



SHiP
Search for Hidden Particles

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What is SHiP ?

- Direct **S**earch for **H**idden **P**articles at the CERN SPS
- A General Purpose Experiment to exploit a new Beam Dump Facility at the CERN SPS
- Prepared by a Collaboration of
16 countries, CERN & JINR
49 institutes, 5 associate institutes,
With LAL, LPNHE and TSNUK Kyiv
- Aim : data taking in Run-4 of the LHC

- *SHiP experiment:* <http://ship.web.cern.ch/ship/>
- [*Journee ShiP/Physique du Secteur Cache*](#) LPNHE October 11, 2017
- *Electronics workshop* October 25, 2017
- [*Colloquium on Physics Landscape in 10 years*](#) November 9, 2017
- *Physics beyond Colliders workshop:* <http://pbc.web.cern.ch/>

Outline

- Motivation
- Physics case
- Design of the experiment
- Evolutions
- Opportunities
- Perspectives

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- New Physics Beyond the Standard Model
 - Neutrino masses and oscillations
 - Dark matter
 - The antimatter problem
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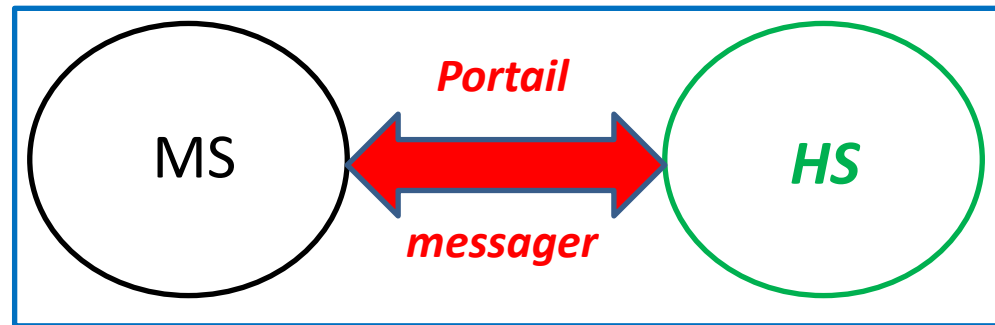
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Hidden Sector

- A New Physics beyond the Standard Model must be there,
 - **At what scale ?**
- To discover it, look for the messengers (portals) of new interactions between the SM fields and the hidden fields.

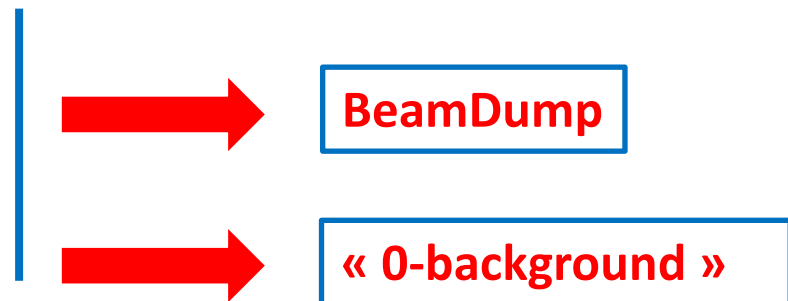
- Possible portals:
 - Neutrino, Vector, Scalar, Axial.
- If the messengers are **light**, a **direct detection** is possible



SHiP Physics Paper: 1504.04855


- Via **decay** or **scattering**.

- Very feeble interactions
 - A source with high intensity
 - They easily traverse matter
 - They are long-lived
 - Very rare events



SHiP a proton beam dump experiment

CERN-SPSC-2015-017
SPSC-P-350-ADD-1
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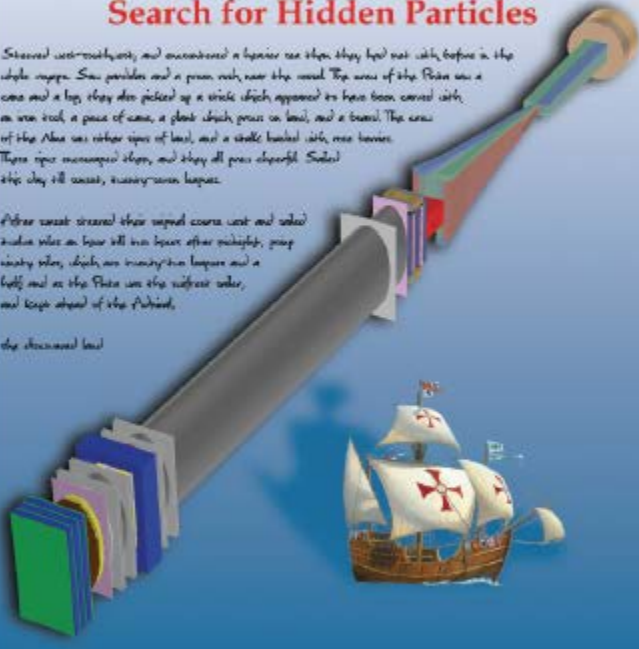


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Technical Proposal

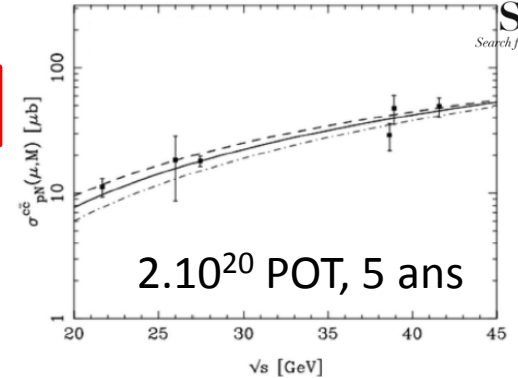
→ S. Alekhin et al., Rep. Prog. Phys. **79** 124201 (2016).

Requirements (Decay)

- Heavy flavor
- N with high P_T

$P+A \rightarrow D \text{ or } B X, D \text{ or } B \rightarrow N l (X)$

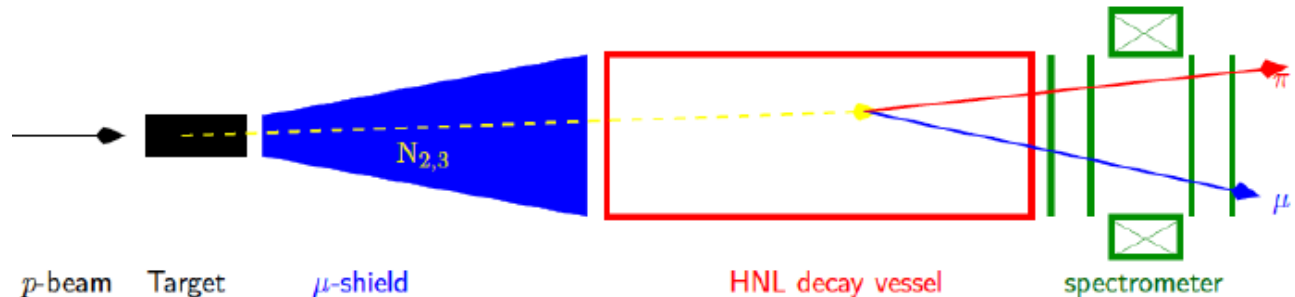
$N \rightarrow 2/3\text{-body}$



✓ Decays:

| Models | Final states |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Neutrino portal, SUSY neutralino | $l^\pm \pi^\mp, l^\pm K^\mp, l^\pm \rho^\mp, \rho^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0$ |
| Vector, scalar, axion portals, SUSY sgoldstino | $l^+ l^-$ |
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| Neutrino portal, SUSY neutralino, axino | $l^+ l^- \nu$ |
| Axion portal, SUSY sgoldstino | $\gamma\gamma$ |
| SUSY sgoldstino | $\pi^0 \pi^0$ |

- Decay vessel close to target
- Muon shield as short as possible





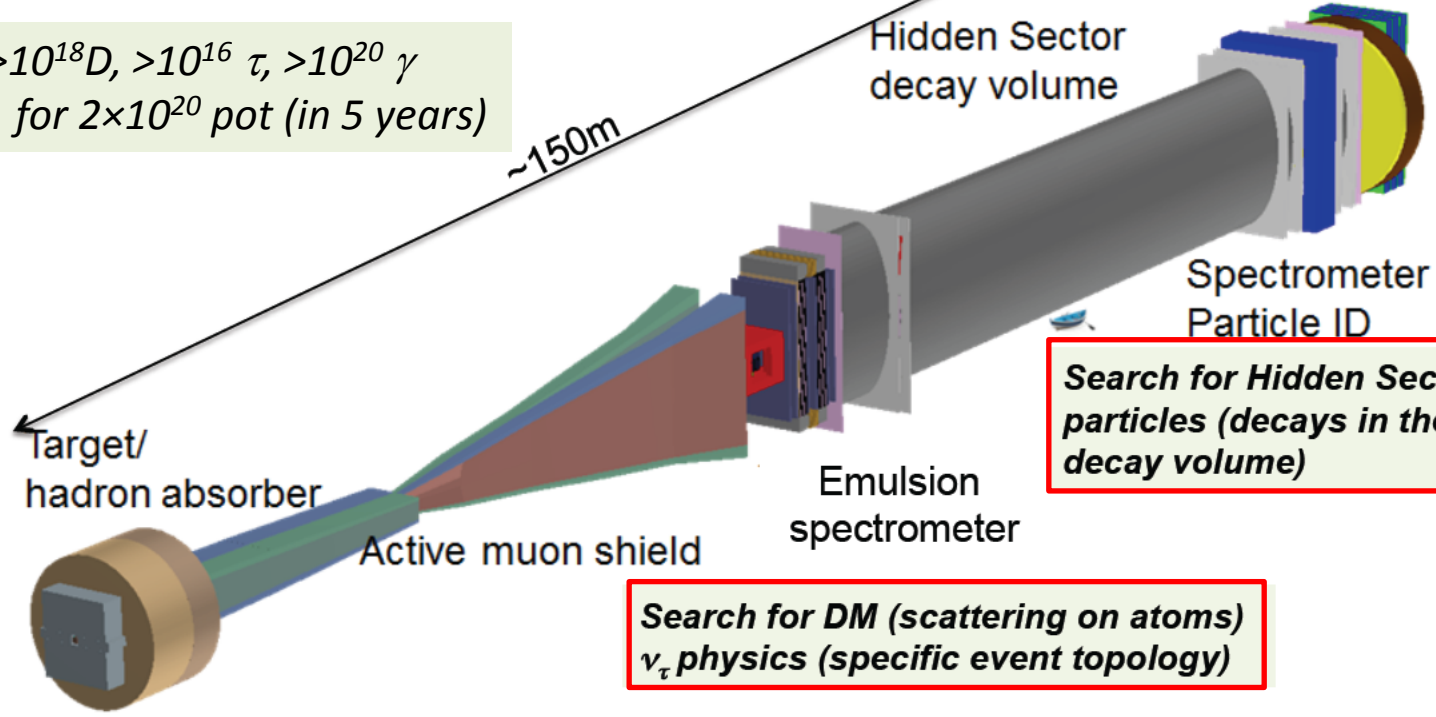
The SHiP experiment at SPS (as implemented in Geant4 for TP)

SHiP Technical Proposal:
1504.04956

“Zero background” experiment
- Muon shield
- Surrounding Veto detectors

- Dump
- Vacuum
- Timing, PID

$>10^{18} D, >10^{16} \tau, >10^{20} \gamma$
for 2×10^{20} pot (in 5 years)

