

# ***Analyses of $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$ and $dN_{\text{ch}}/dy$ distributions of BRAHMS Collaboration by means of the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process***

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## **Abstract**

Interesting data on  $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$  in Au-Au collisions ( $\eta = -\ln \tan(\theta/2)$ ) with the centrality cuts have been reported by BRAHMS Collaboration. Using the total multiplicity  $N_{\text{ch}} = \int (dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta) d\eta$ , we find that there are scaling phenomena among  $(N_{\text{ch}})^{-1} dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta = dn/d\eta$  with different centrality cuts at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 130$  GeV and 200 GeV, respectively. To explain these scaling behaviors of  $dn/d\eta$ , we consider the stochastic approach named the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process with two sources. The following Fokker-Planck equation is adopted for the present analyses,

$$\frac{\partial P(x, t)}{\partial t} = \gamma \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} x + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma^2}{\gamma} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right] P(x, t)$$

where  $x$  means the rapidity ( $y$ ) or pseudo-rapidity ( $\eta$ ).  $t$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\sigma^2$  and the evolution parameter, the frictional coefficient and the variance, respectively. Introducing a variable of  $z_r = \eta/\eta_{\text{rms}}$  ( $\eta_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\langle \eta^2 \rangle}$ ) we explain the  $dn/dz_r$  distributions in the present approach. Moreover, to explain the rapidity ( $y$ ) distributions from  $\eta$  distributions at 200 GeV, we have derived the formula as

$$\frac{dn}{dy} = J^{-1} \frac{dn}{d\eta},$$

where  $J^{-1} = \sqrt{M(1 + \sinh^2 y)} / \sqrt{1 + M \sinh^2 y}$  with  $M = 1 + (m/p_t)^2$ . Their data of pion and all hadrons are fairly well explained by the O-U process. To compare our approach with another one, a phenomenological formula by Eskola et al. is also used in calculations of  $dn/d\eta$ .

## **1 Introduction**

Recently interesting data on  $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$  ( $\eta = -\ln \tan(\theta/2)$ ) and  $(0.5 \langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle)^{-1} dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta|_{\eta=0}$  in Au+Au collision at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 130$  GeV and 200 GeV have been reported by

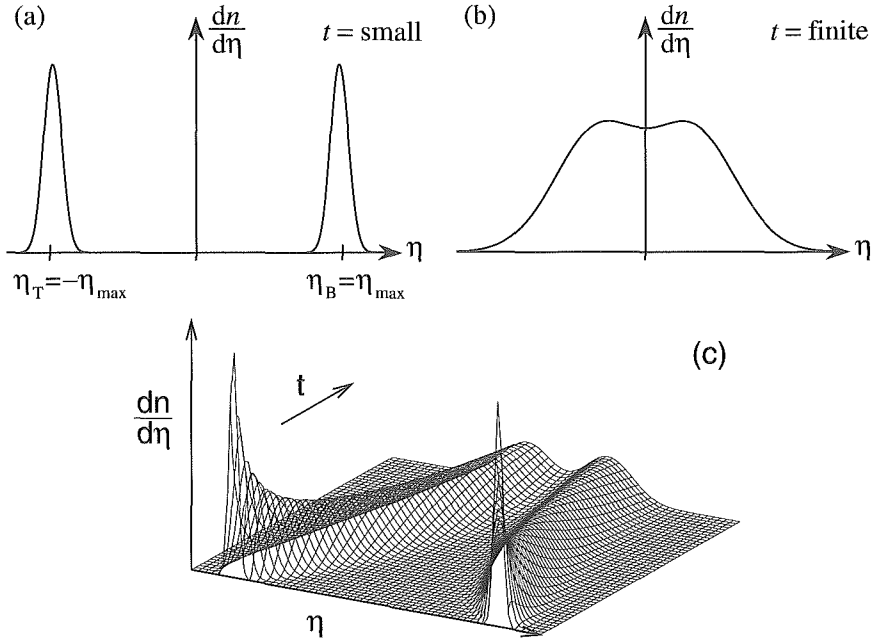


Figure 1 : (a) Initial distribution of Eq. (2). (b) Final distribution at  $t = \text{finite}$ . (c) Evolution of Eq. (2).

BRAHMS Collaboration [1, 2]. ( $\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle$  and  $N_{\text{ch}}$  mean the numbers of participants (nuclei) and charged particles produced in collisions, respectively.) Very recently the BRAHMS Collaboration has reported preliminary data on rapidity ( $y$ ) distribution at 200 GeV in Ref. [3]. We are interested in theoretical analyses of these data.

On the other hand, in Refs. [4, 5] we have investigated the property of  $\eta$  scaling of  $(N_{\text{ch}})^{-1} dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta = dn/d\eta$  by PHOBOS Collaboration and found that the  $\eta$  scaling holds. As a possible theoretical approach, we have adopted the stochastic theory named the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck (O-U) process with two sources at  $\pm y_{\max} = \ln(\sqrt{S_{NN}}/m_N)$ . In this paper, we would like to analyse data [1, 2, 3] by the stochastic approach in terms of the pseudo-rapidity and/or rapidity variables.

