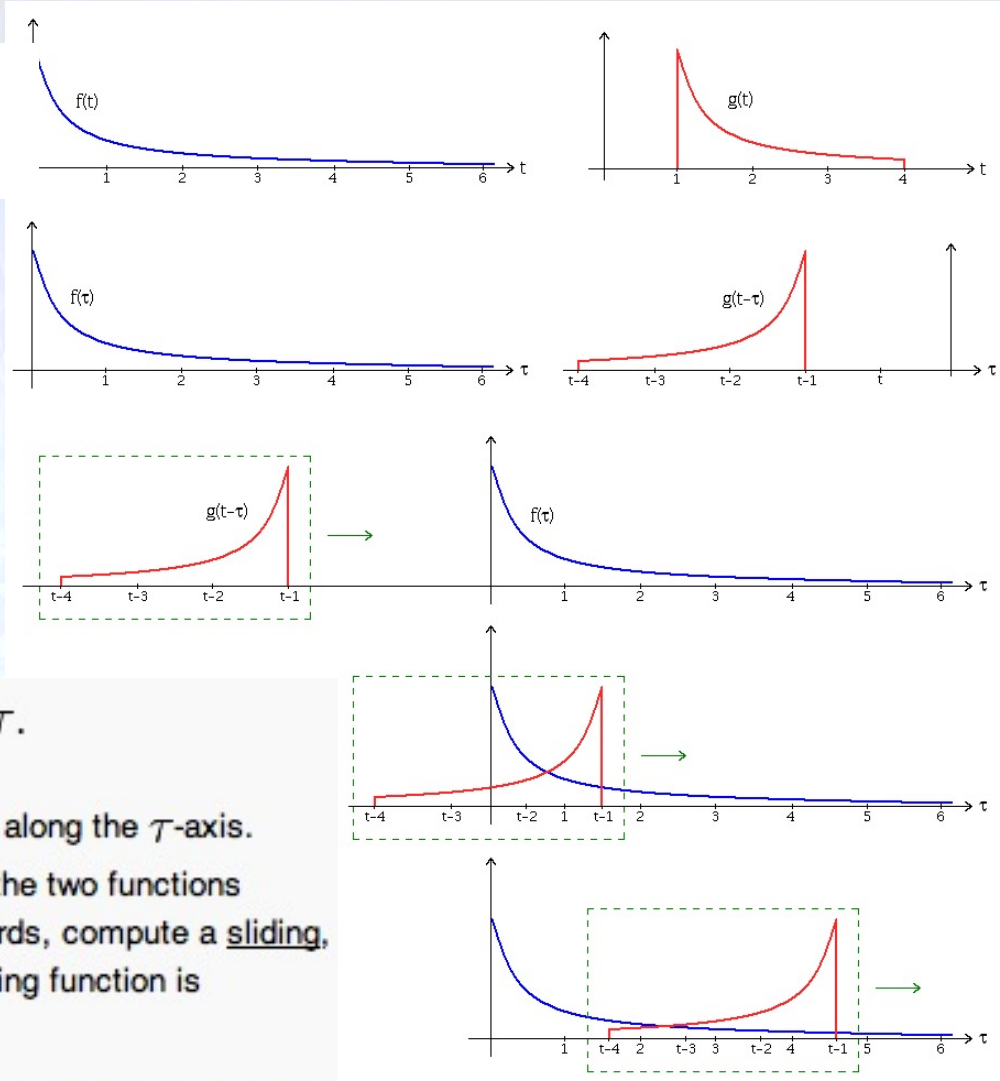
- Shape can be similar to experiment
  - Will depend on choice of parameters:  $k$ ,  $\langle n \rangle$ 
    - Here:
      - $k=0.96$
      - $\langle n \rangle=1.6$
- In general, won't match data exactly.
  - Need to **fit** the parameters.
- Note: fit from 0.5 to 5 TeV to avoid inefficiency from peripheral collisions





# Convolution

$$(f * g)(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) g(t - \tau) d\tau$$

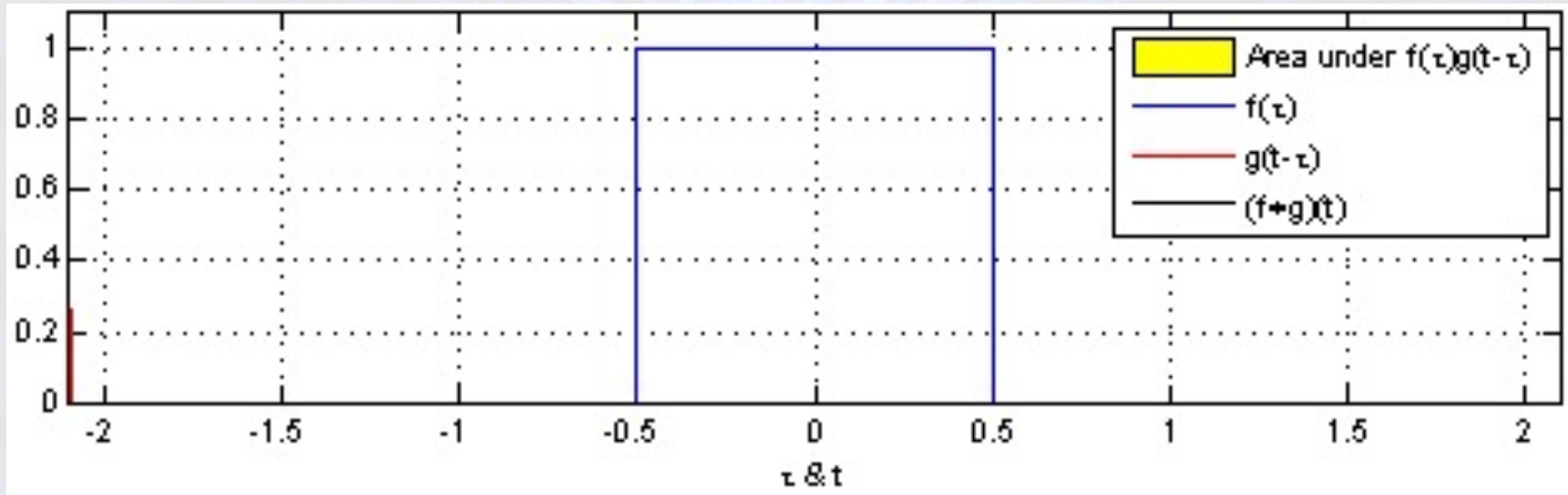


1. Express each function in terms of a **dummy variable**  $\tau$ .
2. Reflect one of the functions:  $g(\tau) \rightarrow g(-\tau)$ .
3. Add a time-offset,  $t$ , which allows  $g(t - \tau)$  to slide along the  $\tau$ -axis.
4. Start  $t$  at  $-\infty$  and slide it all the way to  $+\infty$ . Wherever the two functions intersect, find the integral of their product. In other words, compute a sliding, weighted-average of function  $f(\tau)$ , where the weighting function is  $g(-\tau)$ .

