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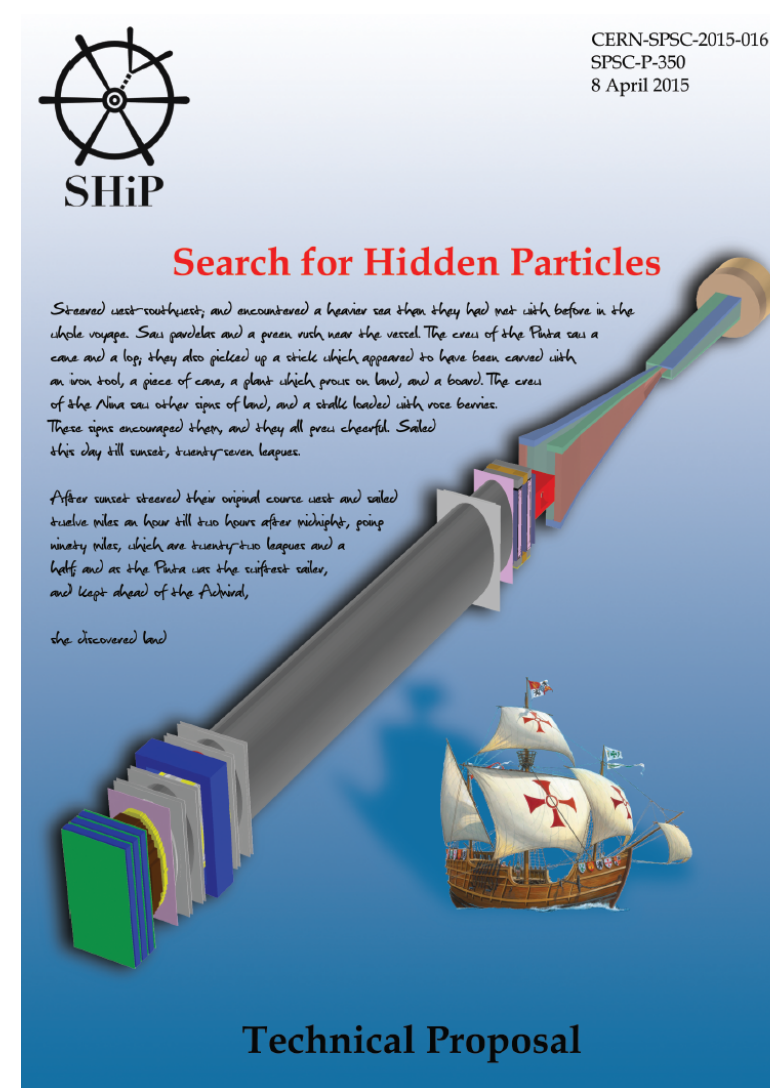


# The SHiP experiment at CERN

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# Introduction



- The technical proposal (250 physicists, 46 institutes, 16 countries) submitted to CERN in Apr 2015 ([arXiv:1504.04956](https://arxiv.org/abs/1504.04956))
- Physics Paper (85 physicists, 65 institutes) accepted for publication in Review on Progress in Physics ([arxiv:1504.04855](https://arxiv.org/abs/1504.04855))



~250 scientific authors

16 member countries: Bulgaria, Chile, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Portugal, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, Ukraine, United States of America + CERN, DUBNA

48 member institutes: Sofia, Valparaiso, Niels Bohr Institute Copenhagen, LAL Orsay, LPNHE Paris, Berlin, Humboldt University Hamburg, Mainz, Bari, Bologna, Cagliari, Ferrara, Lab. Naz. Gran Sasso, Frascati, Naples, Rome, Aichi, Kobe, Nagoya, Nihon, Toho, Gyeongsang, LIP Coimbra, Dubna, ITEP Moscow, INR Moscow, P.N. Lebedev Physical Institute Moscow, Kurchatov Institute Moscow, IHEP Protvino, Petersburg Nuclear Physics Institute St. Petersburg, Moscow Engineering Physics Institute, Skobeltsyn Institute of Nuclear Physics Moscow, Yandex School of Data Analysis, Stockholm, Uppsala, CERN, Geneva, EPFL Lausanne, Zurich, Middle East Technical University Ankara, Ankara University, Imperial College London, University College London, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Bristol, Warwick, Taras Shevchenko National University Kyiv, Florida

5 associated institutes: Jeju, Gwangju, Chonnam, National University of Science and Technology "MISIS" Moscow, St. Petersburg Polytechnic University



## ***Experimental facts of BSM physics***

- *Neutrino masses & oscillations*
- *Baryon Asymmetry of the Universe (BAU)*
- *The nature of non-baryonic Dark Matter (DM)*

***Many theoretical ideas, including those which predict new light particles, and which can be tested experimentally***

***SHiP is designed to find a solution for BSM physics by searching for very weakly interacting particles of  $<10$  GeV mass***

## ***Brief history of SHiP:***

- ✓ *Letter Of Intent - October 2013*
- ✓ *Technical Proposal & Physics Paper - April 2015*

*Reviewed by the SPSC and CERN RB by March 2016, and recommended to prepare a Comprehensive Design Study (CDS) by 2018*

*→ Input to the European strategy consultation to take a decision about approval of SHiP in 2019/2020*



# Introduction

$$L = L_{SM} + L_{mediator} + L_{HS}$$

**Visible Sector**



Mediators or portals to the HS:  
vector, scalar, axial, neutrino

**Hidden Sector**

*Naturally accommodates Dark Matter (may have rich structure)*

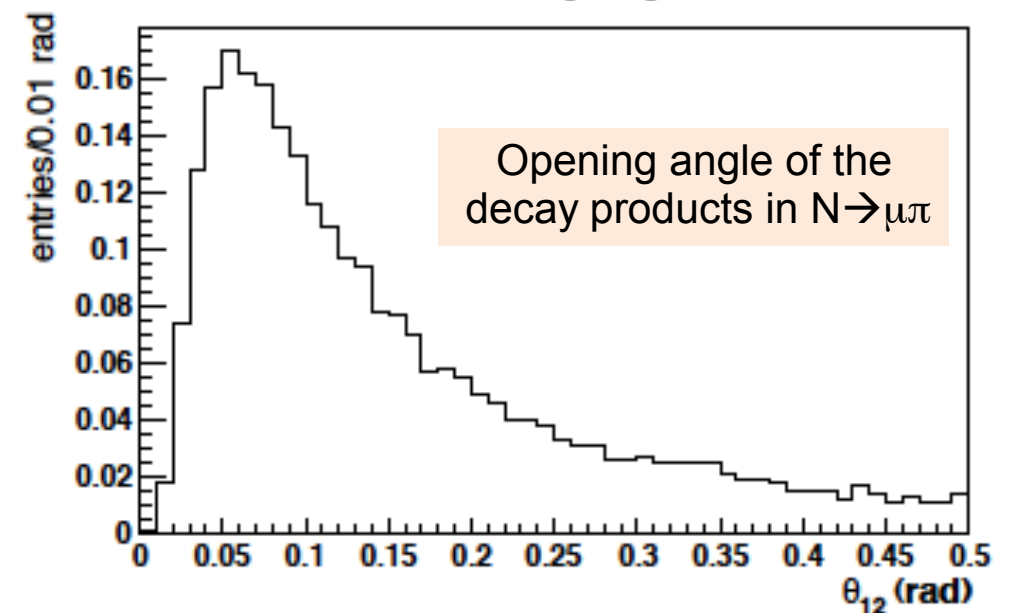
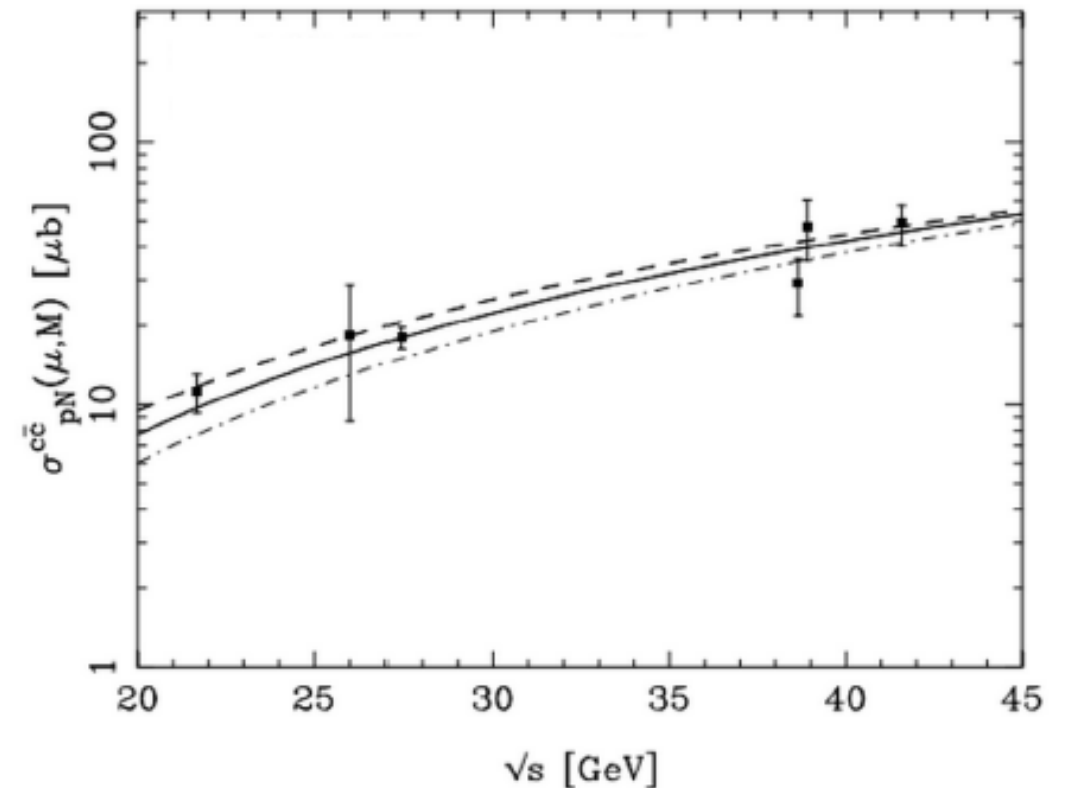
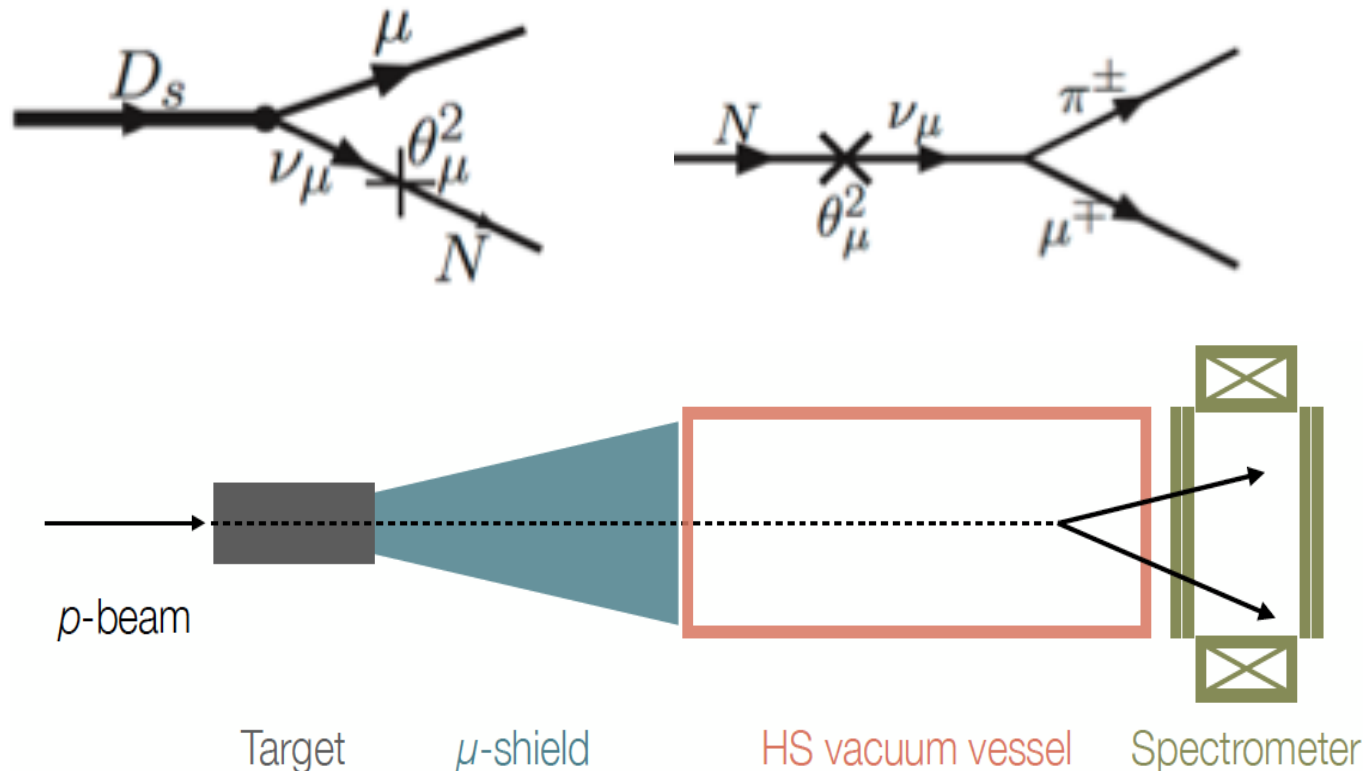
- ✓ *HS production and decay rates are strongly suppressed relative to SM*
- *Production branching ratios  $O(10^{-10})$*
  - *Long-lived objects*
  - *Interact very weakly with matter*

Models	Final states
<i>HNL, SUSY neutralino</i>	$l^+\pi^-, l^+K^-, l^+\rho^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0$
<i>Vector, scalar, axion portals, SUSY sgoldstino</i>	$l^+l^-$
	$l^+l^-\nu$
<i>HNL, SUSY neutralino, axino</i>	$\gamma\gamma$
<i>Axion portal, SUSY sgoldstino</i>	$\pi^0\pi^0$
<i>SUSY sgoldstino</i>	

*Full reconstruction and PID are essential to minimize model dependence*

***Experimental challenge is background suppression***

- ✓ Search for HS particles in Heavy Flavour decays  
Charm (and beauty) cross-sections strongly depend on the beam energy
- ✓ HS produced in charm and beauty decays have significant  $P_T$



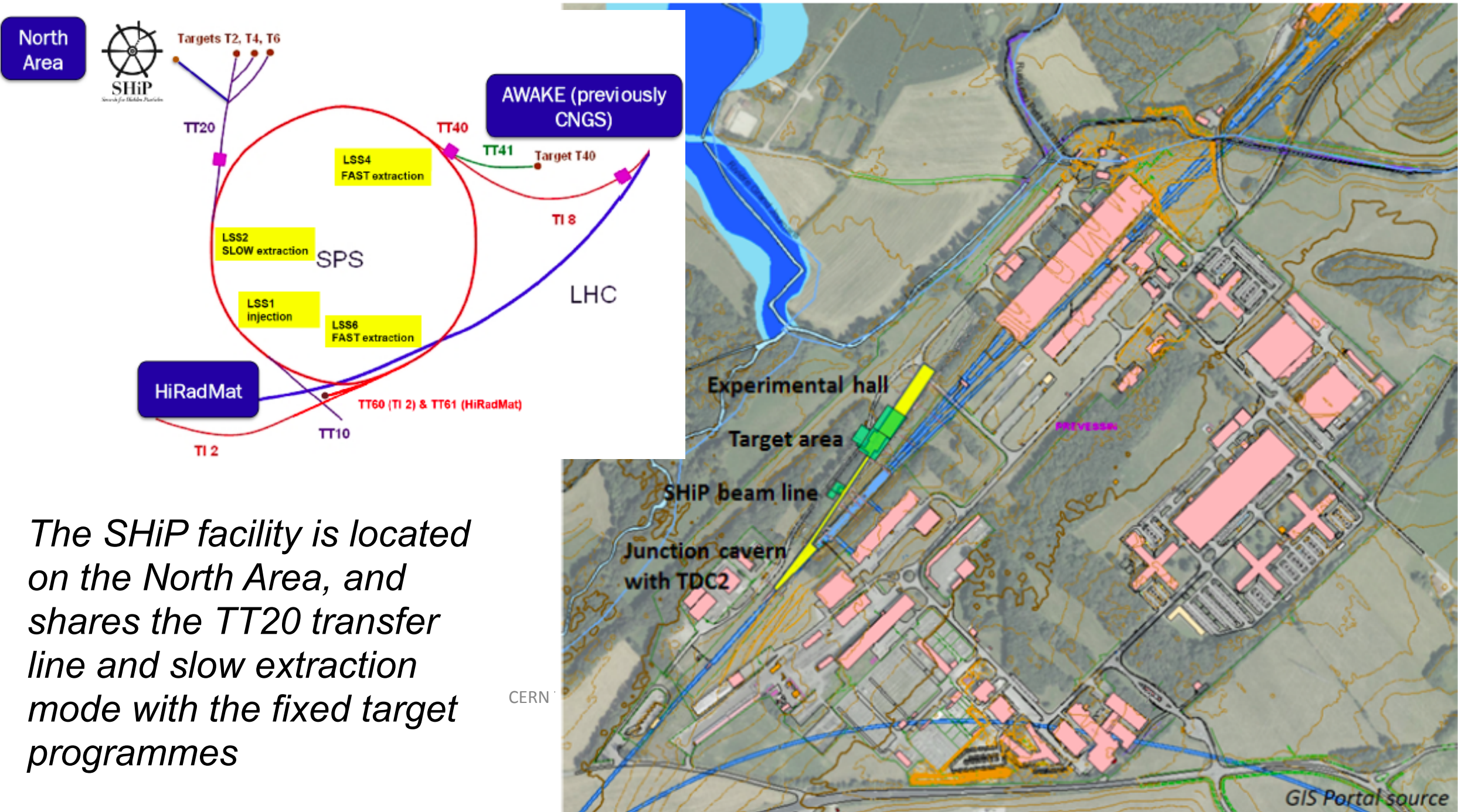
*Detector must be placed close to the target to maximize geometrical acceptance*  
*Effective (and "short") muon shield is essential to reduce muon-induced backgrounds*



# The BDF at the SPS

(Prevezin North Area site)

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



*The SHiP facility is located on the North Area, and shares the TT20 transfer line and slow extraction mode with the fixed target programmes*



# The SHiP Experiment

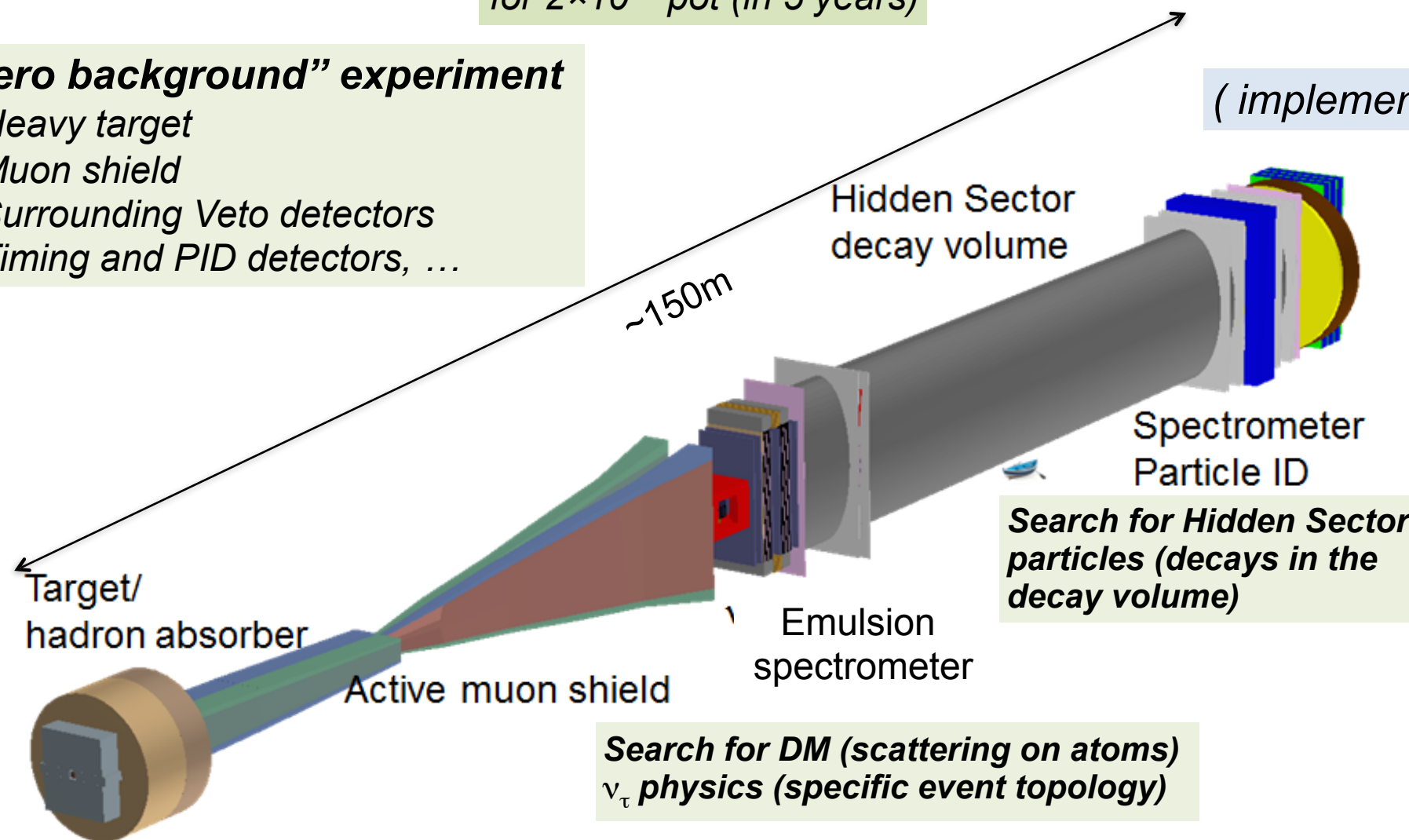
SHiP Technical Proposal:  
1504.04956

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

## “Zero background” experiment

- Heavy target
- Muon shield
- Surrounding Veto detectors
- Timing and PID detectors, ...

