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Search for Hidden Particles

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The Standard Model is complete

- The discovery of the Higgs boson at the LHC made the Standard Model (SM) of elementary particles complete
	- o all the particles predicted by the model have been found,
	- o their interactions, tested at LHC till now, are consistent with those predicted by the SM.

T T TTT $\overline{4.8}$ MeV **104 MeV** 4.2 GeV **Boson** $<$ 2.2 eV $<$ 0.2 MeV $<$ 16 MeV Leptons **80 Gel** 0.5 MeV 1.8_{GeV} 16 MeV 126 GeV

§ **The Standard Model is a very consistent and complete theory.**

Beyond The Standard Model

- The Electroweak Precision Observables (EWPO) radiative corrections predicted top and Higgs masses assuming SM *and nothing else*
- We can even extrapolate the Standard Model all the way to the the Plank scale :

small in the transition region. Detecting the Higgs scalar with mass around 126 GeV at the LHC could give a strong hint for the absence of new physics influencing the running of the SM couplings between the Fermi and Planck/unification scales.

Is it the end? [arXiv:0912.0208](https://arxiv.org/abs/0912.0208) M. Shaposhnikov, C, Wetterich

No!

o Standard Model particles constitute only 5% of the energy in the Universe

- o Matter-antimatter asymmetry
- o Neutrino mass-oscillations

- § **Answers beyond the Standard Model**
- § **We are certain that the SM does not represent the complete picture**

Continue…but.. How?

We must continue ….. but…

HOW?

- o **Direct observation of new particles (**energy frontier**).**
- o **The searches for extremely feebly interacting relatively light particles** (intensity frontier).
- o **Deviations from precise predictions** (precision frontier).

SHiP Experiment

• The SHiP facility will provide a unique experimental platform for physics at the intensity frontier

SHiP: Search for Hidden Particles

- § SHiP is a new proposed fixed-target experiment at the CERN SPS accelerator to search for hidden, very weakly interacting new particles.
- At the same time, also ideal for v_{τ} physics.

Collaboration

§ 52 institutes from 17 countries, plus CERN

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Xiv:1504.04956v1 [physics.ins-det]

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Technical Proposal

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

The SHiP Collaboration¹

Abstract

A new general purpose fixed target facility is proposed at the CERN SPS accelerator which is aimed at exploring the domain of hidden particles and make measurements with tau neutrinos. Hidden particles are predicted by a large number of models beyond the Standard Model. The high intensity of the SPS 400 GeV beam allows probing a wide variety of models containing light long-lived exotic particles with masses below $\mathcal{O}(10)$ GeV/c², including very weakly interacting low-energy SUSY states. The experimental programme of the proposed facility is capable of being extended in the future, e.g. to include direct searches for Dark Matter and Lepton Flavour Violation.

SHiP: a fixed-target facility at the SPS

- Use TT20 area (same as NA62, Compass, testbeams), requires new beam line and dedicated shielded target and detector areas and slow extraction mode.
	- o 400 GeV protons from SPS
	- \circ 4x10¹⁹ pot/year (~200 days of running)
	- \degree Spill = 4x10¹³ pot per cycle of 7.2 s with slow beam extraction (1s)

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

Design Concept of SHiP

"Zero background" experiment:

Reconstruction of HS decays in all possible final states Long decay volume protected by various **Veto Taggers, Magnetic Spectrometer followed by the Timing Detector, Calorimeters and Muon Systems**

Hadron Stopper $\&$ µ-Shield

Beam Induced Background

Background Suppression

- Beam-induced background flux
	- $\circ \theta(10^{11})$ muons(> 1 $\frac{GeV}{c}$)per spill of 4x10¹³
	- \circ 4.5x10¹⁸ neutrinos and 3x10¹⁸ anti-neutrinos in acceptance in 2x1020 proton on target
- For zero background it is critical. to reduce muon flux and neutrino interactions:
	- o Background Taggers,
	- o Particle ID,
	- o Coincidence timing
	- o Kinematic analysis

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HS Decay Volume& Background Tagger

Purpose: Tagging charged particles entering decay volume and tagging v and μ **interactions in the vacuum chamber walls.**

Air: $2.5x10³$ candidates with small impact parameter to the target \rightarrow Pump down to vessel pressure: $\sim 10^{-3}$ bar

