

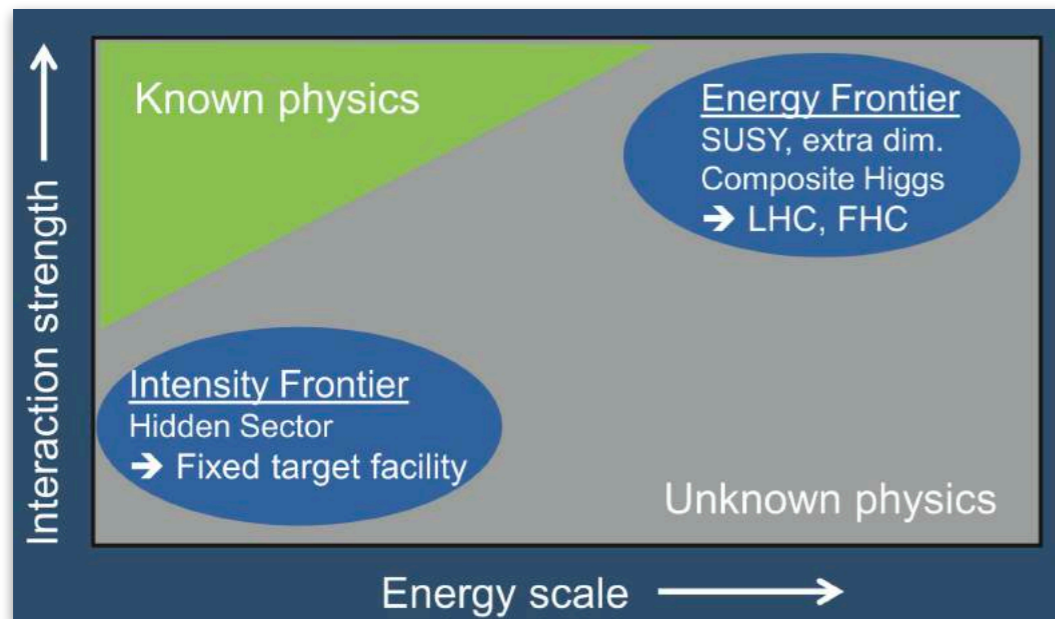


Search for new physics with the SHiP experiment at CERN

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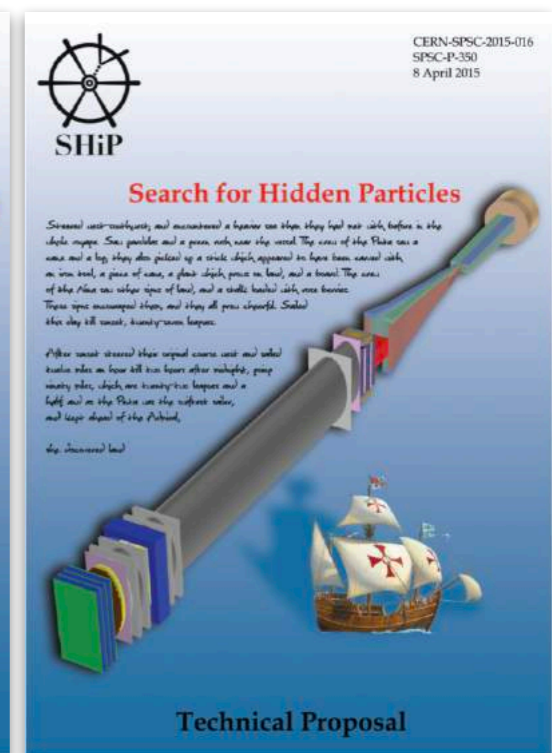
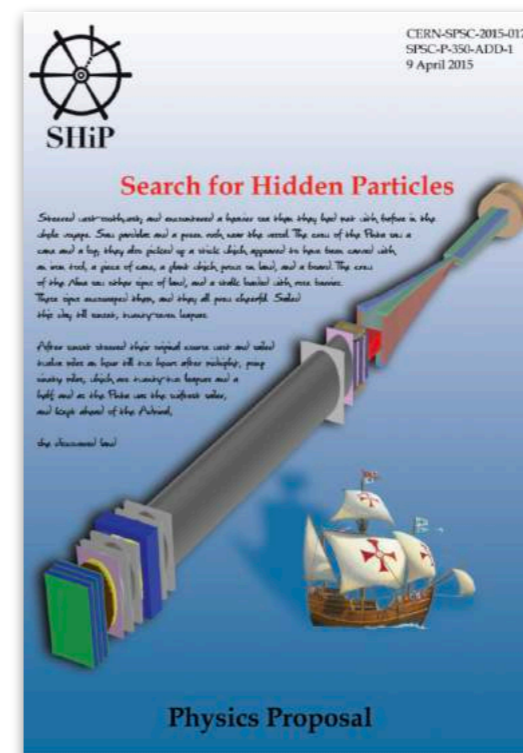
Search for Hidden Particles (SHiP) experiment



- Fixed target facility at the CERN SPS (400 GeV)
- Designed to find a solution for BSM physics by searching for very weakly interacting particles
- Hidden Sector (HS) production and decay rates are strongly suppressed relative to SM: production branching ratios $O(10^{-10})$
- Detection of long-lived particles in the “zero background” experiment

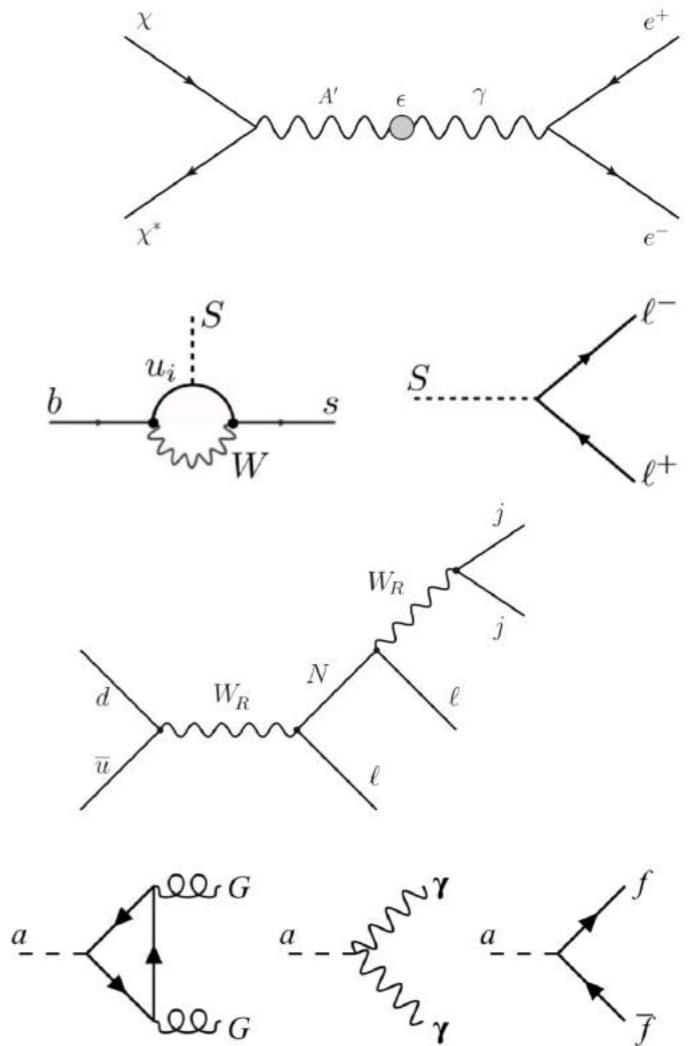
- **2013** Expression of Interest for a new CERN SPS experiment submitted
- **2015** Technical proposal and description of physics case submitted
- **2016** Recommendation by CERN SPSC to proceed to Comprehensive Design Study
- **2018** Comprehensive design study by the *Beam Dump Facility* group published
- **2019** Comprehensive Design Report to be submitted

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Hidden Sector (HS) under study

- Dark vectors (“Dark Photons”)
 - Addition of U(1) gauge group to SM, kinetic mixing with γ and Z
 - Bremsstrahlung, light neutral meson decays, quark annihilation
- (Light) Dark Matter direct detection (“WIMPs”)
 - Stable or long-lived DM that couple to EM current via A'
- Dark scalars (“Dark Higgses”)
 - Neutral singlet scalars that couple to the SM Higgs field
 - Produced in penguin decays of K, D, B mesons
- Heavy neutral leptons (“sterile neutrinos”)
 - Explains SM neutrino masses (seesaw), Dark Matter, Baryon Asymmetry
 - Weak semi-leptonic decays of hadrons, W, Z
- Axion-like particles (“ALPs”)
 - Non-renormalizable coupling to SM, solution of the strong CP problem
 - Generalisation of the axion model in MeV-GeV mass range



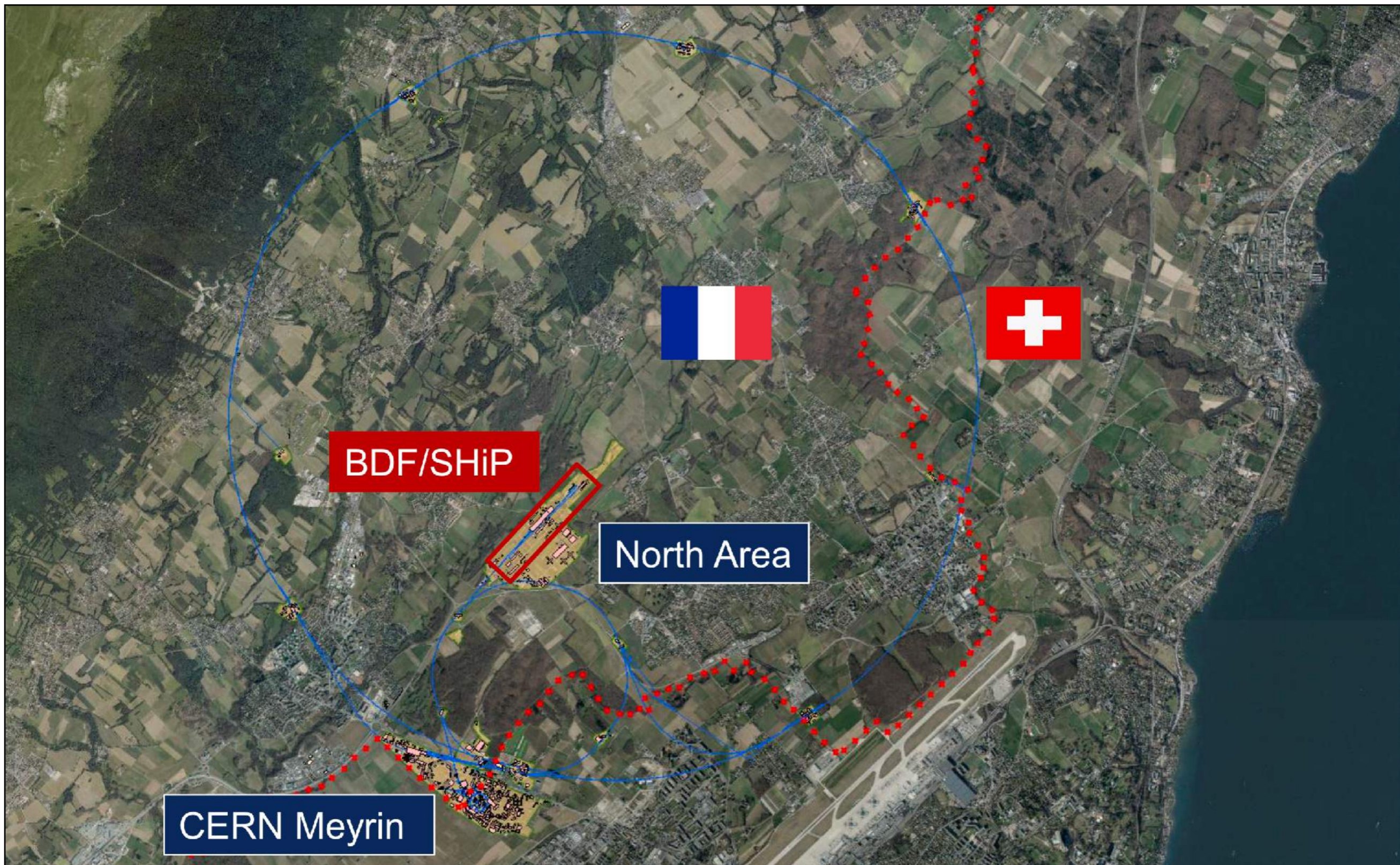
Portal	Coupling to SM
Dark Photon, \mathcal{A}'_μ	$\epsilon/(2\cos\theta_W) F'_{\mu\nu} B_{\mu\nu}$
Dark Higgs, S	$(\mu S + \lambda S^2) \mathcal{H}^\dagger \mathcal{H}$
Axion or ALP, a	$a/f_\gamma \cdot F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}, a/f_\gamma \cdot \mathcal{G}_{i,\mu\nu} \tilde{\mathcal{G}}_i^{\mu\nu}, \partial a/f_a \cdot \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \Psi$
Sterile Neutrino, N	$\Sigma F_{\alpha I} (\bar{L}_\alpha H) N_I$

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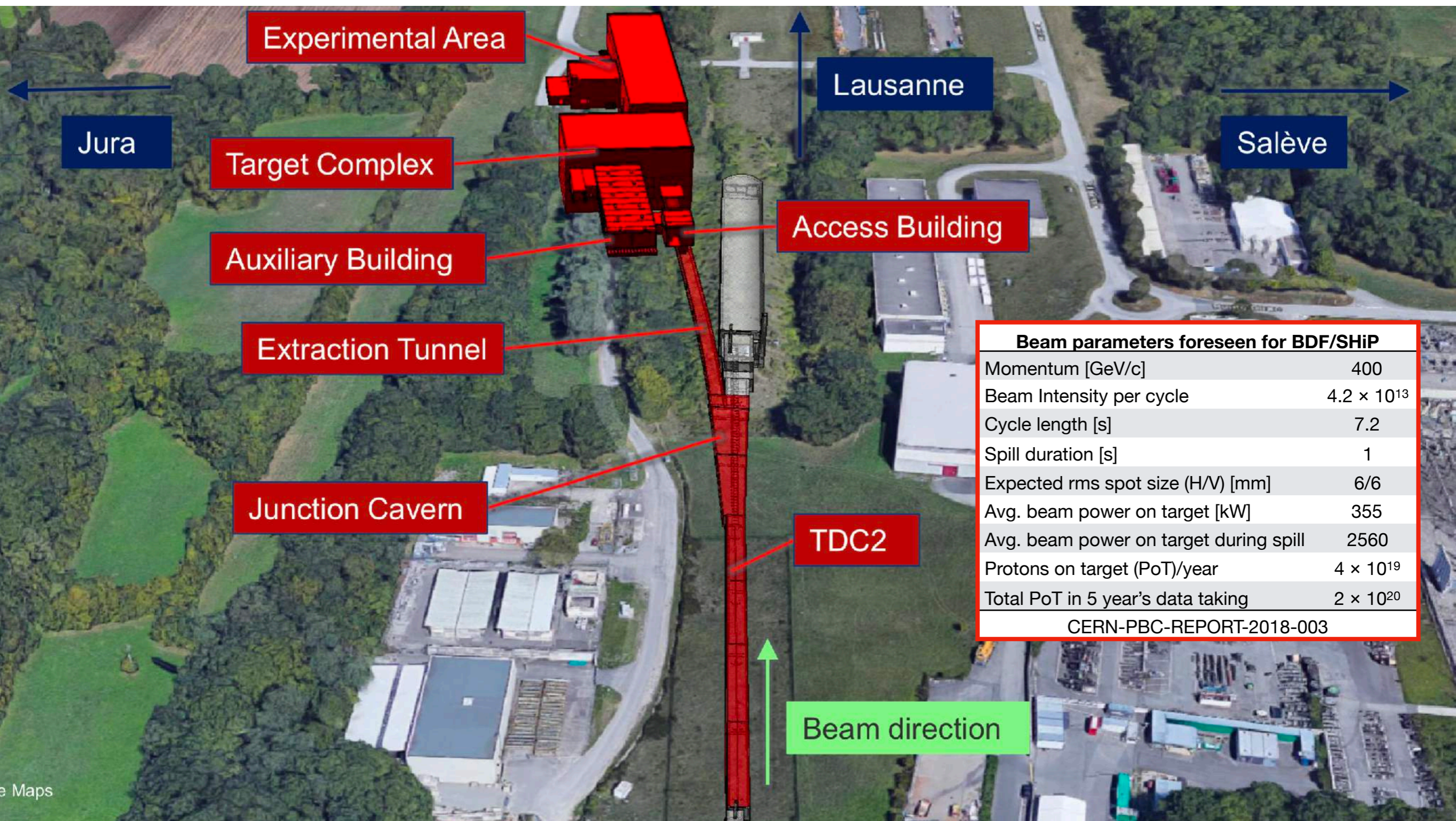
Main decay modes of hidden particles in various models ($l = e, \mu$)	
Model	Final state
Neutrino portal, SUSY neutralino	$l^\pm \pi^\mp, l^\pm K^\mp, l^\pm \rho^\mp, \rho^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0$
Vector, scalar, axion portals, SUSY sgoldstino	$l^+ l^-$
Vector, scalar, axion portals, SUSY sgoldstino	$\pi^+ \pi^-, K^+ K^-$
Neutrino portal, SUSY neutralino, axino	$l^+ l^- \nu$
Axion portal, SUSY sgoldstino	$\gamma\gamma$
SUSY sgoldstino	$\pi^0 \pi^0$

