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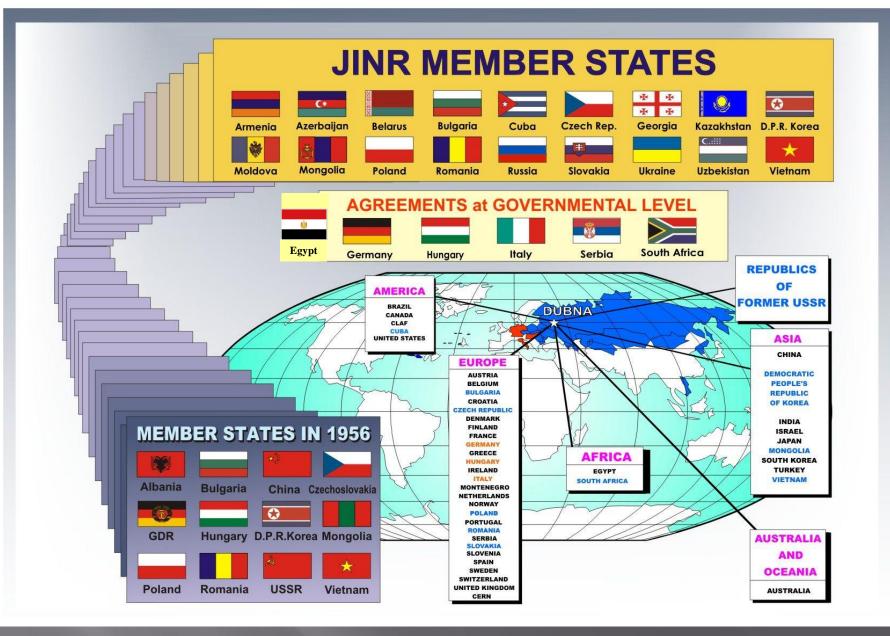
NICA project at JINR

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JINR's research niche offered by home facilities

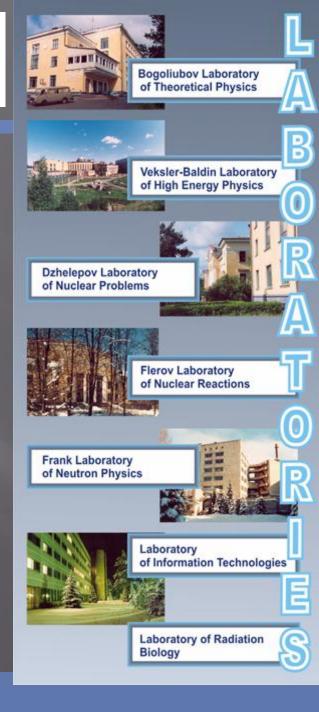
Heavy-lon Physics: - at high energies (up to 5 GeV/n) (in future $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 11 GeV, NICA facility)

 at low and intermediate energies (5 – 100 MeV/n)

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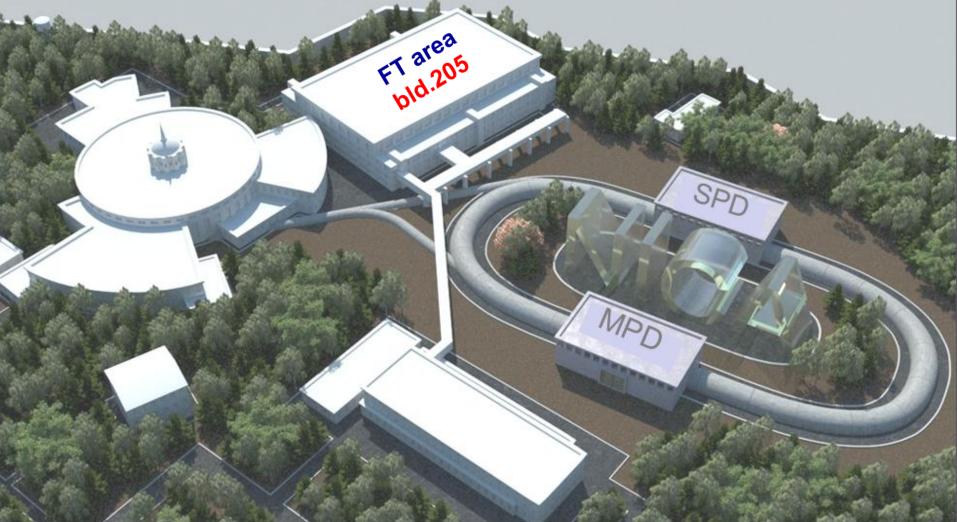
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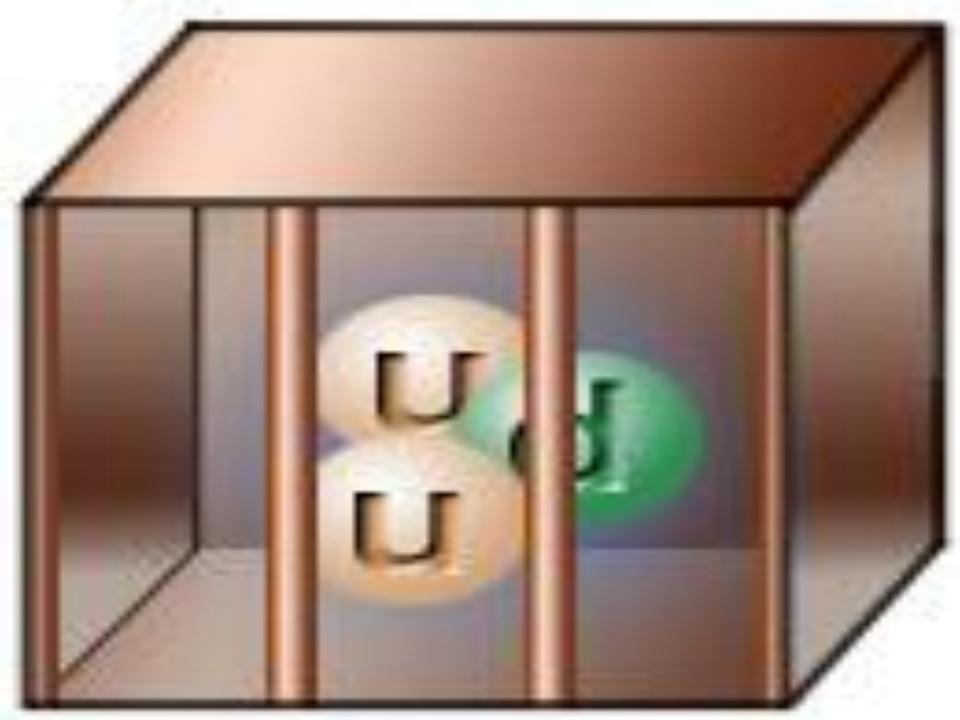
Condensed Matter Physics using nuclear physics methods



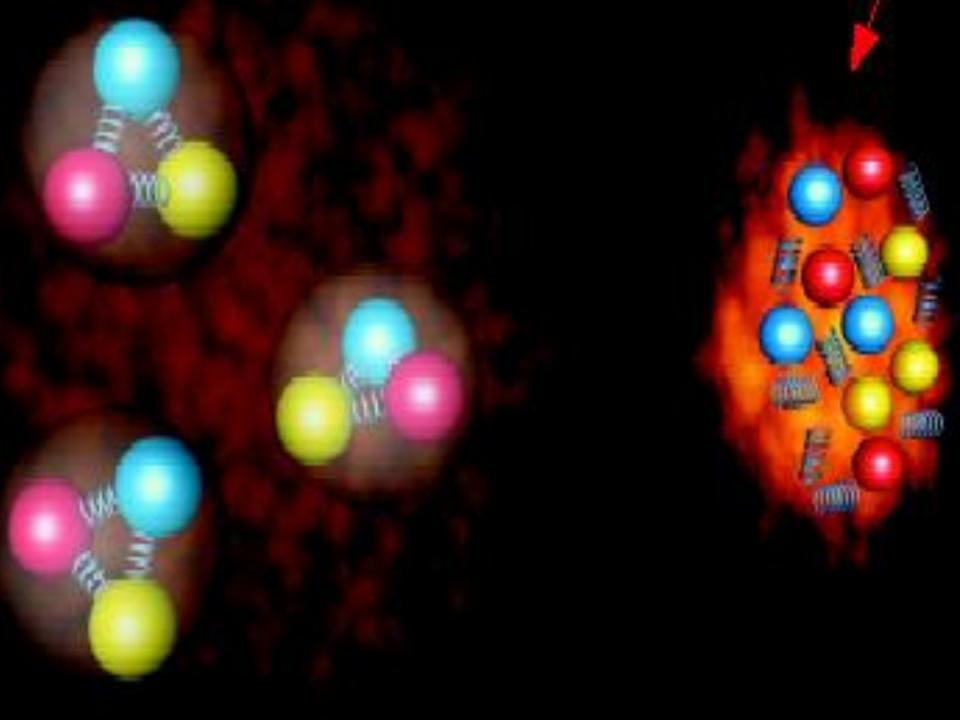
Nuclotron-based Ion Collider fAcility (NICA)



