



Nuclear Physics at GANIL

Probing nuclear matter at the extremes

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Part I

Motivations

Describing the nucleus

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Energy scales in the subatomic world

Depending on scale/energy, systems are described by different degrees of freedom and are associated to different (quasi-)particles

De Broglie equation (spatial resolution) :

 $\lambda = \hbar/p$

E _{inc} (MeV)	λ (fm)
1	8
10	1.5
100	0.5



 $1 \text{ MeV} = 1 \text{ méga-électronvolts} = 10^{6} \text{ eV} = 1,6.10^{-13} \text{ J}$





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Energy scales in the subatomic world

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Depending on scale/energy, systems are described by different degrees of freedom and are associated to different phenomena

Nuclear physics at low E = nuclear degrees of freedom

- nucleus
- collective phenomena
- excited states
- bulk and surface properties in continuum states

Nuclear reactions

E_{inc} = 5 – 100 MeV/nucleon

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Des noyaux à la carte





Nucleus at T \approx 0 : quantum realm



Quantum numbers for nucleon orbitals $n,l,j:1s_{1/2}$

Nuclear structure and limits of stability (driplines)

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Nuclear structure (I)

Thank to the advent of radioactive ion beam facilities, new phenomena have been investigated during the last two decades

- new magic numbers (harmonic shells for exotic nuclei)
- haloes nuclei (borromean)
- granular or molecular systems (clusters in nuclei)
- nuclear structure for superheavy elements (transfermium Z>100)
- new radioactivities 2p, 2n, clusters (coupling to continuum)

Impact on theories

3-body and many-body forces Isospin (N/Z) dependence Loosely bound nuclei / coupling to continuum Correlations : pairing, superfluidity, short range



Nuclear structure (II)

Studying the limits of existence (A,I) of nuclei What holds together nucleons and to what extend?

Free nucleons

nucleus

Self-consistent **Mean-Field Bare NN interaction Effective interaction (medium)**







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Bare NN interaction

Study of extreme states

Mean-Field Effective interaction (medium) ______*Density (ρ*)

Temperature (T) Total Spin (J) Isospin (N/Z)

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Self-consistent





Bethe & Weisacker formula :



 β -stability valley, B maximum : $\partial B/\partial A = 0$

$$Z_{\text{stable}} \approx A/2 [1+a_c/(4a_{\text{sym}})A^{2/3}]^{-1}$$



From nuclei to compact stars



Under pressure ! $\rho = 10^6 \text{ T/cm}^3$

nucleus





Supernova / neutron star



Nucleosynthesis above iron element

Core Collapse of Supernova : x 10,000,000,000 Sun luminosity ... NS is ruled by the nuclear Equation of State $E(\rho, T, \delta)$



Covered domain in the plane (ρ , T)



Temperatures and densities reached during a CCSN simulation within 1s post-bounce



M. Oertel et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 89, Vol. 1 (2017)

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Neutron star : a dream for nuclear physicists ...



NS – NS merger



Gravitational waves



Neutron star : a dream for nuclear physicists ...



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Key questions in Nuclear Physics

How can we build the atomic nucleus starting from QCD first principles and the strong interaction ?

Effective interactions and ab-initio models

Nucleus as a many-body quantum system : how can we explain and predict the observed regularities : magic numbers, collective excitations, pairing, drip lines, ... ?

Shell model(s) and approaches beyond the Mean-Field

How can we describe nuclear matter at very different scales as in nuclei (microscopic) and in compact stars and neutron star mergers (macroscopic) ?

Equation of State of nuclear matter / phase transitions



Nucleosynthesis Where the matter comes from ?



Abundance of elements in the Universe



Figure 2.4 Plot of the abundances of the elements in the solar system versus their atomic number. The abundances are expressed as the logarithm of the number of atoms of each element relative to 10⁶ atoms of silicon. (Data are listed in Table 2.2 after Anders and Ebihara, 1982.)

