The experimental setup of BDF/SHiP proposed for ECN3 CERN Detector Seminar

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We know there must be physics beyond the standard model

Mediators (portals) to the Hidden Sector

Visible Sector

 $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\rm SM} + \mathcal{L}_{\rm Mediator} + \mathcal{L}_{\rm HS}$

Mediator/portals to the HS: vector, scalar, axial, neutrino

Ability to couple to SM gives constraints from theory

Different options \circ

▷ c.f. [arXiv:1504.04855v1](http://arxiv.org/abs/1504.04855)

▷ Dark photons

 \triangleright Scalar and pseudoscalar mediators

 \triangleright ALPs

▷ Heavy Neutral Leptons

No new particles observerd, yet \triangleright could be too heavy or too weakly interacting

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How to the Explore the Hidden Sector?

- Phenomenologies of HS models share a number of unique and common physics features
- \triangleright Production through meson decays (π, K, D, B)
- ▷ Production and decay rates are strongly suppressed relative to SM
	- Production branching ratios $\mathcal{O}(10^{-10})$
	- Long-lived objects $\mathcal{O}(\text{us})$
	- Travel unperturbed through ordinary matter
- ▷ Decay into two charged particles

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Shielding from SM particles: hadron absorber, muon-shield and veto detectors

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- 09.2020 CERN launches continued BDF/SHiP R&D
	- Location and layout optimization study recommending ECN3

07.2022 CERN launches dedicated decision process over 22/23 for the future of ECN3

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- BDF/SHiP sensitive to a variety of models
- Covers a unique region that can only be explored by an optimized Beam Dump experiment
- Optimize for maximum production of charm, beauty and electromagnetic processes
- SPS energy and intensity provide unique direct discovery potential

SPS ECN3 Beam Facility

- Currently hosting NA62
- Profit a lot from existing infrastructure
- 1×10^6 spills of 4×10^{13} protons per year
- 6×10^{20} PoT for SHiP in 15 years

SHiP Implementation in ECN3

- Two complementary detecors: SDN and HSDS
- Low pressure decay vessel optimized for zero-background

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Muon Combinatorial Background

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- Muon Combinatorial Background
- Muon DIS
- Neutrino DIS
- Background from muon and neutrino DIS dominated by random coincidences of secondaries, not $V^0\mathsf{s}$

Background Selection and Events

Background estimation based on full GEANT-based MC

- Very simple and common selection for both fully and partially reconstructed events
- Model independent

• Expected background is < 1 event for 6×10^{20} pot in 15 years of operation

ECN3: Reduction of transversal size compensated by shortening distance to target Many distances object to change (optimization)

Target complex and Target

- High density proton target
	- effectively acting as beam dump and absorber
- Hadron absorber
	- already magnetized as part of muon shield
- First section of muon shield
	- integral part of overall shielding completely surrounding the target system

- Long target made of high A/Z material
	- maximise production of heavy flavored hadrons and photons
	- suppress decay of pions and kaons for cleanest possible background
- 13 blocks TZM
	- (Titanium-Zirconium-doped Molybdenum alloy)
- 5 blocks of pure tungsten
- Cladded by tantalum-alloy
- 5 mm gaps for cooling
- 12 interaction lengths
- Studies for further improvements ongoing by CERN

During CDS phase

- **in a thick molybdenum/tungsten target** CERN SPS. About 10¹¹ muons per spill will be produced **1 Introduction** ulation, and hence the design of the shield, the SHiP Colcal SHIP-day, segmenter diameter and 154.3 cm length ified from the OPERA experiment [4]) with two stations EPJ C 80[, 284 \(2020\)](https://doi.org/10.1140/epjc/s10052-020-7788-y)
- Prototype built in 2017
- Test in H4 beamline in 2018
- Confirms expected muon flux
- Recent post irradiation confirmed robustness of design

Purpose, Requirements and Challenges

- \circ Deal with $\mathcal{O}(10^{11})$ muons per spill
- Suppress by 6 orders of magnitude!
- ▷ Sweep out / absorb muons
- Try to keep it short

Technical implementation

- Magnetic muon sweeper
- Alternate polarity scheme
- Shielding already starts in magnetized hadron absorber

Muon Shield Configuration

JINST 12 [P05011](https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-0221/12/05/P05011)

- \circ CDS: length ∼30 m
- Reduces muon rate by about six orders of magnitude
- o Intensive RP studies for target and shield
- $\frac{1}{\text{D. Bick}}$ (UHH) No problems for electronics D. Bick (UHH) [BDF/SHiP Detector](#page-0-0) October 13, 2023 16/51

