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

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Abstract

Interesting data on $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ in Au-Au collisions ($\eta = -\ln \tan(\theta/2)$) with the centrality cuts have been reported by BRAHMS Collaboration. Using the total multiplicity $N_{ch} = \int (dN_{ch}/d\eta)d\eta$, we find that there are scaling phenomena among $(N_{ch})^{-1}dN_{ch}/d\eta = dn/d\eta$ 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,

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

where $x$ means the rapidity ($y$) or pseudo-rapidity ($\eta$), $t$, $\gamma$ and $\sigma^2$ are the evolution parameter, the frictional coefficient and the variance, respectively. Introducing a variable of $z_r = \eta/\eta_{rms}$ ($\eta_{rms} = \sqrt{\langle \eta^2 \rangle}$) 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 $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ ($\eta = -\ln \tan(\theta/2)$) and $(0.5\langle N_{part}\rangle)^{-1}dN_{ch}/d\eta|_{\eta=0}$ in Au+Au collision at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 130$ GeV and 200 GeV have been reported by BRAHMS Collaboration [1, 2]. ($\langle N_{part}\rangle$ and $N_{ch}$ 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 $(N_{ch})^{-1}dN_{ch}/d\eta = dn/d\eta$ 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 analyses 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,

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

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

where $t$, $\gamma$ and $\sigma^2$ are the evolution parameter, the frictional coefficient and the variance, respectively. Assuming two sources at $\pm y_{\text{max}} = \ln(\sqrt{s_{NN}/m_N})$ at $t = 0$ and $P(y, 0) = 0.5[\delta(y + y_{\text{max}}) + \delta(y - y_{\text{max}})]$, we obtain the following distribution function for $dn/d\eta$ (assuming $y \approx \eta$) using the probability density $P(y, t)$:

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

(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 $N_{\text{ch}}/2$ particles are created at $\pm y_{\text{max}}$ at $t = 0$. Then these $N_{\text{ch}} = (N_{\text{ch}}/2 + N_{\text{ch}}/2)$ 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. II $\eta$ scaling of BRAHMS Collaboration is investigated. In Sec. III 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. IV $z_r = \eta/\eta_{\text{rms}}$ ($\eta_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\langle \eta^2 \rangle}$) scaling is considered. In Sec. V Analysis of $y$ distribution derived $dn/d\eta$ distribution is presented. In the final section concluding remarks are given.

\textsuperscript{1}The equivalent Langevin stochastic equation with the white noise $f_w(t)$ is given as

$$
\frac{dy}{dt} = -\gamma y + f_w(t).
$$
Figure 2: (a) A set of $d\eta/d\eta$ 's with different centrality cuts at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 130$ GeV. Each symbol have error-bars of about $8 \sim 10\%$ of the magnitude. (b) $d\eta/d\eta$ with different centrality cuts at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV. About the error bars, the situation is the same as (a).

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

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

$$\frac{dn}{d\eta} \bigg|_{\eta=0} \approx c \ (\text{constant}).$$

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

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

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 is 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

$$c_{\text{Ex}} = \frac{1}{N_{\text{ch}}} \frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{d\eta} \bigg|_{\eta=0},$$

$$c_{\text{Sp}} = \frac{0.5\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle}{N_{\text{ch}}} A\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle^{\alpha},$$

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 is 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 is seen in Tables 3 and 4,
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. $\delta c_c = 0.013 \sim 0.016$ 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 |
| $N_{ch}$ | $750 \pm 60$ | $1160 \pm 90$ | $1720 \pm 130$ | $2470 \pm 190$ | $3180 \pm 250$ | $3860 \pm 430$ |
| $c^{ex}$ | $0.131 \pm \delta c_c$ | $0.134 \pm \delta c_c$ | $0.138 \pm \delta c_c$ | $0.141 \pm \delta c_c$ | $0.143 \pm \delta c_c$ | $0.137 \pm \delta c_c$ |
| $c^{sp}$ | $0.131 \pm \delta c_s$ | $0.135 \pm \delta c_s$ | $0.137 \pm \delta c_s$ | $0.141 \pm \delta c_s$ | $0.144 \pm \delta c_s$ | $0.141 \pm \delta c_s$ |

Table 2: The same as Table 1 but $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV. $\delta c_c = 0.014 \sim 0.016$ 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    | 114   | 168   | 239  | 306  | 357 |
| $N_{ch}$ | $73 \pm 8$ | $114 \pm 9$ | $168 \pm 9$ | $239 \pm 10$ | $306 \pm 11$ | $357 \pm 8$ |
| $c^{ex}$ | $0.124 \pm \delta c_c$ | $0.126 \pm \delta c_c$ | $0.127 \pm \delta c_c$ | $0.131 \pm \delta c_c$ | $0.135 \pm \delta c_c$ | $0.129 \pm \delta c_c$ |
| $c^{sp}$ | $0.121 \pm \delta c_s$ | $0.126 \pm \delta c_s$ | $0.131 \pm \delta c_s$ | $0.133 \pm \delta c_s$ | $0.133 \pm \delta c_s$ | $0.129 \pm \delta c_s$ |
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. $\eta_{\text{max}} = 4.8$. $R = N_{\text{ch}}^{(\text{Th})}/N_{\text{ch}}$. $\eta_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\langle \eta^2 \rangle}$.