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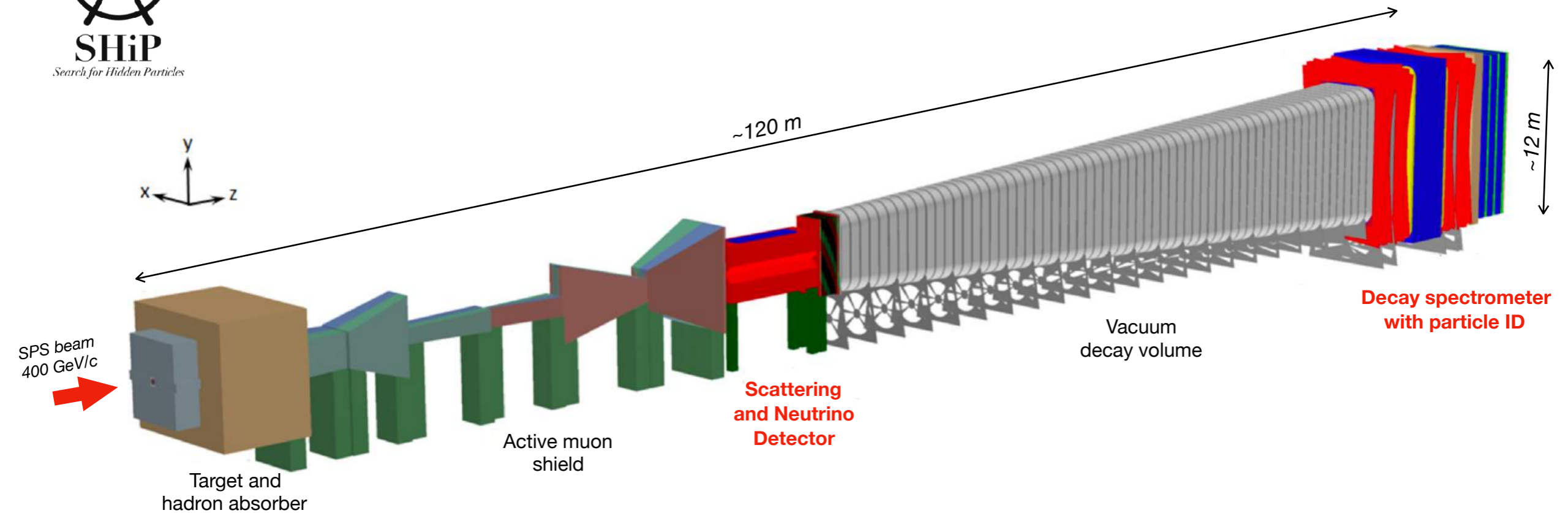
Beam Dump Facility (BDF) in the North Area of CERN SPS



New extraction tunnel for BDF (SHiP & TauFV) in the North Area



Experimental setup of SHiP



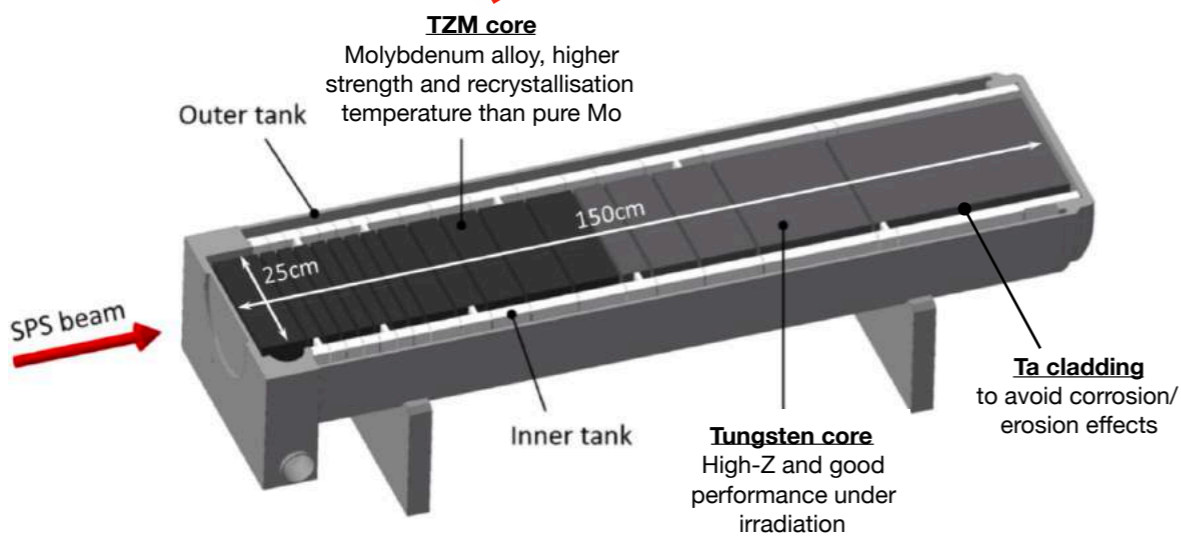
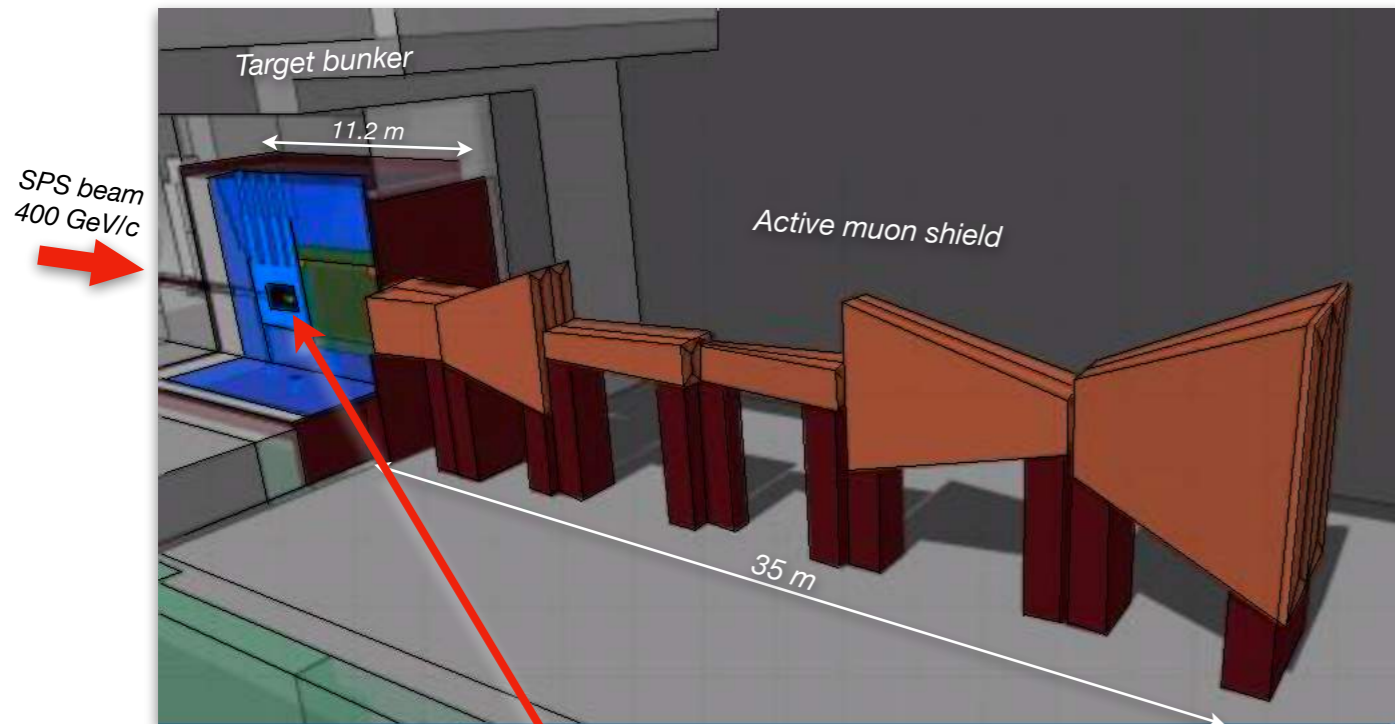
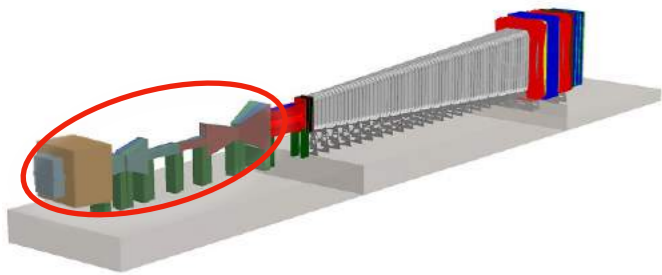
Scattering and Neutrino Detector (SND)

- Emulsion spectrometer located inside of a long dipole magnet $B=1.2T$
- Muon identification system downstream
- **Physics goals:**
 - SM physics: ν_τ cross section and magnetic moment, DIS structure functions F_4 and F_5 , neutrino-induced charm production and strangeness, nuclear effects
 - Search for LDM scattering

Hidden Sector (HS) Spectrometer

- Distance from the target is a compromise between
 - HS life time and angular acceptance
 - muon induced background
- Decay volume 50m long, 1 mbar pressure
- Magnetic spectrometer downstream
- **Physics goal:** search for very weakly interacting long lived particles including Heavy Neutral Leptons - right-handed partners of the active neutrinos, vector, scalar, axion portals to the Hidden Sector, and light supersymmetric particles

BDF target bunker and magnetic shield



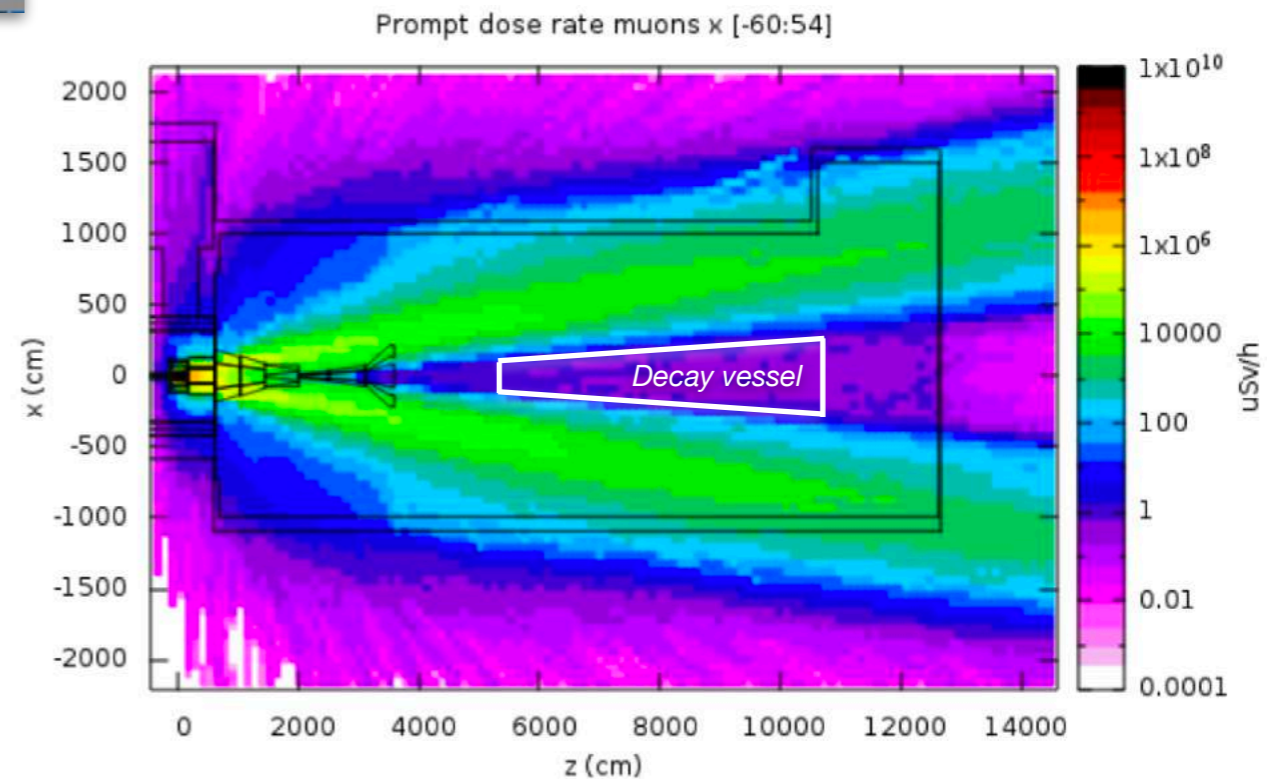
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Target

- Maximise production of charmed mesons
- Increase reabsorption of pions and kaons; $12 \lambda_I$ to reduce the shower leakage
- High-Z material: $_{42}\text{Mo}$ and $_{74}\text{W}$

Magnetic shield

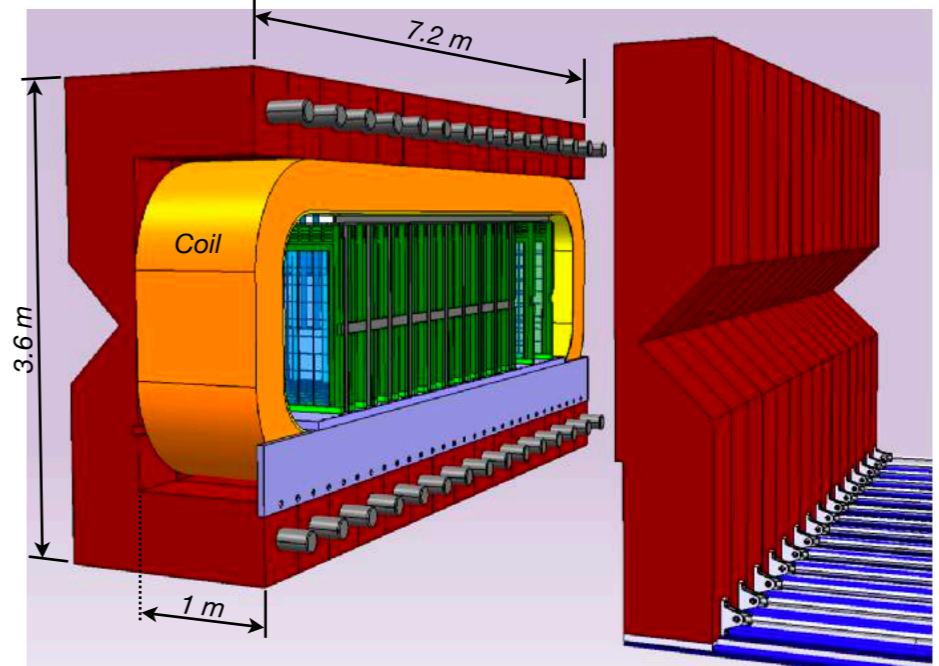
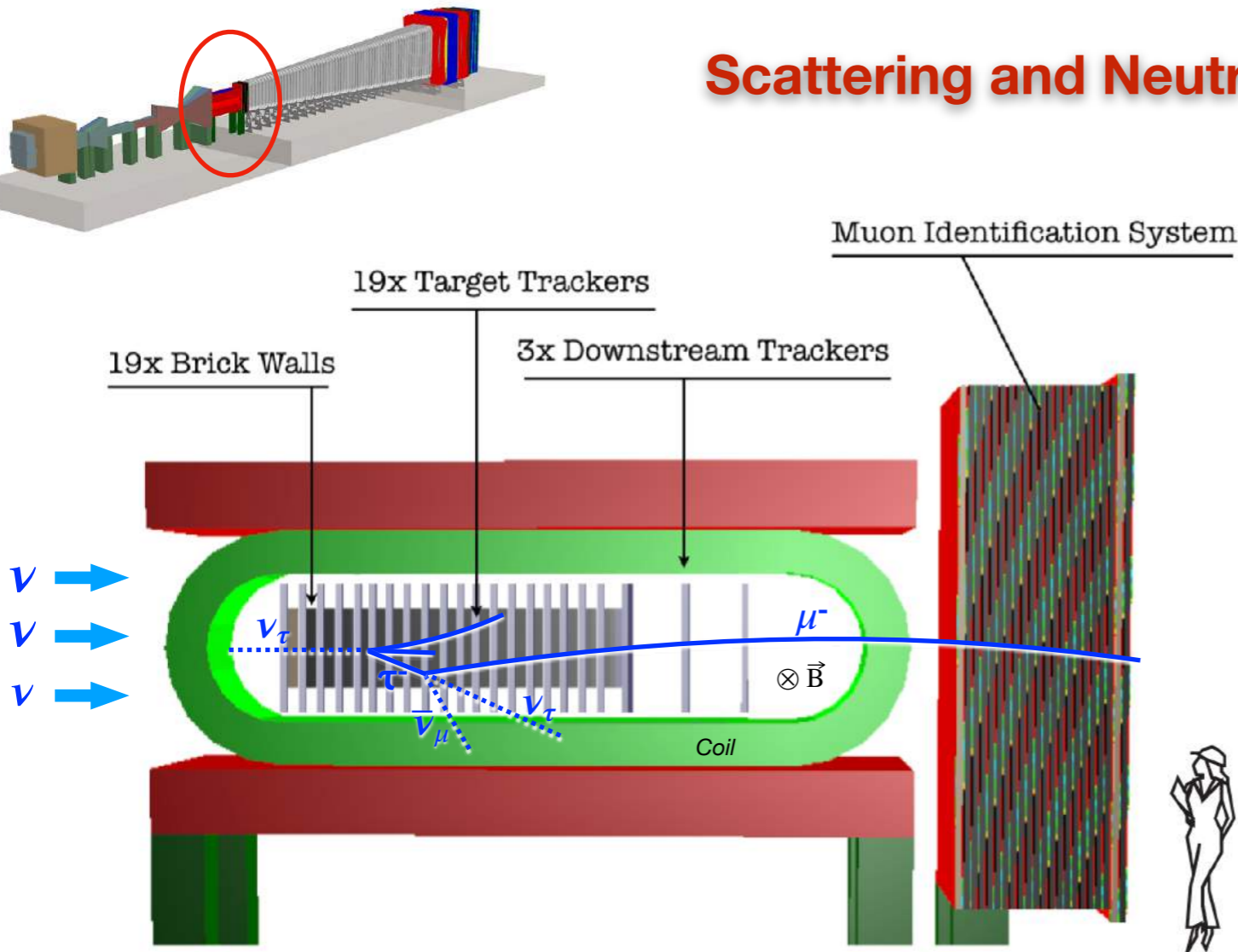
- Designed to reduce the μ flux by 6 orders of magnitude
- Assembled of Grain-Oriented (GO) steel sheets (0.3 mm thick) in sections of 5 cm thick
- Magnetic field of 1.7 T in critical magnet areas
- $\sim 10^5$ muons/spill pass to the vacuum vessel