Vacuum Vessel

- o 50 m pyramidal frustrum
- \circ Walls thickness: 8 mm (Al) / 30 mm (SS)
- o Walls separation: 300 mm
- o Liquid scintillator (LS) volume (250 -300 m³) readout by Wavelength Shifting Optical Modules (WOM) and PMTs
- \circ Vessel weight ~ 480 t

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HS Spectrometer

YUV

PLANE₁

Y

- **Purpose: Track reconstruction and momentum, reconstruction of origin of neutral particle candidate**
- Fiducial rectangular aperture $5x10 \text{ m}^2$ \rightarrow Horizantal field
- Position resolution 120 μ m per straw, 8 hits per station on average

- 2 stations before and after the magnet
- 4 views in each station: 2 Y-views and 2 Stereo-views
- 4 straw tube layers in each view ۰
- $\pm 5^{\circ}$ between Y and Stereo views

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Timing Detector

Purpose: Provide precise timing (<100 ps) of each track to reject combinatorial background.

§ Multi-gap resistive plate chambers (MRPC)

- o Multi-gap RPC structure : six gas gaps defined by seven 1 mm thick float glass electrodes of about 1550x1250 mm2 seperated by 0.3 mm nylon monofilaments.
- o Two identical sensitive modules sandwiched with a plane of pick-up electrodes, consisting of 1600x30 mm² Cu strips.
- o Resolution demonstrated to be about 80 ps along the whole length of the bar and over 2 m² prototype

§ Scintillator bars

- o Three-column with EJ200 plastic bars of 168 cm x 6 cm x 1cm, providing 0.5 cm overlap.
- o Readouts on both ends by array of 8 6x6 mm2 SiPMs
- o Resolution demonstrated to be demonstrated ∼80 ps along the whole length whole length of bar and over 2m2 prototype

HS ECAL

Purpose: e/ γ identification, π^0 reconstruction, photon directionality for ALPS $\rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

- 25 X_0 longitudially segmented calorimeter with coarse and fine space resolution active layers
- § Coarse layers: 40-50 planes of scintillating bar readout by $WLS + SIPM$
- § Fine resolution layers: 3 layers (1.12 cm thick), to provide photon angular resolution of a few mrad.

HS Muon System

Purpose: μ/π separation ($\varepsilon_{\mu} > 95\% \epsilon 5 - 100 \text{ GeV/c}$), timing to contribute to reject **combinatorial background.**

- Three stations with sensitive area of $6x12 \text{ m}^2$
- Calorimeter equivalent to 6.7 λ (P_μ > 2.6 GeV/c)
- Muon filters of 60 cm $+$ 10 cm shielding behind last section
- Baseline scintillating tiles $10x20$ cm² with SiPM (6 SiPM 4x4) mm2) readout 3200 channels/station.

Scintillating tile prototype in PS test beam

Time resolution of \sim 340 ps measured in test beam

Neutrino Detector

Design Concept of Neutrino Detector

Design: OPERA Concept: ECC & ED

Discovery of tau neutrino apperarance in a muon neutrino beam PRL 120 (2018) 2011801

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Neutrino Detector

Neutrino Detection

Muon momentum measurement

LDM Detection

Detection of electromagnetic shower and reconstruction origin by electronic target tracker

Neutrino Detector Magnet

- Overall external size $7.2 \times 3.6 \times 2.2 \text{ m}^3$, weight 300t
- Detector volume $5.6 \times 1.6 \times 1 \text{m}^3$
- Horizantal field \sim 1.2 T, 1.5-2 MW
- To respect emulsion limit of 103 tracks/mm², replacement every 6 months, CES every few weeks

§ Superconducting option being investigated

Neutrino Target & Target Tracker

§ Target ECC

- \circ 4 bricks of 40x40 cm²
- o Thickness~8 cm (57 films/lead plates ~10 X_0)
- \circ Weight \sim 100 kg
- \circ Total 730 m² of films x 10 replacements
- \circ Scanning speed 200 cm²/h
- § SciFi target Tracker
	- $\sigma_{x,y} \sim 30$ -50 μ m resolution
	- o Six scintillating fibre layers, total 3mm thickness $\sim 0.05 X_0$
	- o Multi-channel SiPM at one end, ESR foils as mirrors on other
	- \circ Time resolution ≤ 0.5 ns
- Detection combination combination provides a total charge identification efficiency of $\sim 65\%$ for muons produced in v_μ CC interactions.

