

# Global observables in the PHENIX experiment

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# Outline

## $E_T$ and $N_{ch}$ at midrapidity

- ✓ Measurement technique
- ✓ Centrality selection
- ✓ Centrality dependence
- ✓  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$  dependence

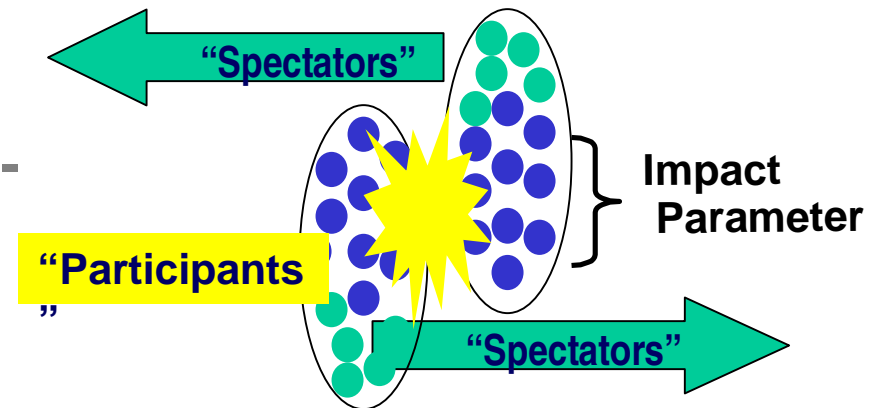
## Something new since QM02 and afterwards:

- ✓ More peripheral collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=130$  and 200 GeV included
- ✓  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=19.6$  GeV results
- ✓ More theoretical model comparisons

# Global Observables

- **WHAT ?**

- \*  $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$ ,  $dE_T/d\eta$
- \* Reflect conditions well after freeze-out and resonance decays



- **WHY ?**

- \* “Easy” measurements
- \* Characterize collision geometry
- \* Constrain models
- \* Initial conditions

Centrality defined as percentile of  $\sigma_{\text{tot}} \Rightarrow N_{\text{part}}, N_{\text{coll}}, b$  thru Glauber model

# PHENIX Setup, Year-2

## Charged Multiplicity

Pad Chambers:

$$R_{PC1} = 2.5 \text{ m}$$

$$R_{PC3} = 5.0 \text{ m}$$

$$|\eta| < 0.35, \Delta\phi = \pi$$

## Transverse Energy

Lead-Scintillator EMCal:

$$R_{EMC} = 5.0 \text{ m}$$

$$|\eta| < 0.38, \Delta\phi = (5/8)\pi$$

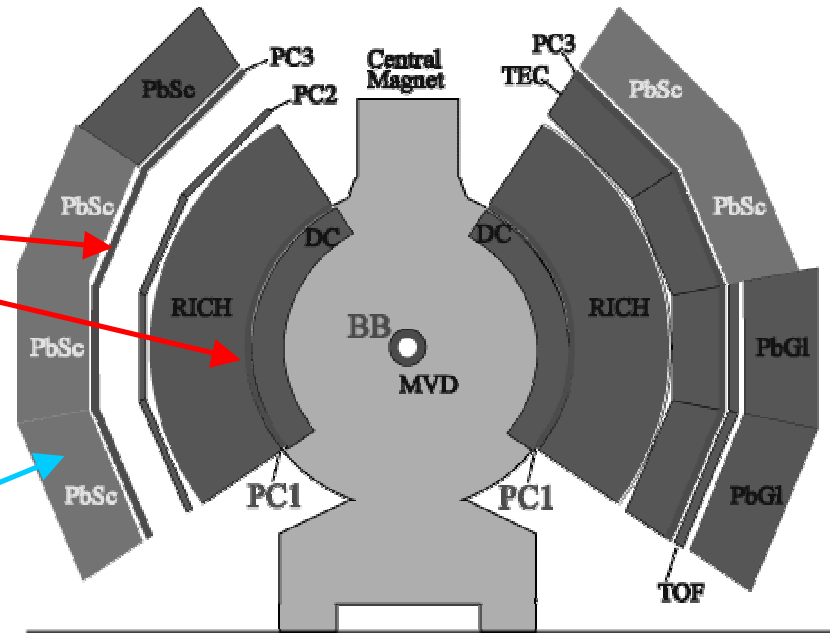
## Trigger

Beam-Beam Counters:

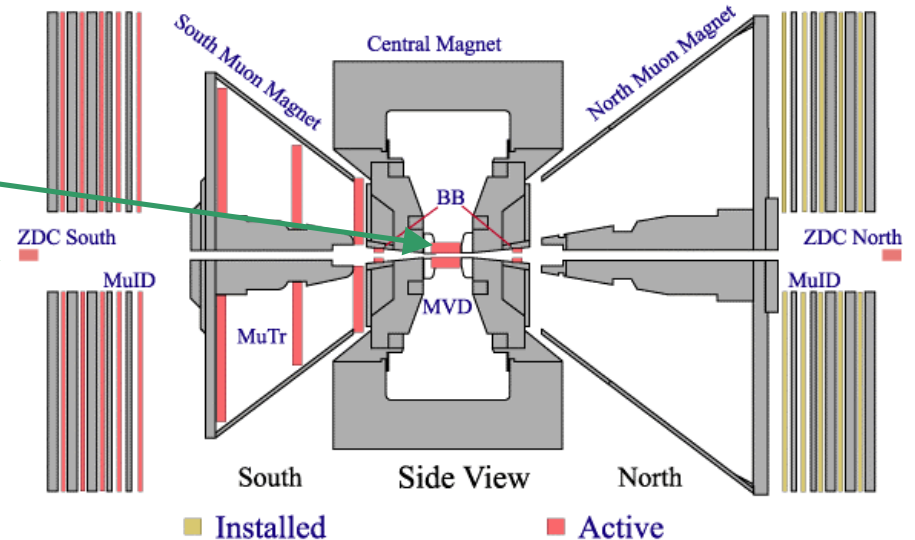
$$3.0 < |\eta| < 3.9, \Delta\phi = 2\pi$$