The approach named the O-U process is described by the following Fokker-Planck equation,

$$\frac{\partial P(y, t)}{\partial t} = \gamma \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} y + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma^2}{\gamma} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right] P(y, t), \quad (1)$$

where  $t$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\sigma^2$  are the evolution parameter, the frictional coefficient and the variance, respectively<sup>1</sup>. Assuming two sources at  $\pm y_{\max} = \ln(\sqrt{S_{NN}}/m_N)$  at  $t=0$  and

<sup>1</sup>The equivalent Langevin stochastic equation with the white noise  $f_w(t)$  is given as

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\gamma y + f_w(t).$$

$P(y, 0)=0.5[\delta(y+y_{\max})+\delta(y-y_{\max})]$ , we obtain the following distribution function for  $dn/d\eta$  (assuming  $y \approx \eta$ ) using the probability density  $P(y, t)$ [6, 7, 8, 9]

$$P(y, y_{\max}, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi V^2(t)}} \left\{ \exp\left[-\frac{(y+y_{\max}e^{-\gamma t})^2}{2V^2(t)}\right] + \exp\left[-\frac{(y-y_{\max}e^{-\gamma t})^2}{2V^2(t)}\right] \right\}, \quad (2)$$

where  $V^2(t)=(\sigma^2/2\gamma)p$  with  $p=1-e^{-2\gamma t}$ . The physical picture of Eq. (2) with the assumption of  $y \approx \eta$  are shown in Fig. 1. In our approach, it is assumed that  $N_{ch}/2$  particles are created at  $\pm y_{\max}$  at  $t=0$ . Then these  $N_{ch}=(N_{ch}/2+N_{ch}/2)$  particles are evolved according to Eq. (2). It is worthwhile to mention that a similar approach for the proton spectra has been given in Ref. [11].

The contents of the present paper are organized as follows. In Sec. 2  $\eta$  scaling of BRAHMS Collaboration is investigated. In Sec. 3 analyses of  $\eta$  distribution by means of Eq. (2) are performed. The physical meaning of evolution parameter  $\gamma t$  with the frictional coefficient is also considered. In Sec. 4  $z_r = \eta/\eta_{rms}(\eta_{rms}=\sqrt{\langle\eta^2\rangle})$  scaling is considered. In Sec. 5 analysis of  $y$  distribution derived  $dn/d\eta$  distribution is presented. In the final section concluding remarks are given.

## 2 Analysis of $\eta$ scaling of $dn/d\eta$ by BRAHMS Collaboration

First of all, we consider the problem on  $\eta$  scaling in Fig. 2, plotting the data of  $dn/d\eta$  at 130 GeV and 200 GeV. The  $\eta$  scaling seems to be held. These distributions show

$$\left. \frac{dn}{d\eta} \right|_{\eta=0} \approx c \text{ (constant)}. \quad (3)$$

Moreover, we examine the intercept at  $\eta=0$ . Authors of Ref. [11], WA98 Collaboration, noticed that the intercepts divided by  $(0.5\langle N_{part} \rangle)$  should be described by

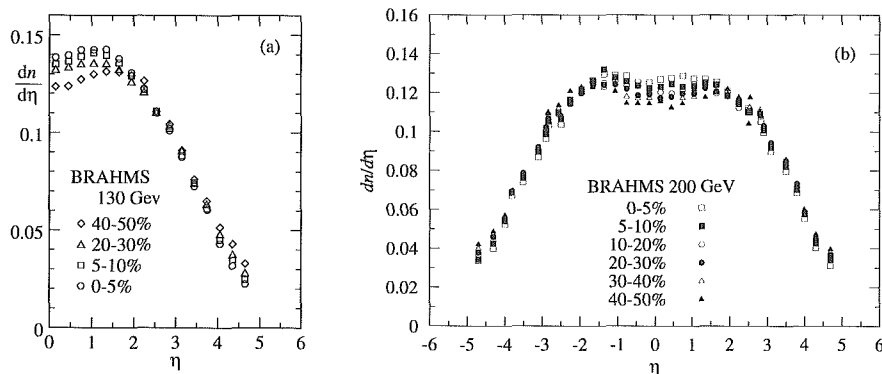


Figure 2: (a) A set of  $dn/d\eta$ 's with different centrality cuts at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=130$  GeV. Each symbols have error-bars of about 8~10% of the magnitude. (b)  $dn/d\eta$  with different centrality cuts at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$  GeV. About the error bars, the situation is the same as (a).

the power-like law, as

$$(0.5\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle)^{-1} \left. \frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{d\eta} \right|_{\eta=0} = A \langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle^\alpha, \quad (4)$$

provided that the participants (nuclei) have lost memory and every participant contribute a similar amount of energy to particle production in collisions. Actually it can be said that the power-like law holds, as seen in Fig. 3. See Tables 1 and 2. This physical picture with Eq. (4) indirectly supports the availability of the stochastic approach. Combining Eqs. (3) and (4), we have the following relations

$$c^{\text{Ex}} = \frac{1}{N_{\text{ch}}} \left. \frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{d\eta} \right|_{\eta=0}, \quad (5)$$

$$c^{\text{Sp}} = \frac{0.5\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle}{N_{\text{ch}}} A \langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle^\alpha, \quad (6)$$

where the suffix ‘‘Sp’’ means the semi-phenomenological formula. Comparisons between Eqs. (5) and (6) with  $A$  and  $\alpha$  in Fig. 3 are shown in Tables 1 and 2.