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Nucleosynthesis : different origins





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Terrestrial experiments



At GANIL (Caen, Normandy, France), many teams study heavy ions induced nuclear reactions to investigate stable and exotic nuclei properties



SPIRAL2 New SC-LINAC : Intense p,d and HI beams $E_{inc} = 5 - 20 \text{ MeV/nucl.}$ GANIL/SPIRAL1 CSS1/CSS2/CIME : Stable beams (He-U) E_{inc} =5 – 100 MeV/nucl. Radioactive beams E_{inc} =5 – 15 MeV/nucl. Profs au GANIL

SPIRAL2

L'ACCÉLÉRATEUR LINÉAIRE SUPRACONDUCTEUR

délivre des faisceaux de particules de très grande intensité : le nombre de collisions entre les particules accélérées et les noyaux de la cible de matière est ainsi plus important.

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LES SALLES D'EXPÉRIENCES

renferment des systèmes de détection et de mesure très sophistiqués, permettant d'étudier les propriétés de noyaux très exotiques.



SPIRAL2

LES SOURCES D'IONS DE SPIRAL2

permettent de produire un large éventail de particules, dont de très légères comme les deutons ou les protons.

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L'ENSEMBLE ACCÉLÉRATEUR,

composé de cinq cyclotrons, accélère des faisceaux d'ions allant du carbone-12 à l'uranium-238 à différentes énergies adaptées aux types d'expériences réalisées. Les ions de carbone-12 peuvent par exemple atteindre 120 000 kilomètres par seconde, soit plus du tiers de la vitesse de la lumière.

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LES SOURCES

permettent de produire les ions stables ou radioactifs qui seront ensuite mis en faisceaux et accélérés.





End part I





Part II

Some basic concepts of nuclear reactions

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Nuclear reactions : playing darts ...





Cross section in Classical Physics



Integrating over b, we get : σ (b) = πb^2

Unit is the barn (b), $1b = 10^{-28}m^2 = 10^{-24}cm^2$ For a typical nuclear reaction between *HI*, we have $b_{grazing} \approx 10$ fm, then $\sigma_{nuc} = 3,142$ b = 3142 mb

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Cross section in Quantum Mechanics : partial waves



Total nuclear cross-section $\sigma_{nuc} = \pi b_{gr}^2 \approx \pi \ell_{gr} (\ell_{gr} + 1) \hbar^2 / \mu V$

Classical ansatz : $|\ell| = \sqrt{I(I+1)} \hbar = \mu V b$



Partial wave l

$$\sigma_r = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\ell_{\max}} (2\ell + 1)(1 - \eta_\ell^2)$$

 η_{ℓ} is the inelasticity coefficient for partial wave ℓ η_{ℓ} = 0 for elastic and 0< η_{ℓ} <1 for absorption

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Cross section and event rate

Event rate Er (s⁻¹) for a specific reaction cross section σ_r :

$$Er_{reac} = \mathcal{F}\rho \mathcal{N} e \sigma_r / A$$

where :

- \mathcal{F} is the incident flux of particles per unit of time (s⁻¹)
- ho is the density of the target material (g.cm⁻³)
- e is the target thickness (cm)
- A is the molar mass of the target material (g.mol⁻¹)
- $\mathcal{N} = 6.022.10^{23}$ is the Avogadro number
- σ_r is the reaction cross section (cm²)



Cross section and event rate



Event rate *E* (s⁻¹) for a specific reaction cross section σ_r :

F	=	Ŧ	$\overline{0}$	N	e	σ	ΙΔ
<i>reac</i>			$\boldsymbol{\rho}$	- C		°r'	

Thin target e=300 μm, Au

Reaction \mathcal{F} = 10 ⁹ pps	Cross section	Event rate
Coulomb scattering	100 b	1000 s ⁻¹
Deep Inelastic/ Multi-nucleon Transfer	1 b	10 s ⁻¹
Central collision (b<1 fm)	50 mb	1 mn ⁻¹
Transfer/direct reaction	10 mb	10 hr-1
Fusion reaction	1 mb	1 week ⁻¹