( implemented in Geant4 for TP )



# Optimization Phase

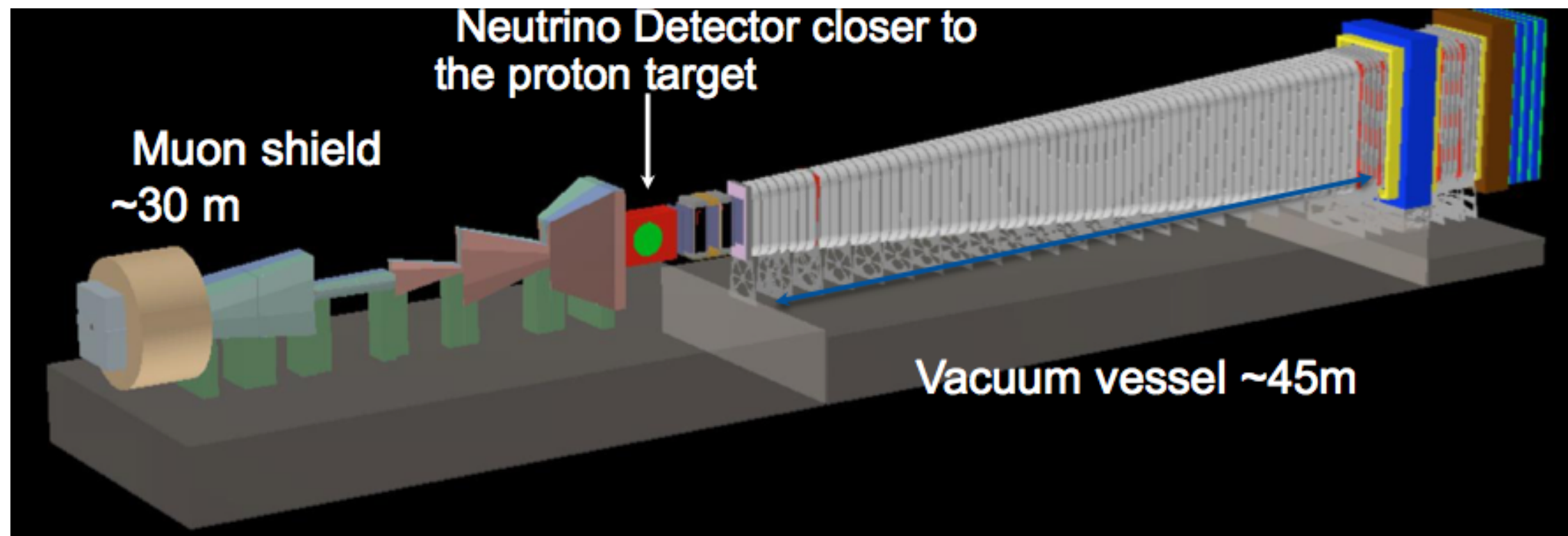
- ✓ *Improve SHiP (TP) sensitivity to new very weakly particles: HNLs, dark photons, dark scalars, ... and tau neutrino physics*
- ✓ *Further extend physics case. SHiP has very good potential to search for Light Dark Matter via its scattering on atoms of emulsion spectrometer*
- ✓ *Keep background under control and at  $O(0.1)$  level*

***Improve SHiP TP version respecting cost constraints***



# Introduction

- ✓ Configuration of the muon shield (**MC to be validated with data**)
- ✓ Shape, dimension and evacuation of the decay volume



- ✓ Optimization of physics performance for various sub-detectors
- ✓ Revisit detector technologies, including new sub-detectors, to further consolidate background rejection and extend PID

## **Updated background estimates and signal sensitivities, and cost**

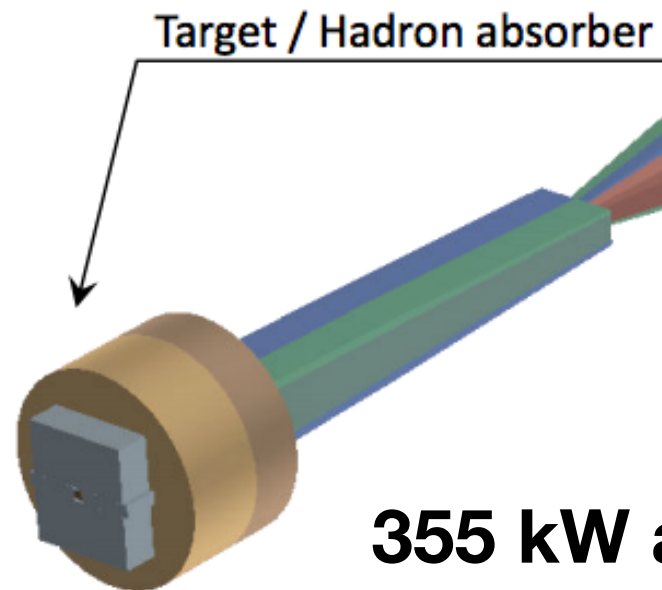
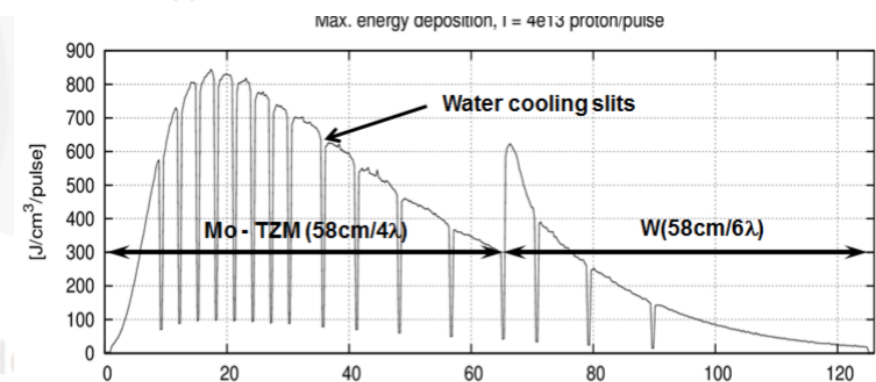
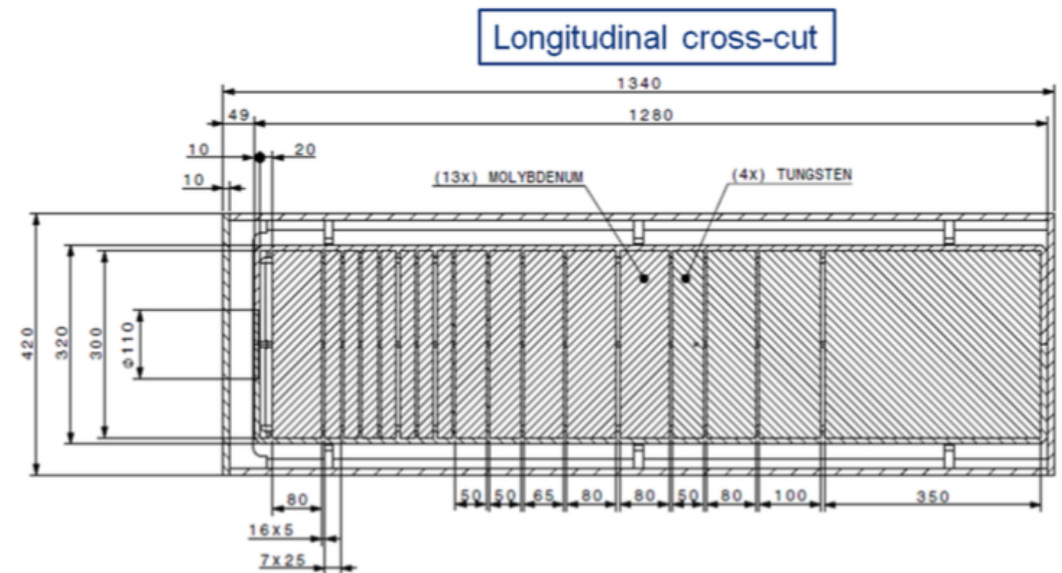
- ✓ Contribution from the secondary interactions in the target improves signal yield by ~50% (**to be validated with data**)



# Target

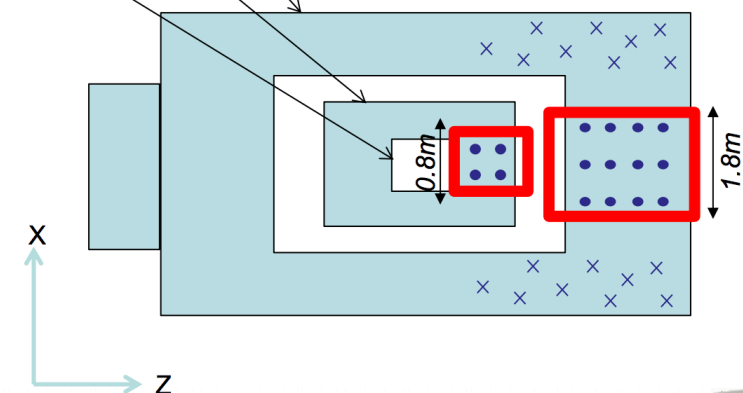
- Layers of Titanium/Zirconium/Molibdenum for  $4\lambda_{int}$  in the core of the beam
- Followed by Layers of pure W
- Each layer is cooled by water
- Alternative cooling with He under study
- Magnetization of the last part of the target under study

Hidden Sector



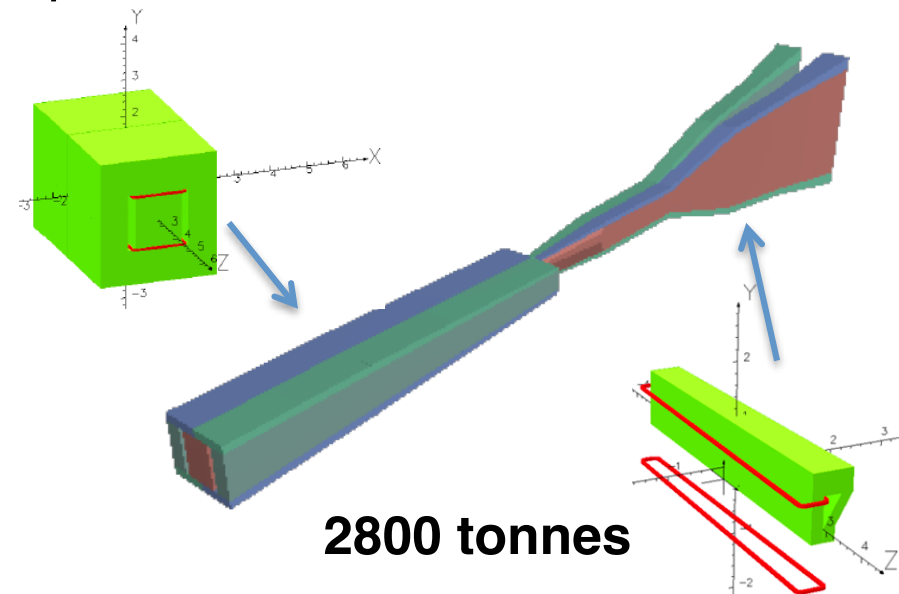
**355 kW average,**  
**2.56 MW during 1s spill**

Passive shielding  
 Proximity shielding  
 Target area

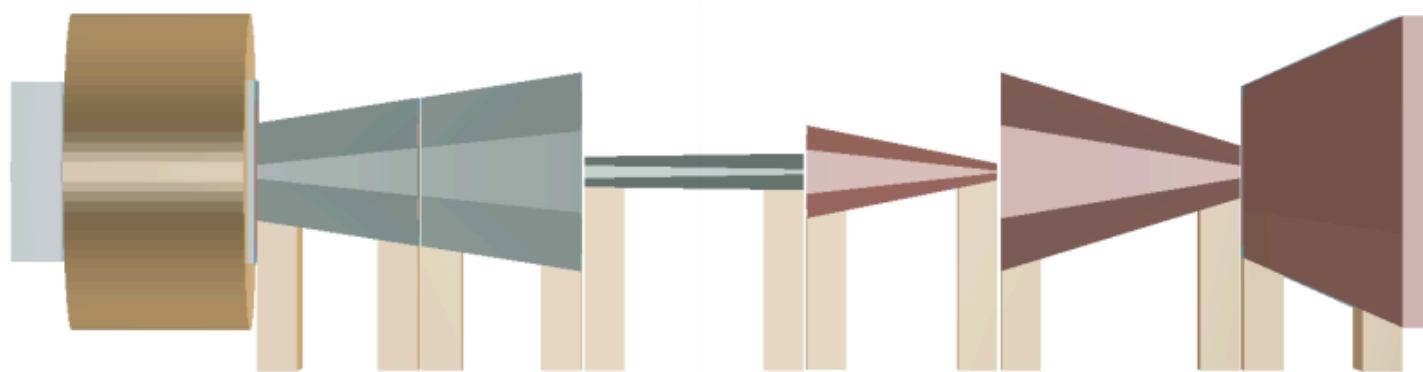


# Muon Shield

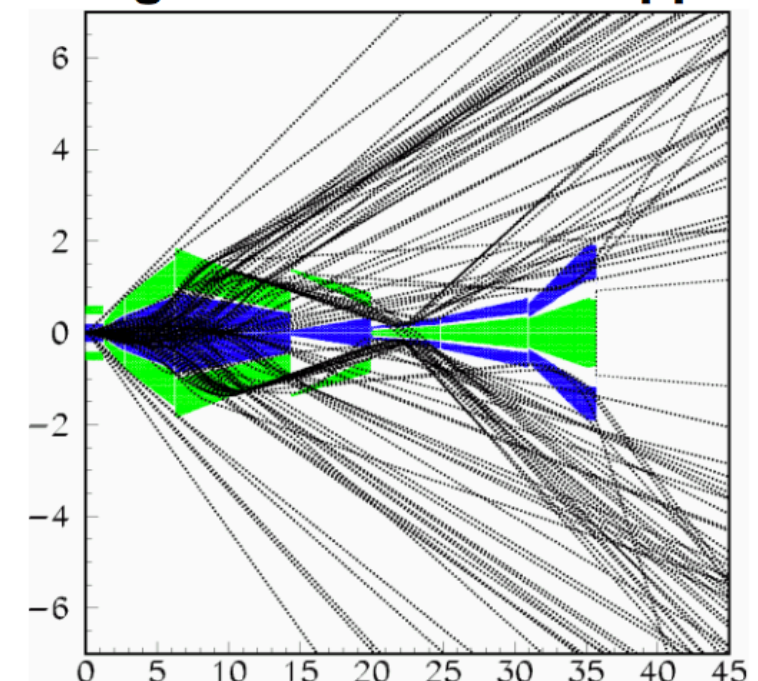
- ✓ Muon flux limit driven by emulsion based neutrino detector and HS background
- ✓ Active muon shield based entirely on magnet sweeper with a total field integral  $B_y = 86.4 \text{ Tm}$   
*Realistic design of sweeper magnets in progress*  
*Challenges: flux leakage, constant field profile, modeling magnet shape*
- ✓  $< 7\text{k}$  muons / spill ( $E_\mu > 3 \text{ GeV}$ ), well below the emulsion saturation limit
- ✓ Negligible flux in terms of detector occupancy



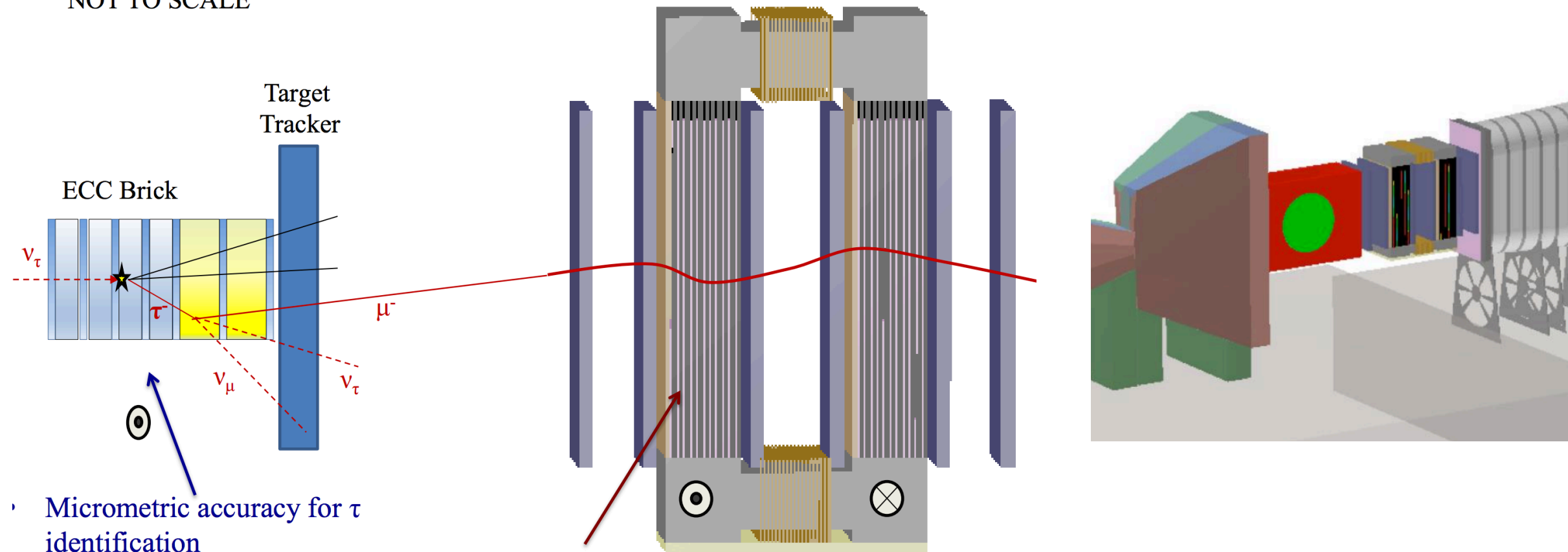
- **Magnetizing the target allows to get  $\sim 5\text{m}$  closer to the tracker**
- **Weight drops by 65%**



**Magnetised hadron stopper**



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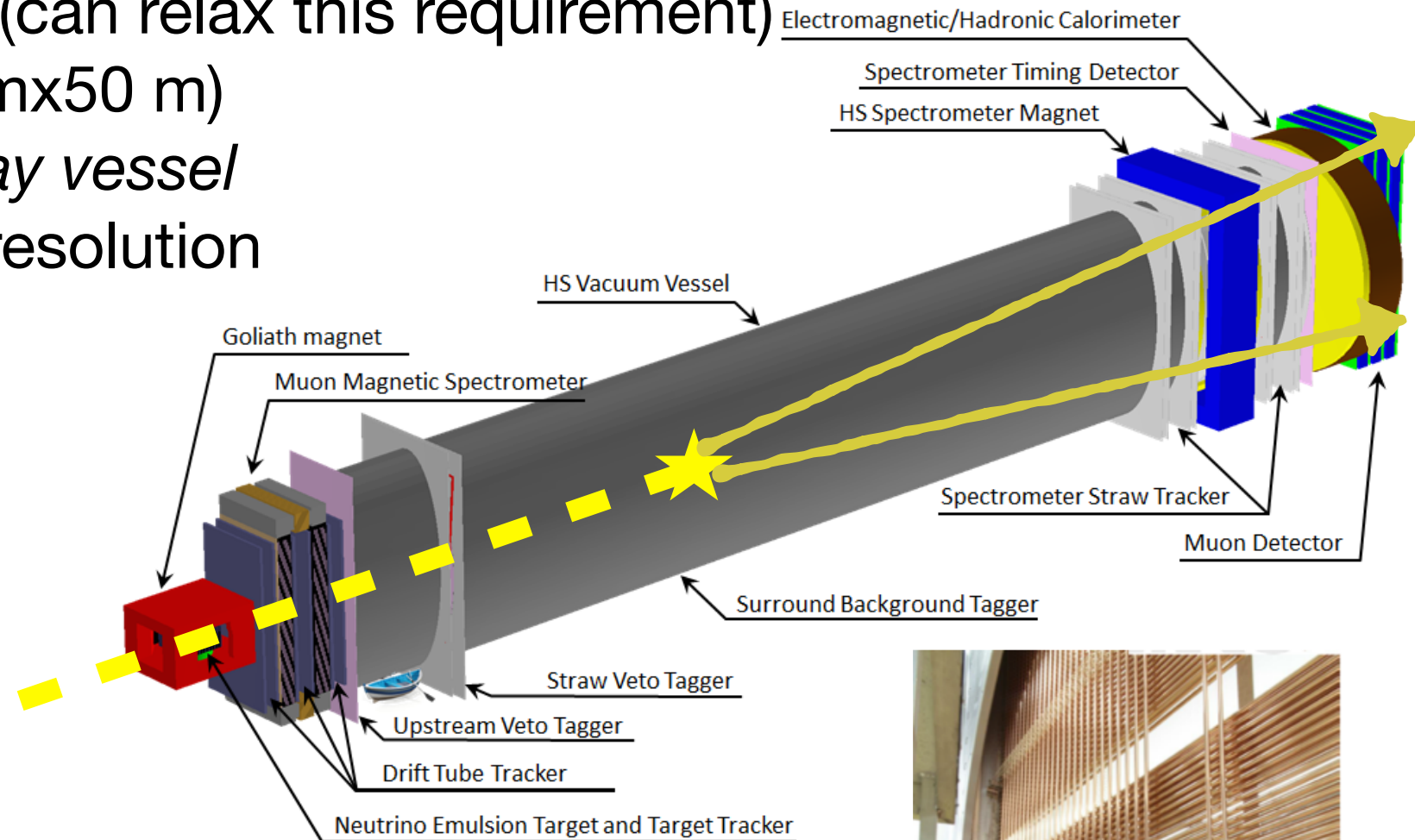
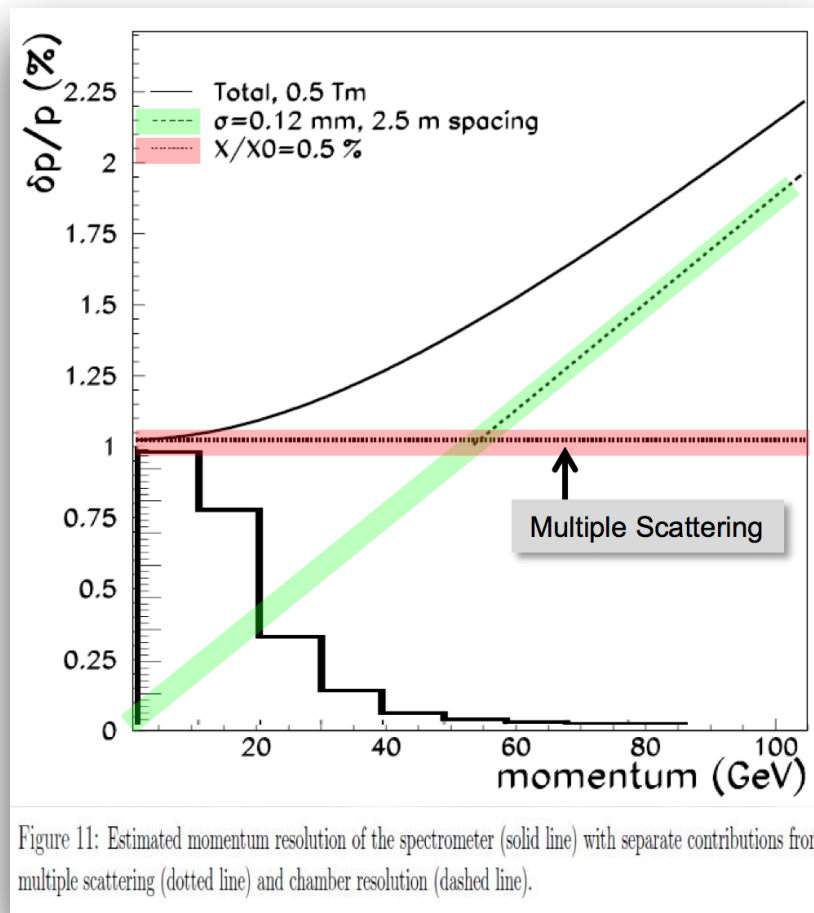


- Only 9 tau neutrinos events recorded
- We can fully reconstruct 3000-4000  $\nu_\tau$
- tau neutrino cross section measurements
- Charm physics with taus
- Proton structure function
- Large electron neutrino flux to measure Charm production

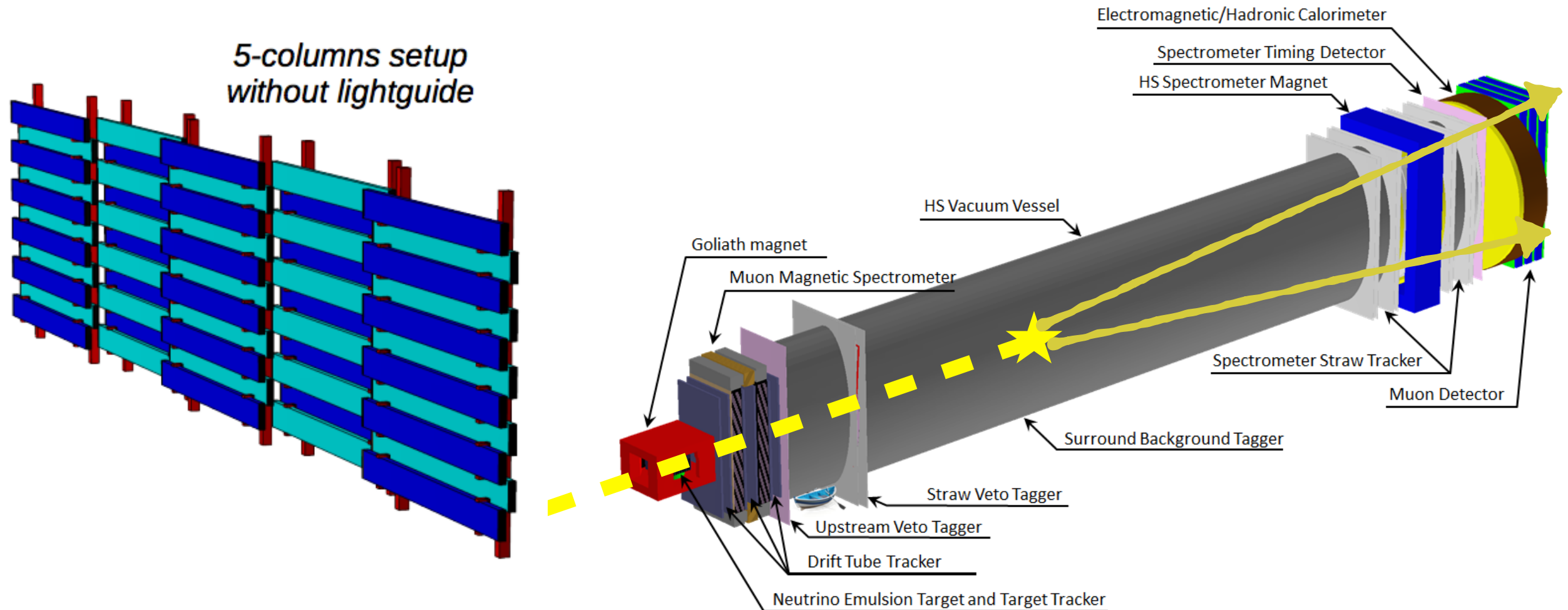
decay channel	$\nu_\tau$			$\bar{\nu}_\tau$		
	$N^{exp}$	$N^{bg}$	$R$	$N^{exp}$	$N^{bg}$	$R$
$\tau \rightarrow \mu$	570	30	19	290	140	2
$\tau \rightarrow h$	990	80	12	500	380	1.3
$\tau \rightarrow 3h$	210	30	7	110	140	0.8
Total	1770	140	13	900	660	1.4



- Vacuum:  $10^{-3}$  mbar for the TP (can relax this requirement)
- Large vacuum vessel (5m x 10m x 50 m)
- *Liquid Scintillator* around decay vessel
- Timing detector with  $<100$ ps resolution