Zero-Degree Calorimeters:

$$|\eta| > 6, |Z| = 18.25 \text{ m}$$



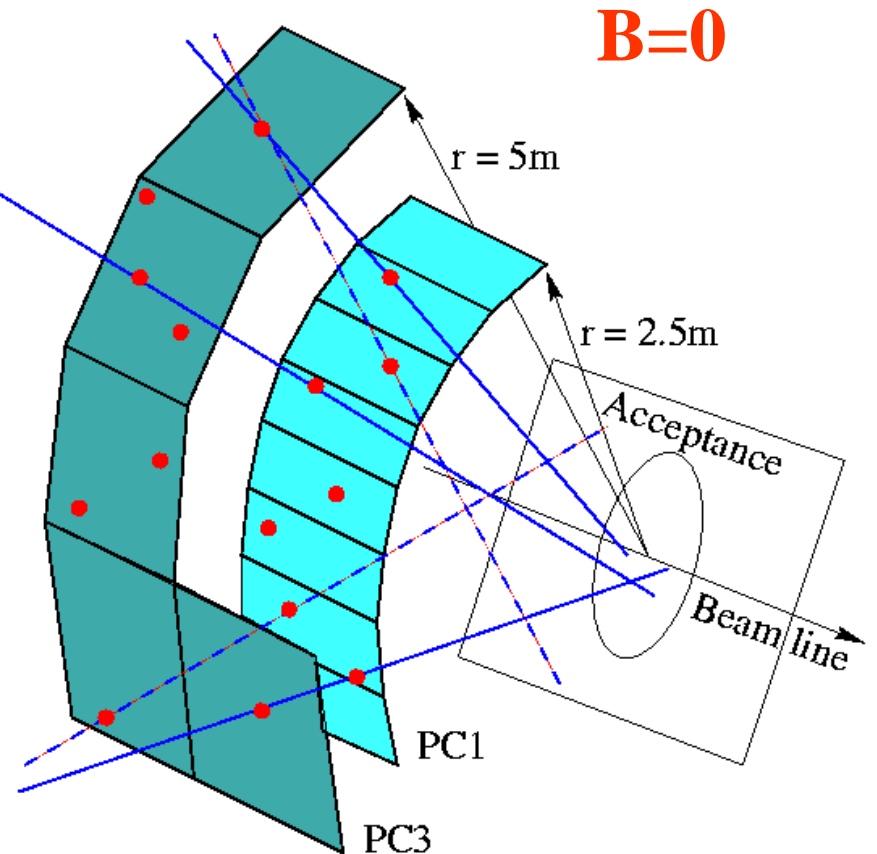
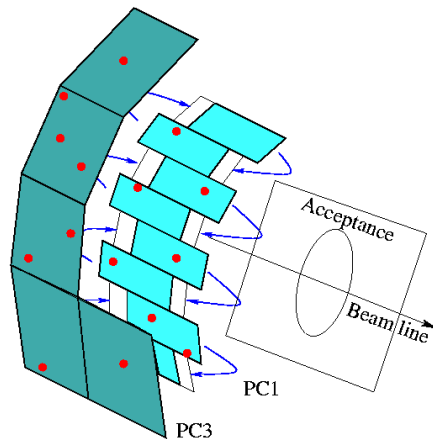
PHENIX Detector - Second Year Physics Run



# Charged Multiplicity Measurements

## Count tracks on a statistical basis (no explicit track reconstruction)

- ❑ Combine all hits in PC3 with all hits in PC1.
- ❑ Project resulting lines onto a plane through the beam line.
- ❑ Count tracks within a given radius.
- ❑ Determine combinatorial background by event mixing technique



# Transverse Energy Measurements

**Convention:**  $E_T = \sum_i E_i \sin \theta_i$

$E_i = E_i^{tot} - m_N$  for baryons

$E_i = E_i^{tot} + m_N$  for antibaryons

$E_i = E_i^{tot}$  for others

EMCal is “almost” hadronic calorimeter:

$$E_{EMC} = 1.0 * E_{tot} \text{ for } \gamma, \pi^0$$

$$E_{EMC} = 0.7 * E_{tot} \text{ for } \pi^\pm$$

$E_{EMC} \rightarrow E_T$  transformation:

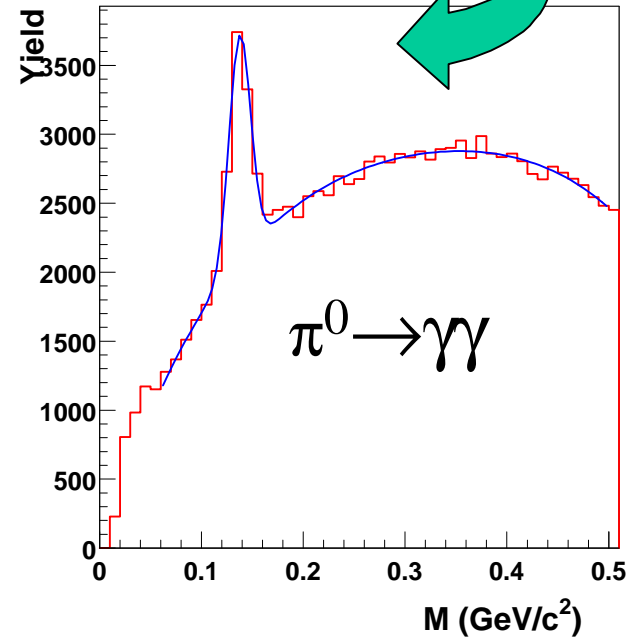
$$E_T = 1.23 * E_{EMC}$$

## EMCal absolute energy calibration

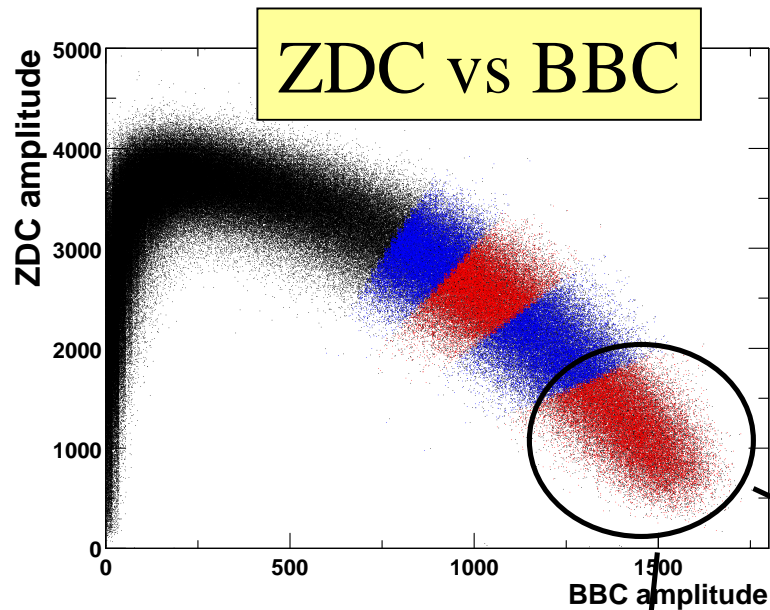
MIP peak

$E/p$  matching peak for  $e^\pm$

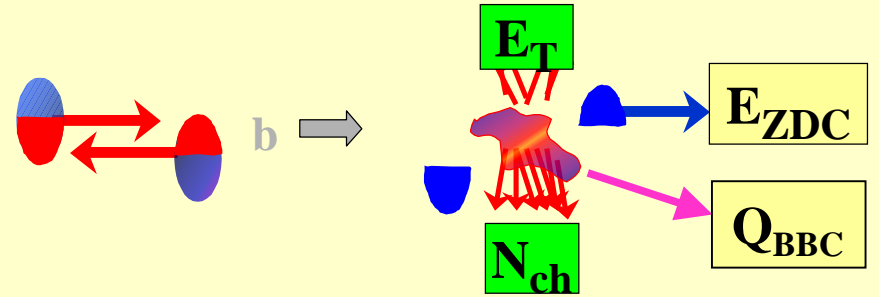
$\pi^0$  mass peak



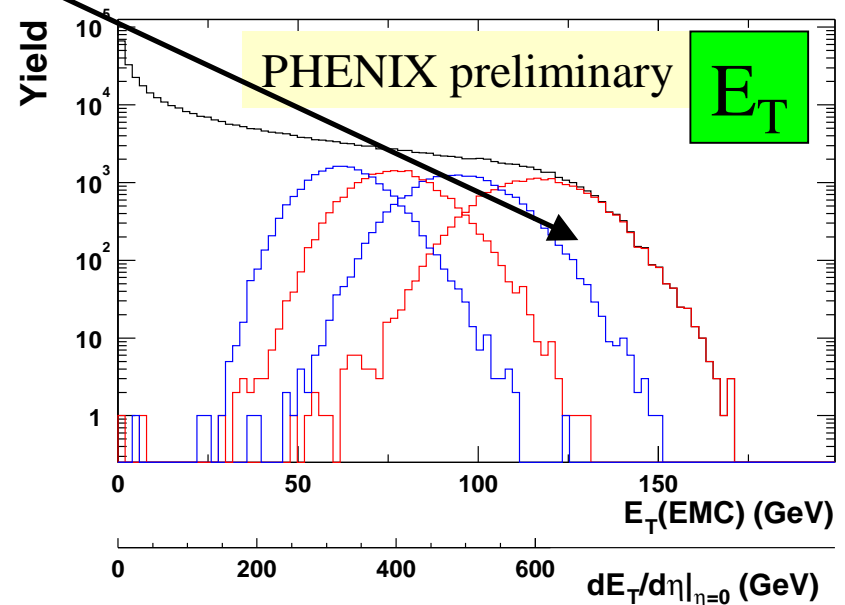
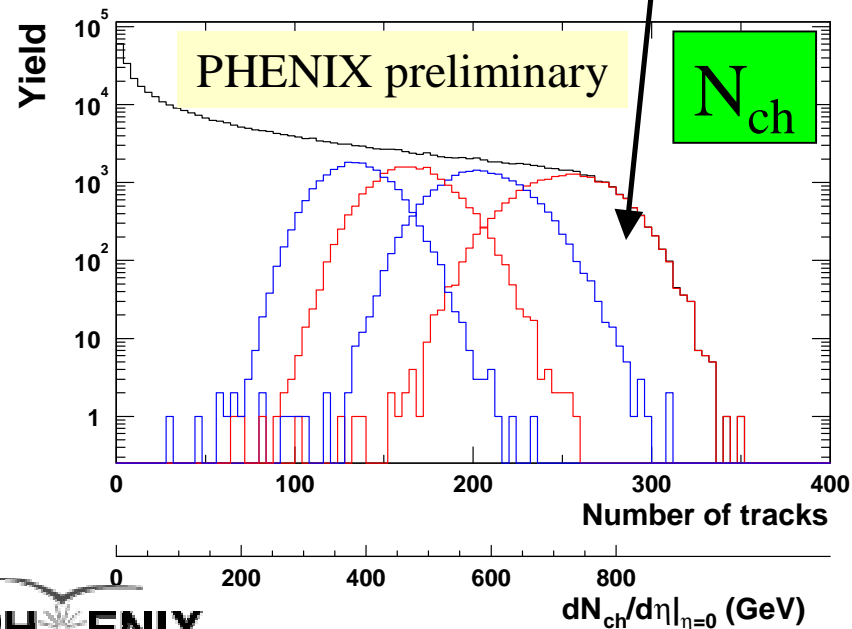
# Centrality Selection



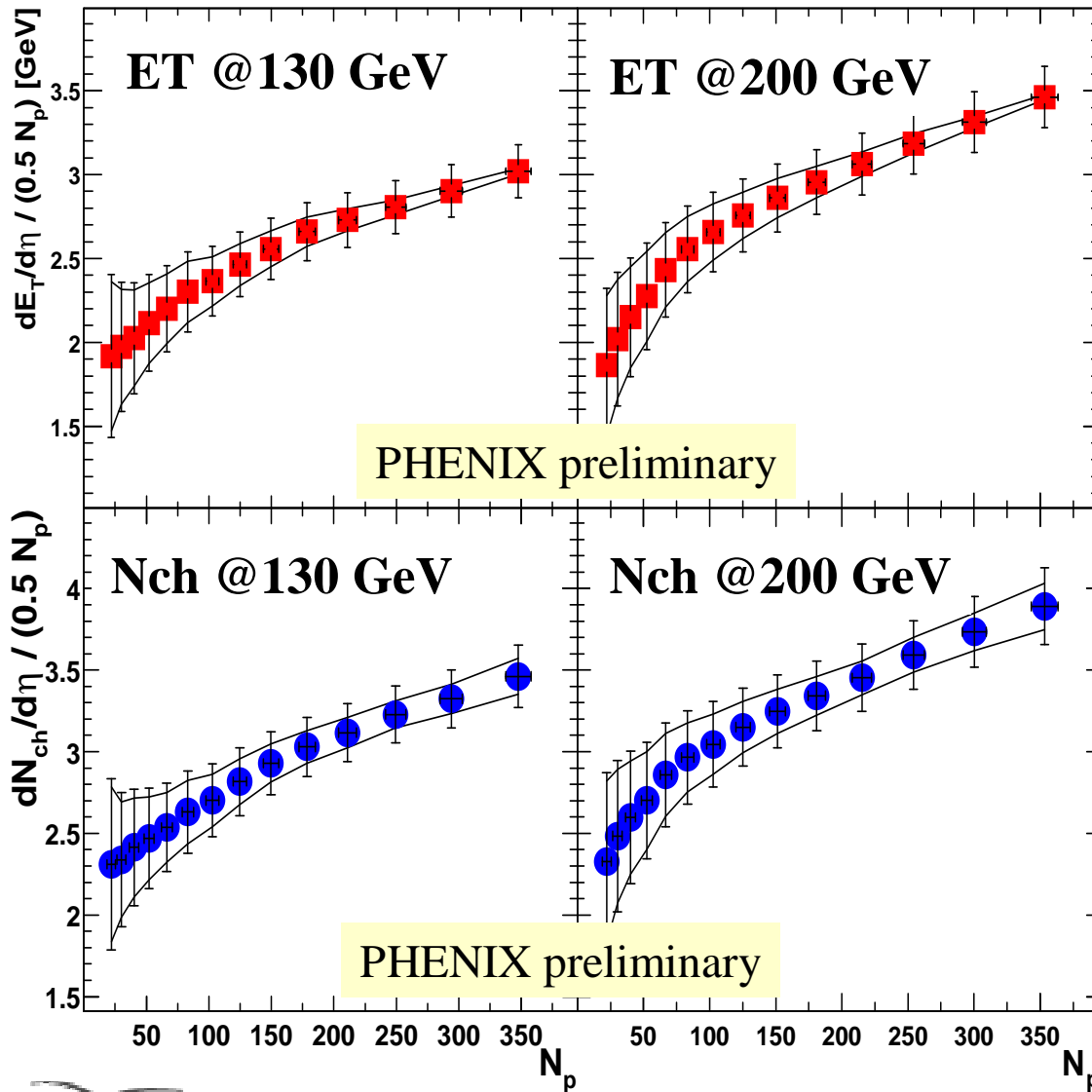
Define centrality classes: ZDC vs BBC



Extract  $N$  participants: Glauber model



# Centrality dependence



$E_T$  and  $N_{ch}$  exhibit consistent behavior at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=130$  GeV and 200 GeV