The resulting waveform (not shown here) is the convolution of functions  $f$  and  $g$ .



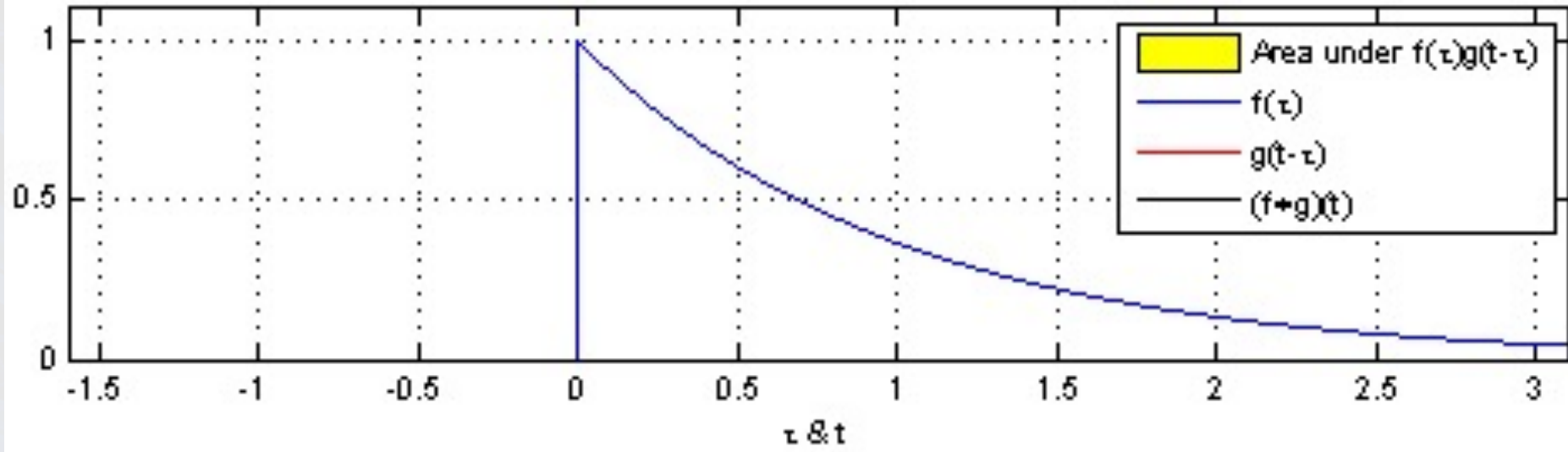
# Convolution



- As an animation



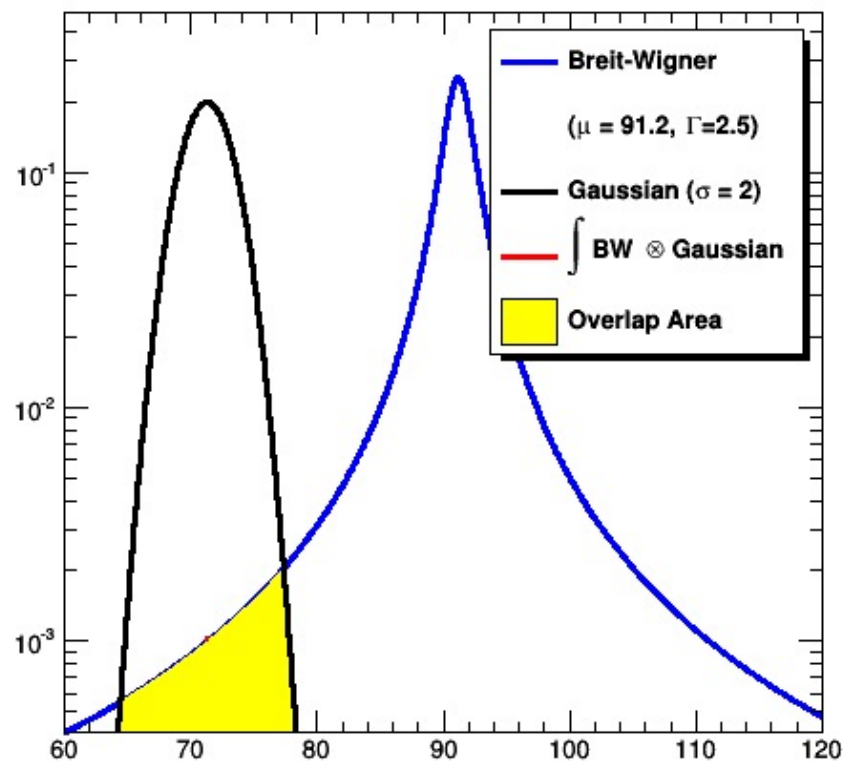
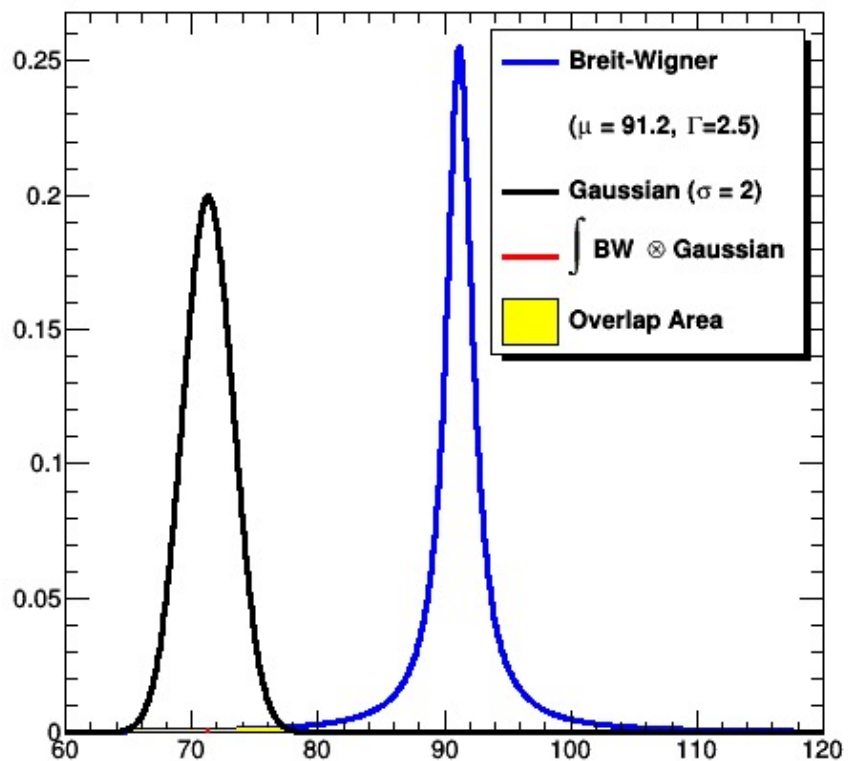
# Convolution