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Scattering and Neutrino Detector

See talk of Alessandra Pastore in Neutrino Session



Target detector

- Emulsion detector with trackers & time stamp
- 19 x (SciFi x ECC x CES)

Muon identification system

- 13 iron filters (10 cm thick)
- 12 RPC planes for tracking (area 2x5 m²)
- For muon momenta > 10 GeV/c

Magnet

- Warm magnet, can be open for access
- Horizontal magnetic field B=1.25 T
- Active cooling system for coil + thermal shield

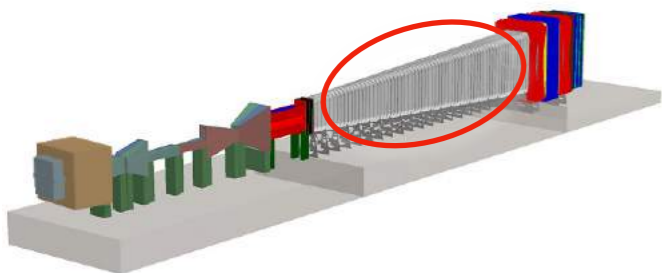
SM Physics

- 3 flavours ν_e, ν_μ, ν_τ and distinguish ν and $\bar{\nu}$
- τ (anti)neutrino physics, $N \approx 10^4$
- Structure functions $F_4(x, Q^2)$ and $F_5(x, Q^2)$
- Neutrino-induced charm production, strangeness
- Nuclear effects in νN DIS: shadowing, anti-shadowing, EMC region, Fermi motion region
- ν_τ magnetic moment ($m_\nu \neq 0$)

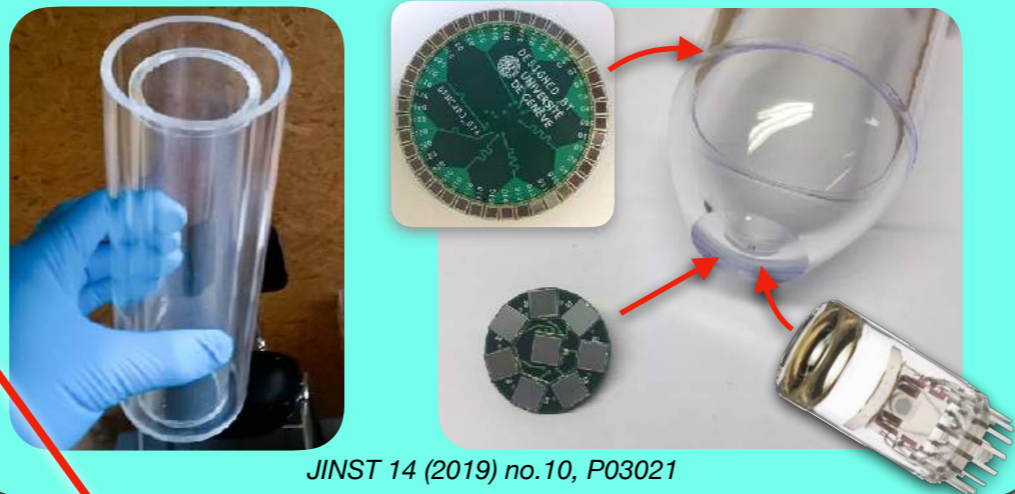
HS Physics

- LDM detection via scattering off electrons

Vacuum vessel and Surrounding Background Tagger

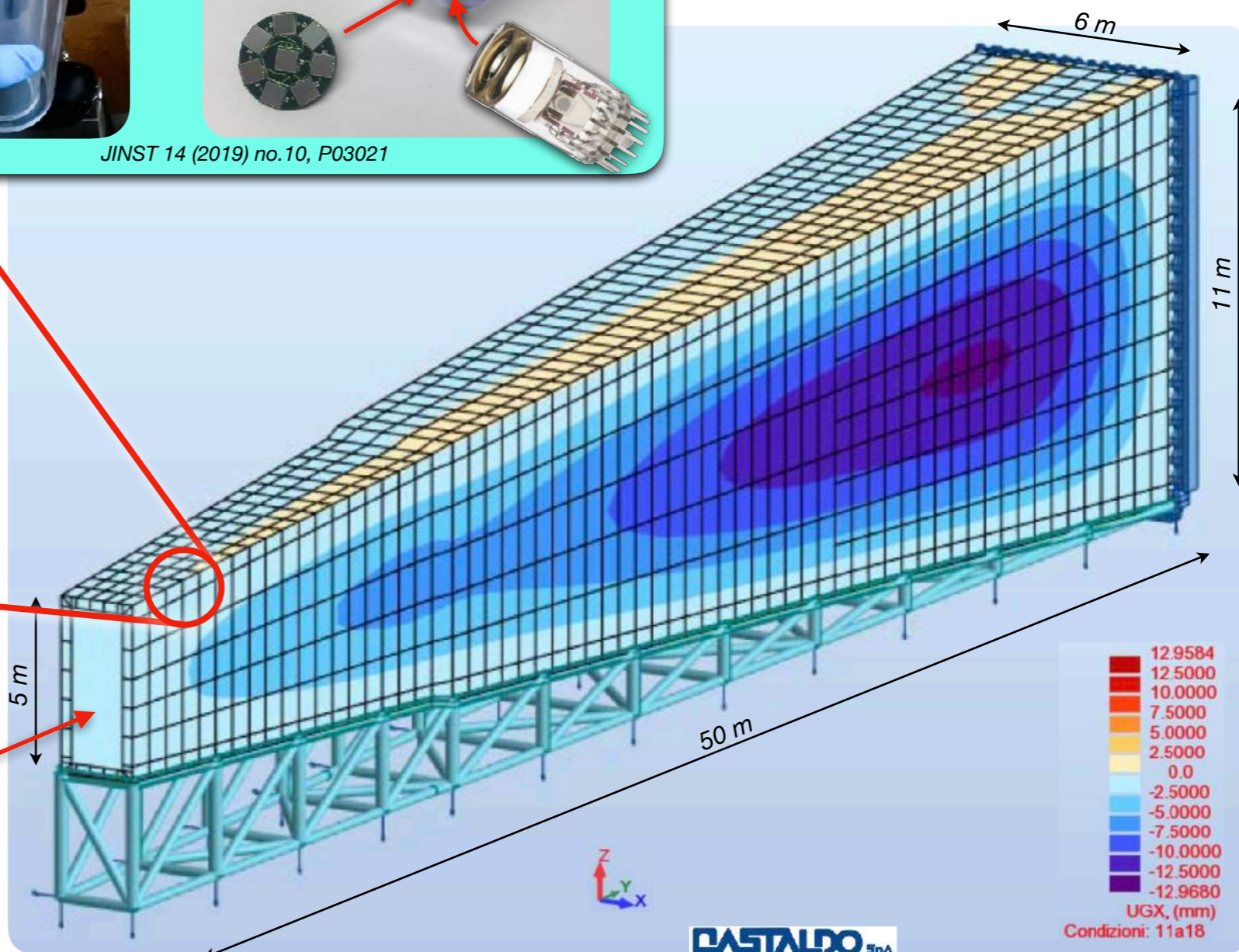
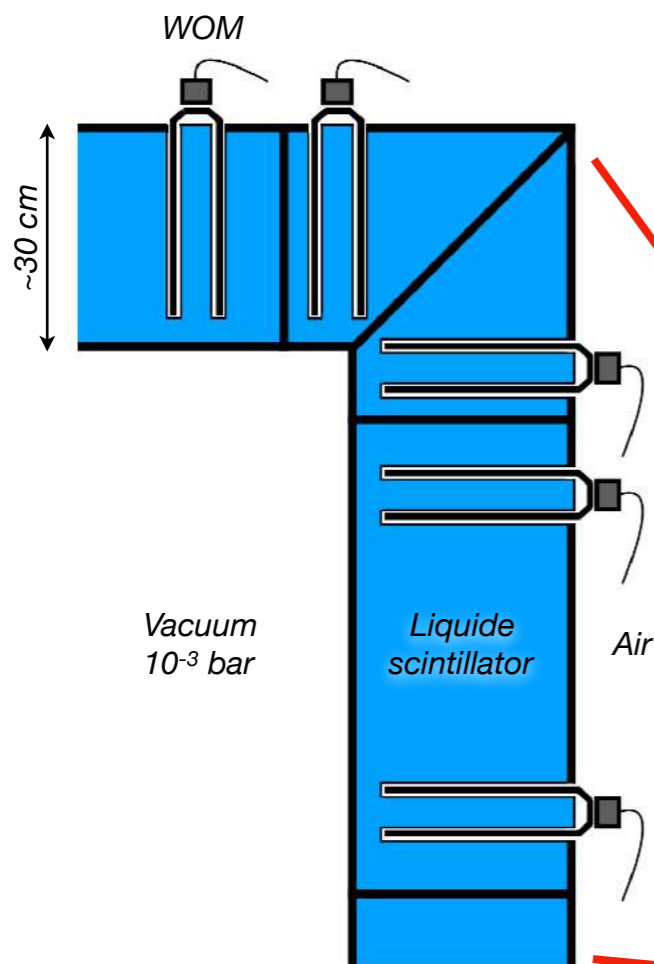


Wavelength-shifting Optical Module (WOM)

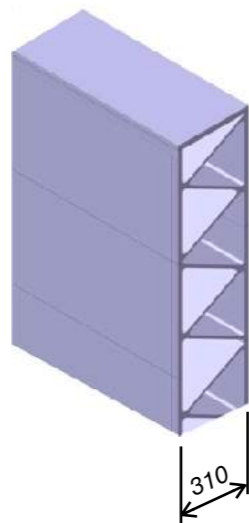


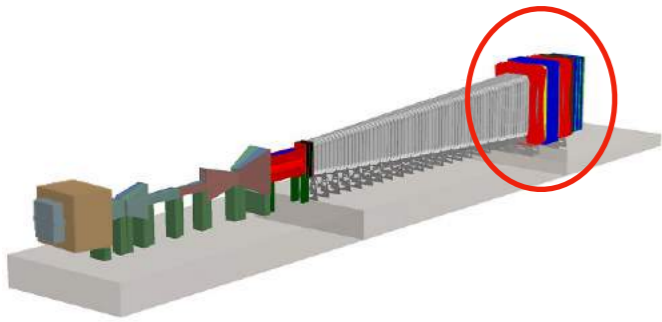
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- Production of V_0 (K_L, K_S, Λ) produced in DIS interactions mimics decays of HS particles
- Pressure of **1 mbar** inside
- 2-3 cm thick continuous steel sheets
- Compartments for the liquid scintillator which will act as a veto
- Total scintillator volume 243 m³

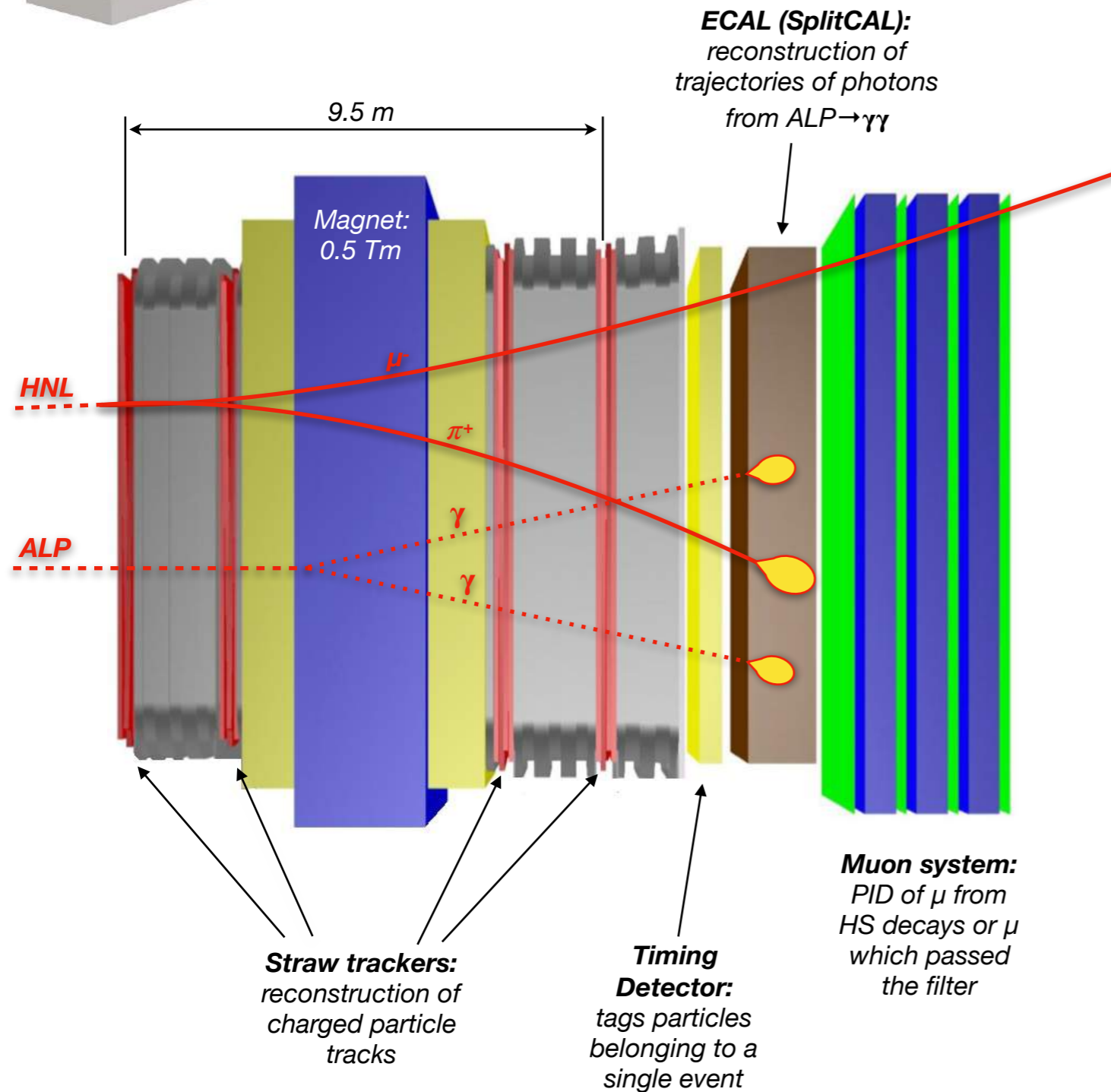


- Extruded Al profile for the entrance and exit caps
- Goal: minimise number of interactions





Magnetic spectrometer with particle identification



- Purpose:
 - Precise reconstruction of decay vertices produced by charged particles
 - Particle Identification (PID)
 - Background suppression using timing and spatial information
- Universal spectrometer to reduce the model dependence
- Vacuum volume is a continuation but not a part of the decay vessel. Other material (non-magnetic)
- Slits for the top-load tracker station installation
- Very stiff box concept to minimise deformations

Main decay modes of hidden particles in various models ($l = e, \mu$)	
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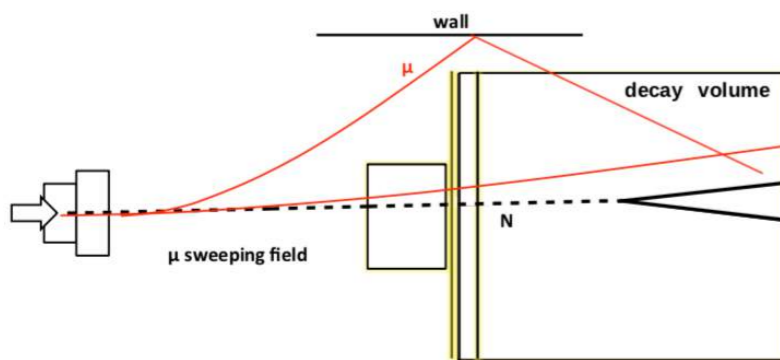
HS background rejection

- Efficient and *redundant* background suppression
- Sensitivity to many decay modes
 - Model independent search
- Signature with an insulated vertex in the decay volume of the HS spectrometer
- Contribution from the comics is negligible
- Sample of MC events assuming 100% interaction
 - interaction distributed along trajectory with weight according to the material density
 - 5 years of operation: 2×10^{20} p.o.t.

