### SRC@HADES: Experimental Realization Georgios Laskaris – MIT



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- 4. Boost back to the lab frame and "smear" the protons according to the HADES resolution (extracted from the HADES GEANT3 simulation)



# Kinematics for 3.5 GeV beam



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# Experimental requirements



- 1. Detection of two, high-momentum, leading protons in the beam direction. (HADES)
  - 2 protons have similar momenta. (  $\sim 1.5 4.0 \text{ GeV/c}$ )
  - 2 protons go into opposite sectors.
  - Angular range: 18° 45°.
- 2. Detection of one (two), low-momentum, recoil nucleon in the backwards direction. (New Recoil detector)
  - Recoil nucleon momentum ranges from 200 800 MeV/c.
  - No significant angular correlation with the 'leading' protons
  - Angular range: 100° 170°.







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 $\Delta \Omega \approx 50\%$ Proton PID > 95%  $18^{\circ} \le \theta_{1,2} \le 45^{\circ}$ 





 ΔΩ ≈ 20%
  $\sigma_{TOF}$  ~ 400 ps

 Recoil
 E ≈ 30 - 50% (neutrons)
 ΔP/P(500 MeV/c) < 4%</th>

 Detector:
 110° ≤ θ<sub>recoil</sub> ≤ 160°
 ΔP(500 MeV/c) ≈ 10 - 20 MeV/c





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#### Central wall:

- 6 NeuLAND modules.
- Active volume: 250x250x60 cm<sup>3</sup>
- Composed of 250x5x5 cm<sup>3</sup> bars readout using two 1" PMTs.

# Two small side walls (for 3N-SRC search)

- 8 planes each.
- Active volume: 90x70x40 cm<sup>3</sup>
- Composed of 70x5x5 cm<sup>3</sup> bars readout using two 2" PMTs.





#### + support structure



NeuLAND Angular Coverage: 115° – 155°











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#### Proton Reconstruction Resolutions as extracted from full HADES GEANT3







#### 4.4 4 4.2 4.0 3.5 (c) 3.8 (c) 3.6 (c) 3.4 (c) 3.4 (c) 3.2 3 2.5 3.0 2.8 2 2.6 24 θ (deg) 22 20 26 28 30 18

#### Resolution Map: $\Delta P/P$ (%)





#### **Recoil Detector Resolutions**





# Observables: Missing Momentum











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# SRC@HADES: Two Phases Approach

- Phase I @ 3.5 GeV:
  - Run in parallel to Di-lepton experiment using dedicated trigger
  - Recoil detector: NeuLAND only
  - Targets: <sup>93</sup>Nb, <sup>12</sup>C, <sup>40</sup>Ca
  - RICH in place
  - Measure only A(p,2pn) and 3N-SRC: A(2pnn)
- Phase II @ 4.5 GeV:
  - Run a dedicated SRC experiment
  - Recoil detector: NeuLAND + side walls
  - Possible Targets: <sup>12</sup>C, <sup>28</sup>Si, <sup>40</sup>Ca, <sup>48</sup>Ca, <sup>56</sup>Fe, <sup>93</sup>Nb, <sup>112</sup>Sn, <sup>124</sup>Sn, <sup>208</sup>Pb
  - Remove RICH
  - Measure A(p,2pN) and A(p,2p2N)





- Run in parallel to Di-lepton (p+<sup>93</sup>Nb) experiment @ 3.5 GeV
- Required trigger condition for Di-lepton experiment at HADES acceptance is multiplicity M ≥ 2
- At  $1 \times 10^7$  p/s and 2% interaction probability  $\rightarrow$ 
  - $M \ge 2$  trigger rate is 140 kHz (based on UrQMD)





 A x3 reduction in flux necessary to be within 50 kHz (maximum trigger rate of HADES)

- We propose:
  - keeping  $7*10^6$   $1x10^7$  p/s with a x2 3 prescale on the M ≥ 2 trigger.
  - Add dedicated SRC trigger. No prescale. Up to 5 kHz.

# Dedicated Trigger for SRC@ 3.5 GeV







Two options to have some 'A-dependence' study:

- Instead of 10 <sup>93</sup>Nb foils, use 8 <sup>93</sup>Nb foils, 1 <sup>12</sup>C foil and 1 <sup>40</sup>Ca
- Change target array towards the end of the run to <sup>12</sup>C + <sup>40</sup>Ca foils

Targets	Target Thickness (gr/cm²)	Interaction Probability (%)
<sup>12</sup> C	0.17	0.2
<sup>40</sup> Ca	0.25	0.2
<sup>93</sup> Nb	2.7	1.6



For Phase I:

- RICH in place
- use NeuLAND only









Parameters	Values
Target Thickness	10 <sup>24</sup> protons/cm <sup>2</sup>
Beam flux	7x10 <sup>6</sup> p/sec
Time	4 weeks
Duty cycle	100%
Target Transparency	0.35*0.35
Neutron Efficiency	0.4
Acceptance	0.3(2p) x 0.15(n)
Other things	0.1







For Phase I, the expected total number of events is:

- np-SRC via <sup>93</sup>Nb(p,2pn): 8,000 events.
- np-SRC via <sup>12</sup>C (p,2pn) and <sup>40</sup>Ca(p,2pn): 1,000 events.

