

### **Experiments at the Nuclotron beams.**



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### The origin ...

1944: Phase stability principle - V.I.Veksler;70 years in 20141945:independently - E.M.McMillan; 70 years in 2015



### **Veksler-Baldin Laboratory of High Energy Physics**





# V.I.Veksler / with D.I.Blokhintsev, F. Joliot-Curie

A.M.Baldin

"Father" of the relativistic nuclear physics. 4



	1953
	1956, March 26
$\left( \right)$	1957, April

Phase stability principle (V.I.Veksler; 1945 - E.M.McMillan) Physics grounds of the Synchrophasotron, prototyped in Lebedev Physics Inst. of AS USSR; construction of the Synchrophasotron started. Electrophysics Lab. of AS USSR with the Synchrophasotron as a future basic facility Laboratory for High Energy of Joint Institute for Nuclear Research Synchrophasotron was put into operation.

Research program was developed and performed under leadership of V.I.Veksler, M.A.Markov, I.V.Chuvilo, A.M.Baldin



Acceleration of deuterons in Synchrophasotron; later on – relativistic nuclei. Acceleration of polarized deuterons

Nuclotron was put into operation; In mid 90' – Movable Polarized Proton Target in LHE.

Synchrophasotron operated almost 50 years

#### **Relativistic Ion Facilities** from Synchrophasotron and AGS to NICA and FAIR

Over the last 30 years a lot of efforts have been made to provide the conditions for searching for new states of strongly interacting matter under extreme conditions.



Synchrophasotron: Etab ~ 4.2 AGeV (VSNN = 3 GeV) 1971 - 1999, pioneer experiments in the field of relativistic nuclear physics.

AGS: Etab ~ 11 AGeV (V SNN = 5 GeV) 1986 - 1992, study of compressed baryonic matter.



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SPS: E<sub>lab</sub> ~ 158 AGeV (√s<sub>NN</sub> = 18 GeV) 1986- up to now. study of compressed baryonic matter.

LHC:  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5520 \text{ AGeV} (E_{lab} ~ 6.1.10^7 \text{ AGeV})$ 

1996'

**1970'** 



1996 - up to now,



2008'

2015'



SIS 300 (FAIR): Etab ~ 34 AGeV (VS NN = 8.5 GeV), full performance will be reached in 2015, study of compressed baryonic matter.



NICA:  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 9 \text{ GeV} (E_{lab} \sim 40 \text{ AGeV}).$ full performance will be reached in 2013. search for the mixed phase of strongly interacting matter.



Selected examples (cumulative particle production, polarization phenomena, few nucleon structure) personal view

#### **Cumulative processes**

Polarization effects in cumulative particle production.

Example: pion production by polarized deuterons. L.Zolin et al, Nucl. Phys. A689 (2001) 414c



### Few nucleon systems at short inter-nucleon distances



**Deuteron breakup** 

#### Elastic backward deuteron-proton scatteing

# Deuteron structure at short distances: summary of the data (polarized beams)





Inclusive invariant cross sections for 3He breakup (0<sup>°</sup> in lab.syst.) into protons and deuterons versus the Light-Cone «internal» fragment momentum in 3He (see: Ableev V.G. et al, Pis'ma ZhETF 45 (1987) 467 (in Russian) and JETF Letters 45 (1987) 596 (in English)). 11

<sup>3</sup>He

d and p in  ${}^{3}$ He



**Distribution of momentum density for constituents** 

### <sup>4</sup>He

### t and p in <sup>4</sup>He



Fig. 3. a Comparison of the proton momentum distribution in <sup>4</sup>He from Fig. 2 ( $\bigcirc$  and  $\square$ ) with the data [13] ( $\blacksquare$ ), extracted from the <sup>4</sup>He(*e*, *e'*) reaction, with the theoretical calculations [14] (solid line) and [15] (dotted line) using the Reid SC potential and with the flucton model calculations [16] (dashed line); **b** comparison of the triton momentum distribution in <sup>4</sup>He from Fig. 2 ( $\triangle$ ) with the theoretical calculations [11] (solid line) using the Urbana potential and [15] (dotted line) using the Reid SC potential and [15] (dotted line) using the Reid SC potential and [15] (dotted line) using the Reid SC potential and [15] (dotted line) using the Reid SC potential and [15] (dotted line) using the Reid SC potential and [15] (dotted line) using the Reid SC potential and [15] (dotted line) using the Reid SC potential and [15] (dotted line) using the Reid SC potential and [15] (dotted line) using the Reid SC potential and [15] (dotted line) using the Reid SC potential and [15] (dotted line) using the Reid SC potential and [15] (dotted line) using the Reid SC potential and [15] (dotted line) using the Reid SC potential and [15] (dotted line) using the Reid SC potential