Selection cut	Value
Track momentum	$> 1 \text{ GeV}/c$
Distance of closest approach	$< 1 \text{ cm}$
Vertex position	$> 5 \text{ cm}$ from vessel wall
Imp. Param. w.r.t. target (full reco)	$< 10 \text{ cm}$
Imp. Param. w.r.t. target (partial reco)	$< 250 \text{ cm}$

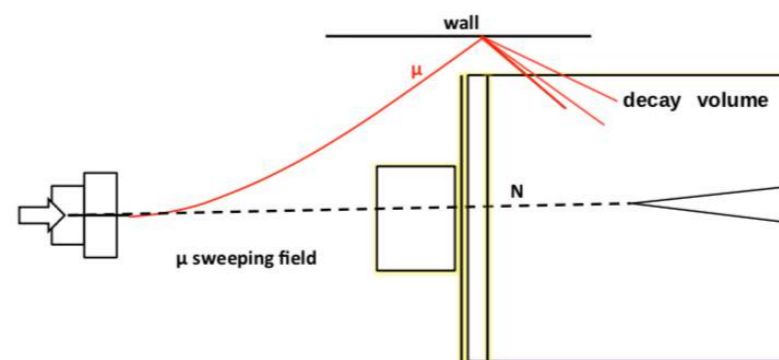
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Muon combinatorial background (mimic vertex)



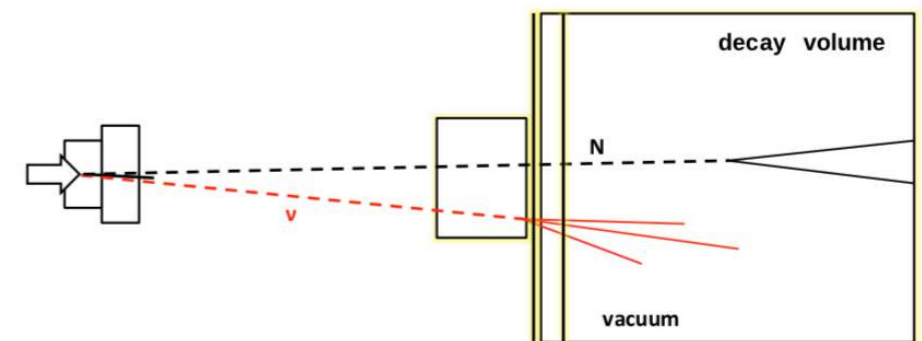
$8.5 \cdot 10^{15}$ fake vertices without time info.
Reduced to $4.2 \cdot 10^{-2}$ with time info (TD)

Muon induced background (inelastic interaction)



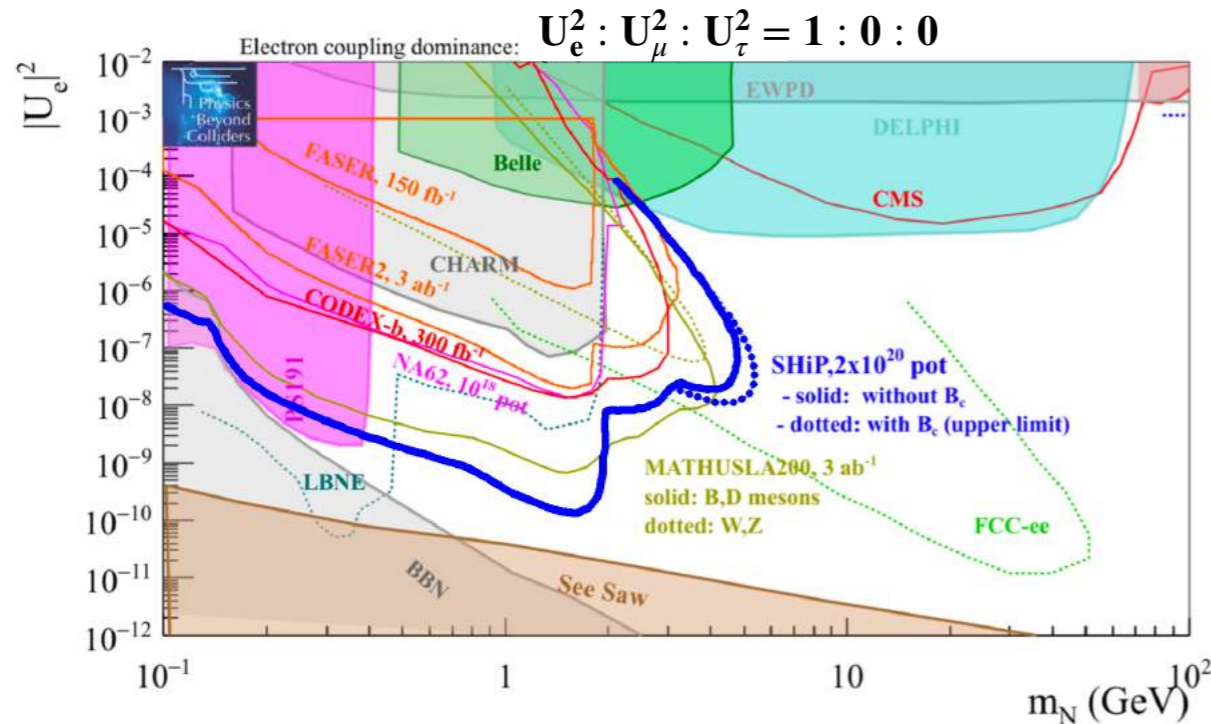
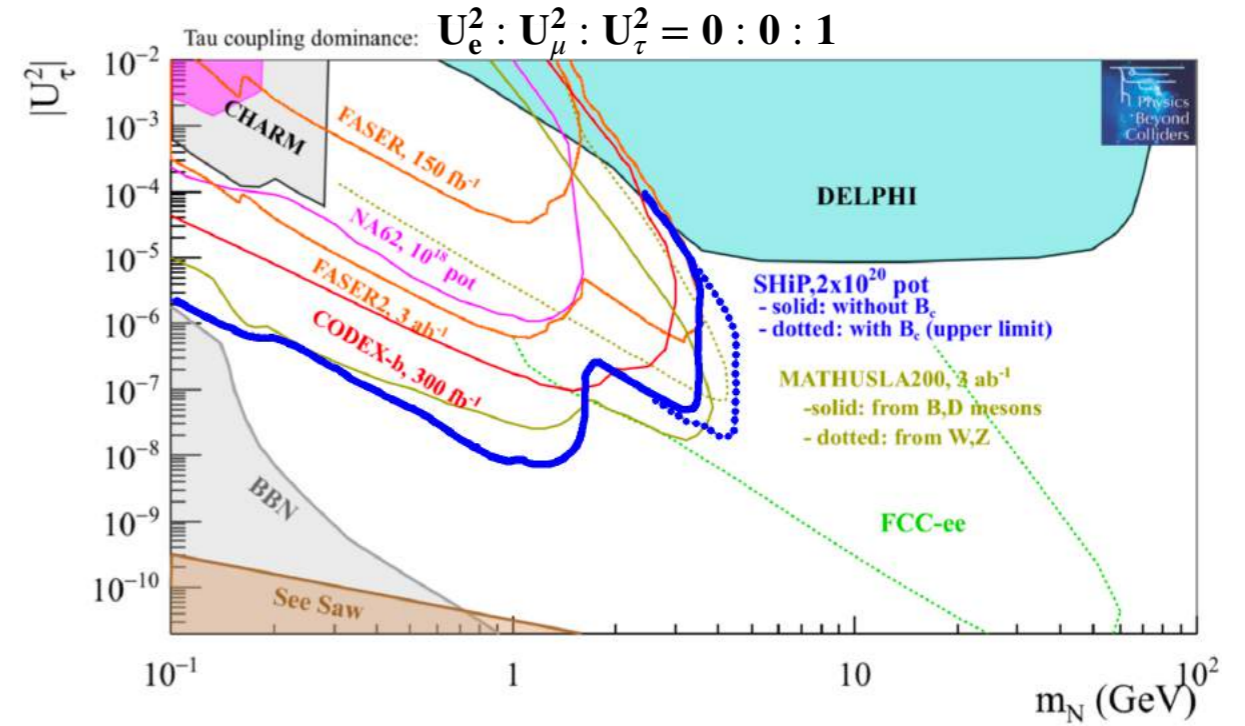
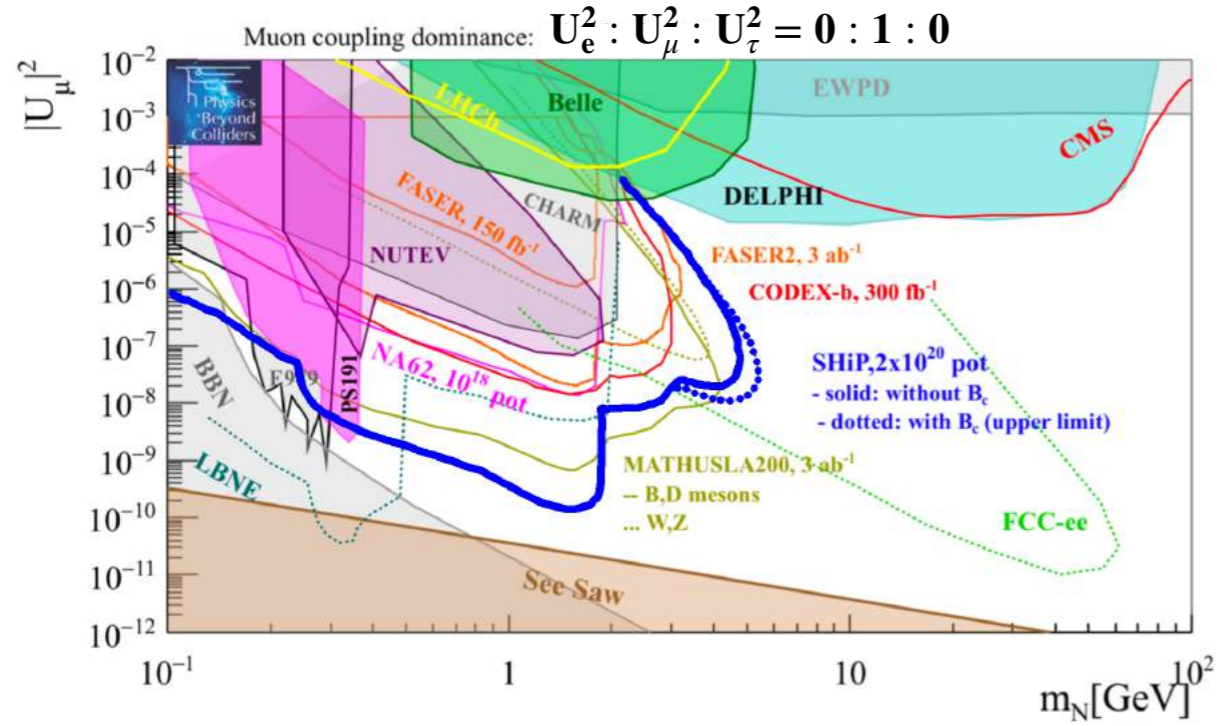
$6 \cdot 10^4$ μ /spill impinging on the decay volume.
 $2.1 \cdot 10^8$ inelastic interaction in 5 years.
BG after cuts (full reco) = $2.7 \cdot 10^{-5}$
BG after cuts (partial reco) = $6 \cdot 10^{-4}$

Neutrino induced background (inelastic interaction)



$2 \cdot 10^{18}$ ν from target in 5 years.
 $3.5 \cdot 10^7$ inelastic interaction in 5 years.
BG after cuts (full reco) = 10^{-2}
BG after cuts (partial reco) < 0.1 (γ conversion cut)

Heavy Neutral Leptons (HNL) below the EW scale

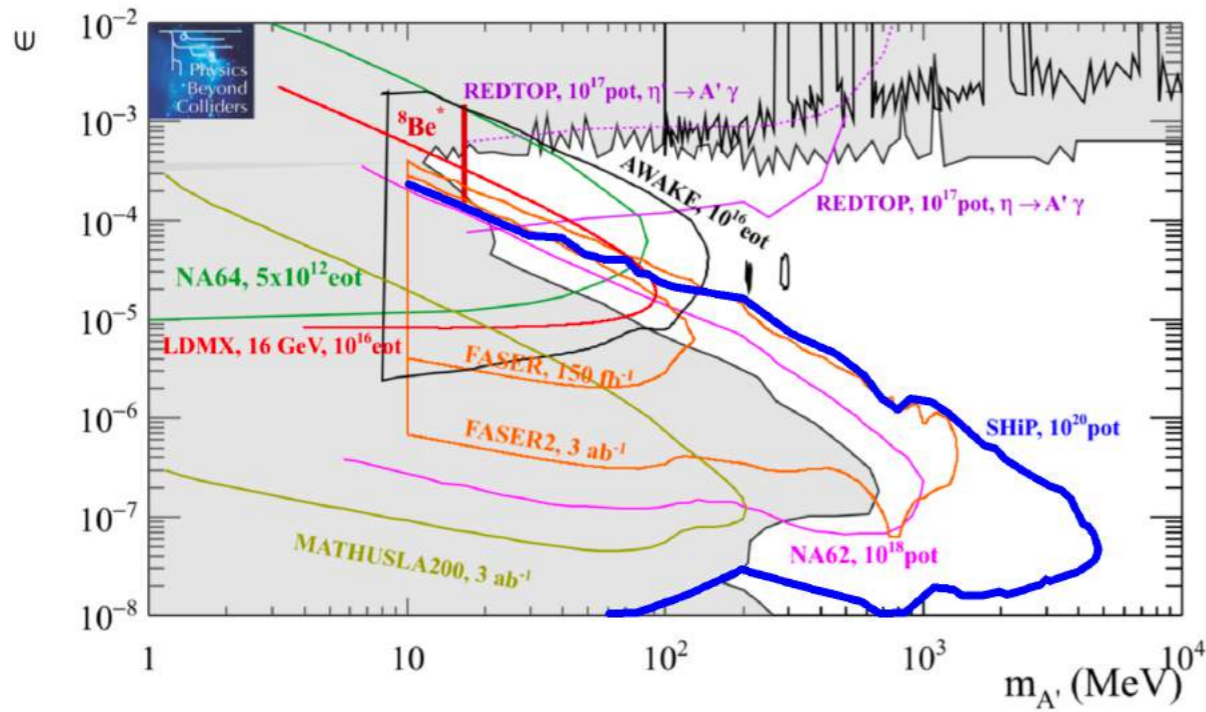


$$HNL \rightarrow l^\pm \pi^\mp, l^\pm K^\mp, l^\pm \rho^\mp$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{vector} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}_{DS} + \sum F_{\alpha I} (\bar{L}_\alpha H) N_I$$

- Neutrino portal extension of the SM (ν MSM)
 - motivated by the fact that it can be tightly related with the neutrino mass generation mechanism (see-saw), provide dark matter candidate and explain the baryon asymmetry
 - N_1 (dark matter, ~ 10 keV), $N_{2,3}$ (see-saw, baryon asymmetry, few GeV)
- Shown in figures: single-flavour dominance was assumed, e.g. HNLs couple only with one flavour of the active neutrinos at the time.