- Of a box and a truncated exponential-like function.



# Convolution of Breit-Wigner & Gauss

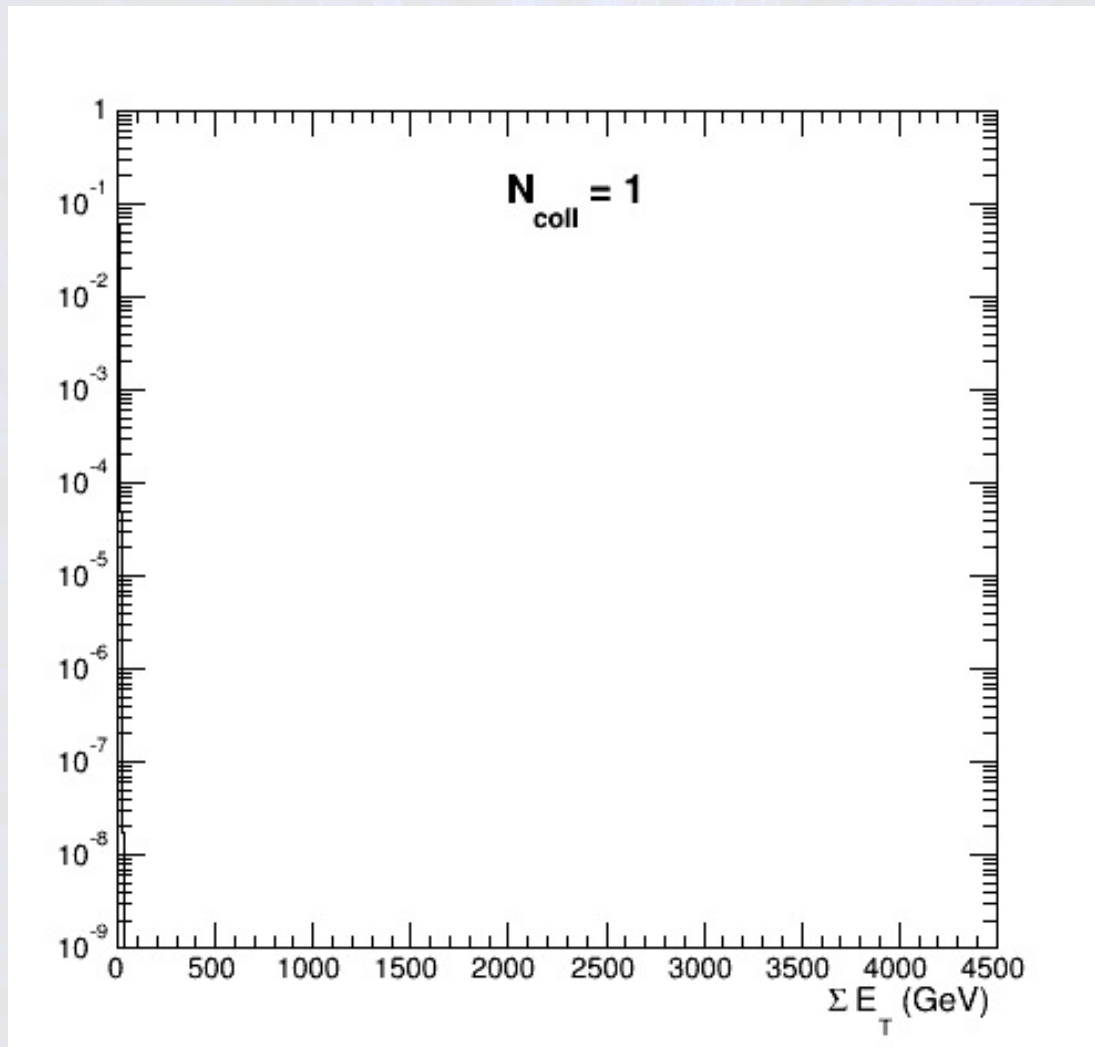


• Animation code by Chris Flores



# Convolution Animation, Drawing from NBD $N_{\text{coll}}$ times.

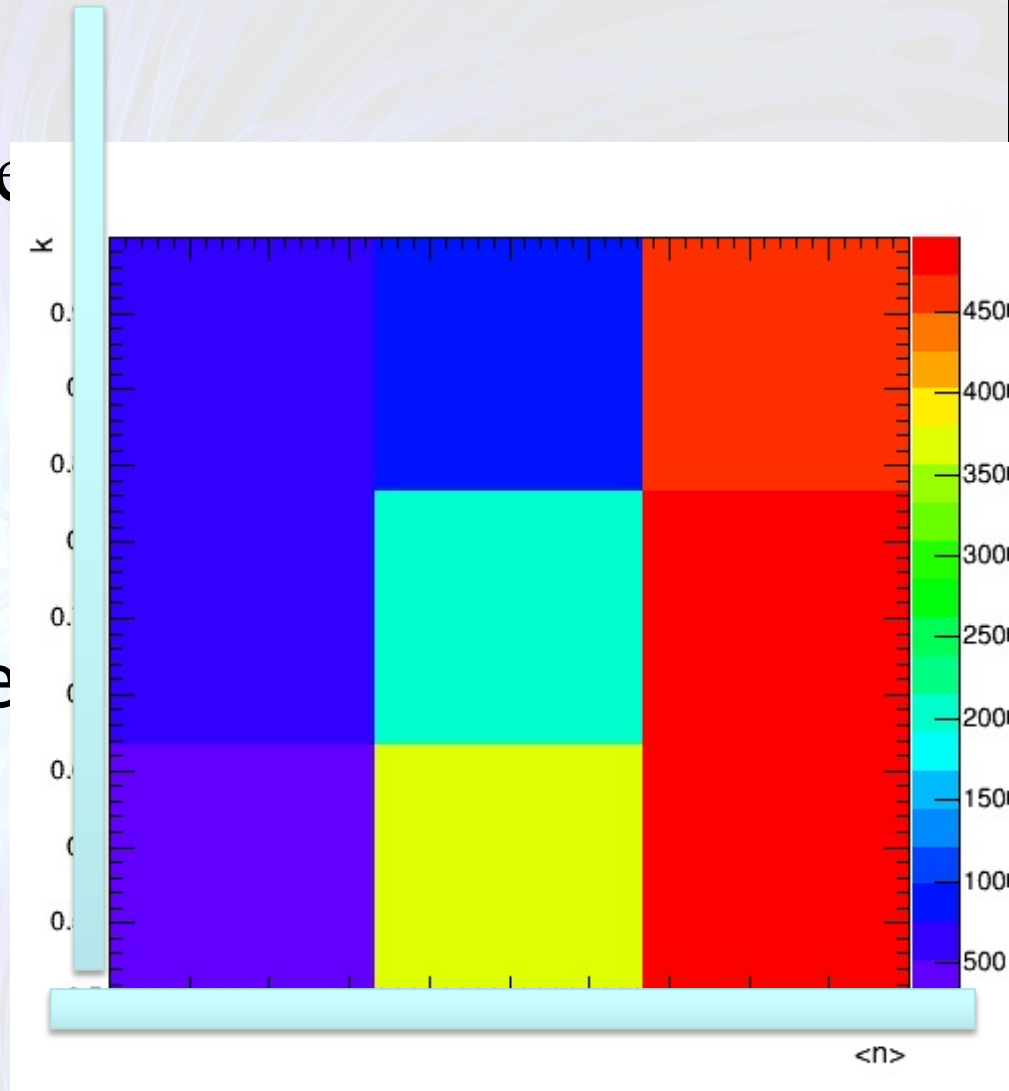
- Convoluting  $N_{\text{coll}}$  with Negative Binomial.





# Scanning the parameter space

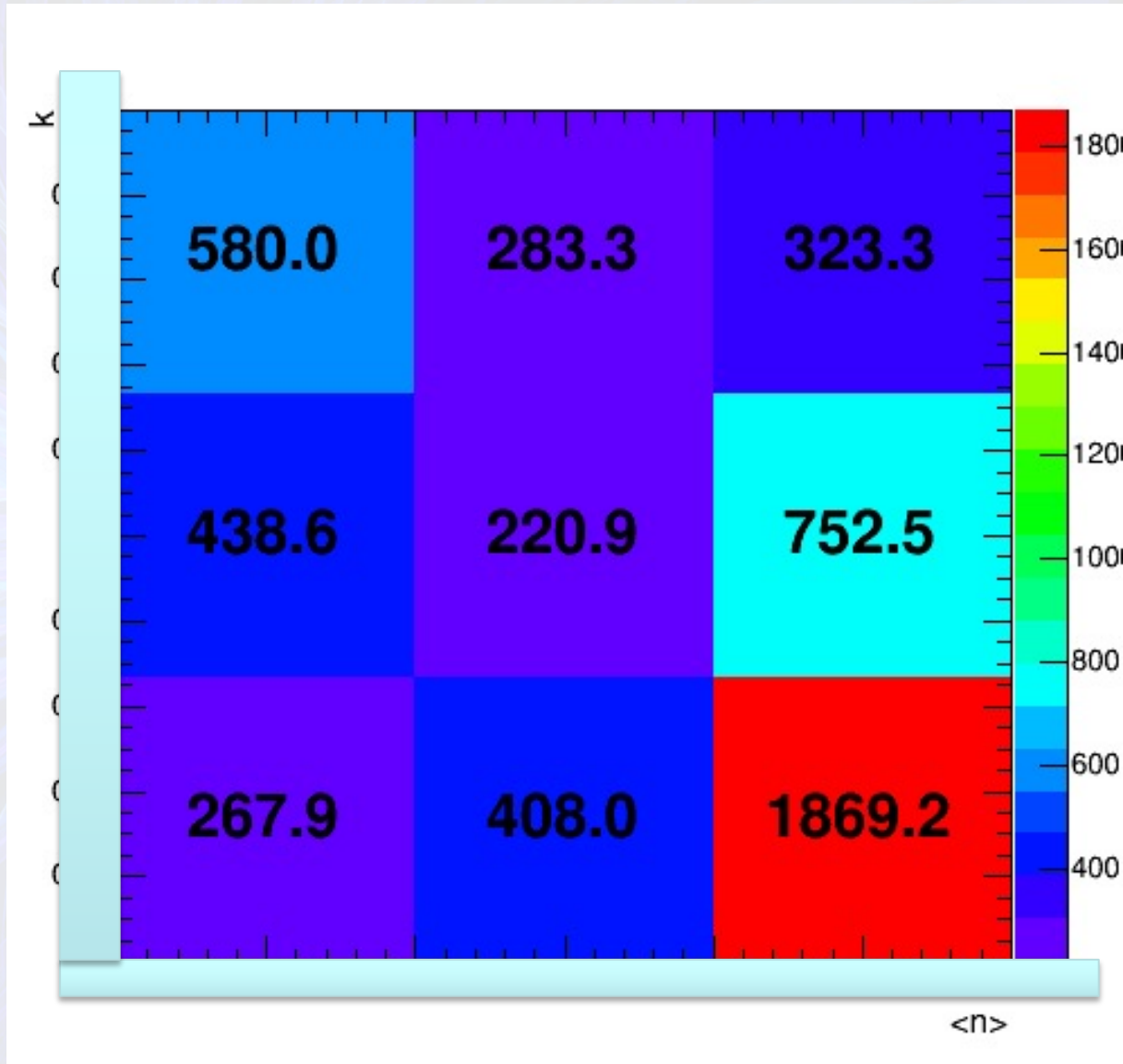
- For the Glauber MC, scan the parameter space by hand
  - First do a coarse pass
    - $k = [0.5, 1.5]$
    - $\langle n \rangle = [0.5, 1.5]$
  - Then, zero in on range
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> pass, plot:
    - Minimum  $\chi^2 \sim 500$
    - If minimum is not centered, need to re-center the range
    - Here, minimum in corner