As seen in Tables 1 and 2, the intercept at  $\eta=0$  is fairly well explained by the semi-phenomenological expression, Eq. (6). This implies that the stochastic approach may be available, because the participants lost their memory in collision.

### 3 Analyses of data by Eq. (2)

Using the O-U process with two sources, Eq. (2), we have analyzed the data. The results at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=130$  GeV and 200 GeV are shown in Figs. 4 and 5, and Tables 3 and 4. In our analyses we use Eq. (2) the pseudo-rapidity ( $\eta$ ) instead of the rapidity ( $y$ ). As seen in Tables 3 and 4,  $R=N_{\text{ch}}^{(\text{Th})}/N_{\text{ch}}$  is always larger than 1. In the measurements of BRAHMS Collaboration, as the observable region is restricted with  $|\eta| \leq 4.7$ , we can conjecture the number of  $N_{\text{ch}}^{(\text{Th})}$  is always 3%~7% larger than  $N_{\text{ch}}$ .

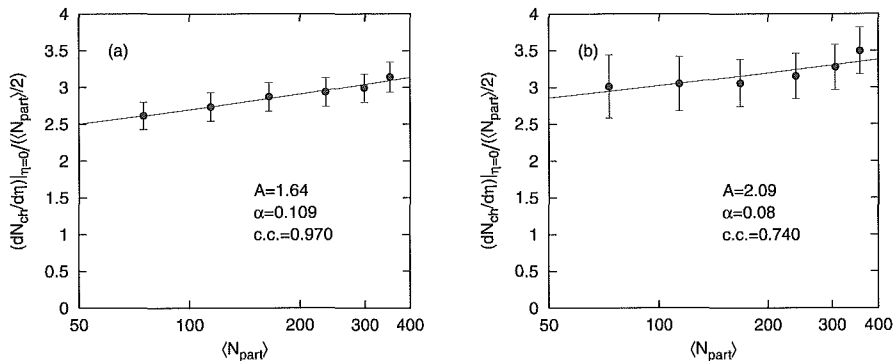


Figure 3: (a) Estimation of parameters  $A$  and  $\alpha$  at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=130$  GeV. The method of linear-regression is used.  $A=1.64$ ,  $\alpha=0.109$ , and the correlation coefficient (c. c.) is 0.970. A power-like law is seen. (b)  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$  GeV.  $A=2.09$ ,  $\alpha=0.08$ , and (c. c.)=0.740.

Table 1: Empirical examination of Eqs. (5) and (6) at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=130$  GeV.  $\delta c_e=0.013\sim 0.015$  and  $\delta c_s=0.010\sim 0.016$ .

| centrality (%)             | 40-50                  | 30-40                  | 20-30                  | 10-20                  | 5-10                   | 0-5                    |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| $\langle N_{part} \rangle$ | 75                     | 114                    | 165                    | 235                    | 299                    | 352                    |
| $N_{ch}$                   | $750 \pm 60$           | $1160 \pm 90$          | $1720 \pm 130$         | $2470 \pm 190$         | $3180 \pm 250$         | $3860 \pm 430$         |
| $c^{EX}$                   | $0.131 \pm \delta c_e$ | $0.134 \pm \delta c_e$ | $0.138 \pm \delta c_e$ | $0.141 \pm \delta c_e$ | $0.143 \pm \delta c_e$ | $0.137 \pm \delta c_e$ |
| $c^{SP}$                   | $0.131 \pm \delta c_s$ | $0.135 \pm \delta c_s$ | $0.137 \pm \delta c_s$ | $0.141 \pm \delta c_s$ | $0.144 \pm \delta c_s$ | $0.141 \pm \delta c_s$ |

Table 2: The same as Table 1 but  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$  GeV,  $\delta c_e=0.014\sim 0.016$  and  $\delta c_s=0.011\sim 0.016$ .