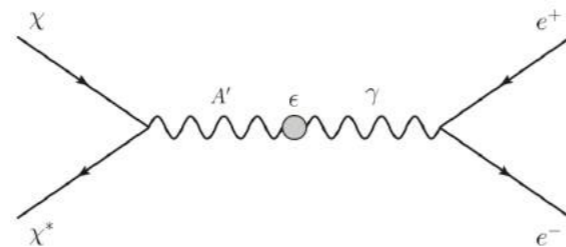
Dark Photon couple to SM particles



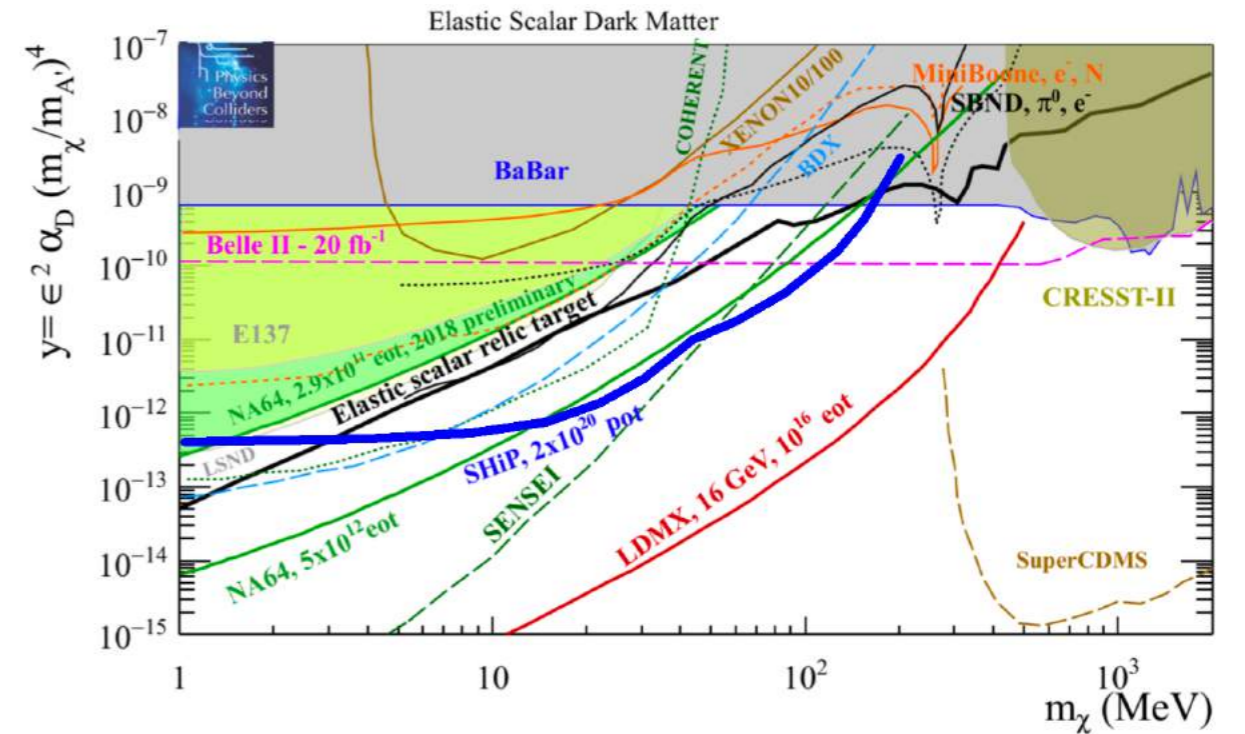
$$A' \rightarrow e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-, \pi^+\pi^-$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{vector} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}_{DS} - \epsilon/(2\cos\theta_W) F'_{\mu\nu} B_{\mu\nu}$$

- The SM is augmented by a single new state \mathcal{A}'
- DM is assumed to be either heavy or contained in a different sector



Dark Photon couple to Light DM

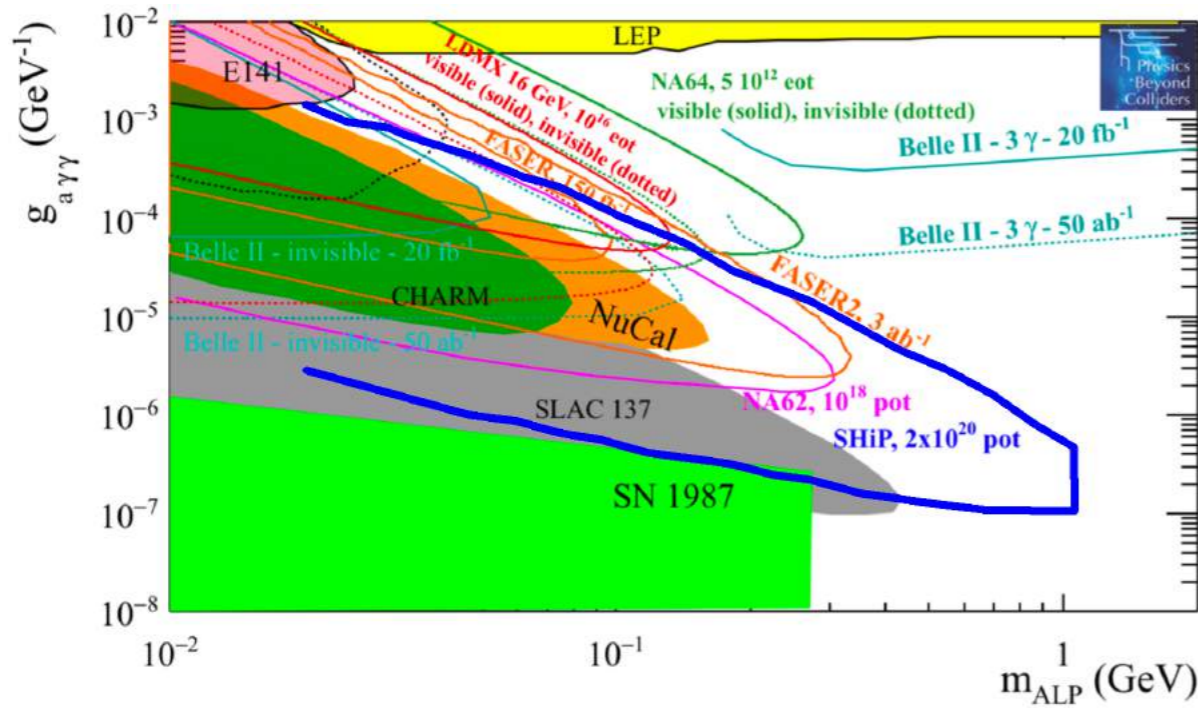


$$A' \rightarrow \chi\chi$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{DS} = -1/4 (F'_{\mu\nu})^2 + 1/2 m_{\mathcal{A}'}^2 (\mathcal{A}'_{\mu})^2 + |(\partial_{\mu} + ig_D \mathcal{A}'_{\mu})\chi|^2 + \dots$$

- Model where minimally coupled viable WIMP dark matter model can be constructed
- The parameter space for this model is: $\{m_{\mathcal{A}'}, \epsilon, m_{\chi}, \alpha_D\}$
 - $m(\mathcal{A}')=3m(\chi), \alpha(D)=0.1$

Axions and ALPs with photon coupling in the MeV-GeV mass range

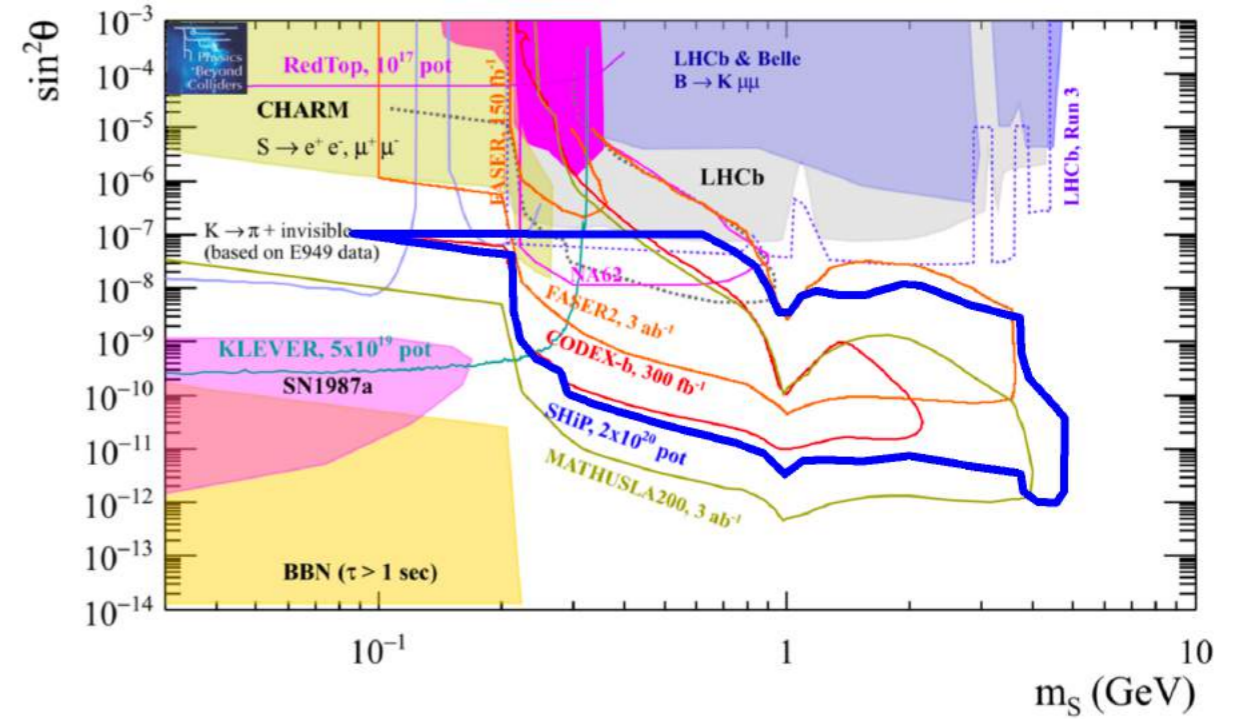


ALP $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

$$\mathcal{L}_{axion} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}_{DS} - a/(4f_\gamma) F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} + \dots$$

- Axion = Pseudo-Nambu Goldstone Boson associated to Peccei-Quinn symmetry, a global U(1), introduced to address the Strong QCD problem. Vast range of masses and couplings possible, with fixed relation.
- Axion-Like Particle (ALP): a generalised version of the axion (at the cost of the original motivation from the strong CP problem). No direct relation between coupling and mass.
- Interest to explore the MeV-GeV region at accelerator-based experiments

Dark Scalar coupled to the Higgs



$S \rightarrow e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-, \pi^+\pi^-, \dots$

$$\mathcal{L}_{scalar} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}_{DS} - (\mu S + \lambda S^2) \mathcal{H}^\dagger \mathcal{H}$$

- The minimal scalar portal model operates with one extra singlet field S and two types of couplings, μ and λ
- Benchmark 4: assume $\lambda=0$

Conclusions and outlook

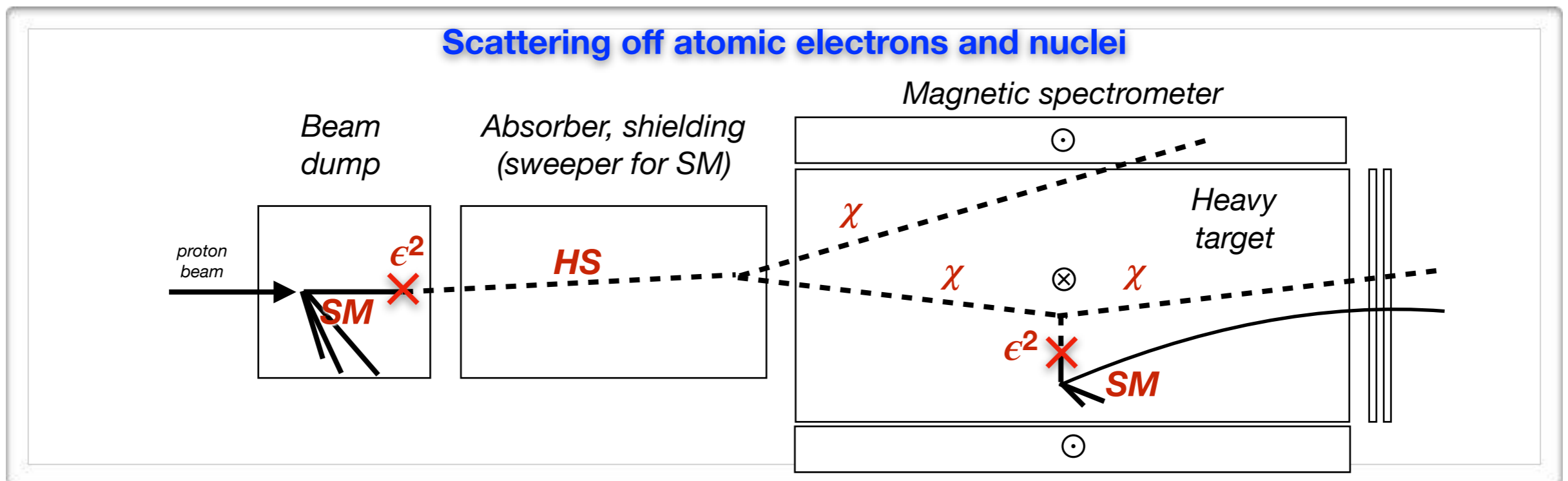
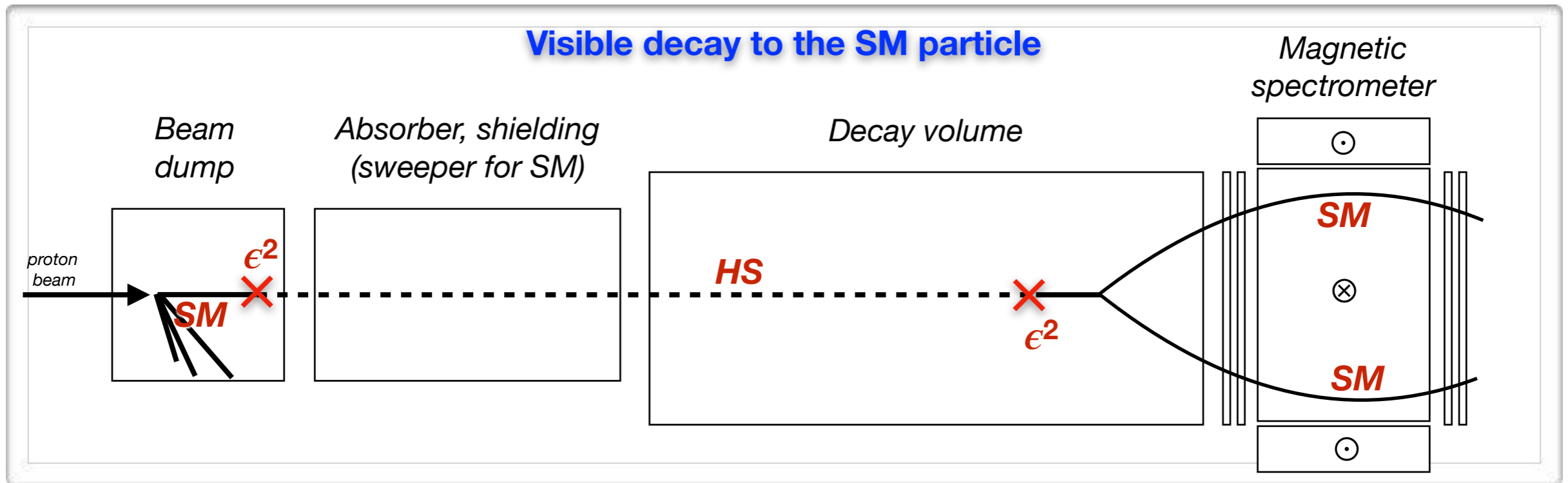
- Explore the [intensity frontier](#) in the framework of study of new physics PBC-BSM
- New infrastructure in the [North Area of CERN SPS](#): extraction tunnel, target complex, experimental area
- Detector concept:
 - [Beam Dump Facility](#): average beam power 355 kW, 2.6 MW during the spill
 - [Active muon shield](#): muon flux reduction by 10^6
 - [Scattering and Neutrino Detector](#): emulsions + magnetic spectrometer
 - LDM scattering; SM neutrino physics: ν_τ study, magnetic moment, induced charm production, nuclear effects, strangeness
 - [Hidden Sector spectrometer](#): 50 m decay volume + magnetic spectrometer
 - Direct search for very weakly interacting long lived particles: Heavy Neutral Leptons, vector, scalar, axion portals to the Hidden Sector, and light SUSY particles
- [Comprehensive Design Report \(CDR\)](#) at the end of 2019
- Preparation of the [Technical Design Report \(TDR\)](#) by the end of 2022
 - Final detector cost and schedule of the experiment
- 3 years to complete [detector R&D, prototyping and validation](#)
- ~6 years for the [construction of BDF, detector production, installation, commissioning](#)
- [Data-taking for the LHC Run 4 and Run 5](#)

Global project schedule for the Beam Dump Facility and the SHiP detector (CERN-SPSC-2019-010)