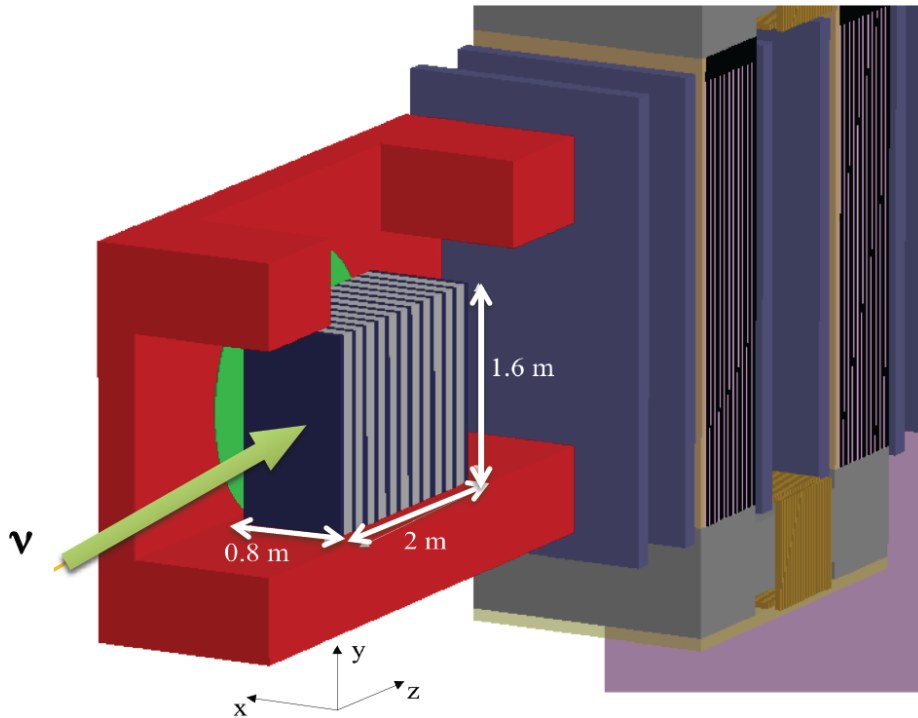


Search for Hidden Sector particles (decays in the decay volume)

Search for DM (scattering on atoms) ν_τ physics (specific event topology)

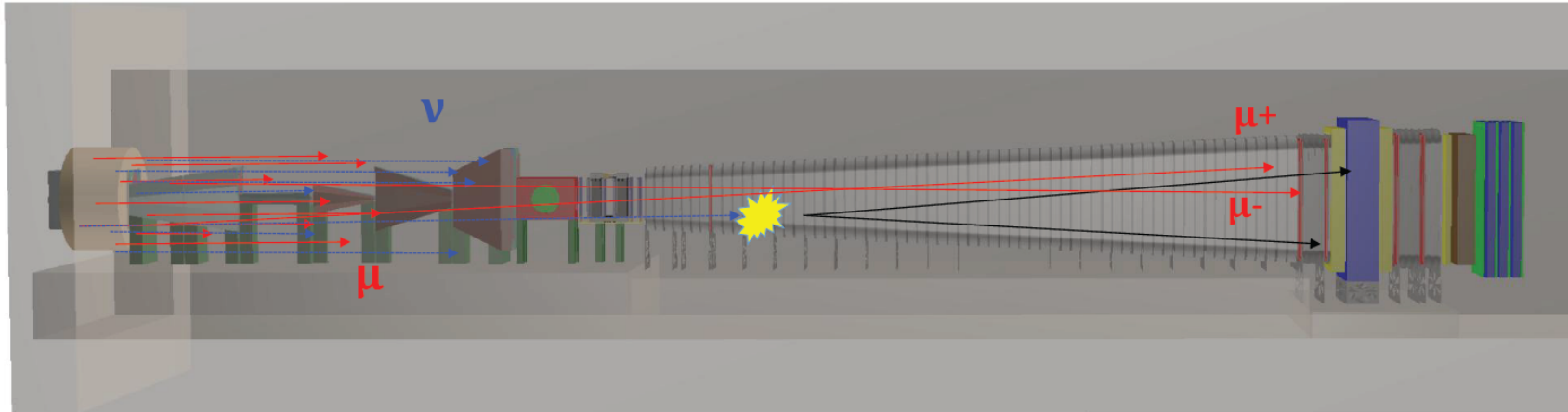
Requirements (**Interaction**)

The ν_τ detector in the Technical Proposal



- Observe τ decays (1mm path) with high resolution
 - Emulsions
- Electronic detection of tau decay prongs (timestamp, tracking to muon spectrometer)
 - Target Tracker
- Dipole magnet
 - measure charges
- Muon spectrometer

....Background, background, background.....

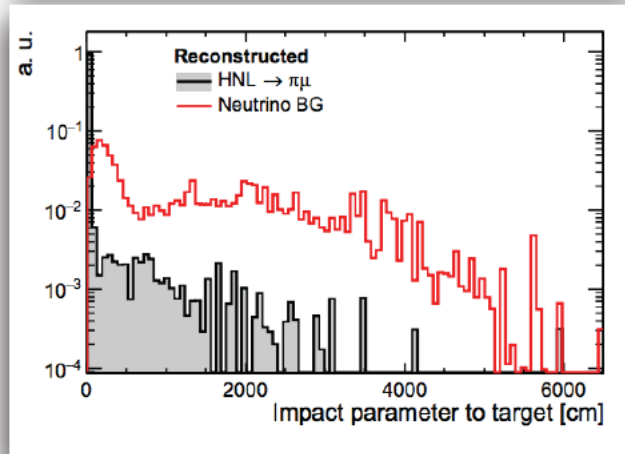
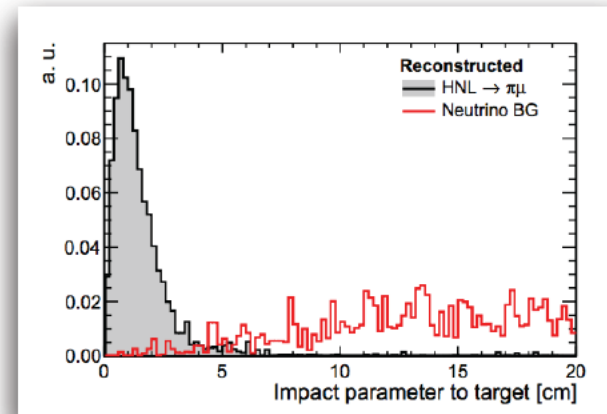
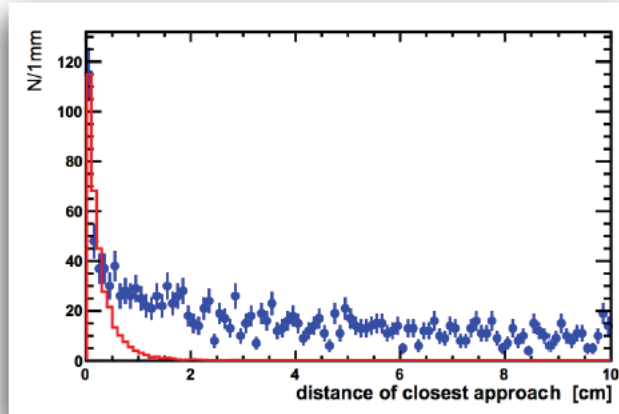


Two types of background expected:

- 1) neutrino and muon inelastic interactions with the detector material, namely with the decay vessel;
 - mostly in-time tracks, not pointing backwards to the target;
 - main detectors to reduce this background: VETO detectors (surrounding background tagger, Upstream Veto)
- 2) muon combinatorial background:
 - mostly out-of-time tracks, not pointing backwards to the target
 - main detectors to reduce this background: Timing Detector (and muon system with timing capabilities)

G. Lanfranchi at the LPNHE workshop October 11, 2017

Kinematic Selection



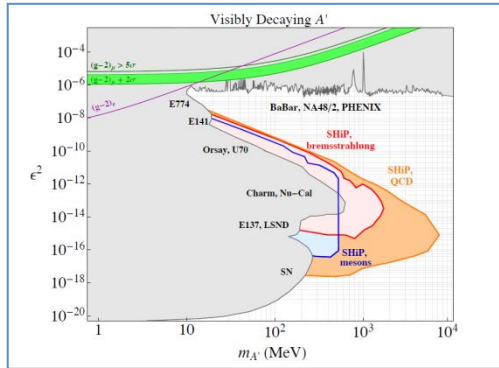
Very simple selection reduces the bkg to only a few in 5 years:

- Fiducial volume
- DOCA
- IP wrt target
- Vetos

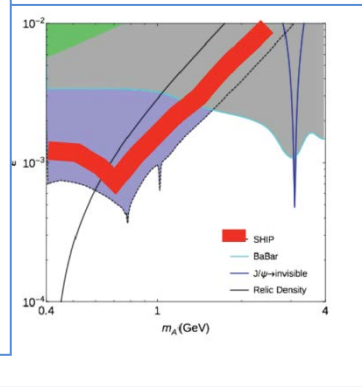
Realistic to reach 0.1 expected bkg events for exclusive channels we have been studying so far

Physics proposal plots

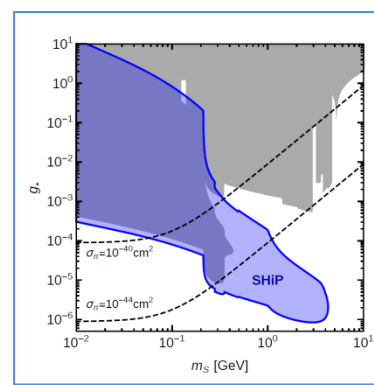
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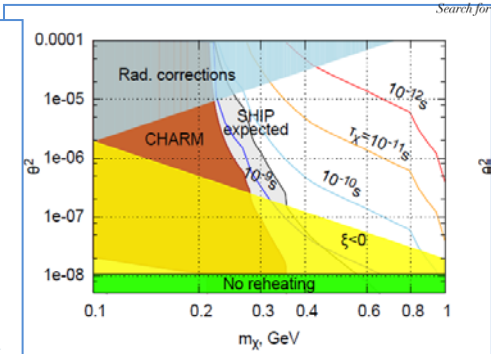
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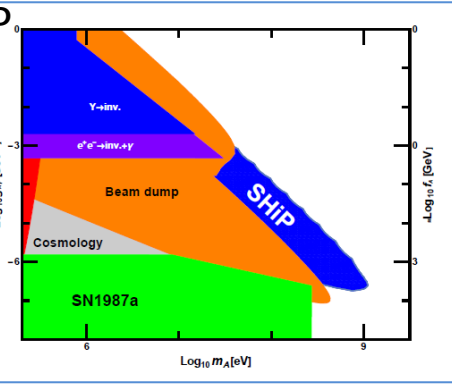
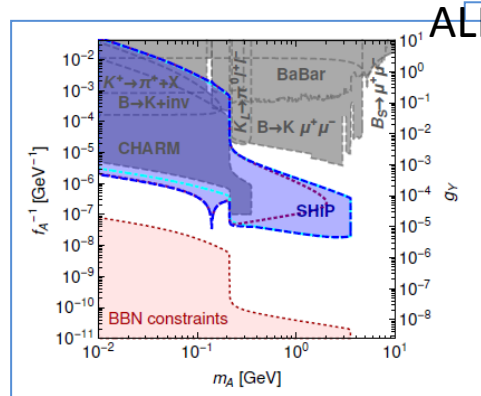
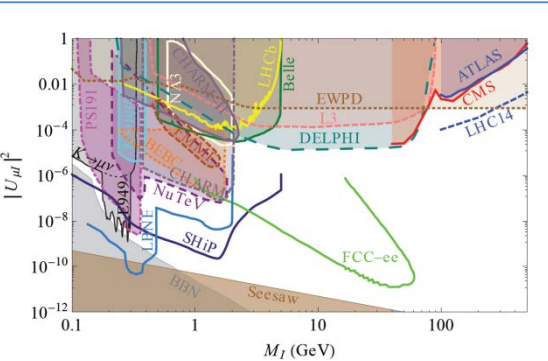
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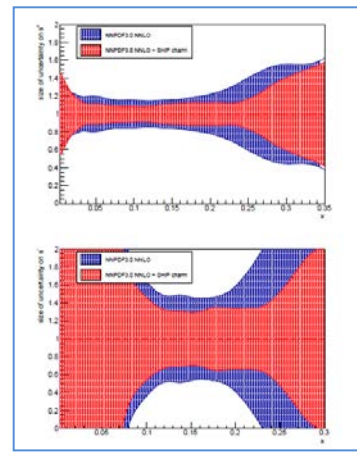
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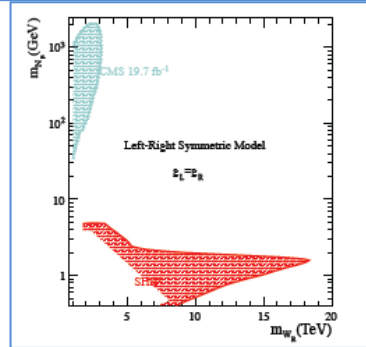
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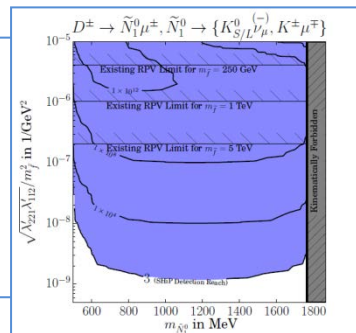
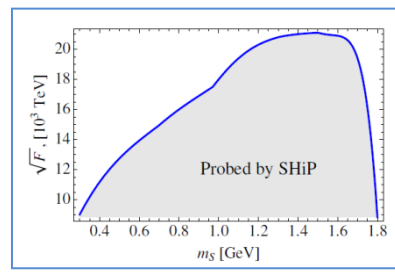
ν_{τ} DIS