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- Phase I @ 3.5 GeV:
  - Run in parallel to Di-lepton experiment using dedicated trigger
  - Recoil detector: NeuLAND
  - Targets: <sup>93</sup>Nb, <sup>12</sup>C, <sup>40</sup>Ca
  - RICH in place
  - Measure only A(p,2pn) and 3N-SRC: A(2pnn)
- Phase II @ 4.5 GeV:
  - Run a dedicated SRC experiment
  - Recoil detector: NeuLAND + side walls
  - Possible Targets: <sup>12</sup>C, <sup>28</sup>Si, <sup>40</sup>Ca, <sup>48</sup>Ca, <sup>56</sup>Fe, <sup>93</sup>Nb, <sup>112</sup>Sn, <sup>124</sup>Sn, <sup>208</sup>Pb
  - Remove RICH
  - Measure A(p,2pN) and A(p,2p2N)





- SRC run with dedicated trigger: M ≥ 2 && opp. sect. && TOF<sub>1,2</sub> <13 ns</li>
- Recoil detector: NeuLAND and small side walls
- For the measurement of recoil protons, RICH detector has to be removed
- Up to five different targets will be used including symmetric and asymmetric nuclei



For Phase II:

- Remove RICH
- NeuLAND+side walls





#### **Possible Targets**



Possible Targets	Target Thickness (gr/cm <sup>2</sup> )
<sup>12</sup> C	1.7
<sup>28</sup> Si	2.2
<sup>40</sup> Ca	2.5
<sup>48</sup> Ca	2.7
<sup>56</sup> Fe	2.8
<sup>93</sup> Nb	3.3
<sup>112</sup> Sn	3.5
<sup>124</sup> Sn	3.7
<sup>208</sup> Pb	4.4

#### Interaction probability 2%



# Trigger Rates for <sup>12</sup>C @ 4.5 GeV





# Trigger Rates for <sup>56</sup>Fe @ 4.5 GeV













Parameters	Values
Target Thickness	10 <sup>24</sup> protons/cm <sup>2</sup>
Beam flux	6x10 <sup>7</sup> p/sec
Time	4 weeks
Duty cycle	50%
Target Transparency	0.35*0.35
Neutron Efficiency	0.4
Acceptance	0.75(2p) x 0.3(n)
Other things	0.1

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#### Cuts and Rates @ 4.5 GeV





For Phase II, the expected total number of events per target (5 targets) is:

- np-SRC via. A(p,2pn): 10,000 events.
- pp-SRC via. A(p,2pp): 4,000 events.







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- HADES combined with a new recoil detector can measure for first time thousands of 2N and 3N-SRC pairs
- NeuLAND ideal for being the main part of the new recoil detector
- Essential to execute the experiment in two phases:
  - Phase I: SRC experiment in parallel to Di-lepton program acquiring few thousands of events on 3 different targets measuring only neutrons
  - Phase II: Dedicated SRC experiment acquiring events on several targets measuring both recoil neutrons and protons





# **Thank You!** 5-5 **Discussion...** SRC @







# **Our Goal:** Identify quasi-elastic Nb(p,2p) events in the data and compare their rate to our simulation

Parameters	Values
Target Thickness	10 <sup>24</sup> protons/cm <sup>2</sup>
Beam flux	2x10 <sup>6</sup> p/sec
Time	4.66 hr
Duty cycle	0.83
DAQ Efficiency	0.7
Downscaling Factor	3
Target Transparency	0.35*0.35
Acceptance	0.5
Other things	0.5



#### **Event Selection Cuts**



Quantities	Cuts
θ <sub>cm</sub>	60°<θ <sub>cm</sub> <120°
$\theta_{lab}$ for $P_1$ and $P_2$	$18^{\circ} < \theta_{lab} < 85^{\circ}$
s,t,u	>2 GeV <sup>2</sup>
$\phi_{lab}$ for $P_1$ and $P_2$	$170^{\circ} < \Delta \varphi_{lab} < 190^{\circ}$
Multiplicity	2 tracks required
Additional cuts	P <sub>miss</sub> >0.50 GeV/c P <sub>miss</sub> <1.0 GeV/c (E <sub>1</sub> +E <sub>2</sub> )>3.2 GeV/c
(applied to both simulation and data)	

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#### **Verification of QE Correlations**

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#### # Events: Simulation/Data ~ 4

(depending on the exact value of the cuts used)

 $\theta_1 + \theta_2$  (deg)

80

90





#### HADES LVL1 trigger (based on RPC hits)