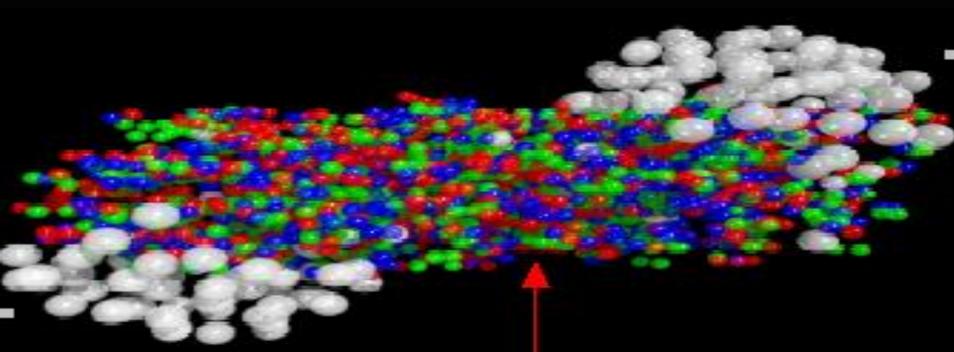






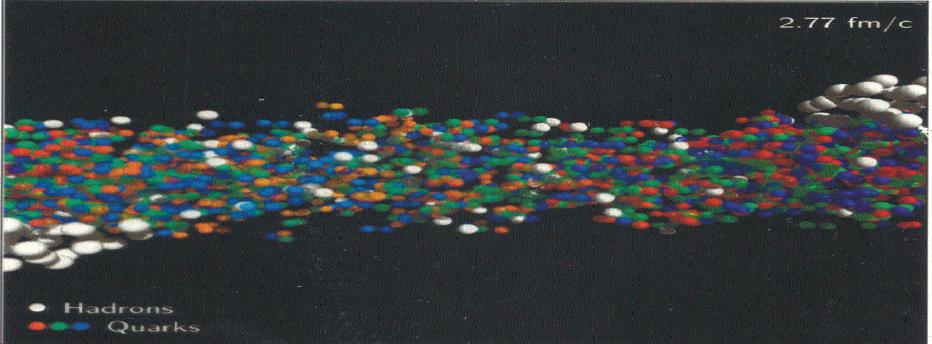


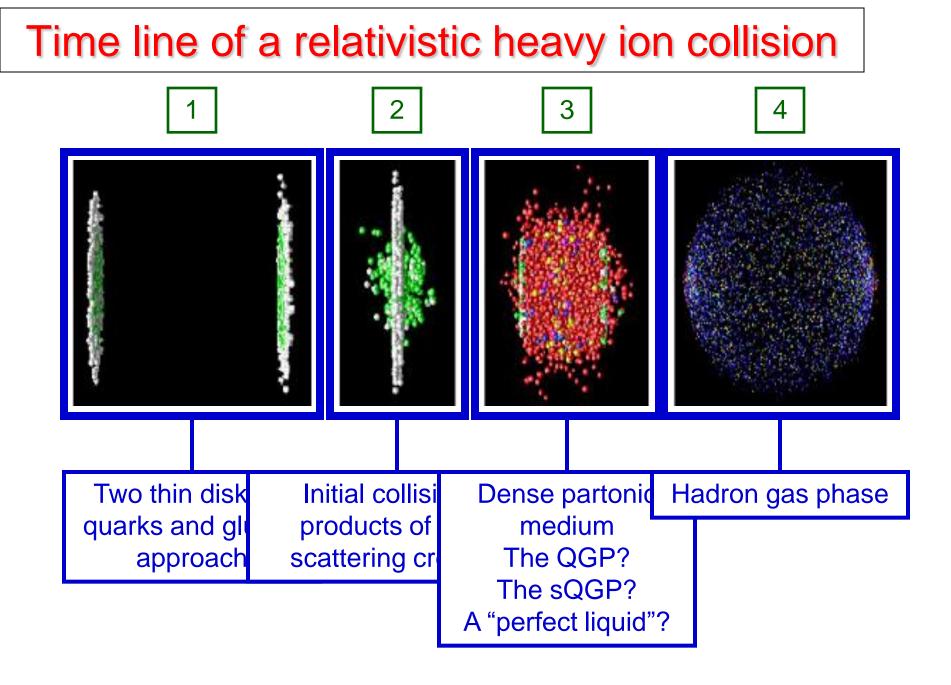
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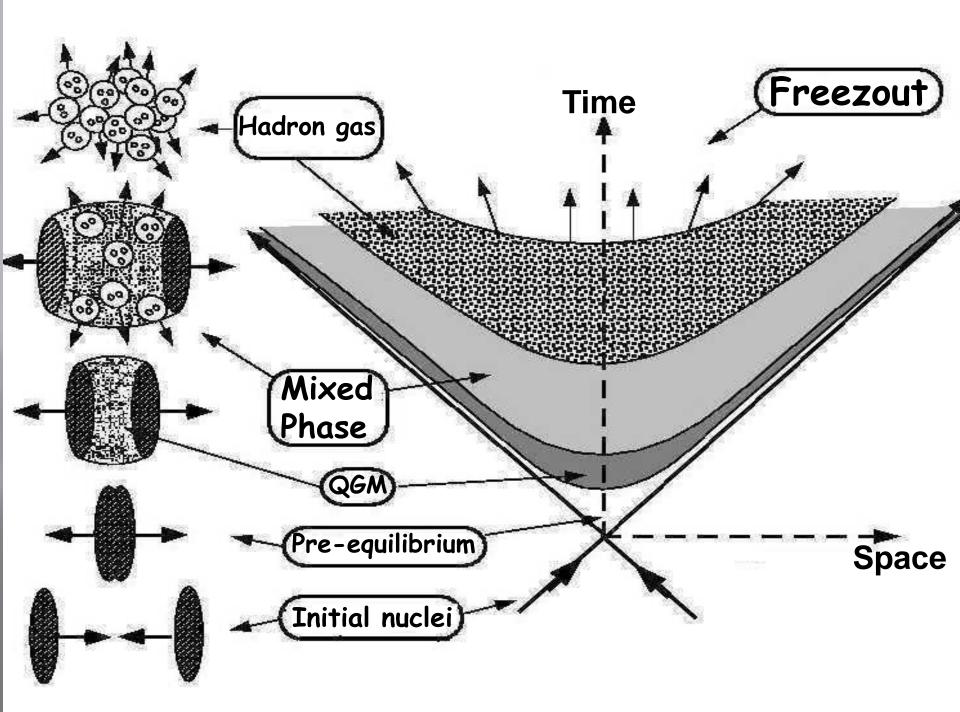


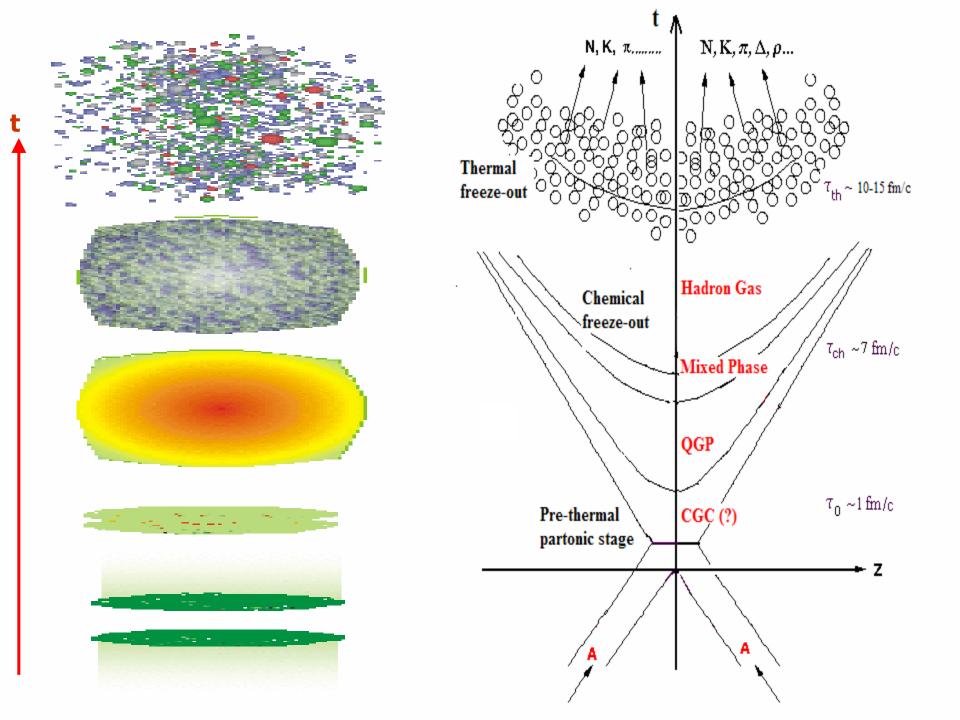






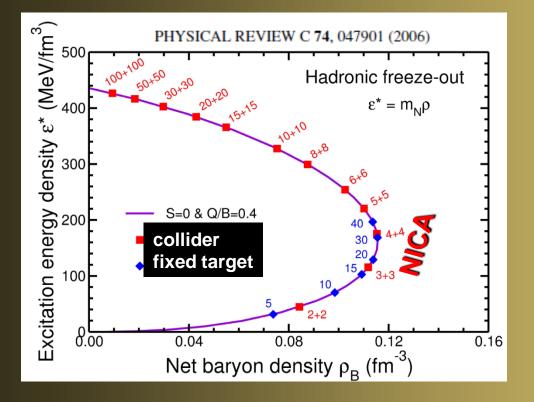






NICA domain (baryon density)