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Nuclear reactions

Producing exotic nuclei



Physics cases for nuclear reactions : driplines





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Also Haloes nuclei...



les noyaux légers à (N, Z) extrêmes :



Courtesy Miguel Marques (LPC Caen)

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Production of exotic nuclei with HI beams





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Known nuclei before WW2







Known Nuclei now : astrophysical processes



"Terra Incognita"



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Nuclear reactions

Reaction Mechanisms





Nuclear reactions

Low incident energy

5 – 15 MeV/nucleon




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Nuclear reactions

Fermi incident energy

15 – 50 MeV/nucleon





Fermi energy reaction mechanisms

15<E_{inc}<50 MeV/nucl.

Transfer or direct reactions $b \approx b_{grazing}$

Stripping/pick up of nucleon(s)



Entrance channel b≈b_{grazing} Examples :

...

- (d,p) :+1n transfer (r-process)
- (t,p) :+2n transfer (r-process)
- (p,t) : -2n transfer (rp-process)
- (³He,d) : +1p transfer (rp-process)





Transfer reactions at low incident energy

E_{inc}<50 MeV/nucl.

Projectile X(N) on a deuteron target with the pickup of one neutron to obtain $Y=X(N+1) \rightarrow \text{more neutron-rich nucleus}$





Deep Inelastic collisions ... toward the limits



« semi-peripheral » collision (b=6 fm)



Extreme rotation 10²³ rpm !

More diluted $\rho < < \rho_0$

More n-rich (N<<Z, N>>Z)

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Simulation Xe+Sn at 39 MeV/nucleon b=4 fm

Nuclear Collision Simulation

(Z=54,A=129) on (Z=50,A=119) @ E/A= 50MeV, b=4.0fm HIPSE model - Phys. Rev. C69, 054604 (2004) D. Lacroix (GANIL) and D. Durand (LPC Caen)

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Deep Inelastic Scattering 15<E_{inc}<50 MeV/nucl.

- Projectile is damped and rotate around the target
- Kinetic energy is associated to the energy dissipation via multi-nucleon transfer (MNT)
- Angle is associated to the timescale of the process
- Energy is used to estimate excitation energy
- Angle is used as a clock for nuclear timescales
- 100 fm/c = 10⁻²¹ s (1 zs)





Nuclear reactions

Intermediate incident energy

50 – 100 MeV/nucleon





Intermediate energy reaction mechanisms

50<E_{inc}<100 MeV/nucl.







Central collisions ... Little Big Bang !



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Central collision (b=0)



Multifragmentation as Liquid-gas PT





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Multifragmentation









Simulation Xe+Sn at 39 MeV/nucleon b=0 fm

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azCjJx6REKg



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Intermediate energy reaction mechanisms

50<*E*_{inc}<100 MeV/nucl.



Hot nuclear matter (nuclei) ; from liquid to gas phase





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Multifragmentation : Mean-Field density instabilities





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Phase diagram of Nuclear Matter







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Part III

Nuclei at extremes Nuclear Equation of state



Novae & Supernovae



Nova Monocerotis V838, Licorne May - December 2002 Hubble Telescope (NASA)



E=10⁴⁴ J, L x 10¹⁰ !!



Crab Nebula (M1) - 1054 Hubble Telescope (NASA)



Nuclear EOS in Astrophysics

Neutron Stars (NS) are unique systems for investigating dense nuclear matter !