L/R

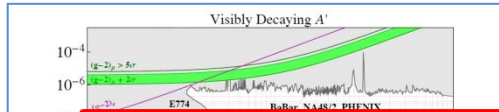


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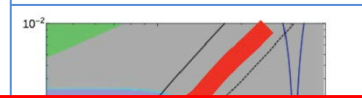


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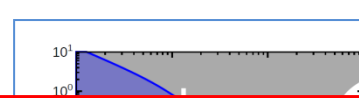
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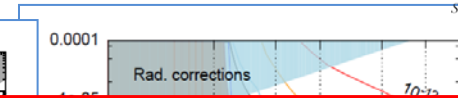
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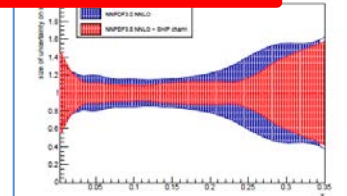
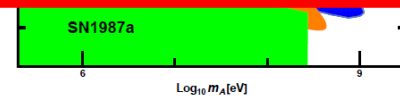
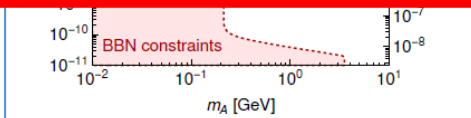
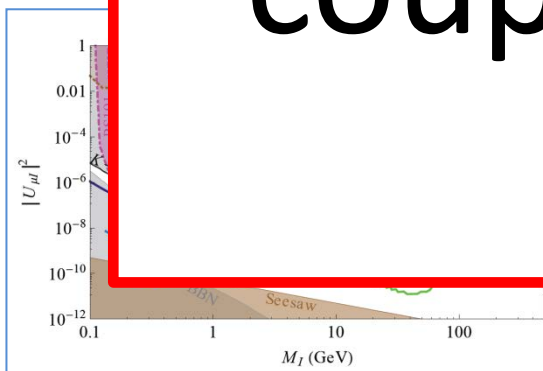


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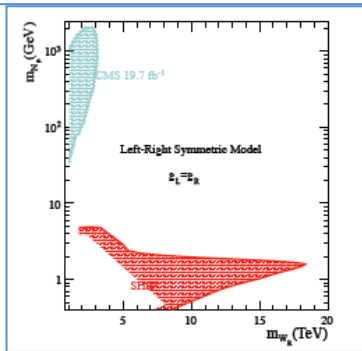


Reach very small
 couplings in MeV-GeV
 mass range

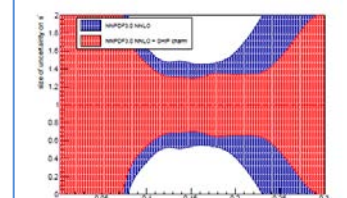
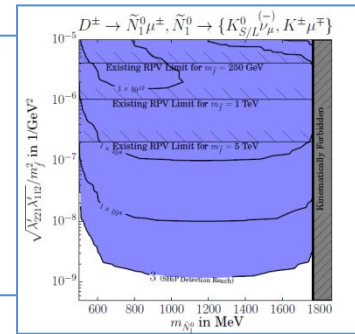
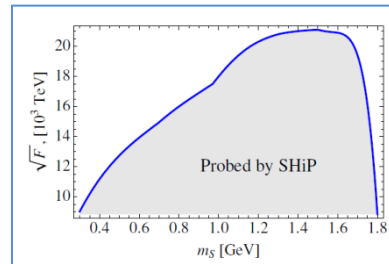
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L/R



SUSY



Cost (TP) and schedule (today)

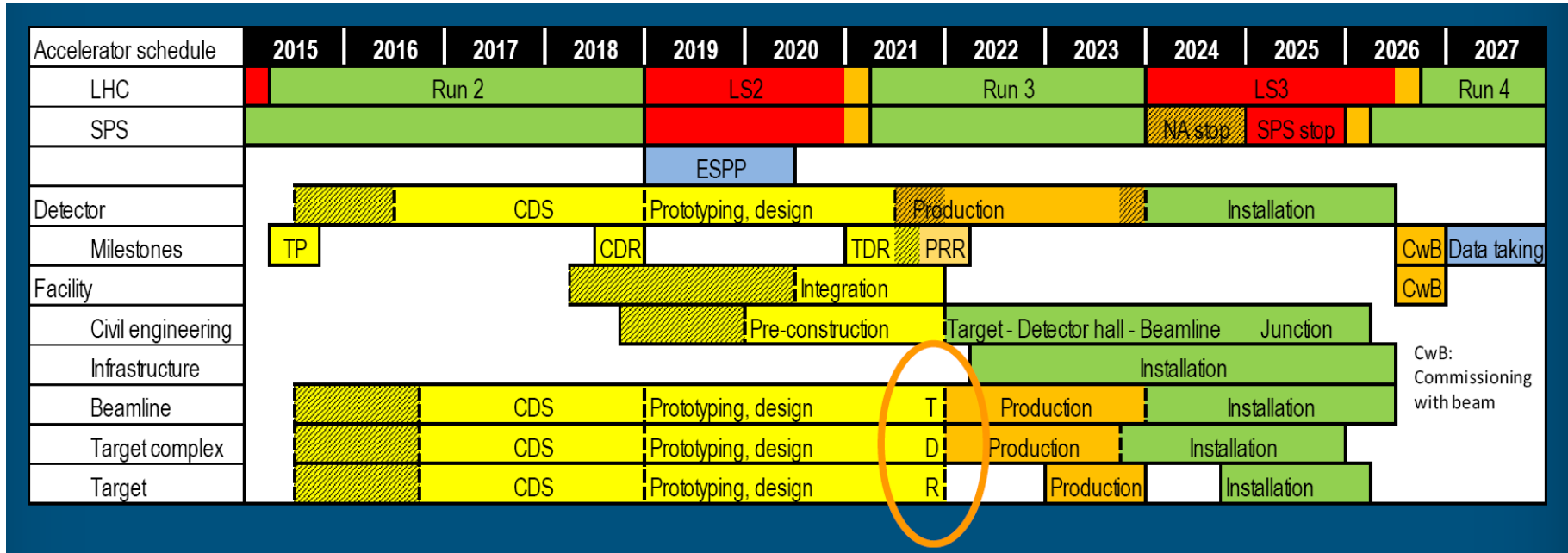
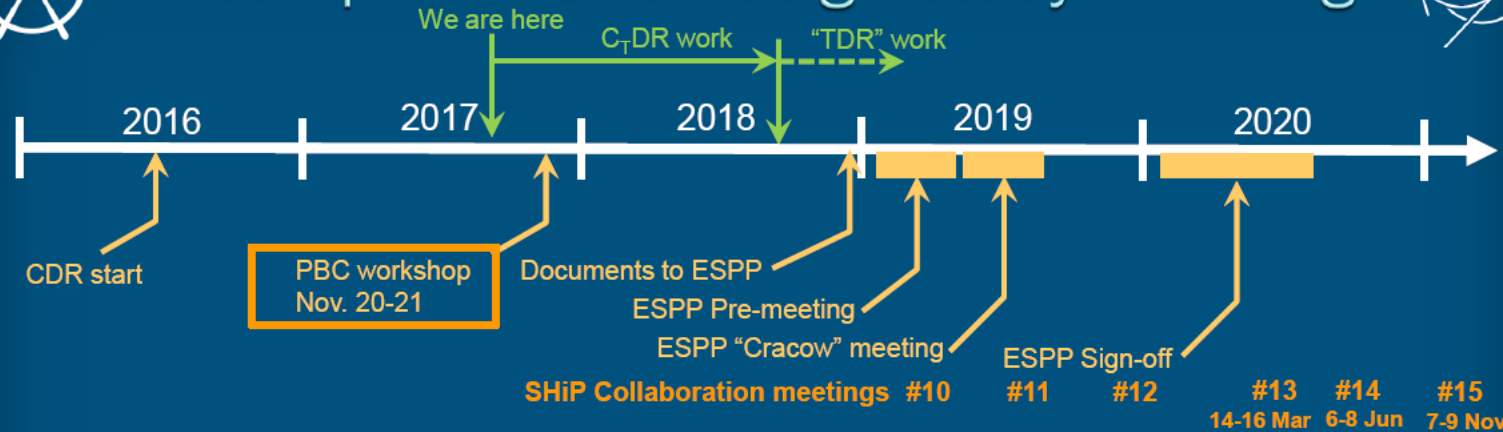


Table 6.3: Breakdown of the cost of the SHiP detectors.

| Item | Cost (MCHF) |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Tau neutrino detector | 11.6 |
| Active neutrino target | 6.8 |
| Fibre tracker | 2.5 |
| Muon magnetic spectrometer | 2.3 |
| Total detectors | 58.7 |
| Facility | 135.8 |
| Grand total | 194.5^e |

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Hidden Sector detector | 46.8 |
| HS vacuum vessel | 11.7 |
| Surround background tagger | 2.1 |
| Upstream veto tagger | 0.1 |
| Straw veto tagger | 0.8 |
| Spectrometer straw tracker | 6.4 |
| Spectrometer magnet | 5.3 |
| Spectrometer timing detector | 0.5 |
| Electromagnetic calorimeter | 10.2 |
| Hadronic calorimeter | 4.8 |
| Muon detector | 2.5 |
| Muon iron filter | 2.3 |
| Computing and online system | 0.2 |