| centrality (%)             | 40-50                  | 30-40                  | 20-30                  | 10-20                  | 5-10                   | 0-5                    |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| $\langle N_{part} \rangle$ | $73 \pm 8$             | $114 \pm 9$            | $168 \pm 9$            | $239 \pm 10$           | $306 \pm 11$           | $357 \pm 8$            |
| $N_{ch}$                   | $890 \pm 70$           | $1380 \pm 110$         | $2020 \pm 160$         | $2920 \pm 230$         | $3810 \pm 300$         | $4630 \pm 370$         |
| $c^{EX}$                   | $0.124 \pm \delta c_e$ | $0.126 \pm \delta c_e$ | $0.127 \pm \delta c_e$ | $0.131 \pm \delta c_e$ | $0.135 \pm \delta c_e$ | $0.129 \pm \delta c_e$ |
| $c^{SP}$                   | $0.121 \pm \delta c_s$ | $0.126 \pm \delta c_s$ | $0.131 \pm \delta c_s$ | $0.133 \pm \delta c_s$ | $0.133 \pm \delta c_s$ | $0.129 \pm \delta c_s$ |

The different values of  $\chi^2$  in Tables 3 and 4 are attributed to the magnitude of the error bars at 130 GeV and 200 GeV.

The intercepts of  $dn/d\eta$  at  $\eta=0$  is explained by the following expression in the O-U process,

$$c^{(Th)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}V^2(t)} \left\{ \exp \left[ -\frac{(\pm \eta_{max}\sqrt{1-p})^2}{2V^2(t)} \right] \right\} \quad (7)$$

Since our theory is based on the O-U process, the intercept  $c^{(Th)}$  is relating to  $y_{max}$ , the width of  $dn/d\eta$  and the evolution parameter.

Next we consider physical meaning of the evolution parameter  $\gamma t$ . When we assign the dimension of time [sec] to  $t$ ,  $\gamma$  is in units of [sec<sup>-1</sup>]. For the magnitude of the

Table 3: Estimated parameters at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=130$  GeV in our analyses by Eq. (2) with two sources. Evolution of Eq. (2) is stopped at minimum  $\chi^2$ s.  $\eta_{max}=4.8$ .  $R=N_{ch}^{(Th)}/N_{ch}$ .  $\eta_{rms}=\sqrt{\langle \eta^2 \rangle}$ .

| centrality (%)  | 40-50             | 20-30             | 5-10              | 0-5               |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| $N_{ch}^{(Th)}$ | $789 \pm 17$      | $1775 \pm 37$     | $3273 \pm 68$     | $3952 \pm 83$     |
| $R$             | 1.05              | 1.03              | 1.03              | 1.04              |
| $\eta_{rms}$    | $2.32 \pm 0.12$   | $2.27 \pm 0.12$   | $2.24 \pm 0.12$   | $2.21 \pm 0.12$   |
| $p$             | $0.841 \pm 0.007$ | $0.858 \pm 0.007$ | $0.865 \pm 0.007$ | $0.871 \pm 0.007$ |
| $V^2(t)$        | $2.79 \pm 0.23$   | $2.80 \pm 0.23$   | $2.64 \pm 0.21$   | $2.56 \pm 0.20$   |
| $c^{(Th)}$      | $0.124 \pm 0.007$ | $0.133 \pm 0.007$ | $0.136 \pm 0.008$ | $0.139 \pm 0.008$ |
| $\chi^2/n.d.f.$ | 0.877/13          | 0.434/13          | 0.507/13          | 0.758/13          |

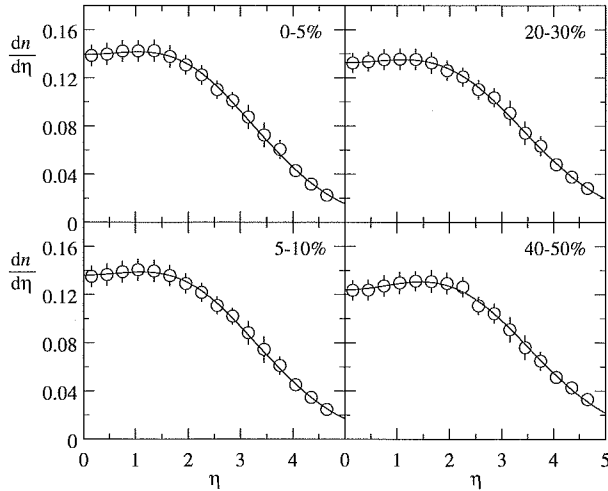


Figure 4 : Analysis of  $dn/d\eta$  at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=130$  GeV by Eq. (2) See Table 3.

Table 4 : Estimated parameters at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$  GeV in our analyses by Eq. (2) with two sources. Evolution of Eq. (2) is stopped at minimum  $\chi^2$ s.  $\eta_{\max}=5.4$ .  $R=N_{\text{ch}}^{(\text{Th})}/N_{\text{ch}}$ ,  $\eta_{\text{rms}}=\sqrt{\langle\eta^2\rangle}$ ,  $\delta p \approx 0.005$  and  $\delta c_t = 0.004 \sim 0.005$ .

