

# SHIP:

## Search for Hidden Particles

### A new experiment proposal at CERN

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# What is SHIP

**SHIP is a proposal for a beam dump experiment at CERN/SPS (400GeV p)**

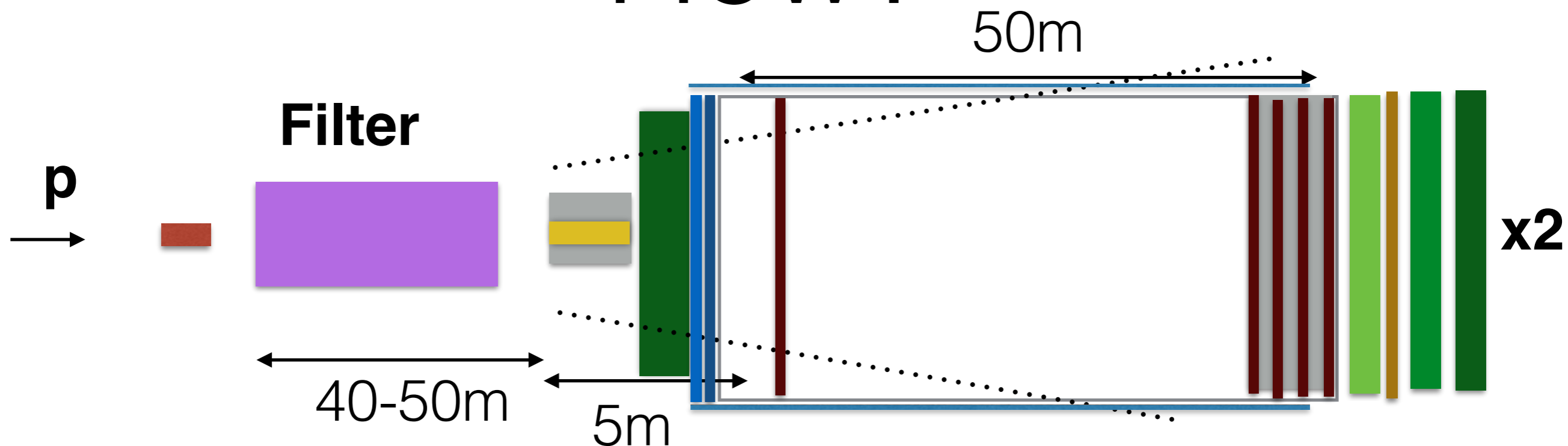
**Main goals (so far...):**

**1) detection of long lived particles, very weakly interacting or sterile:** statistical sensitivity with respect to previous experiments of similar type **x10000 (this is the first dedicated experiment ever!)**

**—> the Physics of Hidden Sector**

**2) the bread and butter physics: study of  $\nu_\tau$  interactions with statistical sensitivity with respect to previous experiments of similar type **x200****

# How?



**The highest  $E/\ell$  proton beam of the world...**

**...dumped and followed by the closest, longest and widest possible and technically feasible decay tunnel**

# Physics

## What survives the dump?

D and B mesons,  $\pi^0$ 's, a tiny fraction of  $\pi^+$ , K decay before absorption

→  $\nu(e, \mu, \tau) +$

*all sterile particles (NP) that mix with  $\nu(e, \mu, \tau)$ ,  $\pi^0$  and  $\gamma$  or that are produced in B decay or by the proton-proton interaction*

## Final states in the decay tunnel:

vertexes with or without missing energy :

$e^+e^-$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $\pi^+\pi^-$ ,  $\pi^+\mu^-$ ,  $\pi^+e^-$ ,  $\rho^+\mu^-$ ,  $\rho^+e^-$

**All we observe in the decay tunnel is signal**

**What physics are we looking for? What are the models that we can probe?**

**What is their relevance for HEP?**

# Shaking hands...



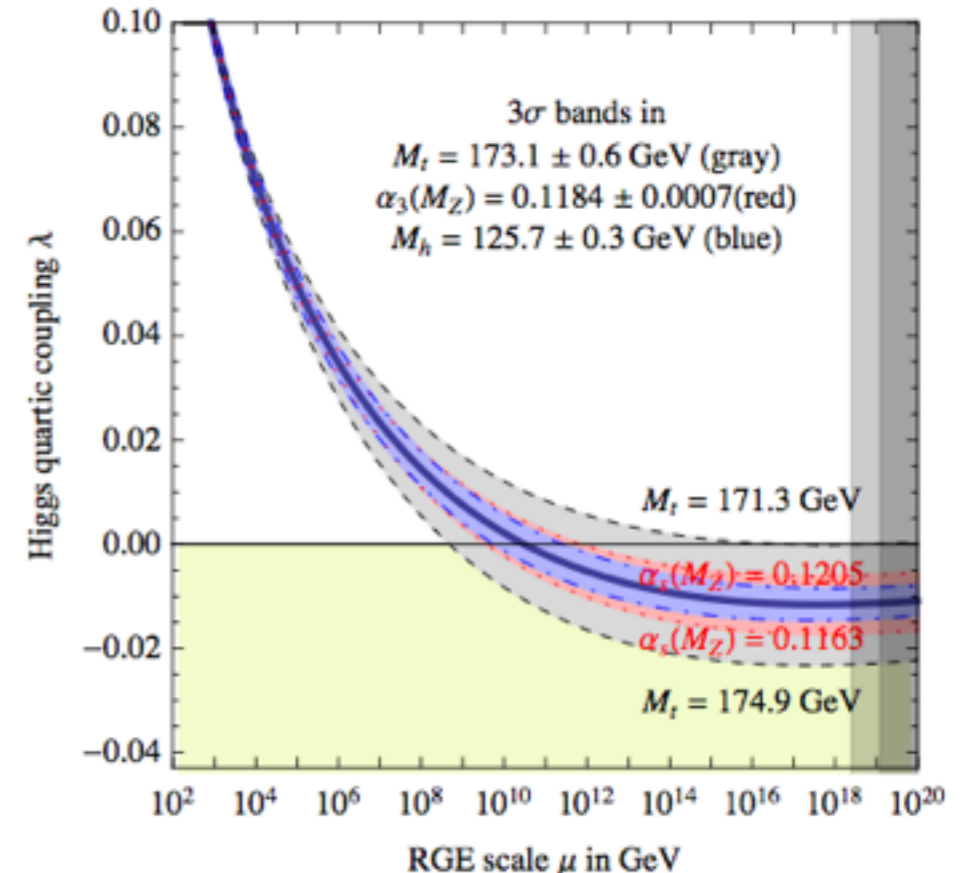
**SM was recently fully confirmed by the Higgs-boson discovery! (with the exception of the anti- $\nu_\tau$ , whose detection is one of the goals of SHIP)**

# However...

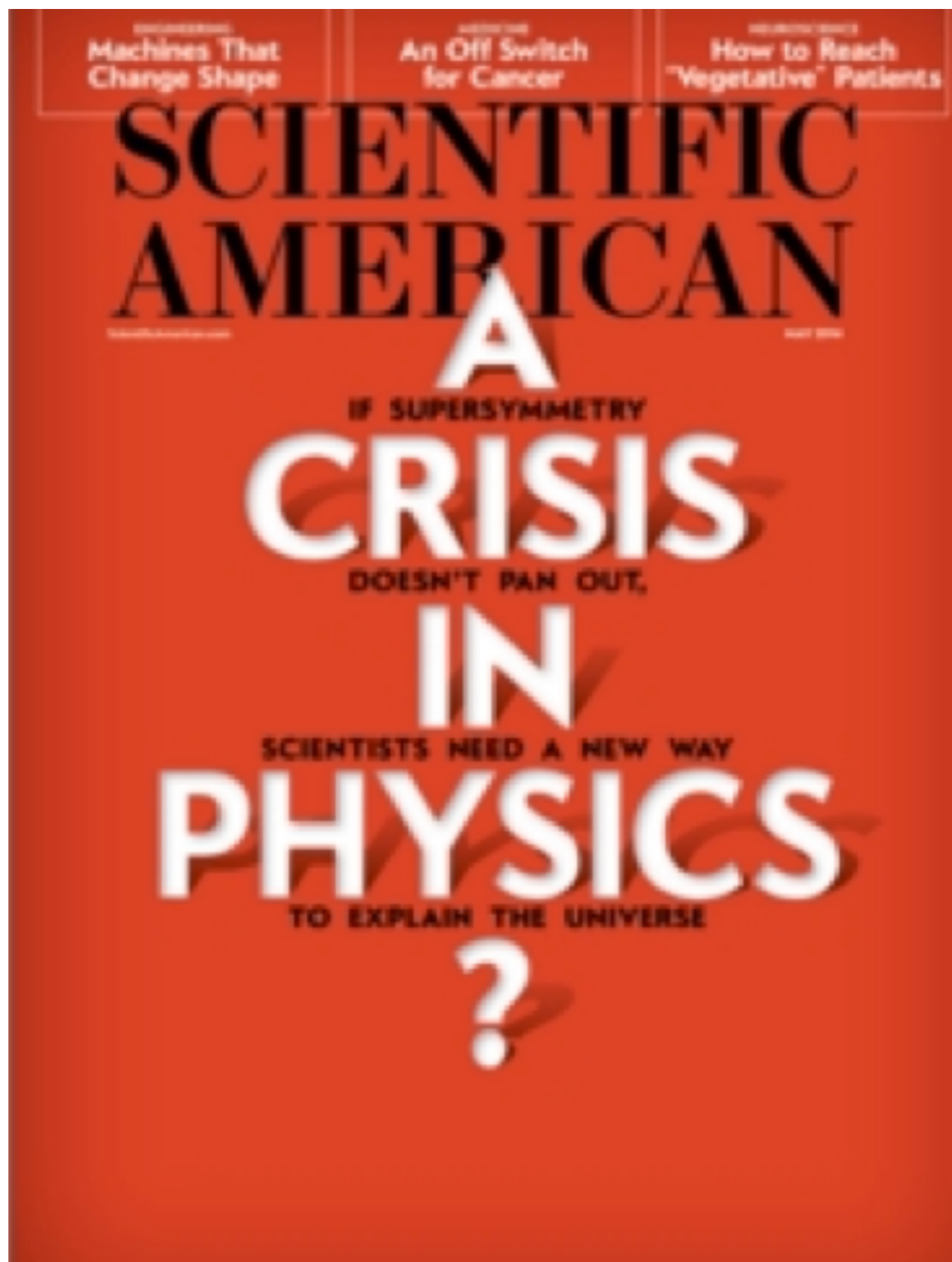
**However: no NP anywhere! Also, naturalness is now severely challenged.**

**The peculiar Higgs mass suggest that, even in absence of NP, the Universe is metastable.**

**SM could well be valid up to Planck scale but we have to explain some facts: neutrino oscillations, baryogenesis, dark matter (+inflation, dark energy...)**



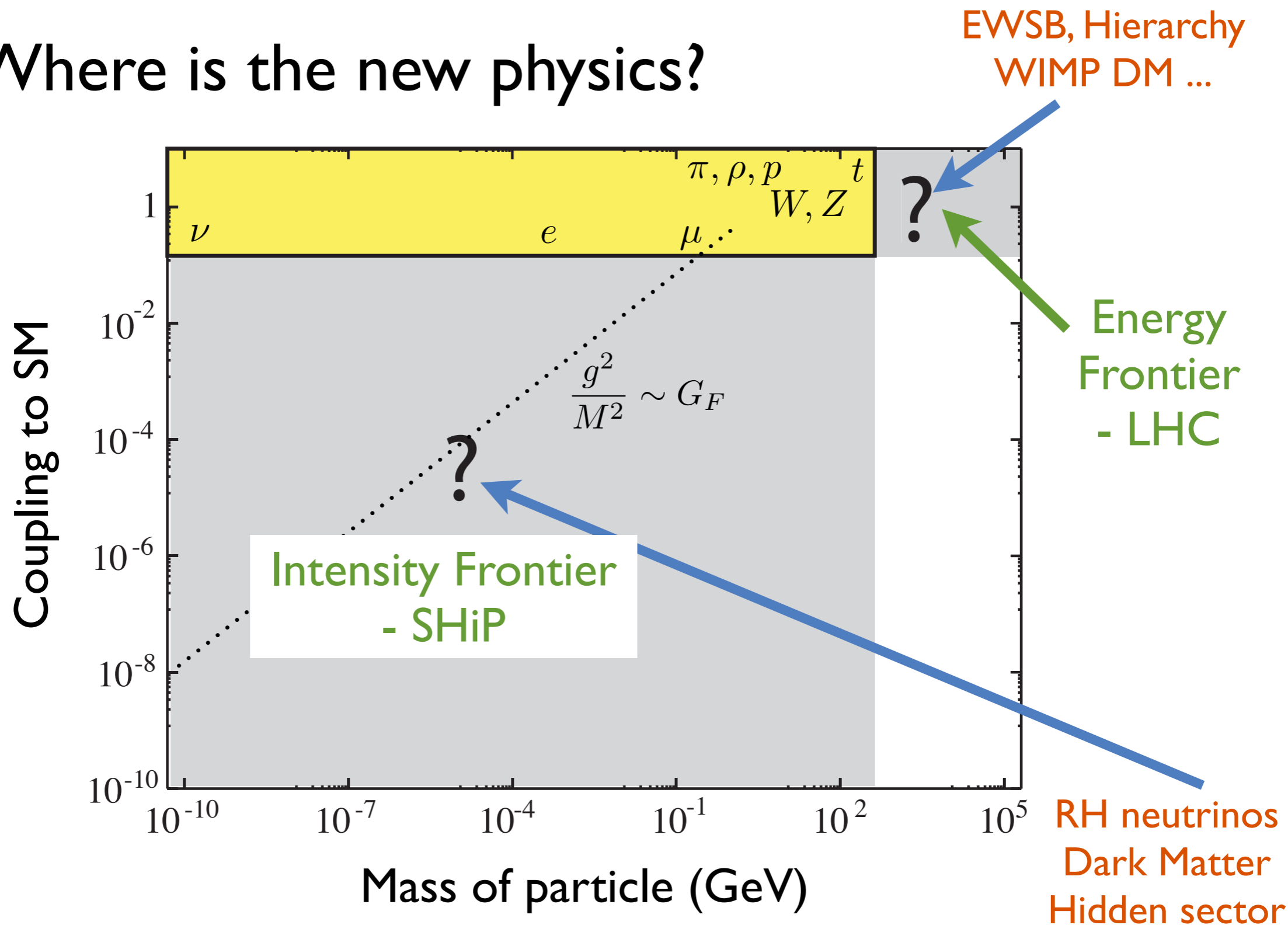
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# Where is the new physics?