Comprehensive Design Study Planning

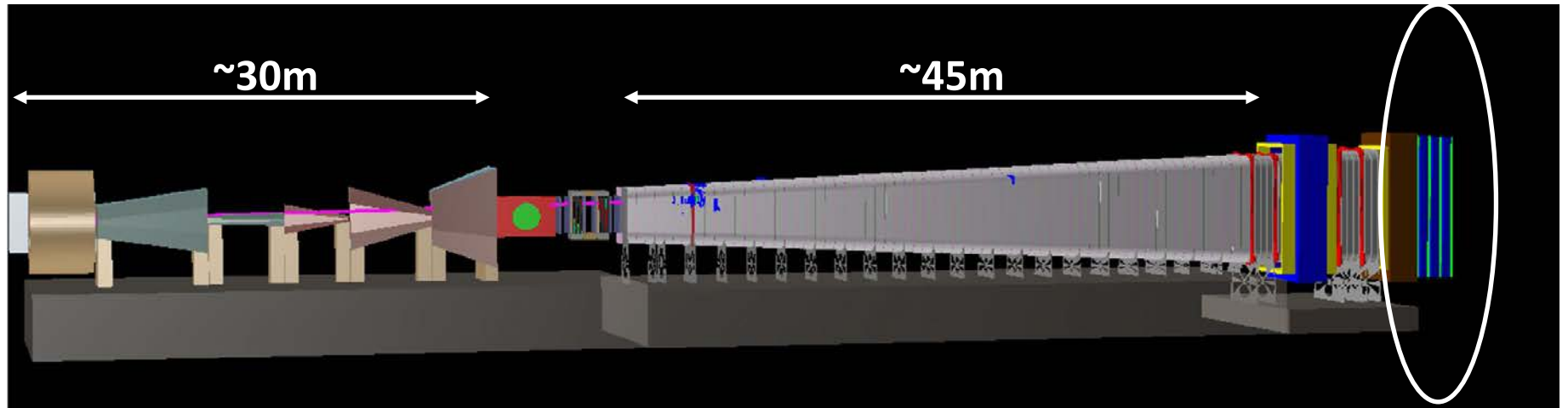


| Milestone chart for CDS | 2016 | | | | 2017 | | | | 2018 | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|----|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Iteration 1: Global re-optimization with "current detectors" | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iteration 2: Optimization with refined detectors | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Design and prototyping | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Testing and updated performance | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Test beam to measure muon spectra, σ_{charm} , etc | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Design, performance, cost review | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Write-up | | | | | | | | | | | | |

- Current main topic: strategy to define baseline detector for CDS
- But CDS will not aim at selecting technologies
- Ideal time to introduce new ideas and new contributions

Evolutions, opportunities

- Enlarge physics case
- Increase acceptance, fight background
- Define/explore (alternative) technologies
- Anticipate common transverse tasks (e.g. electronics/DAQ)



Upstream

ν_τ detector

Hidden Sector
detector,
esp. PID, Calorimetry

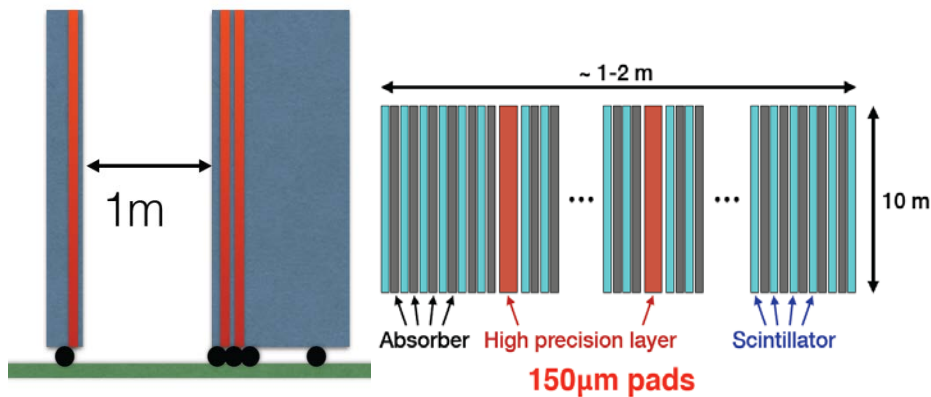
Downstream

PID, timing

Evolve from the TP with a shashlik ECAL (+ HCAL) to a SplitCAL capable to track photons with mrad angular resolution.

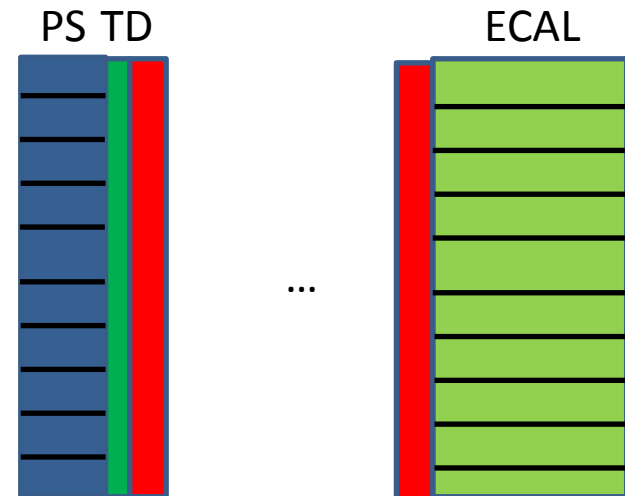
SplitCAL

Baseline: Pb (Fe) + scintillator
sampling with 3 precision layers



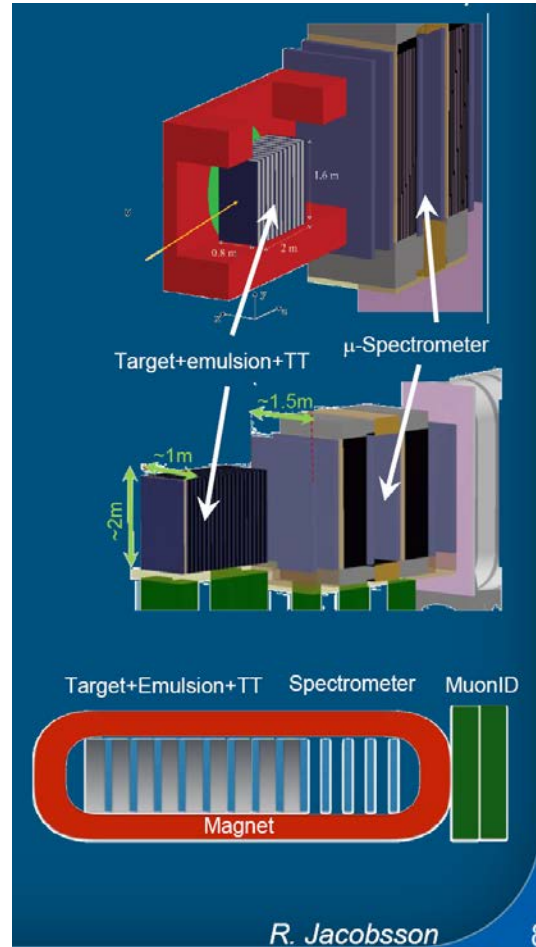
Alternate SplitCAL setup

Alternative setup: Preshower + tracking+ ECAL including (or not) timing.



$\nu_\tau \rightarrow$ iSHIP

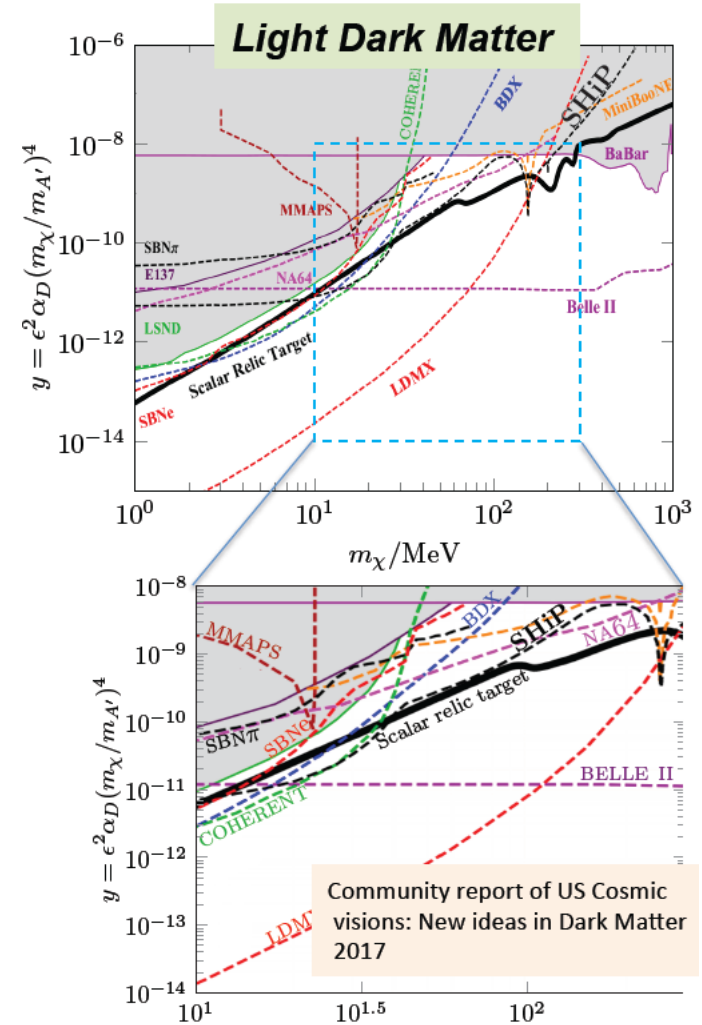
Adjusted from the TP



Without magnet

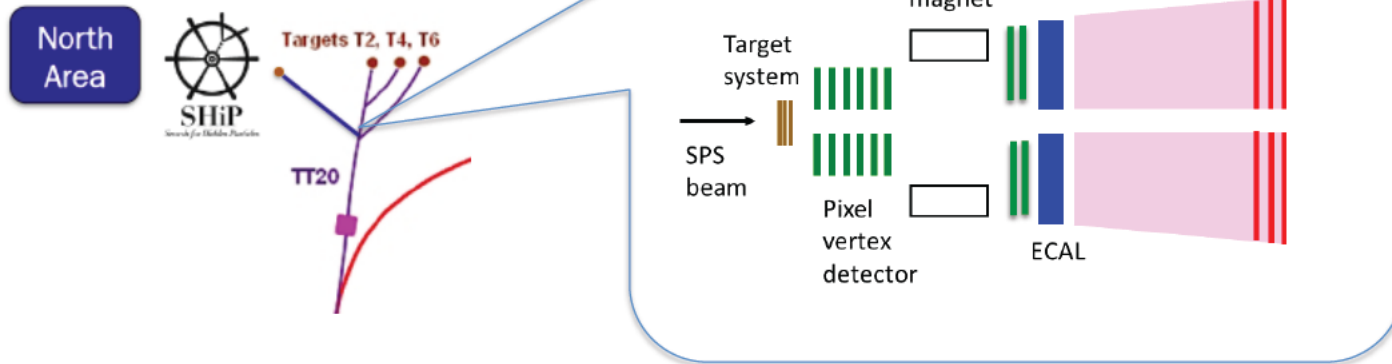
New design

- calorimetric Target and TT



Search for $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$ (τ SHiP) at possible extension of SHiP facility
 Currently at the pre-EOI stage (see SHiP Physics Paper)