Detection of GW and multi-messenger observables (GW170817) considerably reinforces terrestrial EOS studies

B.P. Abbott et al. (LIGO/VIRGO), PRL 116, 061102 (2016) PRL 119, 161101 (2017)

Core Collapses Sne

- EoS (isoscalar/isovector) : shock waves
- *E*_{sym} : *r*-process and nucleosynthesis
- Cooling : *d*-URCA and Neutrinosphere (low density nuclear matter)

NS structure :

- Crust : pasta phases (frustation/clusters)
- Crust/Core transition: L,K_{svm}
- Core : hyperons (strange matter, QCD)



N. Yunes, M. Coleman Miller, and K. Yagi, Nature Review Physics 4, 237 (2022)

NS- NS merger (Kilonova)



Equation of State of nuclear matter





Thermodynamical relation between state variables



Pressure : $P(\rho) = \rho^2 (\partial E / \partial \rho)_{\rho}$

 P_c , T_c , r_c : critical point of the liquid-gas phase transition with T_c = 16-18 MeV, ρ_c =0.3-0.5 ρ_{sat}

Spinodal decomposition : Mean-Field instabilities





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Equation of State in nuclei





Astrophysical context (NS)

Nuclear matter : Bulk properties

Extensive systems (volume,size)

Pure neutron matter (δ =1)

Terrestrial Labs

Nuclei : Finite-size effects

Non-extensive systems (surface, Coulomb)

Asymetric NM ($|\delta|$ ~0-0.4, E_{sym})

Phase Diagram and Phase Transitions in finite systems



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EoS in Nuclear Physics

Energy-density functionals modelization is probably the best possible framework to understand the structure of medium and heavy nuclei.

Energy-Density Functionals (Hohenberg-Kohn theorem) : $H_{eff} = E[\rho]$

Direct link to EOS and Symmetry Energy (isovector term)

 E_{iv} (aka S) = E(ρ,δ=1) – E(ρ,δ=0)





EOS density and isospin dependence



Energy per nucleon in the parabolic (2nd order) approximation is the sum of isoscalar (ρ) and isovector (δ) terms: Isospin ratio : $\delta = (N-Z)/A$

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$$\mathsf{E}(\rho,\delta) = \mathsf{E}_{0}(\rho) + \mathsf{S}(\rho).\delta^{2} + \mathsf{O}(\delta^{4})$$

Each term (isoscalar and isovector) can be decomposed in Taylor expansion (up to the fourth order) in $\chi = (\rho - \rho_0)/3\rho_0$:

 $E_{0}(\rho) = E_{sat}(\rho_{0}) + \frac{1}{2} K_{0} \chi^{2} + \frac{1}{3} Q_{0} \chi^{3} + \frac{1}{4} Z_{0} \chi^{4} + O(\chi^{5})$

 $S(\rho) = J + L\chi + 1/2 K_{sym} \chi^2 + 1/3 ! Q_{sym} \chi^3 + 1/4 ! Z_{sym} \chi^4 + O(\chi^5)$

$$\begin{split} & \textit{E}_{\text{sat}} \text{ is the saturation energy at } \rho = \rho_0 \\ & \textit{K}_0 \text{ is the compressibility (curvature) around } \rho_0 \\ & \textit{Q}_0 \text{ and } \textit{Z}_0 \text{ are the cubic and quartic terms needed for } \rho \text{ far from } \rho_0 \\ & \textit{J}_{\text{is the symmetry energy at } \rho = \rho_0 \\ & \textit{L}_{\text{sym}} \text{ is the slope (conn. to } \textit{P}) \text{ of the symmetry energy around } \rho_0 \\ & \textit{K}_{\text{sym}} \text{ is the curvature of the symmetry energy} \\ & \textit{Q}_{\text{sym}} \text{ and } \textit{Z}_{\text{sym}} \text{ are the cubic and quartic terms needed for } \rho \text{ far from } \rho_0 \end{split}$$

Symmetry Energy and Density Dependence



$$E/A (\rho, \delta) = E/A (\rho, 0) + \delta^2 \cdot S(\rho)$$
$$\delta = (\rho_n - \rho_p) / (\rho_n + \rho_p) = (N-Z)/A$$

- Constraints for Astrophysics (NS) and for laboratory experiments
- Needed for transport models and nuclear matter studies (Thermodyn.)
- Link to the NN interaction (isovector) in the nuclear medium

Density dependence of SE

Poorly constrained ... Need experimental data !