## Leading SM coupling to Neutral Hidden Sector

Portals

Scalar  
 $\mathcal{O}_S H^\dagger H$

Right-Handed neutrino  
 $LH N_R$

U(1)  
 $B_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu\nu}$

renormalizable couplings

+other of higher dimensions (e.g. axion-like portal)

(stolen from A.Fradette, *New Physics at the Intensity Frontier - Victoria, BC, Sept 2014*)

# Why the Hidden Sector

**DM → hidden sector**

recent revival since HS may explain some astrophysical anomalies (e.g.  $e^+/e^-$  increase with energy, 511keV line from galactic centre), interpreted in the context of DM; the suggested mass range, from few MeV to few GeV, with  $\tau < 1\text{sec}$  and  $\tau > 100\text{ns}$ , is peculiar for fixed-target experiments

**also a generic feature of many BSM models → in this context the widest parameter space explored, the better!**

**even in the SM some of the matter fields are un-charged under one or more of the color and ew gauge group → another sector would not be particularly exotic from this point of view  
(PhysRevD80.095024)**

# A different way to search for NP!



**HS is yet another different way!**

**NB: a very popular subject among theorists,  
indeed every day on the arXiv there is at least one  
new paper on HS posted!**

# Neutrino portal

# See-saw generation of neutrino masses

Most general renormalisable Lagrangian of SM particles (+3 singlets wrt SM gauge group):

$$L_{singlet} = i\bar{N}_I \partial_\mu \gamma^\mu N_I - Y_{I\alpha} \bar{N}_I^c \tilde{H} L_\alpha - M_I \bar{N}_I^c N_I + h.c$$

Yukawa term: mixing of  $N_I$  with active neutrinos to explain oscillations

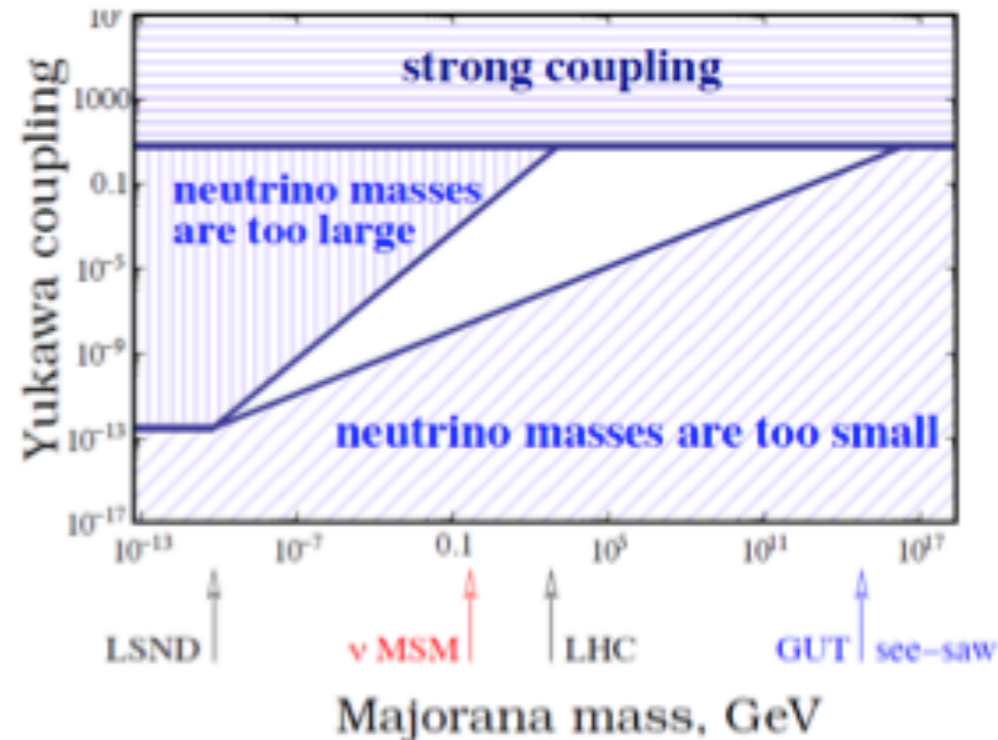
Majorana term which carries no gauge charge

The scale of the active neutrino mass is given by the see-saw formula:  $m_\nu \sim \frac{m_D^2}{M}$   
 where  $m_D \sim Y_{I\alpha} v$  - typical value of the Dirac mass term

$$v \sim 246 \text{ GeV}$$

## Example:

For  $M \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$  and  $m_\nu \sim 0.05 \text{ eV}$   
 it results in  $m_D \sim 10 \text{ keV}$  and Yukawa coupling  $\sim 10^{-7}$



# The $\nu$ MSM and its variants

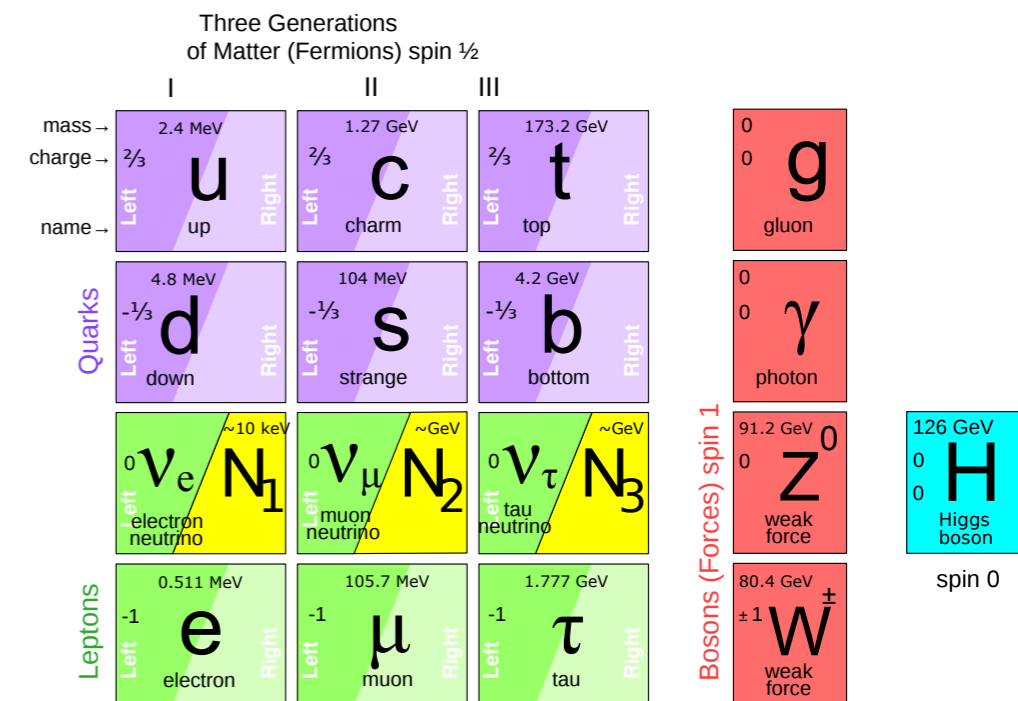
3 Majorana (HNL) partners of ordinary  $\nu$ , with  $M_N < M_W$

In a peculiar parameter space ( $N_2$  and  $N_3$  almost degenerate in mass and with  $m=O(\text{GeV})$  and  $N_1$  decoupled with  $m=O(\text{keV})$ ),  $\nu$ MSM explains:

neutrino masses (see-saw), baryogenesis (via lepto-genesis) and DM ( $N_1$ )! (but most probably DM has to be generated outside the  $\nu$ MSM, by e.g. the decay of an inflaton  $\rightarrow$  see Higgs portal)

No hierarchy problem (if also the inflaton or the NP yielding  $N_1$  has mass below EW scale)

Naturalness of the above parameter space comes from a  $U(1)$  lepton symmetry, broken at  $10^{-4}$  level.



$\nu$ MSM: T.Asaka, M.Shaposhnikov PL B620 (2005) 17  
M.Shaposhnikov Nucl. Phys. B763 (2007) 49

# $N_{2,3}$ production

Interaction with the Higgs v.e.v.  $\rightarrow$  mixing with active neutrinos with  $U$

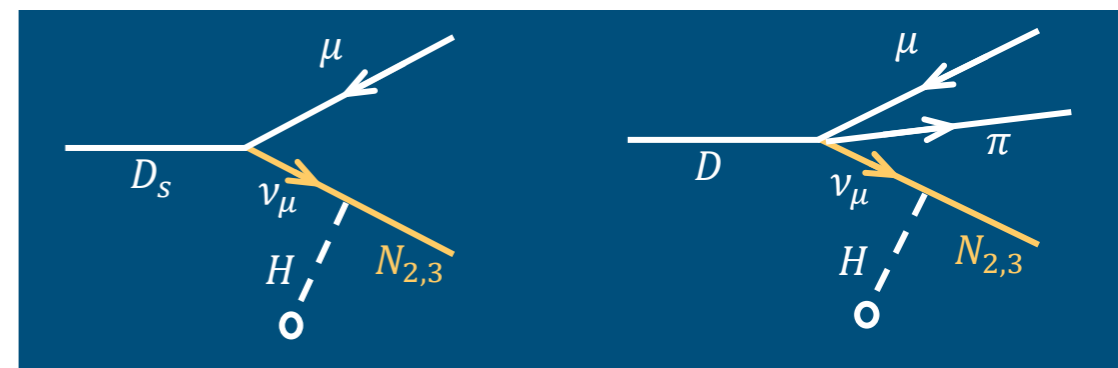
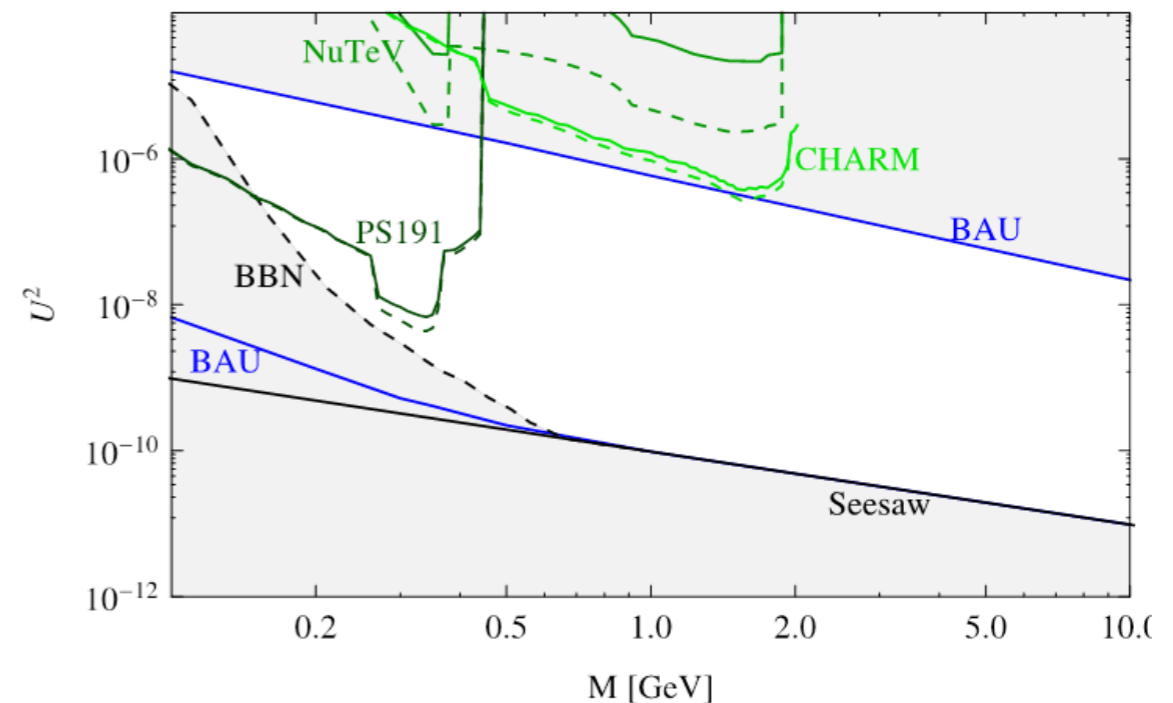
in the  $\nu$ MSM strong limitations in the parameter space ( $U^2, m$ )

a lot of HNL searches in the past but, for  $m > m_K$ , with a sensitivity not of cosmological interest (e.g. LHCb with B decays obtained  $U^2 \approx 10^{-4}$ , arXiv:1401.5361)

this proposal: search in D meson decays (produced with high statistics in fixed target p collisions at 400 GeV)