τ SHiP is located upstream SHiP



- ✓ Thin (~ 1 mm thick) W target(s) \rightarrow τ -decay vertex in the air
- ✓ $\sim 5 \times 10^{13}$ τ leptons produced in 5 years
- ✓ Backgrounds include
 - Combinatorial bckg., mainly from muons produced in em decays of η , ρ , ω , ...
 - Bckg. from various semileptonic D decays, e.g. $D^+ \rightarrow \eta \mu^+ \nu$, $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
- ✓ Estimated sensitivity: UL on $BR(\tau \rightarrow 3\mu)$ better than 10^{-10} (SHiP Physics Paper)

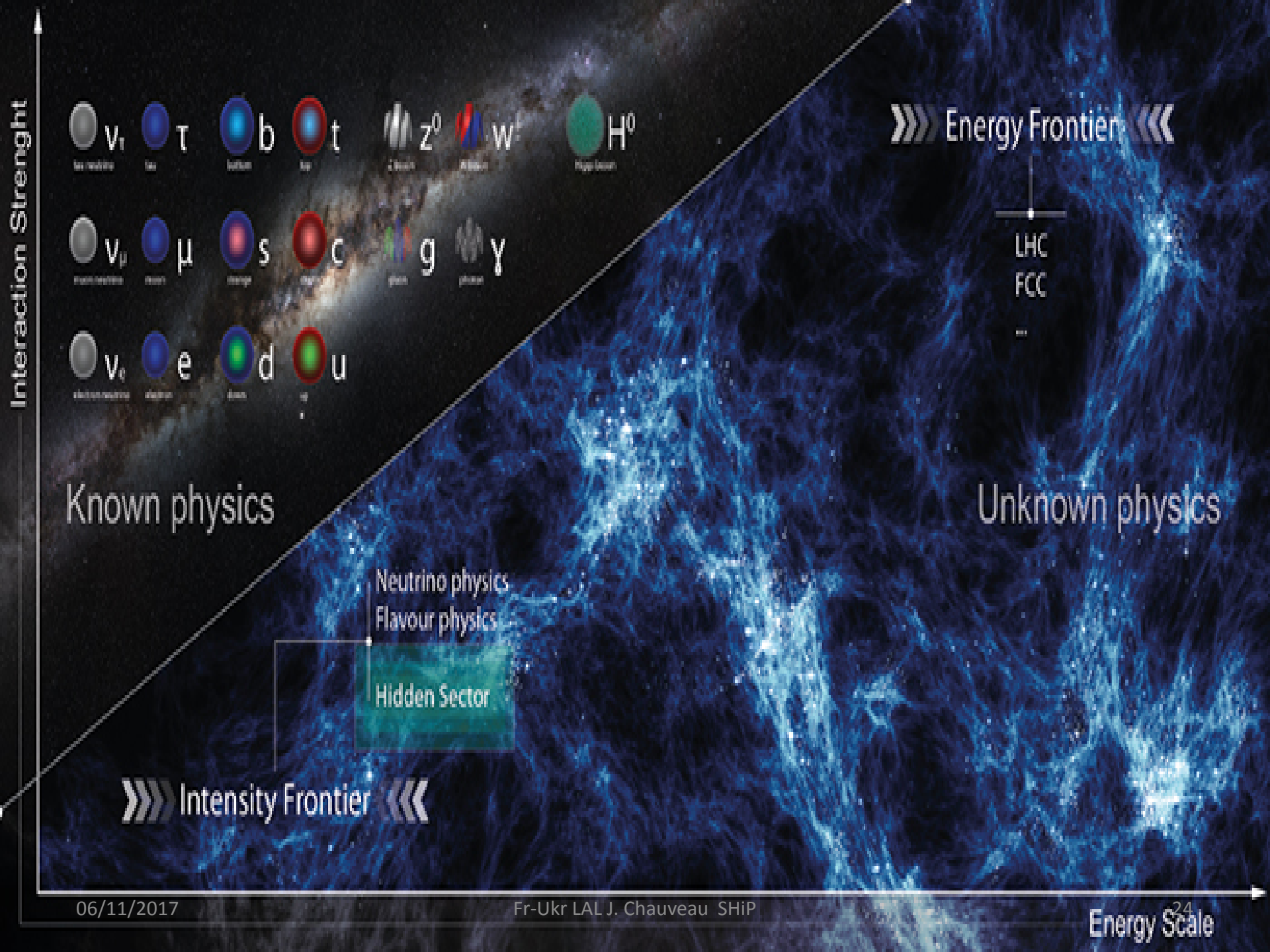
BUT: Great improvements in detector technologies are required
 Synergy with LHCb tracking and calorimetry for future upgrades

Opportunities

- Electronics and DAQ
 - J. Maalmi, D. Breton in charge of the coordination of the electronics.
 - 1st Electronics workshop October 25, 2017
 - Hope to see emerge federating projects in France
- Many areas to contribute
 - Subdetector design, especially PID, calorimetry
 - Measurements prepared for the TDR
 - Muon flux in 2018 test beam with SHiP target replica
 - Charm associated production in 2018-2021 to understand the cascade.
 - Substantiate pre-EOI projects
- Theory/ phenomenology (e.g. within the INF GDR).

Perspectives

- SHiP is a proton beam dump facility
- to take data 5 years starting in 2027, assuming approval \leq 2020
- to reach the best sensitivity for many hidden sector particles (MeV-GeV)
- with an apparatus currently being reoptimized to search for unknown neutral particle
 - decays, scattering,
also ν_τ physics.
- The SHiP beamline is to be seen as a facility:
 - $\tau \rightarrow 3 \mu ?..$
- Time to join (creative period).



Interaction Strength

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| ν_τ tau neutrino | τ tau | b bottom | t top | Z^0 Z boson | W^\pm W boson | H^0 Higgs boson |
| ν_μ muon neutrino | μ muon | s strange | c charm | g gluon | γ photon | |
| ν_e electron neutrino | e electron | d down | u up | | | |

»»» Energy Frontier «««

LHC
FCC
...

Known physics

Unknown physics

Neutrino physics
Flavour physics
Hidden Sector

»»» Intensity Frontier «««

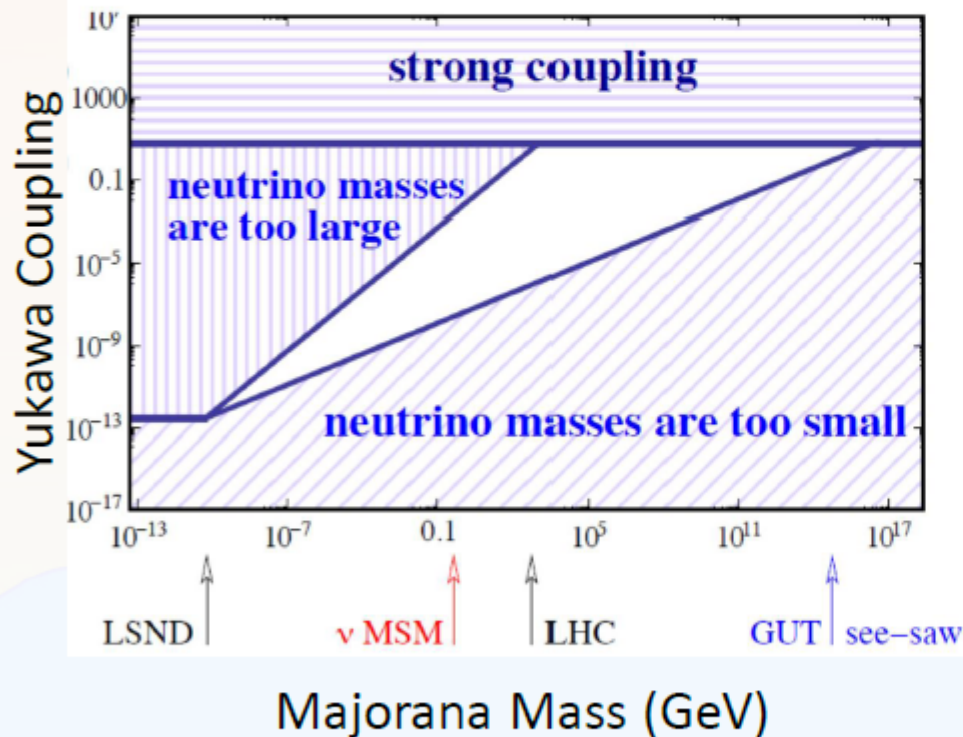
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Sterile neutrino masses

Seesaw formula $m_D \sim Y_{I\alpha} \langle \phi \rangle$ and $m_\nu = \frac{m_D^2}{M}$



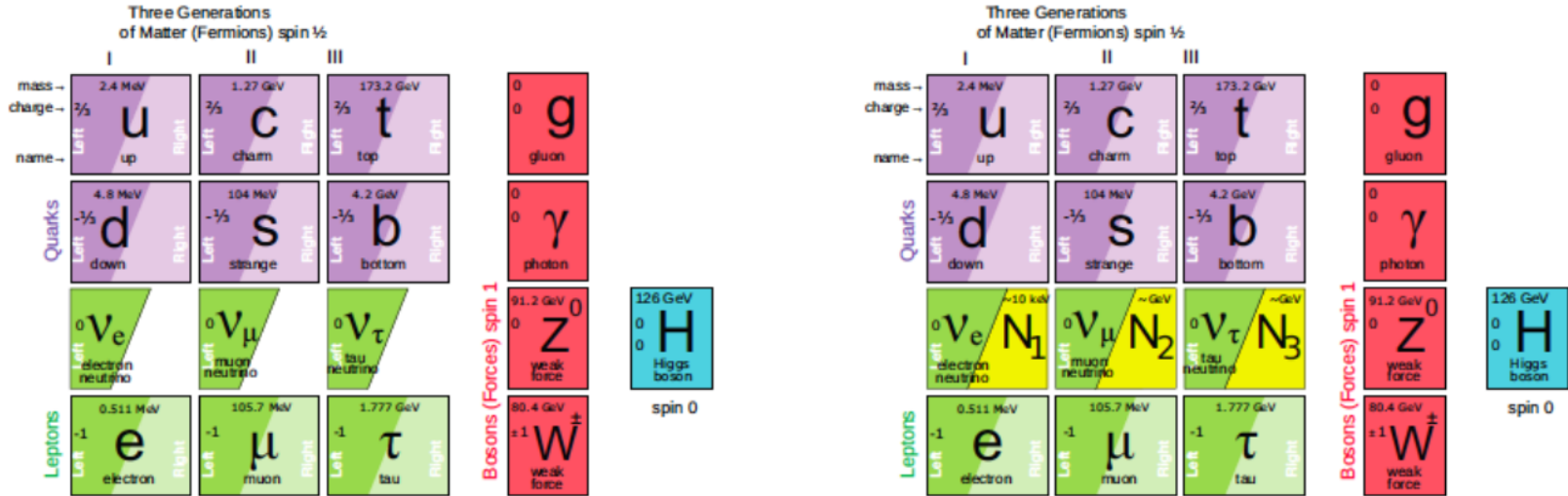
- Assuming $m_\nu = 0.1\text{eV}$
- if $Y \sim 1$ implies $M \sim 10^{14}\text{GeV}$
- if $M_N \sim 1\text{GeV}$ implies $Y_\nu \sim 10^{-7}$

remember $Y_{top} \sim 1$. and $Y_e \sim 10^{-6}$

If we want to explain the smallness of neutrino masses (in a natural way) the mass of sterile neutrinos should be at least at the GeV scale

Neutrino portal observables: (Heavy Neutral Leptons)

ν MSM (T.Asaka, M.Shaposhnikov PL B620 (2005) 17) explains all short comings of the SM at once by adding 3 HNL: N_1, N_2 and N_3



N = Heavy Neutral Lepton - HNL

Role of N_1 with mass in keV region: dark matter

$N_1 \rightarrow \nu\gamma$, seen ?

