# Cold dense baryonic matter

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### **Motivation**

Perturbative aspects of QCD have been tested to a few percent. In contrast, non-perturbative aspects of QCD (hadronization, confinement, etc) have barely been tested. The study of the quark matter at different temperature and baryon density is part of effort to consolidate the grand theory of particle physics.

#### The Compressed Baryonic Matter Experiment

The goal of the research program on nucleus-nucleus collisions at FAIR is the investigation of highly compressed nuclear matter. Matter at very high densities exists in neutron stars and in the core of supernova explosions. In the laboratory, super-dense nuclear matter can be created in the reaction volume of relativistic heavy-ion collisions. The baryon density and the temperature of the fireball reached in such collisions depend on the beam energy. In other words, by varying the beam energy one may, **Within certain limits**, produce different states and phases of strongly interacting matter.



#### Mapping the phase diagram of strongly interacting matter

... hadronic phase is represented by the white area in figure 1. At very high temperatures the hadrons melt and their constituents, the quarks and gluons, form a new phase of matter, the so called quark-gluon plasma. This "deconfinement" phase transition from hadronic matter to quark-gluon matter takes place at a temperature of about 170 MeV (at net baryon density zero). Such conditions did exist in the early universe a few microseconds after the big bang and can be created in heavy ion collisions at ultra-relativistic energies as provided by the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) in Brookhaven and by the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN. In highly compressed cold nuclear matter - as it may exist in the interior of neutron stars - the baryons also lose their identity and dissolve into quarks and gluons. The critical density area of the phase diagram. At very high densities and low temperatures, beyond the deconfinement transition, a new phase is expected: the quarks are correlated and form a color superconductor.

#### **Complex NICA**



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## CLAS e-A $\rightarrow$ e-X @~4 AGeV

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Having these data, we know almost full (≈99%) nucleonic picture of nuclei with $A \le 56$				
Fractions Nucleus	Single particle (%)	2N SRC (%)	3N SRC (%)	
<sup>56</sup> Fe	<b>76</b> ± 0.2 ± 4.7	<b>23.0</b> ± 0.2 ± 4.7	0.79 ± 0.03 ± 0.25	
<sup>12</sup> C	<b>80</b> ± 02 ± 4.1	<b>19.3</b> ± 0.2 ± 4.1	0.55 ± 0.03 ± 0.18	
<sup>4</sup> He	86 ± 0.2 ± 3.3	<b>15.4</b> ± 0.2 ± 3.3	0.42 ± 0.02 ± 0.14	
<sup>3</sup> He	92 ± 1.6	8.0 ± 1.6	0.18 ± 0.06	
<sup>2</sup> H	96 ± 0.8	4.0 ± 0.8		

Using the published data on (p,2p+n) [PRL,90 (2003) 042301] estimate the isotopic composition of 2N SRC in <sup>12</sup>C



#### **Probing Short Range Correlations**

#### **BM@N Project**

List of organizations and participants

Russia: Joint Institute for Nuclear Research – JINR (Dubna) the BM@N collaboration

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# **Kinematics**



Femtoscopy aspect of this study: Up to what degree SRC is isolated from A-2? → How long live A-2 system? → Fragments correlation study at small relative velosity What is proposed to measure: \*Correlation function of two fragments (p,d,t,3He,4He) at small relative velocity \*approximation: p<sub>z</sub>/nucleon≈p<sub>zbeam</sub>/nucleon, relative velocity ≈ transverse relative velocity \*transverse relative velocity from tracks position at DC \*mixing procedure for background Expected results: Two(at least) possible model: 1."Izolated" flucton(as supposed in proposal) $\rightarrow$  ct» r<sub>c</sub> 2."Nonizolated" flucton(due to energymomentum conservation)  $\rightarrow$  ct ~ r<sub>c</sub>

# Phase diagram of nuclear matter





#### Why AA ?

	a <sub>2N</sub> , %	a <sub>3N</sub> , %	(a <sub>2N</sub> )², %
<sup>3</sup> He	8.0±1.6	0.18±0. 06	0.64
<sup>4</sup> He	15.4±3. 3	0.42±0. 14	2.4
<sup>12</sup> C	19.3±4. 1	0.55±0. 17	3.7





Flucton probability as a function of number of nucleons. V.K.Luk'yanov,A.I.Titov, PEPAN,1979,vol.10(4),p.815

dramatic decreasing of the cross sections with N: ----> max N~4

Flucton+flucton probability as a function of total number of nucleons.



## An estimate of baryon density



### BM@N<->SPD



E»1GeV(no FSI)

Model baryon=quark+diquark: " diquark: T=S=1 or 0." И.Ю.Кобзарев, Б.В.Мартемьянов, М.Г.Щепкин УФН 162, вып.4,1992,стр.1-41 See, also, Anisovich A.V., et al., Int. J. Modern Phys. A, 25:15 (2010); arXiv:1001.1259[hep-ph] (Quark-Diquark Systematics of Baryons)

#### Does the theory of DCM really exist?

#### Lattices just started (see, for example):

Unitary Fermions on the Lattice *With: Michael Endres, Jong-Wan Lee, Amy Nicholson* Major outstanding problem in LGT: QCD at finite fermion number BEC-Bose-Einstein condensation