System of maximal net baryon (freeze-out) density is created in A+A collisions at NICA energies \rightarrow optimum for the compressed nuclear matter exploration

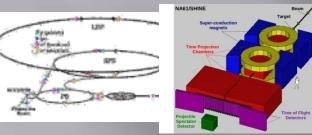


J.Randrup, J.Cleymans, 2006



2nd generation HI experiments

STAR/PHENIX @ BNL/RHIC. Originally designed for higher energies ($\sqrt{s_{NN}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$), low luminosity for BES program L<10²⁵ cm⁻²s⁻¹ for Au⁷⁹⁺

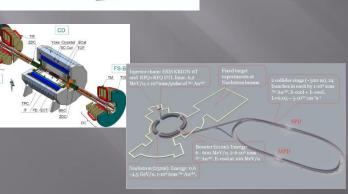


NA61 @ CERN/SPS. Fixed target, non-uniform acceptance, few energies (10,20,30,40,80,160A GeV), poor nomenclature of beam species

3nd generation HI experiments

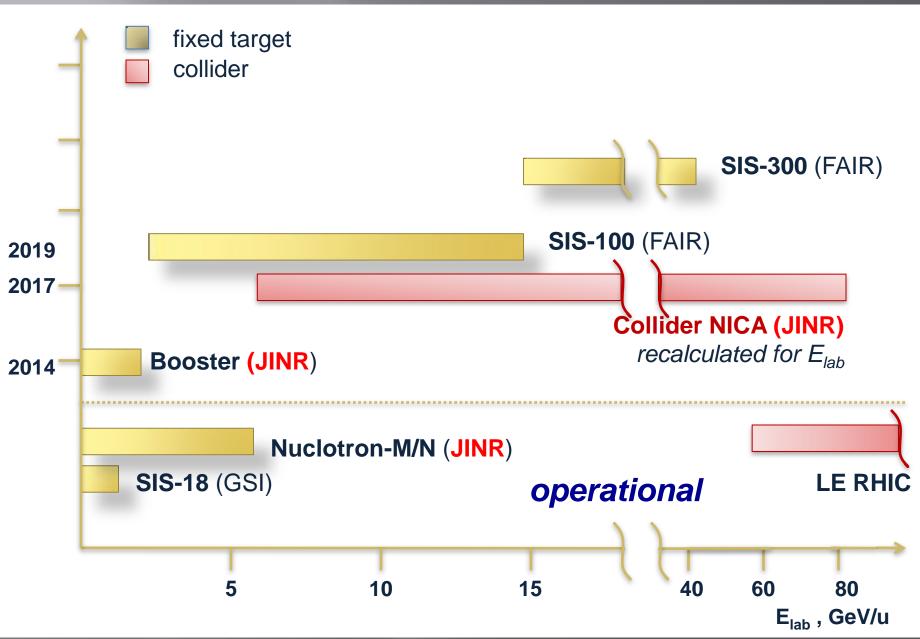


CBM @ FAIR/SIS-100/300 Fixed target, E/A=10-40 GeV, high luminosity

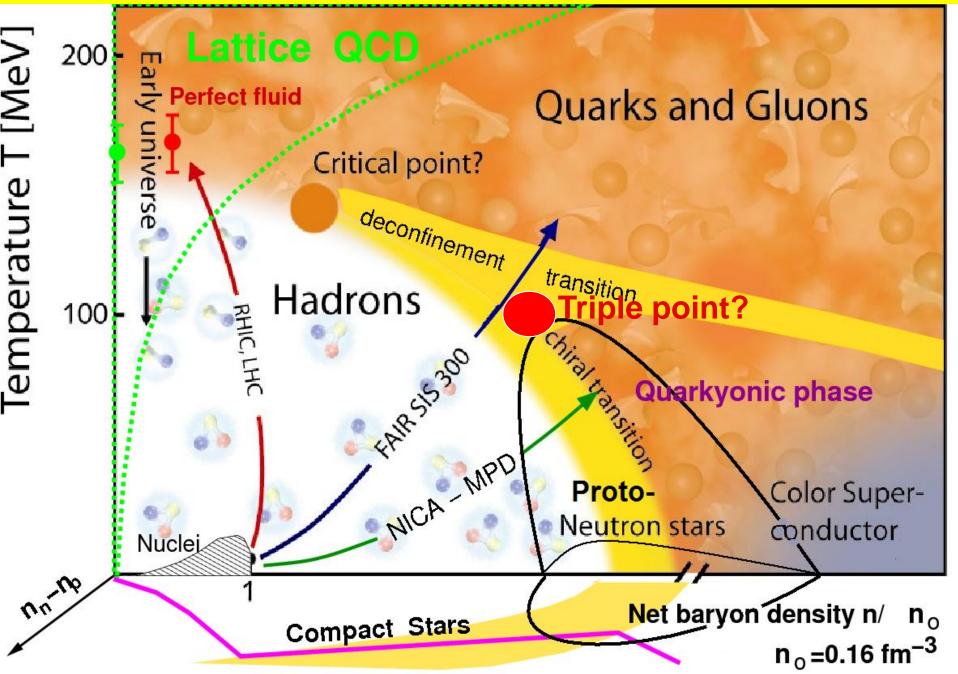


MPD @ JINR/NICA. Collider, small enough energy steps in the range $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 4-11$ GeV, a variety of colliding systems, L~10²⁷ cm⁻²s⁻¹ for Au⁷⁹⁺

energy comparison for deuteron beams



http://theor.jinr.ru/twiki-cgi/view/NICA/WebHome



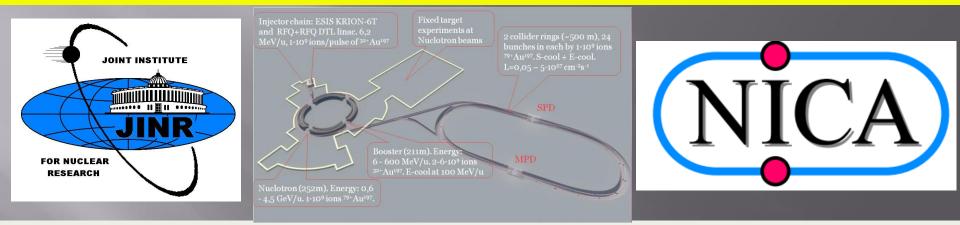
Heavy Ion Collisions (HIC) @ NICA

to study jundamental properties of the theory of strong interactions (QCD) :

- Modification of the QCD vacuum at high baryon densities, indication of Chiral Symmetry Restoration
- Deconfinement phase transition and properties of the mixed phase
- QCD phase diagram and search for the Critical End Point
- Astrophysics: evolution of the Universe, dense nuclear objects (neutron stars)
- New technologies in accelerators and detectors



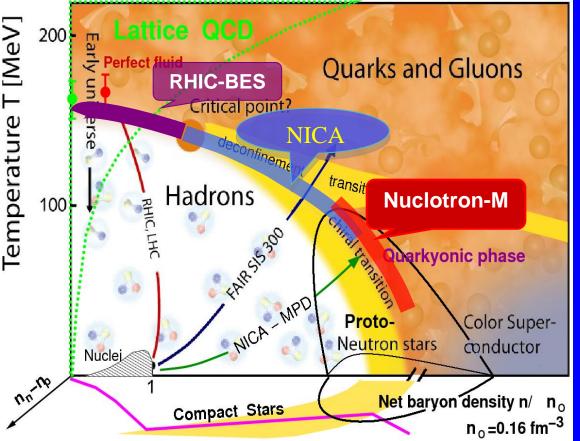
Nuclotron-based Ion Collider fAcility (NICA) Goals:



Exploration of the QCD phase diagram

- in-medium properties of hadrons & nuclear matter equation of state
- onset of deconfinement & chiral symmetry restoration
- phase transitions, mixed phase & critical phenomena
- local parity violation (P-odd effects)
- Spin physics
 - to shed light on the origin of spin
 - to define the nucleon spin structure

QCD phase diagram: prospects for NICA



Energy Range of NICA The most intriguing and unexplored region of the QCD phase diagram:

- Highest net baryon density
- Onset of deconfinement phase transition
- Strong discovery potential:
 a) Critical End Point (CEP)
 b) Chiral Symmetry Restoration
 c) Hypothetic Quarkyonic phase
- Complementary to the RHIC/BES, CERN, FAIR and Nuclotron-M experimental programs

Comprehensive experimental program requires scan over the QCD phase diagram by varying collision parameters: system size, beam energy and collision centrality

NICA: Nuclotron-based Ion Collider fAcility Location: JINR, Dubna

- Flagship project at JINR
- Based on the development of the Nuclotron facility

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- Optimal usage of the existing infrastructure
- Modern machine which incorporates new technological concepts

• First colliding beams expected in 2016

NICA advantages:
 → Energy range √s_{NN} = 4-11 GeV - highest baryon density
 → Available ion species: from p to Au
 → Highest luminosity : Au+Au up to 10²⁷

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The goal of the project

1a) Heavy ion colliding beams 197Au79+ x 197Au79+ at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 4$ 11 GeV (1 4.5 GeV/u ion kinetic energy) at L_{average}= 1E27 cm-2·s-1 (at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 9$ GeV)