Role of N_2, N_3 with mass in 100 MeV – GeV region: “give” masses to neutrinos and produce baryon asymmetry of the Universe

Role of the Higgs: give masses to quarks, leptons, Z and W and inflate the Universe.



Physics Case

- ✓ SHiP will directly search for weakly interacting New Physics. Will exceed the sensitivity of previous experiments by a few orders of magnitude

For example, probe HNL couplings close to the ultimate see-saw limit

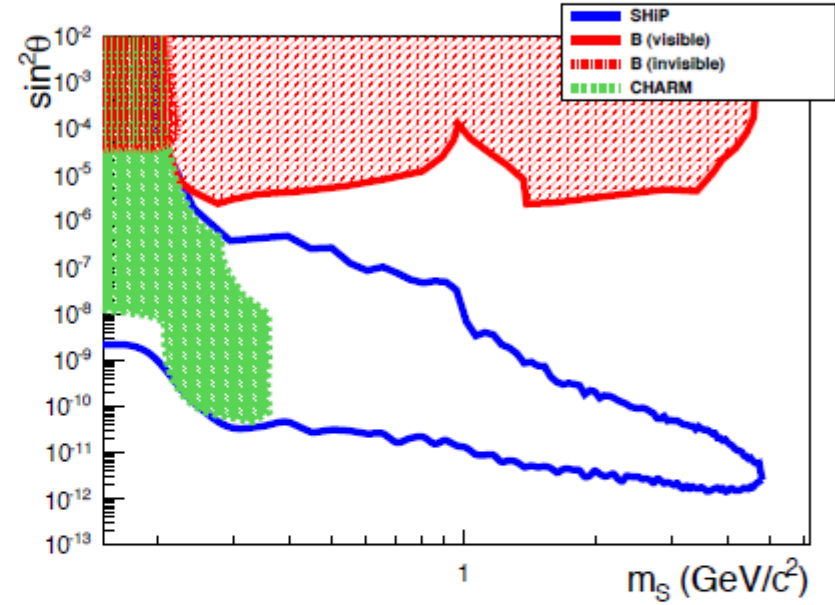
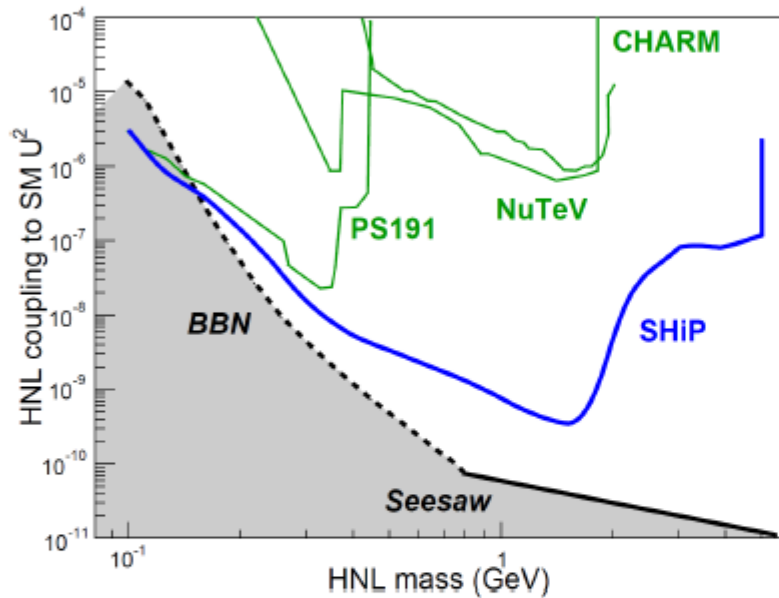
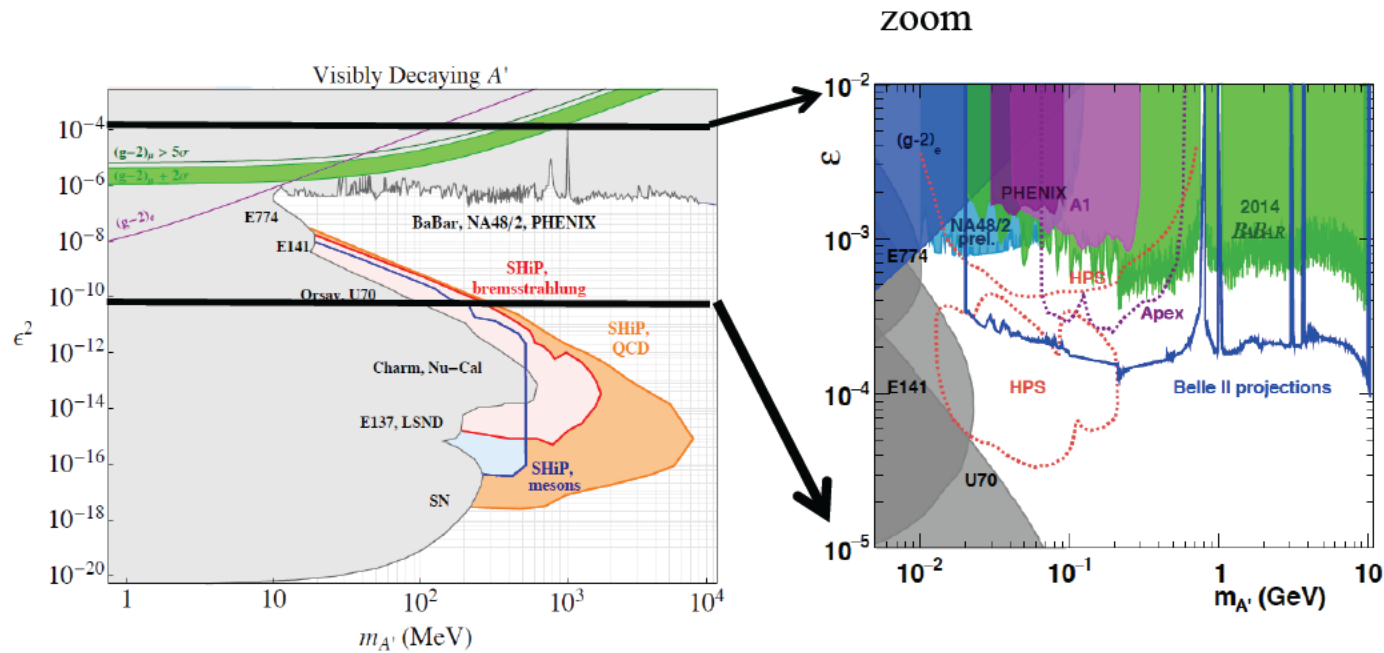


Table 2.1: Summary of the main decay modes of hidden particles in various models ($\ell = e, \mu$)

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|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Neutrino portal, SUSY neutralino | $\ell^\pm \pi^\mp, \ell^\pm K^\mp, \ell^\pm \rho^\mp, \underline{\rho^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0}$ |
| Vector, scalar, axion portals, SUSY sgoldstino | $\ell^+ \ell^-$ |
| Vector, scalar, axion portals, SUSY sgoldstino | $\pi^+ \pi^-, K^+ K^-$ |
| Neutrino portal, SUSY neutralino, axino | $\ell^+ \ell^- \nu$ |
| Axion portal, SUSY sgoldstino | $\gamma\gamma$ |
| SUSY sgoldstino | $\pi^0 \pi^0$ |

Under discussion: improve photon detection (with Preshower), and PID in general

Sensitivity to $A' \rightarrow \text{visible}$: SHiP vs HPS, APEX and Belle-II



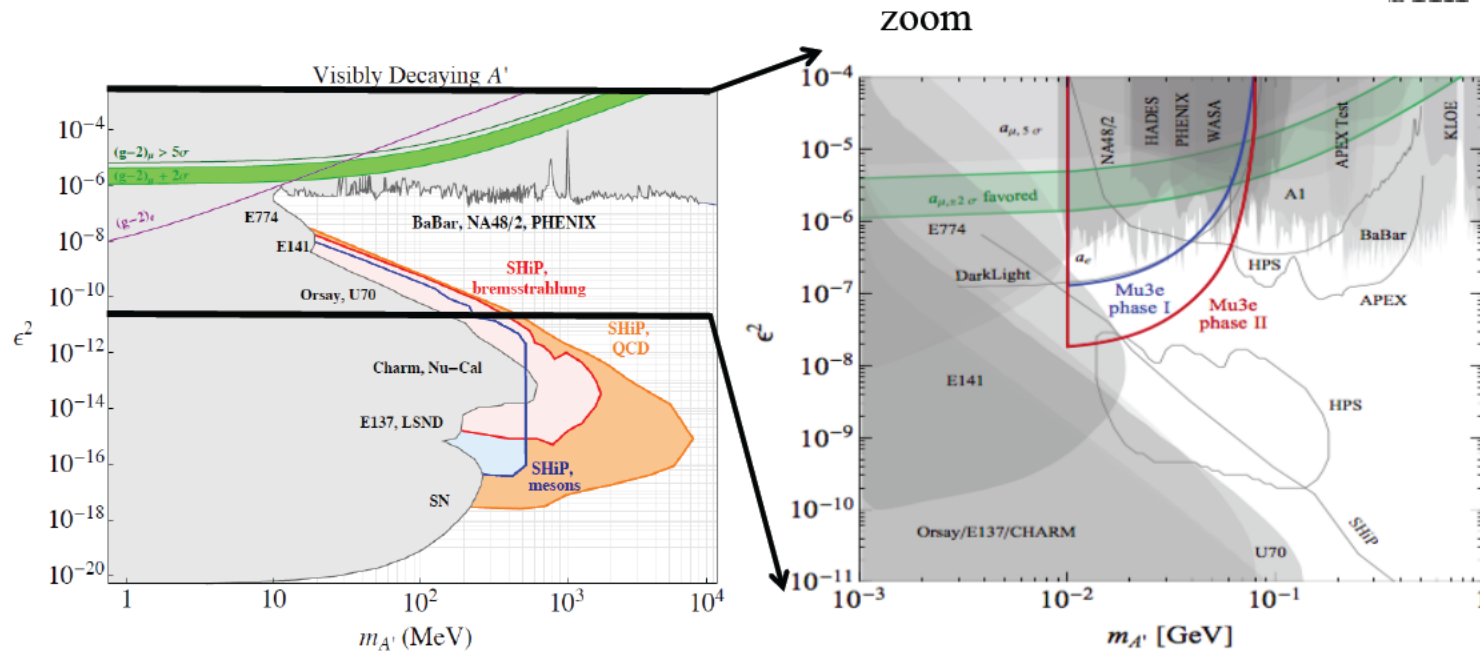
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G. Lanfranchi at SLAC April workshop

Sensitivity to $A' \rightarrow \text{visible}$: SHiP vs Mu3e phase-I and phase-II