## Conclusions

1. Cold and dense part of phase diagram is important to study for: QCD check, color superconductivity, neutron stars

2. It is accessible in the lab using high  $P_T$  trigger ( $P_T \approx P_{beam}$ )

3. Both BM@N and SPD experiments have an unique room for this study.

Extra slides

## FLINT DATA: Photon spectra CBe $\rightarrow \gamma X$

E<sub>Beam</sub>=2.0 AGeV → 38<sup>0</sup> 150 MeV

71<sup>0</sup>

2.5

i+j 4+2

3+2

2+4

2+3

2+2

1+Be

C+1

80 85

θ [dergees]

C+Be data

133 MeV

112 MeV

102 MeV

83 MeV

76 MeV

74 MeV

71 MeV

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# **Experimental program**

1). Search for and the study of new state of matter at high density and low temperature corner of phase diagram

- search for the dense baryonic droplet in correlation measurements with high p<sub>t</sub> cumulative trigger
- femtoscopy measurements for the dense baryonic droplet
- izotopic properties of the droplet
- strangeness production in the droplet
- fluctuations
- search for an exotic in the droplet

2) Dense cold matter contribution in ordinary nuclear matter and its nature SRC, flucton,...

- nuclear fragmentation
- hard scattering

#### Proposed measurements:

- 1.Trigger's particles:  $\gamma$ ,  $\pi$ ,  $K^-$ ,  $K^+$ , p, d, ...( $p_t / E_0 \sim 1$ )
- 2. Recoil particles: nucleon, multinucleon systems, nuclear fragments, exotic states
- 3. Measurement values:  $\langle N(p_t, y) \rangle$  vs  $X_{trig}$  and  $E_0(2-6GeV/nucleon)$ ;

-ratios(p/n, <sup>3</sup>He/t,...);correlations between recoil particles

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# **2N-Short Range Correlations**



# What SRC can teach us?



- High momentum component of the nuclear wave function
- The strong short-range force between nucleons (tensor force, repulsive core, 3N forces)
- Cold dense nuclear matter (from deuteron to neutron stars)
- Nucleon structure modification in medium (EMC and SRC)







# How to study SRC? - Break up the pair!

Hard scattering in direct kinematics



Detect scattered probe A(e, e')

OR

JLab

Recoil particle (cumulative kinematics):

Dubna and Yerevan

# How to study SRC? - Break up the pair!



**Exclusive measurement** 

Detect (3 particles):

scattered probe,

the knocked-out nucleon,

and the recoil

A(e, e'pp) - JLab A(e, e'pn) - JLab A(p, 2pn) – BNL

Also inverse kinematics:

p(<sup>12</sup>C, 2p A-2) - Dubna

# How to study SRC? - Break up the pair!



**Inverse kinematics** 

Super exclusive measurement!

Detect (4 particles):

the scattered probe,

the knocked-out nucleon,

the recoil,

and the A-2 system!

A(p, 2p n A-2) – Dubna

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# **Experimental setup**



# Ideas for the future



Recent high-momentum-transfer triple-coincidence 12C(e, e'pN) and 12C(p, 2pn) measurements [1-4] have shown that nucleons in the nuclear ground state form nucleon pairs with large relative momentum and small center-of-mass (CM) momentum, where large and small are relative to the Fermi momentum of the nucleus (kF). We refer to these pairs as short-range correlated (SRC) pairs [5-7]. In the range of missing-momentum (the knocked-out proton's pre-scatter momentum in the absence of re-interactions) from 300–600 MeV/c, these pairs were found to dominate the nuclear wave function, with neutron-proton (np) pairs nearly 20 times more prevalent than proton-proton (pp) pairs, and by inference neutron-neutron (nn) pairs (see figure 1). The strong preference for np pairs is due to the dominance of the tensor part of the NN interaction at the probed sub-fm distances [8-10]. These observations were also confirmed in recent measurements on heavier nuclei reaching all the way up to 208Pb [16].



**Figure 1:** The fractions of correlated pair combinations in carbon as obtained from the <sup>12</sup>C(e, e'pp) and <sup>12</sup>C(e, e'pn) reactions measured at JLab [1,2] as well as from previous, <sup>12</sup>C(p,2pn) data from BNL [3,4].

Missing Momentum [GeV/c]

## JLAB

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$$r(A, {}^{3}\mathrm{He}) = \frac{A(2\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})}{3(Z\sigma_{ep} + N\sigma_{en})} \frac{3\mathcal{Y}(A)}{A\mathcal{Y}({}^{3}\mathrm{He})} C^{A}_{\mathrm{rad}},$$

where Z and N are the number of protons and neutrons in nucleus A,  $\sigma_{eN}$  is the electron-nucleon cross section,  $\mathcal{Y}$  is the normalized yield in a given  $(Q^2, x_B)$  bin [30] and  $C_{\rm rad}^A$  is the ratio of the radiative correction factors for A and <sup>3</sup>He  $(C_{\rm rad}^A = 0.95 \text{ and } 0.92 \text{ for } {}^{12}\text{C} \text{ and } {}^{56}\text{Fe}$  respectively). In our  $Q^2$  range, the elementary cross section correction factor  $\frac{A(2\sigma_{ep}+\sigma_{en})}{3(Z\sigma_{ep}+N\sigma_{en})}$  is  $1.14 \pm 0.02$  for C and <sup>4</sup>He and  $1.18 \pm 0.02$  for  ${}^{56}\text{Fe}$ . Fig. 1 shows the resulting ratios integrated over  $1.4 < Q^2 < 2.6 \text{ GeV}^2$ .

No rescattering

$$\mathbf{X}_{\mathrm{B}} = Q^2 / 2m_{\mathrm{N}} U$$



# Leptonic and hadronic probes give same result

## RNP - program at JINR

## eA – program at JLab

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## Cumulative particle production



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