Straw tubes similar to NA62 with 120um spatial resolution and 0.5%  $X_0/X$



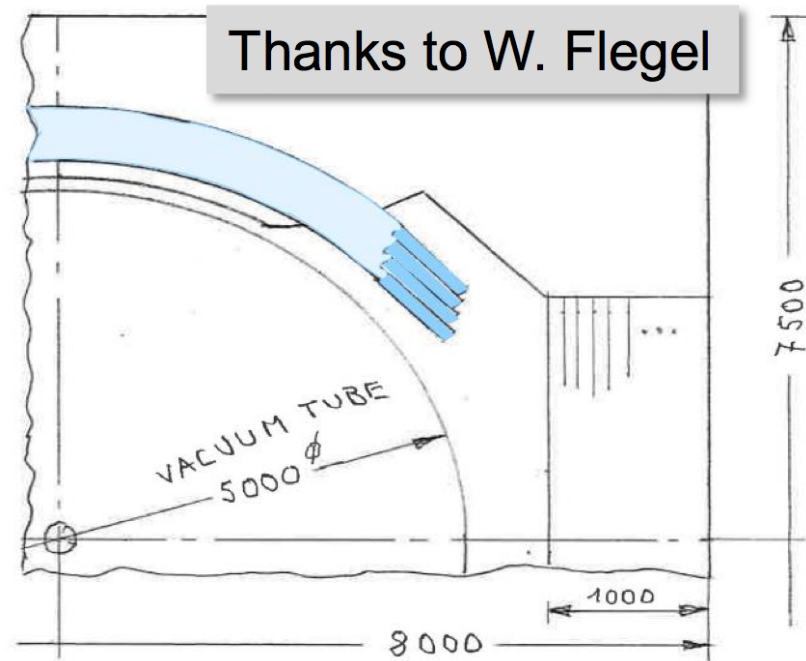
Various design under study (alternative design with MRPC)

- 6m long bars read by PMTs, more realistic design with shorter bars
- Replace PMTs by SiPM

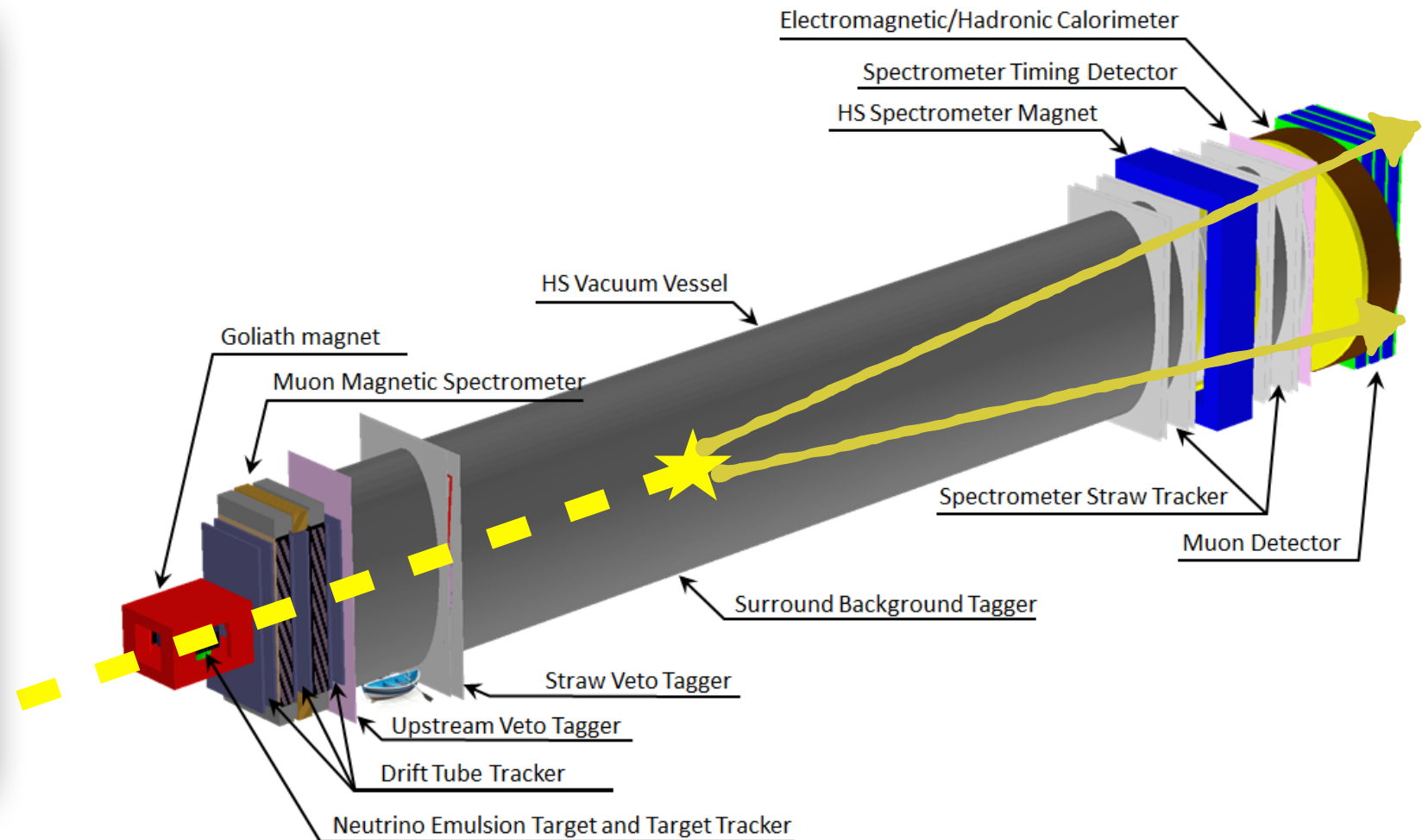
Challenges:

- Dark rate, typical value (Hamamatsu, C-series of sensL) is  $100 \text{ kHz/mm}^2 = 10 \text{ MHz/cm}^2$

# HS Detector: Magnet



Given such a magnet and tracker, we are still dominated by MS (0.5% total  $x/x_0$  for 4 views/station)

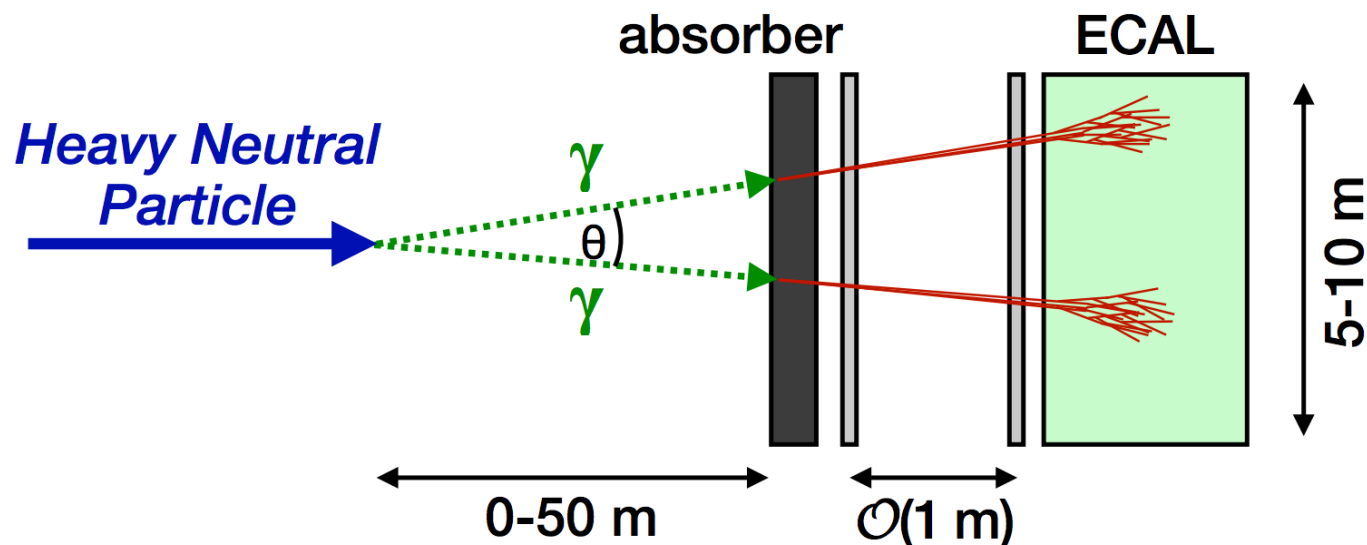
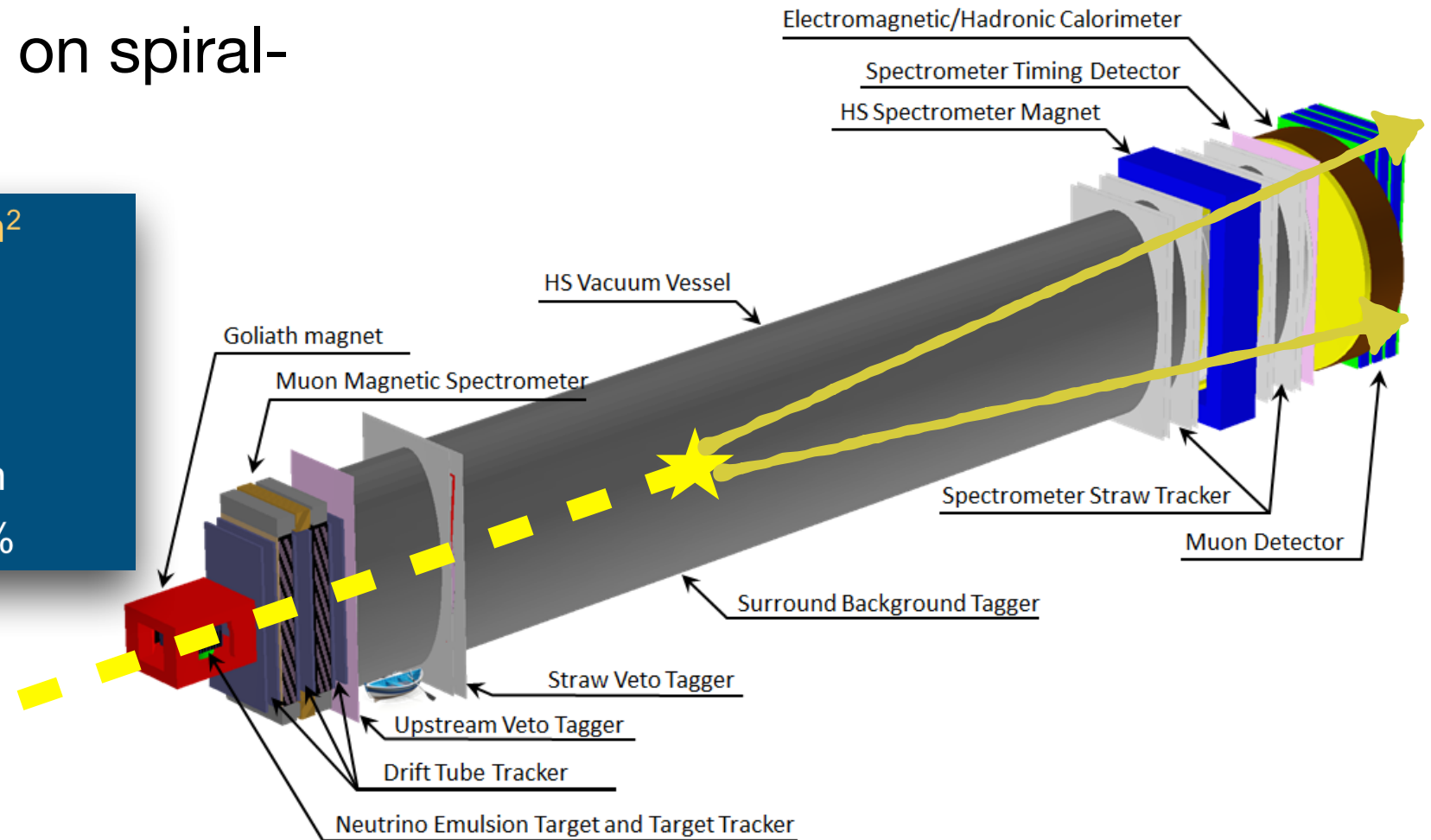


With a yoke with outer dimension of  $8.0 \times 7.5 \times 2.5 \text{ m}^3$ , and two Al-99.7 coils, the proposed magnet provides a peak field of  $\sim 0.2 \text{ T}$ , and a  $\int B dL \approx 0.5 \text{ Tm}$  over a length of  $\sim 5 \text{ m}$ . For comparison, the LHCb magnet mentioned above contains  $\sim 40 \%$  more iron for its yoke, and dissipates three times more power.

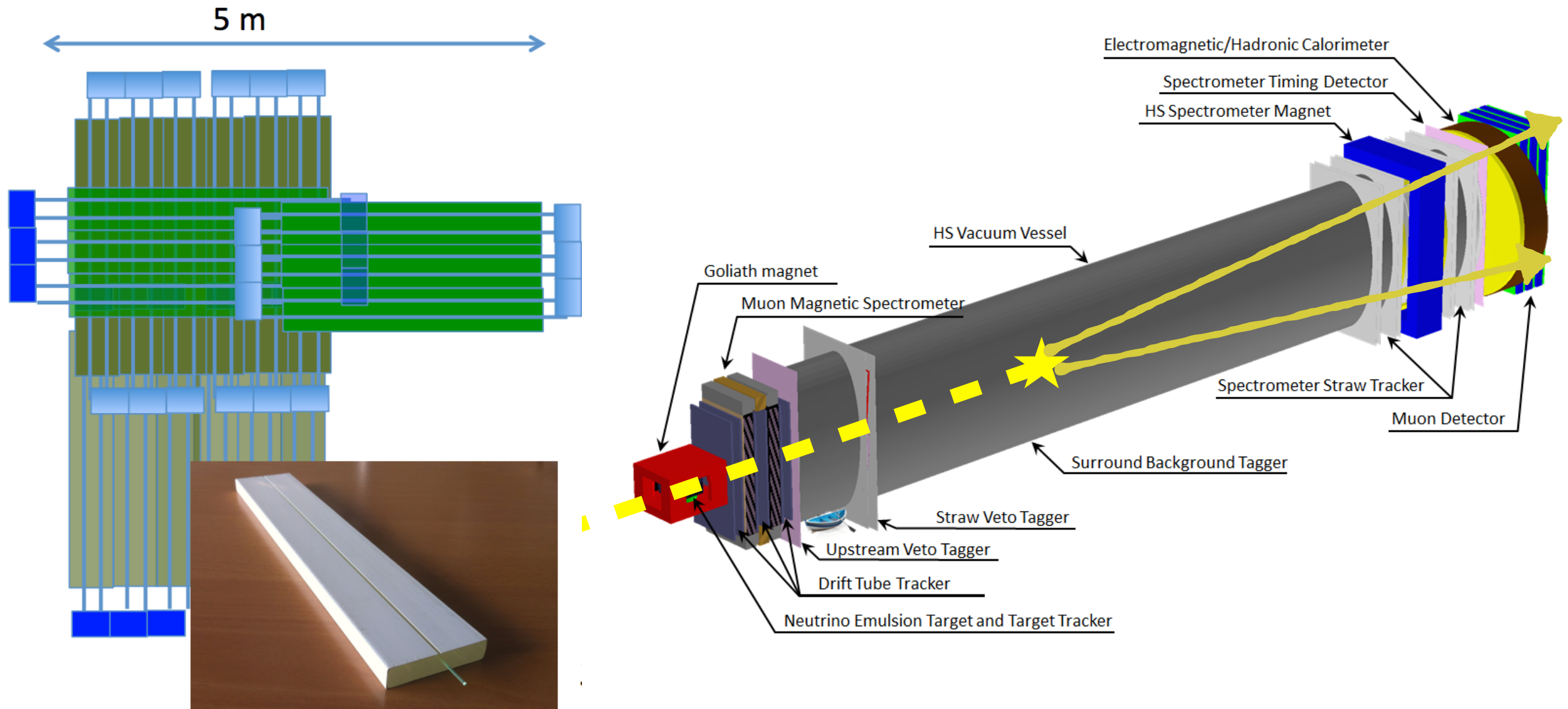


## Possible Calorimeter based on spiral-fibre Shashlik module

- **Dimensions**  $38.2 \times 38.2 \text{ mm}^2$
- Radiation length 17.5mm
- Moliere radius 36mm
- Radiation thickness 22.5  $X_0$
- Scintillator/lead thickness 1.5mm/0.8mm
- Energy resolution  $6.5\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 1\%$



- Different options under study
- Preshower and calorimeter with pointing capabilities for the diphoton final state under study

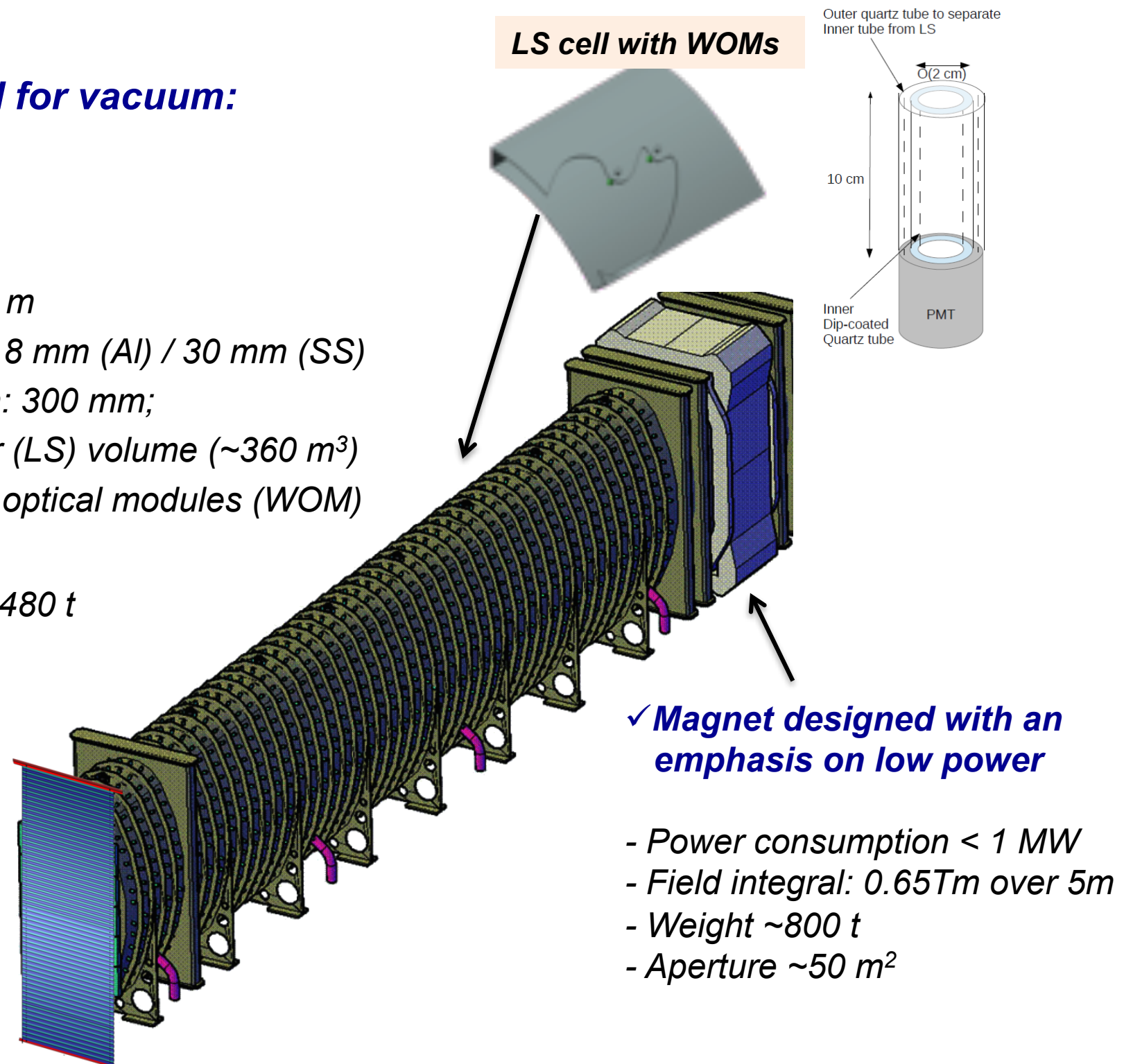


One of the main backgrounds are muons, so it more a muon veto than a muon detector

- ✓ **Estimated need for vacuum:**  
~  $10^{-3}$  mbar

- ✓ **Vacuum vessel**

- 10 m x 5 m x 60 m
- Walls thickness: 8 mm (Al) / 30 mm (SS)
- Walls separation: 300 mm;
- Liquid scintillator (LS) volume ( $\sim 360 \text{ m}^3$ )  
readout by WLS optical modules (WOM) and PMTs
- Vessel weight  $\sim 480 \text{ t}$

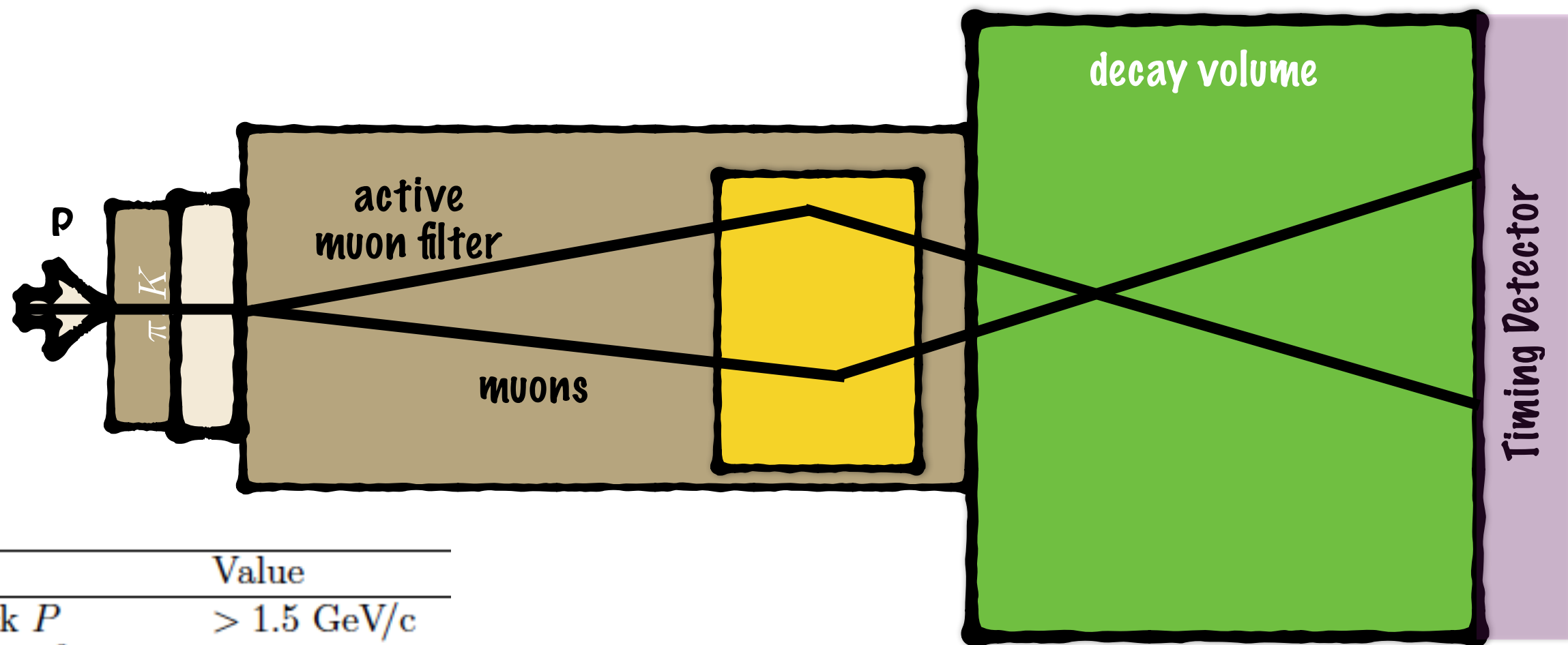


Alternative proposal with plastic scintillators



# Background

Combinatorial background due to two muons that scatter and enter the decay volume