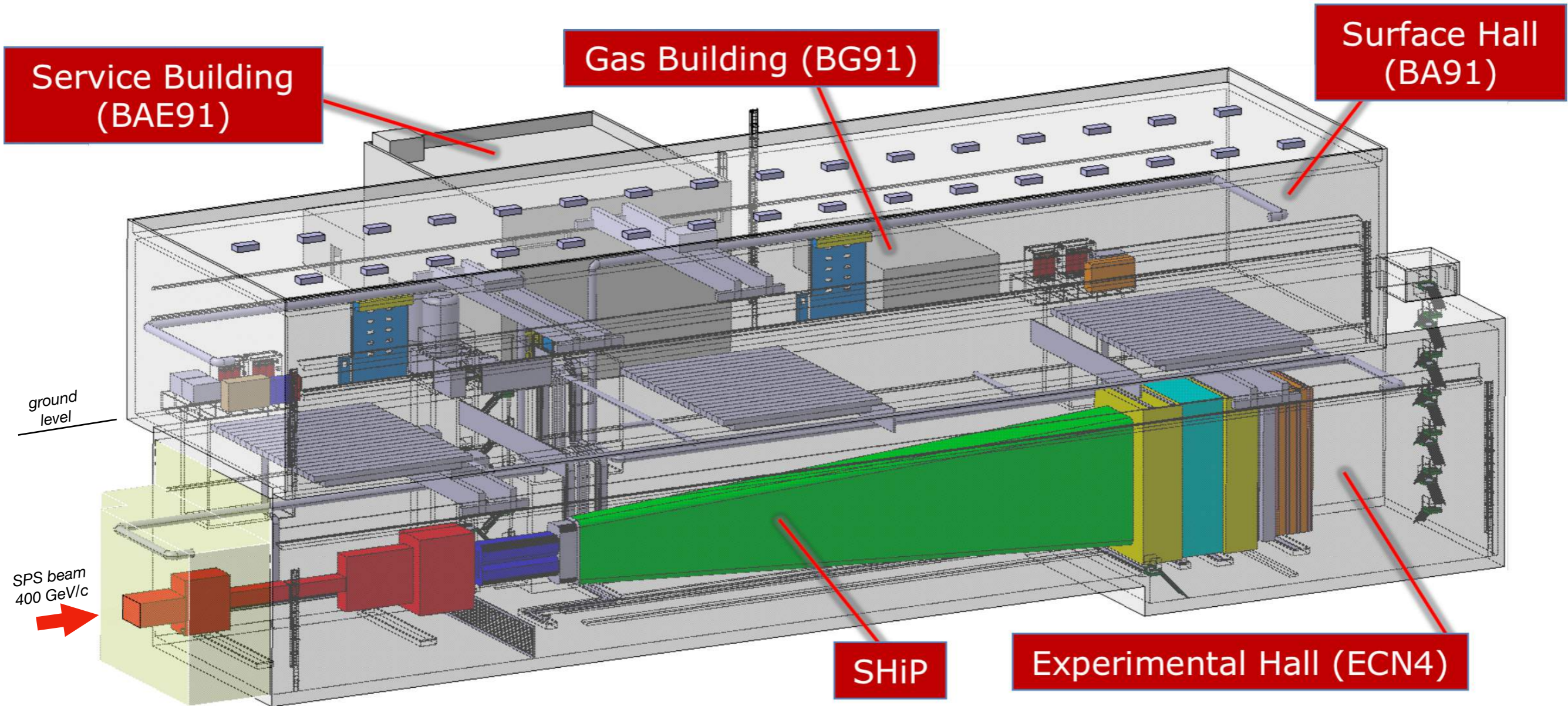
Accelerator schedule	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
LHC	Run 2	Run 2	Run 2	Run 2	LS2	LS2	LS2	Run 3	Run 3	Run 3	LS3	LS3	Run 4
SPS	Run 2	Run 2	Run 2	Run 2	LS2	LS2	LS2	Run 3	Run 3	Run 3	SPS stop	NA stop	Run 4
SHiP / BDF	Comprehensive design & 1st prototyping				Design and prototyping			Production / Construction / Installation					
Milestones	TP				CDS	ESPF		TDR	PRR				CwB

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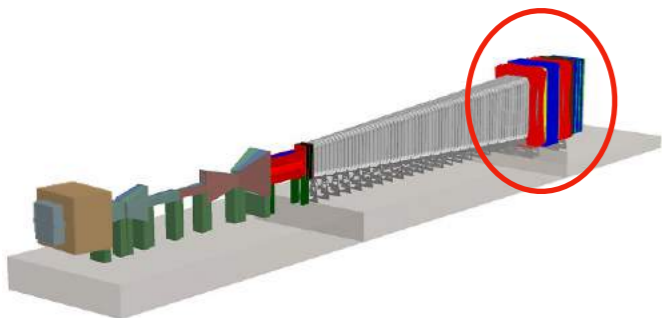
Experimental technique for the HS direct search ($signal \propto \epsilon^4$)



Experimental area of SHiP in the North Area of CERN

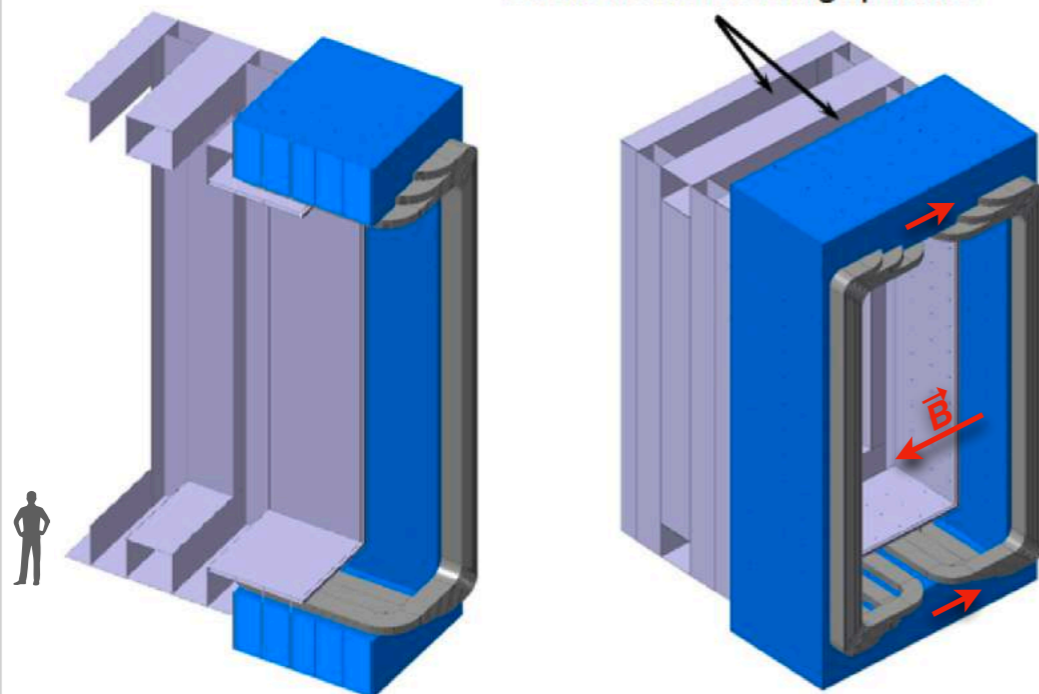


- 120 m long and 20 m wide underground experimental hall at a depth of ~15 m
- Minimising the background induced by muon and neutrino interactions with material
 - no infrastructure systems on the sides of the detector along the entire length



Magnetic spectrometer: tracking system

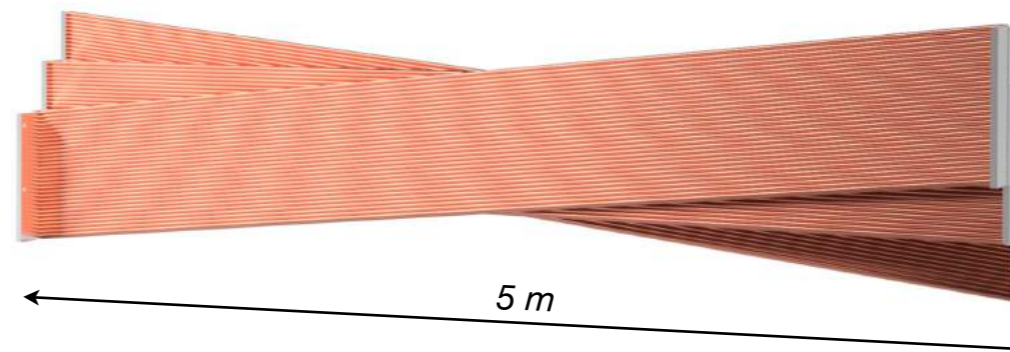
Straw Tracker loading aperture



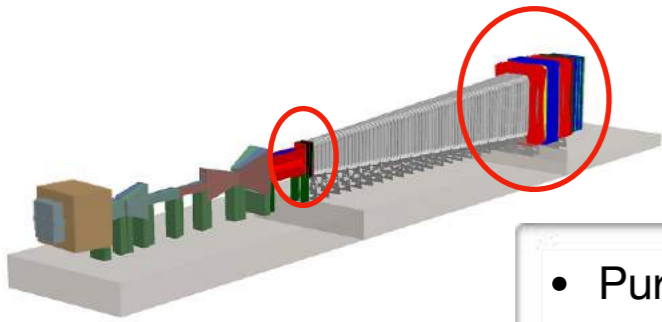
Dipole magnet

- Rectangular aperture $5 \times 10 \text{ m}^2$
- Warm Al coils is a baseline option
- Field integral along the central axis 0.5 Tm
- Superconducting option is under consideration
- Particle bending plane is *vertical*
- Yoke provides stiffening support for the vacuum tank
- Total mass (yoke+6 coil packs) 1155 tones
- Power dissipation 1.1 MW

Straw trackers



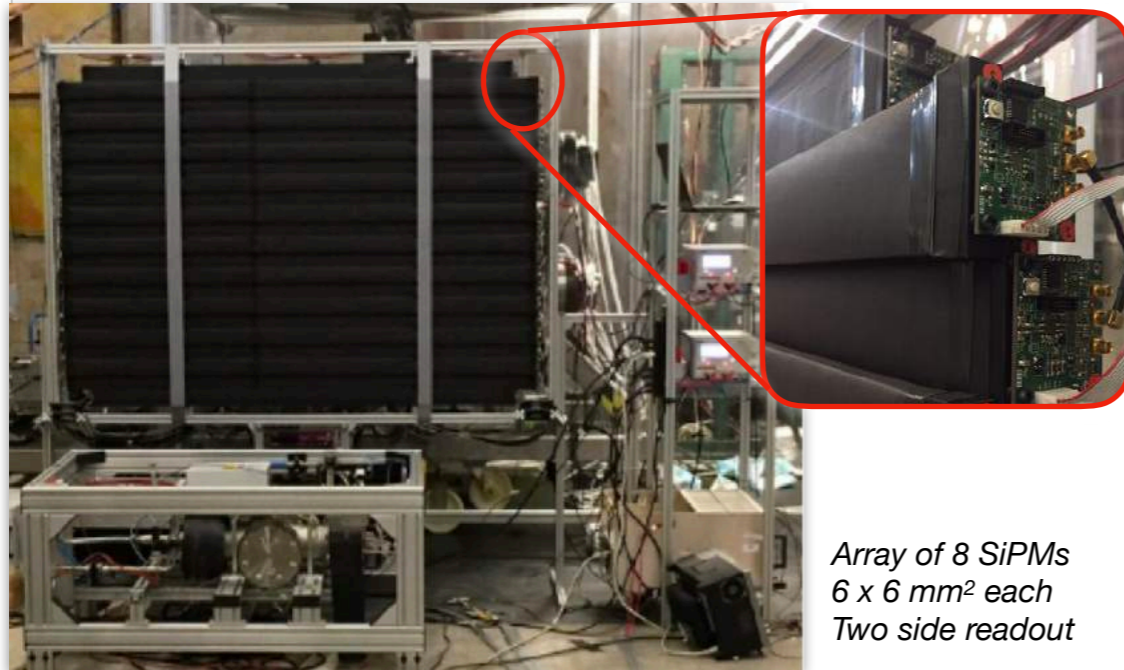
- 4 identical stations:
 - Oriented horizontally
 - Each station has U-Y-Y-V projections
- Each station assembled outside, to be loaded from top
- Diameter 20 mm
- $36 \mu\text{m}$ thick PET film coated with 50 nm Cu and 20 nm Au
- Procedure is established during mass production in JINR/Dubna for NA62
- Pressure=1bar, 70% Ar / 30% CO_2
- Start time is taken from the Timing Detector (downstream)
- Spatial resolution $120 \mu\text{m}$
- Sagging effect will be reduced by
 - long-stock constant force spring for wire
 - suspension mechanism based on carbon fibres
- Front-end electronics located inside the vacuum and will require active cooling



Magnetic spectrometer: Timing Detector(s)

- Purpose: reduction of *combinatorial background* by tagging particle belonging to a single event
- Active surface: 5 x 10 m². Required time resolution <100 ps

Cast Plastic Scintillator

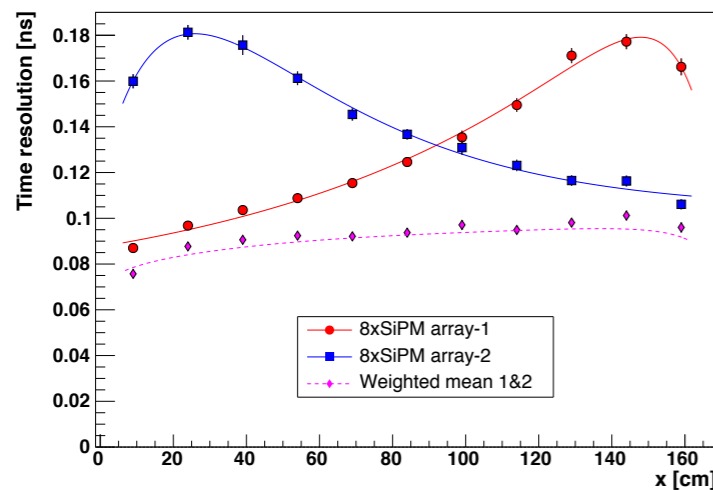


Array of 8 SiPMs
6 x 6 mm² each
Two side readout

Plastic EJ-200
Attenuation ~4 m
Bar dimensions:
168 x 6 x 1 cm³

Time resolut. ~85 ps
Eff_{plastic}=100%
Deadtime defined by electronics

Full detector:
182 row x 3 column
564 bars



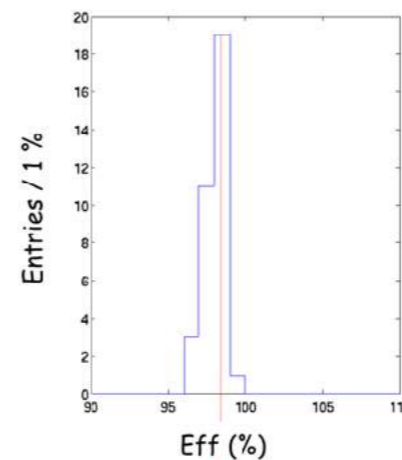
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Timing Resistive Plate Chamber

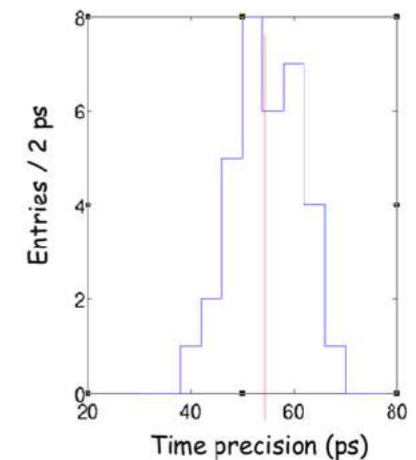


0.3 mm gas gap
12 gas gaps
Strips in the middle
Strip 3 cm wide
Two-end readout
Area 1.6 x 1.2 m²

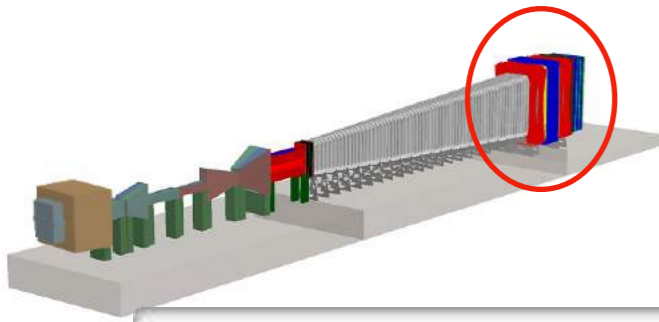
Full detector:
7 row x 5 column
35 modules



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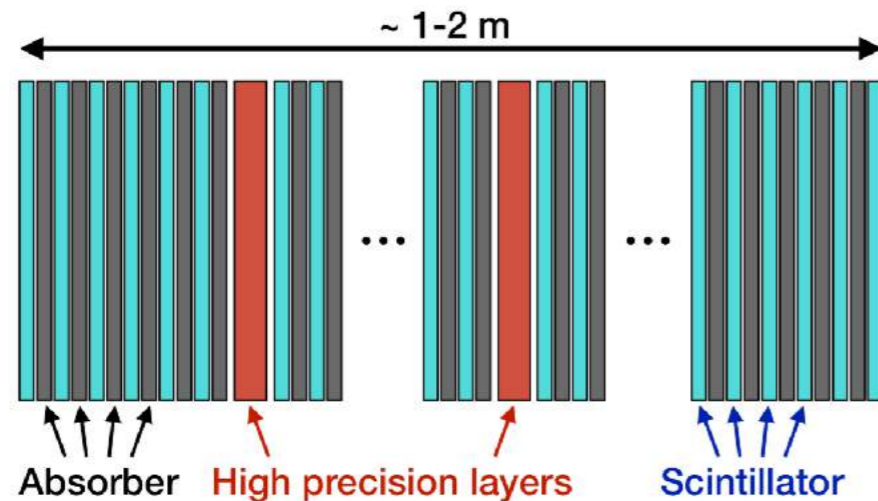


