



#### The European Networking Activity THEIA: achievements and prospects



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# JGIU STRONG 2020 @ Horizon2020

- STRONG
- "The strong interaction at the frontier of knowledge: fundamental research and applications"
  - the partonic structure of hadrons
  - exotic hadronic states
  - properties of dense quark matter
  - properties of hot and dense quark-gluon plasm
  - precision tests of the Standard Model

#### 32 work packages

- 7 transnational Access Activities (TA)
- 2 Virtual Access Activities (VA)
- **\Box** 7 Networking Activities (NA)  $\Rightarrow$  THEIA
- 14 Joint Research Activities (JRA)
- 1 Management and Coordination
- 1 Cummunication and Outreach
- 2019 to July 2024 (4 years + extension)
- □ Budget  $10M \in \Rightarrow THEIA \ 200k \in$



# NA5 - THEIA @ STRONG 2020



#### Objectives of THEIA (NA5)

- "Address the "neutron stars hyperon puzzle" (contradiction between the observation of 2-solarmasses neutron stars and microscopical predictions of a softening of the nuclear equationof-state due to the presence of strange-quark hadrons) through combined theoretical and experimental studies of (anti)hypernuclei and bound strange-meson systems produced in hadronic collisions at various c.m. energies."
- Each Activity within STRONG2020 had to define so called Workpackages, Deliverables and Milestones and the time of delivery
- □ Achievements are evaluated by the EU Project Officer

JGIU Deliverables and Milestones of NA5-THEIA



- **D16.1:** Study of A=3 hypernuclei  ${}^{3}_{\Lambda}$ H and  ${}^{3}_{\Lambda}$ n
  - month 36 report
  - MS20: First data taking by WASA@GSI/FAIR searching for nn $\Lambda$
- D16.2: Study of antihyperons in nuclei; PANDA software tools
  - month 42 demonstrator
  - MS21: Design report for antihyperons in nuclei
- D16.3: Theoretical and experimental studies of bound mesonic systems
  - month 30 report
  - MS22: SIDDHARTA-2 progress report
- D16.4: Hypernuclear database is online and will continually updated
   public/webpage
- Most important for the network: annual workshops

# D16.1: A=3 Hypernuclei



- □ Three-baryon forces are essential to describe complex nuclei
- □ A=3 hypernnuclei are important cornerstones



I=0, J<sup>p</sup>=1/2<sup>+</sup> is only nucleus known for sure to be bound
 Observed branching ratio

$$R_{3} = \frac{\Gamma(^{3}_{\Lambda}H \rightarrow^{3}He + \pi^{-})}{\Gamma(^{3}_{\Lambda}H \rightarrow X + \pi^{-})} = 0.35 \pm 0.04$$

and small binding energy suggest groundstate spin  $J^P = 1/2^+$ 

- □ No experimental evidence for bound excited state
- □ No conclusive evidence for existence of neutral  $nn\Lambda$

# D16.1:Hypertriton binding energy



#### Present situation

- Emulsion data suggest very small binding energy ~130keV
- New data from STAR show stronger binding ~406±120<sub>stat</sub>±110<sub>syst</sub> keV
- Recent Pb+Pb ALICE result 102±63<sub>stat</sub>±67<sub>syst</sub> keV





- □ Two-body s-wave halo:  $\langle \Delta r^2 \rangle = \hbar^2 / (4\mu B) \rightarrow 9 fm$
- $\Box$  giant  $\Lambda\text{-halo} \Rightarrow$  large reaction cross section for  ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$ 
  - R3B@FAIR by NuStar
  - WASA-FRS-HypHI

## <sup>JG</sup> D16.1: Lifetime of <sup>3</sup> H





#### □ Remark:

- Ideograms are a good tool to visualize probability distributions ad deviations among data
- in future supplement ideograms by conflation of probability distributions <a href="https://arxiv.org/pdf/1005.4978.pdf">https://arxiv.org/pdf/1005.4978.pdf</a>

