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Status of the NICA project at JINR Dubna G. Trubnikov on behalf of team



Physics



- Bulk properties, EOS particle yields & spectra, ratios, femtoscopy, flow
- In-Medium modification of hadron properties
- **Deconfinement (chiral), phase transition at high** ρ_B enhanced strangeness production
- QCD Critical Point event-by-event fluctuations & correlations
- Strangeness in nuclear matter hypernuclei

QCD matter at NICA :

- Highest net baryon density
- Energy range covers onset of deconfinement
- Complementary to the RHIC/BES, FAIR and CERN experimental programs



Freeze-out conditions

NICA basic parameters:

 $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 4 - 11 \text{ GeV}; beams from p to Au @ L ~ 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ c}^{-1} (Au),$ $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 6 - 26 \text{ GeV}; p^{\uparrow} \text{ and } d^{\uparrow} beams @ L ~ 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ c}^{-1}$

The NICA accelerator facility:

- cryogenic heavy ion source KRION of ESIS type + source of polarized protons and deuterons,
- modernized linac LU-20 (existing) + a new heavy ion linear accelerator (HILac)
- a new superconducting Booster synchrotron + existing SC HI ring of Nuclotron
- collider: two new superconducting storage rings with two interaction points







STAR/PHENIX @ BNL/RHIC.

designed for high energy research ($\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 20-200 \text{ GeV}$), low luminosity for LES program L<10²⁶ cm⁻²s⁻¹ for Au⁷⁹⁺



NA61 @ CERN/SPS.



MPD @ NICA.

Collider: $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 4-11 GeV (~100 MeV/u energy step, variety of ions). L~10²⁷ cm⁻²s⁻¹ for Au⁷⁹⁺

Fixed target, non-uniform acceptance, few energies (10,20,30,40,80,160A GeV)



CBM @ FAIR/SIS-100/300 Fixed target, $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 2-5(9) GeV, high luminosity

Present and future HI experiments/machines





NICA injection complex (ion sources + HILac)



Source assembled in 2013 now is commissioned to achieve 10¹⁰ ppp. First beam run in beg.2016



Heavy Ion Linac delivered to JINR. Commissioning scheduled for Oct'15

Heavy ion source: Krion-6T ESIS



B= 5.4T reached. Test Au beams produced: - Au³⁰⁺ \div Au32³²⁺, 610⁸, T_{ioniz}= 20 ms for - Au³²⁺ -> repetition rate 50 Hz. - ion beams Au⁵¹⁺ \div Au⁵⁴⁺ are produced.



NICA light ion injector (LU-20): RFQ linac, 150 keV



| Particles | р | ¹⁹⁷ Au ³¹⁺ | |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Injection energy, MeV/u | 3 | | |
| Maximum energy, GeV/u | 6.4 | 0.58 | |
| Magnetic rigidity, T·m | 1.55 ÷ 25.0 | | |
| Circumference, m | 211.2 | | |

| Fold symmetry | 4 |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| # of DFO lattice cells per arc | 6 |
| Number of straight sections | 4 |
| Length of straight sections, m | 7 |
| Betatron tunes | 4.8/4.85 |
| Maximal energy, MeV/u | 660 |

BITH NICA Booster ring



Electron cooling system for booster



Electron energy, keV le, A Accuracy and adjustment $\Delta E/E$ $\leq 1.10^{-5}$ Current stability, $\Delta I/I$ $\leq 1.10^{-4}$ Length of system/solenoid, m 6.2/2.8 $\leq 3.10^{-5}$ e-current losses, $\delta I/I$ $0,1 \div 0,2$ Bfield, T $\leq 3.10^{-5}$ $\Delta B/B$ @ main solenoid T transverse e, eV \leq 0,3 Ion trajectory: $(dX, mm \le 1, 0, dTheta, mrad \le 1, 0)$



Electron Cooling for:

- Beam adjustment for effective injection to Nuclotron;
- Accumulation at injection/multiple injection (up to 4e9 ipp);
 - Beam adjustment for applied research;

Booster systems: progress is going



Booster RF system and RF test bench





Serial production of cryostats and thermal shields – is in final stage. Serial production of dipole and quadrupole magnets started in Dec'2014 (2 y's)



First prototype of Booster PU-station tested in Bulgaria in Sept'15. Series starts fast



New low energy (4-11 GeV/u) collider with extremely high luminosity L=1e27 Scientific leader: Igor MESHKOV Fruitful collaboration between JINR and FNAL, BNL, GSI, FZJ, BINP, CERN, INR RAS For similar round-shape bunches colliding at zero angle:

$$L = \frac{nbN_b^2}{4\pi\varepsilon\beta^*} frev f\left(\frac{\sigma_s}{\beta^*}\right)$$
$$f\left(\frac{\sigma_s}{\beta^*}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\exp(-u^2)du}{\left[1 + \left(\frac{u\sigma_s}{\beta^*}\right)^2\right]}$$



- to increase number of bunches -> parasitic collisions;
- to increase bunch current -> coherent instability;
- to decrease emittance (bunch size) -> incoherent tune shift -> resonanses;
- to decrease β^* -> severe demands to FF QL, chromaticity;
- to increase rev. frequency -> to decrease circumference (no space for equipment)
- to have optimal bunch length ("hour-glass" effect).