Taking into account the existing beams and those possibly existing in the near future, this is the best experiment to probe the cosmologically interesting region

inverted mass hierarchy





# $N_{2,3}$ decays

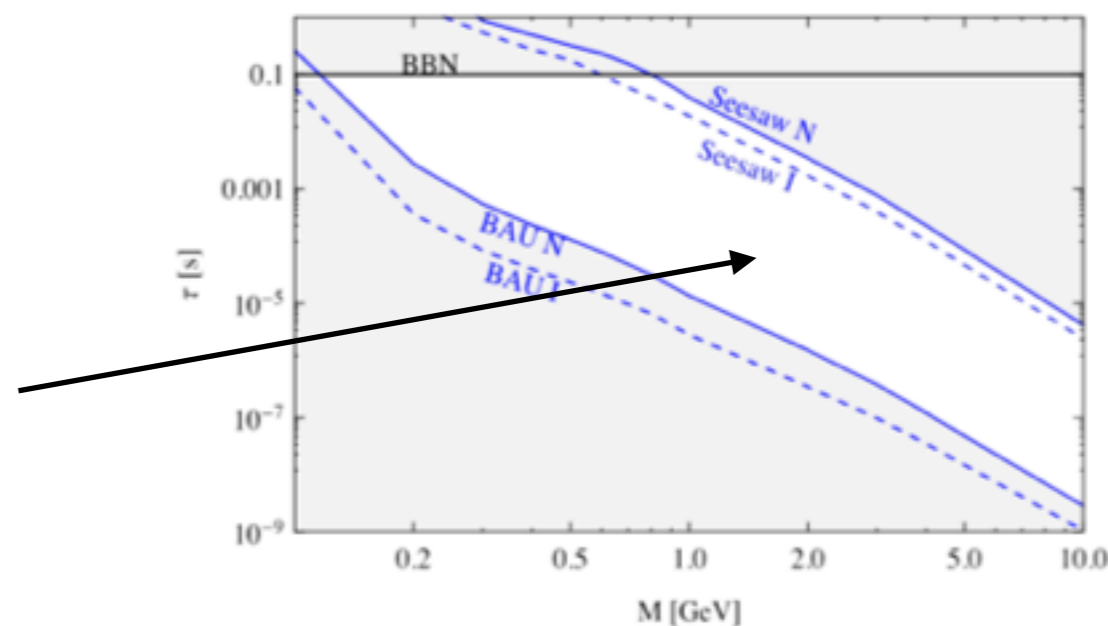
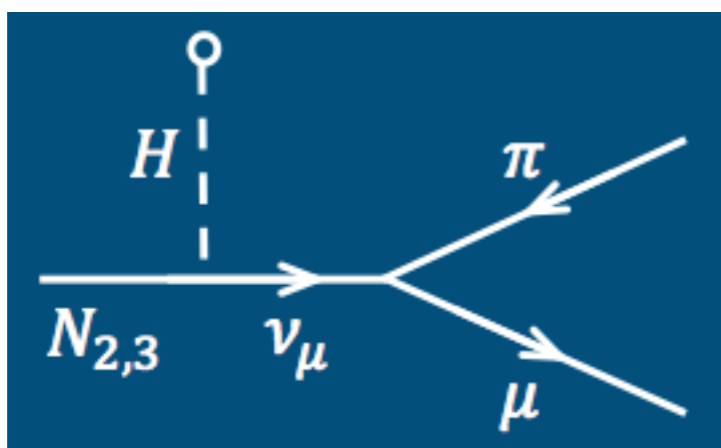
Very weak HNL-active  $\nu \rightarrow N_{2,3}$  have very long life-time

decay paths of O(km)!: for  $U_{\mu}^2 = 10^{-7}$ ,  $\tau_N = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$  s

Various decay modes : the BR's depend on flavor mixing

The probability that  $N_{2,3}$  decays within the fiducial volume of the experiment  $\propto U_{\mu}^2$

$\rightarrow$  number of events  $\propto U_{\mu}^4$

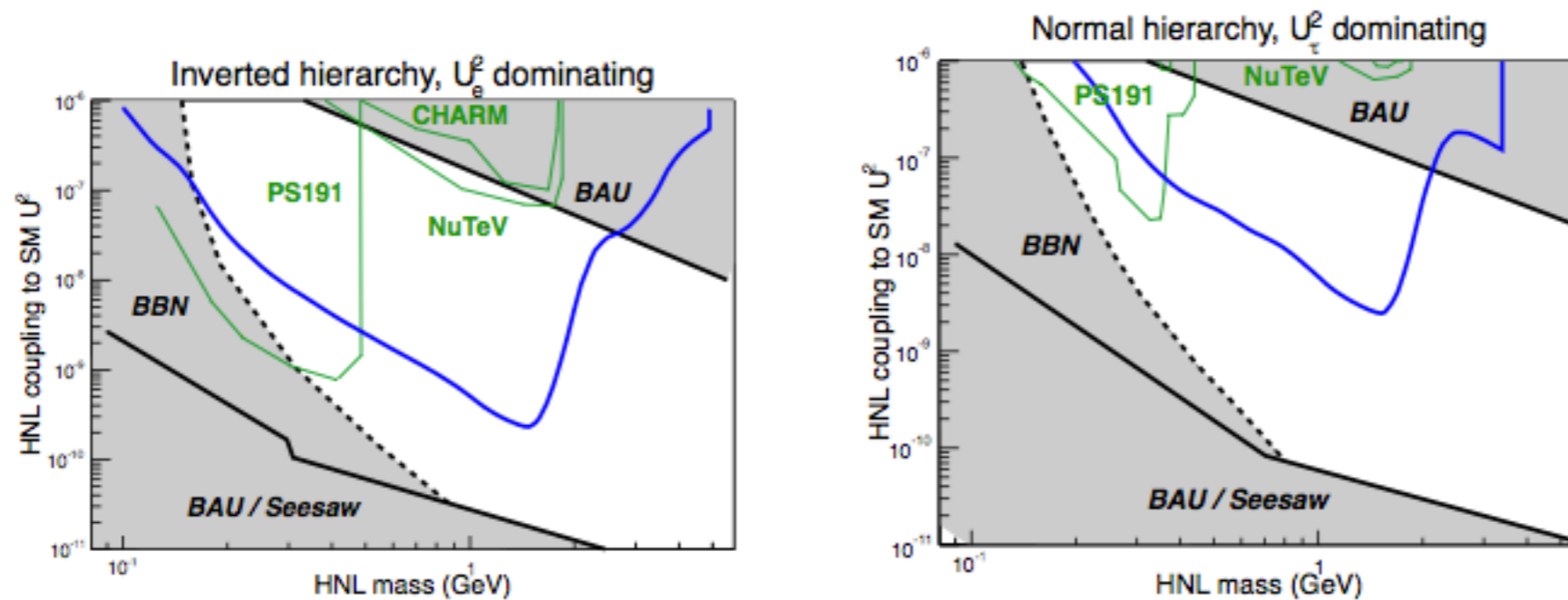


Decay mode	Branching ratio
$N_{2,3} \rightarrow \mu/e + \pi$	0.1 - 50 %
$N_{2,3} \rightarrow \mu^-/e^- + \rho^+$	0.5 - 20 %
$N_{2,3} \rightarrow \nu + \mu + e$	1 - 10 %

# SHiP sensitivity to HNL

**SHiP will scan most of the cosmologically allowed region below the charm mass**

**Reaching the see-saw limit would require increase of the SPS intensity by an order of magnitude (does not currently seem realistic)**



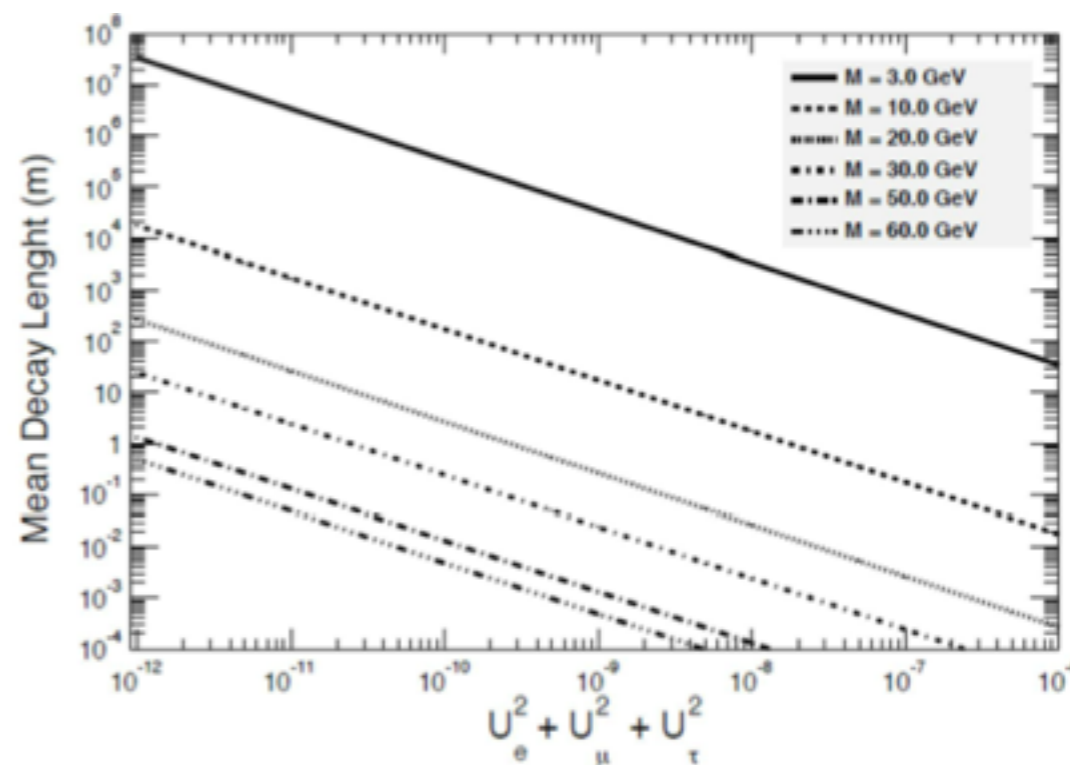
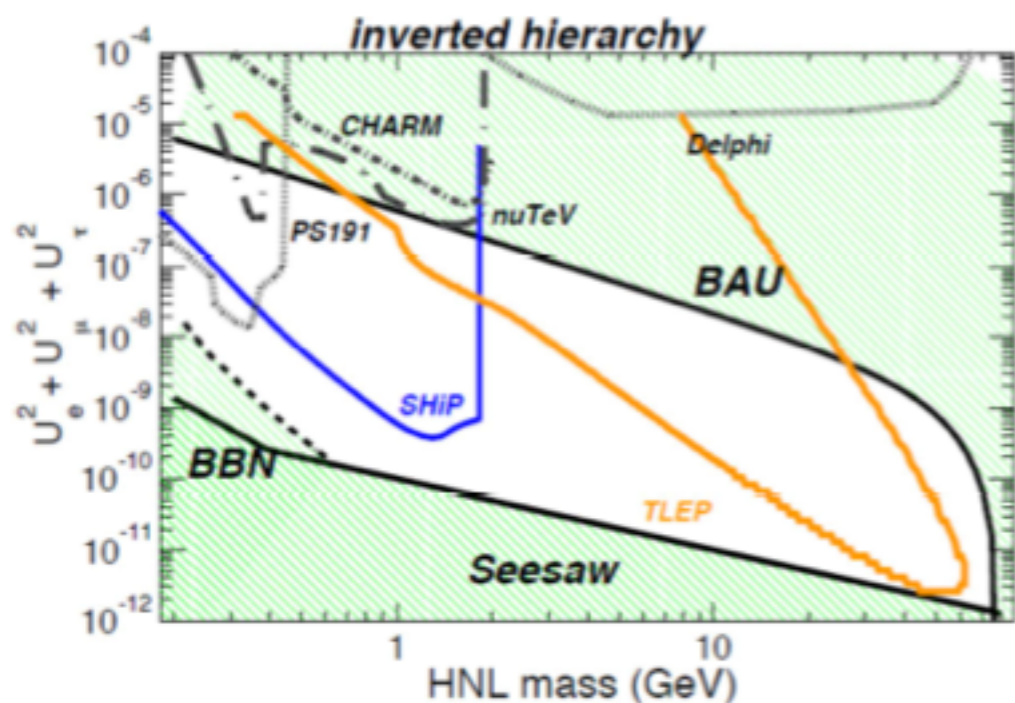
# How to go to higher masses

Use processes  $Z \rightarrow N\nu$  with  $N \rightarrow \text{lepton} + 2 \text{ jets}$

$$\text{BR}(Z \rightarrow \nu N) \cong \text{BR}(Z \rightarrow \nu\nu) \times U^2, \quad \Gamma_N \cong G_F^2 \times M_N^5 \times U^2 \times N_{\text{decay channels}} / 192\pi^3$$

Assuming data sample of  $10^{12}$  Z decays one can reach very interesting sensitivity for  $M_N > 10$  GeV