1b) Light-Heavy ion colliding beams of the same energy range and luminosity

2) Polarized beams of protons and deuterons in collider mode:

$$\begin{array}{l} p\uparrow p\uparrow \sqrt{s_{pp}} = 12 \quad 27 \ \text{GeV} \ (5 \quad 12.6 \ \text{GeV} \ \text{kinetic energy} \) \\ d\uparrow d\uparrow \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 4 \quad 13.8 \ \text{GeV} \ (2 \quad 5.9 \ \text{GeV/u ion kinetic energy} \) \\ L_{average} \geq 1E30 \ \text{cm-2}\cdot\text{s-1} \ (\text{at} \ \sqrt{s_{pp}} = 27 \ \text{GeV}) \end{array}$$

3) The beams of light ions and polarized protons and deuterons for fixed target

experiments:

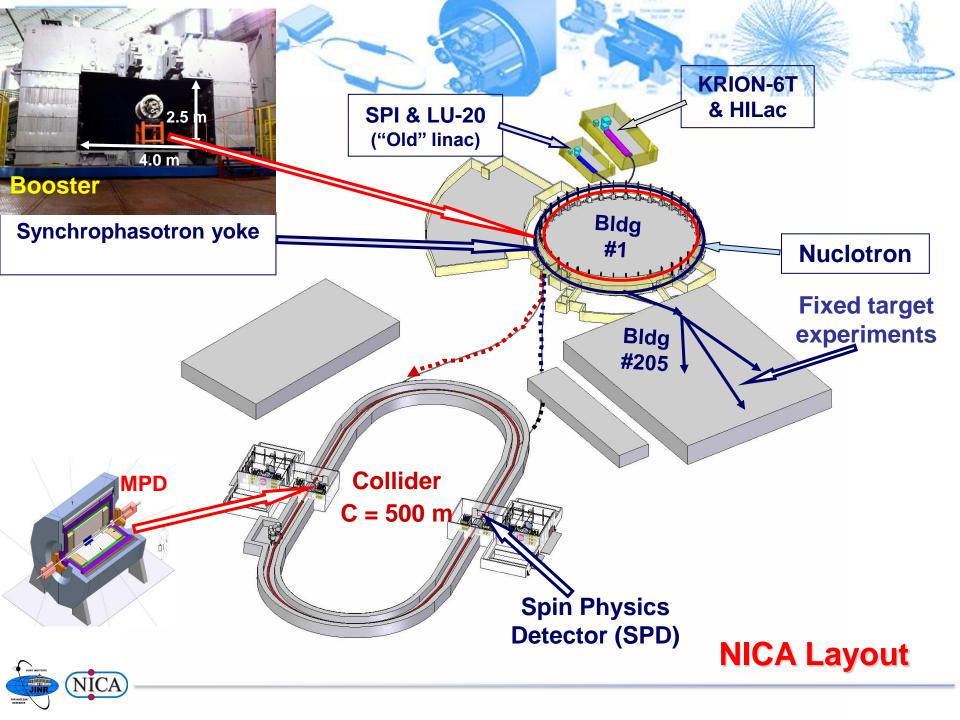
Li ÷ Au = 1 ÷ 4.5 GeV /u ion kinetic energy

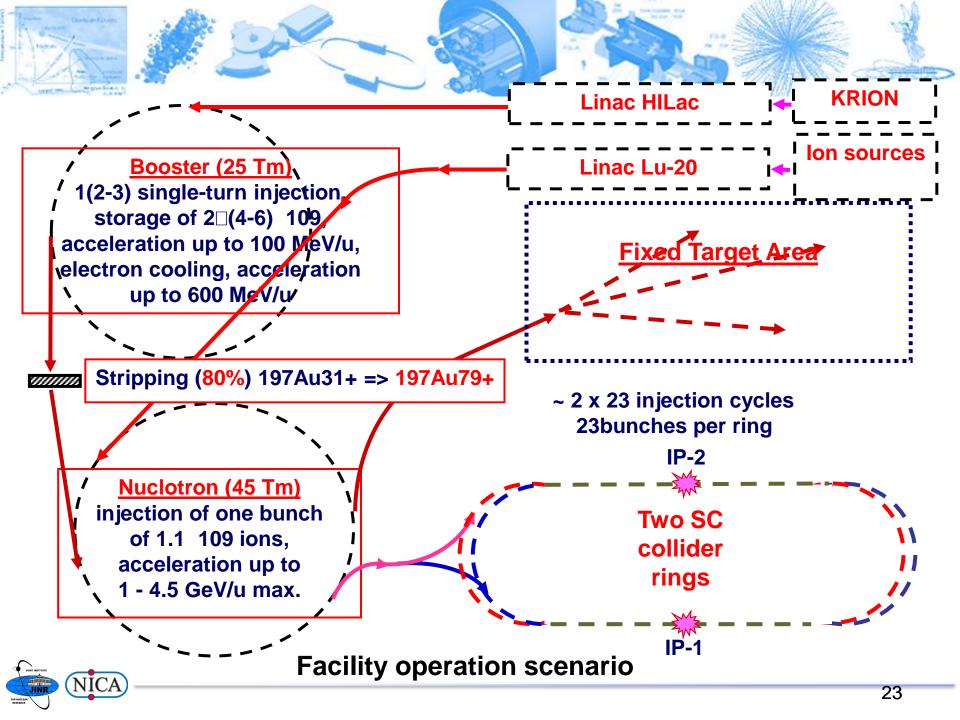
p, $\mathbf{p}^{\uparrow} = 5$ 12.6 GeV kinetic energy

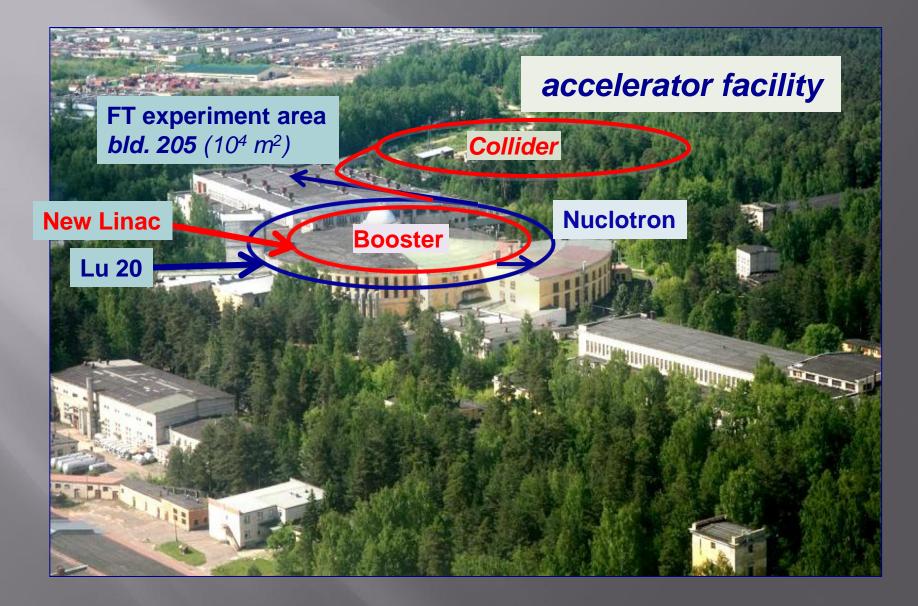
d, $d\uparrow = 2$ 5.9 GeV/u ion kinetic energy

4) Applied research on ion beams at kinetic energy

from 0.5 GeV/u up to 12.6 GeV (p) and 4.5 GeV /u (Au)









NICA construction schedule

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Booster + channel										
Nuclotron-M										
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MPD										
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MPD: tasks and challenges

- bulk observables (hadrons): 4p particle yields (OD, EOS)
- event-by-event fluctuation in hadron productions (CEP)
- \Box femtoscopic correlations involving π , K, p, Λ (OD)
- □ flows (directed, elliptic,...) for identified hadron species (EOS,OD)
- □ multi-strange hyperon production: yields & spectra (OD, EOS)
- □ electromagnetic probes (CSR, OD)
- hypernuclei (DM)
- Iocal parity violation (P-odd effects)
- OD Onset of Deconfinement
 CEP Critical End Point
 DM Dense Matter

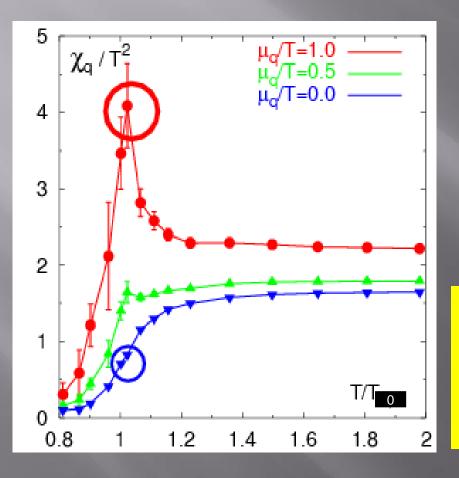
CSR – Chiral Symmetry Restoration **EOS** – Equation Of State

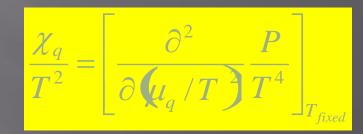
Challenges:

- Vast nomenclature of colliding systems from p+p to Au+Au
- simultaneous observation of a variety of phenomena
- Small effects over large kinematical range, sensitivity to acceptance constrains ('correlations & fluctuations' studies)
- Pattern recognition in high track multiplicity environment

Fluctuations

Lattice QCD predictions: Fluctuations of the quark number density (susceptibility) at $\mu_B > 0$ (C.Allton et al., 2003)





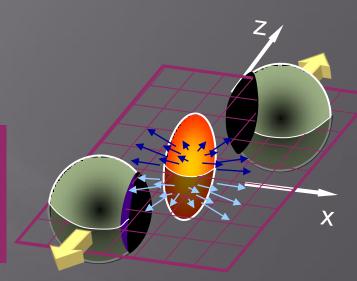
 χ_q (quark number density fluctuations) will diverge at the critical end point

Experimental observation:

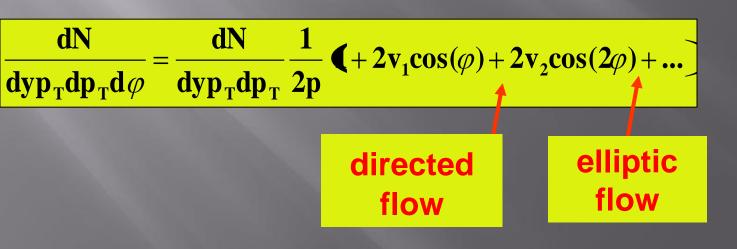
- Baryon number fluctuations
- Charge number fluctuations

Collective flows

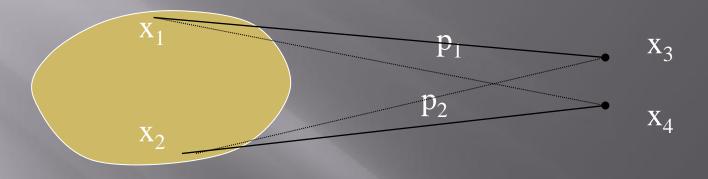
Interactions between constituents lead to a pressure gradients => spatial asymmetry is converted in asymmetry in momentum space => collective flows



Non-central collisions



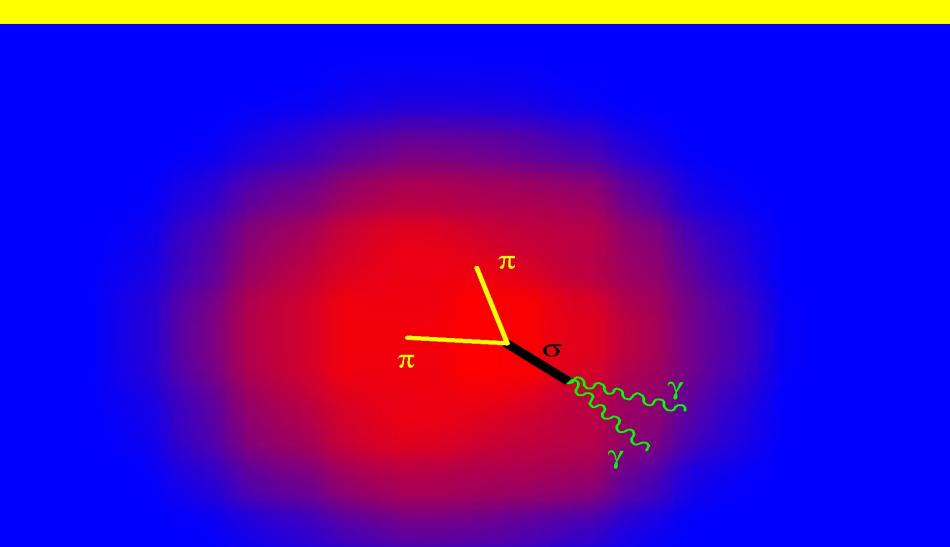
Correlation femtoscopy of identical particles



 $q = p_1 - p_2$, $\Delta x = x_1 - x_2$

$$C_{2} = 1 + (-1)^{S} < Cos \ q\Delta x > \rightarrow 1 + \lambda \exp(-R_{long}^{2}q_{long}^{2})$$
$$- R_{side}^{2}q_{side}^{2} - R_{out}^{2}q_{out}^{2}$$
$$- 2R_{out}^{2}q_{out}q_{long})$$

Signals of chiral symmetry restoration

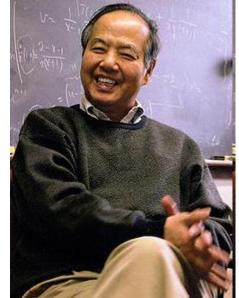


Round Table Discussions I, JINR, Dubna, 2005 http://theor.jinr.ru/meetings/2005/roundtable/ From: "T.D. Lee" <<u>tdl@phys.columbia.edu</u>> To: "Sisakian A.N." <<u>sisakian@jinr.ru</u>> Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2009 7:01 PM Subject: Comment on the goals of the NICA heavy ion collider

Dear Prof. Sissakian:

The NICA heavy ion collider will be a very major step towards the formation of a new phase of quark-gluon matter.

The goal of relativistic heavy ion physics is to modify the properties of the physical vacuum. Of particular interest is a possibility to create a phase of quark-gluon matter where some of the fundamental



symmetries may be altered. Recent RHIC results indicate that there may be an evidence of parity violation (on an event-by-event basis) in heavy ion collisions at high energies. It would be of great importance to search for this phenomenon in the energy range covered by the NICA collider where a high baryon density is reached.

I am very much looking forward to the completion and future success of the NICA heavy ion collider. Warm regards and very best wishes,

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Chiral Vortaic Effect and Neutron Asymmetries at NICA

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Phys. Rev. C82 054910, 2010

Both, chiral magnetic effect (CME) and chiral vortaic effect (CVE) belong to the class of effects based on the triangle anomaly in QFT. CVE is generalized to the conserved charges other than the electric one. In case of baryon charge and chemical potential, it should manifest itself by neutron asymmetries, which can be explored at NICA/MPD.

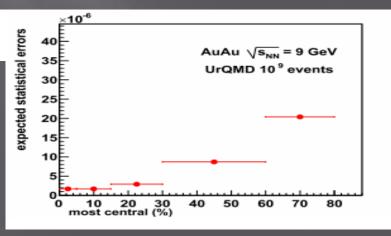
The crucial difference of CVE with respect to CME is due to a very small number of produced antibaryons, in particular, antineutrons. Therefore, no sign change for correlators is expected!

 $\langle \cos(\phi_{\alpha} + \phi_{\beta} - 2\phi_c) \rangle$

$$e_j A_\alpha J^\alpha \Rightarrow \mu_j V_\alpha J^\alpha \quad e_j \vec{H} \to \mu_j \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{V}$$

Observable: three-particle correlator:

In CME case at RHIC: 15 M events were sufficient to establish the effect For demonstrating the CVE, we need 1000 M events, which can be collected at NICA/MPD within a few months of running time!

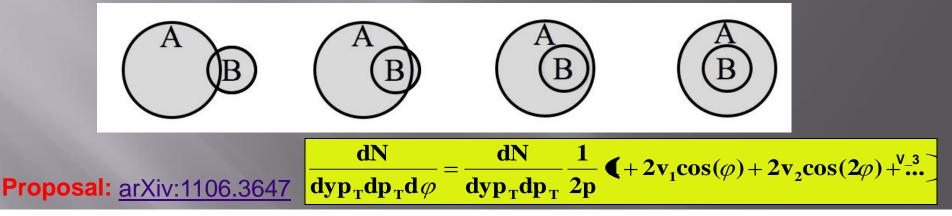


The prospects for experimental study of directed, elliptic, and triangular flows in asymmetric heavy ion collisions at NICA energies M.Bleicher (1,3), K.A.Bugaev (2), Ph.Rau (1,3),

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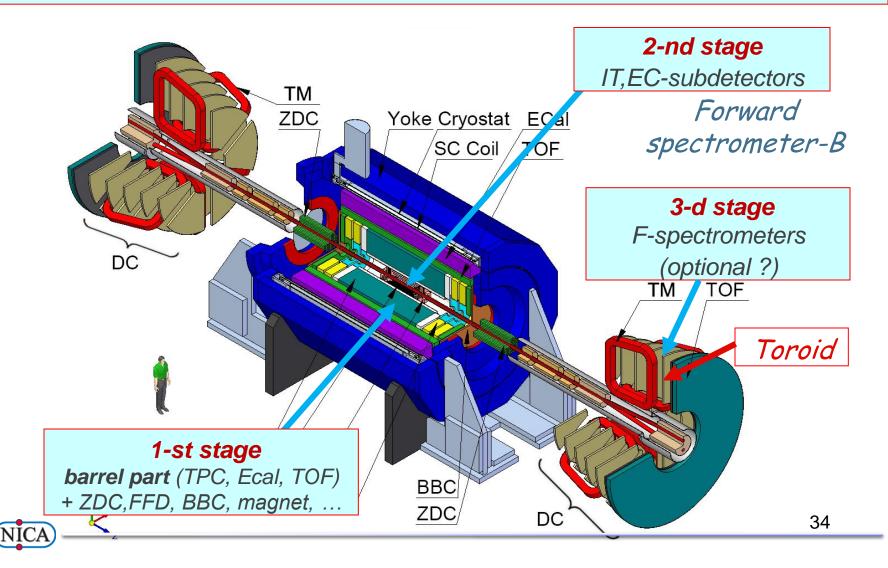
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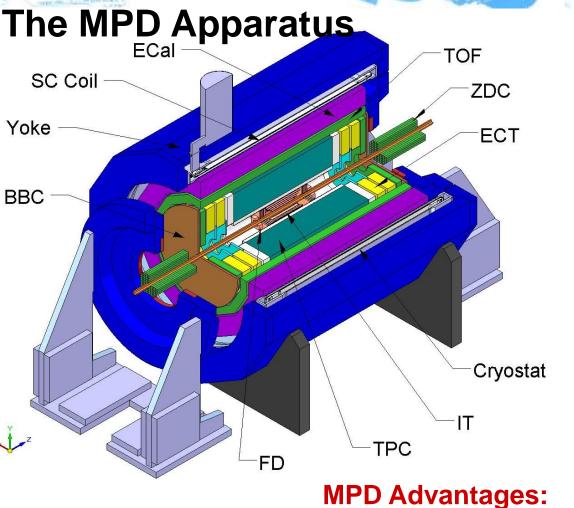