| centrality (%)                | 40-50                  | 30-40                  | 20-30                  | 10-20                  | 5-10                   | 0-5                    |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| $N_{\text{ch}}^{(\text{Th})}$ | $955 \pm 15$           | $1477 \pm 24$          | $2158 \pm 34$          | $3101 \pm 49$          | $4034 \pm 63$          | $4881 \pm 76$          |
| $R$                           | 1.07                   | 1.07                   | 1.07                   | 1.06                   | 1.06                   | 1.05                   |
| $\eta_{\text{rms}}$           | $2.41 \pm 0.08$        | $2.40 \pm 0.06$        | $2.39 \pm 0.09$        | $2.37 \pm 0.08$        | $2.35 \pm 0.08$        | $2.32 \pm 0.08$        |
| $p$                           | $0.854 \pm \delta p$   | $0.859 \pm \delta p$   | $0.862 \pm \delta p$   | $0.866 \pm \delta p$   | $0.871 \pm \delta p$   | $0.878 \pm \delta p$   |
| $V^2(t)$                      | $3.169 \pm 0.20$       | $3.17 \pm 0.14$        | $3.15 \pm 0.19$        | $3.16 \pm 0.19$        | $3.10 \pm 0.19$        | $3.08 \pm 0.19$        |
| $c^{(\text{Th})}$             | $0.115 \pm \delta c_t$ | $0.117 \pm \delta c_t$ | $0.118 \pm \delta c_t$ | $0.121 \pm \delta c_t$ | $0.123 \pm \delta c_t$ | $0.128 \pm \delta c_t$ |
| $\chi^2/\text{n.d.f.}$        | 7.2/33                 | 5.2/33                 | 4.3/33                 | 5.4/33                 | 4.9/33                 | 5.1/33                 |

interaction region of Au+Au collisions, we assume to be 10 fm. See discussions in Ref. [12]. See also Tables 5 and 6. The averaged  $\gamma$  [fm $^{-1}$ ] are almost the same as estimated values from PHOBOS Collaboration [13, 14] and ones estimated from the proton spectra at SPS energies in Ref. [10].

#### 4 The $z_r = \eta/\eta_{\text{rms}}$ scaling

To investigate the  $z_r = \eta/\eta_{\text{rms}}$  scaling which has been proposed in Ref. [4], we use  $\eta_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\langle\eta^2\rangle} = \sqrt{\sum \eta^2 dn/d\eta}$  at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=130$  GeV and 200 GeV. We can consider the following formula with  $z_r$  :

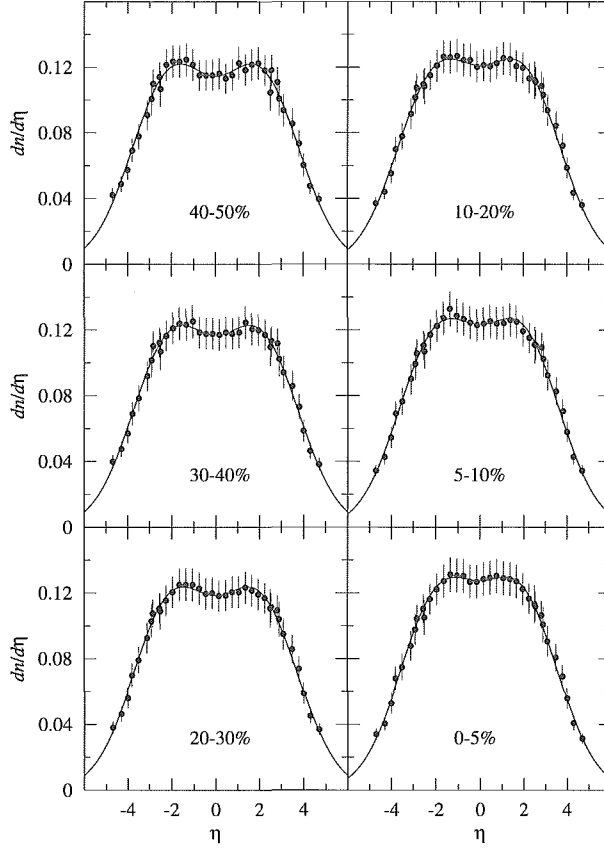


Figure 5: The same as Fig. 4, but 200 GeV. See Table 4.

Table 5: Values of  $\gamma$  and  $\sigma^2$  at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=130$  GeV provided that  $t \approx 3.3 \times 10^{-23}$  sec.

| centrality (%)             | 40-50 | 20-30 | 5-10  | 0-5   | average |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| $\gamma[\text{fm}^{-1}]$   | 0.092 | 0.098 | 0.100 | 0.102 | 0.098   |
| $\sigma^2[\text{fm}^{-1}]$ | 0.560 | 0.601 | 0.648 | 0.656 | 0.616   |
| $\sigma^2/\gamma$          | 6.09  | 6.15  | 6.47  | 6.41  | 6.28    |

Table 6: Values of  $\gamma$  and  $\sigma^2$  at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$  GeV provided that  $t \approx 3.3 \times 10^{-23}$  sec.