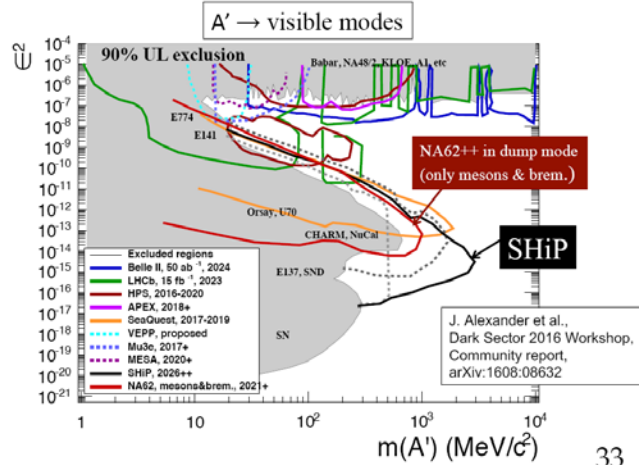


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Experimental landscape

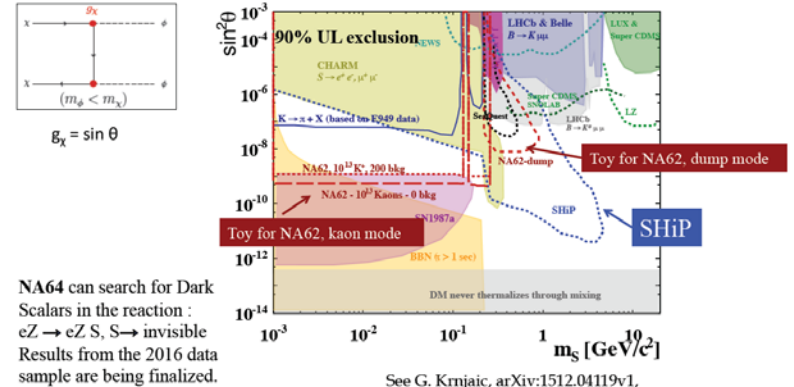
Dark Photons in visible modes: past and future sensitivities



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Dark Scalars in visible modes: past and future sensitivities

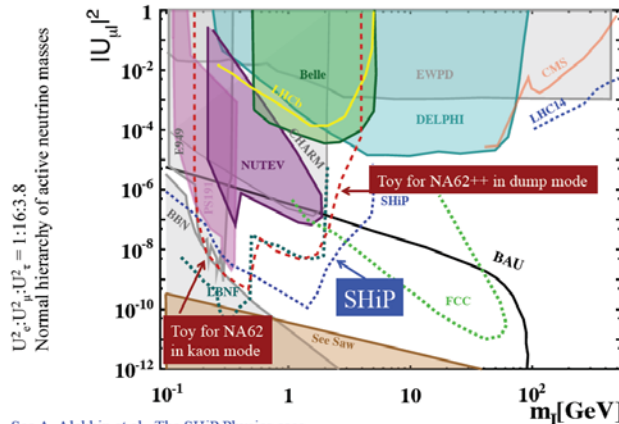
Secluded annihilation via mediators (only possibility compatible with CMB and rare mesons decays constraints), mediators decay to SM particles



See G. Krnjaic, arXiv:1512.04119v1, and references therein

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Heavy Neutral Leptons: past and future sensitivities

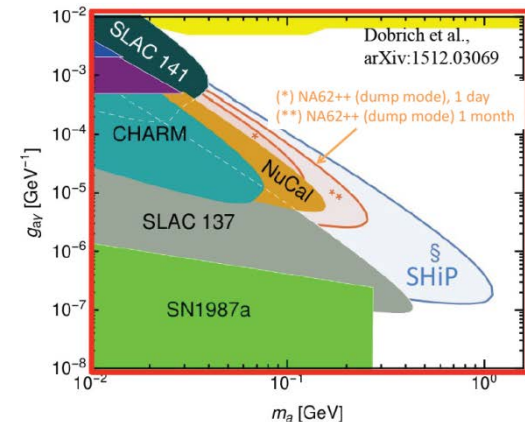


See A. Alekhin et al., The SHiP Physics case, arXiv:1504.04855 and references therein

NB: 1 SHiP year ~ 500 NA62 years

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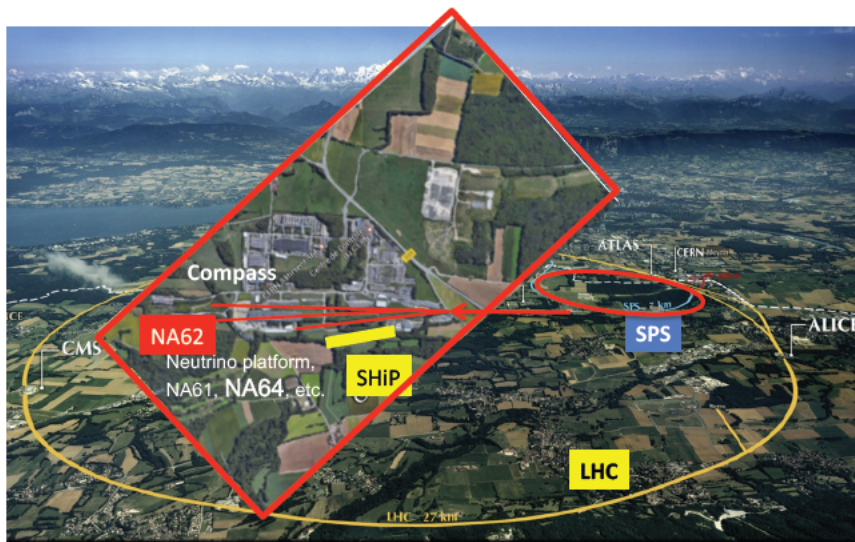
ALPS contour limit from past and future beam-dump experiments in the "high" mass region (0.1-1.0) GeV



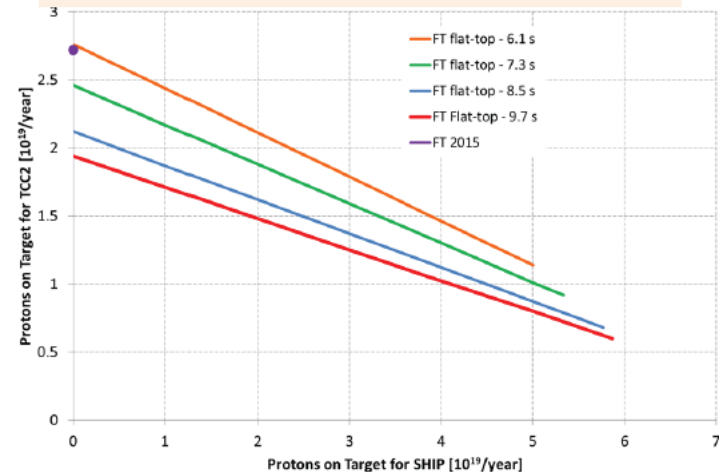
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The Fixed-target facility at the SPS: Preveessin North Area site

Very intense proton beam with highest in the world energy delivered to fixed target exp. at CERN SPS. The aim is to deliver with 4×10^{13} protons / spill (at slow extraction)

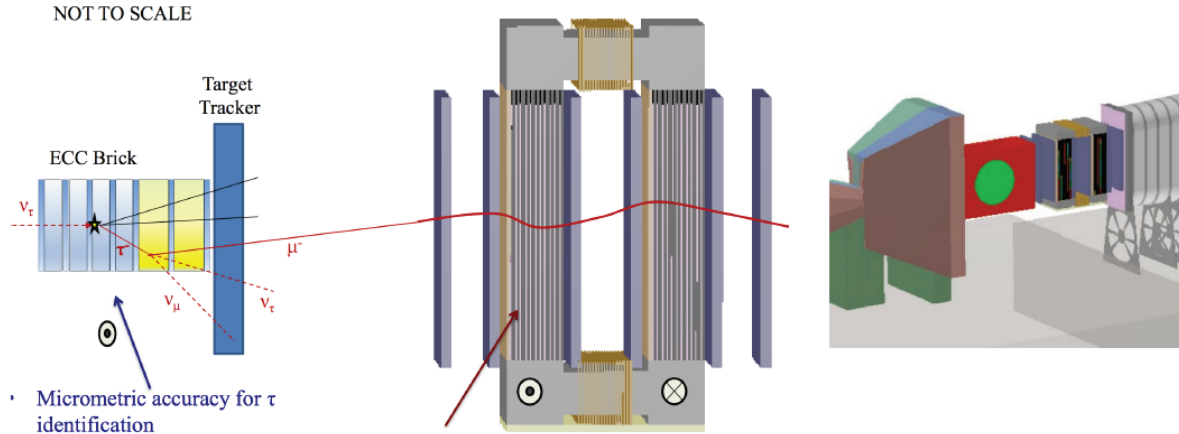


Sharing of pot between current fixed target exp. and planned Beam Dump Facility (BDF)



Proposed implementation is based on minimal modification to the current SPS complex

The ν_τ Detector (Scattering)



TP

- Only 9 ν_τ events recorded to date
- $\bar{\nu}_\tau$ yet to be discovered
- $\nu_\tau / \bar{\nu}_\tau$ cross sections to be measured
- Charm physics with τ 's
- Proton structure functions
- Large ν_e flux to measure charm production

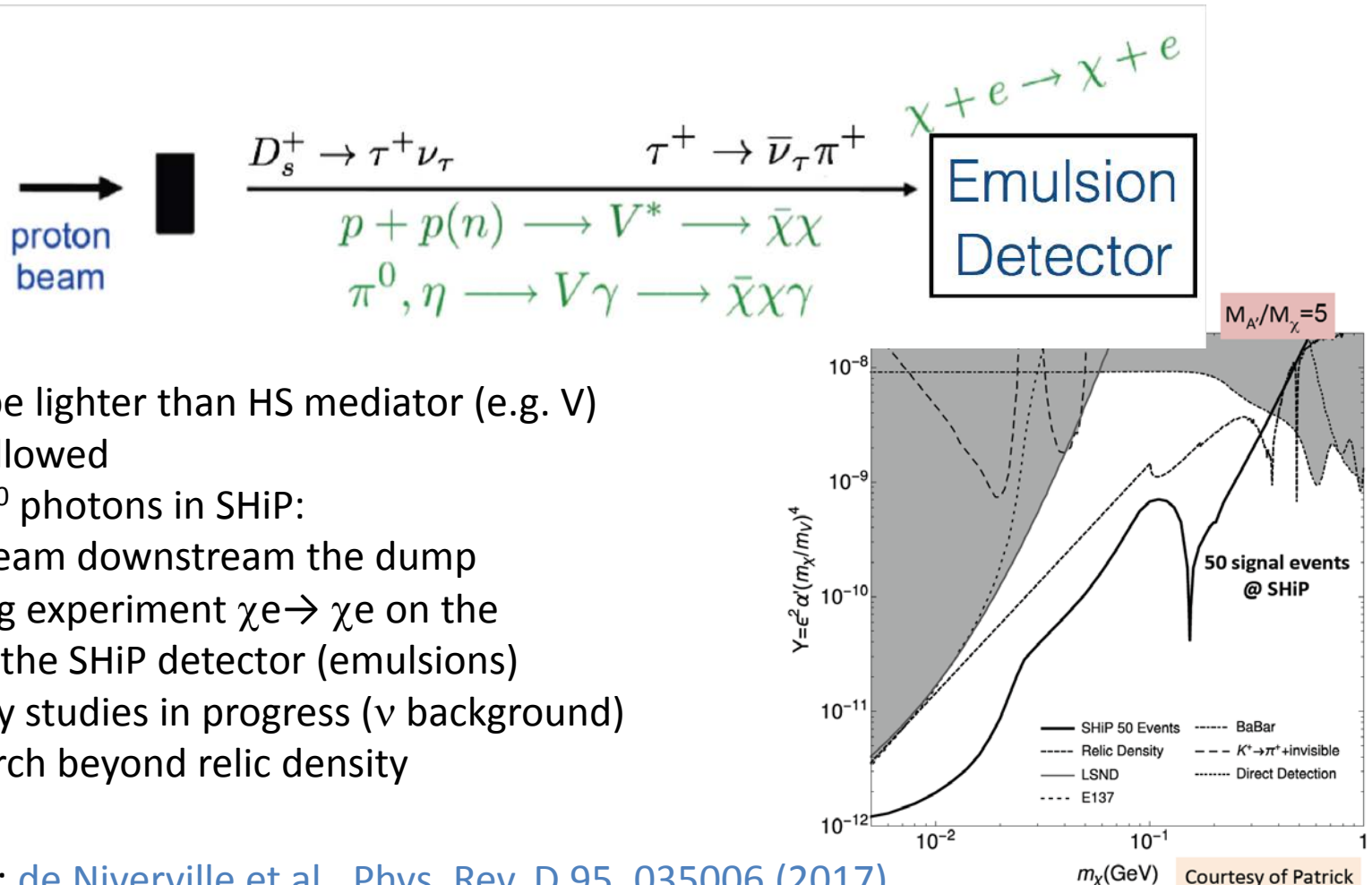
And also,

- Probe LFUV comparing ν_μ and ν_τ CC events ? *to be further studied.*

H. Liu, A. Rashed, A. Datta 1505.04594, Phys. Rev. D 92, 073016 (2015)

| decay channel | ν_τ | | | $\bar{\nu}_\tau$ | | |
|------------------------|------------|----------|-----|------------------|----------|-----|
| | N^{exp} | N^{bg} | R | N^{exp} | N^{bg} | R |
| $\tau \rightarrow \mu$ | 570 | 30 | 19 | 290 | 140 | 2 |
| $\tau \rightarrow h$ | 990 | 80 | 12 | 500 | 380 | 1.3 |
| $\tau \rightarrow 3h$ | 210 | 30 | 7 | 110 | 140 | 0.8 |
| total | 1770 | 140 | 13 | 900 | 660 | 1.4 |