Neutrino Detector Muon System

- Purpose: track and identify muons, and tag ineractions(v,μ) in the last layers before entrance window to HS decay volüme
	- o 15 iron filters, 10 cm thick
	- o 13 RPC, and 3 MRPC layers
	- Sensitive area of $\approx 2x5$ m²
	- o RPCs operated in avalanche mode due to high rate of muons
	- \circ Geometrical aceptance ~75 % and $\varepsilon_{\mu ID} = 96.7$ % with a miss-identification of hadrons of 1.5 %.

RPC prototypes built for muon flux and charm production

Search for Hidden Sector

- Rather than being heavy, could new particles be light but very weakly interacting?
- Portals : possible interactions between new physics (hidden sector) and the SM particles.

i) Neutrino portal ii)Scalar portal iii) Vector portal iv)Axion portal

- Large number of models investigated.
- Tau Neutrino Physics.

Physics Program

http://arxiv.org/abs/1504.04855

- 8.2 $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$ in seesaw scenarios
- 8.3 Supersymmetric models

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Short-Baseline neutrino anomalies

4.2.4 Future neutrino experiments

Physics Goals

• Production through hadron decays $(\pi, K, D, B,$ proton bremsstrahlung, ...)

- **•** Production and decay rates are strongly suppressed relative to SM.
	- Production branching ratios O(10-10).
	- Long-lived objects.
	- Travel unperturbed through ordinary matter.

LDM Production and Detection

- Production:
	- o Decay or mixing of a dark boson
- **Detection**
	- o Elastic scattering on electrons from atoms
	- o **Electrons have high energy and emitted in forward direction**

LDM Production and Detection

Dominant background

BG rejection:

- o Energy-angle correlation and presence of proton rejects QE
- o Presence of an hadronic jet rejects DIS

LDM Sensitivity

Assumptions

 \circ 10 tons of lead & 2x10²⁰ p.o.t

Signal Selection

- o Electron angle [10,20] mrad
- o Electron energy <20 GeV

Neutrino Portal

The neutrino Minimal Standard Model (υMSM) aims to explain.

T. Asaka, M. Shaposhnikov PLB620 (2005), 17.

- Matter anti-matter asymmetry in the Universe, neutrino masses and oscillations, non-baryonic dark matter.
- Adds three right-handed, Majorana, Heavy Neutral Leptons (HNL), N1, N2 and N3.

- N1 is a dark matter candidate (m \approx O(1) keV).
- N2, N3 give masses to neutrinos and produce baryon asymmetry of the Universe (m≈ $O(100)$ MeV-GeV)

HNL Sensitivity

SHiP Sensitivity to Dark Photons

1)Meson decays 2)Bremsstrahlung (pp→ppV) $3)$ QCD (q+q \rightarrow V; q+g \rightarrow q+V)

SHiP Sensitvity to Dark Scalars

SHiP Sensitvity to Axion-Like Particles

SHiP Neutrino Program

- § SHiP setup ideally suited to study neutrino and anti-neutrino physics for all three active flavours.
- § High charmed hadrons production rates ⇒ high neutrino fluxes from their decays, including remnant pion and kaon decays.

Tau Neutrino Physics

- Less known particle in the Standard Model
	- o First observation by DONUT at Fermilab in 2001 *Phys. Lett. B504 (2001) 218-224.*

o9 events (with an estimated background of 1.5) reported in 2008 with looser cuts.

 $\sigma^{\text{const}} (v_{\tau}) = (0.39 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-38} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$ $\sigma(v_{\tau}) = \sigma^{\text{const}} E K(E)$

(K(E) describes the kinematical suppression due to the tau mass)

Tau Neutrino Physics

Number of v_r and anti- v_r produced in the beam dump.

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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
$$

Main background in v_{τ} and anti- v_{τ} searches is the charm production in v_{μ} CC (anti- v_{μ} CC) and v_{e} CC (anti- v_{e} CC) interactions, when the primary lepton is not identified.