| centrality (%)             | 40-50 | 30-40 | 20-30 | 10-20 | 5-10  | 0-5   | average |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| $\gamma[\text{fm}^{-1}]$   | 0.096 | 0.098 | 0.100 | 0.101 | 0.102 | 0.105 | 0.100   |
| $\sigma^2[\text{fm}^{-1}]$ | 0.714 | 0.723 | 0.724 | 0.733 | 0.729 | 0.738 | 0.727   |
| $\sigma^2/\gamma$          | 7.42  | 7.38  | 7.81  | 7.30  | 7.11  | 7.02  | 7.26    |

$$\eta_{\text{rms}} \frac{dn}{d\eta} = \frac{dn}{dz_r} = f(z_r = \eta / \eta_{\text{rms}}). \quad (8)$$

The right hand side with multiplying  $\eta_{\text{rms}}$  is obtained from Eq (2), as

$$\frac{dn}{dz_r} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi V_\eta^2(t)}} \left\{ \exp\left[-\frac{(z_r + z_{\text{max}} e^{-\gamma t})^2}{2 V_\eta^2(t)}\right] + \exp\left[-\frac{(z_r - z_{\text{max}} e^{-\gamma t})^2}{2 V_\eta^2(t)}\right] \right\}, \quad (9)$$

where  $z_{\text{max}} = \eta_{\text{max}} / \langle \eta_{\text{rms}} \rangle$  and  $V_\eta^2(t) = V^2(t) / \eta_{\text{rms}}^2$ .  $\langle \eta_{\text{rms}} \rangle$  is the averaged quantity in the set of data. In concrete analyses of data,  $V_\eta^2(t)$  and  $p$  are treated as the free parameters. The  $z_r$  scaling at 130 GeV are compared with that of the hemisphere ( $0 \leq \eta \leq 6$ ) at 200 GeV in Fig. 6 (b). It is difficult to distinguish them without the labels of incident energies. The behavior of full space is given in Fig. 6 (c). This situation is also observed in analyses of data at 130 GeV and 200 GeV by PHOBOS Collaboration [13, 14].

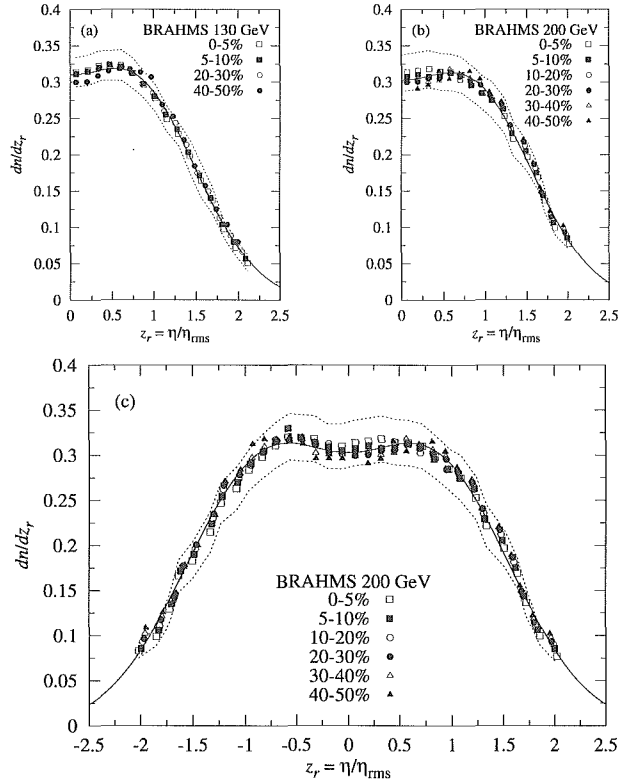


Figure 6 : Normalized distribution of  $dn/dz_r$  with  $z_r = \eta / \eta_{\text{rms}}$  scaling and estimated parameters using Eq. (9). (a)  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 130$  GeV,  $p = 1 - e^{-2\gamma t} = 0.889 \pm 0.003$ ,  $V_\eta^2(t) = 0.527 \pm 0.021$  and  $\chi^2/\text{n.d.f.} = 5.4/61$ . (b) and (c)  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV,  $p = 1 - e^{-2\gamma t} = 0.865 \pm 0.002$ ,  $V_\eta^2(t) = 0.559 \pm 0.015$  and  $\chi^2/\text{n.d.f.} = 32.1/189$ . (b) is taken from hemisphere data ( $0 \leq \eta \leq 6$ ) of Fig. 6 (c). (c) The full space of  $dn/dz_r$ . The dotted lines represent the magnitude of error-bars in the centrality cut 0-5%.