**Stat. errors**

Negligible

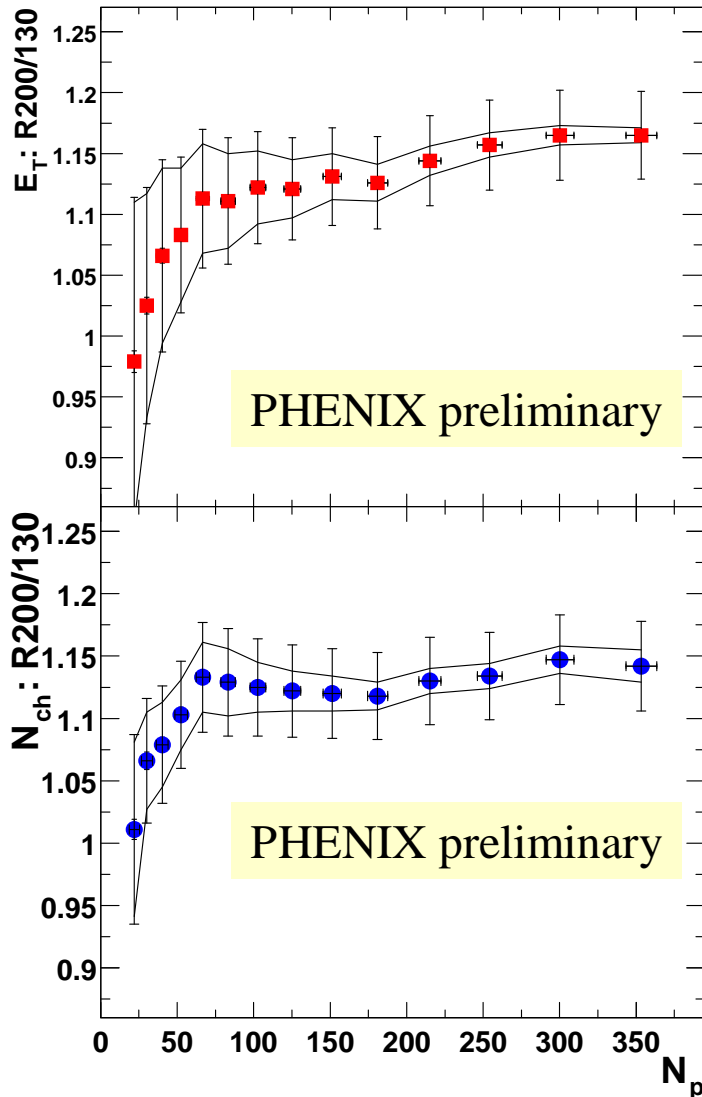
**Syst. errors**

Band: possible common tilt

Bars: total syst. error



# 200 GeV / 130 GeV



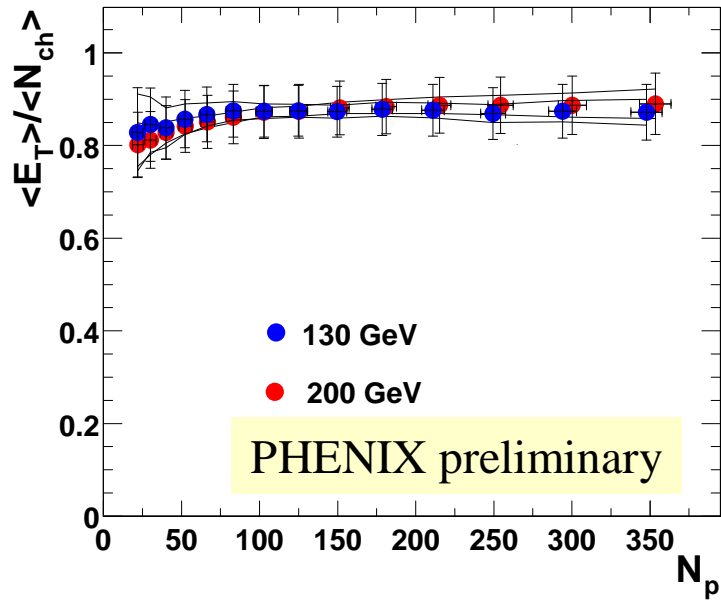
For the most central collisions:

$$\frac{E_T(200 \text{ GeV})}{E_T(130 \text{ GeV})} = 1.16 \pm 0.035$$

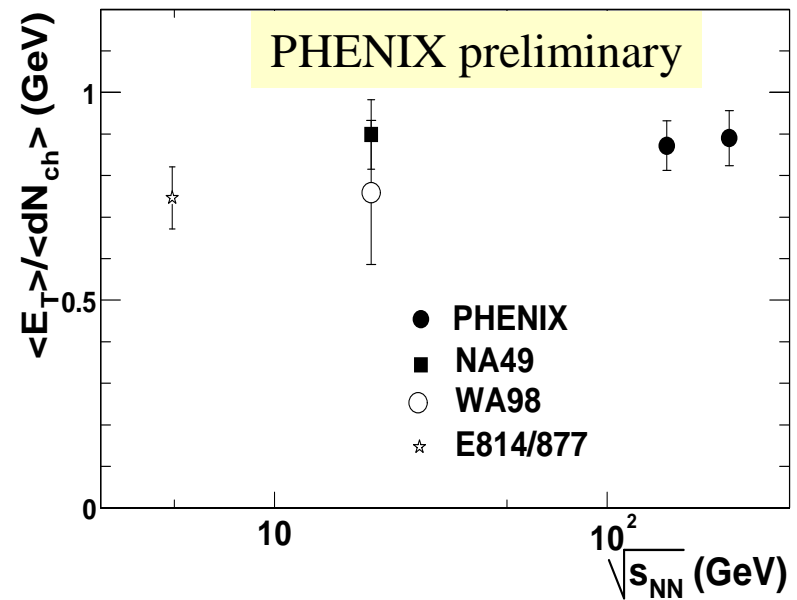
$$\frac{N_{ch}(200 \text{ GeV})}{N_{ch}(130 \text{ GeV})} = 1.14 \pm 0.035$$

- ❑ Constant scaling from central to semi-peripheral collisions
- ❑ Drop in peripheral collisions ( $N_{\text{part}} \sim 70$ ) ?

