

The SHiP experiments, LLPs and the intensity frontier

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SHiP / Public documents

- The technical proposal (250 • physicists, 46 institutes, 16 countries) submitted to CERN in Apr 2015 (arXiv:1504.04956)
- Physics Paper (85 physicists, • 65 institutes) Accepted for publication in Review on Progress in Physics (arXiv:1504.04855)



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Technical Proposal





SHiP / Collaboration

~250 scientific authors

Search for Hidden Particles

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, Ippsala, 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





Introduction / 1

- Naturalness does not seem to be a guiding principle of Nature
- There are some anomalies in flavour physics which (if true) seem again to point out that our theory prejudice was wrong
- We should therefore not forget that we have a 2D problem (Mass VS Coupling)
- Low coupling → Long Lived



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Energy scale

Explored

Unexplored

Intensity frontier:

Flavour physics, lepton flavour violation, electric dipole moment, hidden sector





Exploring the dark sector / 1

- In the dark sector: $L = L_{SM} + L_{mediator} + L_{HS}$
 - **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
- Experimental challenge is **background suppression**
- Full reconstruction and PID are essential to minimise model dependence
- **Two** strategies of searching for mediators at accelerators:
- Decaying in the detector
 - Reconstruction of decay vertex
- Not decaying in the detector •
 - Missing energy technique
 - Scattering technique: electron or nuclei scattered by DM...



Exploring the dark sector / 2

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Production of HS particle

Decay to SM particles

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Decaying dark sector candidates / 1

Experimental requirements:

- Particle beam with maximal intensity
- Search for HS particles in Heavy Flavour decays
 - Charm (and beauty) cross-sections strongly dependent on • the beam energy.
 - At CERN SPS: $\sigma(pp \rightarrow ssbar X)/\sigma(pp \rightarrow X) \sim 0.15$ $\sigma(pp \rightarrow ccbar X)/\sigma(pp \rightarrow X) \sim 2.0 \times 10^{-3}$ $\sigma(pp \rightarrow bbbar X)/\sigma(pp \rightarrow X) \sim 1.6 \times 10^{-7}$
- HS produced in charm and beauty decays have significant pr
- Detector must be placed close to the target to maximise geometrical acceptance.
- maximise detection efficiency...



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Target μ -shield



SHiP Beam Dump Facility at SPS / CERN

- Numbers: >10¹⁸ D, $>10^{16}$ T, $>10^{20} \gamma$ for 2×10²⁰ pot (in 5 years)
- Zero background experiment • Heavy target Muon shield Surrounding Veto detectors Timing and PID detectors, etc.
- Multipurpose layout: near and far detector (**new**)



Search for HS (scattering on atoms) and v physics. Specific event topology in emulsion. Background reducible to a manageable level



SHiP / Beam line



- New beam line in the north area at SPS
- Proton beam SPS@400GeV
- Possible to deliver 5x1020 PoT in ~5 years
- Operation in parallel with LHC and other beam lines at SPS
- low mass HNL production, plus need zero background, need a magnet!

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• LHC tunnel near interaction points, or on the surface, was considered BUT SPS beam is best for



SHiP / Beam dump facility





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SHiP / Beam dump facility

- Extraction line on target
- Beam dilution on target
- Target/Dump at facility
- Target design
- Target complex (Radiation Protection challenges)
- R&D approved for 2017 to 2019







Active muon shield

Mo-W target/ hadron absorber





SHiP / Target

- High intensity proton beam: 4*1013 p+/pulse, 4*1019 POT/year, 355 kW average beam power (CNGS ~500 kW)
- Slow extraction (~1 sec. flat top)
- O(400 GeV) optimative am momentum
- Minimal impact on running the North Area program
- Dense target/duint to maximise production & stop π and K before decay into μV
- Layers of Titanium/Zirconium/Molibdenum for 4λint in the core of the beam followed by Layers of pure W