## 5 Rapidity ( $y$ ) distribution derived from $\eta$ distribution

It is well known that one can usually calculate the  $\eta$  distribution from the  $y$  distribution. In this present study, on the contrary, we consider an inverse problem as follows. First we regard Eq. (2) as the correct description of the data, because of small  $\chi^2$  values. Using the following formula we can obtain the  $y$  distribution<sup>2</sup> as

$$\frac{dn}{dy} = \frac{\sqrt{M(1+\sinh^2 y)}}{\sqrt{1+M\sinh^2 y}} \frac{dn}{d\eta}, \quad (10)$$

where  $M=1+m^2/p_t^2$ . The right hand side,  $dn/d\eta$ , is given as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dn}{d\eta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi V^2(t)}} \left\{ \exp\left[-\frac{(\eta(y)+y_{\max}e^{-\tau t})^2}{2V^2(t)}\right] \right. \\ \left. + \exp\left[-\frac{(\eta(y)-y_{\max}e^{-\tau t})^2}{2V^2(t)}\right] \right\}, \quad (11) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\eta(y)=\text{arcsinh}(\sqrt{M} \sinh y)$ . From Eq. (2) with the averaged parameters  $p$  and  $V^2(t)$ , we obtain  $y$  distributions at 200 GeV for  $\pi$  meson and all hadrons ( $\pi^\pm$ ,  $K^\pm$ ,  $p$  and  $\bar{p}$ ). They are compared with the data in Ref. [3] in Fig. 7. The small peak is due to the inverse Jacobian factor. Indeed the data at 200 GeV show these behaviors at  $y \approx 0$ , even large error bars. To confirm these phenomena, measurements in wider region as well as  $y \approx 0$  are necessary.

A phenomenological approach proposed in Ref. [15] (which is named as EKRT) is also shown in Fig 7.

$$\frac{dn}{dy}(\text{EKRT}) = \frac{1}{c_N} \frac{(1+e^{-y_0/d})^2}{(1+e^{(-y-y_0)/d})(1+e^{(y-y_0)/d})}, \quad (12)$$

where  $c_N$  is the normalization factor<sup>3</sup>.  $y_0=3.3$  and  $d=0.65$  are parameters<sup>4</sup> given in Ref. [15]. Eq. (12) also reproduces the both data in Fig. 7. From Eq. (12) we can calculate  $dn/d\eta$  (centrality cut 20–30%) at 130 GeV and 200 GeV which are presented in Fig. 8. The

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$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E+p_z}{E-p_z} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{\sqrt{1+m^2/p_t^2 + \sinh^2 \eta} + \sinh \eta}{\sqrt{1+m^2/p_t^2 + \sinh^2 \eta} - \sinh \eta} \right] = \tanh^{-1} \left( \frac{p_z}{E} \right) \approx -\ln \tan(\theta/2) \equiv \eta.$$

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{p+p_z}{p-p_z} \text{ and } \frac{dn}{dy} = \frac{dn}{d\eta} \frac{d\eta}{dy}, \text{ where } \eta(y) = \text{arcsinh}(\sqrt{M} \sinh y).$$

For  $dn/d\eta = (p/E) dn/dy$ , we have  $p/E = \cosh \eta / \sqrt{1+m^2/p_t^2 + \sinh^2 \eta}$ . Moreover, we have confirmed that  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (dn/dy) dy = 1$  and  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (dn/d\eta) d\eta = 1$ .

<sup>3</sup>We have estimated the normalization factor  $c_N$  as follows

$$c_N = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(1+e^{-y_0/d})^2}{(1+e^{(-y-y_0)/d})(1+e^{(y-y_0)/d})} dy = 6.68.$$

<sup>4</sup>Notice that a similar expression with its symmetrization can be seen in Ref. [16]. A different expression based on the non-linear Fokker-Planck equation for  $dn/dy$  is found in Ref. [17]. Both are proposed for analyses of  $pp$  (or  $\bar{p}p$ ) collisions.

coincidences between data and theory are very well, when  $y_0$  and  $d$  are treated as free parameters.

## 6 Concluding Remarks

- 1) We have observed that the behaviors of  $\eta$  scaling of  $dn/d\eta$  by BRAHMS Collaboration hold fairly well among the various centrality cuts at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 130$  GeV and 200 GeV.
- 2) To explain those scaling behaviors, we have assumed that  $dn/d\eta$  is governed by the O-U stochastic process with two sources at  $\pm y_{\max}(\cong \ln \sqrt{s_{NN}}/m_N)$ . The intercept of  $dn/d\eta$  at  $\eta=0$  is expressed by Eq. (7). See Tables 3 and 4. The constant  $c$ 's are reflecting the scaling property relating to the O-U process.
- 3) From the evolution parameter  $\gamma t$  and the assumed size of the interaction region of Au+Au collision (10 fm), we have obtained the following value,  $\gamma \approx 0.1 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ , which