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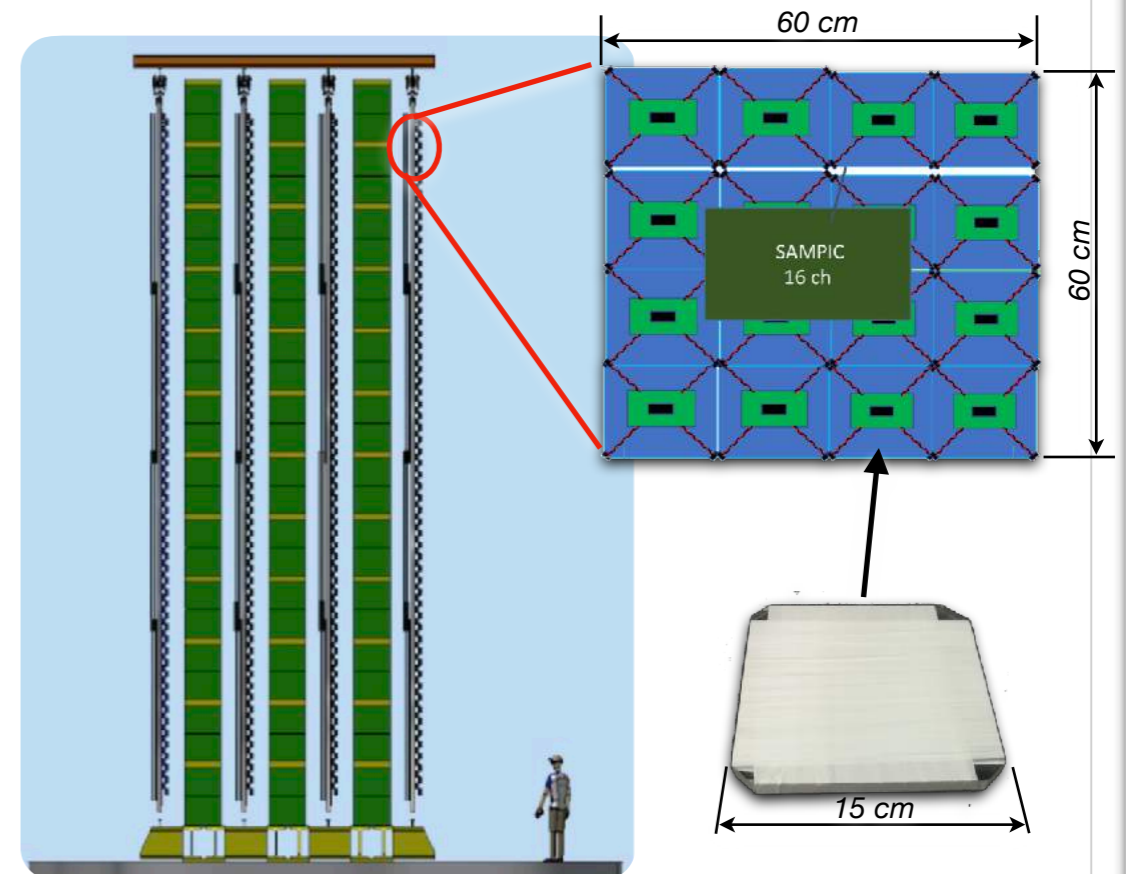
Magnetic spectrometer: particle identification

ECAL (SplitCAL)



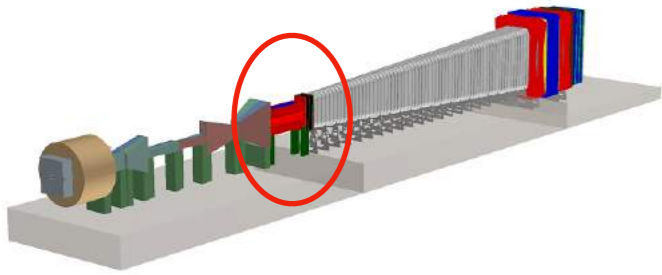
- Purpose:
 - trajectories of photons from $ALP \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
 - electron/hadron separation
- Total thickness $\sim 25X_0$
 - sheets of absorber
 - 2-3 high precision layers (XY)
 - ~ 40 scintillator planes for timing & calorimetry
- Photon trajectory is calculated by reconstructing transverse shower barycentre at different depths
- High precision layer
 - Spatial resolution required $\sim 200 \mu\text{m}$
 - Two technology:
 - micro-pattern (MicroMegas)
 - scintillating fibres detectors
- Scintillator plane: plastic scintillator strips with WLS fibre + SiPM readout, $\delta t \sim 1 \text{ ns}$

Muon system

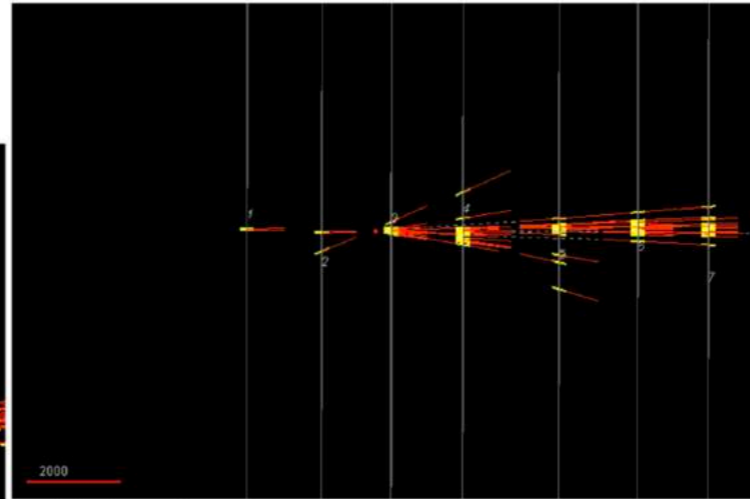
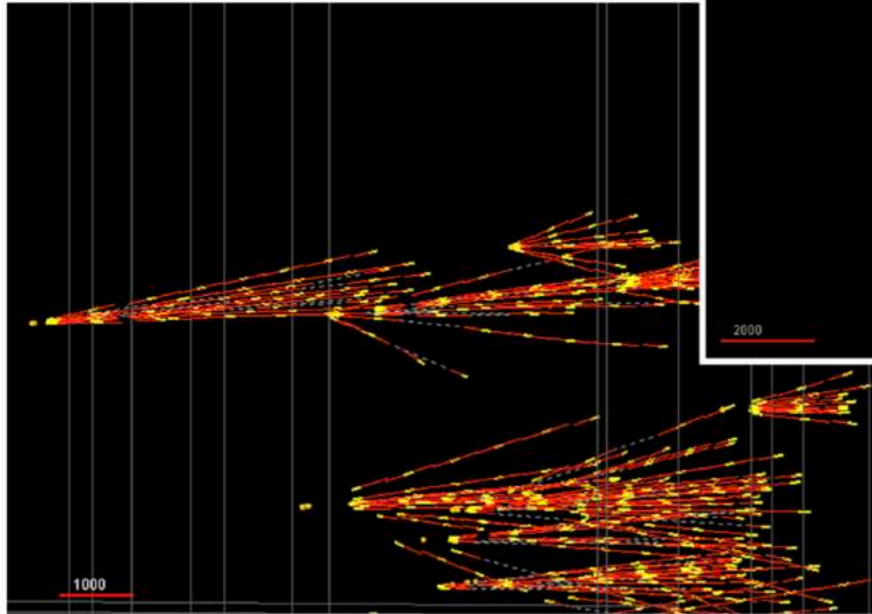


- Active area $6 \times 12 \text{ m}^2$
- 4 identical active layers
- 3 iron walls with thickness of 60 cm ($3.4\lambda_I$)
- Two technologies:
 - Extruded plastic scintillator *bars* with WLS fibre and SiPM readout, $\delta t \sim 800 \text{ ps}$
 - Cast plastic scintillator *tiles* with direct SiPM readout, $\delta t \sim 300 \text{ ps}$
- Scintillator weight 11.5 ton
- Iron weight 1000 ton

Scattering and Neutrino Detector (2)



Testbeam in July 2018, $p_{\text{proton}}=400 \text{ GeV}/c$

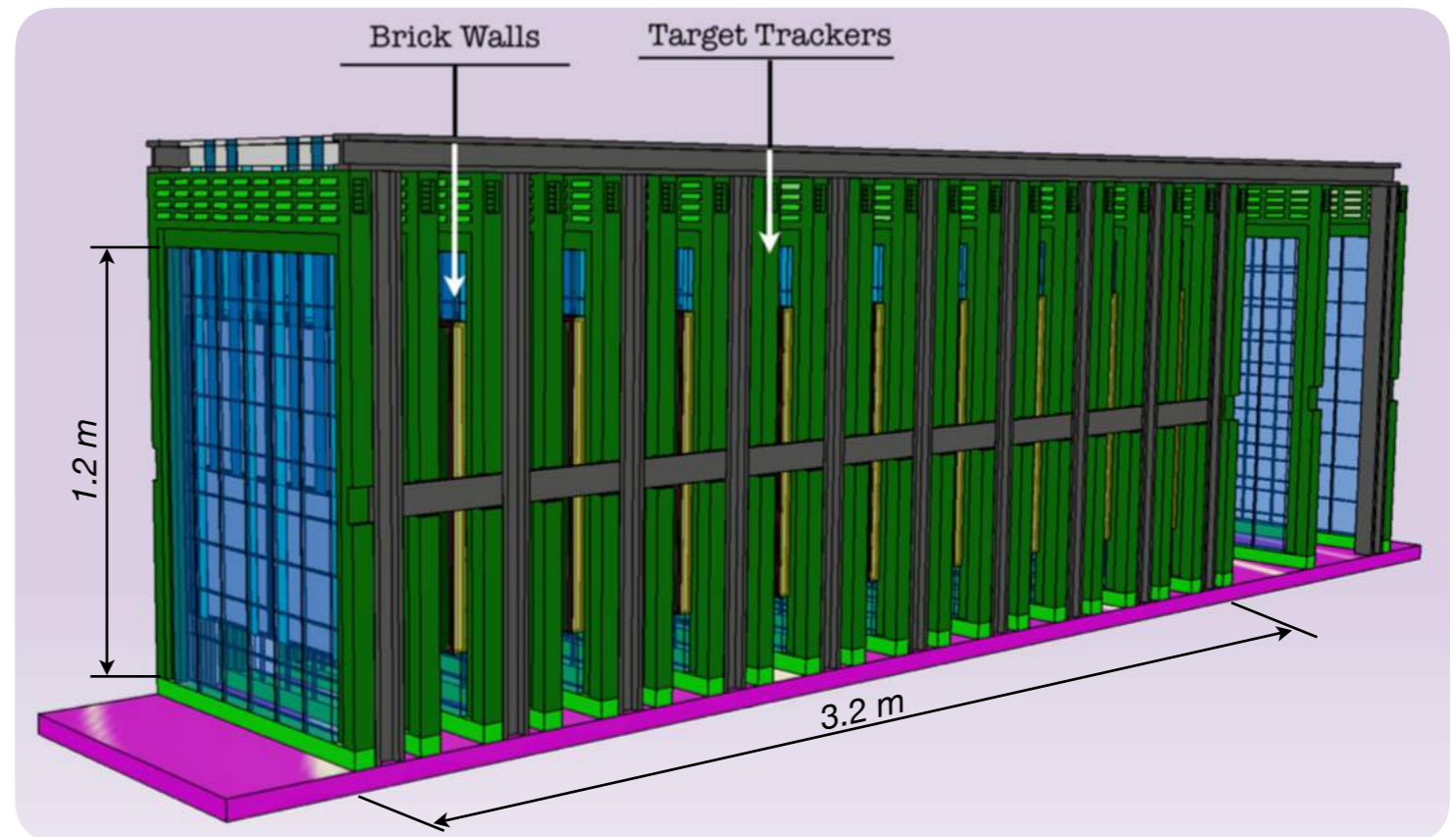


Two types of emulsion technology

- Emulsion Cloud Chamber (ECC)
 - 57 films interleaved with 1 mm Pb
 - thickness 8 cm, $10X_0$, 100 kg
 - replaced twice a year
- Compact Emulsion Spectrometer (CES)
 - 3 films interleaved with 2 layers of low density material
 - 10 kg
 - replaced every 2 weeks
- Transverse dimensions
 - 80x80 cm² assembled of 2x2 cells

Target & Downstream Trackers

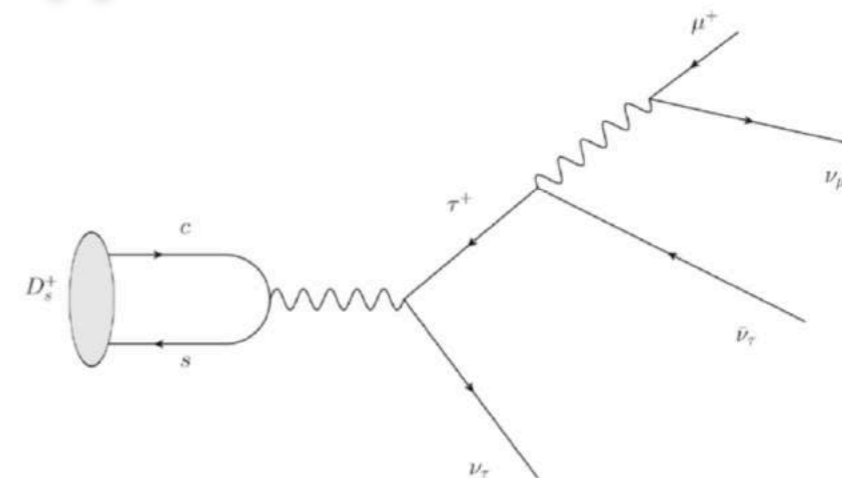
- Time stamp for tracks reconstructed in emulsion => connection to downstream trackers
- Time resolution required <10 ns
- Transverse size: 80x120 cm²
- Two technologies developed in LHCb:
 - μ -RWELL (Micro-Pattern Gaseous Detector)
 - Scintillating Fiber (SciFi) Tracker
- Spatial resolution ~40 μm
- Projections XY(UV)



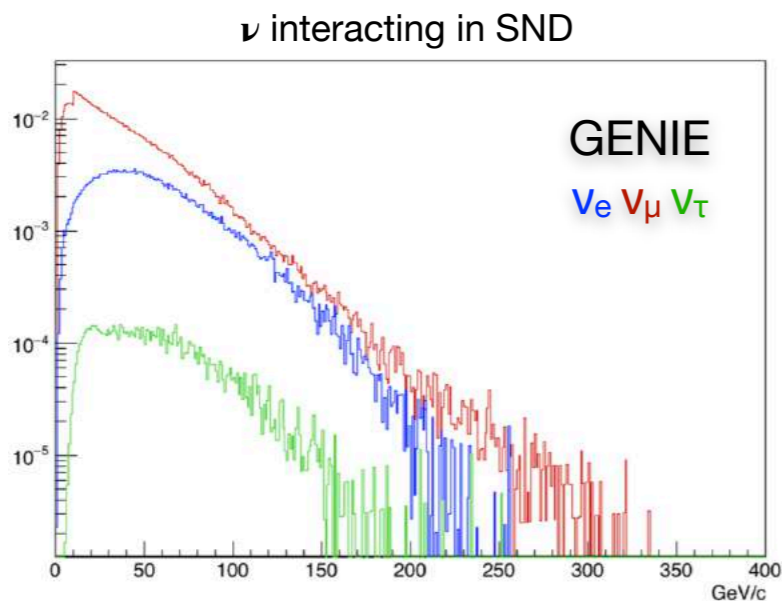
SM neutrino physics in SND (1)

- ν_τ and $\bar{\nu}_\tau$ produced in the leptonic decay D_s^\pm mesons
- Number of ν_τ and $\bar{\nu}_\tau$ produced in the beam dump

$$N_{\nu_\tau + \bar{\nu}_\tau} = 4N_p \frac{\sigma_{c\bar{c}}}{\sigma_{pN}} f_{D_s} Br(D_s \rightarrow \tau) = 2.85 \cdot 10^{-5} N_p$$



- ν_τ in previous experiments: DONUT (9), OPERA (4)
- Unique capability in SHiP to detect all 3 flavours ν_e, ν_μ, ν_τ and distinguish ν and $\bar{\nu}$
 - CC channel to identify the flavour via lepton
 - Electrons shower in emulsion before their charge can be measured
 - Momentum either via bending in magnetic field or via Multiple Coulomb Scattering (used in OPERA)
 - Impact parameter to reconstruct the ν_τ vertex (resolution $\sim \mu\text{m}$)