Active muon shield

Mo-W target/ hadron obsorber





SHiP / Muon target / 1



- muons survive
- Muons come mainly from η , η' and ω (High energy muons)

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- Distribute the bkg over a long spill: 4x10¹³ PoT/1.3 seconds

- Sweeping magnet

- Decay volume to be far away from the walls

• Heavy target stops hadrons before they decay. After the target and the hadron absorber only



SHiP / Muon target / 2

- ✓ Active muon shield based entirely on magnet sweeper with a total field integral $B_v = 86.4 \text{ Tm}$ Realistic design of sweeper magnets in progress Challenges: flux leakage, constant field profile, modeling magnet shape
- Flux below emulsion saturation limit
- Small induced bkg in the HS spectrometer





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z (m)

40



z [cm]



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The active muon shield in the SHiP experiment JINST 12 P05011 2017



Figure 1. Transverse momentum versus momentum distribution of muons, as generated by Pythia [5, 7].

Running the simulation with material

- ~3x10⁹ muons/spill with magnets off
- With the magnet on 3x10⁵ muons/spill
- ~6.5x10⁴ muons/spill with p>3GeV

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Figure 4. Geometric view of the optimized muon shield, showing at the top, the z-y plane view, and at the bottom, the z-x plane view. SHiP defines the origin of the coordinate system to be in the center of the decay vessel. Color shading is used to enhance the contrast between different magnetic field orientations.

Opimization of the muon shield includes muon rate, weight (1.850 Tons) and length (34 meters)



Not LLP, see backup!

Active muon shield

Mo-W target/ hadron absorber







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Vacuum vessel



- The fiducial volume cannot be filled with air at atmospheric pressure
- This would mean about 100K neutrino interaction in the experiment
- Of this about 300 would survive a loose offline selection
- Therefore Plan to have a vacuum vessel with 10-3 Atm
- Use of pyramidal frustum shape to maximise the acceptance
- Surrounding background tagger made of liquid scintillators: total weight of ~ 480 t ٠

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Vacuum vessel dominant backgrounds

Main sources do not include KO background since this type of background has been • proven to be under control





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Hidden sector spectrometer



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Hidden sector spectrometer

- Straw tracker: resolution of 120 µm per straw and is very light
- Magnet with vacuum vessel: 5m length
- Time detector: Plastic or SciFi read out by SiPM, <100 ps is achievable, test beam this July will test timing in SciFi
- Calorimeter system: ECAL + HCAL
- Muon system: 4 stations, 1000 t of iron



Magnet

Backgrounds / 1



- neutrino inelastic, including background from KO,
 - Reduced rate of inelastic muons, efficiently killed by vets
 - Cosmic muons killed by veto (+ bad pointing)
 - Combinatorial muons killed by timing
- Generating about 5 years of SHiP data taking estimate compatible with 0 bkg events
- Preparing a large simulation corresponding to 10x 5 years of SHiP

Using the expected rate of muons (with sweeping magnets) the main background consists of



Backgrounds / 2





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 all channels we have been studying



Neutrino portal / kinematic

- HNL can be produced in decays of heavy flavours to ordinary neutrinos through kinetic mixing, ~ U2
 - $D \rightarrow K \ell N$
 - $D_s \rightarrow \ell N$
 - $D_s \to \tau \, \nu_{\tau}$ followed by $\tau \to \mu \, \nu \, N$ or $\tau \to \pi \, N$
 - $B \rightarrow \ell N$
 - $B \rightarrow D \ell N$
 - $B_s \rightarrow D_s \ell N$
- Then HNL decay again to SM particles through mixing (~U2) • with a SM neutrino. This (now massive) neutrino can decay to a large amount of final states:

$$\begin{split} N &\to H^0 \nu, \text{ with } H^0 = \pi^0, \rho^0, \eta, \eta' \\ N &\to H^{\pm} \ell^{\mp}, \text{ with } H = \pi, \rho \\ N &\to 3 \nu \\ N &\to \ell_i^{\pm} \ell_j^{\mp} \nu_j \\ N &\to \nu_i \ell_j^{\pm} \ell_j^{\mp} \end{split}$$