# ...and a 3d pass

- Minimum near center of range

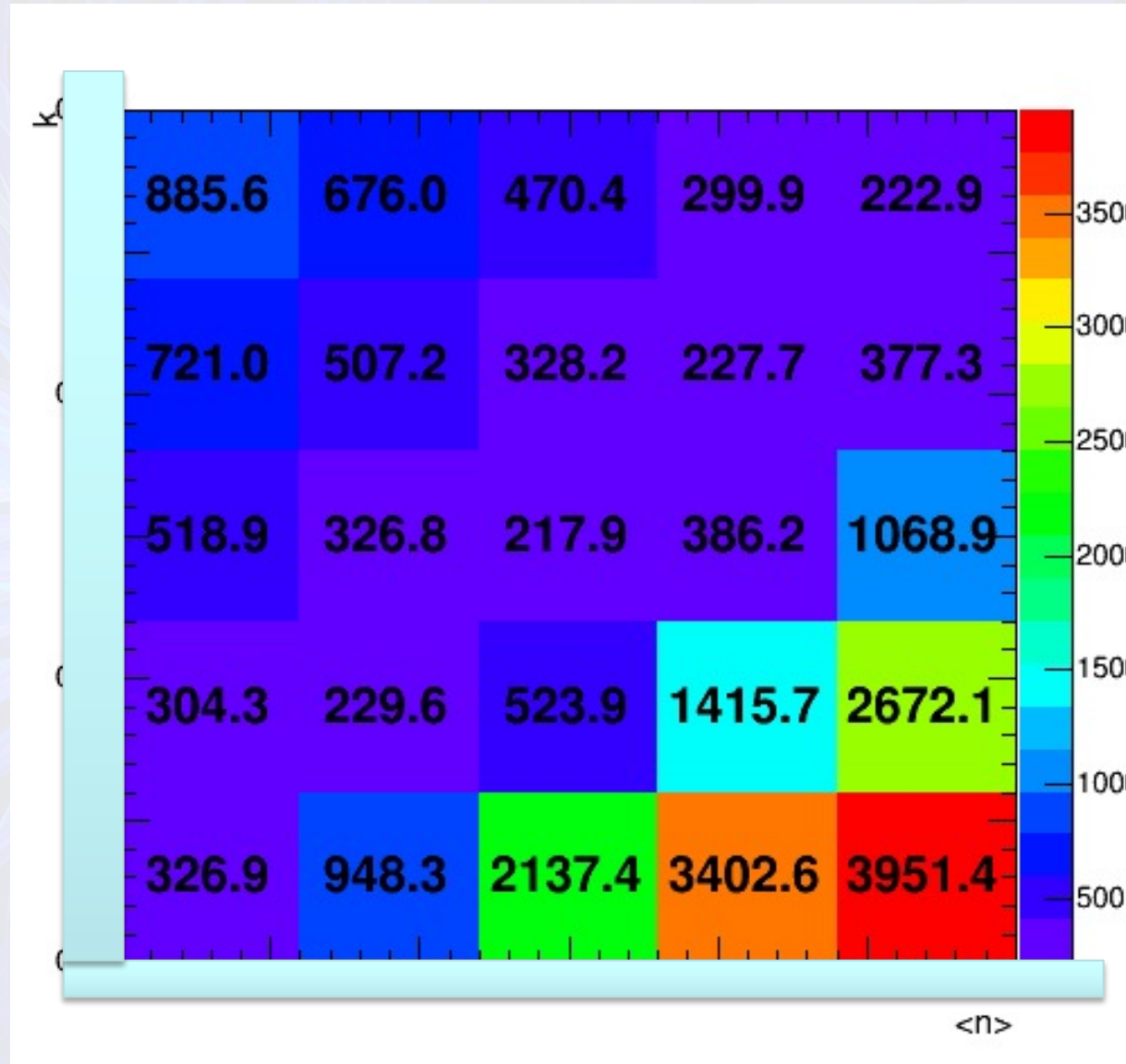






# ...and a 4<sup>th</sup> pass

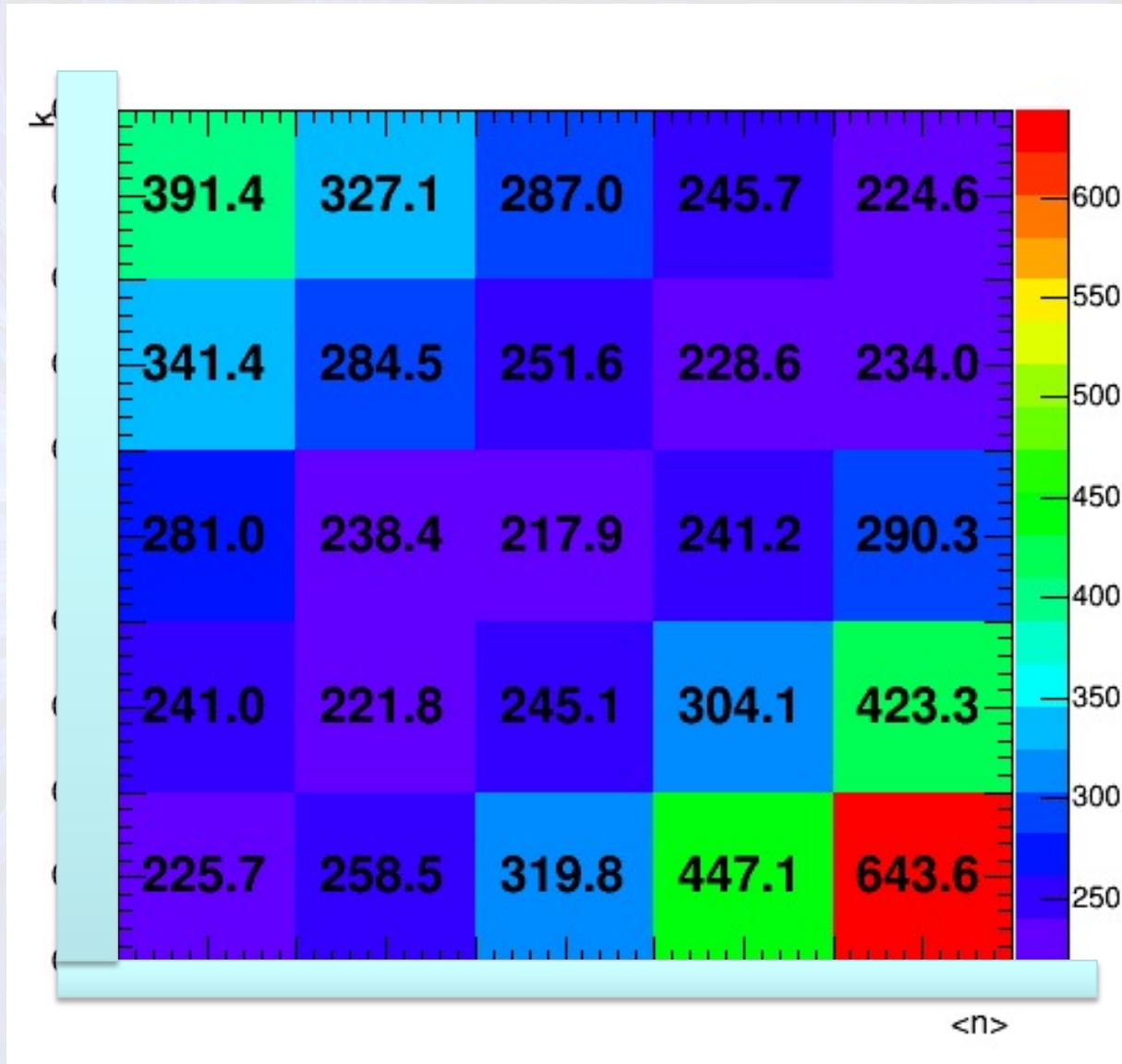
- Minimum near center again.