To explore asymmetric nuclear collisions (ANS) both with extracted Nuclotron beams up to 5 AGeV and with a center of mass energy up to 11 AGeV in the NIICA collider mode. In framework of UrQMD transport model, ANS directed, elliptic, and triangular flows have a very rich and complicated structure of energy and centrality dependencies compared to the flows in symmetric nuclear collisions worth to be investigated experimentally. In addition, ANS directed, elliptic, and triangular flow coefficients for collisions with existing density fluctuations in the target nucleus crucially differ from those obtained in absence of such fluctuations. Such ANS may allow one to reach highest baryonic charge densities and, perhaps, to study a mixed quark-hadron phase even at the Nuclotron energy range. ANS flow patterns are very sensitive to the details of the employed interaction which can be used both for tuning of the transport codes and for elucidation of essential features of hadron interactions in the medium.

MultiPurpose Detector (MPD)

3 stages of putting into operation





Active volume
 5 m (length) x 4 m (diameter)

• Magnet 0.5 T superconductor

Tracking

TPC & straw EndCapTracker & silicon pixels (IT) for vertexing

ParticleID

hadrons(TPC+TOF), π⁰,γ (ECAL), e⁺e⁻(TPC+TOF+ECAL)

Centrality & T0 timing ZDC FD

Hermeticity, homogenous acceptance (2π in azimuth), low material budget
 Excellent tracking performance and powerful PID
 High event rate capability and careful event characterization

Timetable of MPD construction and commissioning

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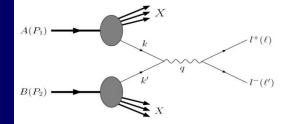


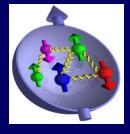
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J.D. Bjorken, 1987

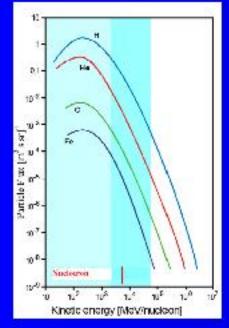
Preliminary topics:

- DY processes with L&T polarized p & D beams: extraction of unknown (poor known) PDF
- PDFs from J/y production processes
- Spin effects in baryon, meson and photon productions
- Spin effects in various exclusive reactions
- Diffractive processes
- Cross sections, helicity amplitudes & double spin asymmetries (Krisch effect) in elastic reactions
- Spectroscopy of quarkoniums with any available decay modes
- Polarimetry

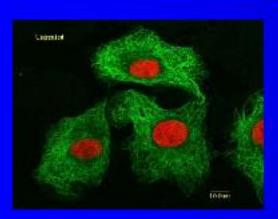




NICA and Space Radiobiology

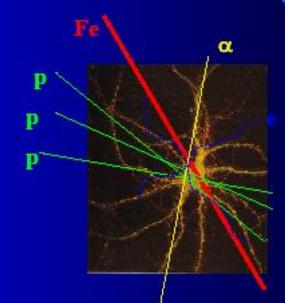


Energetic spectrum of Galactic heavy ions



Consequences of action of Galactic heavy ions for Mars mission:

- Induction of cancer;
- Formation of gene and structural mutations;
- Violation of visual functions:
- lesions of retina;
- cataract induction;
- Violation of nervous system function.



Nuclotron-M/NICA

 JINR HEP basic facility (in operation since '93) based on the unique technology of super-conducting fast cycling magnets developed in JINR
 provides proton, polarized deuteron & multi charged ion beams

Nuclotron development:

Nuclotron-M (vacuum, PS, orbit corr. +...) completed in 2010

Nuclotron-NICA (Krion-6T, SPI, RF, new Linac +...) to be fulfilled in 2014

The goal:

acceleration of heavy ions -> ¹⁹⁷Au⁷⁹⁺

energy ~ 4.5 GeV/u

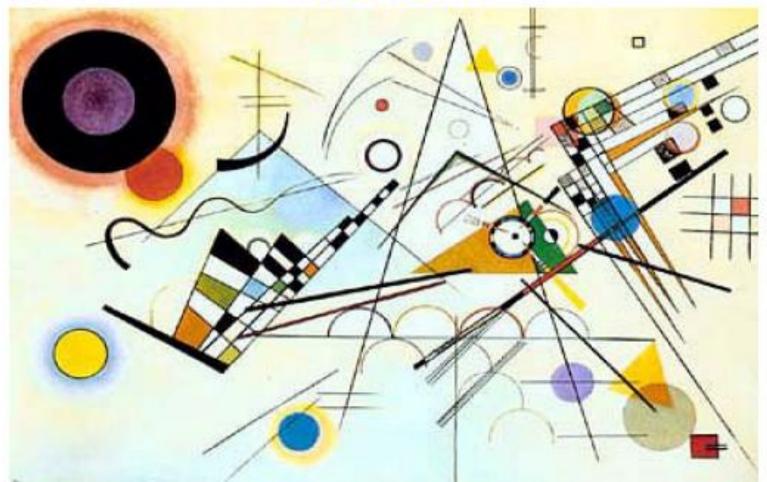
beam intensity ~ 10⁹ A/cycle

	Nuclotron beam intensity (particle per cycle)					
Beam	Current	lon source type	New ion source + booster			
р	3·10 ¹⁰	Duoplasmotron	5.10 ¹²			
d	3·10 ¹⁰	,,	5.10 ¹²			
⁴ He	8.10 ⁸	,,	1.10 ¹²			
d↑	2.10 ⁸	SPI	1.10 ¹⁰			
⁷ Li	8.10 ⁸	Laser	5·10 ¹¹			
^{11,10} B	1.10 ^{9,8}	,,				
¹² C	1.10 ⁹	,,	2 ·10 ¹¹			
²⁴ Mg	2·10 ⁷	,,				
¹⁴ N	1.10 ⁷	ESIS ("Krion-6T")	5.10 ¹⁰			
²⁴ Ar	1.10 ⁹	,,	2 ·10 ¹¹			
⁵⁶ Fe	2·10 ⁶	,,	5.10 ¹⁰			
⁸⁴ Kr	1.10 ⁴	,,	1·10 ⁹			
¹²⁴ Xe	1.10 ⁴	,,	1.10 ⁹			
¹⁹⁷ Au		,,	1·10 ⁹			

The modernization stages and the beams provided by the Nuclotron:

Beam	Intensities, particles per cycle							
	Energy	GSI (SIS18)	Nuclotron-M	Planned	Planned			
			(2010)	with	with new			
				Nuclotron-N	ion source			
				(2012)	and booster			
					(2014-2015)			
p	$4.5~{ m GeV}$	$2 \cdot 10^{10}$	$8 \cdot 10^{10}$	$5 \cdot 10^{11}$	$5 \cdot 10^{12}$			
d	$2.2 \mathrm{GeV}$	$5 \cdot 10^{11}$	$8\cdot 10^{10}$	$5 \cdot 10^{11}$	$5 \cdot 10^{12}$			
$^{4}\mathrm{He}$			$2 \cdot 10^9$	$3 \cdot 10^{10}$	$1 \cdot 10^{12}$			
$d\uparrow$			$2 \cdot 10^{8}$	$7 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ (SPI)}$	$7 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ (SPI)}$			
7 Li ⁶⁺			$7 \cdot 10^9$	$3 \cdot 10^{10}$	$5 \cdot 10^{11}$			
$^{12}C^{6+}$	$300 { m MeV}$	$7 \cdot 10^{10}$	$6 \cdot 10^9$	$3 \cdot 10^{10}$	$3 \cdot 10^{11}$			
$^{24}Mg^{12+}$	$300 { m MeV}$	$5 \cdot 10^{10}$	$7 \cdot 10^{8}$	$4 \cdot 10^9$	$5 \cdot 10^{10}$			
$^{40}{\rm Ar^{18+}}$	$300 { m MeV}$	$6 \cdot 10^{10}$	$8\cdot 10^6$	$2 \cdot 10^9$	$2 \cdot 10^{11}$			
${}^{56}\mathrm{Fe}^{28+}$			$4\cdot 10^6$	$2 \cdot 10^9$	$5 \cdot 10^{10}$			
$^{58}Ni^{26+}$	$300 { m MeV}$	$8 \cdot 10^9$						
$^{84}{ m Kr}^{34+}$	$0.3-1~{\rm GeV}$	$2 \cdot 10^{10}$	$2 \cdot 10^5$	$1 \cdot 10^{8}$	$1 \cdot 10^{9}$			
124 Xe ^{48/42+}	$0.3-1~{\rm GeV}$	$1\cdot 10^{10}$	$1 \cdot 10^5$	$7 \cdot 10^{7}$	$1 \cdot 10^9$			
$^{181}\mathrm{Ta}^{61+}$	$1 \mathrm{GeV}$	$2 \cdot 10^9$						
$^{197}\mathrm{Au}^{65/79+}$		$3\cdot 10^9$		$1 \cdot 10^{8}$	$1 \cdot 10^{9}$			

Preparation of the experiment on the study of the Strange Matter production at the fixed target at Nuclotron



Collaboration GSI-JINR-...