Neutrino portal / sensitivities

- Updated sensitivity (improved and extended to Bc mass contribution will be reported at the PBC)
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- **M(HNL)< M(b)**: LHCb, Belle2
 - SHiP will have much better sensitivity
- M(b)<M(HNL)<M(Z):
 FCC in e+e- mode
 - (improvements are also expected from ATLAS / CMS)
- M(HNL)>M(Z):
 Prerogative of ATLAS/CMS @ HL LHC
- E.g.: U2=10-8 and M=1GeV (~50 times lower than the present limit) SHiP will see more than 1000 fully reconstructed events, i.e. SHiP would discover sterile neutrinos in less than a week of running! The result can be reinterpreted for instance in the context of the Left-right symmetric model



Scalar portal / sensitivities

transition in K and B decays:



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PBC BSM physics group

Vector portal / sensitivities

Production

- Mesons decay, e.g. $\pi 0 \rightarrow \gamma V(\sim \epsilon 2)$ •
- p bremsstrahlung on target nuclei, pp→ppV
- largest MV in direct QCD production but • large theoretical uncertainties.

Decay

- into a pair of SM particles: e+e-, $\mu+\mu-$, • π+π+, KK, ηη, ττ, DD, ...
- EM showers are not taken into account as source of DP

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Physics signals

Signature	Physics
$\pi^-\mu^+$, $K^-\mu^+$	HNL,NEU
$\pi^-\pi^0\mu^+$	$HNL(\rightarrow \rho^{-}\mu^{+})$
$\pi^- e^+$, $K^- e^+$	HNL, NEU
$\pi^-\pi^0 e^+$	$HNL(ightarrow ho^- e^+)$
$\mu^- e^+ + p^{miss}$	HNL, Higgs Portal (HP)($\rightarrow au au$)
$\mu^-\mu^+ + p^{miss}$	HNL, HP($\rightarrow \tau \tau$)
$\mu^-\mu^+$	DP,PNGB,HP
$\mu^-\mu^+\gamma$	Chern-Simons
$e^-e^+ + p^{miss}$	HNL,HP
e^-e^+	DP,PNGB,HP
$\pi^-\pi^+$	DP,PNGB,HP
$\pi^-\pi^++p^{miss}$	DP,PNGB, HP($\rightarrow \tau \tau$), HSU,HNL($\rightarrow \rho^0 \nu$)
K^+K^-	DP,PNGB, HP
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	DP.PNGB.HP. $HNL(n\nu)$
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$	DP.PNGB.HP
$\pi^{+}\pi^{-}\pi^{0}\pi^{0}\pi^{0}$	$PNGB(\rightarrow \pi\pi\eta)$
$\pi^+\pi^-\gamma\gamma$	$PNGB(\to \pi\pi\eta)$
$\pi^{+}\pi^{-}\pi^{+}\pi^{-}$	DP,PNGB,HP
$\pi^+\pi^-\mu^+\mu^-$	Hidden Susy (HSU)
$\pi^+\pi^-e^+e^-$	Hidden Susy
$\mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$	Hidden Susy
$\mu^+\mu^-e^+e^-$	Hidden Susy

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Conclusions

- The days of "guaranteed" discoveries or of no-lose theorems in particle physics are over, at least for the time being
- but the big questions of our field remain wild open (hierarchy problem, flavour, neutrinos, DM, BAU,)
- This simply implies that, more than for the past 30 years, future HEP's progress is to be driven by experimental exploration, possibly renouncing/reviewing deeply rooted theoretical bias