## ...and a 5<sup>th</sup> pass

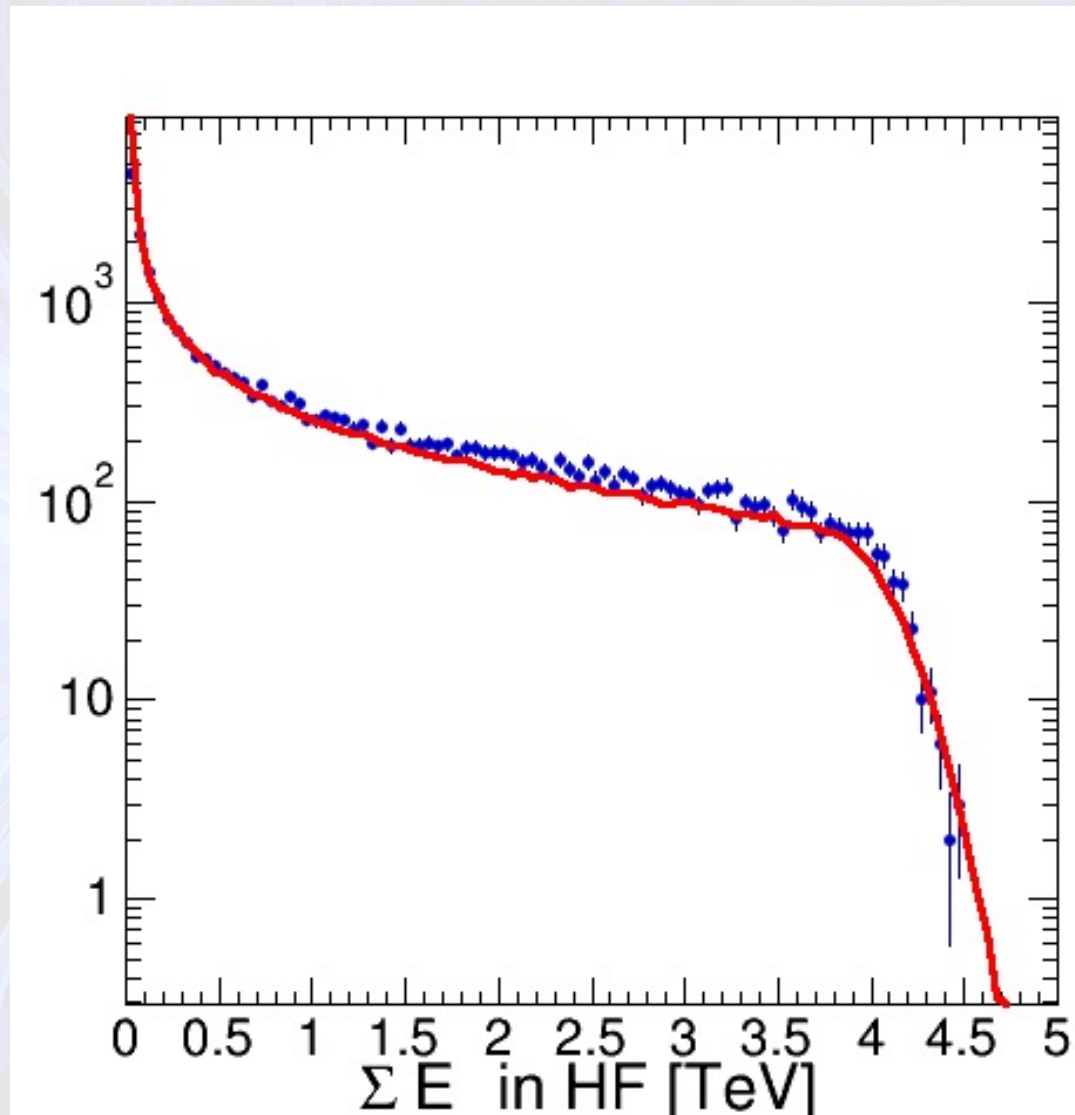
- Minimum didn't change after zoom.
- Note correlation between the parameters!
- Have not reached level of  $\Delta\chi^2=1$ 
  - Since function will have fluctuations, might not reach it