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

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

$R = N_{\text{ch}}^{(\text{Th})}/N_{\text{ch}}$ 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 $N_{\text{ch}}$.

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,

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

Since our theory is based on the O-U process, the intercept $c^{(\text{Th})}$ is relating to $\eta_{\text{max}}$, 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 meaning of second [sec] to $t$, $\gamma$ has the dimension of [sec$^{-1}$]. For the magnitude of the 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].
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. $\eta_{max} = 5.4$. $R = N_{ch}^{(Th)}/N_{ch}$, $\eta_{rms} = \sqrt{\langle \eta^2 \rangle}$, $\delta p \approx 0.005$ and $\delta c_t = 0.004 \sim 0.005$.

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

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 |
|----------------|-------|-------|------|-----|---------|
| $\gamma$ [fm$^{-1}$] | 0.092 | 0.098 | 0.100 | 0.102 | 0.098 |
| $\sigma^2$ [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 |
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 $z_r$:

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

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

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

$$+ \exp \left[ -\frac{(z_r - z_{\text{max}}e^{-\gamma t})^2}{2V_r^2(t)} \right] \right\},$$  

where $z_{\text{max}} = \eta_{\text{max}}/(\eta_{\text{rms}})$ and $V_r^2(t) = V^2(t)/\eta_{\text{rms}}^2$. $\langle \eta_{\text{rms}} \rangle$ is the averaged quantity in the set of data. In concrete analyses of data, $V_r^2(t)$ and $\eta_{\text{rms}}$ 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].

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 as

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

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

$$\frac{dn}{d\eta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi V_r^2(t)}} \left\{ \exp \left[ -\frac{(\eta(y) + y_{\text{max}}e^{-\gamma t})^2}{2V_r^2(t)} \right] \right.$$  

$$+ \exp \left[ -\frac{(\eta(y) - y_{\text{max}}e^{-\gamma t})^2}{2V_r^2(t)} \right] \right\},$$  

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

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

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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 |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----|---------|
| $\gamma$ [fm$^{-1}$] | 0.096 | 0.098 | 0.100 | 0.101 | 0.102 | 0.105 | 0.100 |
| $\sigma^2$ [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   |
Figure 6: Normalized distribution of $dn/dz_r$ with $z_r = \eta/\eta_{rms}$ scaling and estimated parameters using Eq. (9). (a) $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 130$ GeV, $p = 1 - e^{-2\gamma t} = 0.889 \pm 0.003$, $V_2^2(t) = 0.527 \pm 0.021$ and $\chi^2$/n.d.f. = 5.4/61. (b) and (c) $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV, $p = 1 - e^{-2\gamma t} = 0.865 \pm 0.002$, $V_2^2(t) = 0.559 \pm 0.015$ and $\chi^2$/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%.
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.

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

where $c_N$ is the normalization factor $^3$. $y_0 = 3.3$ and $d = 0.65$ are parameters $^4$ 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 is presented in Fig. 8. The 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 $\pm y_{\text{max}} (\approx \ln \sqrt{s_{NN}/m_N})$. 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, $\gamma \approx 0.1$ fm$^{-1}$, which 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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$^3$We have estimated the normalization factor $c_N$ as follows

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

$^4$Notice that a similar expression with its symmetrization can be seen in Ref. [16]. A different expression based on the fractional Fokker-Planck equation for $dn/dy$ is found in Ref. [17]. Both are proposed for analyses of $pp$ (or $\bar{p}p$) collisions.
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), $N_{ch} = 1503 \pm 77$. (b) $dn/dy$ of all hadrons ($\pi^\pm$, $K^\pm$, $p$ and $\bar{p}$). $m/p_t = 0.5$ (fixed), $N_{ch} = 3915 \pm 234$. 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 $y_0 = 3.3, d = 0.65, N^{Th}_{ch} = 1731 \pm 34, m/p_t = 0.5$ 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 $y_0 = 3.3, d = 0.65, N^{Th}_{ch} = 2054\pm31, m/p_t = 0.5$ 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) $y_0 = 3.72, d = 0.83, \chi^2/n.d.f. = 4.4/33$.

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