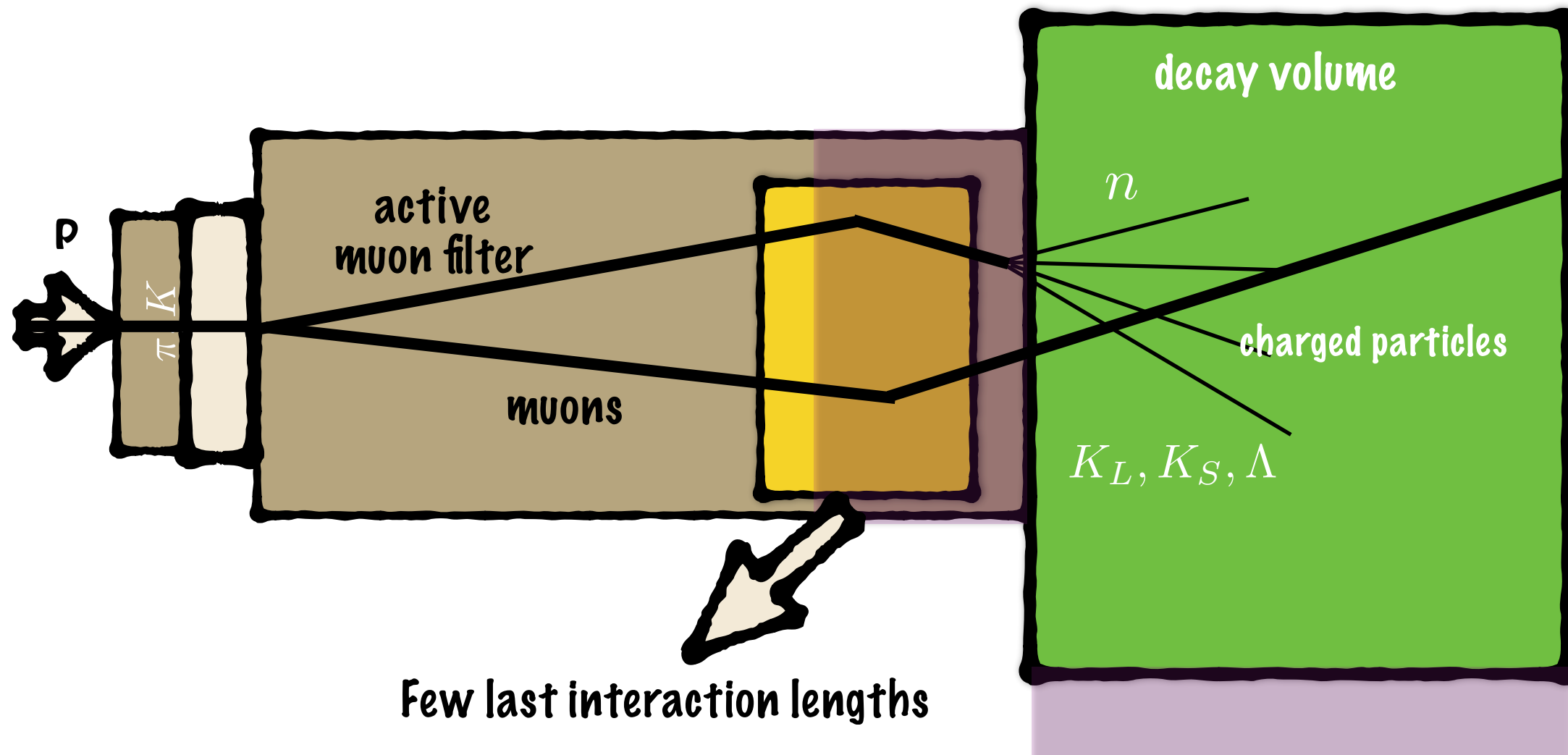
Cut	Value
Track $P$	$> 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$
Track $\chi^2/\text{ndof}$	$< 25$
dimuon DOCA	$< 1 \text{ cm}$
dimuon vertex	fiducial
dimuon mass	$> 0.2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
IP w.r.t target	$< 2.5 \text{ m}$
Efficiency	$10^{-4}$

*Suppressed by:*

- Basic kinematic and topological cuts  $\sim 10^4$
- Timing veto detectors  $\sim 10^7$
- Upstream veto and surrounding veto taggers  $\sim 10^4$

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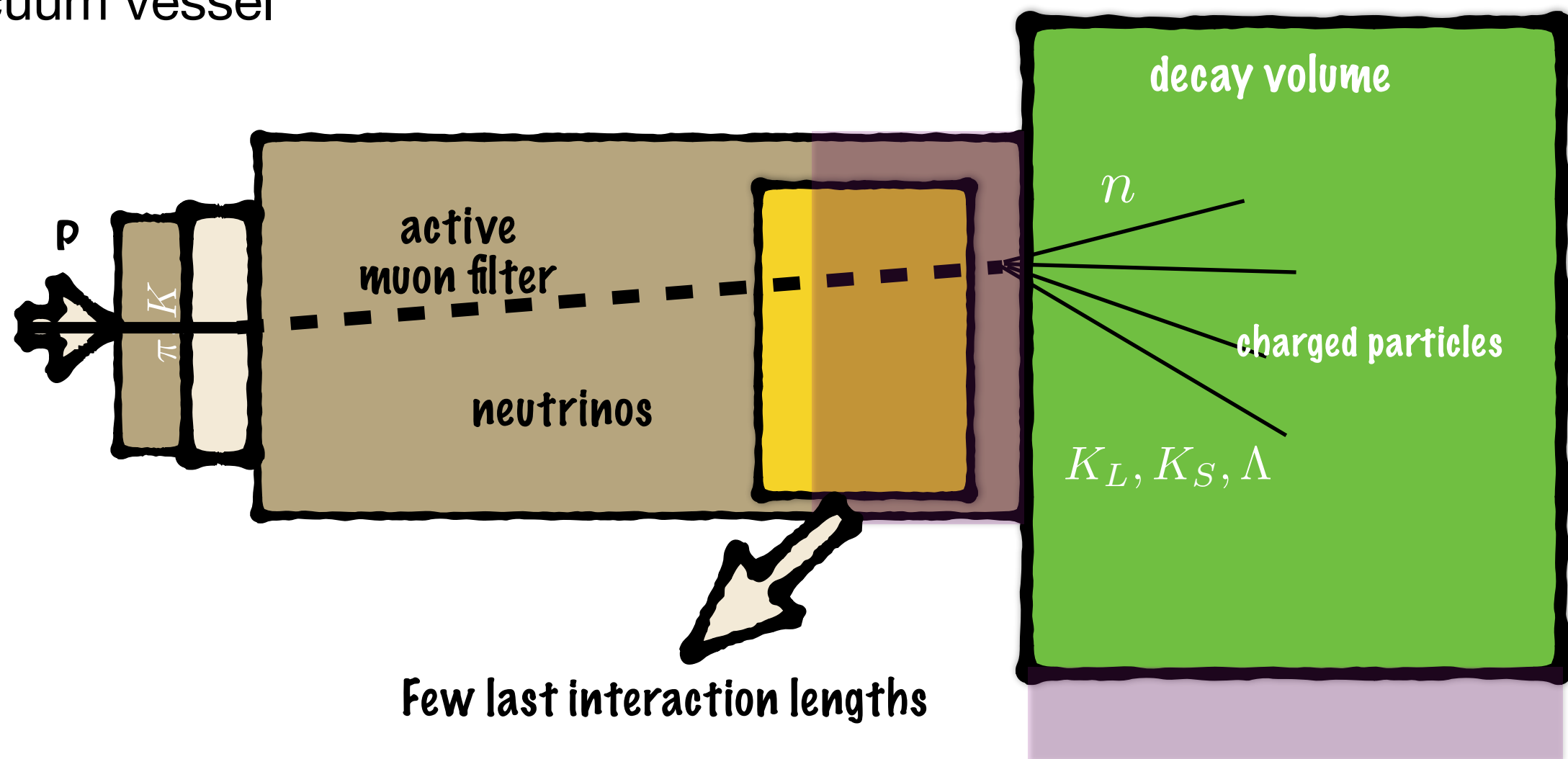
Inelastic scattering due to muons or scattering the in the vicinity of the decay volume



- Vetos and Kinematic cuts (in addition to the muon sweeper) allow to bring this background to a negligible level

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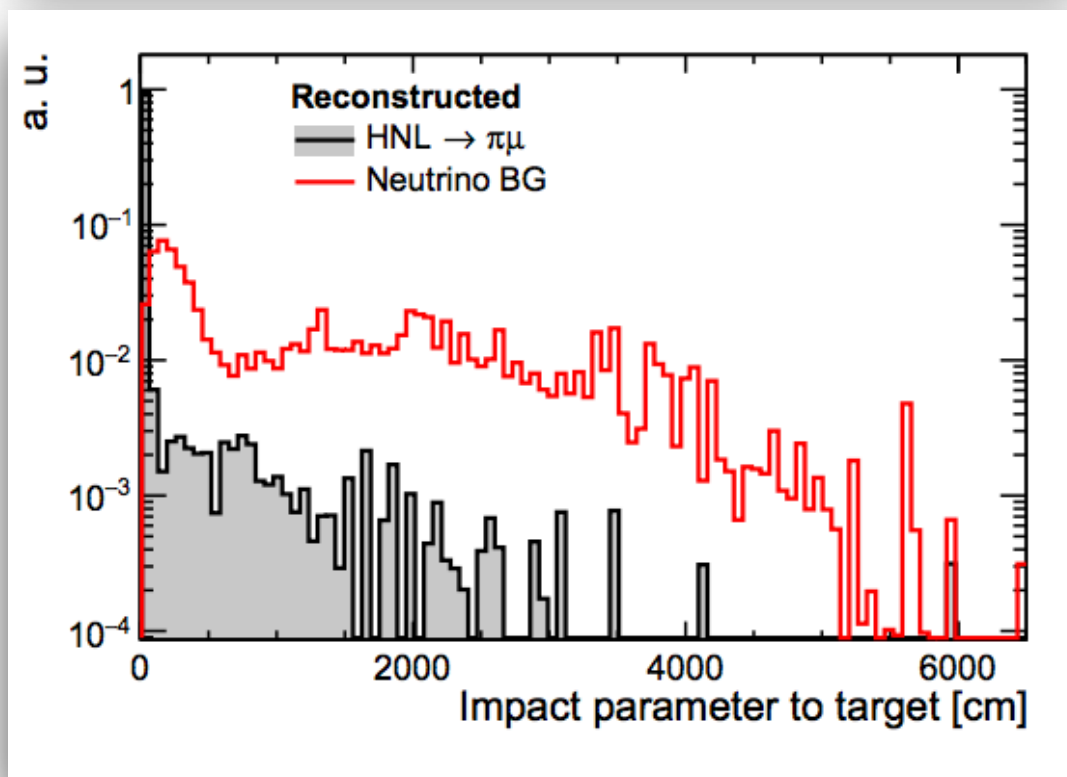
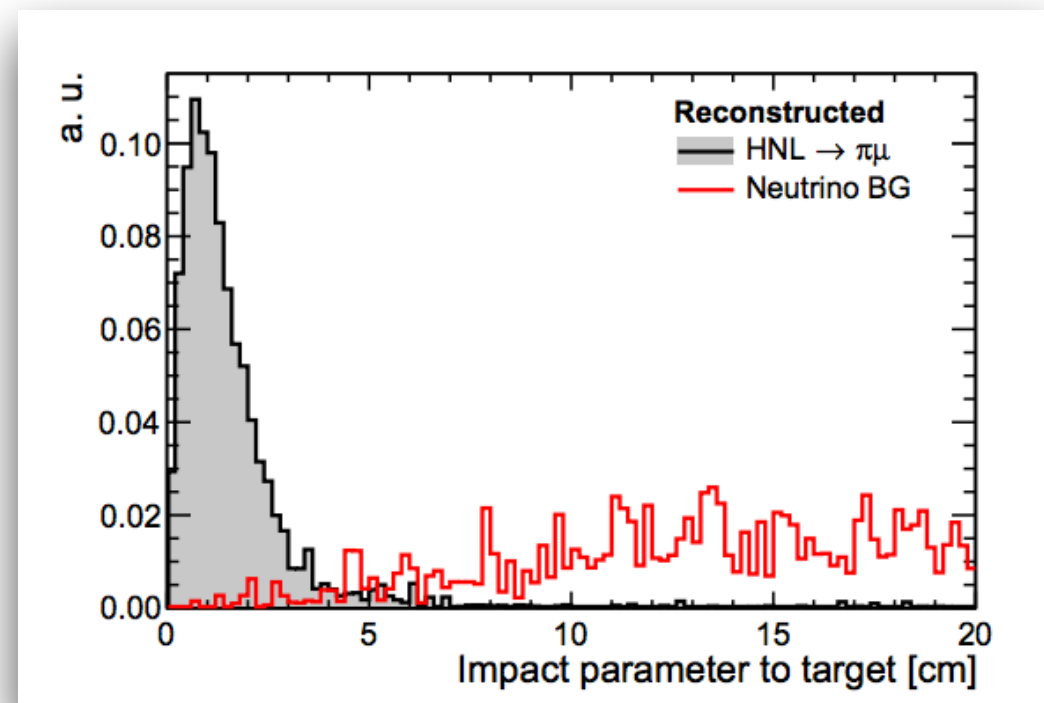
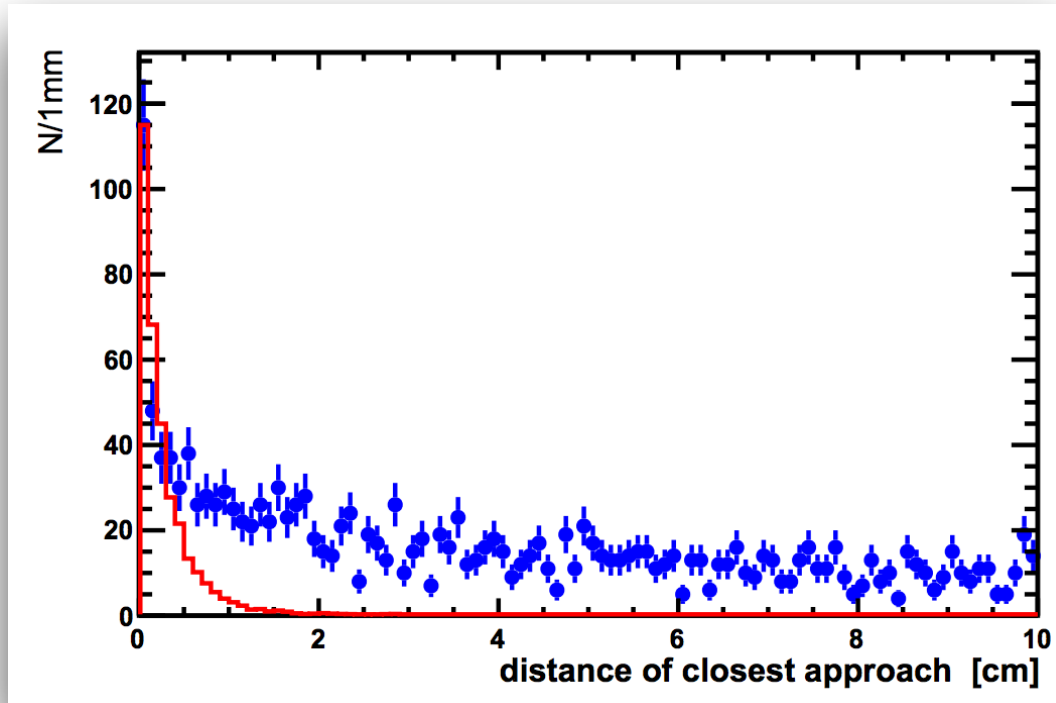
Main background from neutrino inelastic scattering in the vicinity of the vacuum vessel



- Fiducial volume and kinematic cuts and veto to suppress this background



# Kinematic Selection

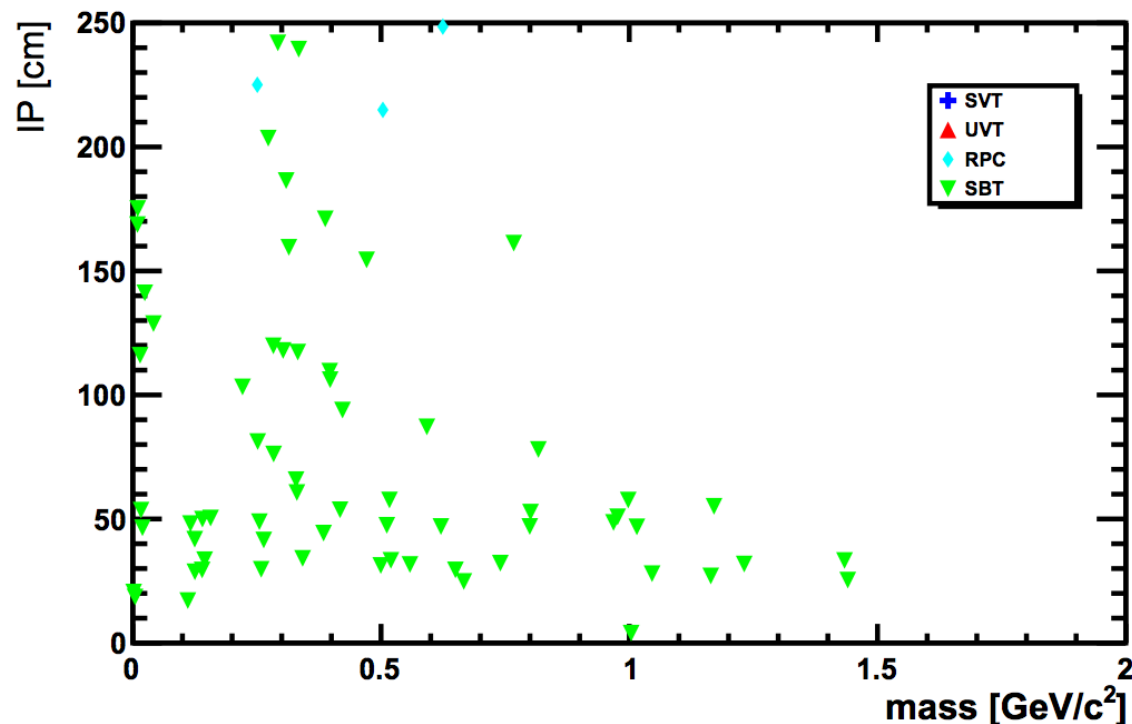
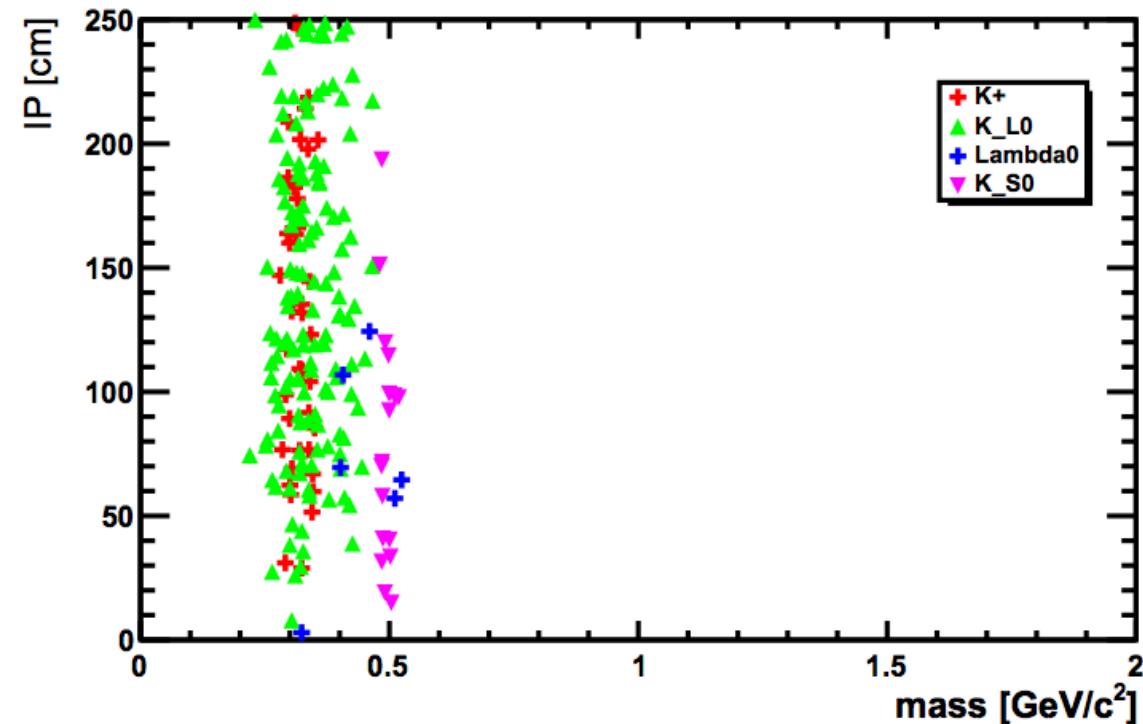
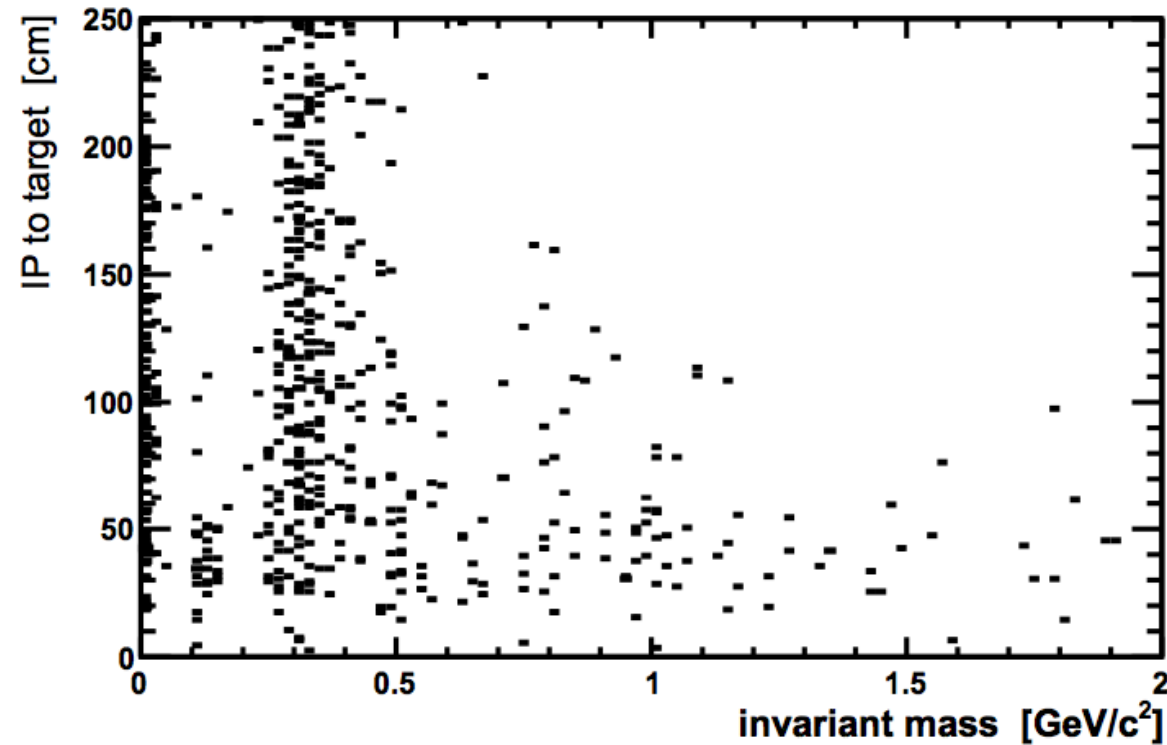


Very simple selection reduces the bkg to only a few in 5 years:

- Fiducial volume
- DOCA
- IP wrt target
- Vetos

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

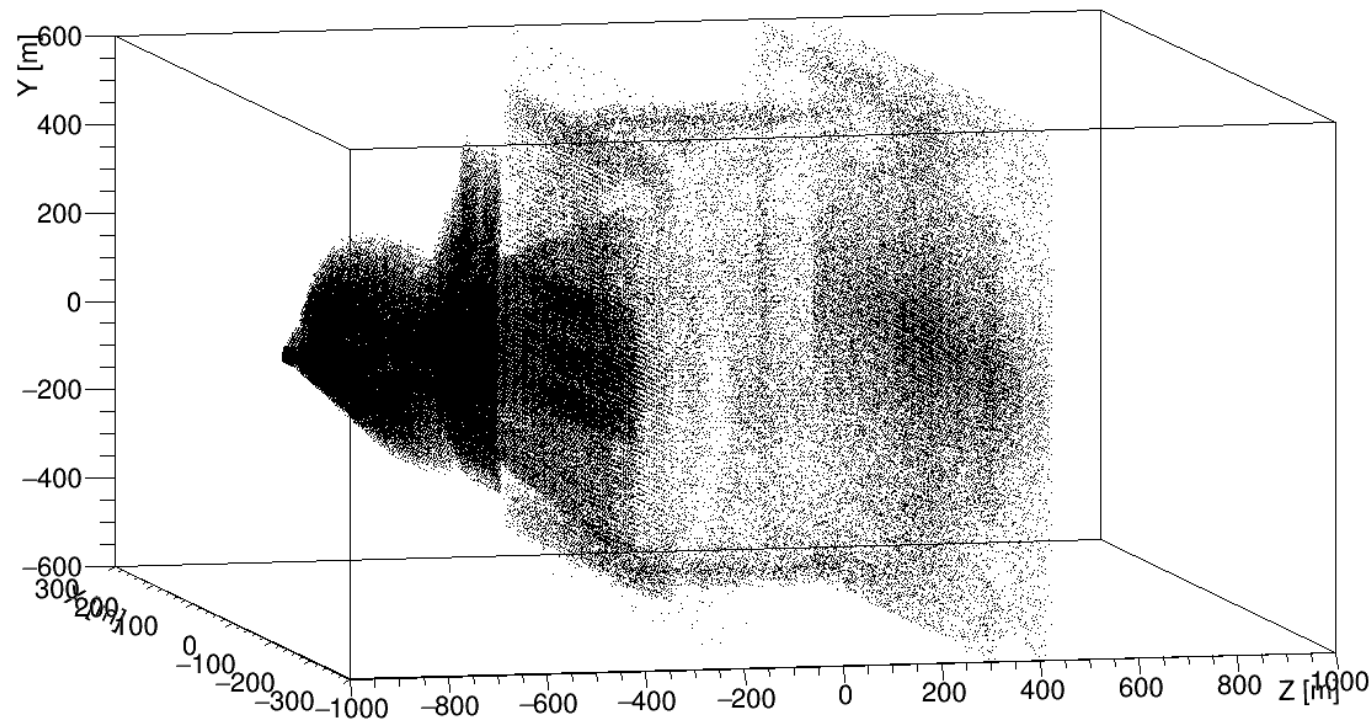
# Muon Background



Visible contribution from long living strange neutral resonance

Background negligible once veto on the incoming muon is considered (expected less than  $10^{-3}$  bkg events)