$$\langle E_T \rangle / \langle N_{ch} \rangle$$



Weak dependence from centrality

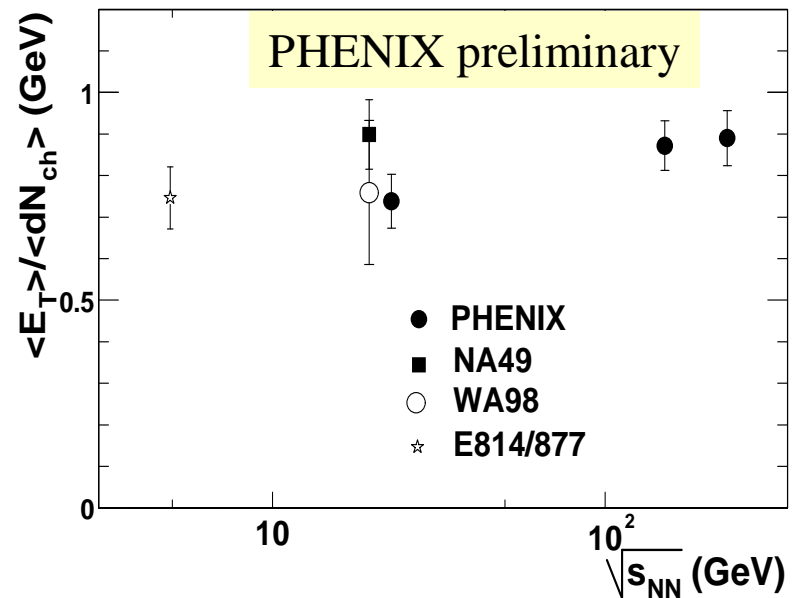
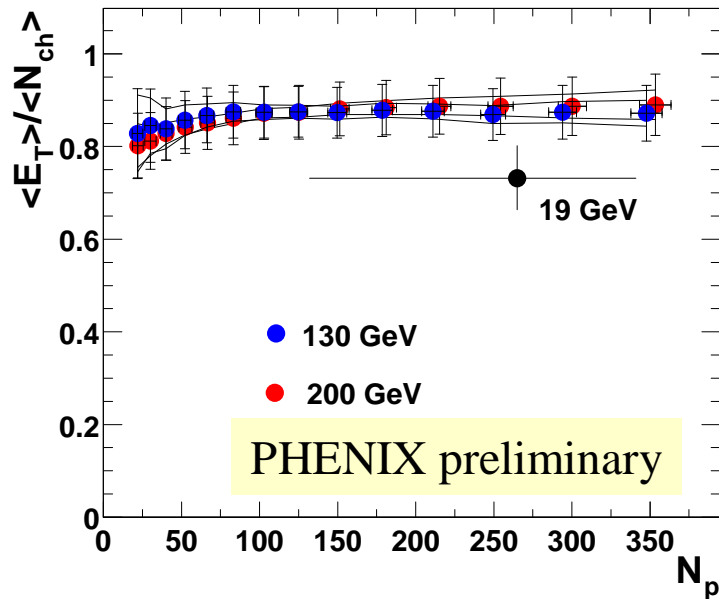


Weak (no) dependence from energy

# $\langle E_T \rangle / \langle N_{ch} \rangle + 19.6 \text{ GeV}$ results

## 19.6 GeV data:

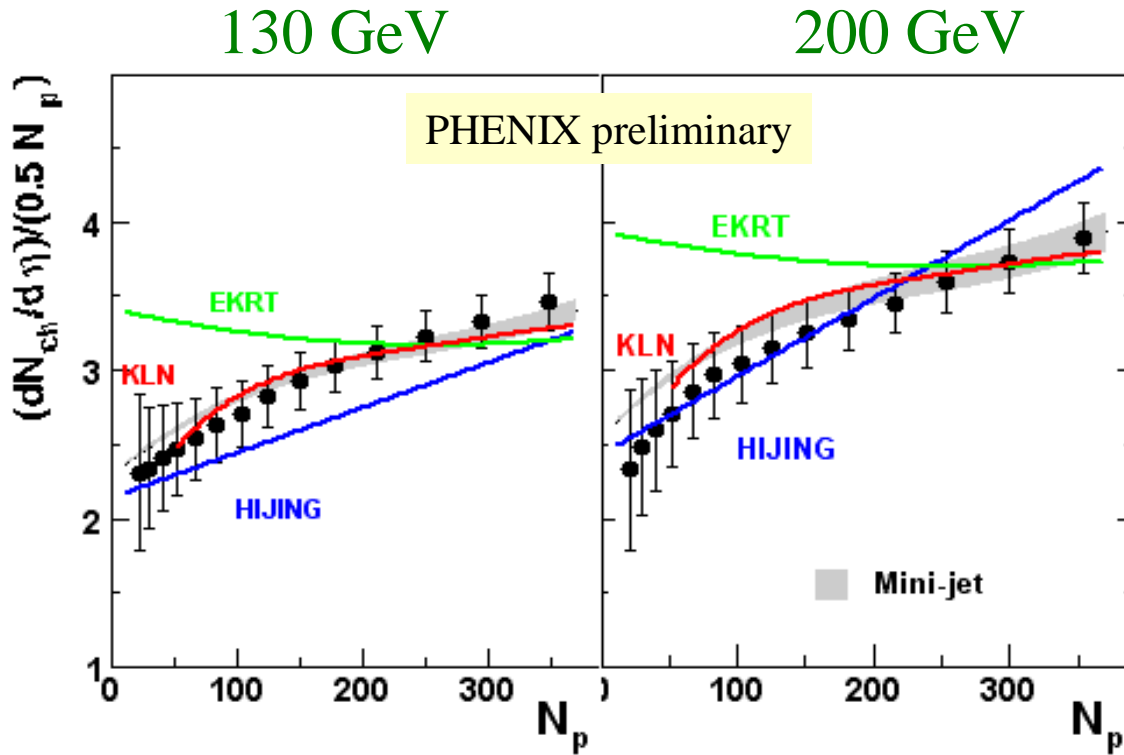
- ✓ centrality determination not yet finalized, coming soon...
- ✓  $E_T/N_{ch}$  is not effected by this error (same centrality classes)



RHIC point at ~SPS energy:

$$\frac{\langle E_T \rangle / \langle N_{ch} \rangle (200 \text{ GeV})}{\langle E_T \rangle / \langle N_{ch} \rangle (19 \text{ GeV})} \approx 1.20$$

# Nch: Comparison to theory



## HIJING

X.N.Wang and M.Gyulassy,  
PRL 86, 3498 (2001)

## Mini-jet

S.Li and X.W.Wang  
Phys.Lett.B527:85-91 (2002)

## EKRT

K.J.Eskola et al,  
Nucl Phys. B570, 379 and  
Phys.Lett. B 497, 39 (2001)