Accelerator-based direct (L)DM search

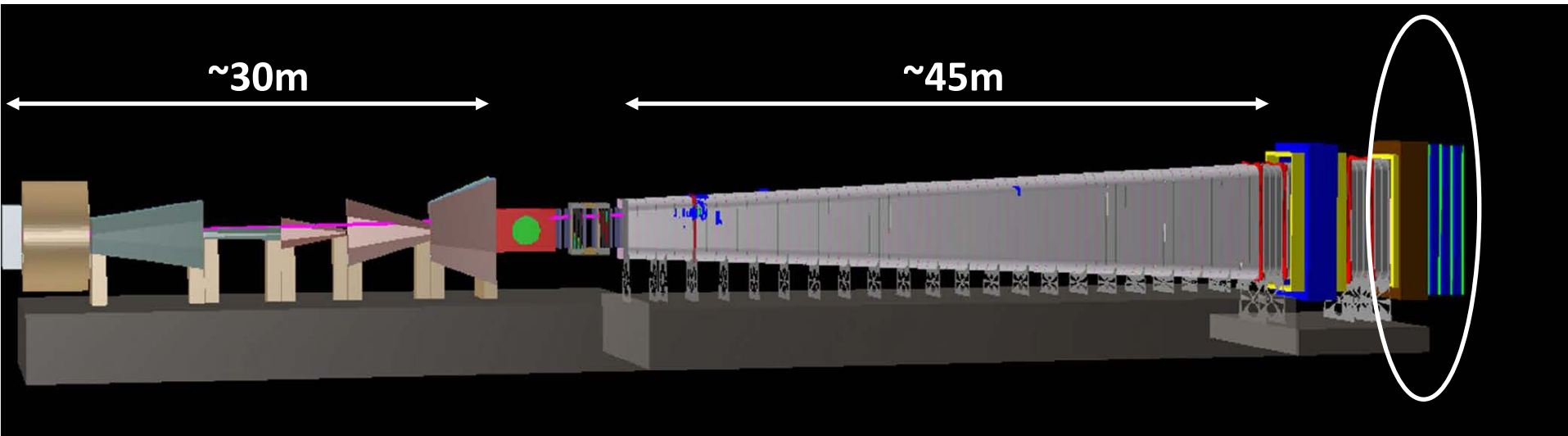


- χ could be lighter than HS mediator (e.g. V)
- $V \rightarrow \chi\chi$ allowed
- With 10^{20} photons in SHiP:
- A LDM beam downstream the dump
- Scattering experiment $\chi e \rightarrow \chi e$ on the atoms of the SHiP detector (emulsions)
- Feasibility studies in progress (ν background)
- LDM search beyond relic density

Pioneered in: [de Niverville et al., Phys. Rev. D 95, 035006 \(2017\)](#)

MiniBoonE: [arXiv:1702.02688v2](#) [hep-ex]

Detector reoptimization



- Muon shield
 - **The active muon shield in the SHiP experiment**
[arXiv:1703.03612v2](https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.03612v2) [physics.ins-det] 2017_JINST_12_P05011
- Pyramidal shape
- **PID, timing**
- Technology choices for the subdetectors

Towards CDS and more

- Further optimization of the target
- Muon Shield configuration
- Decay volume geometry, vacuum
- Optimization of the sub-detector performance
- Optimization of the emulsion detector iSHiP
- Massive background simulation

Some examples

PID, timing

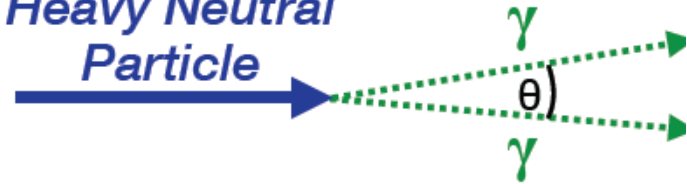
In the TP:

Shashlik ECAL (+HCAL)

- Square cells (38.2 mm)².
- 22.5 X0
- $\frac{6.5\%}{\sqrt{E}} + 1\%$

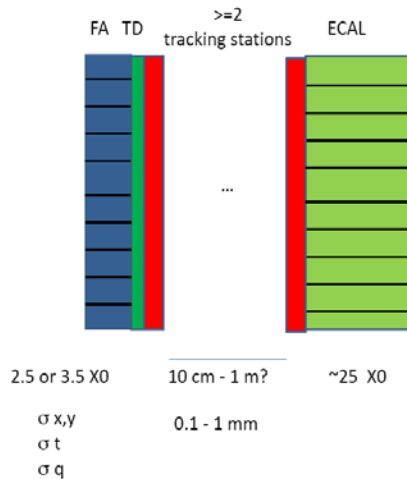
But, what about:

Heavy Neutral Particle

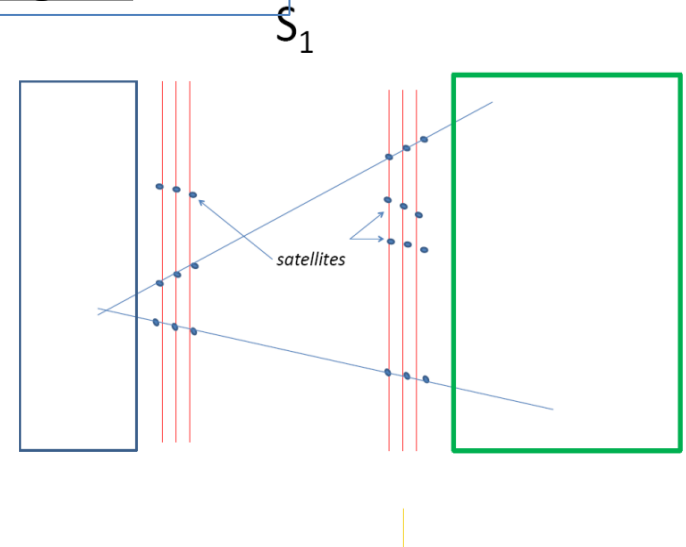


Conceptual studies in progress, like:

A possible setup with preshower (Feb 2017)



- Upstream point S_1 via tracking
 - Use 2 tracking stations
 - Reconstruct 3D track segments in each
 - Match them: form track candidates
 - Clean them/remove satellites using
 - energy of clusters,
 - angles
 - Vertex track candidates to determine position of the shower starting point S_1 .
- Downstream point S_2
 - Use z of the shower maximum inferred from energy
 - obtain (x,y) from the lateral shower profile
 - **Which longitudinal segmentation if any?**

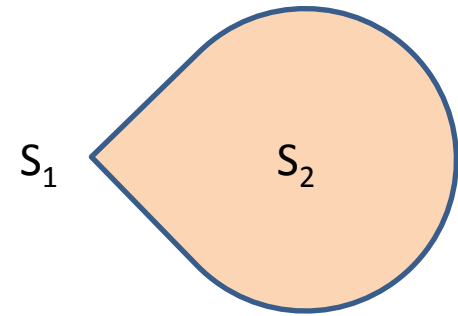


Alternate SplitCal Design

with DT, EB...

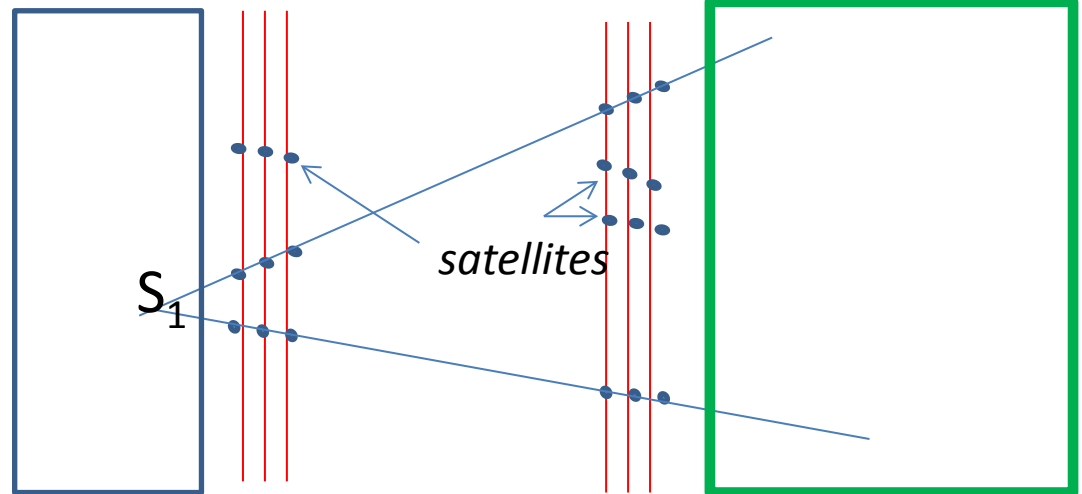
Measure 2 points (S_1, S_2) across a base L with $\sigma \sim L/1000$.

- S_1 the location of the 1st pair
 - S_2 the position of the shower maximum or...
 - The hard part is to measure S_1
- Use tracking (TPC, μ M, straws?..)



Need simulation

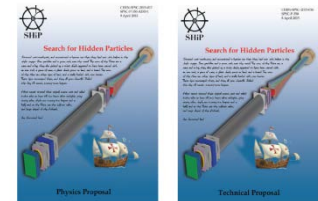
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 - angles
- Vertex to get S_1 .



SHiP path at CERN

Not yet approved, but a leading project for the future of CERN fixed target program

- 2013-2015
 - EOI, formation of the Collaboration, T&P proposals
- 2016 SPSC/RB/ decisions by CERN management
 - **SHiP in the 2017_2021 MTP,**
 - **PBC study group** (the 3rd of F. Gianotti's 3 pillars)
 - ~5 MCHF funding for **Beam Dump Facility feasibility study**
 - **CDS** (Comprehensive Design Study) report end 2018
 - Approval path in time with ESPP : **TDRs, Module-0's**
- ~ 5 years construction,
 - installation during LS3,
 - data while LHC Run4 (2027)



[SHiP](#) a recognized project in the greybook since 2016