## from the Synchrophasotron to the heavy ion collider

1957 Synchrophasotron	1993 Nuclotron	2020 NICA
10 GeV synchrotron (p) - leader in the energy Origin of the high energy	The first superconductive heavy ion accelerator	Superconductive collider for heavy ions
V.I.Veksler – the author of the <i>Phase Stability</i> <i>Principle</i>	A.M. Baldin: pioneering studies in relativistic nuclear physics	Study of nuclear and baryonic matter at extremal densities



(see talks given on Monday by R. Lednicky, A. Sorin)

- study of hot and dense baryonic matter
- study of the spin structure of nucleons and other

polarization phenomena



### To do this, it is necessary:

- to upgrade accelerator base in JINR, which is able to provide intensive beams from **p** to **Au** and polarized **protons and deuterons** with maximal energy up to  $\sqrt{S_{NN}} = 11 \text{ GeV} (Au^{79+})$  and =27 GeV (p)

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### What users have now

### **Internal Target Station.**



### **Extracted beams.**

#### Map of beam lines for fixed target experiments at Nuclotron beams



### MPD test beamline: new place to test detectors.



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beam





**Control room** 

Area for beam tests of detectors

#### **Internal beam intensity**



## **Selected experiments**

### **Experiments at Internal Target Station.**



# Next slides: after cut on the missing mass: $M_{miss}$ within 940 $\pm$ 10 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>

### dp→ppn breakup



### Analysis of new data is in progress

SCAN-3 (*under preparation*): *search for nuclei with η-meson as a constituent*; study of *np* and *pp* pair production, breakup of heavy nuclei into low energy fragments etc. Internal Target Station will be used.



# Selected experiments at extracted beams



# ①/↓ Unpolarized deuterons!

I. Pomeranchuk, DAN USSR LXXVIII, Issue 2 (1951) 249; A.B. Migdal, ZhETP 28 (1955) 3; L.I. Lapidus, ZhETP 32 (1957) 1437; N.W. Dean, Phys. Rev. D5 (1972) 2832



### **Project STRELA**

### **Unpolarized deuterons!**

### 2 protons emitted *at forward angles <2 deg.* were detected.

Deuteron momentum: 3.5 GeV/c. CH2-C subtraction.



(Reported by V.V. Glagolev at IBSHEPP-XXII, Sept. 2014, Dubna)

**Other experiments (ongoing):** 

- **1.** HyperNIS (physics of hypernuclei, first of all properties of loosely bound hypernuclei with neutron excess)
- **2.** FAZA (nuclear multifragmentation and "liquid to fog" phase transition of the nuclear matter)
- 2. MARUSYA (cumulative production; currently R&D of detectors for beam diagnostics)
- 4. <u>ALPOM-2</u> (needs polarized deuteron for calibrating of polarimeter for new  $G_E/G_M$  experiment at JLAB).
- 5. Radiation biology (by LRB of JINR)
- 6. Applied physics (<u>E&T RaW</u>)

ALPOM-2: measurements of analyzing powers for polarimeters with analyzing targets from  $CH_2$  and CH (active target) measuring polarizations of scattered protons and neutrons in the new  $G_E/G_M$ (as for protons, as for neutrons) experiment at JLAB.



# **Applied physics**

## (E&T RaW project)

#### **QUINTA** at working position (extraction line, F3)



• - Точки расположения ТТД и АД на поверхности мишени «КВИНТА»

### **E&T RaW project**

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#### QUINTA target assembly



#### QUINTA at the data taking place (extraction line, F3) during runs 44 and 45



For extended massive (500 kg, Ø30cm x 65cm) uranium target assembly QUINTA irradiated by NUCLOTRON deuteron beams with energy from 1 to 8 GeV were firstly simultaneously measured the time spectra of delayed neutrons (DN) with aid of IZOMER-M detector and spatial distributions of <sup>238</sup>U fission rates. Beside that the first direct measurements of energy spectra of prompt leakage neutrons produced within the target assembly have been carried out by the liquid scintillation detector DEMON. These measurements revealed a large background of high energy neutrons... In contrary with previous calculations it was experimentally proved that in ADS with deep subcritical natural uranium target a total number of fissions increases linearly within studied incident energy range. The group analysis of DN time spectra indicates that fission of target <sup>238</sup>U nuclei is initiated by cascade neutrons with its mean energy growing with increase of the incident deuteron energy.