Neutrino scattering in the surroundings (generated 7.5 years of SHiP )

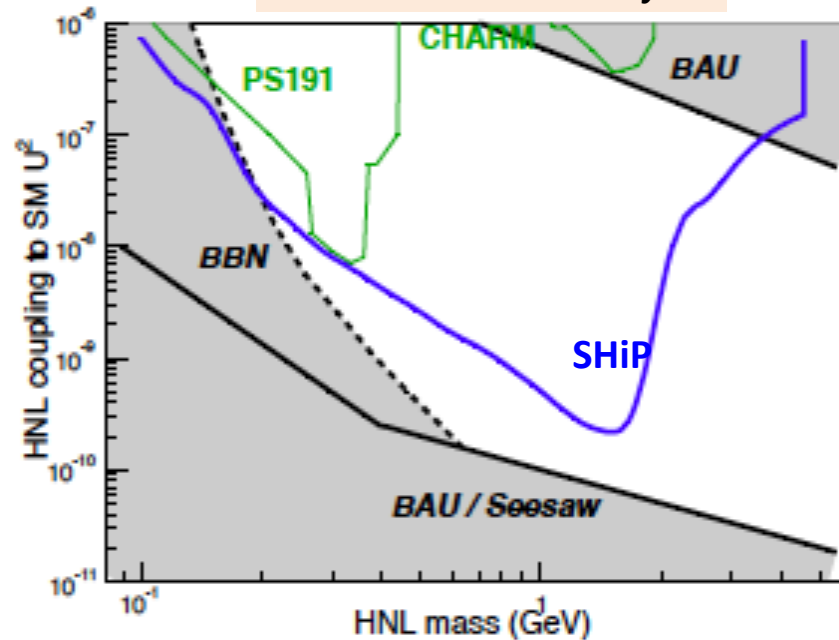


- High background rejection for two body charged decays (e.g.  $N \rightarrow \pi^+ \ell^-$ ) due to pointing and isolation
- Very good background rejection also for channels with  $\pi^0$  when the vertex is known (e.g.  $N \rightarrow \rho^+ (\pi^+ \pi^0) \ell^-$ )
- High background rejection for leptonic final states (e.g.  $N \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- \nu$ ) due to particle identification (important for sterile neutrinos where  $U_\tau^2$  dominates)

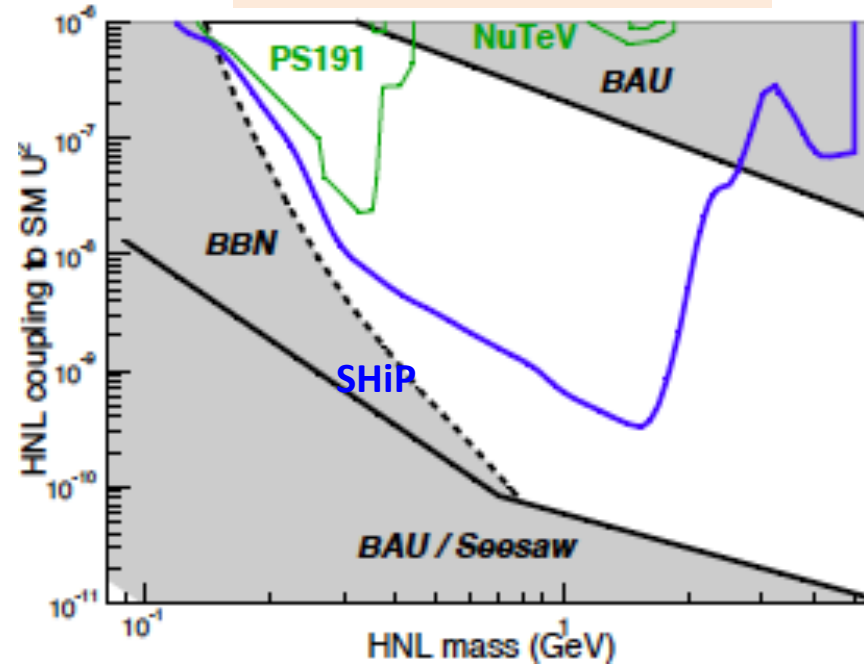


*BAU constraint is model-dependent (shown below for  $\nu$ MSM)*

$U_e^2 : U_\mu^2 : U_\tau^2 \sim 52:1:1$   
 Inverted hierarchy



$U_e^2 : U_\mu^2 : U_\tau^2 \sim 1:16:3.8$   
 Normal hierarchy

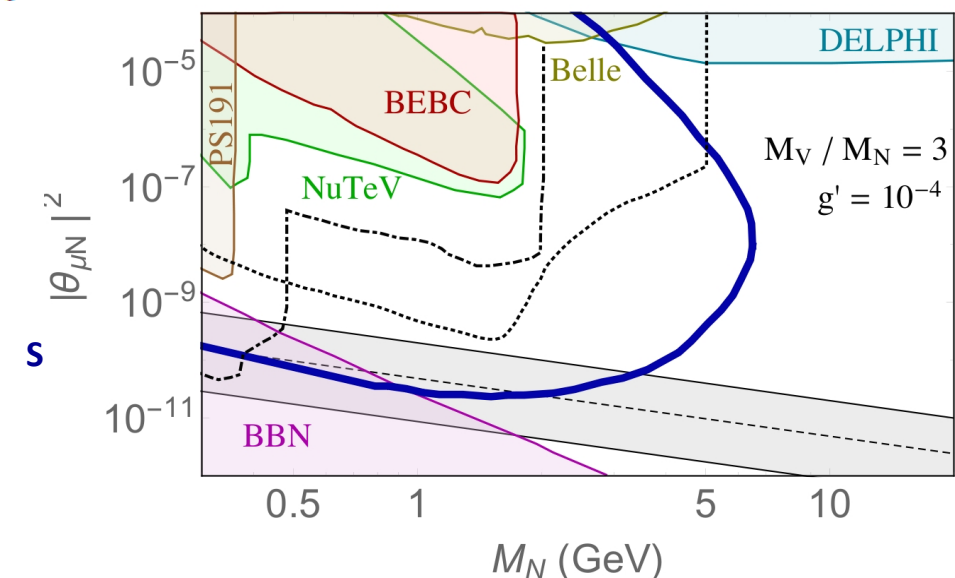


## Further studies:

Drewes et al. (2016)  
 Hernandez et al. (2016)  
 Hernández (2015)  
 Drewes & Garbrecht (2012)  
 Abada et al. (2015)

## Enhanced HNL production (*B-L* gauge symmetry)

Batell, Pospelov, Shuve  
 1604.06099



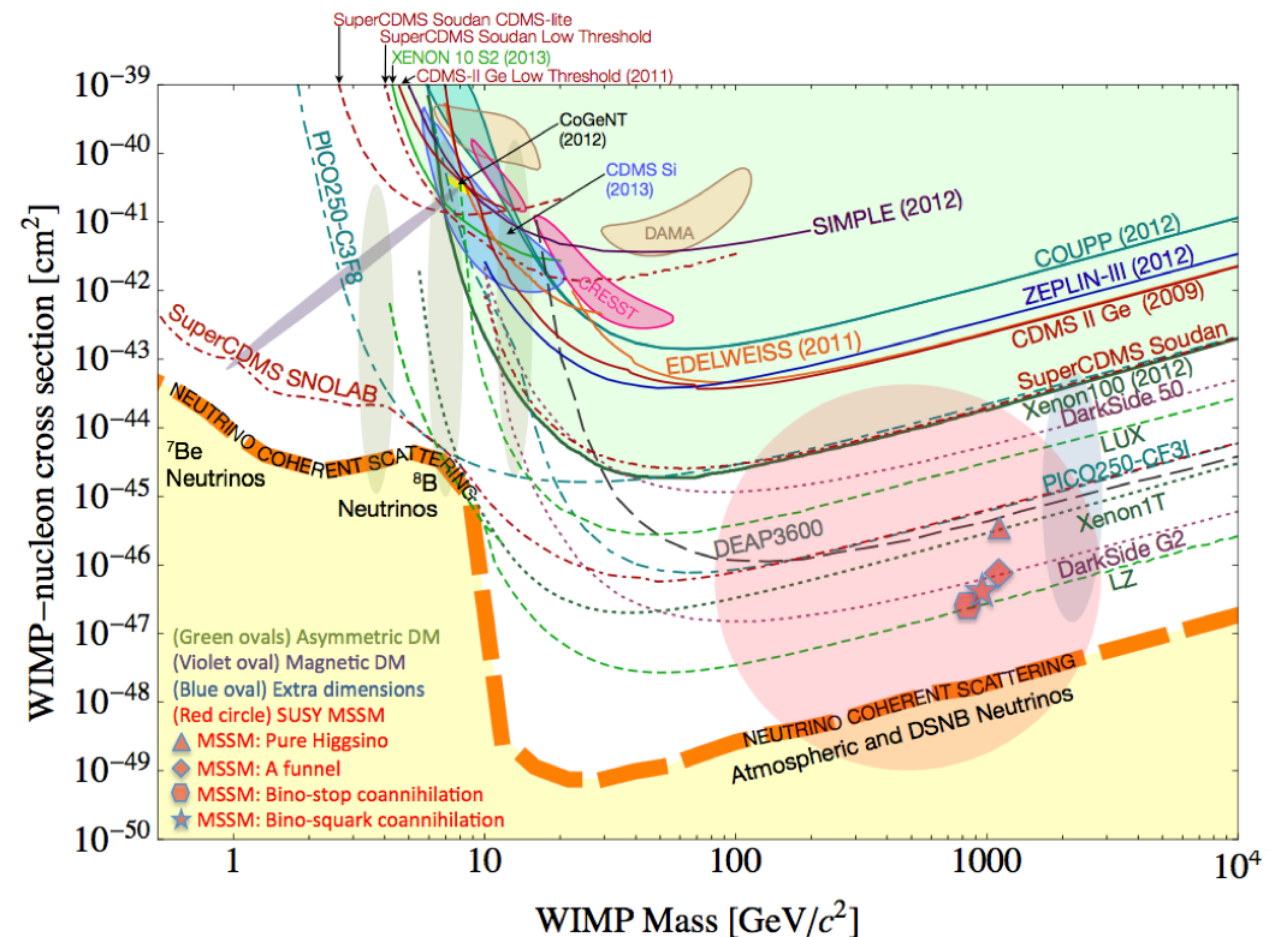
**SHiP sensitivity covers large area of parameter space below the *B* mass**  
**Moving down towards the ultimate see-saw limit**

*The prediction for the mass scale of DM spans from  $10^{-22}$  eV to  $10^{20}$  GeV*

- ✓ *WIMP DM is a popular theoretical paradigm (“WIMP miracle”)*
- ✓ *Extensive exp. search for WIMPs with masses 10 GeV – 1 TeV*
- Sensitivity is very limited below few GeV*

**Large classes of theor. models can make the observed relic density with sub-GeV DM:**

- *Hidden-sector models*
- *Supersymmetry*
- *Strongly Interacting DM (SIMP)*
- *Extra dimensions*



**Essential to explore the sub-GeV mass range for DM**

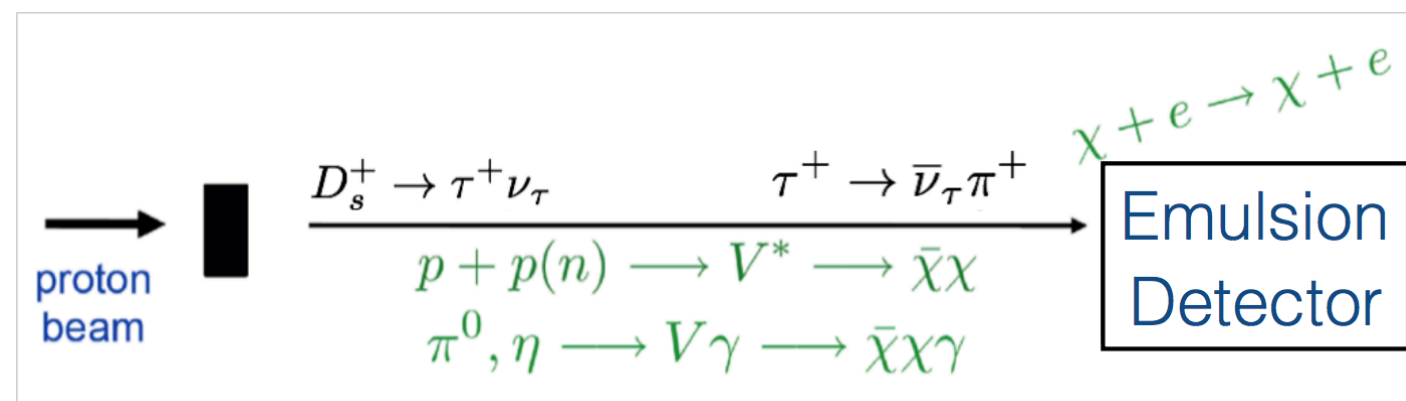
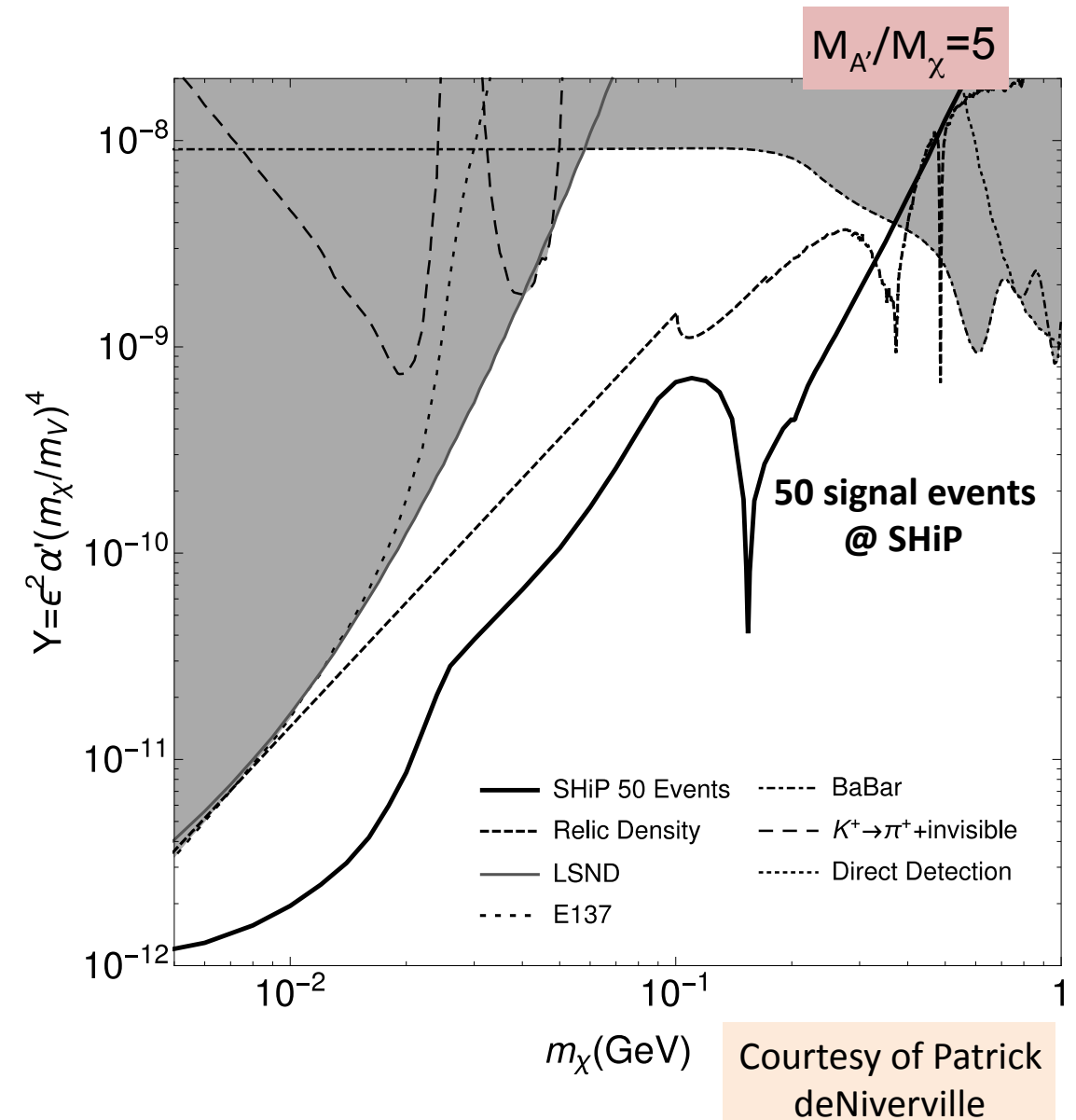
**LDM ( $\chi$ ) can be generated in a beam-dump, for example in decays of HS mediators, e.g. dark photons  $A' \rightarrow \chi\chi$**

**$>10^{20}$  photons expected in SHiP can be used as a LDM beam**

**Detect LDM via its scattering on atoms of emulsion spectrometer**

*SHiP would be able to probe even beyond relic density in minimal hidden-photon model provided that the background from neutrino interactions is kept under control*

**Requires dedicated study/beam test for CDS !**





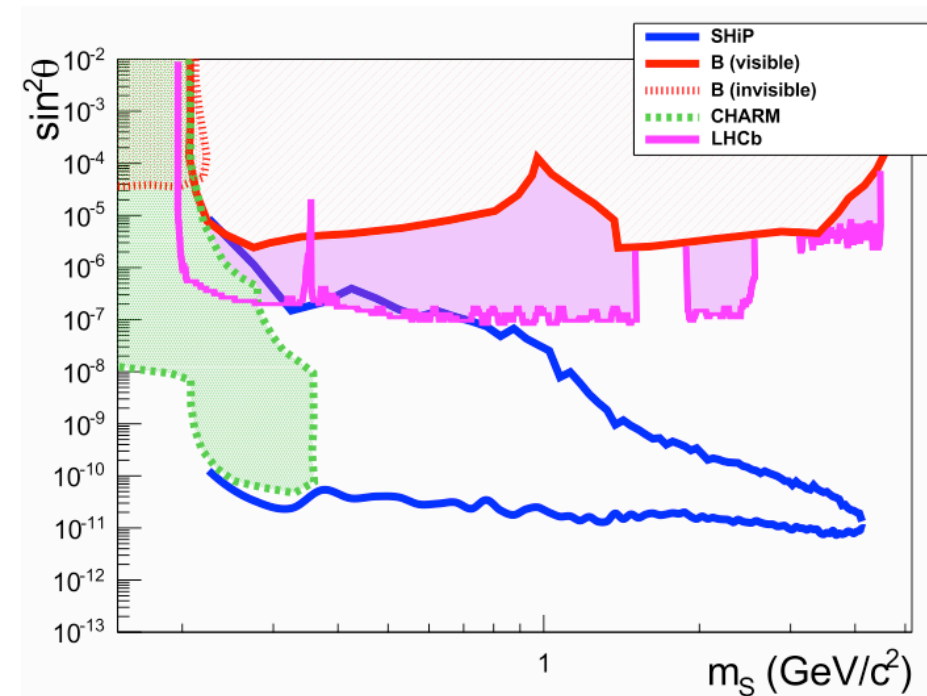
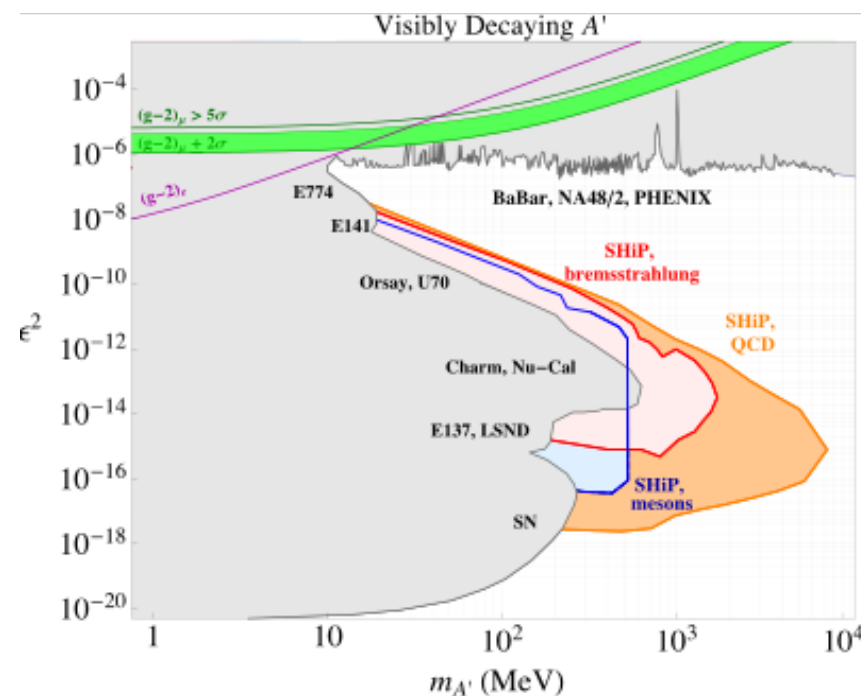
# Other Portals

✓ **Dark photons**  $\rightarrow$   $U(1)$  associated particle  $A'$  ( $\gamma'$ ) in HS that can have non-zero mass and mix with the SM photon with  $\varepsilon$

Produced in bremsstrahlung and QCD processes or in decays **of**  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma' \gamma$ ,  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma' \gamma$ ,  $\omega \rightarrow \gamma' \pi^0$  **and**  $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma' \gamma$

✓ **Hidden scalars,  $S$** , can mix with the SM Higgs with  $\sin^2 \Theta$  Mostly produced in penguin-type  $B$  and  $K$  decays

Search for **the decay vertex** into a pair of SM particles into  $e^+e^-$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $\pi^+\pi^+$ ,  $KK$ ,  $\eta\eta$ ,  $\tau\tau$ ,  $DD$ , ...