F_4 and F_5 Structure Functions

Through v_r and anti- v_r identification: unique capability of being sensitive to F4 and F5

- At LO $F_4 = 0$, $2xF_5 = F_2$
- At NLO $F_4 \sim 1\%$ at 10 GeV

r>1.6 evidence for non-zero values of F_4 and F_5

 $E(\overline{v_{\tau}})$ < 38 GeV

Charm Physics

Expected charm exceeds the statistics available in previous experiments by more than one order of magnitude

In NuTeV \sim 5100 v_{μ} , \sim 1460 anti- v_{μ} **In CHORUS** \sim 2000 v_{μ} , 32 anti- v_{μ}

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\frac{\mathbf{v}_{\mu}^{\text{CC}}}{f(charm)} = \frac{\int \Phi_{\nu_{\mu}} \sigma_{\nu_{\mu}}^{CC} \left(\frac{\sigma_{charm}}{\sigma_{\nu_{\mu}}^{CC}} \right) dE}{\int \Phi_{\nu_{\mu}} \sigma_{\nu_{\mu}}^{CC} dE} \approx 4\%
$$

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\frac{\mathbf{v_{e}}^{CC}}{f(charm)} = \frac{\int \Phi_{\nu_{e}} \sigma_{\nu_{e}}^{CC} \left(\frac{\sigma_{charm}}{\sigma_{\nu_{e}}^{CC}}\right) dE}{\int \Phi_{\nu_{e}} \sigma_{\nu_{e}}^{CC} dE} \approx 6\%
$$

No charm candidate from v_e **and** v_τ **interactions ever reported!**

Strange Quark Content

- § Charmed hadron production in anti-neutrino interactions selects antistrange quark in the nucleon.
- § Strangeness important for precision SM tests and for BSM searches.
- § W boson production at 14 TeV: 80% via *ud* and 20% via *cs.*

Strange Quark Content

- § Improvement achieved on *s+/s-* versus *x*
- § Significant improvement (factor two) with SHIP data

Added to NNPDF3.0 NNLO fit, Nucl. Phys. B849 (2011) 112–143, at $Q^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}^2$

Tau Neutrino Magnetic Moment

 W^+ ν_l ν_l γ

Current limits $\mu_{\nu e} < 2.9x10^{-11}$ μ_B $\mu_{\nu\mu} < 6.9x10^{-10}$ μ_B

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\mu_{\nu} = \frac{3 e G_F m_{\nu}}{8 \pi^2 \sqrt{2}} \simeq (3.2 \times 10^{-19}) \left(\frac{m_{\nu}}{1 \text{ eV}}\right) \mu_B
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\nBackground events
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\nu_x(\bar{\nu}_x) + e^- \rightarrow \nu_x(\bar{\nu}_x) + e^-
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\nu_e + e^- \rightarrow e^- + \nu_e
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\nu_e + n \rightarrow e^- + p
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\nu_e + p \rightarrow n + e^+
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\nu_e(\bar{\nu}_e) + N \rightarrow e^-(e^+) + X
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\nu_B = \frac{11700}{11700} \text{SHiP can reach}
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\mu_{\nu} = 1.3 \times 10^{-7} \mu_B
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Charm Cross-Section Measurement

Measurement of $d\sigma/dE d\Omega$) associated charmed hadron production in a 400 GeV proton beam on SHiP target

Aim:

HNL normalisation + v_r cross-section measurements

Precise inclusive cross-section by NA27 (σ CC = 18.1 \pm 1.7 μ m), but no info on angular/energy distribution for charm from 400 GeV proton For simulations used differential cross-section measured with 500 GeV pions

Charm Cross-Section Measurement

- Lead target, 12×10 cm²Pb blocks (few cm) interleaved with emulsion to identify charm topology

- Spectrometer to measure momentum and charge of the charm daughters

- Muon tagger to identify

Instrument \sim 1.6 λ to study charm production including the cascade effect

- Iuly 2108: \sim 150 fully reconstructed charm-pais
- \triangleright Data taking after LS2: $>$ 1000 fully reconstructed charmed pairs

muons

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Muon Flux Measurement

Project Schedule

Four years for detector construction, plus two years for installation → Data taking 2026

Summary

- SHiP experiment at CERN is proposed to search for New Physics in the largely unexplored domain of new, very weakly interacting particles with mass O(10) GeV.
- § SHiP will perform a complement searches for new searches at energy frontier at CERN.
- Also unique detector for neutrino physics/charm physics.

Cost

Detector breakdown

Overall cost of SHiP facility