Goal of the experiment

Measurements of the multistrange objects (Ξ , Ω , exotics) and hypernuclei in heavy ions collisions using extracted beams at Nuclotron close to the threshold production

The detector for the first stage of the experiment will be based on the developments for CBM, MPD and SPD



Strange matter production in heavy ion collisions at the Nuclotron extracted beam

Collaboration **GSI-JINR**

The ultimative goal of the experiment is the systematic measurements of the observables for multistrange objects (Ξ⁻, Ω⁻, ΛΛ etc.) in Au-Au collisions in the energy domain of the Nuclotron extracted beam (up to 5 A GeV)



energy of beams extracted from Nuclotron

covers the gap between SIS-18 and AGS (with some overlaps)

	Z/A	max √s_{NN} (GeV/n)	max. T_{kin} (GeV/n)
p	1	≈ <mark>5.2</mark>	≈ 12
d	1/2	≈ <mark>3.8</mark>	≈ 5.7
		(inclu	iding polarized deuterons)
Au	0.4	≈ <mark>3.5</mark>	≈ 4.5
			(at <mark>2T</mark> in dipoles)

These allow:

- study of dense baryonic matter at temperatures up to 100 MeV,
- (multi)-strangeness (open & hidden) production

in dense baryonic matter,

• modification of particle properties in dense nuclear matter

The corresponding multi-purpose setup **Baryonic Matter at Nuclotron (BM@N)**

Study of dense baryonic matter at < 6 GeV/n

Physics is complementary to the MPD program & will be actual even after start of the MPD runs:

AA interactions:

- particle production, including subthreshold production;
- particle(collective) flows, event-by-event fluctuations, correlations;
- multiplicities, phase space distributions of p, n, π, K, hyperons, light nuclear fragments, vector mesons, hadronic resonances, direct light hypernuclei production in central AA collisions.
- ratios of yields (π/K etc) in different kinematical regions.

pA, nA, dA interactions in direct & inverse (Ap, Ad) kinematics:

- to get a "reference" data set for comparison with AA interactions,
- to investigate particle modifications in hadronic matter

advantages of the inverse kinematics (Ap, Ad collisions) may play significant role

• to look for polarization effects in particle production

off nuclear targets by polarized d, p, n.

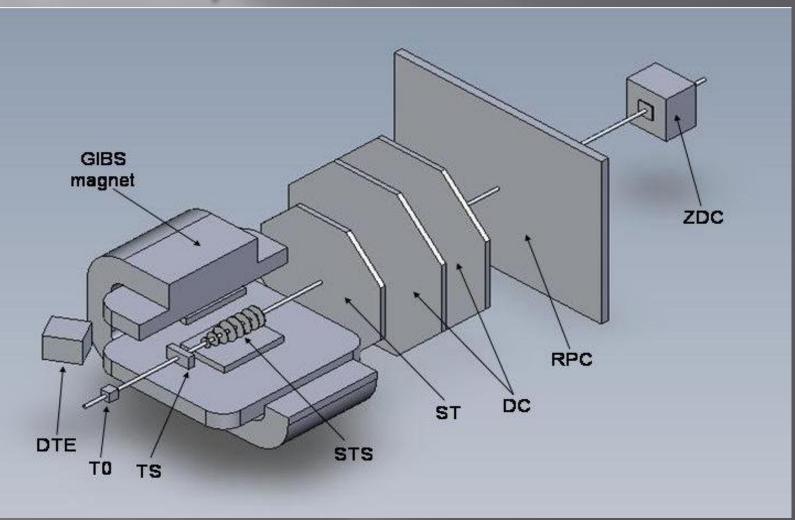
Spin physics

- Structure of light nuclei using spin-dependent observables
 (analyzing powers, spin-spin correlations)
- Polarization effects in subthreshold particle production
- Polarization effects (asymmetries, spin-spin correlations) in inclusive reactions in dependence on p_T using polarized beams & polarized target $(\pi, K, hyperons \ etc.)$
- Polarization effects (asymmetries) in meson production in "cumulative" region
- Polarization effects in elastic and binary reactions *(filling white spots in the world NN data base)*
- Use of polarized beams to calibrate polarimeters
 For experiments in multi-GeV region.

Collaborations with USA (JLAB), Japan (RIKEN, RCNP), Slovak Republic, Czech Republic



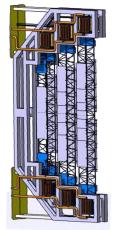
Large Acceptance Magnetic Spectrometer for Heavy Ions Collisions at Nuclotron





Main subdetectors for the fixed target experiment at Nuclotron beam

Silicon Tracker System (CBM-GSI)



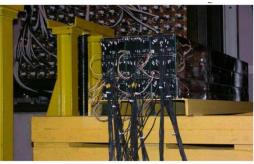
Outer Tracker (NA48-CERN/JINR)



TOF-MRPCs (MPD-JINR)



ZDC (INR-JINR)





Time table of the experiment

Working package		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Simulations						
Preparation of experimental site						
Installation beam line,						
Installation GIBS magnet						
Installation beam tube, beam monitors						
Construction prototype STS						
Construction SC magnet						
Construction straw tube tracker						
Construction TOF-RPC, T0						
Construction DAQ, slow-control						
Installation drift chambers						
Installation detectors, commissioning				2		

Phase 0 (2011) – The site preparation and simulation

•Phase 1 (2012-2014) – The detector construction

•Phase 2 (2015-....) - The data taking



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SEARCHING for a QCD MIXED PHASE at the NUCLOTRON-BASED ION COLLIDER FACILITY (NICA White Paper)

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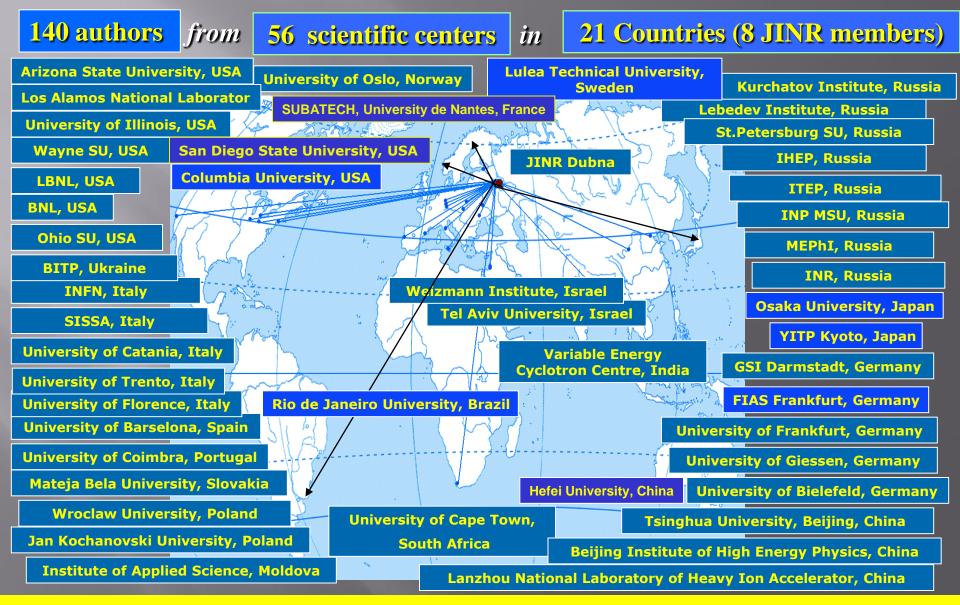
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SEARCHING for a QCD MIXED PHASE at the NUCLOTRON-BASED ION COLLIDER FACILITY

The final goal of the NICA White Paper is to address the following key topics:

- Phases of dense QCD matter and conditions for their possible realization
- Characteristic processes as indicators of phase transformations
- Estimates of various observables for events
- Comparison to other experiments

The NICA White Paper



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NICA White Paper - Contents (68 contributions)

- 1 Editorial (2)
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- 6 Mechanisms of multi-particle production (6)
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Section 1: Editorial

1.1 Physical phenomena and relevant observables:

- in-medium modification of hadron properties (MMH)
- the nuclear matter equation of state (EoS);
- the onset of deconfinement (OD) and/or
- chiral symmetry restoration (CSR);
- signals of a phase transition (PT);
- the mixed phase and the critical end-point (CEP);
- possible local parity violation in strong interactions (LPV).