## <sup>JG</sup> D16.1: Is there still a hypertriton puzzle?



- □ Hildebrand & Hammer, EFT
   □ PRC 102, 064002 (2020)
   □ exp. R<sub>3</sub> ≈0.35 favors small BE
- Obiol, Gal et al., EFT
  - PLB 811, 135916 (2020)
  - $\square$   $\pi$  distorted waves and
  - $\square$   $\Sigma$ NN admixture important
  - $\square \Rightarrow$  strong relation between BE and  $\tau$



### <sup>JG</sup> MS20: First data taking by WASA@GSI/FAIR

□ Hypernnuclei are identified by two-body decays: π<sup>-</sup> ∧ fragment
 □ Data taking Jan. – March 2022

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Analysis ongoing – waiting for first results

# D16.1: Future mass measurements

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- □ A the Mainz Mikrotron (MAMI), a new high precision pion spectroscopy experiment aims at a measurement with a systematic uncertainty which is comparable to the statistical error of ≤ 20 keV.
- At JLab, a missing-mass measurement of the hypertriton mass with a accuracy of less than 100 keV has been proposed.
- The J-PARC E07 collaboration plans to analyse hypertriton decays in their emulsion plates. Using Monte Carlo simulations, the statistical and systematic errors for the hypertriton binding energy in this emulsion measurement has been estimated to be approximately 30 keV each.
  - Systematic error?
- Improved measurements by heavy ion experiments ALICE and STAR expected





# D16.1: Hypernuclei at MAMI



#### Pion spectroscopy at MAMI (2012-2014)

- Two-body pionic decay of hypernuclei
- High-resolution spectrometers





#### Necessary Improvements

- Higher Luminosity  $\rightarrow$  5cm Lithium target (PhD Philipp Eckert)
- Absolute momentum  $\rightarrow$  calibration via Undulator Light Interference (PhD Pascal Klag

MAMI Undulato





<sup>JGU</sup> D16.1: Status of the Hypertriton measurement

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- Commissioning: July 12 August 1, 2022
- Data taking: September 22 October 17, 2022
  - Example 1: raw online timing diagram KAOS-SPEK-A (~6h)



- "Raw" pion spectrum of SPEK A
   Momentum scale not calibrated !! (reason: new NMR system)
  - Optimization of signal:background
  - please do not cite any numbers!



## <sup>JG</sup> D16.1: Study of ${}^{3}_{\Lambda}$ H and ${}^{3}_{\Lambda}$ n



#### Report delivered September 2022

#### Study of A=3 Hypernuclei

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Summery: Nuclei containing strange baryons, so-called Hypernuclei, are unique femto-laboratories for multi-baryon interactions with hyperons. Light hypernuclei are particularly interesting since not only phenomenological models but also ab initio studies based on chiral effective field theory and even lattice quantum chromodynamics calculations are within reach for such systems.

The hypertriton  ${}^3_{\Lambda}$ H is the lightest hypernucleus. It is composed of a proton, a neutron, and a  $\Lambda$  hyperon. Although it is known to exist since more than half a century, its basic properties - mass and lifetime - are still not fully understood. When the STRONG-2020 project started in 2019, the combination of an unexpected short lifetime of the hypertriton and at the same time a small  $\Lambda$  binding energy was one of the most intriguing puzzles in hypernuclear physics and was referred to as the *hypertriton puzzle*.

With the most recent heavy ion data the best estimate of the lifetime moved closer to the free  $\Lambda$  lifetime. At the same time our theoretical understanding of this system has significantly improved. Thus, the *hypertriton puzzle* has turned into a quantitative problem calling for precision studies, on the experimental as well as on the theoretical side.

Even though several new data were presented in the last three years, the experimental situation on both, the lifetime as well as the binding energy is indeed still unsatisfactory. Various experiments planned during the coming years aim at the improvement of this situation. Combining a precision lifetime measurement with a precise value for the  $\Lambda$  binding energy of the hypertriton will provide a benchmark for any hypernuclear structure calculation.

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### Deliverable 16.2: Antihyperons in Nuclei



- two-body baryon-antibaryon interactions can be studied by twoparticle correlation functions in HI
- PANDA will measure the effective potential of Λ hyperons by the exclusive <sup>20</sup>Ne(p̄,ΛΛ) reaction during PHASE-1 of PANDA
- ongoing work: development of reconstruction software (low momentum  $\Lambda$  and  $\Lambda$  decays !)