#### QUINTA target assembly





Run 03.2012	E <sub>d</sub> = 1Gev	E <sub>d</sub> = 4GeV	E <sub>d</sub> = 8GeV	
Method of	Number of fission in QUINTA target			
measurement	assembly per 1 deuteron per 1Gev			
Track detectors	8.8 ±1.5	8.4 ±1.5	9.3 ±1.6	
Activation method	9.6 ±1.6	8.8 ±1.3	9.8 ±1.6	
Delayed neutrons	9.1 ±0.6	8.5 ±0.6	11.5 ±0.9	
	Normalized			

#### **Run 45 results**

#### QUINTA, run 45: Number of fissions of U-238 in 1 cm<sup>3</sup>; colour scale: per 1 deutr.





The scheme of longitudinal section of the TS BURAN with the mounted central zone (left) and general view photo (right). E.A. Strokovsky, 19 June 2015

# Baryonic Matter at Nuclotron (the BM@N project)

(The flagship "fixed target" experiment)

### The Baryonic Matter at Nuclotron (BM@N) project - approved in 2012 The goal:

### Search for the mixed phase and phase transition of strongly interacting matter in processes:

AA, pA and pp interactions

using variety of nuclei A (from p to Au)

scanning over energy range:  $E_{beam} = 1 - 6 \text{ GeV} / \text{nucleon}$ 

**Strategy:** beam energy & nucleus scan

**19 scientific centers:** INR, SINP MSU, IHEP + 2 Universities (Russia); GSI, Frankfurt U., Gissen U. (Germany): + CBM-MPD IT-Consortium + .... expressed an interest

### Superconducting accelerator complex NICA (Nuclotron based Ion Collider fAcility)



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### **Heavy Ion Collision experiments**



### Indications to onset of the deconfinement



### QCD phase diagram - Prospects for NICA/BM@N



NICA/BM@N is complementary to RHIC/BES, FAIR, CERN experimental programs Search for the mixed phase of partons and hadrons:

 Signatures of deconfinement phase transition at high net baryon densities
 ρ<sub>b</sub>

→ enhanced strangeness production (baryons and mesons)

Study of the Equation of State (EoS) at high ρ<sub>b</sub> and temperatures
 → strange particle yields & ratios at thresholds, collective flows
 In-medium modification of hadron properties as a sign of chiral symmetry restoration at high ρ<sub>b</sub>
 → onset of a low-mass di-lepton enhancement

Y-N interactions in the dense nuclear matter and hyper-nuclei production



### Study of "in-medium" K<sup>+</sup> and K<sup>-</sup> properties in heavyion collisions at thresholds



meson-meson collisions:  $\pi + \pi \rightarrow K + \overline{K}$ 





### I. In A+A collisions at Nuclotron energies:

**Opening thresholds for strange and multistrange hyperon production** 

➔ strangeness at thresholds

More precise data for strange mesons and hyperons, multi- variable distributions, in the unexplored energy range are needed.



### **II.** In *p+p*, *p+n*, *p+A* collisions:

→hadron production in elementary reactions and "cold" nuclear matter as a "reference" to pin down nuclear effects.







→ BM@N can study the "in-medium" effects for strangeness by measurements of a variety of observables for different energies and centralities in heavy-ion collisions in order to find an "anomalous" behavior in comparison with theory





### **Heavy-ions A+A: Hypernuclei production**





**In heavy-ion reactions:** production of hypernuclei through coalescence of  $\Lambda$  with light fragments enhanced at high baryon densities

**D** Maximal yield predicted for  $\sqrt{s}=4-5A$  GeV (stat. model) (interplay of  $\Lambda$  and light nuclei excitation function)

**BM@N energy range is ideally suited for the search of (double) hypernuclei** 



### Complementary studies: Spectrum of soft photons



- Result from 7x7 modules of BGO calorimeter, NIS-GIBS setup, June 2014
- To check feasibility of soft photon studies needs full simulation of BGO calorimeter in the BM@N setup



### SPECTRA of SOFT PHOTON in d+C and Li+C INTERACTIONS AT NUCLOTRON

Results from runs 49 and 50.



d+C and C+C data from run 51 are being analyzed.