Moving to ECN3

- Reduced space for section in TCC8
- ▷ Shorten space between target and experiment
- \triangleright Smaller experiment while preserving physics reach
- \circ Total length (LoI) \sim 25 m
- ▷ Acceptable rate of muons
	- 67 kHz in SST
	- 2 Hz/cm² in SND
- SND shorter by 3 m
- \bullet Tracker: $4 \text{ m} \times 6 \text{ m}$.
	- 8 m closer to target
 $\frac{8 \text{ m}}{20}$

SC/NC Hybrid Muon Shield

- 3 warm magnets and one SC magnet
- Further reduced in length by 5 m comapred to LoI
- HSDS decay volume closer to target by 13 m compared to CDS/ECN4 design

Conservative starting parameters

- Core aperture in range $0.5 \text{ m} \times 0.5 \text{ m}$ to $1 m \times 1 m$
- Iron/air core field $5T$ over $4 8m$
- \circ NhTi @ 4.5K
- $\circ \sim 50 \,\mathrm{A/mm^2}$
- Low beam related heating (muons) Fluka
- Cooling options under investigation
- Challenge in assembly

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Optimization by Machine Learning

- Different configurations with similar performance
	- o shows robustness against systematics
	- engineering studies will be used to select
- \circ Optimization converges around 21 m

Optimize for low rate in Tracker and SND acceptance

Take advantage of high neutrino flux emerging the beam dump

SND

- Heavy target for neutrino interactions
- \triangleright First observation of $\bar{\nu}_{\tau}$
- $\triangleright \nu_{\tau}, \bar{\nu}_{\tau}$ physics with high statistics
- $\triangleright \nu_{\tau}$ magnetic moment
- ▷ F4 and F5 structure functions
- \triangleright ν_e cross sections
- \triangleright ν -induced charm production
- ▷ strange quark nucleon content
- \triangleright LFV
- ▷ LDM via elastic scattering

Purpose, Requirements and Challenges

- Target for LDM/neutrino interactions
- Radial dependence of flux narrow and long neutrino target
- Followed by muon spectrometer
- Target tracker to predict location of neutrino interaction

Technical implementation

- Emulsion Cloud Chamber (ECC)
- Alternated with tungsten plates
- o Instrumented with vertexing capabilities

 -6 m

SND – Target Tracker

Requirements

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- Position resolution: 100 µm
- \circ Time resolution: 50 ps
- High efficiency ($> 99\%$)

Features

- Provide time stamp to neutrino interactions in the emulsion target
- **Q.** Link muon track in the emulsion target with the magnetic spectrometer
- ▷ High energy muons also tracked in main spectrometer
- Sampling calorimeter for hadronic and electromagnetic energy measurement
- Complement emulsions for neutrino energy reconstruction
- Baseline Option: SciFi trackers \bullet

SND – Emulsion Target **SHiF**

- Vertex reconstruction with micrometric accuracy
- Identification of short-lived particle decays
- Momentum measurement with multiple coulomb scattering
- Electromagnetic shower identification with calorimetric technique

Emulsion Cloud Chamber (ECC) Sensitive Trackers: nuclear emulsions

- Passive material: Tungsten plates
- 17 walls
- Total mass: 3.1 t

SND – Emulsion Analysis

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Replacement frequency depends on:

- maximum track density in emulsion $< 10^6$ cm $^{-2}$
- background rate

Desired Scenario

- \circ Background rate 1 Hz/cm²
- \triangleright 1 to 2 replacements per year

Emulsions will scanned with micrometer precision in dedicated scanning labs.

Lepton Flavor Identification

- ν_{μ} muon reconstruction in spectrometer
- ν_e electron shower identification in the emulsion target
- ν_{τ} disentanglement of τ production and decay vertices

- Position resolution of tracking stations: 100 µm in both coordinates
- High efficiency $(>99\%)$
- Baseline option: Drift tubes
- Identify muons produced in neutrino interactions and tau lepton decays
- Measurement of charge and momentum of muons produced in CC interactions and the muonic decay channel of the τ
- Air core dipole magnet 1T horizontal field
- Based on AdvSND design to be optimized
- Four tracking stations

Upstream Background Tagger

Purpose, Requirements and Challenges

- Covers front cap window of vacuum vessel
- Tagging of time and position of muons and other charged particles
- \circ Excellent time resolution $\mathcal{O}(50 \text{ ps})$
- Complementing tracking in SND muon id