Expected number of CC DIS interactions in SND		
	$\langle E \rangle [\text{GeV}]$	N interactions
N_{ν_e}	59	$1.1 \cdot 10^6$
N_{ν_μ}	42	$2.7 \cdot 10^6$
N_{ν_τ}	52	$3.2 \cdot 10^4$
$N_{\bar{\nu}_e}$	46	$2.6 \cdot 10^5$
$N_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}$	36	$6.0 \cdot 10^5$
$N_{\bar{\nu}_\tau}$	70	$2.1 \cdot 10^4$

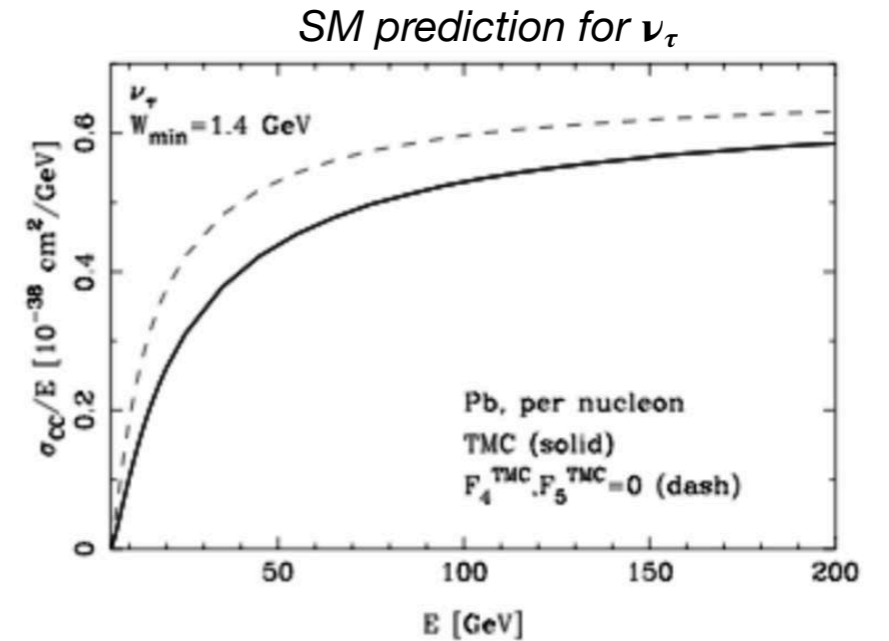
Expected number of observed ν_τ and $\bar{\nu}_\tau$		
channel	ν_τ	$\bar{\nu}_\tau$
$\tau \rightarrow \mu$	$1.2 \cdot 10^3$	$1 \cdot 10^3$
$\tau \rightarrow h$	$4 \cdot 10^3$	$3 \cdot 10^3$
$\tau \rightarrow 3h$	$1 \cdot 10^3$	$0.7 \cdot 10^3$

- efficiencies were taken into account

SM neutrino physics in SND (2)

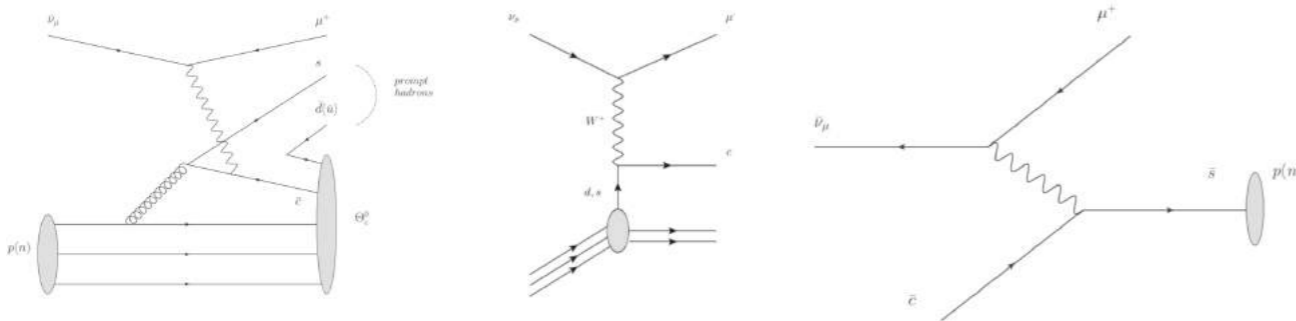
- Access to **structure functions** $F_4(x, Q^2)$ and $F_5(x, Q^2)$ in DIS CC interactions
- Suppressed by the lepton mass squared m_l^2
- Albright-Jarlskog relations: $F_4=0$, $F_5=F_2/(2x)$

$$\frac{d^2\sigma^{\nu(\bar{\nu})}}{dx dy} = \frac{G_F^2 M E_\nu}{\pi(1 + Q^2/M_W^2)^2} \left((y^2 x + \frac{m_\tau^2 y}{2E_\nu M}) F_1 + \left[(1 - \frac{m_\tau^2}{4E_\nu^2}) - (1 + \frac{Mx}{2E_\nu}) \right] F_2 \right. \\ \left. \pm \left[xy(1 - \frac{y}{2}) - \frac{m_\tau^2 y}{4E_\nu M} \right] F_3 + \frac{m_\tau^2(m_\tau^2 + Q^2)}{4E_\nu^2 M^2 x} F_4 - \frac{m_\tau^2}{E_\nu M} F_5 \right)$$



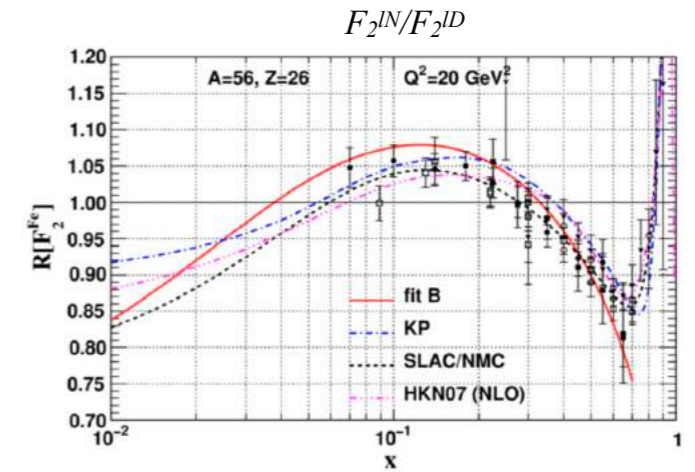
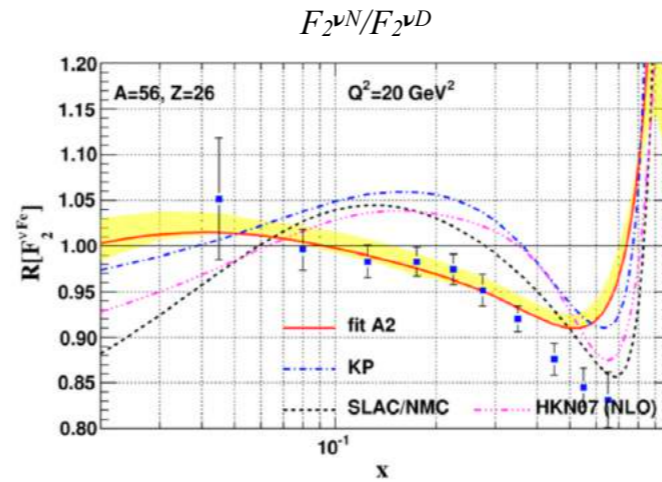
- Neutrino induced **charm production**
- Expected charm yield exceeds the statistics available in previous experiments by more than one order of magnitude
 - 2013 charm ν_μ and 32 charm $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ events in CHORUS
- Search for pentaquark Θ_c^0 with charm quark content

Expected number of CC DIS interaction with charm production			
	$\langle E \rangle$ [GeV]	# interactions	fraction [%]
$N_{\nu\mu}$	55	$1.3 \cdot 10^5$	4.7
$N_{\nu e}$	66	$6.0 \cdot 10^4$	5.7
$N_{\bar{\nu}\mu}$	49	$2.5 \cdot 10^4$	4.2
$N_{\bar{\nu}e}$	57	$1.3 \cdot 10^4$	5.1
total		$2.3 \cdot 10^5$	

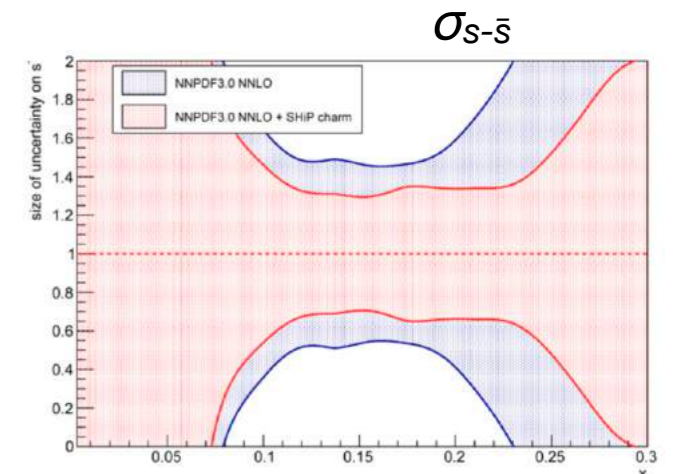
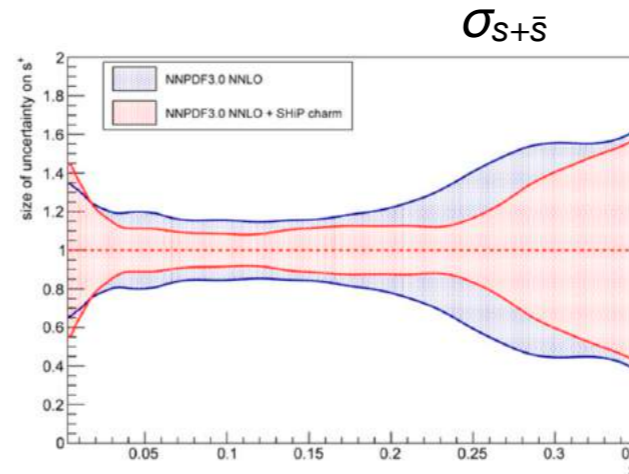


SM neutrino physics in SND (3)

- Nuclear effects in νN DIS: shadowing, anti-shadowing, EMC region, Fermi motion region
- Different from charged lepton interaction: slight tension in global fit between $F_2^{\nu N}$ and $F_2^{l\pm N}$



- Flavour decomposition: unique way to access strange quark PDFs
- Statistics of expected of ν_μ events is comparable to NuTeV/CCFR
 - lower cut on μ momentum in SHiP (5 GeV/c in NuTeV/CCFR)

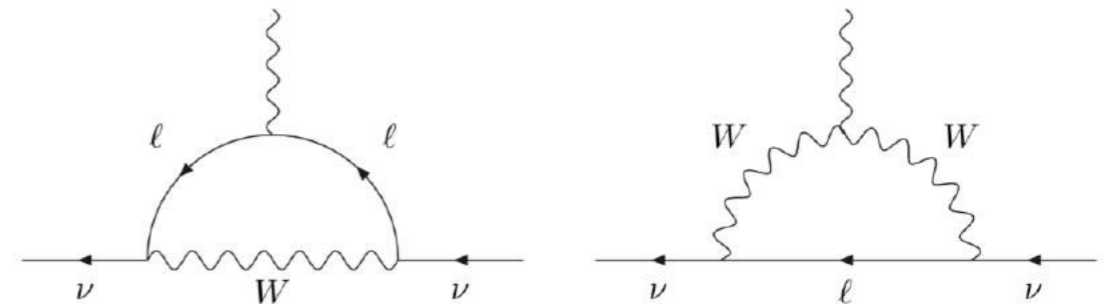


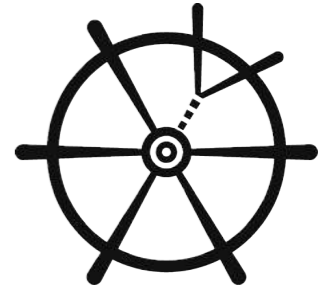
- ν_τ magnetic moment ($m_\nu \neq 0$)
 - Extra components to the ν_τ cross section
 - Measured so far: $\mu_{\nu e} < 1.9 \cdot 10^{-11} \mu_B$ and $\mu_{\nu \mu} < 6.9 \cdot 10^{-10} \mu_B$

$$\mu_\nu = \frac{3eG_F m_\nu}{8\sqrt{2}\pi^2} = 3.2 \cdot 10^{-19} \left(\frac{m_\nu}{1 \text{ eV}} \right) \mu_B$$

- Larger magnetic moment will be a sign of new physics
- The region down to $\mu_{\nu\tau} = 1.3 \cdot 10^{-7} \mu_B$ can be explored

SM diagrams



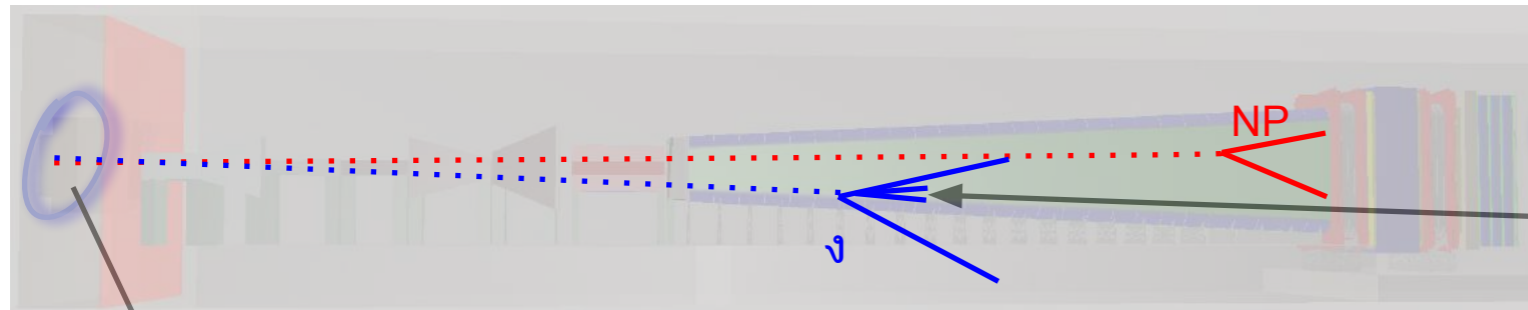


Neutrino Background in SHiP

How do we simulate the Neutrino Background in SHiP?

A precise estimation of neutrino background is crucial for us

We use a specific neutrino event generator GENIE as a mediator between Pythia8 and GEANT4 to simulate neutrino interactions.



4. Using a P/Pt distribution we position our event in the geometry based on its weight, where $\text{weight} = \sum \rho \ell$

1. We simulate POT interactions with Pythia8 and extract a momentum distribution of outgoing neutrinos.

2. We give obtained spectrum of neutrinos to GENIE to generate neutrino interactions with material

3. As output of GENIE we have a set of particles produced in interactions which we pass GEANT4.



Number of signal candidates



We generated the new huge neutrino MC interaction sample
Number of signal candidates in 5 years before the selection

$N_{\text{candidates}} \sim 65\,612$

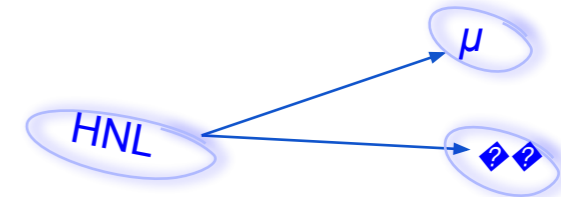
Number of signal candidates in 5 years after the basic selection

(Just one candidate, vertex is in the fiducial volume, tracks are reconstructed, number of degrees of freedom > 25 , daughters track momentum > 1.5 GeV, $\chi^2/\text{ndf} < 5$, RPC veto, DOCA < 1.0 cm, IP < 10 cm (fully reco), 250 cm (partially reco)), PID, safety distance to walls

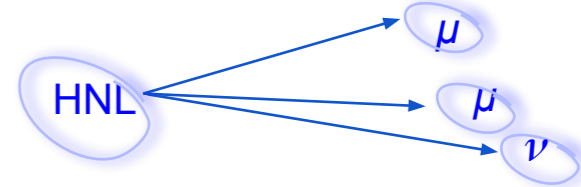
$N_{\text{partially}} \sim 8$

$N_{\text{fully}} \sim 0$

Signal signature:
fully reconstructed

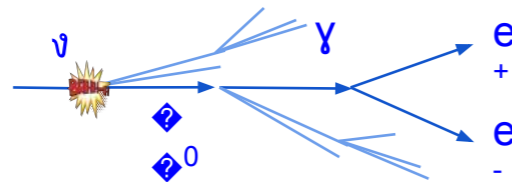


partially reconstructed



Decay opening angle

$N_{\text{partially}} \sim 0.25$



SBT signal around the vertex

$N_{\text{partially}} \sim 0.05$