# With those parameters...

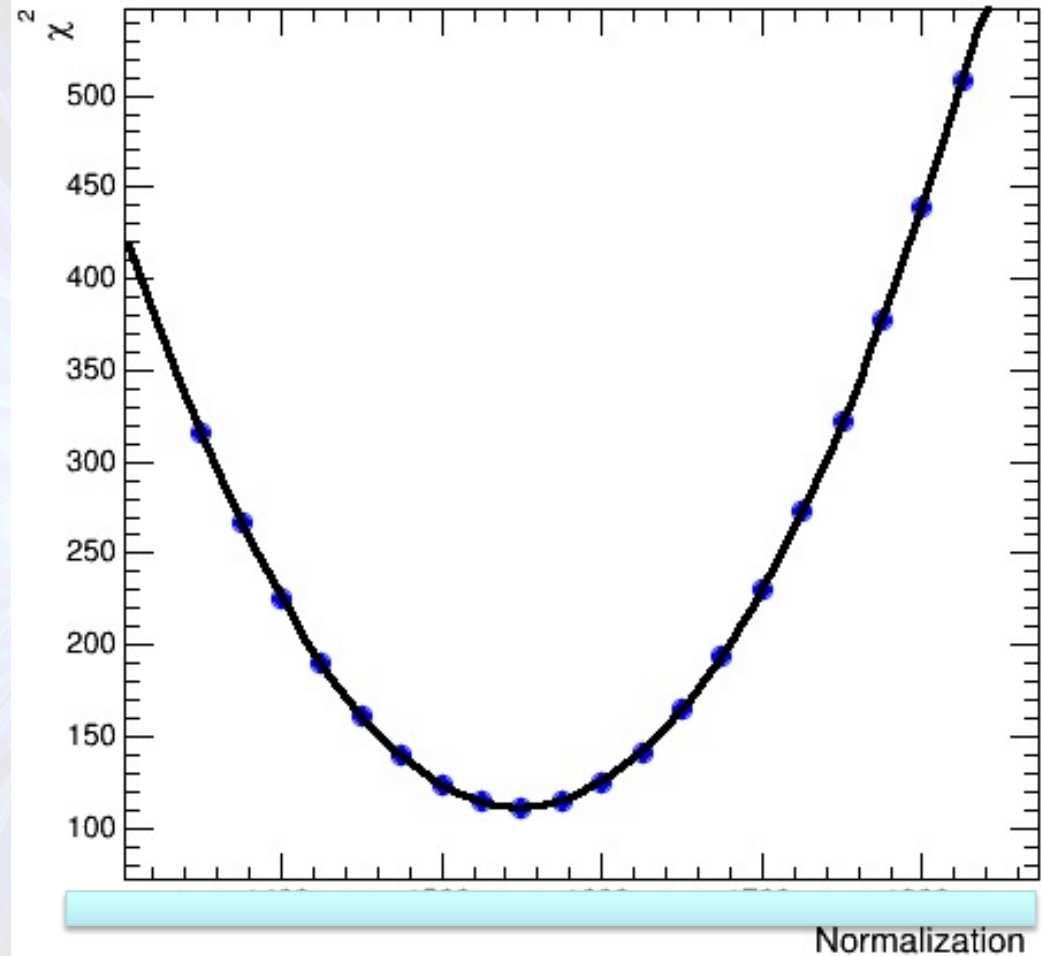
- Use parameters  $k$ ,  $\langle n \rangle$  found in previous step.
- Normalization is not yet optimal.





# Minimizing $\chi^2$ for Normalization...

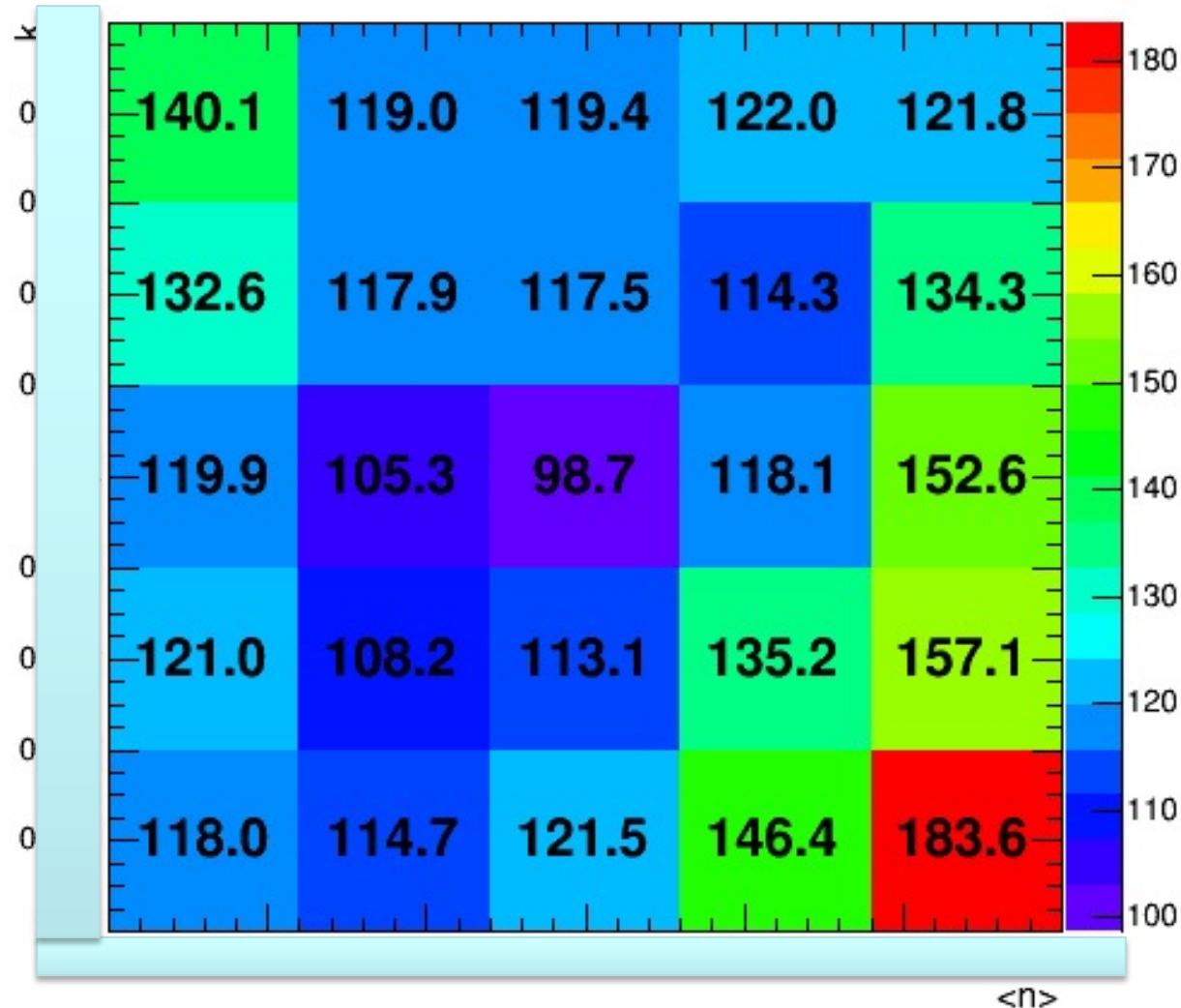
- Vary Normalization
- Obtain value at minimum  $\chi^2$ .