The correlations between observables and physical phenomena:

Observables	Physical Phenomena						Reference in the White Depen	
	MMH	EoS	OD	CSR	PT	CEP	LPV	White Paper
hadron and light nuclei yields	X	x	x	x	11	011		3.6, 3.9, 4.3, 3.11,
								4.12
yields and spectra of multi- strange hyperons	х	х	х					2.6, 6.4, 12.3, 5.3
electromagnetic probes			х	х				7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.7
azimuthal charged particle corre-					х		Х	8.1 - 8.6, 10.4
lations								
event-by-event (EBE) fluctua-						х		2.1, 2.6, 3.10, 5.4
tions								
EBE directed, elliptic and trian-		х	х		х			4.4, 4.8, 5.8
gular flow of hadrons								
higher moments of hadron distri-			х		х	х		3.10, 4.5, 4.6, 4.10
butions								
interferometric parameters		Х			х			3.5, 5.1, 5.2, 5.5

Round Table Discussions on NICA/MPD@JINR

Round Table Discussion I: Searching for the mixed phase of strongly interacting matter at the JINR Nuclotron, *July 7 - 9, 2005* http://theor.jinr.ru/meetings/2005/roundtable/

Round Table Discussion II: Searching for the mixed phase of strongly interacting matter at the JINR Nuclotron: Nuclotron facility development JINR, Dubna, October 6 - 7, 2006 http://theor.jinr.ru/meetings/2006/roundtable/

Round Table Discussion III: Searching for the mixed phase of strongly interacting QCD matter at the NICA: Physics at NICA JINR (Dubna), November 5 - 6, 2008, http://theor.jinr.ru/meetings/2008/roundtable/

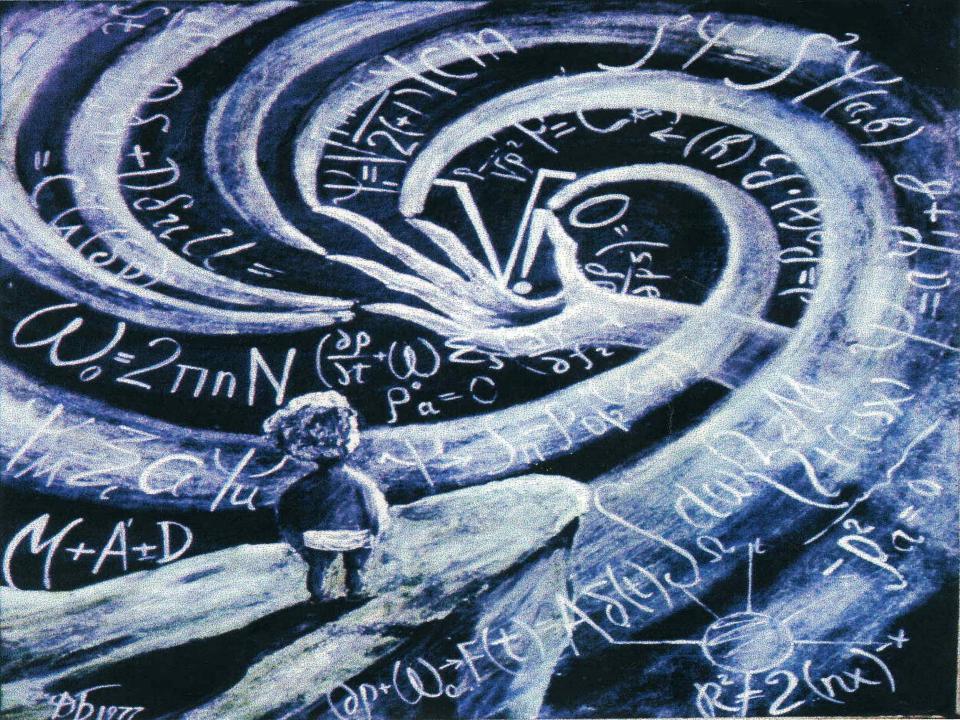
Round Table Discussion IV: Searching for the mixed phase of strongly interacting QCD matter at the NICA: Physics at NICA (White Paper) JINR (Dubna), September 9 - 12, 2009 http://theor.jinr.ru/meetings/2009/roundtable/

Round Table Discussion V: Searching for the mixed phase of strongly interacting QCD matter at the NICA: Physics at NICA (White Paper) JINR (Dubna), August 28, 2010 http://theor.jinr.ru/~cpod/Dubna_2010_program2.htm

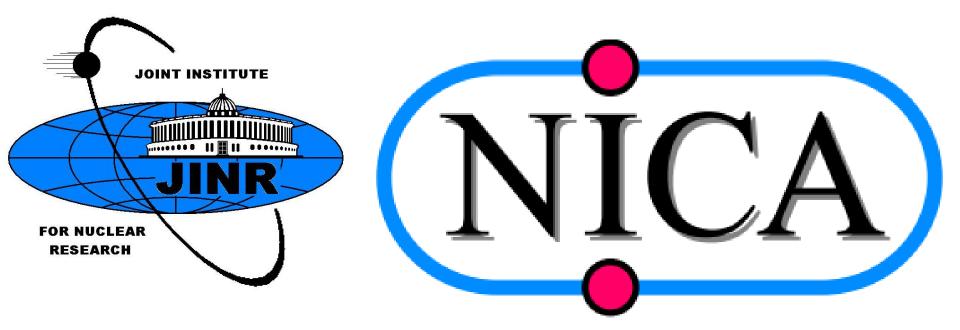


The meeting with the cosmonauts Yi So-Yeon (South Korea), Yu. Baturin and A. Balandin (Russia)





Welcome to the collaboration!



Thank you for attention!

Welcome to Dubna!











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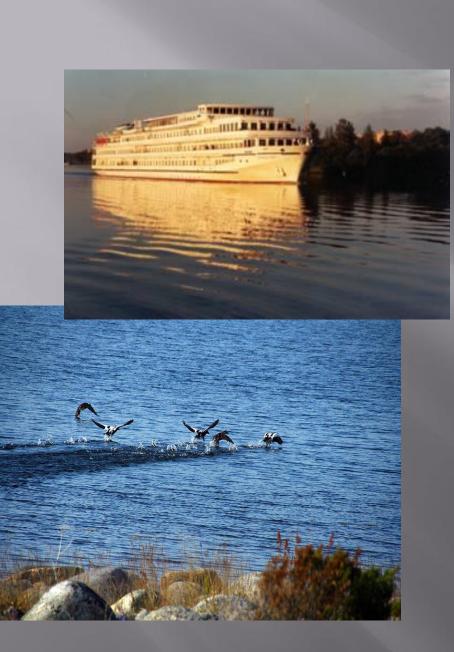




















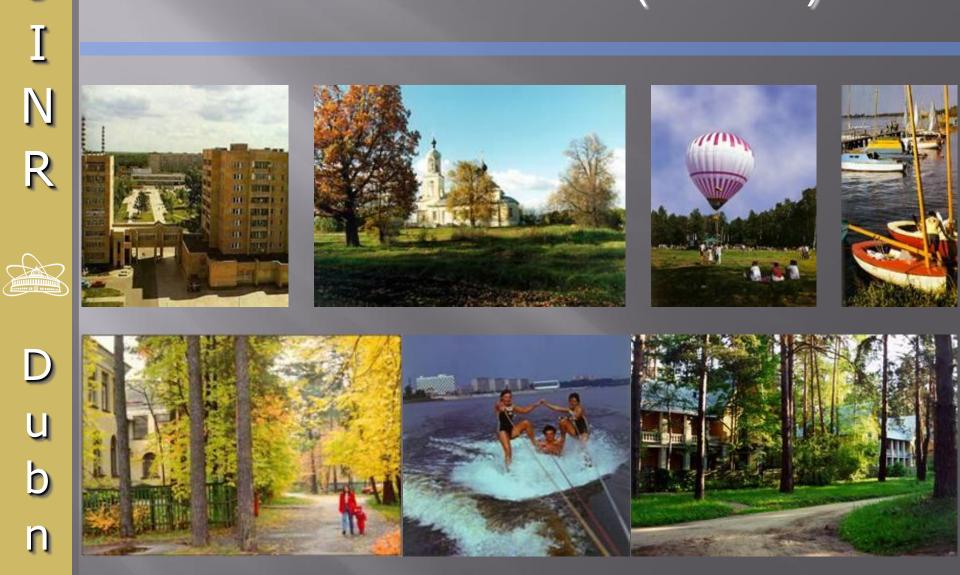




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- Theoretical Physics
- Condensed Matter Physics
- Technical Physics
- Radiobiology



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- DIAS-TH is a substructure of BLTP supported by the JINR's budget as one of priority activities of the Institute.
- DIAS-TH organizes and controls all educational programmes for young scientists, graduates, and students.
- DIAS-TH programme includes both the standing activity through the year and the standard short schools (about 4 - 5 in a year).

The main goals of DIAS-TH:

- training courses for young scientists, graduates and undergraduates from the JINR MS and other countries
- Iooking for and supporting gifted young theorists in the JINR Member States
- creating databases of students and young researchers;
- organization of schools of different level in Dubna
- coordination with similar schools in the JINR MS, Germany, and other cntrs.
- support of the JINR and CERN experimental programmes by organizing lecture courses and lectures with a special emphasis on the LHC program
- coordination with the schools and workshops supported by CERN, UNESCO, ICTP, and other organizations
- publication and distribution of lectures and discussions in different forms, in particular, with the use of modern electronic means, etc.