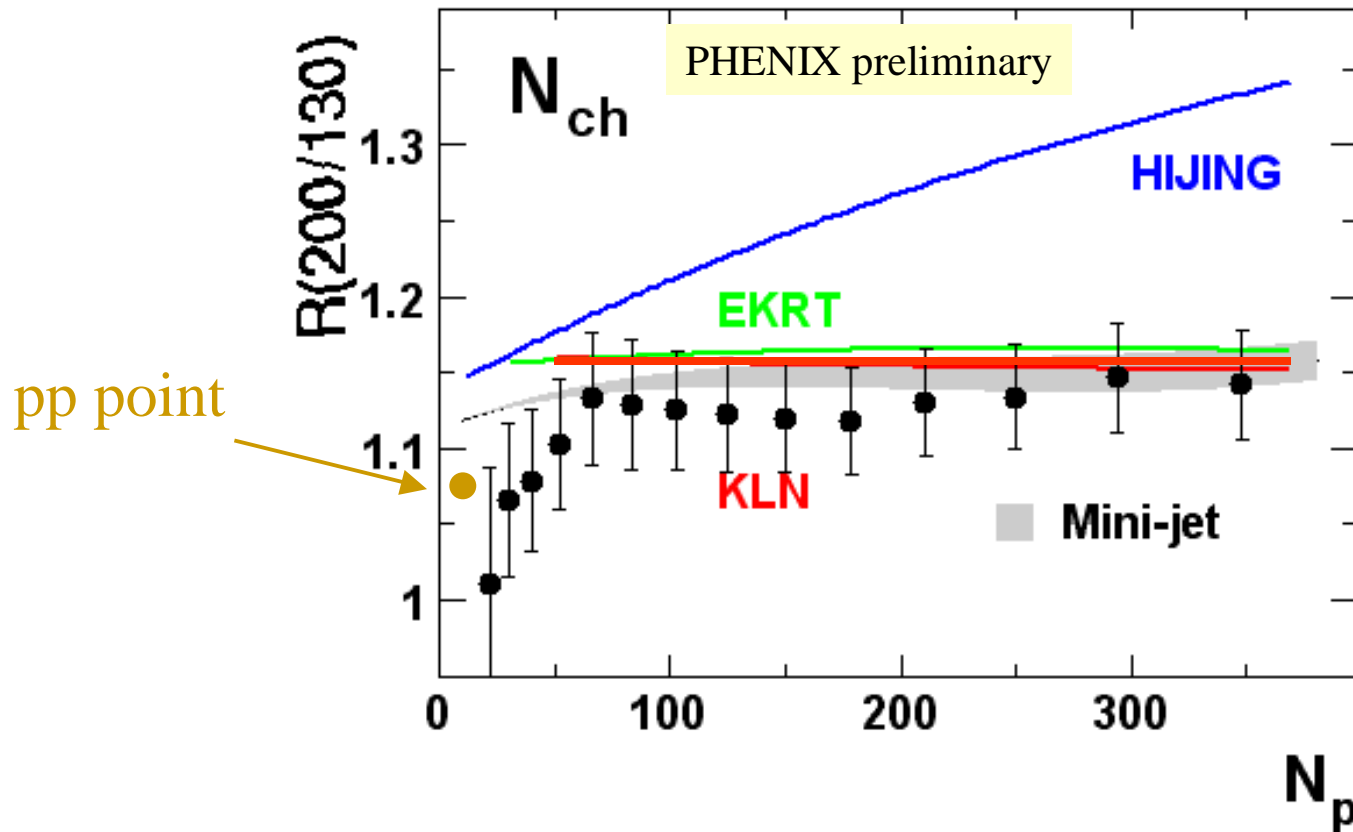
## KLN

D.Kharzeev and M. Nardi,  
Phys.Lett. B503, 121 (2001)  
D.Kharzeev and E.Levin,  
Phys.Lett. B523, 79 (2001)

- ✓ Mini-jet and KLN: describe data well
- ✓ HIJING: not too bad

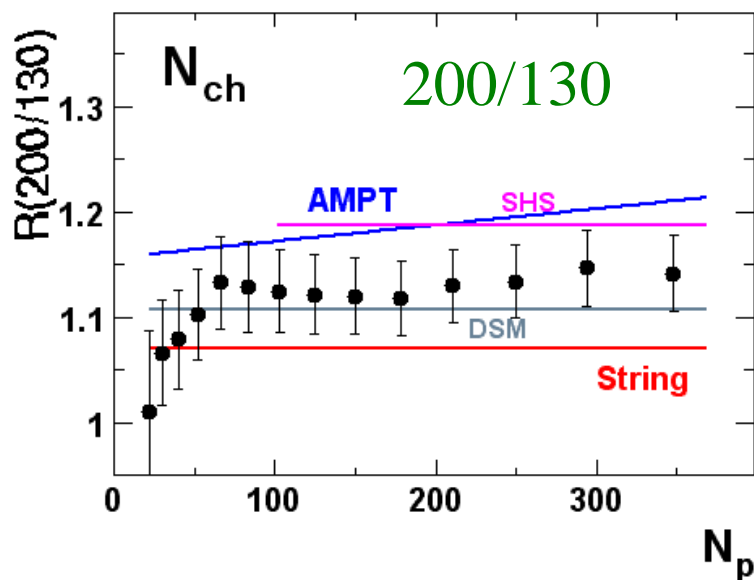
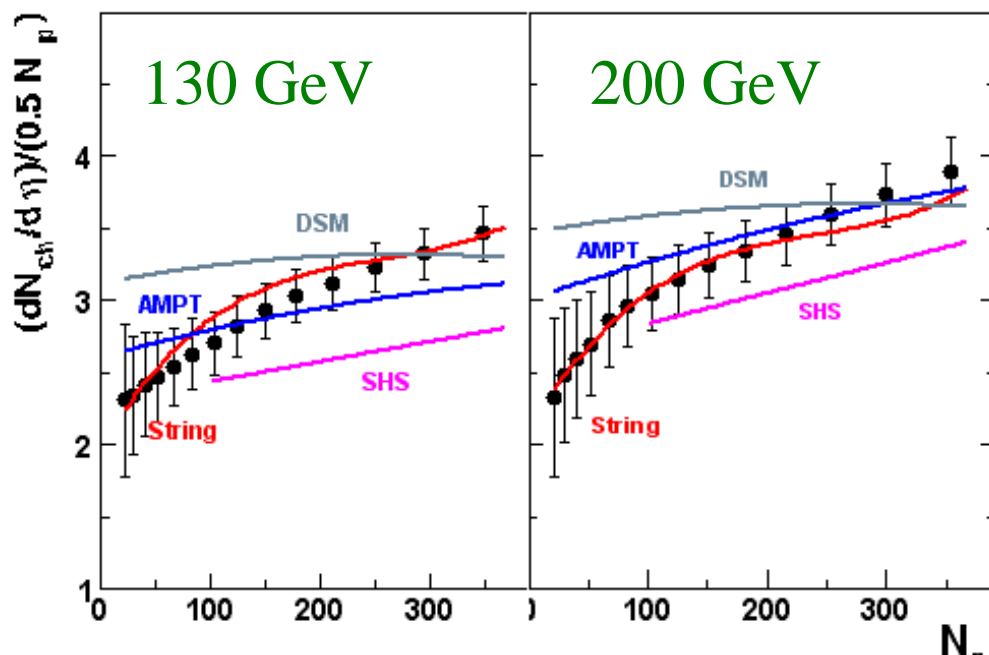
# N<sub>ch</sub>: Comparison to theory

200GeV/130GeV



- ✓ HIJING is also out of the game
- ✓  $N_{part} \sim 70$  limit for KLN (gluon saturation) model application?