Expected sensitivity of FCC in  $e^+e^-$  mode, assuming zero background



A. Blondel, ICHEP 2014

Inverted hierarchy, decay length 10-100cm,  $10^{13}$  Z

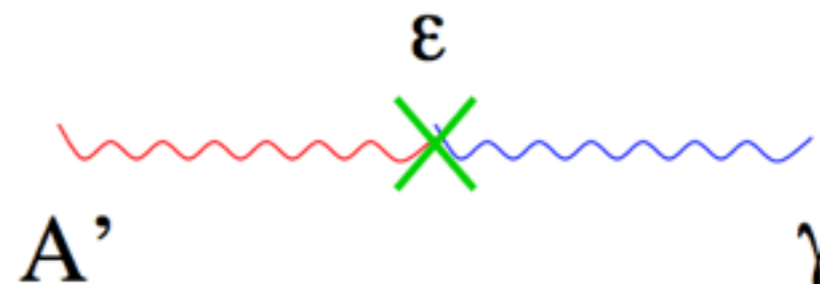
# Vector and scalar portal

# Portals to Hidden Physics

- Two nice ways for new hidden physics to couple:

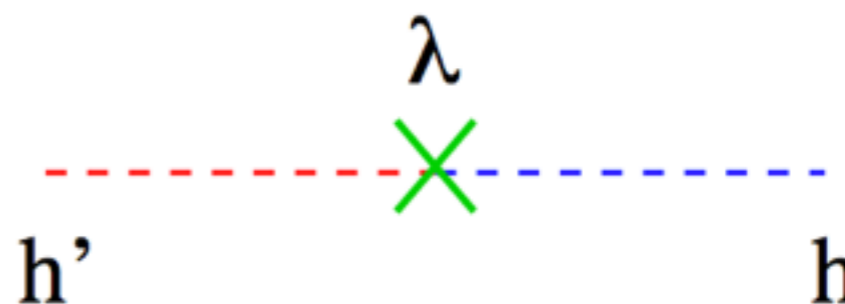
- Vector Portal:  
( $A'$  = “hidden photon” )

$$\epsilon F'_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$



- Higgs Portal:  
( $H'$  = “hidden Higgs”)

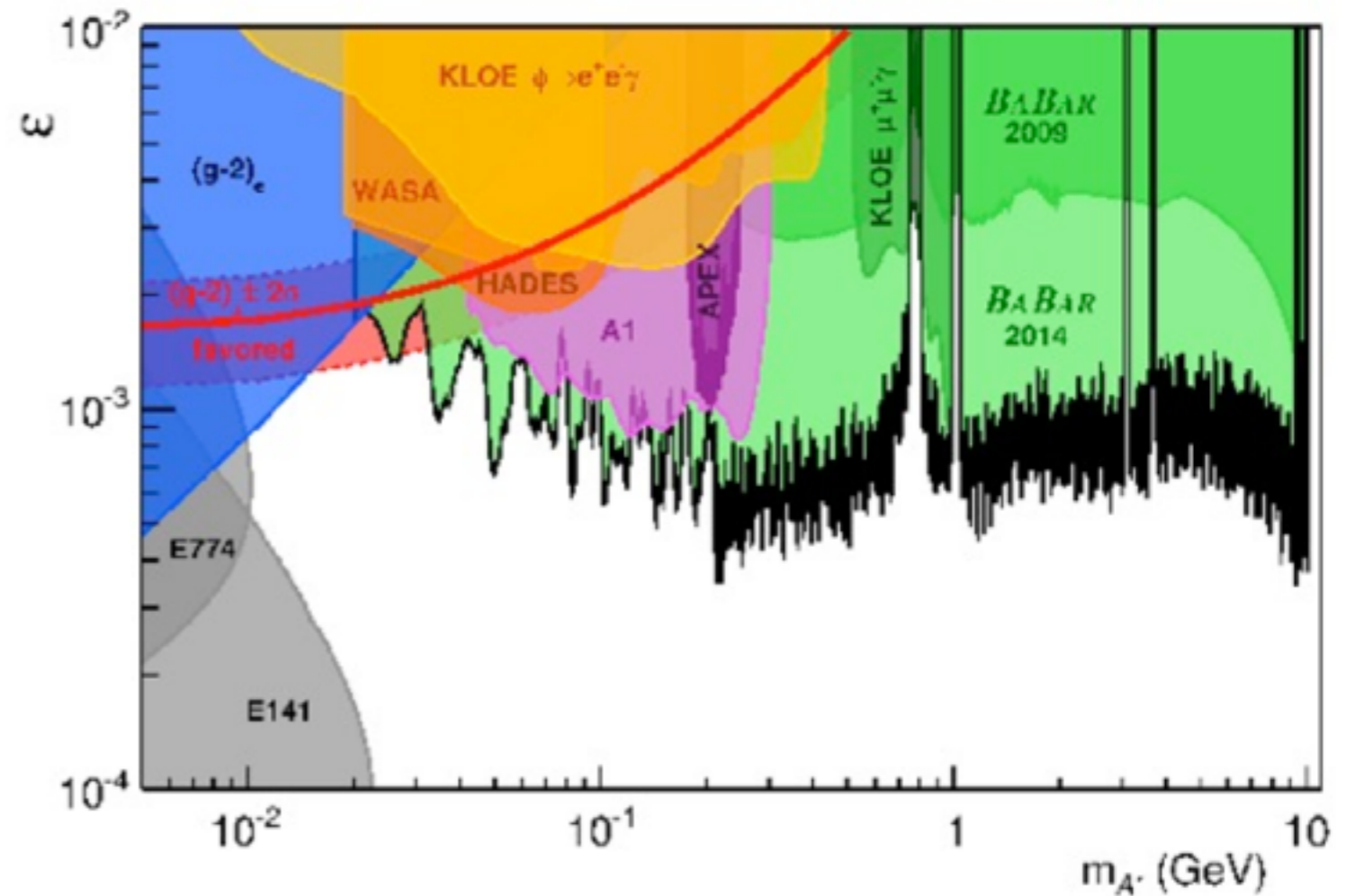
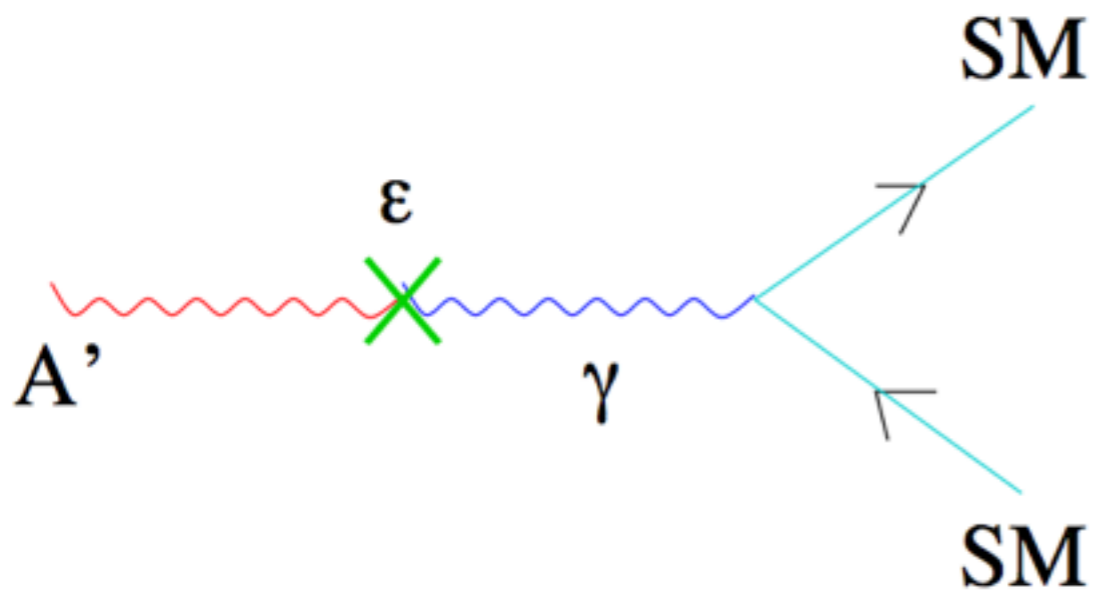
$$\lambda |H'|^2 |H|^2$$



**(+A |H'| |H|^2)**

# Minimal Vector Portal

- Hidden photon  $A'$  with mass  $m_{A'}$ ,  $A' \rightarrow \text{SM} + \text{SM}$ :



[Bjorken, Essig, Schuster, Toro 2009; ...; BaBar 2014]

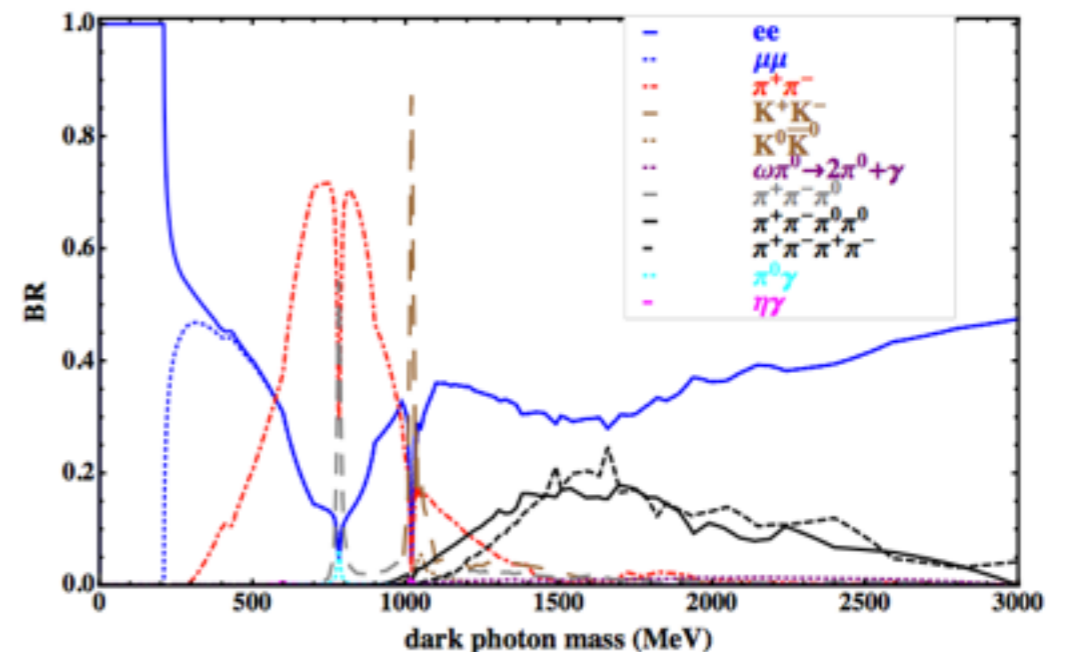
# Minimal vector portal

Two photon production modes considered:

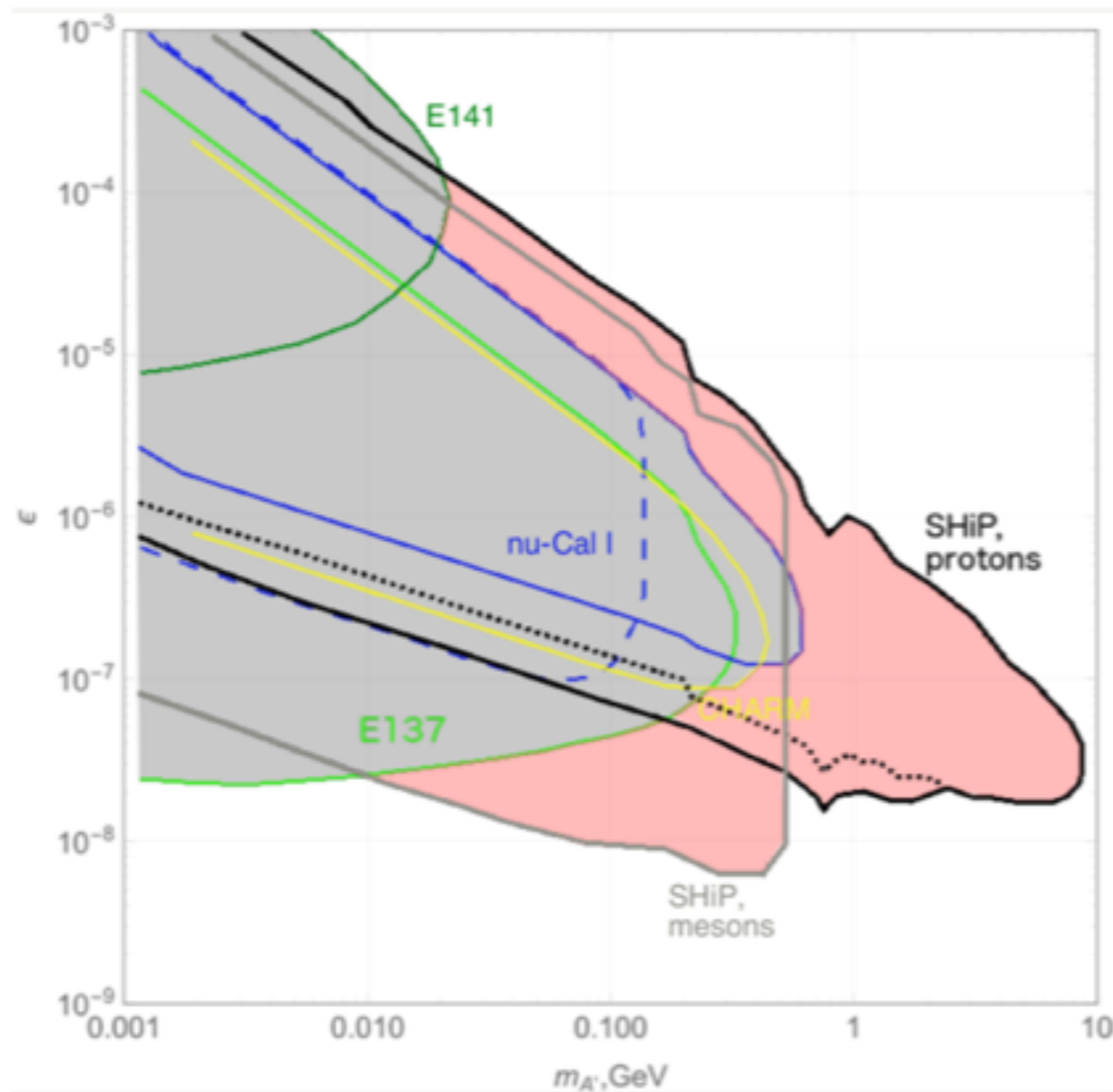
- 1) in pseudo-scalar decays
- 2) in proton brehmsstrahlung