### JGIU Pair reconstruction by PANDA

- □ Low momenta  $\Lambda$  and  $\overline{\Lambda}$  difficult to reconstruct
  - Pairs are missing where the  $\Lambda$  or  $\overline{\Lambda}$  has low momentum
  - **D** Effects  $|\alpha_L| > 0.5$
- Methods to eliminate background
  - □ boosted decision tree (BDT)
  - multi-layer perceptron (MLP)
  - Conventional cuts











### <sup>JG|</sup> Reconstruction of ΛΛ pairs



#### □ BDT and MLP similar

Stop	Signal			Background	
Step	Pass	Effic.	Purity	Pass	Suppr.
weight		1		5	0
generated	$7.61 \times 10^{5}$			$1.02 \times 10^{8}$	
combined	$6.43 \times 10^{5}$	84.49%	32.75%	$7.47 \times 10^5$	$7.3  imes 10^{-3}$
mass selection	$4.13 \times 10^5$	54.28%	47.36%	$1.36 \times 10^5$	$1.3  imes 10^{-3}$
vertex fit	$2.43 \times 10^5$	31.88%	64.36%	$6.73 \times 10^4$	$6.6 imes10^{-4}$
mass fit	$1.55\times 10^5$	20.34%	79.00%	$1.60  imes 10^4$	$1.6  imes 10^{-4}$
BDT Best	$1.22 \times 10^{5}$	15.99%	97.01%	84	$8.2 \times 10^{-7}$
BDT+MassSel	$1.12  imes 10^5$	14.69%	97.62%	43	$4.2  imes 10^{-7}$
MLP Best	$1.17 \times 10^{5}$	15.42%	97.12%	68	$6.6 \times 10^{-7}$
${\rm MLP+MassSel}$	$1.08  imes 10^5$	14.16%	97.60%	44	$4.3 imes10^{-7}$



Other sensitive observable: p<sub>T</sub> distributions
 Report on D16.2/MS21 in preparation

#### D16.3: SIDDHARTA-2 JGU



# New D16.4: Hypernucleus Database



- □ an interactive hypernucleus database is being built at Mainz
  - https://hypernuclei.kph.uni-mainz.de/
  - https://lambda.phys.tohoku.ac.jp/HypernuclearDatabase/
  - goal: provides complete overview of existing data

Masses, lifetimes, branching ratios

- summary plots, errors etc.generated automatically
- export data and plots to files possible
- □ First report is published in HADRON2021 proceedings

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- DB will continuously updated with new data
- Planned improvements:
  - Supplement ideograms by conflation of probability distributions
  - Double hypernuclei...

Research OR Education of Physics

Revista Mexicana de Física ?? (\*?\*) ???-???

Systematic treatment of hypernuclear data and application to the hypertriton

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#### **Deliverable:** Workshops JGU

- First workshop November 25-29, 2019 in Speyer
- ...then came Corona



- Joint THEIA-STRONG2020 and JAEA/Mainz REIMEI Web-Seminar 2021/2022
- HYP2022 in Prague, June 27 July 1, 2022 (hybrid)
- Workshop "Meson and Hyperon Interactions with Nuclei" in Kitzbühel, September 14-16, 2022
- ECT\* Workshop "SPICE: Strange hadrons as a Precision tool for strongly InteraCting systEms" May 13-17, 2024



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#### Abstract for the ECT\* website (150/161)

PRAGUE

Neutron stars are rich laboratories for physics, combining all four fundamental interactions and many phenomena associated with them under extreme conditions. One of the most intriguing questions is: what type of matter do we find in the core of such a compact object? One of the conceivable composition is a strangeness-dominated hadronic matter. However, the determination of the EOS of such neutral hadronic matter remains even after many decades of research one of the biggest challenges. Hadrons with strangeness embedded in the nuclear environment, hypernuclei, strange atoms, and multiparticle correlations are the most relevant terrestrial laboratories to approach the many-body aspect of the three-flavor strong interaction in the laboratory. The goal of the workshop is to assess the present status of the field, to agree upon future cutting-edge studies and to define the experimental objectives. The workshop will help to identify potential synergies between the different activities, which might also set the framework for new networking activities between researchers.