# Nch: More models



## AMPT (multiphase transport model)

B.Zhang et al,  
Phys.Rev.C 61, 067901 (2000);  
nucl-th/0011059

## String fusion model

N.Armento et al, Phys.Lett.  
B527, 92 (2002)

N.S.Amelin et al,  
Eur.Phys.J C22, 149 (2001)

## Semi-Hard Scattering

A. Accardi,  
Phys.Rev.C64:064905,2001

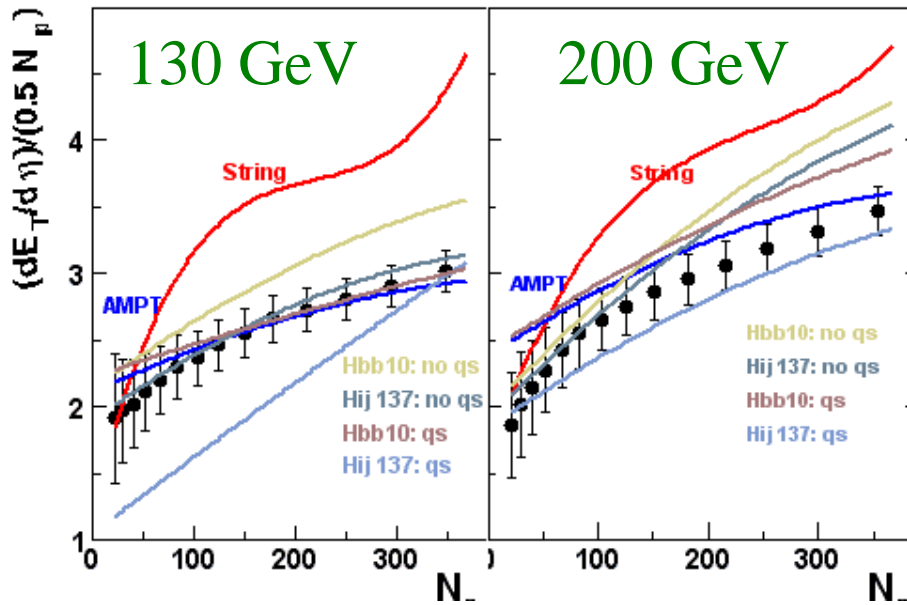
## Dual String Model

R. Ugoccioni et al.,  
Phys.Lett.B491:253-256,2000

Not too bad...

And what about ET?

# ET: Comparison to theory

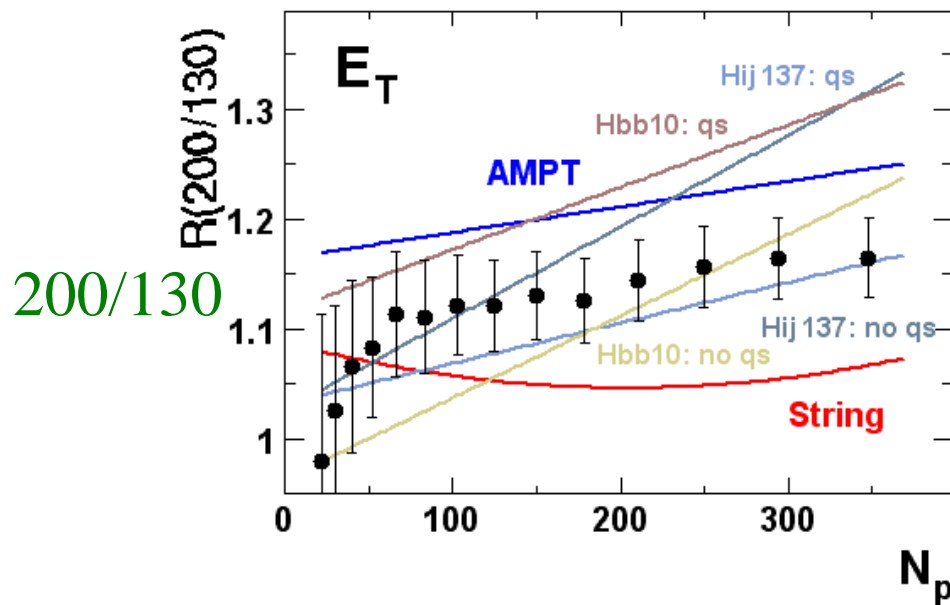


String fusion model:  
overestimate ET

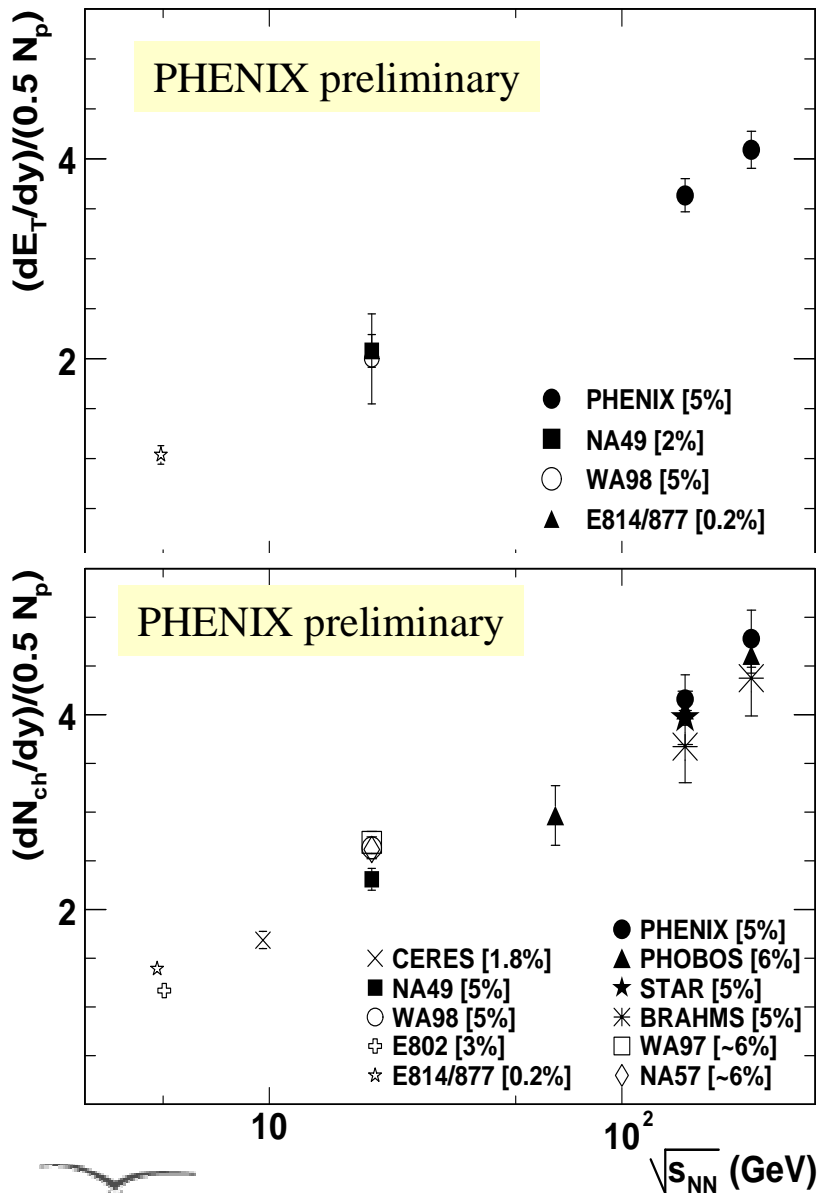
AMPT seems to  
overestimate the  $R(200/130)$