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Mass interval (GeV)	Process	$n_{\gamma'}/p.o.t$
$m_{\gamma'} < 0.135$	$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma'$	$\epsilon^2 \times 5.41$
$0.135 < m_{\gamma'} < 0.548$	$\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma'$	$\epsilon^2 \times 0.23$
$0.548 < m_{\gamma'} < 0.648$	$\omega \rightarrow \pi^0\gamma'$	$\epsilon^2 \times 0.07$
$0.648 < m_{\gamma'} < 0.958$	$\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma'$	$\epsilon^2 \times 10^{-3}$



# Dark photons



<http://arxiv.org/abs/1411.4007>

**only  $e^+e^-$  and  $\mu^+\mu^-$  decays:**



# Higgs portal

M. Winkler et al., [arXiv:1310.6752](#)

J. Clarke et al., [arXiv:1310.80.](#)

## A real singlet scalar:

SM: complex scalar doublet  $\rightarrow$  four degrees of freedom, three are eaten by the  $W^\pm/Z$  bosons, one becomes the SM Higgs;

SM+ real singlet scalar ( $\phi$  or  $h$ ): one extra degree of freedom and one extra physical scalar:

could have mass  $m_h < 5$  GeV;

could “mass mix” with the SM Higgs with mixing angle  $\rho$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} H \\ h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \rho & -\sin \rho \\ \sin \rho & \cos \rho \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi'_0 \\ S' \end{pmatrix}$$

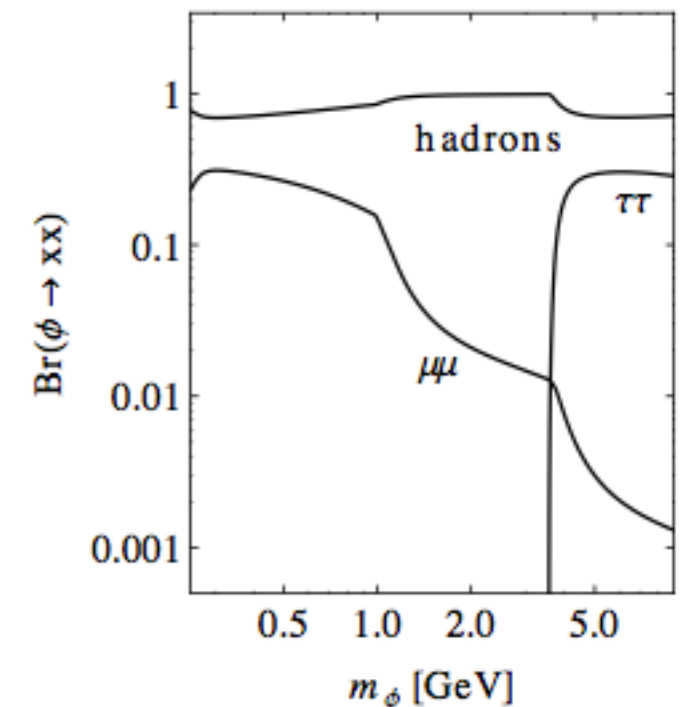
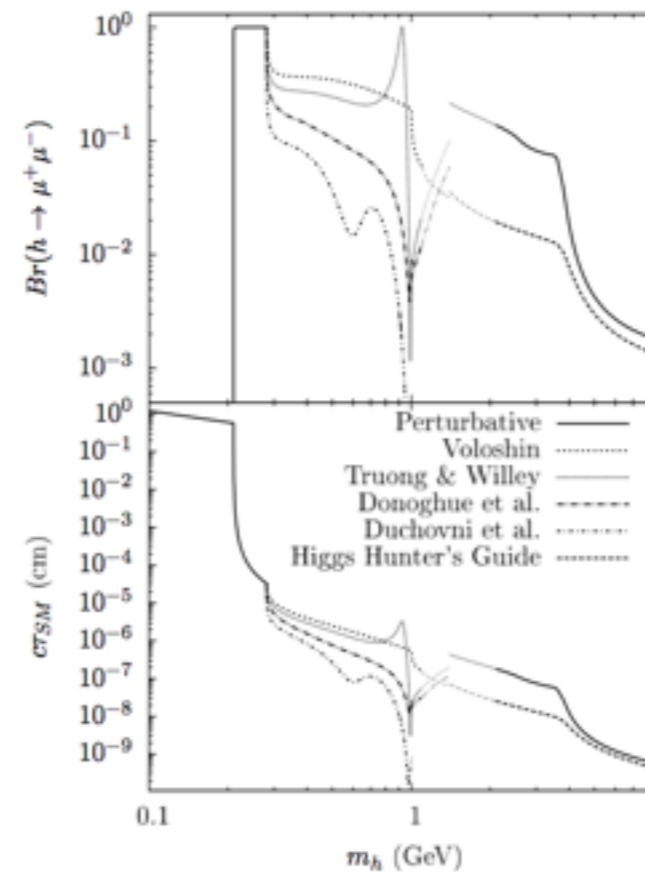
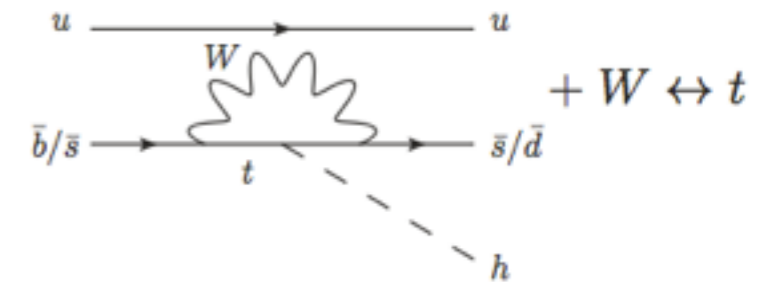
Motivated in many models BSM including SUSY, Coleman-Weinberg

**Interpretation as inflaton also possible (Bezrukov et al, JHEP05(2010)010 and arXiv:1403.4638v1)**

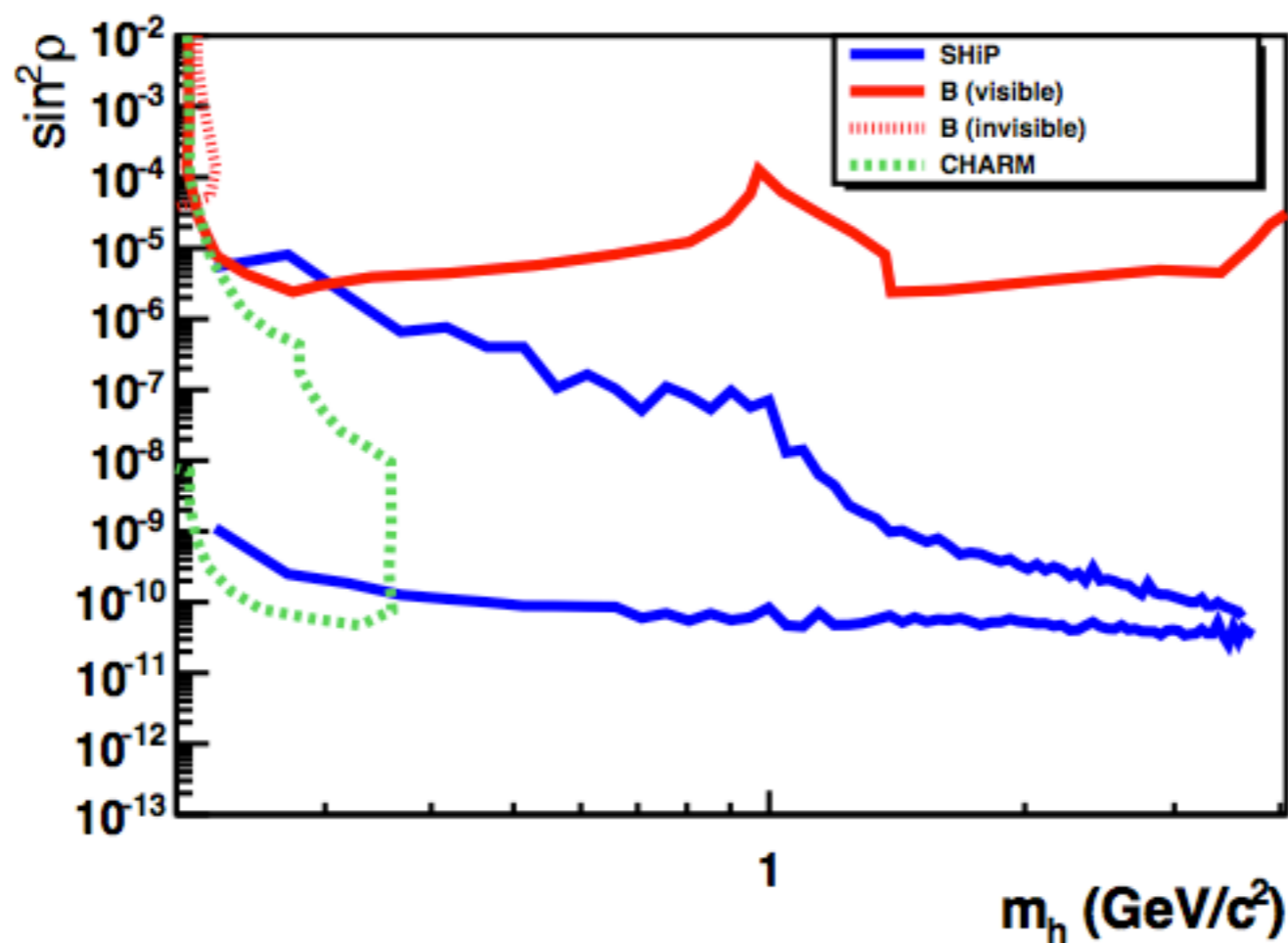
# Scalar production/decay

**Production via meson decay, D CKM suppressed wrt B ( $5 \times 10^{-10}$ ) and D cross section only 20k times larger than B cross section at 27GeV**

**Some uncertainty in the calculation of BR's**



# Light scalar



**SHiP sensitivity: only muon final states**

# Axion-like portal

# PNGB

**PNGBs or generic axions with couplings of order  $m_\chi/F$  to SM matter  $X$**

**can arise as pseudo GB in many extensions of the SM**

**they are naturally light if there is an approximate shift symmetry**

**their interaction is proportional to the inverse of some SB scale  $F$**

**the coupling to a fermion field is**

$$L \supset \frac{m_\chi}{F} a \chi \chi,$$

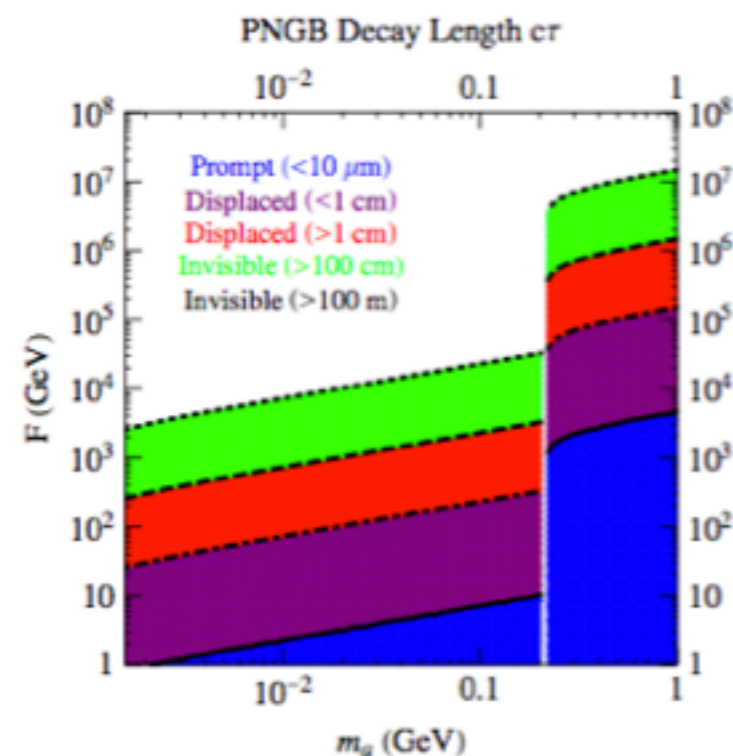
# lifetime

$$\Gamma_\ell = \frac{m_a}{8\pi} \left(\frac{m_\ell}{F}\right)^2 \sqrt{1 - (4m_\ell^2/m_a^2)},$$

and induces a partial width

for  $m_a < 400 \text{ MeV}$  the total width is approximated by  $\Gamma_{ee} + \Gamma_{\mu\mu}$  (we use the same approximation up to  $1 \text{ GeV}$ )