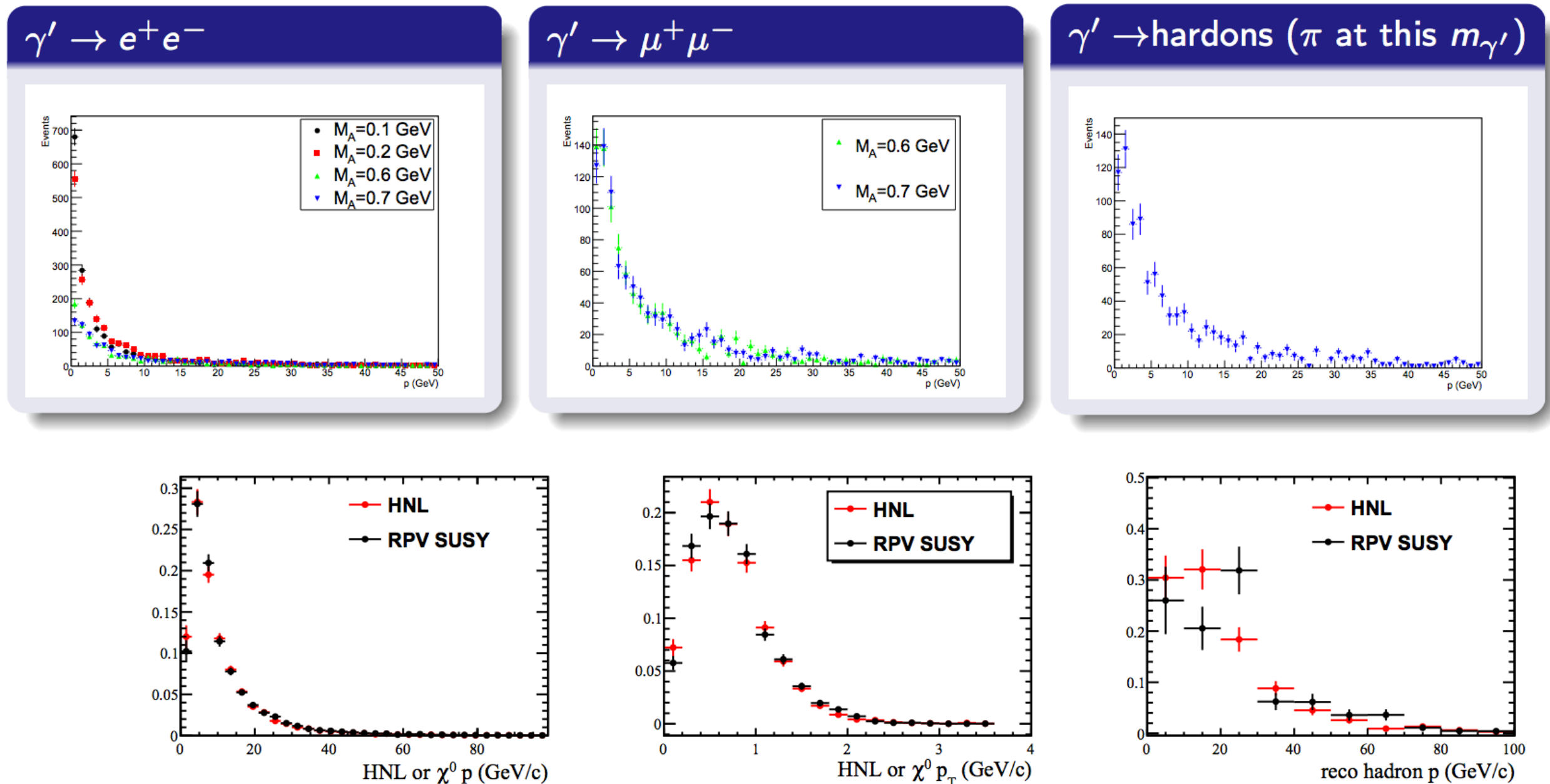


- We should study cascade production for other portals, e.g. Dark Photon

**SHiP probes unique range of couplings and masses**  
(complimentary to existing experiments)

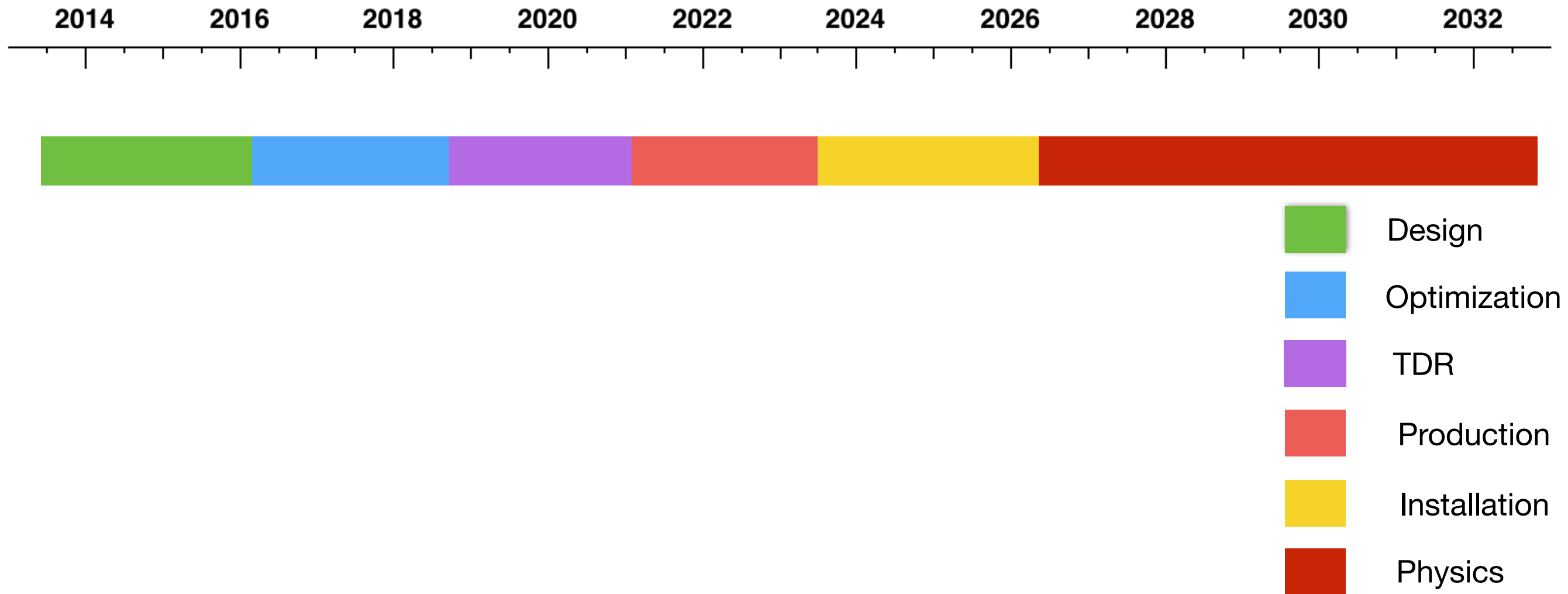
# Other Portals

✓ *We are implementing many models in our full MC simulation (FairSHiP) to provide official sensitivity for as many channels as possible*



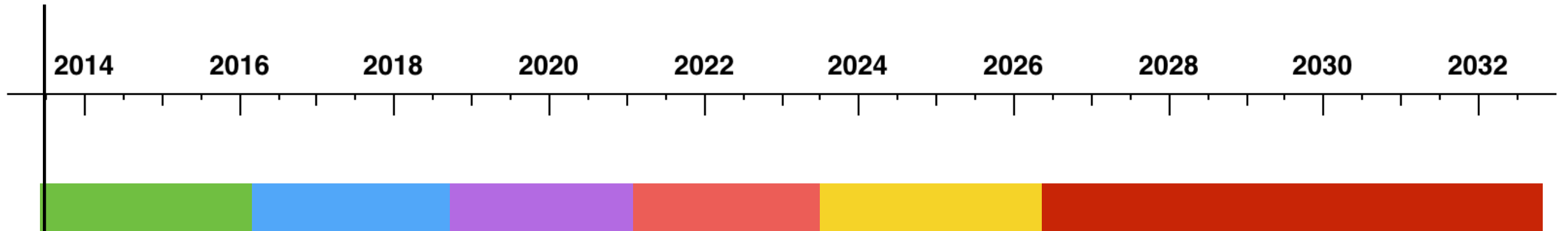
✓ *Cascade production of charm and beauty taken into account, we have to implement this for other mesons and photons (large impact on the DP searches)*

# Status of SHiP





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Proposal to Search for Heavy Neutral Leptons at the SPS

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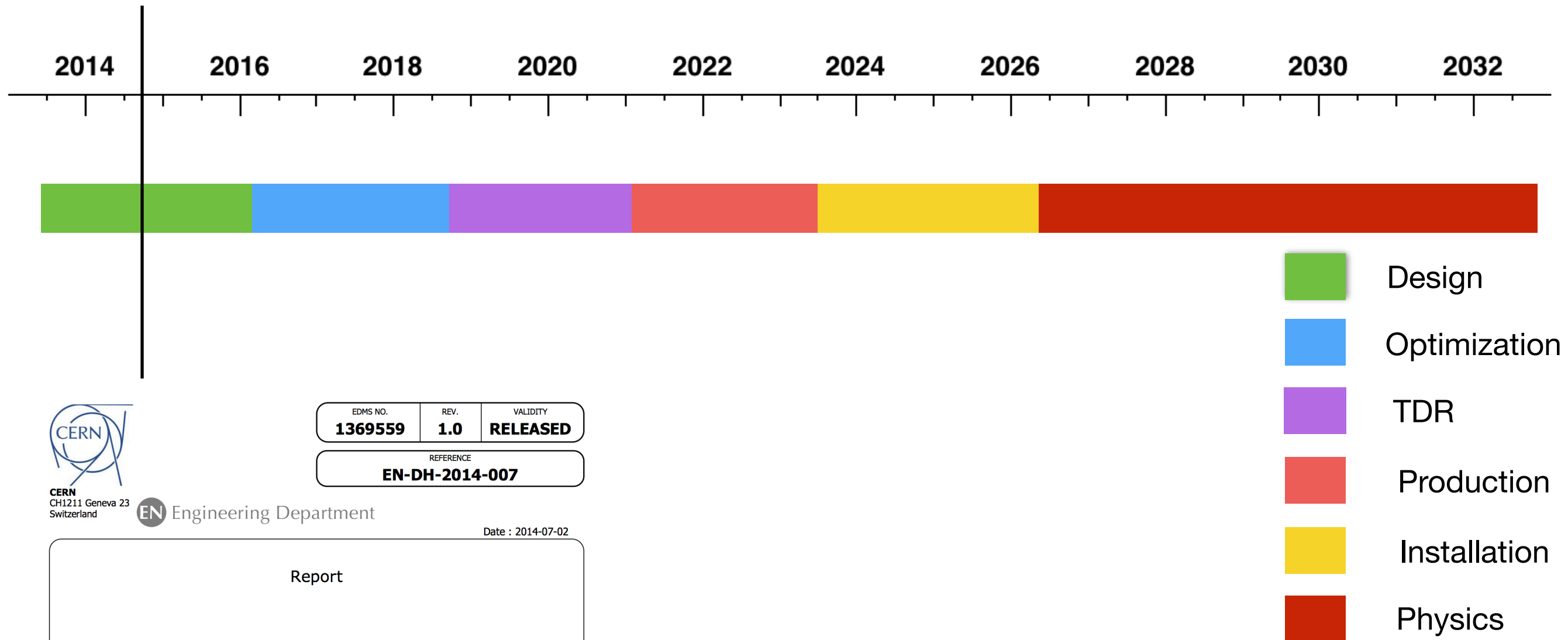
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- Design
- Optimization
- TDR
- Production
- Installation
- Physics

## Executive Summary

A new fixed-target experiment at the CERN SPS accelerator is proposed that will use decays of charm mesons to search for Heavy Neutral Leptons (HNLs), which are right-handed partners of the Standard Model neutrinos. The existence of such particles is strongly motivated by theory, as they can simultaneously explain the baryon asymmetry of the Universe, account for the pattern of neutrino masses and oscillations and provide a Dark Matter candidate.

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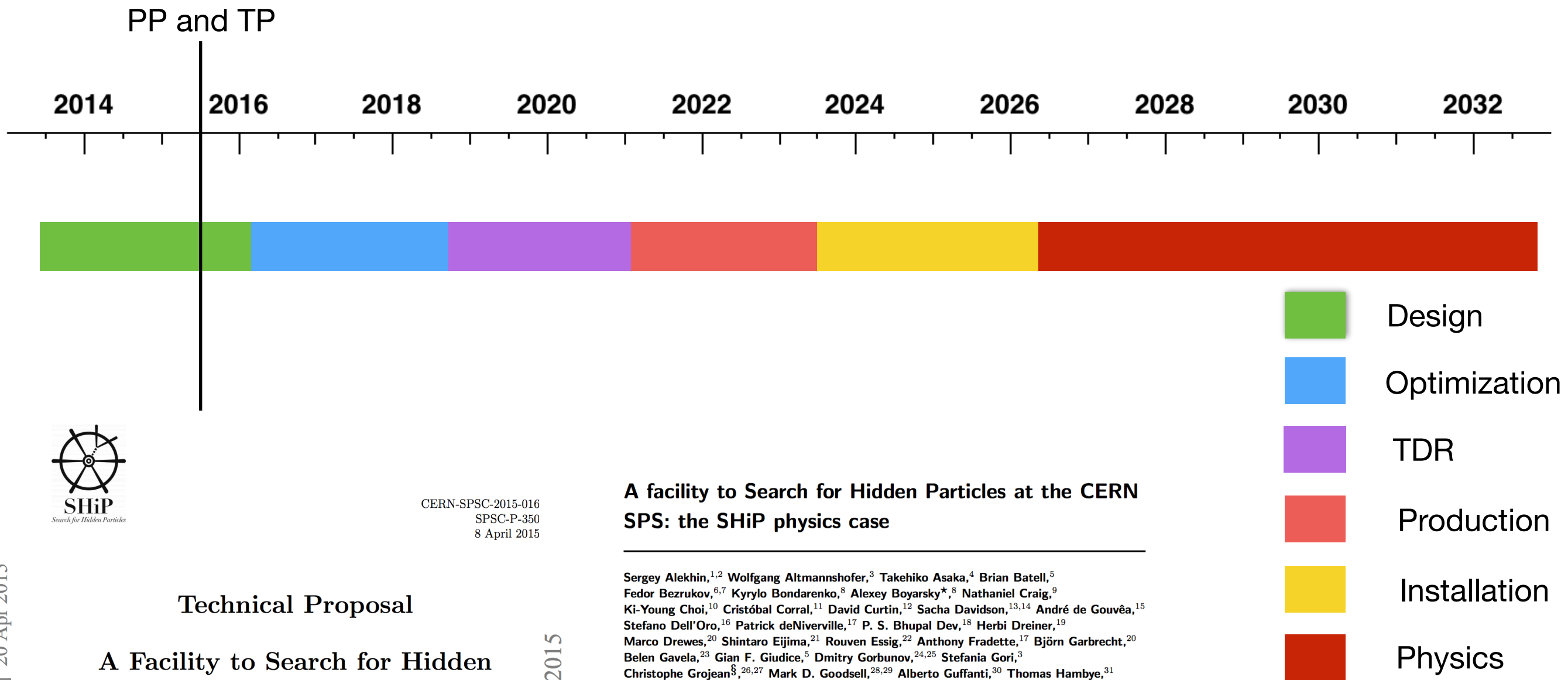
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Report

**A new Experiment to Search for Hidden  
 Particles (SHIP)  
 at the SPS North Area**

**Preliminary Project and Cost Estimate**



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## A facility to Search for Hidden Particles at the CERN SPS: the SHiP physics case

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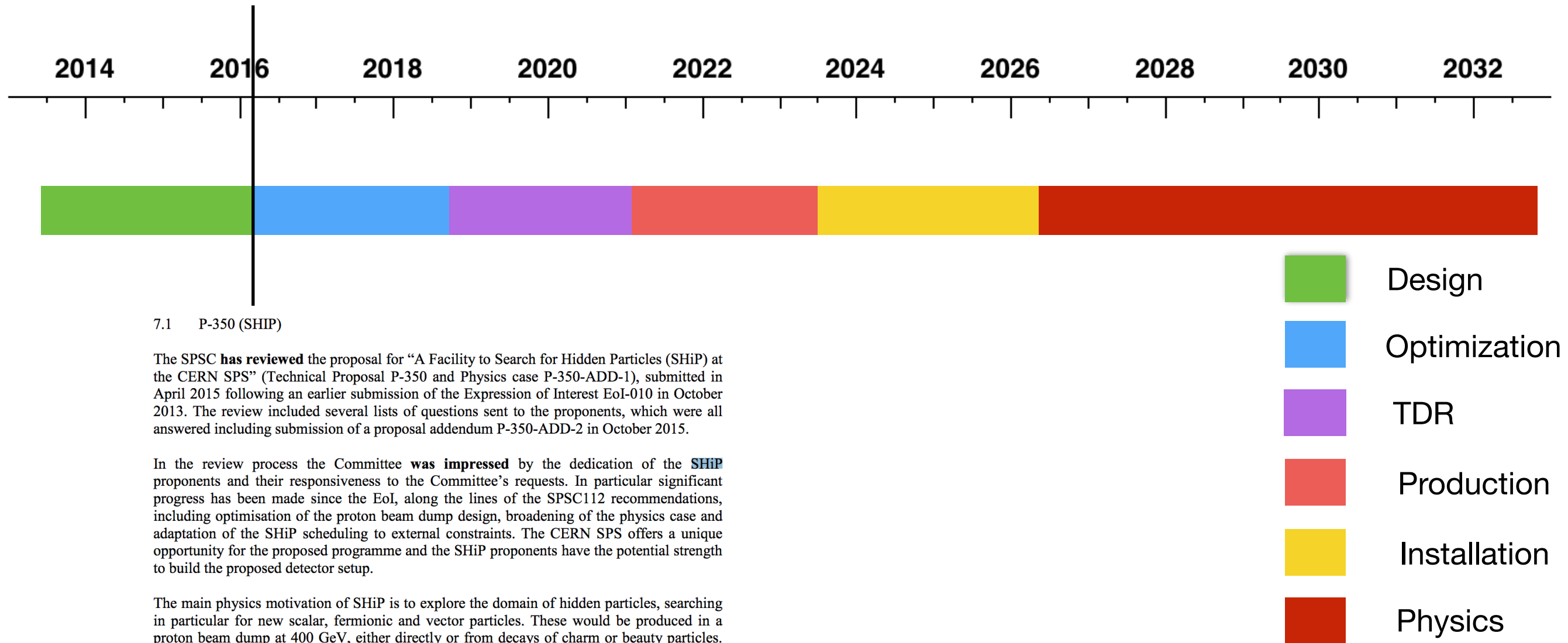
## Technical Proposal

## A Facility to Search for Hidden Particles (SHiP) at the CERN SPS

The SHiP Collaboration<sup>1</sup>

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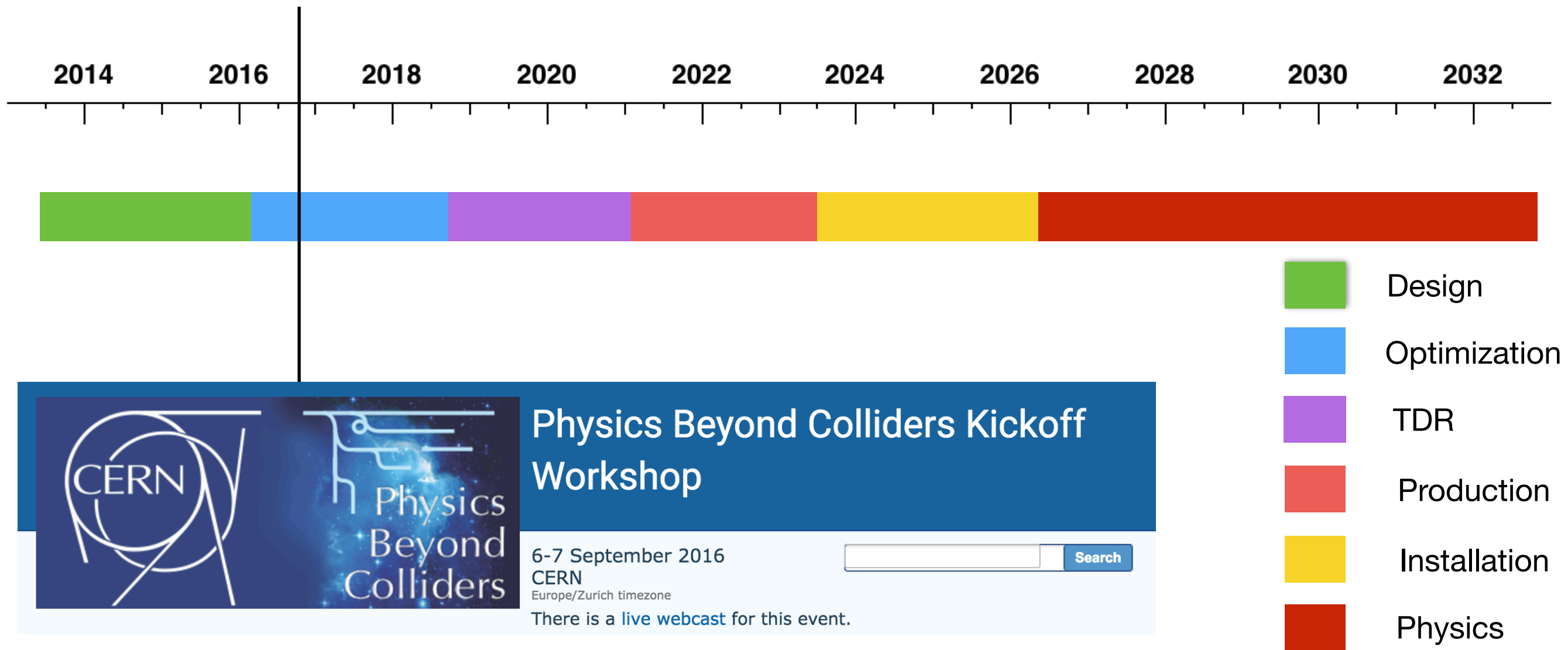
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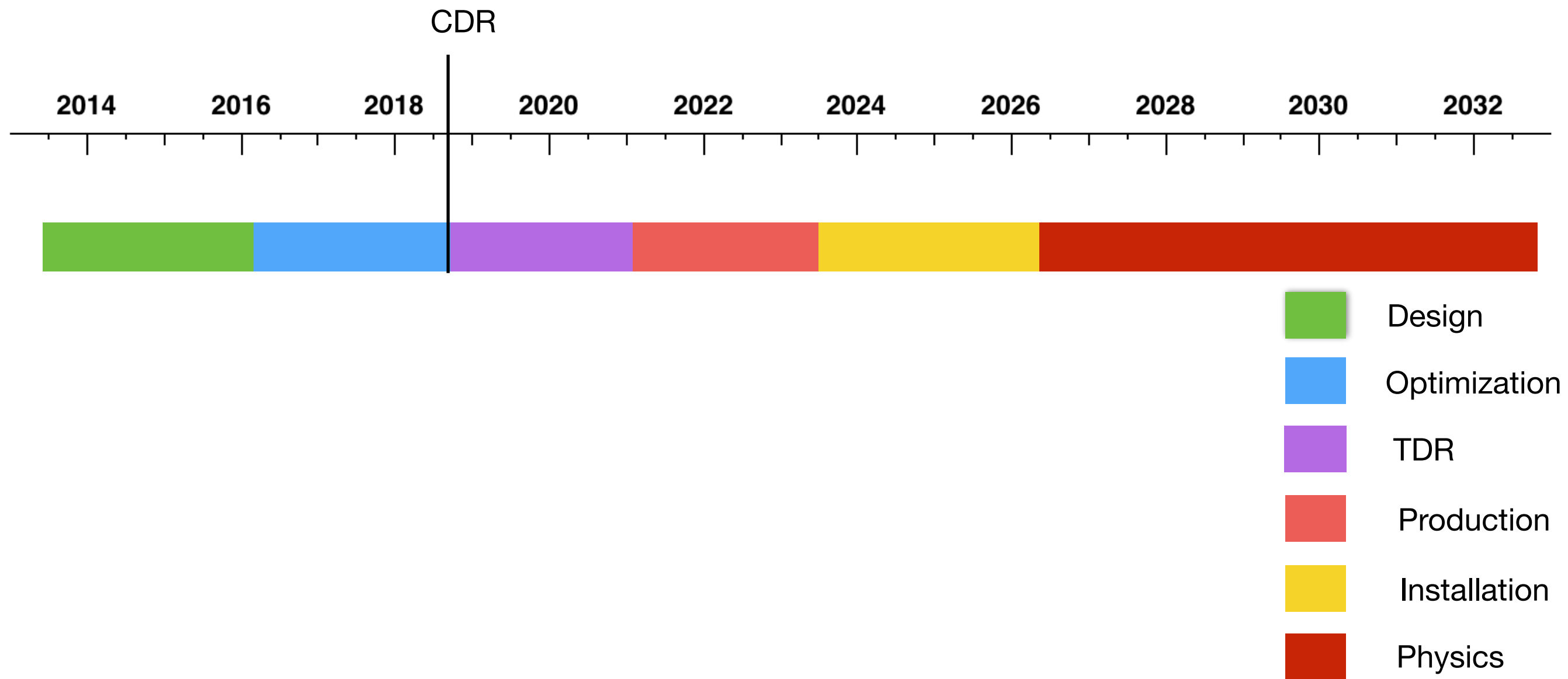
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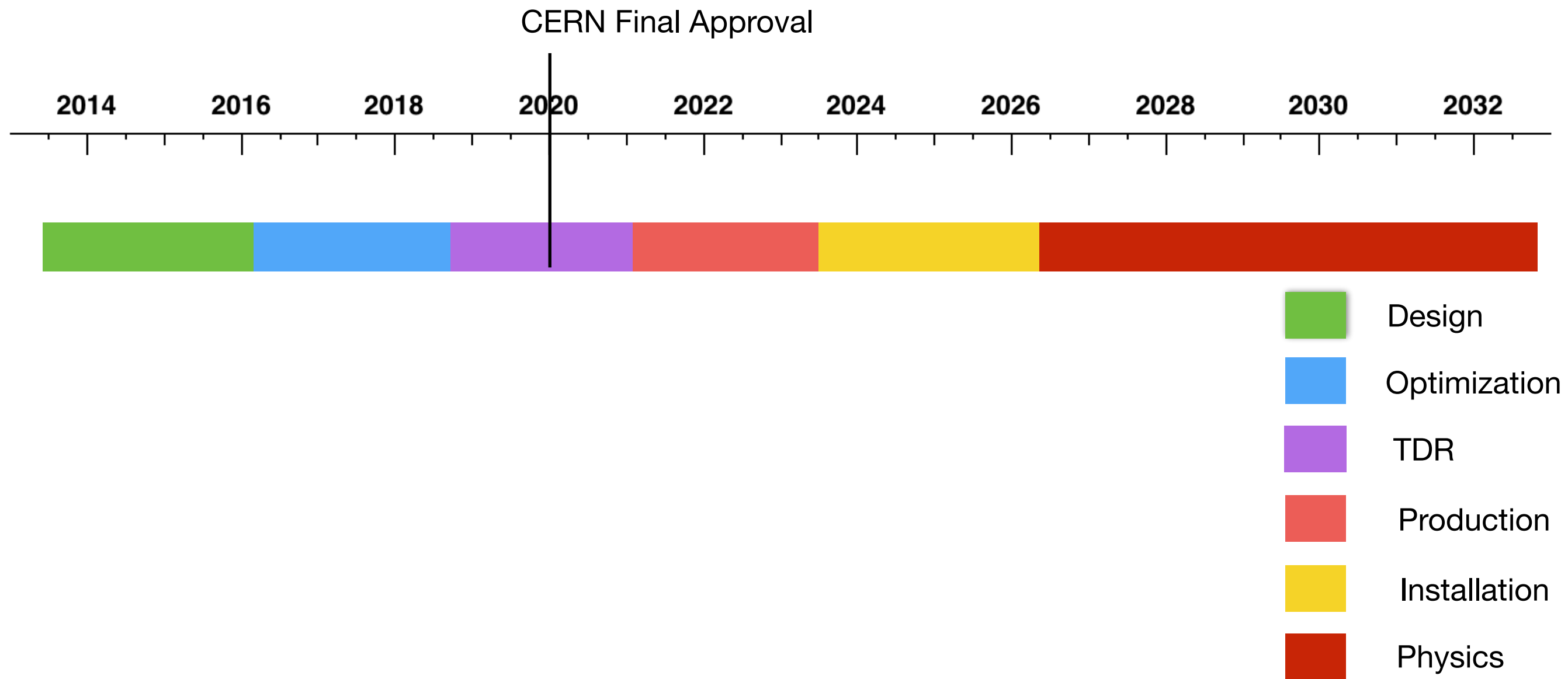