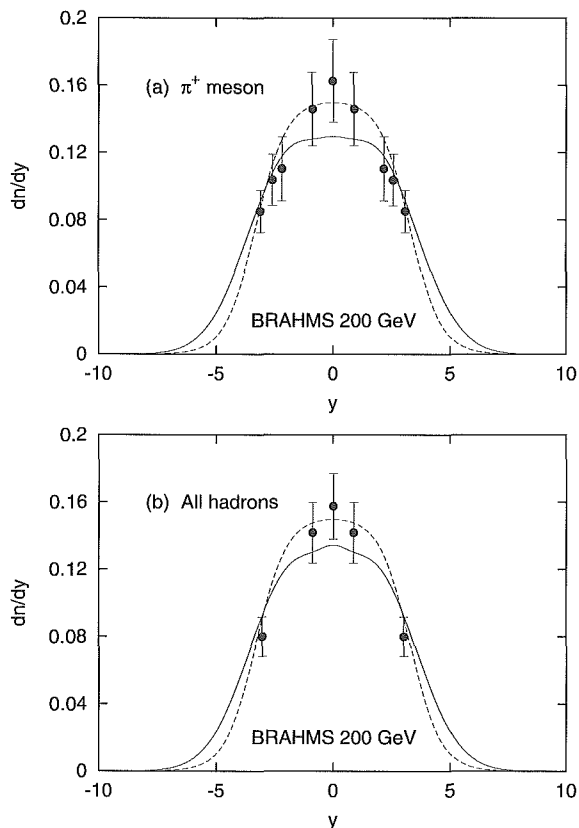


Figure 7:  $p$  and  $V^2(t)$  are adopted from Tables 3 and 4. The averaged parameters  $p=0.865$  (fixed) and  $V^2(t)=3.138$  (fixed) are used. (a)  $dn/dy$  of all  $\pi$  meson.  $m/p_t=0.4$  (fixed),  $N_{\text{ch}}=1503 \pm 77$ . (b)  $dn/dy$  of all hadrons ( $\pi^\pm$ ,  $K^\pm$ ,  $p$  and  $\bar{p}$ ).  $m/p_t=0.5$  (fixed) and  $N_{\text{ch}}=3915 \pm 234$ . The dashed lines are obtained from Eq. (12) with  $1/c_N=0.149$ .

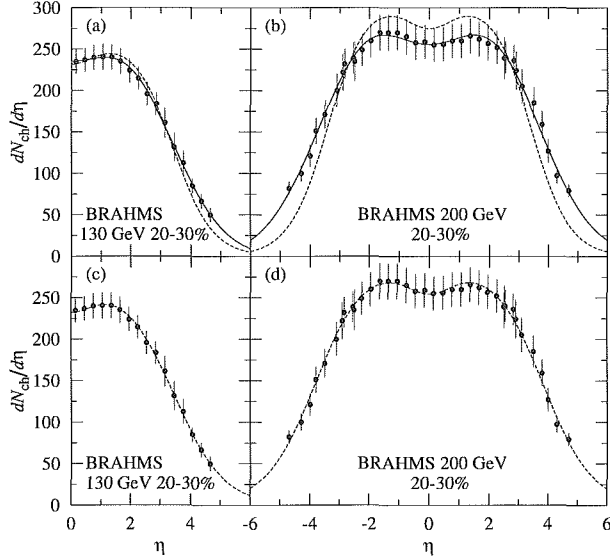


Figure 8 : Using Eqs. (11) and (12), we calculate  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$  (centrality cut 20–30%) at 130 GeV and 200 GeV. (a) Dashed line is obtained by  $y_0=3.3$ ,  $d=0.65$ ,  $N_{ch}^{(ch)}=1731 \pm 34$ ,  $m/p_t=0.5$  and  $\chi^2/n.d.f.=12.1/15$ . Solid line is obtained by O-U process [ $\chi^2/n.d.f.=0.43/13$  from Table 3], (b) Dashed line is obtained by  $y_0=3.3$ ,  $d=0.65$ ,  $N_{ch}^{(ch)}=2054 \pm 31$ ,  $m/p_t=0.5$  and  $\chi^2/n.d.f.=134/35$ . Solid line is obtained by O-U process [ $\chi^2/n.d.f.=4.3/33$  from Table 4]. When  $y_0$  and  $d$  are treated as free parameters, the following sets of parameters are obtained. (c)  $y_0=3.32$ ,  $d=0$ . 83,  $\chi^2/n.d.f.=0.40/13$ . (d)  $y_0=3.72$ ,  $d=0.83$ ,  $\chi^2/n.d.f.=4.4/33$ .

is almost the same value as that estimated in Ref. [11].

- 4) From Fig. 6, it can be said that the  $z_r$  scaling holds at 130 GeV and 200 GeV. It is difficult to distinguish them, as compared both data without the labels of incident energies.
- 5) Using Eq. (11) with  $\eta$  distributions at 200 GeV, we have calculated the  $y$  distributions which explain the data of Ref. [3]. The comparison with different approach given in Ref. [15] is also shown. In a future both approaches can be distinguished by the existence of a projection (small peak) at  $y \approx 0$ .

Finally, it can be concluded that the O-U process is one of possible explanations for the scaling property of  $dn/d\eta$  at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=130$  GeV and 200 GeV by BRAHMS Collaboration [1, 2] as well as distributions by PHOBOS Collaboration [14].

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$$\frac{\partial P(y, t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\tau_y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [(y - y_{eq})P(y, t)] + D_y \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} P(y, t)$$

where  $y_{eq}$  is relating to the rapidity of the colliding energy.

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