**PRD 82,113008 (2010)**



# Production in beam dump

If the PNGB couples to quarks, with  $c$  of  $O(1)$

$$\frac{m_q}{F} a \bar{q}q \Rightarrow c \frac{m_\pi^2 F_\pi}{F} a \pi^0,$$

Production from mixing with neutral pion

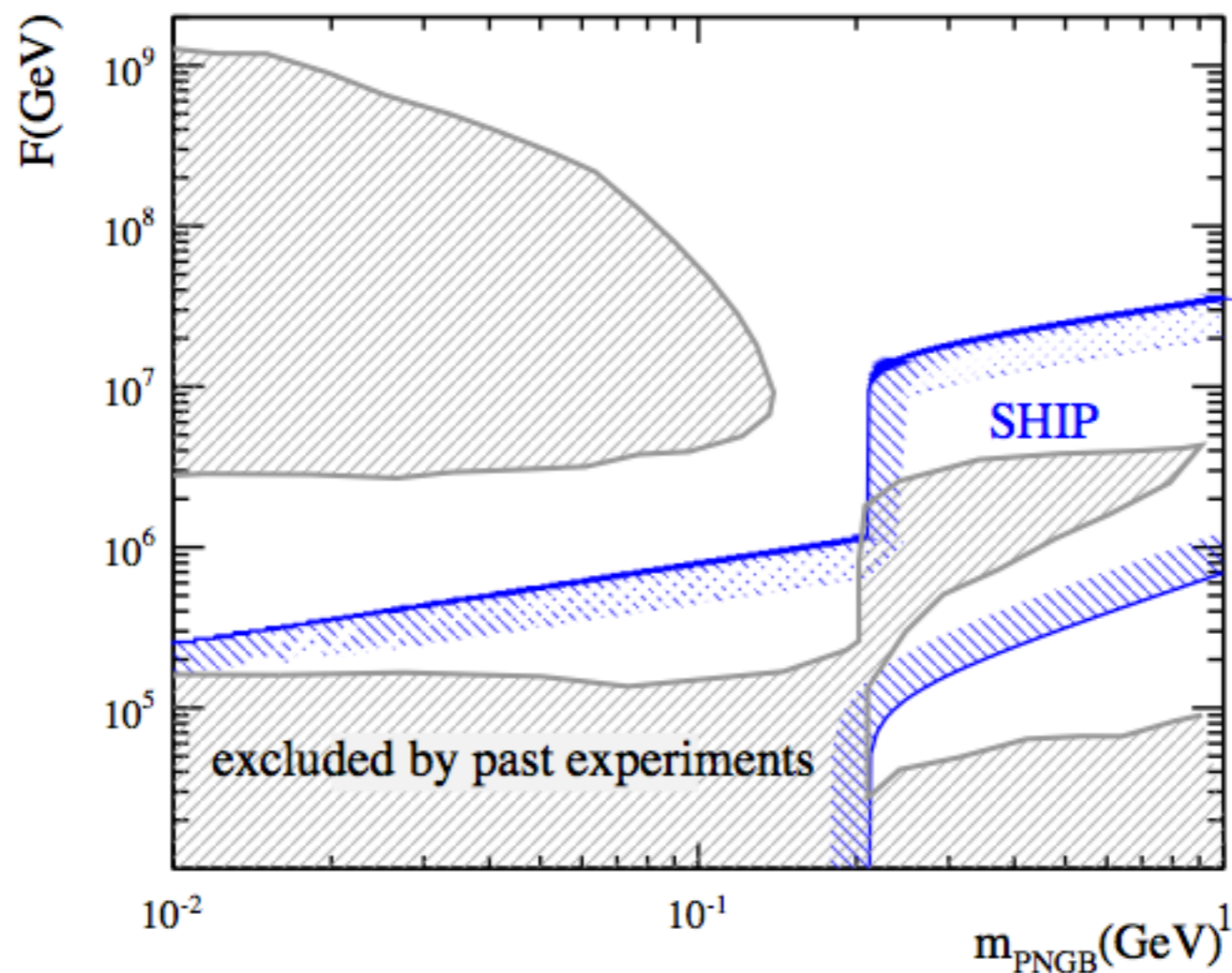
$$N_a = \left(\frac{F_\pi}{F}\right)^2 n_{\pi^0} N_p \epsilon_{\text{geo}}$$

times the probability of decaying into the detector

$$N_e = N_a (e^{-(X_t/\gamma c\tau)} - e^{-(X_d/\gamma c\tau)})$$

so sensitivity goes like  $F^{-4}$

# PNGB sensitivity



**only  $e^+e^-$  and  $\mu^+\mu^-$  decays: beyond 1GeV things are more complicated due to dominance of hadronic decays**

**what happens a  $m > 1$  GeV to be understood**



# Other models under study

# Beyond minimal vector portal

In some models  $A'$  can be coupled to dark sector particles and decay into them without the  $\epsilon$  suppression, rather than fermion pairs (e.g. Higgs-like scalar considered in arXiv:0910.1602v2)

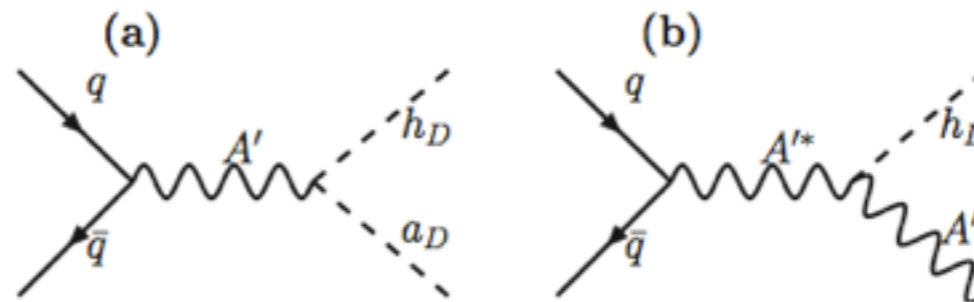
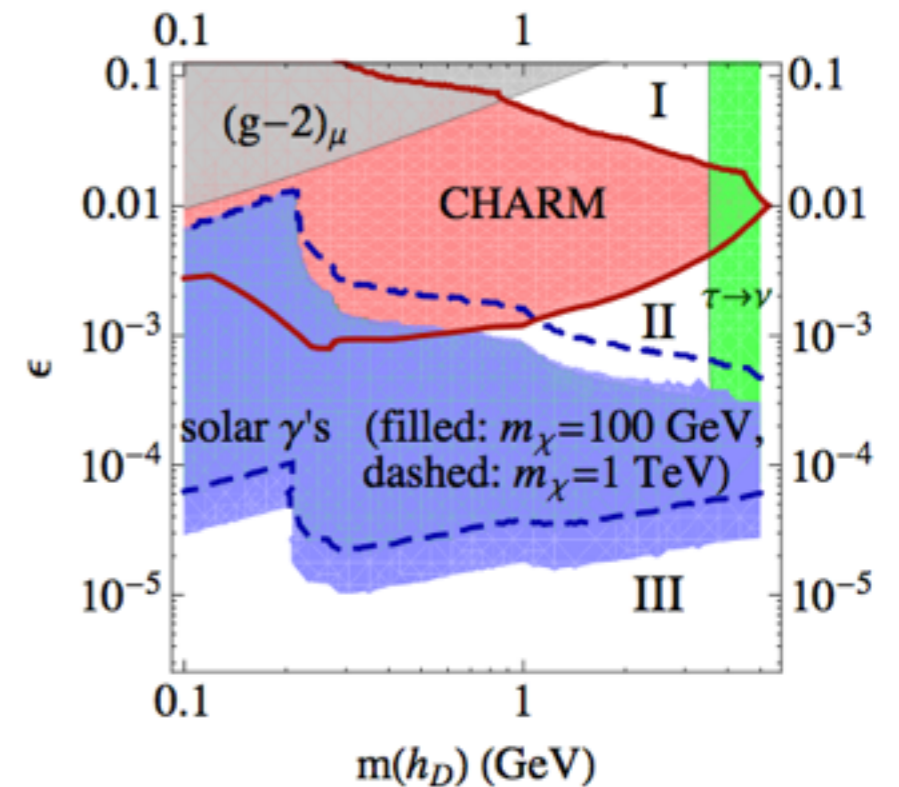


FIG. 2: Feynman diagrams for (a)  $A'$  decay into a higgs and (b) higgs'-strahlung process.

**production modes**

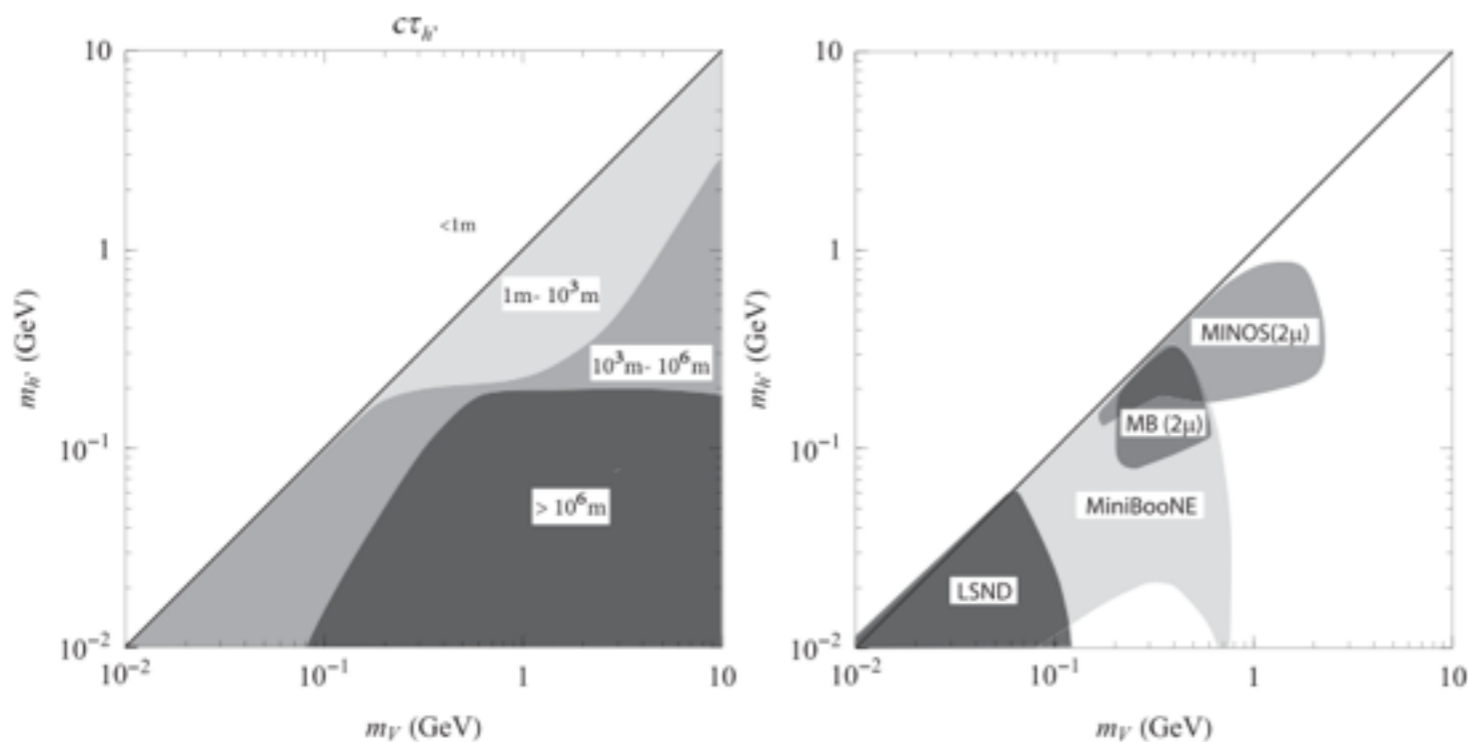
**decays through loops with a rate controlled by  $\epsilon$**



# Secluded Higgs sector

**Secluded sector Higgs (giving mass to the dark photon) and vectors, see arXiv:0903.0363, PhysRevD.80.095024 after SSB in secluded sector:**

$qq \rightarrow h'V'$ ,  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma V h'$ ,  $\rho \rightarrow V h'$



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \kappa V_{\mu} J_{\mu}^{\text{EM}} + \frac{m_V^2}{v'} h' V_{\mu}^2 + \dots$$

# SUSY HS

## SUSY Hidden Sector Setup

Morrissey, Spray, hep-ph1402.4817v2

- Hidden  $U(1)'$  gauge symmetry kinetically mixes with  $U(1)_Y$ .
- Hidden Higgs fields spontaneously break the  $U(1)'$ .

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \int d^2\theta \left( \underbrace{\frac{\epsilon}{2c_w} B^\alpha X_\alpha}_{\text{vector portal}} + \underbrace{\mu' H H'}_{\text{hidden Higgs fields}} \right) + (h.c.)$$

- Physical states:
  - 1  $A'$  massive hidden photon
  - 3  $\chi_{1,2,3}^x$  hidden fermion “neutralinos” (lightest is stable)
  - 2  $h_{1,2}^x$  hidden scalar Higgs bosons
  - 1  $a^x$  hidden pseudoscalar Higgs boson

# Experimental Signals of the Theory

- Depend mainly on how the hidden photon decays. This is determined mostly by the mass spectrum.
- Four main cases:
  - A:  $A' \rightarrow SM + SM$ , similar to minimal vector portal
  - B:  $A' \rightarrow \chi_1^x + \chi_1^x$ , similar to dark vector portal
  - C:  $A' \rightarrow h_1^x + a^x$ , not much attention [Schuster, Toro, Yavin 2009]
  - D:  $A' \rightarrow \chi_1^x + \chi_2^x$ , new!