#### JG U Input to Maple Long Range Plan 2024





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There has been a wide consensus in nearly all theoretical approaches for neutron star matter that hyperons may appear in the inner core of neutron stars at densities of about twice the nuclear saturation density. However, introducing hyperons as an additional species, the equationof-state is softened. This usually results in a significant reduction of the maximum mass. The recent observations of massive neutron stars with about twice the solar mass and the expected appearance of hyperons at about two times nuclear density remains an unresolved mystery in neutron star physics, the so-called "hyperon puzzle".

Hadrons with strangeness embedded in the nuclear environment, hypernuclei or strange atoms, are the only available tool to approach the many-body aspect of the three-flavor strong interaction. These studies need to be accompanied by elementary scattering experiments and interferometric studies as well as modern theoretical developements.

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### JGIU Upcoming events

- STRONG-2020 Annual Meeting
  - **20.-22.** November 2023
  - CERN
  - https://indico.cern.ch/event/1264833/overview
- □ THEIA -ECT\* Workshop SPICE 13.-17. May, 2024

- STRONG2020 Workshop on "Present and future perspectives in Hadron Physics"
  - □ Frascatiy, 17.-19 June 2024
- STRONG-2020 Annual Meeting
  - **20.-21.** June 2024
  - Frascati
  - https://indico.cern.ch/event/1264833/overview



## What comes next from EU?



- □ Programme HORIZON EUROPE successor of Horizon-2020
  - https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/fundingopportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe\_en



- Absence of the structure adapted to the scale and size of the STRONG-2020
- Infrastructures (Pillar I): focused on infrastructure development and does not consider activities such as JRA and NA
- □ No calls for Hadron Physics until the end of 2024

## Quest for neutron rich systems



- $\Box$  nnA: not yet clear whether it exists or not
- □ nnAA might explain the E906 observation, but is theoretically questionable (PLB 790, 502, 2019)
- $\Box$   $^{6}{}_{\Lambda}$ H observation by FINUDA not confirmed at J-PARC



- May be it is good idea to look at conventional neutron rich systems
  - <sup>5</sup>H core of  ${}^{6}_{\Lambda}$ H
  - tetraneutron system clearly observed; however properties unclear
  - neutron rich hydrogen isotopes ("femto neutron stars")
    - □ <sup>4</sup>H, <sup>5</sup>H: obvious signals have been seen.
    - □ <sup>6</sup>H, <sup>7</sup>H: weak signals are seen, properties unclear



#### PHYSICAL REVIEW C 95, 014310 (2017)

#### Ground-state properties of <sup>5</sup>H from the <sup>6</sup>He(*d*, <sup>3</sup>He)<sup>5</sup>H reaction

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We have studied the ground state of the unbound, very neutron-rich isotope of hydrogen <sup>5</sup>H, using the  ${}^{6}\text{He}(d,{}^{3}\text{He}){}^{5}\text{H}$  reaction in inverse kinematics at a bombarding energy of  $E({}^{6}\text{He}) = 55A$  MeV. The present results suggest a ground-state resonance energy  $E_{R} = 2.4 \pm 0.3$  MeV above the  ${}^{3}\text{H} + 2n$  threshold, with an intrinsic width of  $\Gamma = 5.3 \pm 0.4$  MeV in the <sup>5</sup>H system. Both the resonance energy and width are higher than those reported in some, but not all previous studies of <sup>5</sup>H. The previously unreported  ${}^{6}\text{He}(d,t){}^{5}\text{He}_{g.s.}$  reaction is observed in the same measurement, providing a check on the understanding of the response of the apparatus. The data are compared to expectations from direct two-neutron and dineutron decay. The possibility of excited states of  ${}^{5}\text{H}$  populated in this reaction is discussed using different calculations of the  ${}^{6}\text{He} \rightarrow {}^{5}\text{H} + p$  spectroscopic overlaps from shell-model and *ab initio* nuclear-structure calculations.