# Rescan NBD parameters...

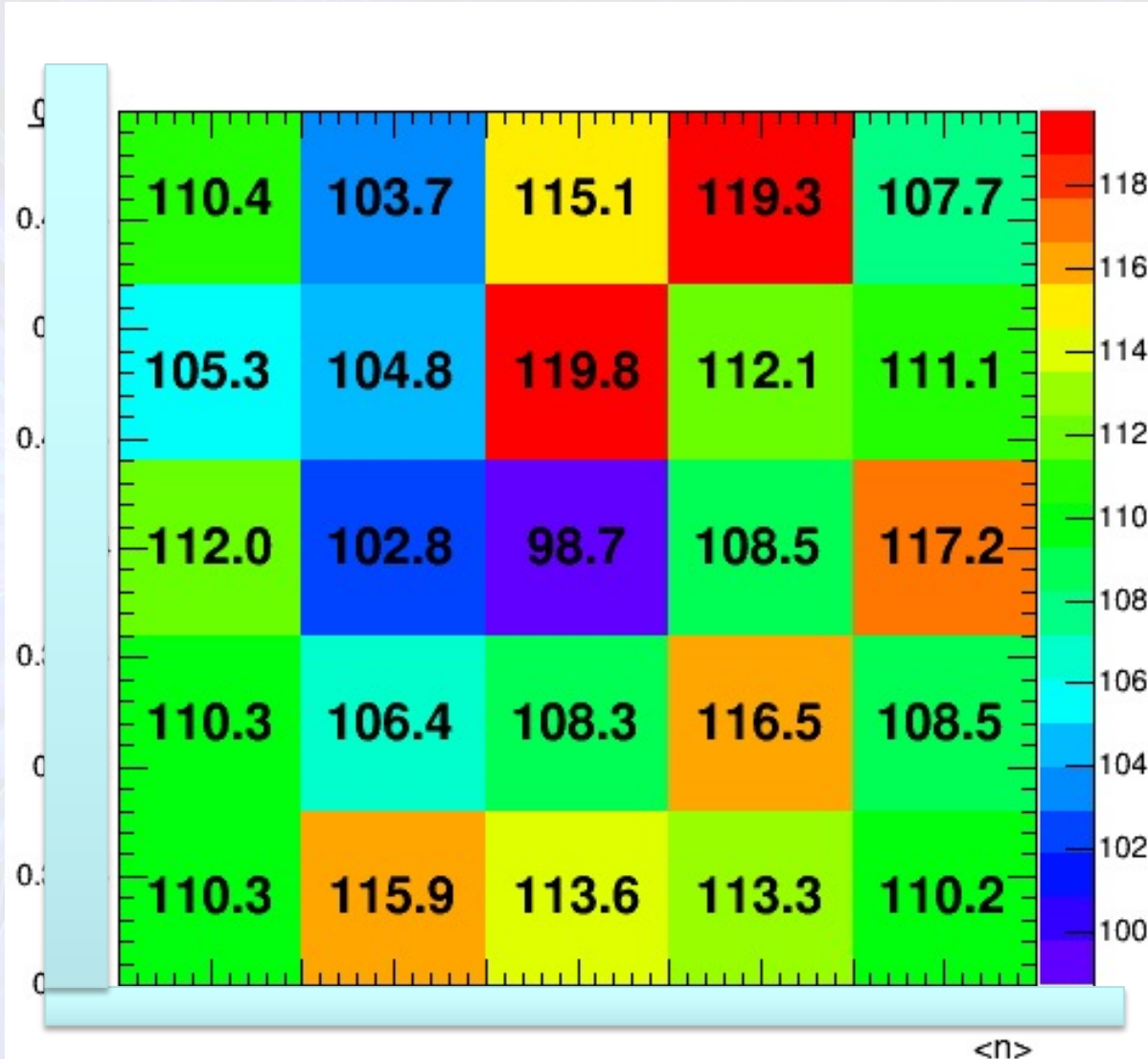
- Keep Normalization at minimum.
- Rescan  $k$ ,  $\langle n \rangle$
- Minimum stayed about where it was:
  - Little correlation between Normalization and NBD parameters





# Last scan...

- Found no change
- Fluctuations start to appear
  - Changes in range:
    - $\Delta k = 0.004$
    - $\Delta \langle n \rangle = 0.01$
    - Error estimates:
      - $\sigma_k \sim 0.0005$
      - $\sigma_{\langle n \rangle} \sim 0.001$





# Final fit

- **Model and data**