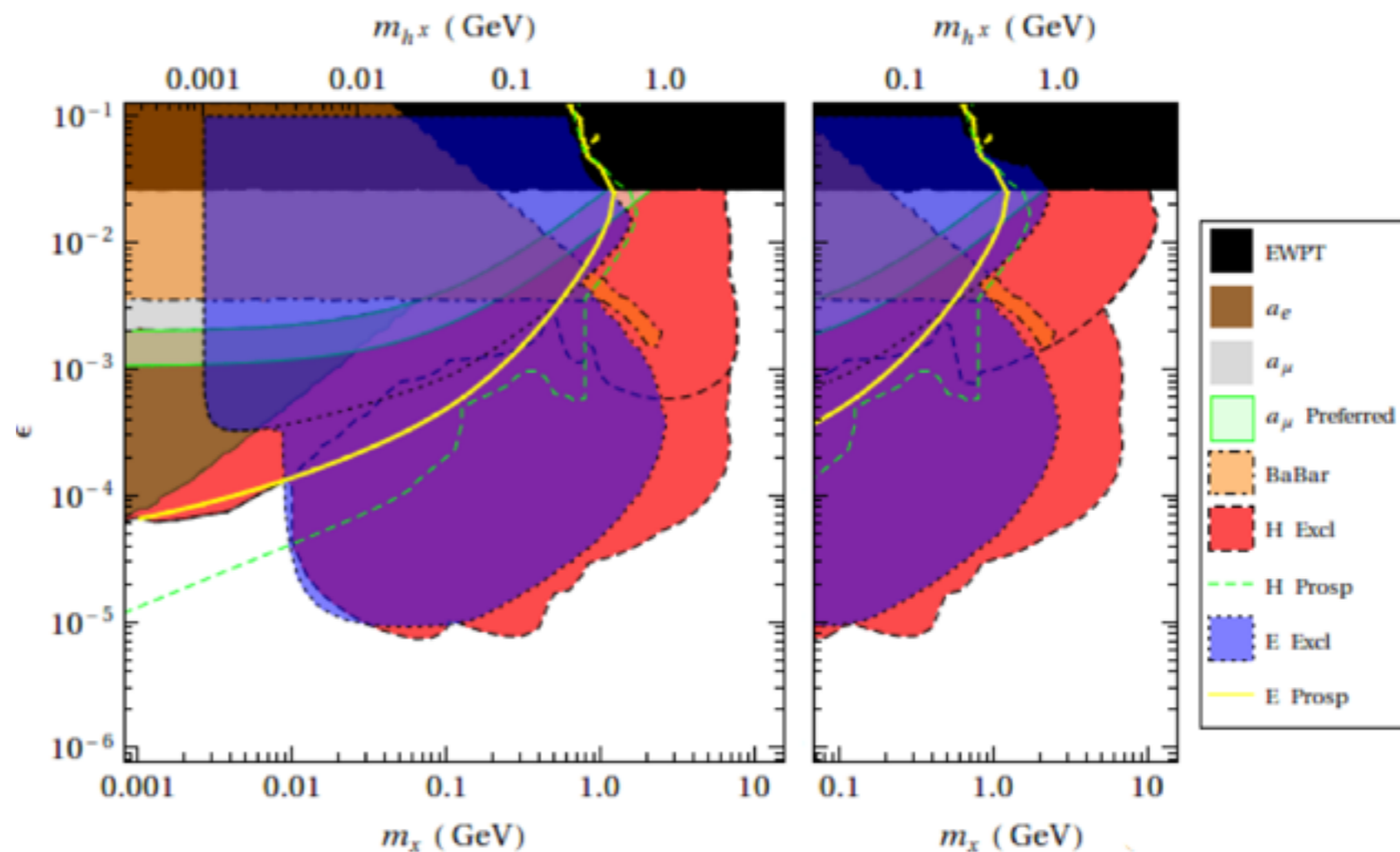
# SUSY HIDDEN SECTOR

$$A' \rightarrow h_1^x + a^x$$

$h_1 \rightarrow f\bar{f}$

$a^x \rightarrow h_1 + \text{SM} + \text{SM}$

new  
phenomenology!



# Summary of signals

**Leptonic, Leptonic-hadronic AND purely hadronic  
(also with kaons!)**

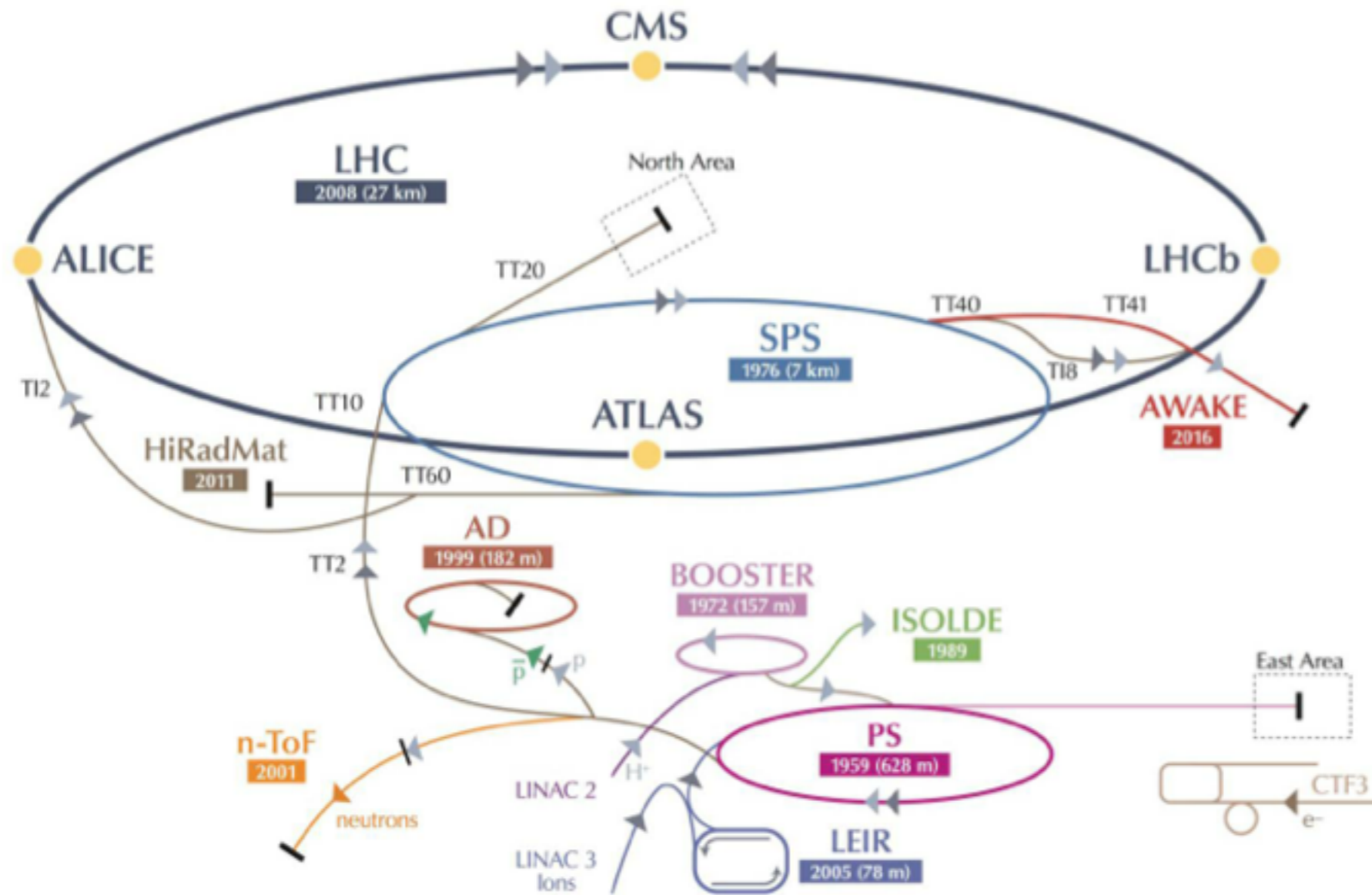
**Some decays with missing energy (active  
neutrinos)**

**Also with neutrals  $\rightarrow$  need for energy resolution  
and separation photon - neutral pion!**

# The experiment

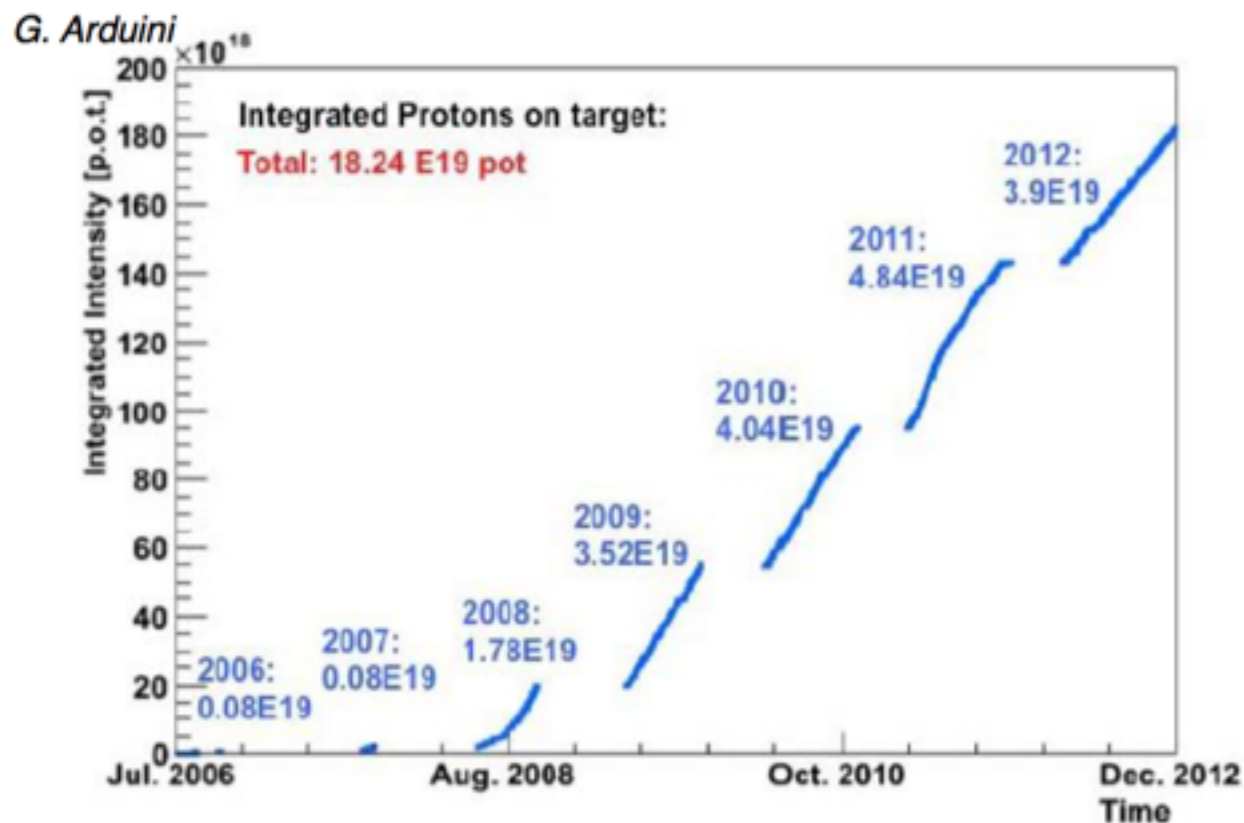


# CERN accelerator complex



# The beam

Extracted SPS beam 400GeV;  
 like CNGS  $4.5 \times 10^{19}$  pot/year  
 → in 5 years it will be  $2 \times 10^{20}$  pot



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Report

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

### Preliminary Project and Cost Estimate

The scope of the recently proposed experiment Search for Heavy Neutral Leptons, EO1-010, includes a general Search for Hidden Particles (SHIP) as well as some aspects of neutrino physics. This report describes the implications of such an experiment for CERN.

