# Hadrons in Nuclei: Experiments and Perpectives



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### How does QCD (nature) make hadrons?



#### **Hadron Physics**

hadron properties hadronic interactions

#### The Role of Chiral Symmetry Breaking

- chiral symmetry = fundamental symmetry of QCD for massless quarks
- chiral symmetry broken on hadron level



To understand the origin of mass: can we (partially) restore chiral symmetry? <u>changes of hadron properties in the nuclear medium</u>

### **Hadrons in the Nuclear Medium**

S. Klimt, M. Lutz, W.W. Phys. Lett. B249 (1990) 386

C. Ratti, M. Thaler, W.W. Phys. Rev. D73 (2006) 014019



hadron masses modified in the nuclear medium: m = f (|< qq >|)

#### Nuclear Photoabsorption: $\gamma$ + A



#### study in-medium meson production from nucleon resonance decays

### **Meson Photoprodcution from Nuclei**

B. Krusche, MESON2006, Cracow, June 2006



results for in-medium spectral functions of nucleon resonances consistent with preditions:

- no significant effect on S<sub>11</sub> resonance
- possibly some suppression of D<sub>13</sub> resonance (still under analysis)

#### **Scalar Mesons in Medium**



masses of chiral partners become degenerate in the chiral limit



concentration of  $\pi\pi$  strength near threshold

#### observable: pion-pion invariant mass



#### Model Predictions for $\rho$ and $\omega$ Mesons





### **Experimental Approach**

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M. Naruki et al., PRL 96 (2006) 092301

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#### alternative approach: ω Dalitz decay in γ+A TAPS (see talk by M.Kotulla)

#### ω-mass in nuclei from photonuclear reactions

J.G.Messchendorp et al., EPJ A11 (2001) 95



#### advantage:

- $\pi$  ° $\gamma$  large branching ratio (8 %)
- no  $\rho\text{-contribution}~(\rho \rightarrow \pi^o \gamma$  : 7  $\cdot$  10  $^{\text{-4}})$

#### disadvantage:

- $\pi$  °-rescattering
- background reactions:  $\gamma A \rightarrow 2 \pi \circ + X$
- mass resolution



#### momentum dependence of $\omega$ signal



**D.** Trnka et al. PRL (2005) 192303

indication for an in-medium modification of the  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  meson mass



Further perspective: Vector Mesons in p+A reactions with WASA-at-COSY

 $\omega, \rho$  line shapes in nuclear medium  $\Phi$  meson in medium

- <u>dilepton production</u> (elementary reactions: Stepaniak et al)
- simultaneous measurement of Dalitz decay ( $\pi^{o}\gamma$ ) of  $\omega$  meson
- comparison to photon induced reactions (CBELSA/TAPS) and elementary and heavy ion dilepton production (HADES), etc

note: • ω->  $π^{o}γ$  was suggested in: Studying the ω properties in pA collisions via the  $ω \rightarrow \pi^{0}γ$  decay  $\stackrel{\stackrel{_{\wedge}}{}}{}$ A. Sibirtsev <sup>a</sup>, V. Hejny <sup>b</sup>, H. Ströher <sup>b</sup>, W. Cassing <sup>a</sup> Physics Letters B 483 (2000) 405–409

• and in: Studying the  $\omega$  mass in-medium in  $\gamma + A \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma + X$  reactions

Eur. Phys. J. A 11, 95–103 (2001)

CBELSA/TAPS

J.G. Messchendorp<sup>1,a</sup>, A. Sibirtsev<sup>2,3</sup>, W. Cassing<sup>2</sup>, V. Metag<sup>1</sup>, and S. Schadmand<sup>1</sup>

PRL 94, 192303 (2005)

#### possible: second generation WASA-at-COSY experiments with nuclear targets

# WASA at COSY

COoler - SYnchrotron COSY



- p beams up to p=3.7 GeV/c
- d beams
- polarized beams
- beam cooling
- high luminosity
- charged and neutral particle detection





# WASA at COSY







# WASA-at-COSY

- is a  $4\pi$  detection system
- can detect neutral and charged decays, even dileptons
- can handle high rates
- can have nuclear targets

very suited for studies of  $\omega$  meson production and decays

### **Medium Effects on Hadrons**

- absorption/rescattering of mesons
- modified hadron-hadron interaction
- partial chiral symmetry restoration
- meson-baryon coupling
- meson-nucleus attractive potential
  - mass shift
  - broadening
  - bound states

Experiments are in accordance with theoretical scenarios for changes of hadron properties in the nuclear medium.

Some controversy to be resolved.

Studying the in-medium behavior of hadrons is a promising approach to learn more about the origin of their mass.

## **Outlook**

16:25 - 16:40 Ryotaro Muto (KEK) Evidence of rho, omega and phi Meson Mass Modification in Nuclear Medium Measured in 12C

16:40 - 16:55 Jerzy Pietraszko (GSI) Dielectron Production in C+C Collisions with HADES

16:55 - 17:10 Martin Kotulla (Giessen) New Results on the omega Meson in the Nuclear Medium

17:10 - 17:25 Tatiana Skorodko (Tübingen) WASA d+d Two-pion Production in the Delta Delta Region - Approaching the ABC Puzzle by Exclusive and ...

17:25 - 17:40 Daisuke Jido (Kyoto): In-medium Properties of Pion and Partial Restoration of Chiral Symmetry in Nuclear Medium

17:40 - 17:55 Hideko Nagahiro (Osaka): Formation Spectra of eta-Mesic Nuclei by (pi+,p) Reaction at J-PARC and Chiral Symmetry for Baryons

and poster sessions.

### WASA Central Detector

### Performance

#### neutral $\eta (\rightarrow 3\pi^0 \rightarrow 6\gamma)$ decays





charged  $\eta (\rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^-)$  decays



particle identification:  $\Delta E$ -E,  $\Delta E$ -P  $\theta$  range: 20° - 169°  $\phi$  range: 0° - 180°  $\sigma_E/E$  for  $\gamma$ : 8%  $\sigma_P/P$  for  $\pi^{\pm}/p$ : 4%/9%

#### future modifications:

plastic barrel upgrade → scintillating fibre detector

# **Status WASA-at-COSY**

first **n production** beam time: April 2 - May 6, 2007 (ongoing)

with improved DAQ

data rate:	2000/s $\rightarrow$ 8000/s (with ca. 40 MB/s,
	presently limited by writing to disk)
dead time:	>= 80µs → <mark>20-30 µs</mark>
events per pellet:	~1 → <del>3-4</del>

goal: 10<sup>8</sup> η decays

status 25Apr07: estimated  $8 \cdot 10^5 \eta \rightarrow \pi^{\circ} \pi^{\circ} \pi^{\circ}$ 

conclusion: it's working!!!