- Several other experiment proposing to explore similar physics case as SHiP, e.g. NA62 in dump mode after LS2
- Lot of work done for the new Beam Dump Facility (see Fabiola's presentation at ECFA )

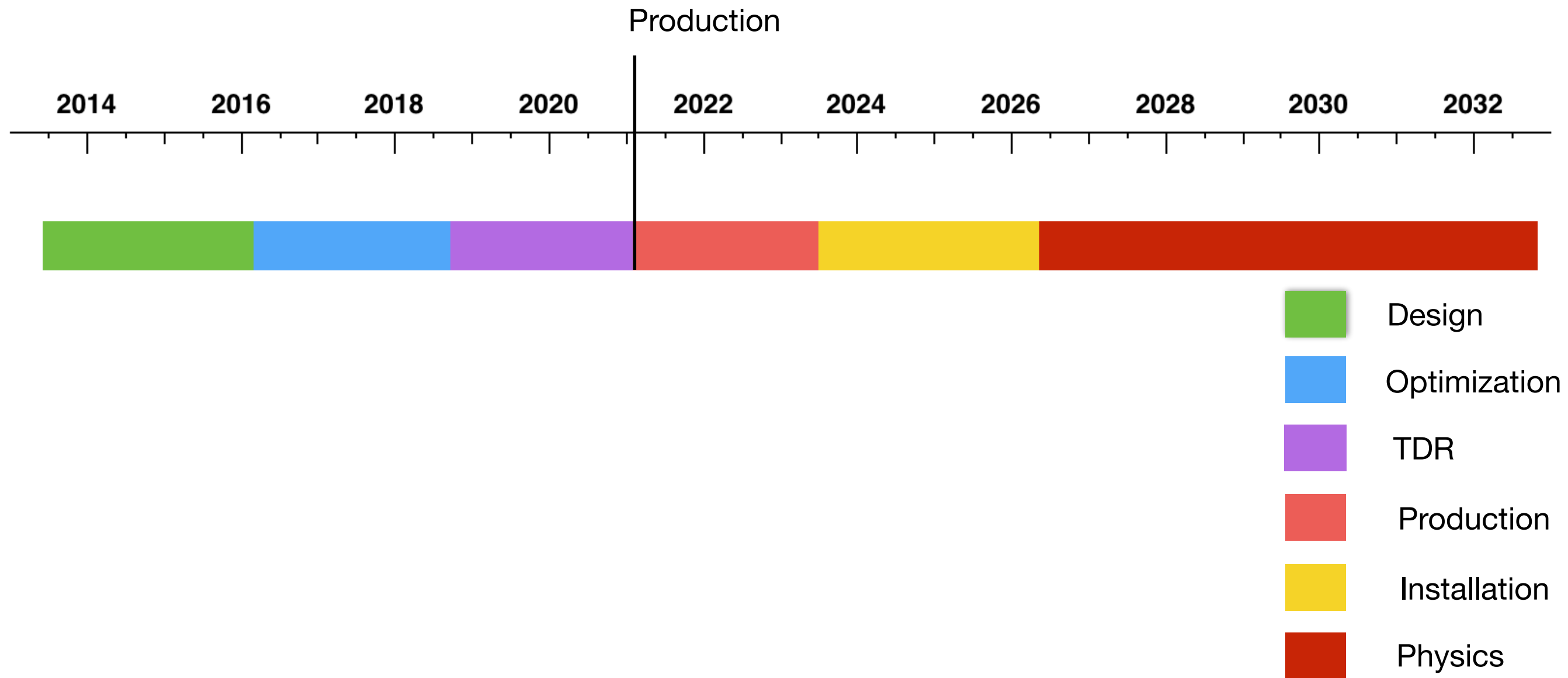
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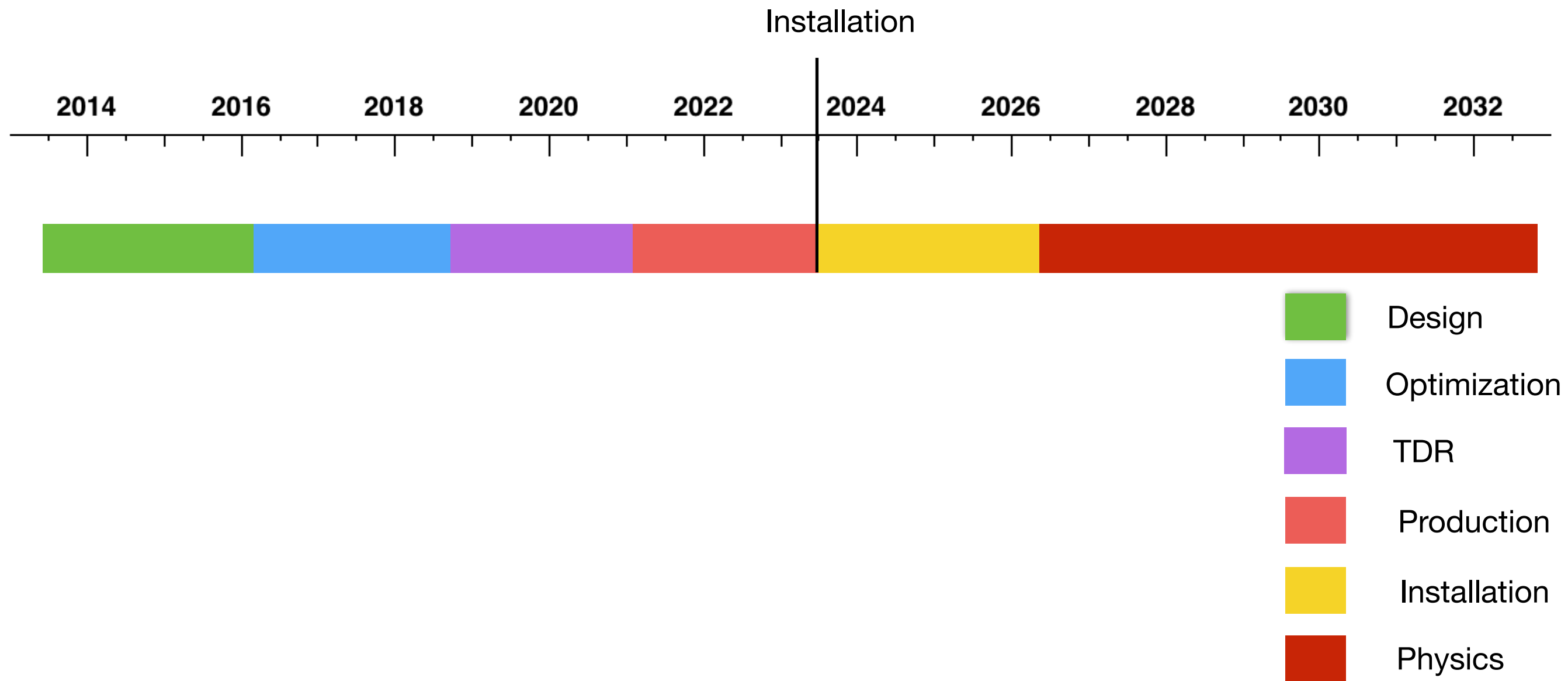


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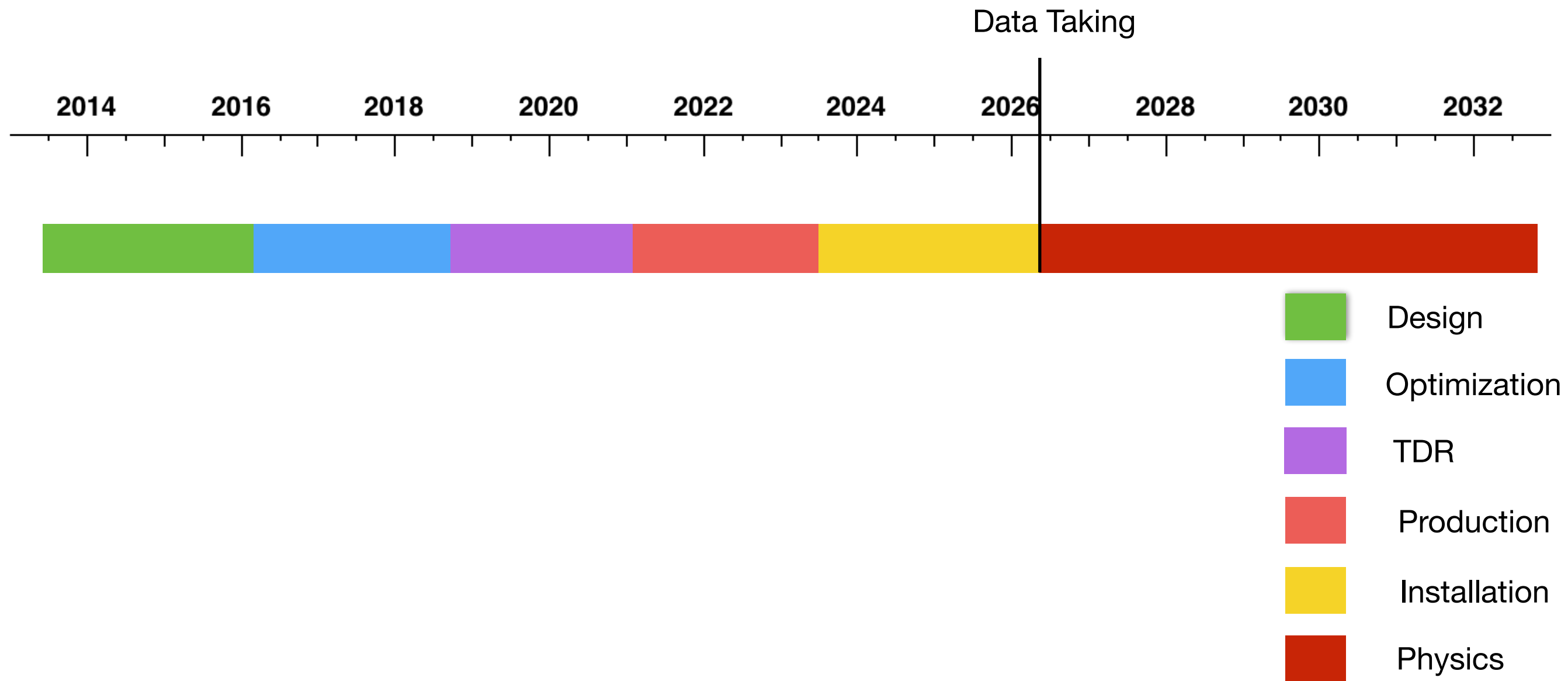




# Status of SHiP



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- We are trying to optimize the experiment to have an inclusive search of very weakly interacting long living particles below 10GeV
- How interesting is the diphoton channel, we are studying the possibility to design a calorimeter with pointing
- How interesting are multi hadron channels? We can take this into account in the optimization
- We also plan to use the tau neutrino detector for the HS, this could be interesting for models with hidden particles with short lifetime
- Invariant mass resolution of a few MeV is possible, we do not need it for discovery, but it could help to disentangle different models (same for pion/kaon separation)

# Conclusions

- Comprehensive Design Study will be input to the Physics Beyond Colliders working group —> Report for the European Strategy Meeting
- Several progresses since the TP:
  - Cascade production of D and B
  - Many models are being implemented
  - Relax vacuum requirements
  - Magnetization of the target, optimisation of the muon shield
  - Search for LDM in the tau neutrino detector
- More work to do to implement cascade production of other HS particles and optimise the detector (collaboration with theorists very important)
- SHiP has the potential to improve by several order of magnitudes the search for hidden particles below  $\sim 10\text{GeV}$
- We are aiming to have a zero bkg experiment, important for the discovery and to fully exploit the potential of the SPS





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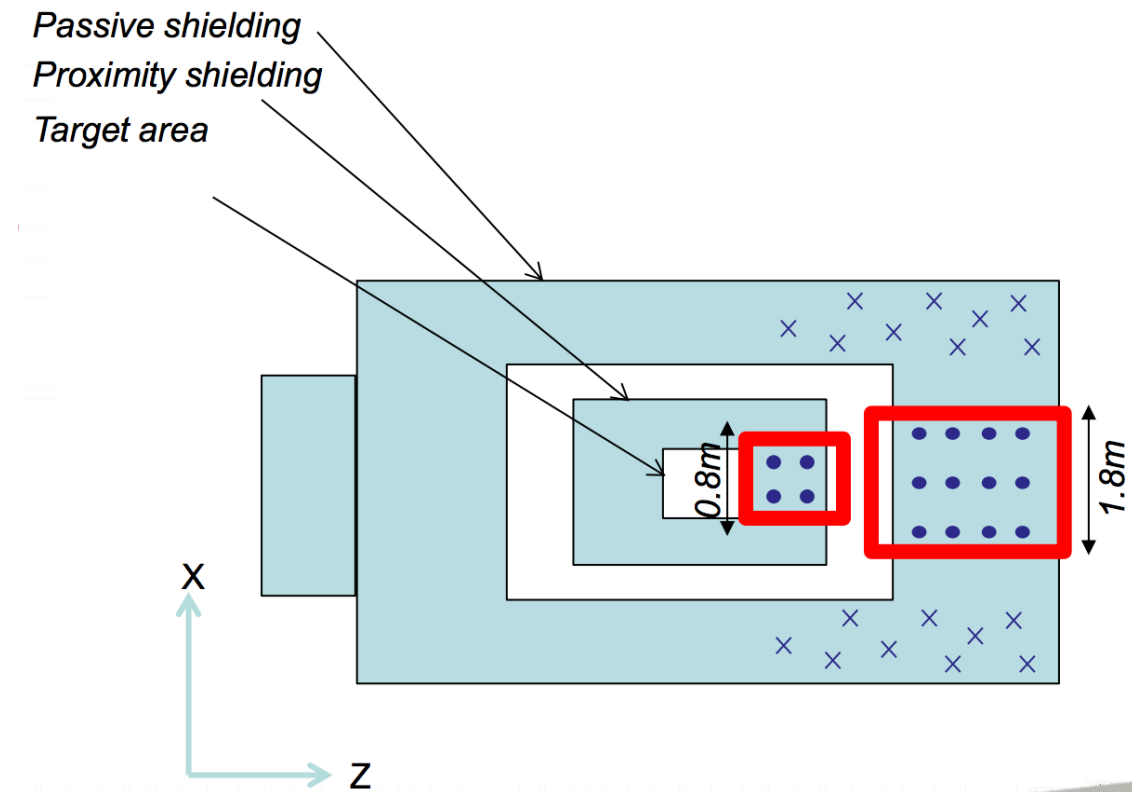
**SHiP**  
*Search for Hidden Particles*

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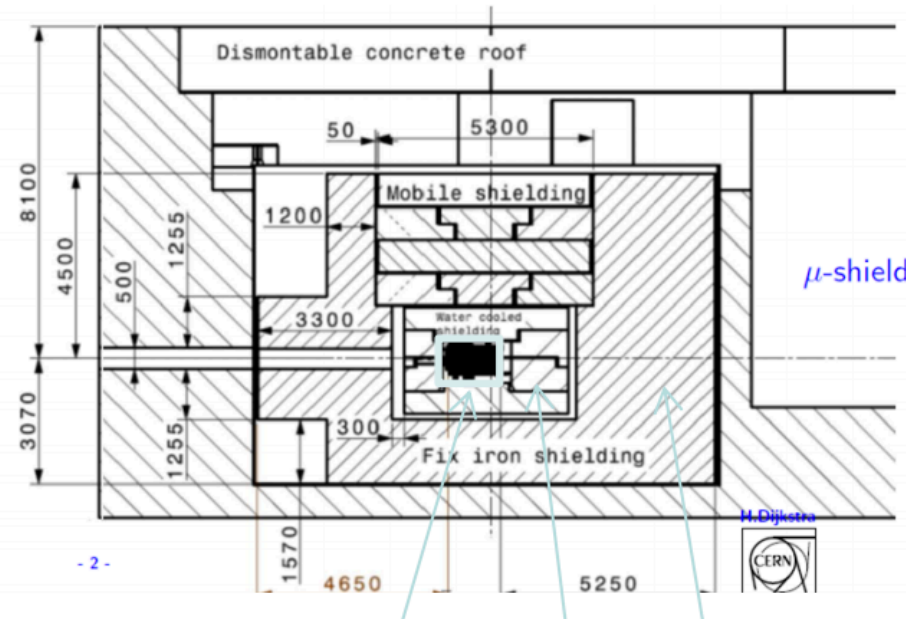
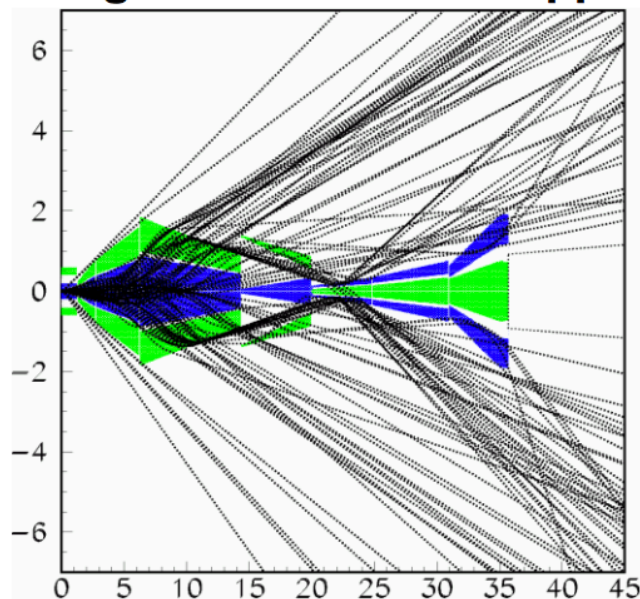
Magnetising the hadron absorber allows attacking muons earlier

→ remainder of the muon shield shortened by ~5m and required aperture reduced:

- Physics – the detector is closer to the target and increased geometric bite of the experiment
- Engineering
  - weight drops by 65%
  - Cost reduced



**Magnetised hadron stopper**



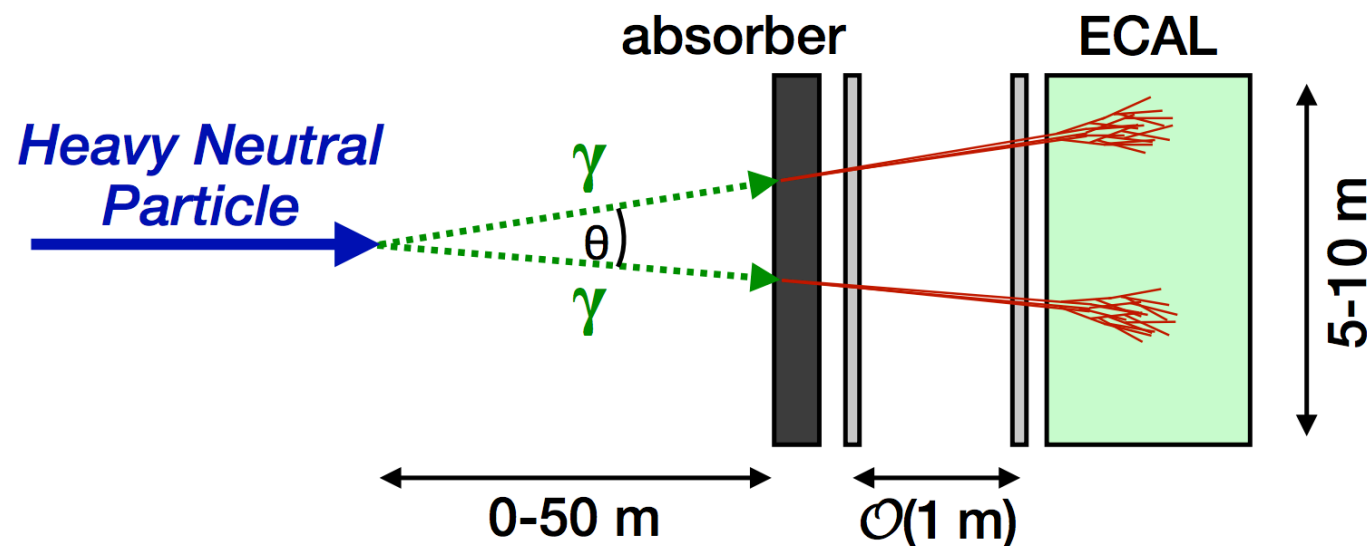
# Diphoton Search

Neutral decays to photons (e.g.  $ALP \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ):

Vertex unknown

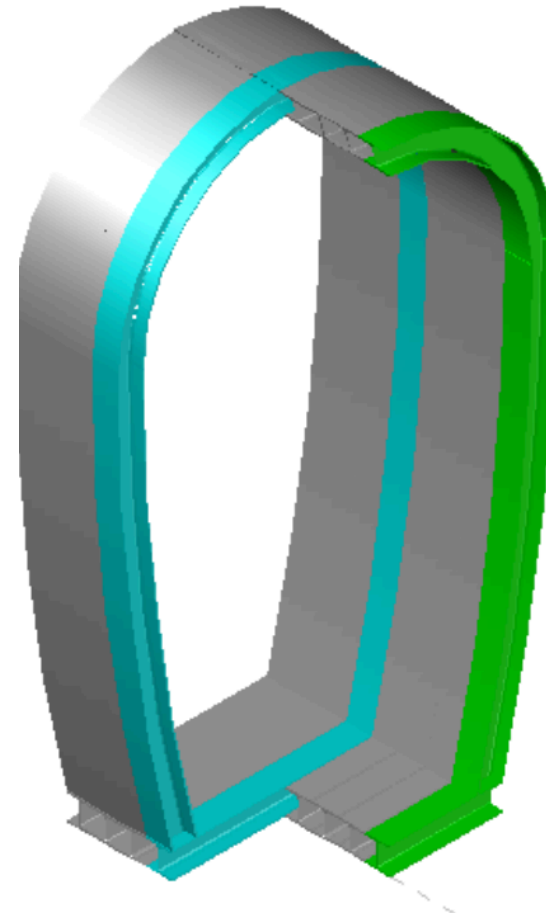
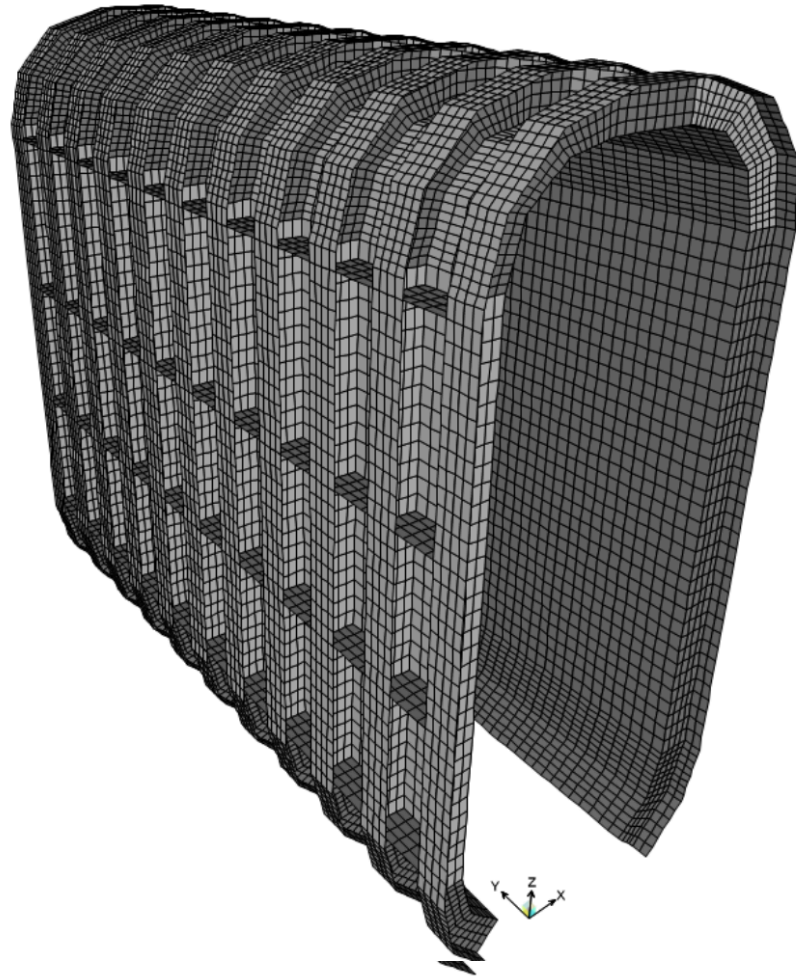
$\Rightarrow$  mass unknown.