Parameters of the Au-Au bunches

| Circumference of the ring, m | 503.04 | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Number of bunches | 22 | | | |
| R.m.s. bunch length, m | 0.6 | | | |
| β -function in IP, m | 0.35 | | | |
| Betatron frequinces, Q_x/Q_v | 9.44/9.44 | | | |
| Chromaticities, Q'_{x}/Q'_{y} | -33/-28 | | | |
| Acceptance of the ring, π mm·mrad | 40 | | | |
| Momentum acceptance, Δp/p | ±0.010 | | | |
| Critical energy factor , γtr | 7.088 | | | |
| Energy of ₇₉ Au, GeV/u | 1.0 3.0 4. | | | |
| Number of ions per bunch | 2.0·10 ⁸ | 2.4·10 ⁹ | 2.3·10 ⁹ | |
| R.m.s. momentum spread, Δp/p, 10 ⁻³ | 0.55 | 1.15 | 1.5 | |
| H/V R.m.s. emittance, π mm·mrad | 1.1/0.95 | 1.1/0.85 | 1.1/0.75 | |
| Luminosity, cm ⁻² s ⁻¹ | 0.6·10 ²⁵ | 1.0·10 ²⁷ | 1.0·10 ²⁷ | |
| IBS growth time, s | 160 | 460 | 1800 | |
| Tune shift, ΔQ _{total} =ΔQ _{SC} +2ξ | -0.050 -0.037 -0.011 | | | |



NICA: configuration of the Collider for Heavy lon mode



Au(+79) ion mode

Stage 1: Cooling and stacking with RF1 barrier voltage (5kV). Accumulation efficiency ~ 95%, about 110 - 120 injection pulses (55-60 to each ring) every 5 sec. Total accumulation time ~ 10 min. dP/p is limited by microwave instability.

<u>Stages 2-3.</u> Formation of the short ion bunches in presence of cooling, <u>RF-2 (100 kV, 4 resonators) + RF-3 (1MV, 8 resonators).</u>

From coasting beam => to 22nd harmonics = > 66th harmonics

V_{RF} & N_{ion}, arb. units

Phase, arb. units

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Two operation regimes Electron and stochastic cooling 10 application! 10 L(E_i) lon/bunch, 1e27 cm⁻²·s⁻¹ **Emittance reduction with 1E9** 1.0 1.0 energy: Nopt Equilibrium beam: emittance vs E_{ion}, 0.1 max 0.1 'opt $\pi \cdot \mathbf{mm} \cdot \mathbf{mrad}$.2 max 0.01 0.01 2 3 4 0.8 lon energy, GeV/u **E**opt Space charge IBS 0.4 8_{max} dominated dominated • regimes 0 3 2 4 1

Ion energy, GeV/u

Strategy to achieve luminosity

1. Maximal r.m.s. bunch length is chosen equal to **0.6m** in order to have the "luminosity concentration" at Inner Tracker (IT) of MPD

2. Maximal peak luminosity (limited by Lasslett tune shift) is achieved at maximal emittance: $\mathcal{E}_{rms} = 1.1 \pi \cdot mm \cdot mrad$ (radius = 1/6 aperture)

3. The ratio between Horizontal, Vertical emittances and dP/P is defined from the equillibrium of IBS rates

- 4. Maximal number of particles in bunch is limited by tune shift ≤ 0.05
- 5. Number of bunches = 22 -> to cancel parasitic collisions

6. RF multiplicity = 3 -> separatrix area is by 25 times exceeds longitudinal emitance



- 1. Effective scheme of accumulation and bunch formation
- 2. Beam lifetime (due to scattering on residual atoms) ~ 10 hours
- 3. "Head-tail" and multibunch instabilities are supressed by feed-back systems
- 4. Supression of the emitance growth (due to IBS) by beam cooling systems: 1 3 GeV/u with electron cooling
 - 3 4.5 GeV/u with 3D stochastic cooling (longitudinal Palmer method)