Symmetry Energy around ρ_0 (I)



Evaluations for E_{svm} , slope L, curvature K_{svm} , ...

B.A. Li and X. Han, Phys. Lett. B727 (2018) 276



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Symmetry Energy around ρ_0





Experimental constraints

Model predictions

I. Tews et al., Astroph. J. 848 (2017) 105 C. Drischler et al., PRL 125 (2020) 202702

Symmetry Energy around ρ_0 : newcomer in 2021



Tension between PREX-2 and other experimental / theoretical evaluations



Constraints on Neutron Stars : link with nuclear EOS





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Part IV

Some experimental tools and

instrumentation



Coupling FAZIA demonstrator with INDRA@GANIL



^{58/64}Ni + ^{58/64}Ni @ 32 and 52 MeV/nucl : E789 performed in 2019

INDRA in D5

- - 240 detection modules (rings 1,2/3,4/5 removed)
- - 96 Si-Csl from 16 to 45 deg.
- - 144 Csl from 45 to 176 deg.



FAZIA demonstrator: 12 blocks of 16 telescopes 192 High-Quality Si-Si-CsI telescopes from 2 to 14 deg. + dedicated Full Digital Electronics FAZIA geom. acceptance 82% (90%) Granularity x2 as compared to INDRA

Beam Tests in June-July 2018



Experiment E789 performed at GANIL in April-May 2019 :

^{58/64}Ni+^{58/64}Ni @ 32,52 MeV/nucleon



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FAZIA : °*E*-*E* identification



Some results at the end of phase 1: $\Delta E(Si1) - E(Si2)$



S.Carboni et al., NIMA 664 (2012) 251 Energy = max of shaped signal (trapezoidal filter)

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FAZIA improvements for °*E*-*E* identification

Improving standard *E*-°*E* identification method up to *Z*=25-30!



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FAZIA : Pulse Shape Analysis



S.Carboni et al., NIMA 664 (2012) 251

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FAZIA : Pulse Shape Analysis



> Z identification can be achieved in the first Silicon detector

S.Carboni et al., NIMA 664 (2012) 251

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FAZIA : Pulse Shape Anaysis

Some results at the end of phase 1: Mass resolution from Pulse Shape Analysis Energy vs. charge rise time



L.Bardelli et al., NIMA 654 (2011) 272

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FAZIA : ID thresholds (Z)



- Pulse Shape Analysis lowers significantly the Z (and A) thresholds
- Rear-side injection (low Electric Field entrance) is preferred
- \blacktriangleright « dead » range in Silicon is between 30 and 150 μm for Z=30

N. Le Neindre et al., NIM A 701(2013) 145–152

Conclusions



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Large diversity of nuclear reactions between 5 – 100 MeV/nucleon

Produce many different nuclear systems :

- in terms of density ρ , excitation energy E*, temperature T, spin J, isospin δ
- variety of conditions for the EOS characterization

Allow the production and study of exotic nuclei :

- direct/transfer reactions: effective interactions in nuclei, quantum shells, continuum
- multi-nucleon transfer and deep inelastic scattering : toward large N/Z exotic nuclei
- multifragmentation : phase transitions, order, latent heat and criticality (universality)
- complete/incomplete fusion : toward superheavy nuclei

Mimick violent phenomena in Astrophysics of compact objects :

- Core Collapse of Supernovae: CCSNe
- Neutron stars mergers + multi-messenger astrophysics (GW+EM): NS-NS, X-ray bursts
- Stellar and extra-stellar nucleosynthesis: r-, p-,s-processes

Investigate EOS at low density and phase transitions in strongly corr. systems :

- EOS at **low densities**
- Density and Isospin Instabilities: LG coexistence regions, **spinodal decomposition**
- finite (nuclei) vs infinite (NS): finite-size effects



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Rutherford scattering with marble balls : Billotron

https://www.lpc-caen.in2p3.fr/grand-public-rencontrer/le-billotron/



https://youtu.be/_KcK-jS2QQQ

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Symmetry Energy around ρ_0 (II)





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