Reference	Reaction	Detected	$E_R$ (MeV)	$\Gamma$ (MeV)	$E_{\text{beam}} (A \text{ MeV})$
[17]	${}^{3}\mathrm{H}(t,p){}^{5}\mathrm{H}$	р	$\approx 1.8$	$\approx 1.5$	7.42
[18]	${}^{6}\text{He}(p,2p){}^{5}\text{H}$	2p	$1.7 \pm 0.3$	$1.9 \pm 0.4$	36
[19]	${}^{3}\mathrm{H}(t,p){}^{5}\mathrm{H}$	t, p, n	$1.8 \pm 0.1$	< 0.5	19.2
[21]	${}^{3}\mathrm{H}(t,p){}^{5}\mathrm{H}$	t, p, n	$\approx 2$	_	19.2
[22]	${}^{3}\mathrm{H}(t,p){}^{5}\mathrm{H}$	t, p, n	$\approx 2$	$\approx 1.3$	19.2
[24]	${}^{6}\text{He}({}^{12}\text{C}, X+2n){}^{5}\text{H}$	t, 2n	$\approx 3$	pprox 6	240
[25]	${}^{6}\text{He}(d,{}^{3}\text{He}){}^{5}\text{H}$	<sup>3</sup> He, $t$	$1.8 \pm 0.1$	< 0.6	22
[26]	${}^{6}\text{He}(d, {}^{3}\text{He}){}^{5}\text{H}$	<sup>3</sup> He, $t$	$1.8 \pm 0.2$	$1.3 \pm 0.5$	22
[27]	${}^{6}\text{He}(d,{}^{3}\text{He}){}^{5}\text{H}$	<sup>3</sup> He, $t$	$1.7 \pm 0.3$	$\approx 2.5$	22
[28]	${}^{9}\mathrm{Be}(\pi^{-},pt)^{5}\mathrm{H}$	p,t	$5.2 \pm 0.3$	$5.5 \pm 0.5$	$E_{\pi} < 30 \text{ MeV}$
[28]	$^{9}\mathrm{Be}(\pi^{-},dd)^{5}\mathrm{H}$	p,t	$6.1 \pm 0.4$	$4.5 \pm 1.2$	$E_{\pi} < 30 \text{ MeV}$

# JGU Status of <sup>6</sup>H (1)





# JGIU Status of <sup>6</sup>H (2)

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#### Negative results

- <sup>9</sup>Be(π<sup>-</sup><sub>stopped</sub>,pd)X,<sup>7</sup>Li(π<sup>-s</sup><sub>topped</sub>,p)X showed no evidence of <sup>6</sup>H states
- <sup>6</sup>Li( $\pi^-,\pi^+$ )X: at E( $\pi^-$ )=220 MeV no evidence for <sup>6</sup>H was found in missing mass range -10 MeV to +30 MeV in the <sup>3</sup>H+3n scale, thus casting doubt on the existence of <sup>6</sup>H
- Theoretical calculations
  - □ Poppelier et. al., PL 1985:  $J^{\pi} = 0^{-}$ , E = 2.8 MeV
  - □ Bevelacqua, PRC 1986:  $J^{\pi} = 1^+$ , E = 1.34 MeV
  - Gorbatov et. al., YF 1989: J<sup>π</sup> = 2<sup>-</sup>, E = 6.3 MeV
  - Aoyama et. al.,
     NPA 2004: E = 6.6 MeV
  - Hiyama et. al., PLB 2022:
     E ~ 10 MeV, Γ~4MeV





 $\Box$  Triple coincidence  $\rightarrow$  low background

Spectrometer	Degree (°)	Momentum (MeV/c)
A (proton)	-23.8	417
B (e')	15.1	421
C (π <sup>+</sup> )	59.1	273

# JGU Online results !

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Experiment performed in July and September 2023

- Calibration run last week (because of new NMR system)
- □ Here: online analysis; assuming <sup>7</sup>Li target
- No calibration applied
- Very likely MM scale will shift by 2-3 MeV into bound region







- STRONG-2020 as well as THEIA were strongly affected by COVID-19 as well as the war against the Ukraine
- □ THEIA has already or will deliver all promised deliverables
- □ Sucessor of STRONG-2020 unclear
  - STRONG2020 Workshop on "Present and future perspectives in Hadron Physics", Frascatiy, 17.-19 June 2024
- □ Still many open issues in strageness nuclear physics
  - Neutron-rich systems
  - Doubly-strange systems
  - ...