Start-up configuration

- No electron cooling
- No feed-back systems (as soon as beam intensity decreased)
- "Light" RF-2 composition: 4 -> 2 resonators per ring)
- No RF-3 (bunch length = 1.2m, 50 kV, 8 -> 0 resonators per ring)
- No transverse stochastic cooling (1 channel instead of 3 per ring)

To achieve luminosity (Au-Au):

- Bunch accumulation scheme stays the same;
- It is enough only longitudinal cooling (filter cooling easy);
- Expected transverse emittance 0.1÷0.3 π ·mm·mrad

(It is required to increase transverse emittance)

Making 22 bunches with RF-2 -> bunch length \leq 1.2m dP/P at 50 kV is 3.5 \div 5.5 \cdot 10⁻⁴ (3 times less than for full NICA)₄

Phase volume stabilization

Long.temperature less than transverse by order of magnitude

IBS leads to 2 effects:

- Pumping of energy from transverse degrees of freedom to longitudinal (relaxation)
- Growth of the 6-dimensional phase volume.

dP/P growth rate much more higher than for emittances At equal emittances: horizontal increases, vertical decreases. $Q_h \approx Q_v - coupled$.





is compensated by vertical "cooling".

When E > 4 GeV/u the equillibrium emittance exceeds acceptance.

At maximal accepted emittance, the growth time ~ 15 hours

Cooling conditions



Heating – cooling equillibrium (Au-Au)



Particle number corresponds to equilibrium between heating and cooling



Luminosity ~ 10^{26} cm⁻²s⁻¹

Heating-cooling growth times: 20 - 140 sec

Luminosity for different ion spices

IBS growth rate is proportional to Z^2/A (the best ion is – deutron :-)



dP/P (at fixed bunch length and RF voltage) ~ sqrt(A/Z).

Optimal energy for stochastic cooling ~ 3.7 GeV/u

| | σ _p , 10 ⁻⁴ | $\varepsilon, \pi \cdot mm \cdot mrad$ | N _b | L |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | |
| ₁₉₇ Au ⁷⁹⁺ | 4.14 | 0.805 | 1.49 ·10 ⁹ | 3.05·10 ²⁶ |
| 124Xe ⁴²⁺ | 3.8 | 0.678 | 2.53·10 ⁹ | 8.9·10 ²⁶ |
| ₈₄ Kr ³⁶⁺ | 4.28 | 0.86 | 3.31·10 ⁹ | 1.52·10 ²⁷ |
| 40Ar ¹⁸⁺ | 4.39 | 0.92 | 6.75·10 ⁹ | 5.53·10 ²⁷ |

Heating-cooling growth times $\sim 50 - 200$ sec

What we gain at full-scale configuration?

- 1. Enlargement of energy range thanks to electron cooling
- 2. Luminosity @ 3 ÷ 4.5 ГэВ/н





Stochastic cooling at collider



Design power of amplifiers: 500 W per channel, Kicker ~ 2 m

Design of the kicker allows to connect in parallel groups of electrodes to their amplifiers, summarizing total power going to the beam

Kicker of the Nuclotron SCS: 16 rings (30 sm) ~ 80 W

Stochastic Cooling System

Ring slot-coupler RF

beam

Coasting

Bunched beam

Stochastic Cooling System installed at Nuclotron - is a prototype for the NICA Collider: W=2-4 HGz, P = up to 60 W Collaboration: JINR – IKP Juelich + CERN









Experimental results (2013): stochastic cooling of the carbon (C6+) beam, E = 2.5 GeV/u



Kicker station

Pick-Up station

Intensity ~ $2 \cdot 10^8$ ions, ~ 2.5 bunches, dP/P_{init} ~ $2 \cdot 10^{-4}$, T_{cool} ~ 60 seconds at 60W. Bunching factor ~ 4.8 (for NICA SUC 7.6, I_{ion} ~ $4 \cdot 10^8$). Estimations: at opt. gain T_{cool} will be ~3 sec







Ultra-high vacuum

High-temp Superconductivity



R&D for Collider and Booster

Curved UHV chambers







Magnetic measurements

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MPD observables:

- ✓ Event-by-event fluctuations
- \checkmark Femtoscopy involving π , K, p, Λ
- \checkmark Hadron multiplicities (4- π particle yields : π , K, p, Λ , Ξ , Ω)
- ✓ Collective flow for identified hadron species and resonances
- \checkmark *Electromagnetic probes: e-, \gamma, vector meson decays*
- ✓ Hyper Nuclei & other exotic



Magnet: 0.66T SC solenoid Tracking: TPC, IT, ECT ParticleID: TOF, ECAL, TPC T0, Triggering: FFD Centrality, Event plane: ZDC



MPD Superconducting solenoid, $B_0=0.66$ T: **challenging project** - *to reach high level (~ 10⁻⁴) of magnetic field homogeneity.* Technical *completed*; Survey for contractors: *the cold coil / cryostat; cryogenics.*