$$m = \frac{1}{z_{\text{ECAL}} - z_{\text{vertex}}} \sqrt{E_{\gamma_1} E_{\gamma_2} \cdot d_{12}^2}$$

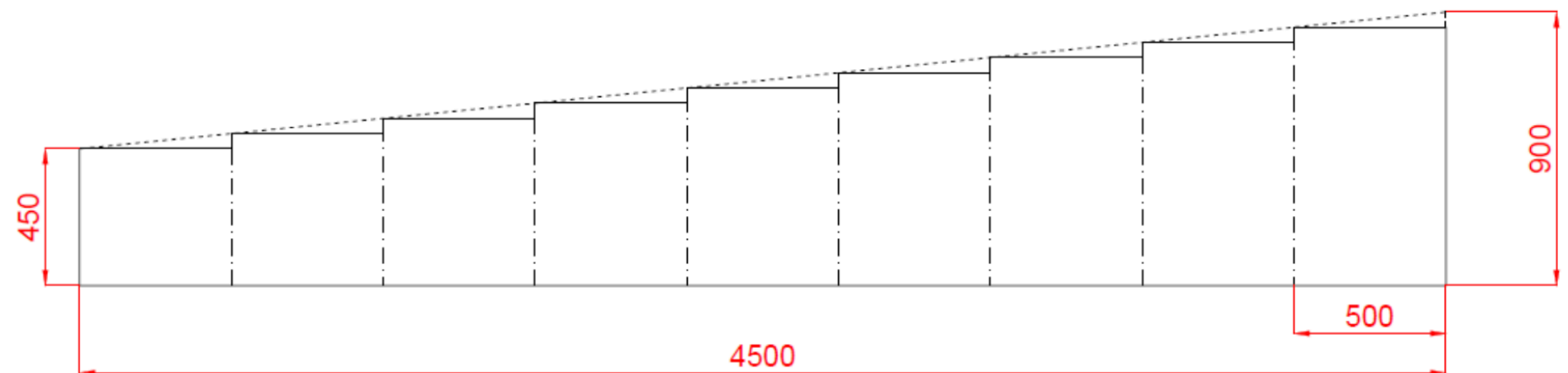


- **Example:** 20 GeV particle of mass 1 GeV, decaying into 2 photons:
  - $\rightarrow$  opening angle  $\leq 100$  mrad.
  - $\rightarrow$  mass resolution of 100 MeV corresponds to  $\sigma(\theta) \leq 10$  mrad.
 (Simulation by Walter:  $\sigma(\theta) \sim 10 \text{ mrad}/\sqrt{E}$  necessary).
- Angular resolution of 10 mrad converts to  $\sigma_{xy} \approx 1$  cm for preshower detectors which are 1 m apart.
- Absorber: iron or lead with  $\sim 2\text{-}3 X_0$  thickness

# Vacuum Vessel



Schematic view of vessel

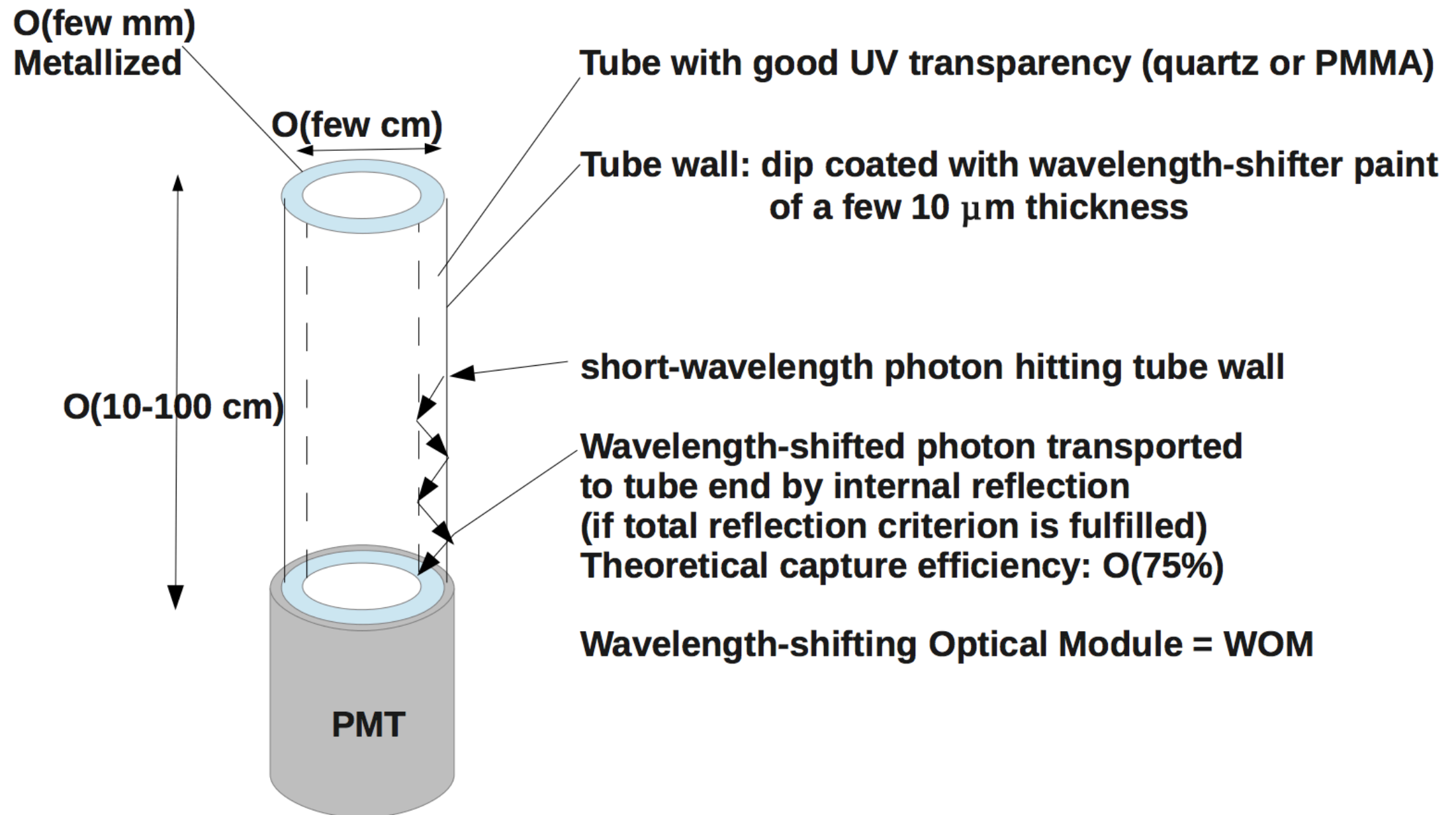




# SBT

**Plans for a large extension of the IceCube detector triggered following R&D idea:**

Schulte, Voge, Hoffmann, Böser, Köpke, Kowalski, “A large-area single photon sensor employing wavelength-shifting and light-guiding technology”, 1307.6713 [astro-ph.IM]



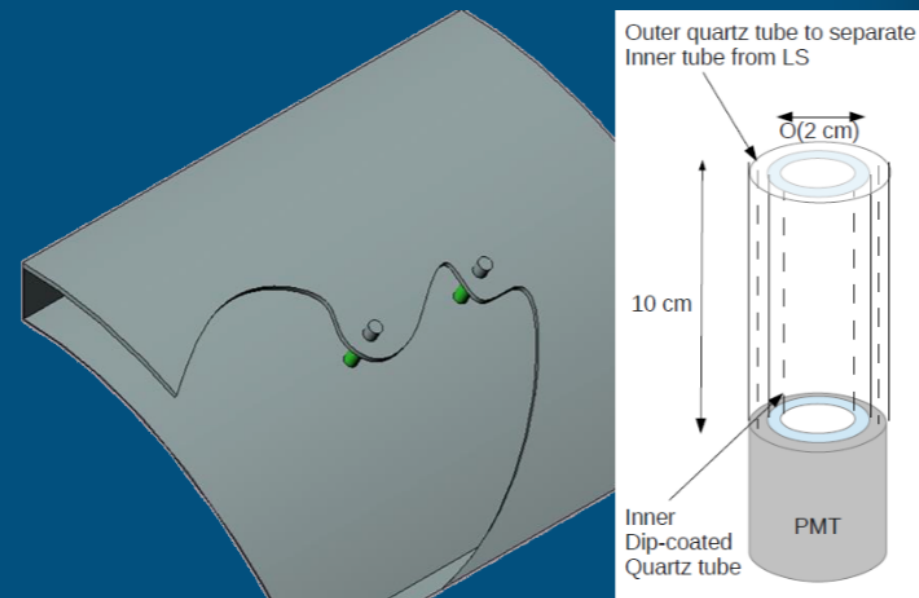


## Cylinder (Front) Background Tagger



- Based on 10cm thick layer of liquid scintillator (LS) cells with double HAMAMATSU R1924A PMT (25 mm cathode) for coincidence
  - LS cell dimensions and wave-length shifting optical modules (WOM) locations optimized for light collection and time resolution
    - 1.5 - 2m x 1m for option 1
  - Cheap LS, no requirement on natural radioactivity as for double beta decay experiments

Mixture Option	Components of the mixture	Concentration
1	b-PBD (C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O)	31mg/l
	Mineral Oil	-
2	LAB (Linear alkyl benzene)	-
	PMP (C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>2</sub> )	1.5g/l
3	Naphyenic oil (Nyflex222B)	-
	PMP (C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>2</sub> )	1.5g/l
4	LAB (Linear alkyl benzene)	-
	2.5 diphenyl oxazole (PPO)(C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NO)	3g/l
5	PXE (phenyl-o-xyxlethane) (C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>18</sub> )	-
	PMP (C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>2</sub> )	1.5g/l



LS cell with a possible WOMs arrangement

- LS options discussed with CERN HSE:
  - Chemically all OK
  - Environmentally option 2 and 4 are preferred
  - Option 4 could be produced at Kurchatev Institute with a company nearby at a low price

# The Standard Model

## Challenges:

- Large area
- Required time resolution  $< 100\text{ps}$

SAINT-GOBAIN CRYSTALS	ELJEN Technology	Light output	Wavelength	Decay const	Att. length
BC-404	EJ-204	68 %	408 nm	1.8 ns	1.6 m
BC-408	EJ-200	64 %	425 nm	2.1 ns	~4 m

**NA61/SHINE, bars with PMTs**  
*UniGe 2006*



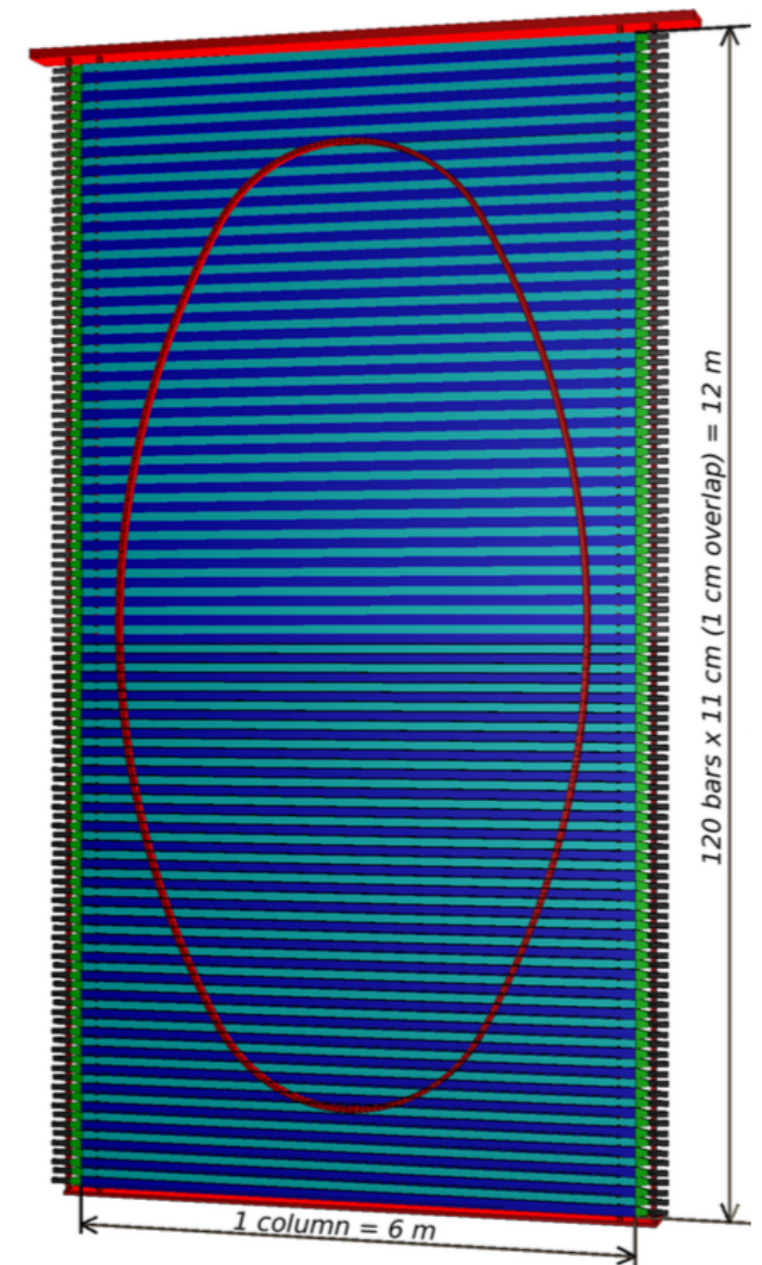
Energy loss in plastic:  $dE/dx_{\text{min}} = 2 \text{ MeV/cm}$ ,  
light yield: 10000 photons/MeV  $\Rightarrow$

for 2.5 cm bar:  $N_\gamma = 2.5 \times 2 \times 10^4 = 50 \text{ k}$

For long bar mainly those  $\gamma$  which have total internal reflection ( $\theta > 39^\circ$ ) are detected

### NA61/SHINE ToF

- 100ps resolution in NA61/Shine ToF
- Size of scintillator counter  $120 \times 10 \times 2.5 \text{ cm}^3$
- Total active area  $1.2 \times 7.2 \text{ m}^2$





# SBT plastic



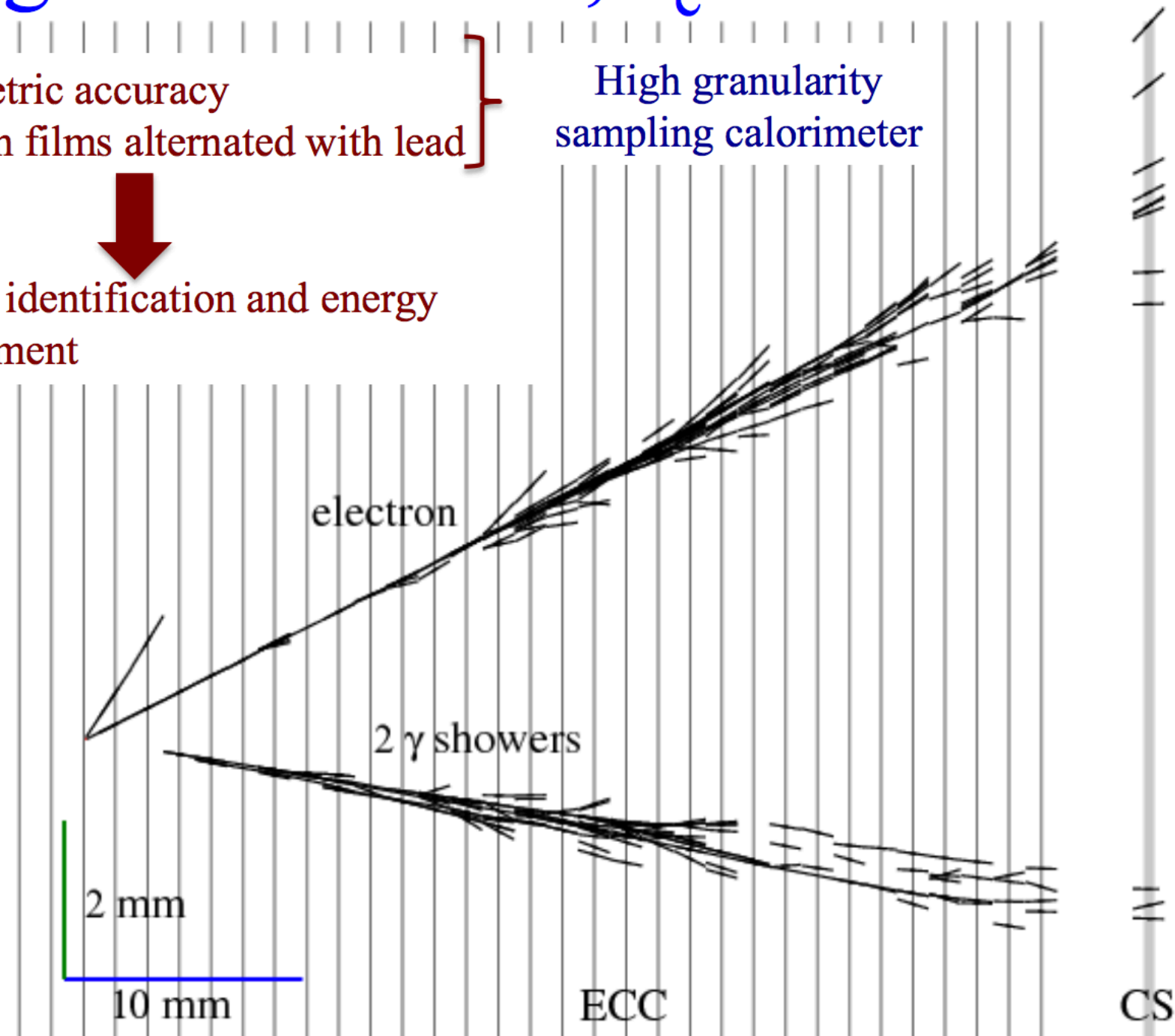
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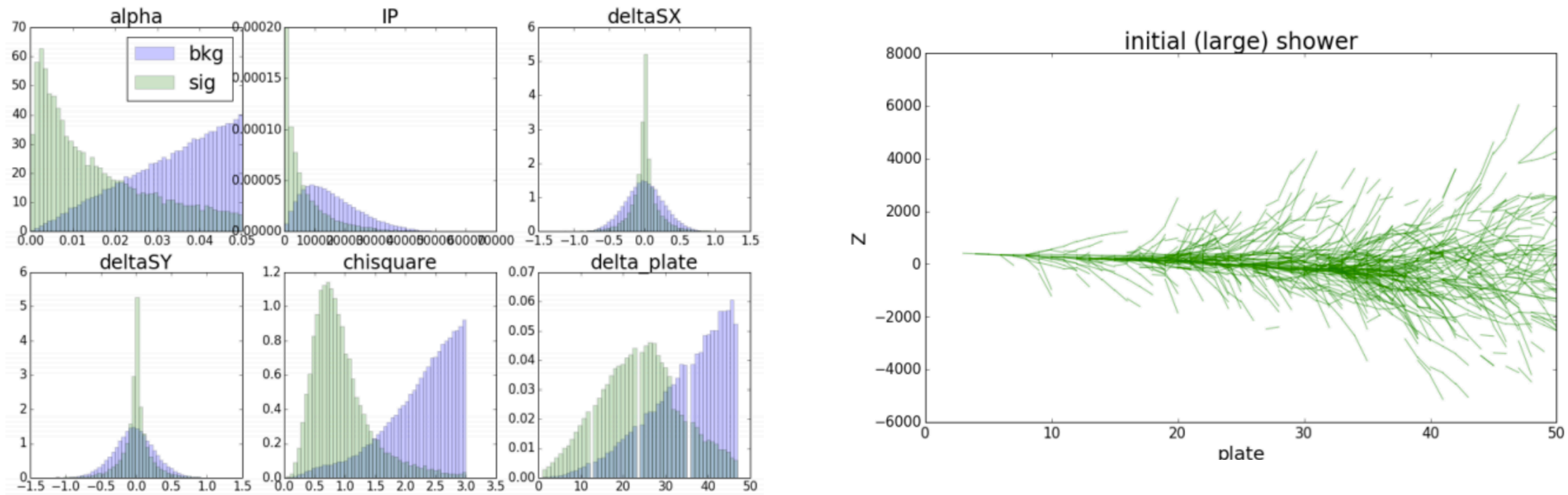


## Light dark matter, $\nu_e$ like event

- Micrometric accuracy
  - Emulsion films alternated with lead
- ↓
- Electron identification and energy measurement

High granularity  
sampling calorimeter





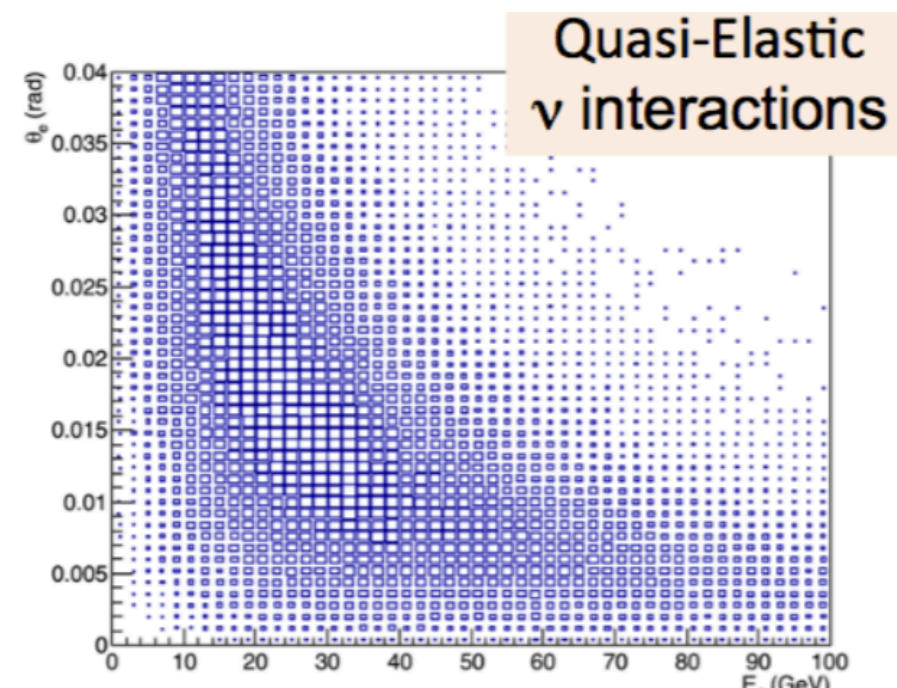
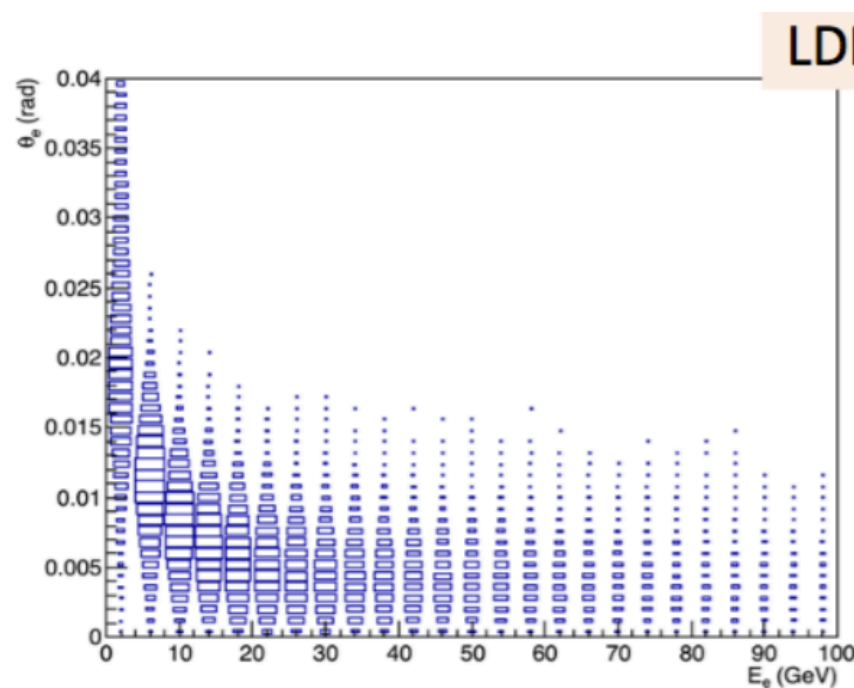
- ▶ Electron identification and energy measurement is a key issue for the LDM identification and background rejection
  - ▶ New software tools under development by Yandex School of Data Analysis
- Machine learning-powered searches of EMshowers in the Emulsion Cloud Chamber data

	$\nu_e$	$\bar{\nu}_e$	$\nu_\mu$	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$	all
Quasi-elastic scattering	105	73			178
Elastic scattering on $e^-$	16	2	20	18	56
Resonant scattering	13	27			40
Deep inelastic scattering	3	7			10
Total	137	109	20	18	284

Preliminary estimation reported in TP

► 10 t of lead assumed

► Cut on energy and electron angle



## PLANS

- detailed evaluation of background from neutrino interactions using current detector geometry
- Study of kinematical variables for signal/background discrimination (MVA selection)

# Introduction

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