Technical implementation

Multi-gap Resistive Plate Chambers

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- Six gaps defined by seven 1 mm thick float glass electrodes
- \circ Separated by 0.3 mm nylon mono-filaments
- HV electrodes applied to outer surface with airbrush technology
- \bullet Operated at ± 9000 V
- 98% C₂H₂F₄, 2% SF₆,
- Novel approach in design • very tight $5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{min}/\text{m}^2$ o or even sealed RPC technology

UBT Design

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Testbeam at CERN

SHiP

- Sandwich of two identical modules
- \circ 1500 mm \times 1200 mm
- 54 ps resolution
- 98% efficiency

HS Decays Vessel and Surround Background Tagger

Purpose, Requirements and Challenges

- Low pressure environment for decay of FIPs
- Detect charged particles entering the vessel side walls from outside
- Detect charged particles produced in the interactions of muons and neutrinos in the vessel walls

Technical implementation

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- Pyramidal frustum with stiffening bars
- Cover walls with liquid scintillator

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SBD – Detection Principle

- Fill wall segments with liquid scintillator
- \triangleright High efficiency: $> 99.0\%$ for m.i.p.
- \triangleright Good time resolution: $\mathcal{O}(1 \text{ ns})$
- \circ 2000 Segments: Filled with 150000ℓ LS $(LAB + PPO)$
- Light Detectors: 4000 WOMs with SiPM readout

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SBT – Wavelength-Shifting Optical Module (WOM)

Transparent PMMA tube

- \circ 60 mm \varnothing , 200 mm \leftrightarrow , 3 mm wall
- Large effective area (compared to photo sensor)
- Low material budget

WLS paint coating: Bis-MSB

- UV / blue absorption [290 390 nm]
- \circ Isotropic visible light emission [420 nm]
- o Internal total reflection: Up to 75% collection efficiency

SiPM readout

- Hamamatsu S14160-3050HS [450 nm]
- \circ 40 3 mm \times 3 mm SiPM on PCB array

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SBT Prototype

- Proof of principle shown in test beam 2017
- ▷ time resolution of 1 ns
- Further test beams 2018-2022 with a $120 \text{ cm} \times 80 \text{ cm} \times 30 \text{ cm}$ cell
- Serveral testbeams at CERN and DESY
- o Detection efficiency close to 99.9%

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- 4 cell prototype to be tested at PS starting next week
- o Improved reflective coating
- Orientation in any direction, cabled motors

HS Spectrometer **SHiP**

Purpose, Requirements and Challenges

- Reconstruct tracks with high precision (better 120 µm)
- Operation in low pressure environment
- Low material budget
- \circ Large aperture $4 m \times 6 m$
- \circ Moderate rate $\mathcal{O}(10 \text{ kHz})$

Technical implementation

o Straw Tracker with ultra long tubes

Spectrometer Magnet

- Physics aperture $4 m \times 6 m$
- Bending field 0.65Tm, nominal on axis ∼0.15T \bullet
- o Integrated in decay vessel
- Initial design: normal conducting option
- Square shaped hollow aluminium coils
- Steel yoke (50mm AISI 100)
- Requires 1.5 A/m²
- Power consumption 0.5 to 0.6 MW
- Intermediate temperature superconductors (e.g. $\mathrm{MgB}_2)$???
	- c.f. CERN Bulletin 11 September 2023
	- To be investigatet

[CERN Bulletin 11.09.2023](https://home.cern/news/news/engineering/new-generation-iron-dominated-electromagnets-has-been-successfully-tested)

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Straw Tubes

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- Ultra-thin, ultra-long straws based on NA62 design.
- longitudinally ultrasonically welded.
	- high strength (pressure tests with 3 bar)
	- no glued layers
	- small gas leakage
	- ▷ suitable for use in vacuum
- Successful operation in NA62.
- Wall thickness 36 µm
- \circ Coating: Au (20 nm), Co (50 nm)
- Diameter: 2 cm
- Length: 4 m

Tracker Stations

- ^o 4 Stations
- 0.4 m \times 6 m
- Horizontal operation of straws
- 4 Planers per station
- \circ y-u-v-y setup, stereo angle \sim 10°
- \triangleright 10000 channels

- \bullet Sub-division into modules of 2 Straws \times 32 Straws
- Horizontal and stereo modules
- Can be produced off site, and later inserted into support frame
- Frame can then be side-loaded into decay vessel