Hijing 1.37, Hijing BbarB  
1.0 with quenching and  
shadowing:

Overestimates  $R(200/130)$ ,  
for central collisions.



# Energy Dependence



## Energy density (Bjorken):

$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{\pi R^2 \tau} \frac{dE_t}{dy} \quad R = 1.18 \text{ fm} \cdot A^{1/3}$$

$$\tau = 1 \text{ fm} / c$$

**2% most central at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$  GeV:**

$$\varepsilon \approx 5.5 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3$$

Considerably bigger than  $\varepsilon_{critical} \approx 1 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3$

## From AGS, SPS to RHIC:

Transverse energy and charged particle multiplicity densities per participant consistent with logarithmic behaviour

19 GeV points coming soon



# Summary

- Centrality dependence of  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$  and  $dE_T/d\eta$  have been measured at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 130$  GeV and 200 GeV in Au+Au collisions;  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 19.6$  GeV results coming
- Both  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$  and  $dE_T/d\eta$  per participant increase with centrality:
  - ✓ the increase is stronger than at SPS
  - ✓  $N_{ch}$  data well described by KLN and Mini-jet model predictions
  - ✓ Room for improvement regarding theory description for  $E_T$
- The ratio  $R(200/130)$  consistent with constant scaling vs centrality from central to semi-peripheral collisions and drops at  $N_{part} < 70$ 
  - ✓ Sets the peripheral limit of gluon saturation (KLN) model application
- $\langle dE_T \rangle / \langle dN_{ch} \rangle$  measured at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 19, 130$  and 200 GeV
  - ✓ Weak dependence on centrality
  - ✓ Decreased  $\sim 20\%$  from  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  to 19.6 GeV
- d - Au (at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV) results coming soon...

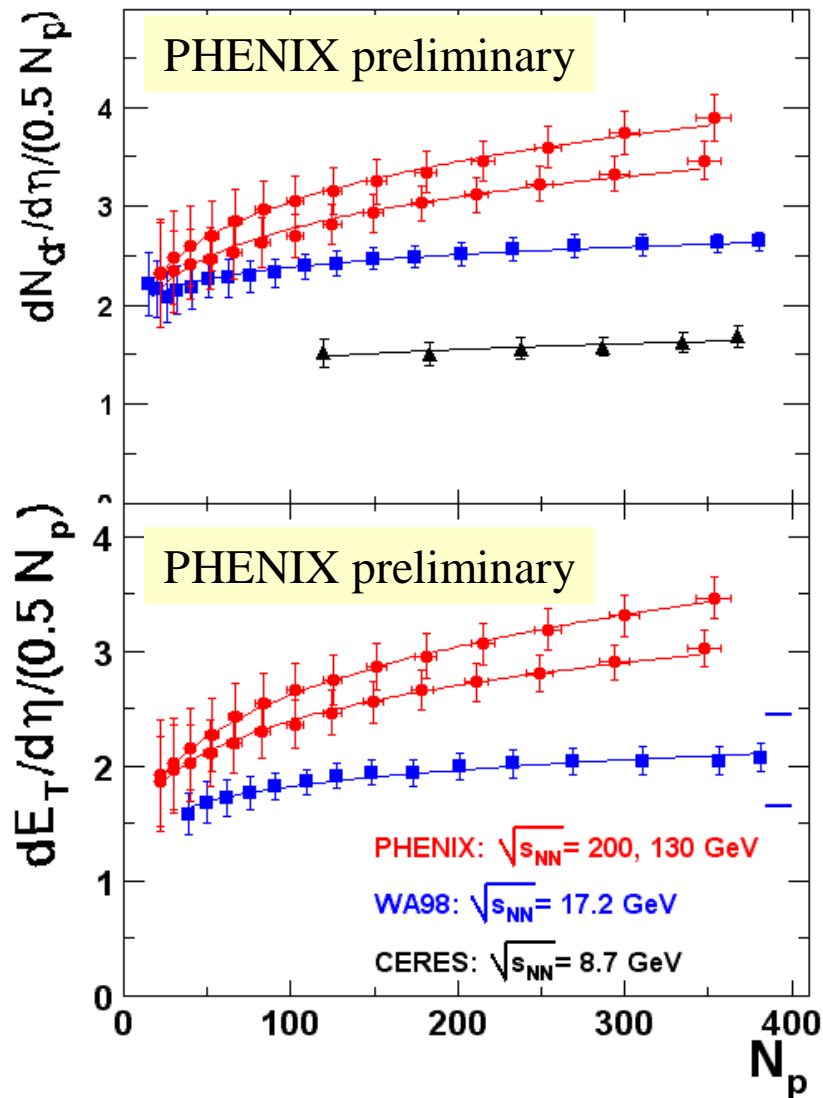
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# Backup: Centrality dependence vs $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$



Fit:  $dX/d\eta \propto N_{part}^\alpha$ :

**CERES ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=8.7$  GeV)**

$dN_{ch}/d\eta$ :  $\alpha=1.09$

**WA98 ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=17.2$  GeV)**

$dN_{ch}/d\eta$ :  $\alpha=1.07 \pm 0.04$

$dE_T/d\eta$ :  $\alpha=1.08 \pm 0.06$

**PHENIX ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=130$  GeV)**

$dN_{ch}/d\eta$ :  $\alpha=1.18 \pm 0.05$

$dE_T/d\eta$ :  $\alpha=1.16 \pm 0.05$

**PHENIX ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$  GeV)**

$dN_{ch}/d\eta$ :  $\alpha=1.20 \pm 0.05$

$dE_T/d\eta$ :  $\alpha=1.17 \pm 0.05$

Not yet fair comparison of  $dX/d\eta$   
in C.M. and Lab. systems