Michelangelo Mangano



Conclusions

- Theoretical bias?
 - Long lived particles •
- Progress driven by experimental exploration?
 - complementary strategies can be explored
 - Direct observation of the decay vertex
 - Indirect detection via scattering on atoms •
 - **SHIP** experiment at SPS has:
 - **Intense beam** 400GeV@SPS with 2x1020 PoT in 5 years
 - (muon and neutrino induced)
 - Muon sweepers, Vacuum Vessel and series of vetos •
 - **Emulsion Spectrometer** and HS spectrometer
 - - •
 - If we have **two** sitting at the same mass is a **discovery**.
 - We have redundancy to make sure signal is signal. •

CERN is ideal place to search for Dark Sector at high energy and high intensity **SPS** beams. Two

Heavy target to maximise the signal (from direct production and heavy mesons) and minimise the bkg

Background is demonstrated to be at **negligible level** (<<1) in 5 years within the fiducial volume If we have **one** event isolated in the vacuum vessel and pointing back to the target it is **evidence**.







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Emulsion spectrometer detector

- SHiP also maximises the flux of $v\tau$ wrt to the other neutrino flavours
- Scenario: only 9 fully reconstructed vt at present and anti-vt ٠ never observed directly
- If Light-DM particles (M~GeV) are produced in the target, via the • decay of a hidden sector mediator, we can look for the interaction of the LDM particles with the ESD
- If DM lighter than WIMPS, not LLP, direct detection will loose ٠ sensitivity
 - SHiP is capable of indirect detection via electron and nuclear • recoil in ESD
- Main background is ve scattering: use kinematics
- Inelastic is suppressed by vetoing vertices with extra particles

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Anti-v_u

Anti-v_e

Anti-v_r

Rates for five years of nominal operation with 2 x 10²⁰ protons on target

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6.7x10⁵

9.0x10⁴

3.9x10³



Landscape today / 1

- In this talk, I will concentrate on **dark sectors** reach of the SHiP experiment.
- Landscape: LHC results in brief:
 - Direct searches for NP by ATLAS and CMS have not been successful so far •
 - complete HL-LHC data set has been delivered so far
 - NP discovery **still may happen**!
 - **LHCb** reported intriguing hints for the violation of lepton flavour universality •
 - In b \rightarrow cµv / b \rightarrow cTv, and in b \rightarrow se+e- / b \rightarrow sµ+µ- decays •

The Intensity frontier is a **broad** and **diverse**, yet **connected**, set of science opportunities: heavy quarks, charged leptons, hidden sectors, neutrinos, nucleons and atoms, proton decay, etc...

Parameter space for popular **BSM** models is **decreasing rapidly**, but only < 5% of the

Clear evidence of BSM physics if substantiated with further studies (possibly by BELLE II)





Landscape today / 2

- Therefore, from LHC hints, strong motivation to search for
 - Light Dark Matter (LDM) Portals to Hidden Sector (**HS**) (dark photons, dark scalars) Axion Like Particles (ALP) Heavy Neutral Leptons (HNL) **LFV** τ decays
- Many theoretical models (portal models) predict new light particles which can be tested experimentally
 - **SHiP Physics Paper**: Rep.Progr.Phys.79(2016) 12420 arXiv:1504.04855, • **SLAC Dark Sector Workshop** 2016: Community Report – arXiv:1608.08632, Maryland Dark Sector Workshop 2017: Cosmic Visions – arXiv:1707.04591
- Already **active** (and continuously growing) set of experiments at intensity SeaQuest, MiniBoone, HPS, ...)

frontier at CERN (NA62, NA64, and ~SHiP), in Japan (BELLE-2) and in US (LDMX, APEX,



SHiP so far

Milestone chart for CDS	
Iteration 1: Global re-optimization with "current detecto	
Iteration 2: Optimization with refined detectors	
Design and prototyping	
Testing and updated performance	
Design, performance, cost review	
Input to PBC (sensitivity/background)	
Test beam to measure muon spectra, σ_{charm} test, etc	
Write-up (CDS, supporting documents)	







SHiP / a realistic magnetic field



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Work of F. Ratnikov (YANDEX)

SHiP / Last step, back in our simulation!



