

# From FOPI to FAIR – Constraining the Nuclear Matter Equation of State at Supra Normal Densities

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### Heavy ion collisions at intermediate energies





# The FOPI Experiment



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# **Collective flow**



H.A. Gustafsson, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 52 (1984) 1590. R.E. Renfordt, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 53 (1984) 763.

Phase space distribution with  
respect to reaction plane  
$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \sim 1 + 2v_1 \cos(\phi) + 2v_2 \cos(2\phi)$$
$$\phi = \phi_R - \phi$$
S. Voloshin, Y. Zhang, *hep-ph/9407082*  
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# Collisions of heavy ions between 0.1 – 2AGeV

#### At intermediate energies

- stopping
- expansion
- clusterization
- flow
- particle production
  - pions, kaons

#### What did we learn? All observables are

#### interrelated

- ✓ flow stopping
- expansion clusterization
- clusterization spectra



## t, <sup>3</sup>He, <sup>4</sup>He production linked together



#### Stopping and flow are interrelated



# Collective flows in Au+Au at 1.0 AGeV



# Collective flows in Au+Au at 1.5A GeV



#### Elliptic flow of neutrons and charged particles From LAND + FOPI to ASY-EOS + LAND





Neutron squeeze-out: Y. Leifels et al., PRL 71, 963 (1993)



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# Symmetry energy at high densities? – Elliptic flow of t and <sup>3</sup>He



#### Same system

- difference of t and <sup>3</sup>He elliptic flow rising with energy
- and larger for peripheral events
- momentum vs density effect
- creation of t and <sup>3</sup>He

#### Parameterization of shape

 $V_{2n} = |V_{20}| + |V_{22}|$  $V_{2}(Y^{(0)}) = V_{20} + V_{22} \cdot Y^{(0)2}$ 

beam energy vs impact parameter

#### Elliptic flow Changing isospin of system



Systems with same mass but with different isospin content

$$\frac{96}{44}Ru + Ru, \frac{96}{40}Zr + Zr$$

- no significant difference between neutron rich and proton rich system
- difference between t and <sup>3</sup>He persistent

# Towards an understanding of the t/<sup>3</sup>He elliptic flow



#### IQMD SM + SACA - simulated annealing mechanism

Ingredients to the binding energy of the clusters:

- Volume component: mean field (Skyrme, dominant), for NN, NΛ (Hypernuclei)
- Surface effect correction: Yukawa term.
- Asymmetry energy : 23.3MeV  $(<\rho'_B>)({}^{V}_{ASY}).(<\rho'_n>-<\rho'_p>)^2/<\rho'_B>)$
- Extra « structure » energy (N,Z,ρ) =
  - $B_{MF}(\rho).((B_{exp}-B_{BW})/(B_{BW}-B_{Coul}-B_{asy}))(\rho_0)$
- <sup>3</sup>He+n recombination.
- Secondary decay: GEMINI.

#### Particle production Pion multiplicities



### Pion directed flow in Au+Au collisions at 1.5A GeV



# Conclusions

- ➢ FOPI collected vast amount of data on HICs between 0.1 and 1A GeV
- > convincing conclusions on basic nuclear properties imply a successful simulation:
  - ➤ of the full set of experimental observables
  - ➢ with the same code
  - > using the same physical and technical parameters
- reached for a number of observables using the SM option

## Are there other solutions?



#### Choice in IQMD for

 σ<sub>NN</sub>, momentum dependence of optical potentials, prescription of Pauli blocking and detailed balance etc.

describes most of the data

# Comparison of FOPI "constrained" EOS to recent microscopic model calculations



\*\* T. Katayama, K. Saito, Phys. Rev. C 88 (2013) 035805.

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- for some other data not yet the case
  - pion yields: differ only by about 10% between HM and SM options, imply high experimental accuracy and better transport model predictions (elementary pion cross sections not precisely known).
- a single parameter v<sub>2n</sub>, characterising the elliptic flow over a large rapidity interval, for protons and other light isotopes -> clear discrimination for soft EOS.
- stiffness of the asymmetry energy can be discriminated by the shape (v<sub>2n</sub>) the elliptic flow over a large range of rapidity (not only mid-rapidity) of <sup>3</sup>He and tritons. Preliminary indication of 0.5<= γ<sub>asy</sub> < 1 by confronting IQMD-SACA to FOPI data.</p>

#### Outlook Kaon production ratio as a probe for symmetry energy

X.Lopez, PRC (2007)



### Perspective at SIS18 with HADES



- higher sensitivity at lower energies
- requires excellent kaon identification and long beam times (~3-4 weeks)
   HADES



# FAIR – Facility



#### Nuclear EOS of dense matter – Maximum compression reached at FAIR energies



## Radioactive beams at FAIR



# Studies of neutron rich matter with R<sup>3</sup>B



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#### Symmetry energy at supra normal densities Prospects at SIS18 and later at FAIR



FOPI

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Plastic

Califa



- Symmetry energy at supranormal densities
- Radioactive beams at the highest rigidities
- Study of momentum dependence
- of isovector part
- Extend studies to higher
- densities
- n/p and t/<sup>3</sup>He ratio and flow
  - detectors for reaction plane and impact parameter determination
  - neutron + charged particle detectors

Other observables:

Pions sensitive at 250-400A MeV
Kaon ratio requires dedicated
setup (magnet + tracking + ToF)
feasibility needs still to be
proven -> HADES@SIS18

### Thank you for your attention!

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