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- \bullet Hit resolution of short tubes (2 m) was measured in H2 testbeam
- ▷ tested depending on wire eccentricity

• Resolution $\langle 120 \mu m \rangle$ was achieved for wire eccentricities up to $>2 \mu m$

Mechanical Challenges

Main mechanical challenge:

Flowing of Mylar

- o Reduction of tension to half over 10 years
- Problem for horizontal tubes
- Additional forces when vessel is evacuated and straws are under pressure

Implications

- Reduced tensions increase gravitational sagging of the straws over time
	- \Rightarrow changing the eccentricity of the wire
	- ⇒ electrostatic deflections!
- Reduced tensions relax load on any supporting frame, which would thus unbend
- \bullet An unbending frame pulls on the wire, which would thus rupture ($\Delta\ell_{\rm max} \simeq 10$ mm)

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- Design option: support by thin carbon cables
- Carbon cable defines sagging.
- Two tubes share one cable, connection every meter.
- Gas distribution inside endplate (zig-zagging through tubes).
- o Setup of first prototype with four tubes.
- Great to study long term effects (just started)

Prototype with Four Tubes

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Prototype with Four Tubes

- o Sagging monitored with optical level.
- Wire can be monitored with strong LEDs and optical microscope.
- o Stable (working) over four years

- \bullet Two different wire diameters (30 µm and 45 µm)
- Separate HV supply
- Signal amplified by L3 amplifier (used in OPERA)
- Signal readout by multi channel FADC
	- Auto trigger
	- External trigger (scintillators)
- Measurements with cosmics, Fe55, Sr90

Prototype works and technology is suitable for use in large spectrometer

Study planed if recording of (simplified) waveforms is beneficial (justifying the cost)

Purpose, Requirements and Challenges

- Reduction of the muon combinatorial background
- Provide time information for straw tubes
- o Identification of particle decay products (ToF)
- Time resolution ≤100 ps

Technical implementation

Three columns of vertically staggered scintillator bars

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- 3 columns setup with EJ200 plasic bars
- \bullet 135 cm \times 6 cm \times 1 cm, providing 0.5 cm overlap
- Summed readout on both ends by an array of eight $6 \text{ mm} \times 6 \text{ mm}$ SiPMs
- \circ 330 bars \rightarrow 660 channels

Test Beam at CERN

Resolution of ∼80 ps along the whole length of the bar over $2 m²$ prototype

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Purpose, Requirements and Challenges

- e/γ identification
- π^0 reconstruction,
- $\circ \gamma$ directionality
- Shower energy and angle

Technical implementation (CDS/ECN4)

- ECAL
- \circ HCAL
- Muon Detector

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Technical implementation (CDS/ECN4)

- \circ ECAL
- \circ HCAL
- o Muon Detector
- o Integrated solution ECAL/PID
- ▷ Shorter detector

ECAL – SplitCal

- Longitudinally segmented lead sampling calorimeter
- Lead absorber plates $(0.5X_0)$ i.e. (0.28 cm)
- \bullet Sampling layers equipped with scintillating plastic bars, read out by WLS fibres (0.56 cm)
- \triangleright 40 coarse layers \rightarrow 20 X_0
- Three layers equipped with high resolution detectors (\sim 200 µm resolution) \circ
- ▷ reconstruct shower barycenter, provide photon angular resolution

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Setup has about one nuclear interaction length

- sufficient for e/π separation
- not enough for μ/π separation

▷ Four additional stations of active layers for muon id

- \bullet interleaved by 60 cm iron walls
- iron wall at front protecting form e.m. shower trails
- . thinner iron plate at back shielding from cavern background
- \bullet Expected muon id efficiency of $> 95\%$ in the momentum range of between 5 and 100 GeV with a mis-identification rate of 1 to 2 %

Under study if suitable for SHiP

- Approval in 2023 is critical to ensure timely funding
- ∼3 years for detector TDR
- Availability of test beams challenging
- Important to start data taking more than one year before LS4
- 38 institutes from 15 countries and CERN
- Many young scientists
- Conceptual Design was well covered, more manpower welcome for TDR phase.

- BDF/SHiP provides a clear opportunity to discover FIPs in the decays of heavy mesons.
- Complementary to the FIP searches at HL-LHC and future e^+e^- -colliders.
- Robust neutrino physics program, including fundamental tests of SM in tau neutrino interactions.
- A strong concept has been presented after the CDS phase
- Big support from the BDF working group
- o Implemented detector into ECN3
- Ready for approval of TDR phase

BDF/SHiP is ready to set sails