- Using a 2.5 cm map grid (positive quadrant)
- Field map is pretty close to the ideal presentation and edge effects are on distances < ~10 cm





SHiP / Muon shield optimisation

- The problem is extremely complex:
 - 1. Magnet shield optimisation per se
 - 2. Magnet design construction and properties (plus production)
 - 3. Magnet shield implementation in our simulation
- ~50 D optimisation problem of a 2.7 Gb object
- Our Ultimate goal
 - Optimal configuration at new boundary conditions within a week
 - Get performance of the given configuration within a day •







- NA62 currently collecting data at SPS to study kaon physics ($K + \rightarrow \pi + vv$)
- Will start exploring a part of SHiP physics programme in **2020**
 - NA62+ will run in a beam dump mode at the beam intensity ~1e12 POT/sec on spill
 - ~1e18 POT/nominal year ~80 days
 - while the large majority (~85%) of the beam time will be dedicated to kaon physics •
 - No muon shield and consequently high combinatorial muon background
 - But **very precise detector** may reach interesting sensitivity in exclusive decay channels



Exploring the dark sector / 3

- Decaying in the detector
 - Reconstruction of decay vertex
- Not decaying in the detector
 - **Missing energy technique**



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e or nuclei scattered



Not decaying dark sector candidates / iSHiP / 1

- Not decaying dark sector candidates can scatter on atoms of the dense material of the SHiP emulsion detector (iSHiP) giving detection signature: EM shower (or nuclei recoil)
 - Reconstruction of the EM showers in emulsion demonstrated with OPERA data
 - Complement emulsion detector with fast electronic Target Tracker to improve electron reconstruction (SciFi ? -> SPS test beam July 2018)...







Not decaying dark sector candidates / iSHiP / 2

- (SciFi ? \rightarrow SPS test beam July 2018)
- 4σ /spacing = 1.5ns / 25ns & ~40 m distance from the target



Complement emulsion detector with fast electronic Target Tracker to improve electron reconstruction

Under study: Elimination of the neutrino background by ToF operating with the SPS bunched beam:





Light dark matter limits / e.g. scalar

- Missing mass/energy technique (applicable only for the models with dark photon mediator)
 - **Belle II** with 50 ab-1 provided that low energy mono-photon trigger works
 - LDMX (under discussion at SLAC) has the best • prospects for $M\chi < 100$ MeV
- Detection via scattering
 - **SHiP** has the best sensitivity in 20 200 MeV
 - Optimisation is ongoing
 - **COHERENT**, **BDX** and **SBN** in US
- An interplay between the sensitivity, the mass of the vWIMP target and the distance from the dump

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Not decaying dark sector candidates / NA64 / 1

- 3 weeks. In 2017 one run of 4 weeks. For 2018, 6 weeks are foreseen (~ 4e10 EOT/week)
- Key features
 - SPS 100 GeV electron beam

 - Synchrotron radiation detector (ETHZ) → primary electron identification
 - Electromagnetic calorimeter (**active beam dump**)
 - Hadronic calorimeter (hermeticity)

47 researchers from 12 Institutes (Swiss participation 15%, ETHZ), proposed in 2014, first test beam in 2015 (2 weeks). Proposal (P348) was approved by CERN SPSC in March 2016 \rightarrow NA64. In 2016 two runs of 2 and

Magnetic spectrometer (trackers (ETHZ) + bending dipole)→momentum reconstruction of primary particle

E. Depero (ETHZ) et al., NIMA866 (2017) 196-201 (Synchrotron radiation detector)

D. Banerjee (ETHZ) et al., NIMA881 (2018) 72-81 (Multiplexed micromegas tracker)