RPC deam test at NUCLOTRON: cooperation with SPb, China





Preproduction ECAL prototypes: cooperation with ISM (Kharkiv, Ukraine)

FFD tested with beam: achieved time resolution (38 ps) is better than required





TPC: Cylinder C3 manufactured in Dec' 13



ZDC coverage confirmed: 2.2< $|\eta|$ < 4.8



Readout Electronics developed for TPC, TOF, and ECAL (64 ch,13-bit,65 MSPS)

RPC performance : *required efficiency, rate capability & time resolution (63 ps) are reached*





The CBM - MPD consortium: *development* & *production of STS for* **CBM** (FAIR), **MPD** & **BM@N**



NICA- III (polarized life)

Collision of both: transversally & longitudinally polarized **p** & **d** with energy up to $\sqrt{S} = 27 \text{ GeV}$

- MMT (Drell-Yan) processes •
- J/ψ production processes •

,↑p,d

- Spin effects in inclusive high-pT reactions • $\frac{1}{collider} \frac{1}{collider} \frac{1}$
- Spin effects in 1- and 2-hadron • production processes
- Polarization effects in HI collisions •

outer radius about 150 cm

EM calorimeter

beam pipe

tracking det.

magnet coils

silicon strip det. beam axis

hodoscope

(DC)

detector

hodoscope and tracking

Spin Physics Detector (SPD)

- IT: Silicon or MicroMega
- Straw or Drift chamber
- Cherenkov counter
- EM calorimeter
- Trigger counters
- EndCap detectors



Contract for Working Documentation signed in Aug'14. Ready WDR – mid' 15

NICA Civil Construction





NICA schedule

| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |) 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|------|--------|
| Injection complex | | | | | | | | | |
| HI Source | | | | | | | | | |
| HI Linac | | | | | | | | | |
| Nuclotron | | | | | | | | | |
| general development | | | | | | | | | |
| extracted channels | | | | | | | | | |
| Booster | | | | | | | | | |
| Collider | | | | | | | | | |
| startup configuration | | | | | | | | | |
| design configuration | | | | | | | | | |
| BM@N | | | | | | | | | |
| I stage | | | | | | | | | |
| ll stage | | | | | | | | | |
| MPD | | | | | | | | | |
| solenoid | | | | | | | | | |
| TPC, TOF, Ecal (barrel) | | | | | | | | | |
| upgraded end-caps | | | | | | | | | |
| Civil engineering | | | | | | | | | |
| MPD Hall | | | | | | | | | |
| SPD Hall | | | | | | | | | |
| collider tunnel | | | | | | | | | |
| HEBT Nuclotron-collider | | | | | | | | | |
| Cryogenic | | | | | | | | | |
| for Booster | | | | | | | [| rı | unning |
| for Collider | | | | | | | | | |

The decommissioning is foreseen after 2040

What NEXT? ... Prospects for NICA at 20 years Horizon

- Experiments on the observation of spontaneous electron-positron pair creation in supercritical Coulomb fields (new 2 compact SC rings with merging bare Uranium beams).

- Mass-spectroscopy of radioactive heavy ion beams in isochronous mode (using booster or collider ring) + measurement of nuclei PDF with colliding/merging electron beam (up to 1 GeV).

- Accelerator physics R&D in:
 - SC linear injector for protons (MW beam as a goal)
 - high-field magnets up to 5T
 - high brightness beams (Extrahigh luminosity mode)
- Detector R&D in:
 - silicon trackers
 - large SC magnets and solenoids using HTSC

Thank you for your attention!



Dynamic Aperture



DA simulation with MAD-X code methods:

Conditions:

- 1. PTC Polymorphic Tracking Code Symplectic integration of particle motion;
- 2. Thin lenses approximation Symplecticity + Space Charge .

 $\sqrt{D(N)} = \sqrt{D_{\infty}} (1 + b/[log(N)]^k)$

RF cavities, Chromaticity sextupoles, Dipole nonlinearities (odd harmonics) – ON N_{part} =10³ – number of particles: N_{turn} =10⁵ – number of turns. Results: Asymptotical DA for $Q_{x,y}$ =9.44/9.44 working point: D_{∞} =100 π mm·mrad (PTC), 60 π mm·mrad (thin lens) > $A_{x,y}$ =40 π mm·mrad



- Maximum in K^+/π^+ ratio is in the NICA energy region,
- Maximum in Λ/π ratio is in the NICA energy region,
- Maximum in the net baryon density is in the NICA energy region,
- Transition from a Baryon dominated system to a Meson dominated one happens in the NICA energy region.