### BM@N setup





BM@N advantage: large aperture magnet (~1 m gap between poles)

 $\rightarrow$  fill aperture with coordinate detectors which sustain high multiplicities of particles

 $\rightarrow$  divide detectors for particle identification to "near to magnet" and "far from magnet" to measure particles with low as well as high momentum (p > 1-2 GeV/c)

 $\rightarrow$  fill distance between magnet and "far" detectors with coordinate detectors

- Central tracker (GEM) inside analyzing magnet to reconstruct AA interactions
- Outer tracker (DCH, Straw) behind magnet to link central tracks to ToF detectors
- ToF system based on mRPC and T0 detectors to identify hadrons and light nucleus
- ZDC calorimeter to measure centrality of AA collisions and form trigger
- Detectors to form T0, L1 centrality trigger and beam monitors
- Electromagnetic calorimeter for γ,e+e-



## **BMNROOT** software framework



- Detector geometry
- A+A event generators
- GEANT simulation

- Track reconstruction
- Particle identification
- Physics analysis





# GEM tracker: acceptance / momentum resolution / detection efficiency







#### Momentum resolution / detection efficiency



- Statistical model, Au+Au collisions @ 4A·GeV
- Beam intensity 10<sup>7</sup>, 1% interaction length target

Particle	$E_{\mathbf{thr}NN},$	Multiplicity		$\epsilon,$	Yield/s	Yield/week
	GeV	central	min.bias	%	min.bias	min.bias
$\Xi^+$	3.7	$1 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$	3	75	4.5.107
$\Omega^{-}$	6.9	$2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$5.0 \cdot 10^{-4}$	3	1.5	$9.0 \cdot 10^5$
Ā	7.1	$2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$5.0 \cdot 10^{-5}$	15	0.75	$4.5 \cdot 10^5$
$\Xi^+$	9.0	$6.10^{-5}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$	3	$4.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2.7 \cdot 10^4$
$\Omega^+$	12.7	$1 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-6}$	3	$7.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$4.5 \cdot 10^3$

Hyper-	Multiplicity	€,	Yield/s	Yield/week
nuclei	central	%	central	central
$^{3}_{\Lambda}$ H	$2 \cdot 10^{-2}$	8	160	$1.0 \cdot 10^{8}$
$^{5}_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ H	$1.10^{-6}$	1	$1.10^{-3}$	6·10 <sup>2</sup>
$^{6}_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ He	$3 \cdot 10^{-8}$	1	$3.10^{-5}$	18



### BM&N setup in the first technical run in February-March 2015 (Run 51)







Tasks for BM@N technical run:

- deutron and  $C^{12}$  beams with T<sub>0</sub>= 3.5 AGeV
- Trace beams, measure beam profile and time structure
- Test detector response: ToF-400, ToF-700, T0+Trigger, DCH-1,2, ZDC, ECAL modules, Beam monitors BM
- Test integrated DAQ and trigger system



Results of technical run:

• Deutron beam (2·10<sup>4</sup> - 10<sup>5</sup> /cycle) and C<sup>12</sup> (10<sup>5</sup> - 10<sup>6</sup>/cycle) beams with T<sub>0</sub>= 3.5 GeV / nucleon are delivered and used in BM@N experiment

• Functionality of integrated DAQ for detectors: ToF-400, ToF-700, T<sub>0</sub>T, DCH-1,2, ZDC, ECAL modules, 3 MWPC is proven;  $\rightarrow$  DAQ system showed reliable behavior

- Data with beam-target interactions are recorded using several trigger logics
- Deutron beam is traced through detectors at different values of magnetic field to test momentum reconstruction
- Resolution of T0T and ToF-400,700 detectors is tested

• Special runs are collected with different positions of ZDC to calibrate detector response



# BM@N beam monitor, trigger counters and T0 counter for ToF system



#### BM@N trigger group

Components of carbon beam measured in counters BC2 (in front of target) and BC3 (behind target) using standalone readout electronics







### Deutron tracks and momentum reconstruction in Drift Chambers



Deutron beam inclination at different values of magnetic field





### Calibration of ZDC calorimeter











- Calibration of cell amplitudes to get beam energy in cluster
- Spread of energies reconstructed in different runs ~7%
- Cross check linearity with fraction of Be in carbon beam
  Energy/Beam
  Energy/Run



Y:X Signal



# Time schedule for BM@N setup development





Plan for central tracker: 8 GEM + 2 Si planes for physics run at end 2017, 12 GEM + 2 Si planes for physics run in 2019

# User's policy at LHEP



#### \*(All forms can be found at the Nuclotron site.)

### II. Annual Workshop of the Nuclotron beam users (international)

### **Permanent topics:**

- Run coordinator report
- Machine representative report
- Reports of users about results obtained and quality of the beam
- Proposed schedule of runs for the next year and its discussion
- ....
- General discussion
- Fixing of user's needs and interests for the next year in the Concluding document.

### In 2015 the III "Annual user's Workshop" is planned for Oct. 8-9