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**Figure 20: Schematic layout of the civil engineering complex.**

The key features of this layout are:

- 85m long Junction Cavern in the TDC2 line
- 170m long machine Extraction Tunnel (4m wide by 4m high similar to TDC2)
- 15m long by 15m wide Access building including a shaft to reach the Extraction Tunnel line

# Target and muon filter

**W target of 50cm : the beam is spread on the target to avoid melting**

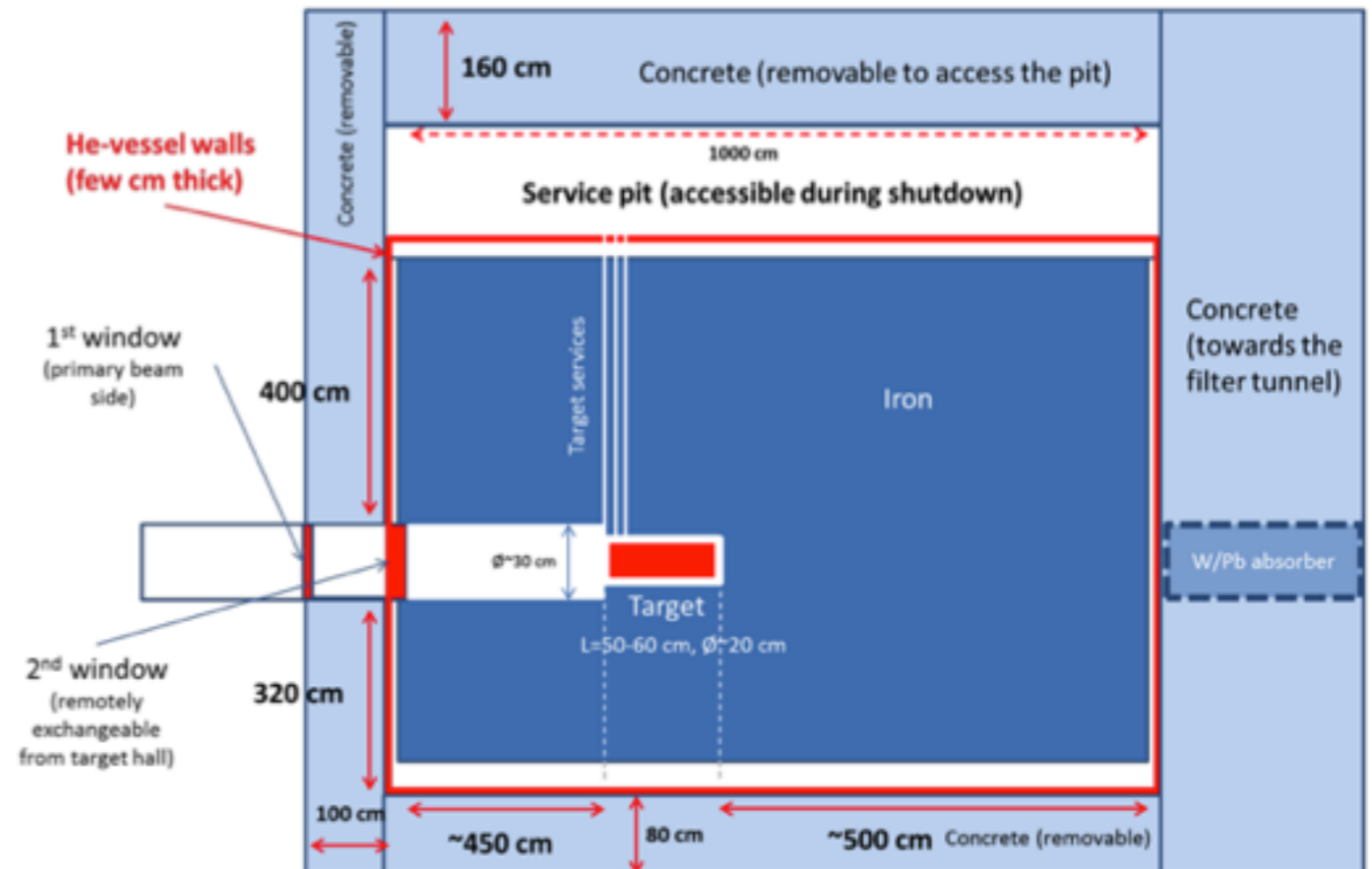
**It is followed by a muon filter. Now the preferred option is an active filter with sweeping magnets. Yet, we have no technical design for this.**

**The issue is not trivial since the muon flux is enormous:  $10^{11}/\text{SPS-spill}(5 \times 10^{13} \text{ pot})$**

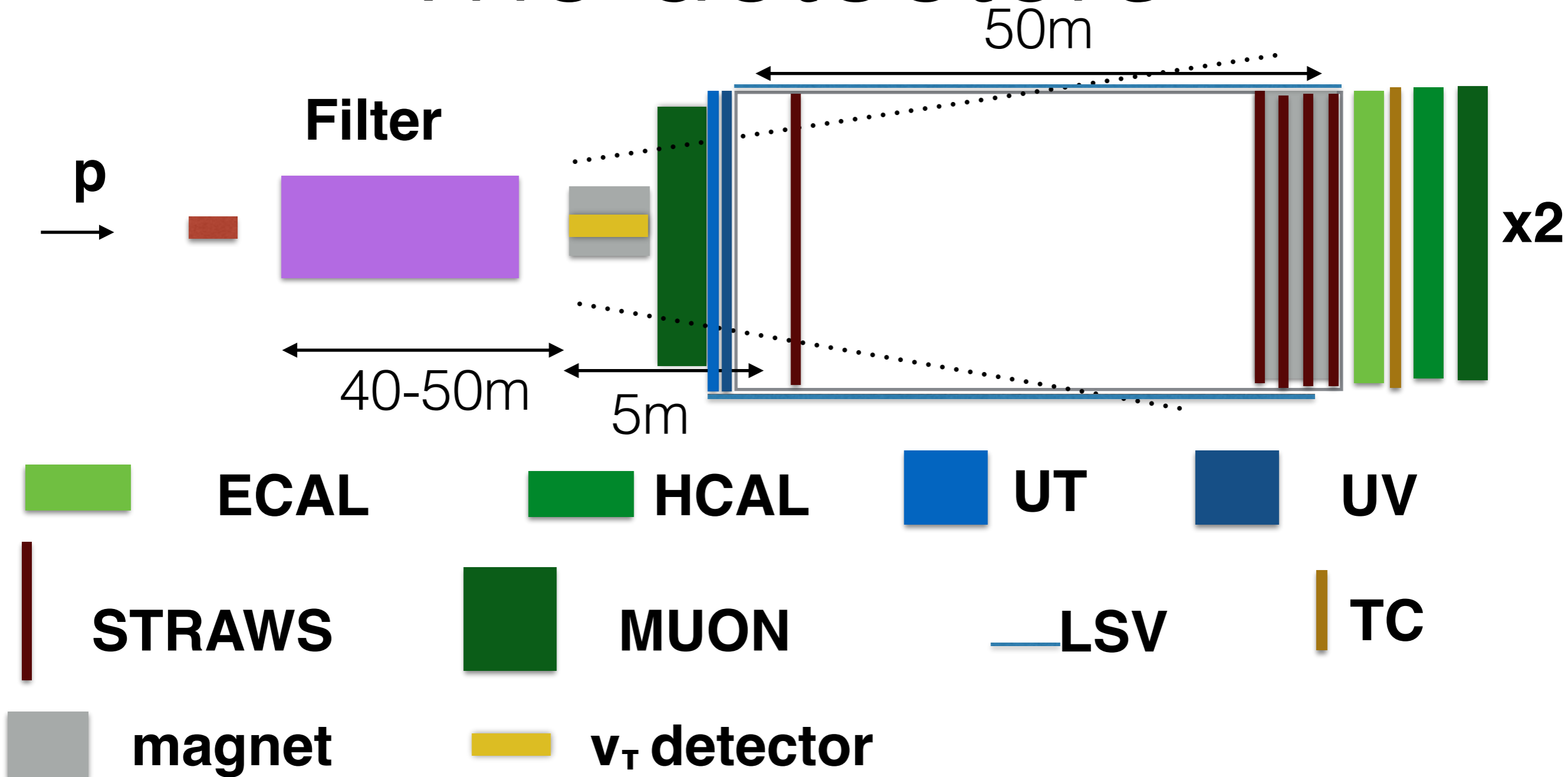
**1 sec extraction, continuous**

**—> this is good for detector operation but does not allow any timing with the beam pulse (e.g. for detecting dark matter particles)**

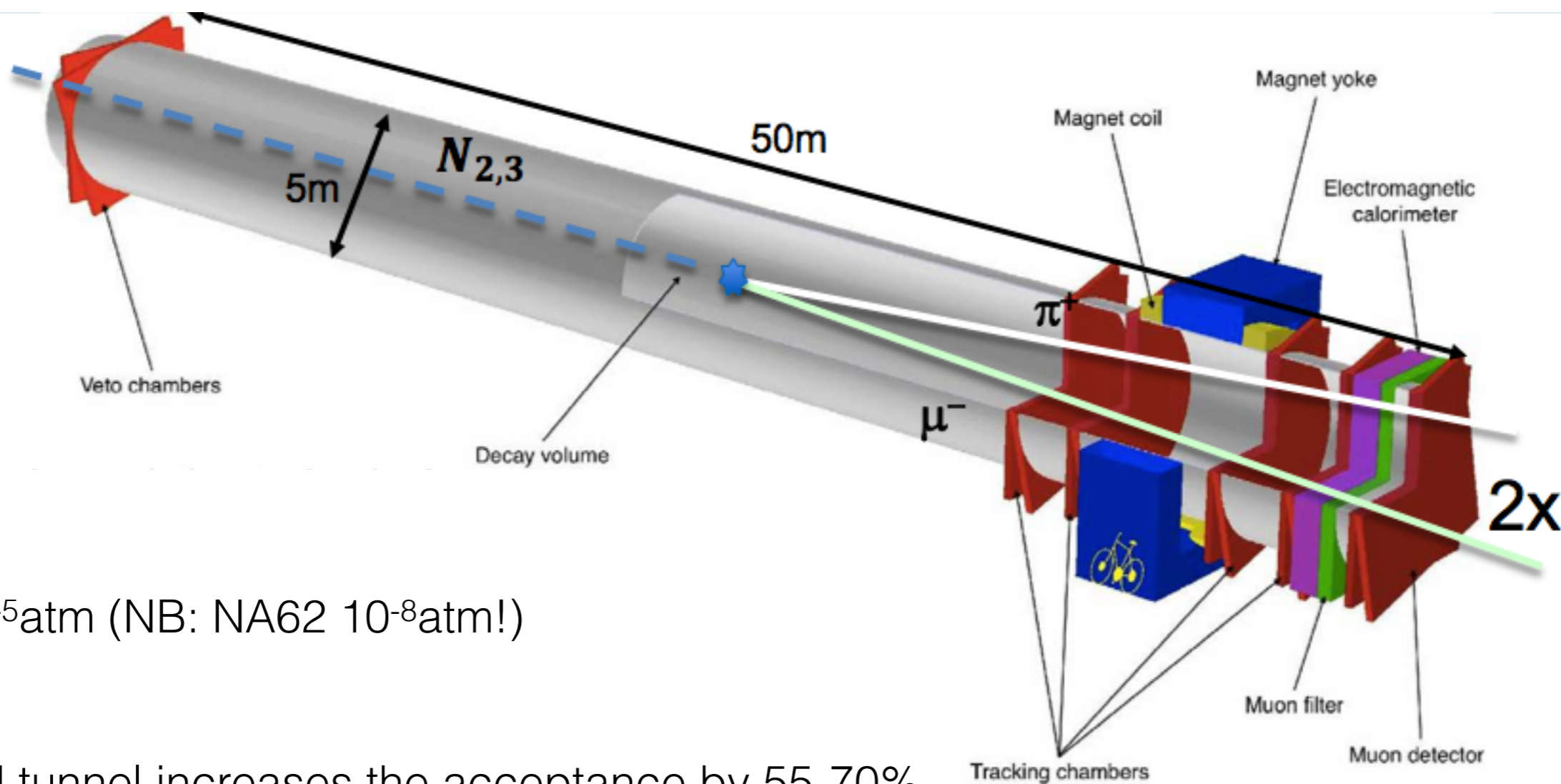
**—> under study also the possibility to run with bunched beam**



# The detectors



# Decay tunnel and spectrometer



Vacuum  $10^{-5}$ atm (NB: NA62  $10^{-8}$ atm!)

The second tunnel increases the acceptance by 55-70%

# Detectors and DAQ

**Almost no R&D to do, we can make it with detectors already built in the past, optimizing the parameters**

**Muon detector, baseline now is extruded scintillator bars read out by SiPM → experience from SuperB, but also RPC are considered.**

**Trigger and DAQ: a simplified version of the HLT of LHCb upgrade (i.e. no L0)**

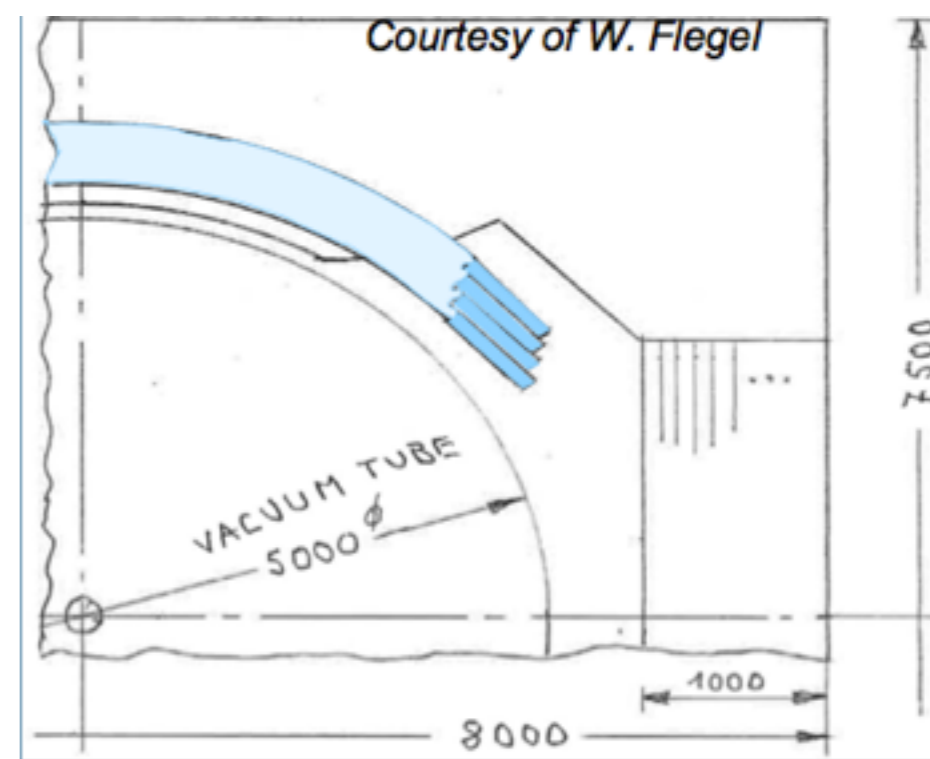
# The spectrometer magnet

A dipole magnet very similar to the LHCb one but with 40% less iron and three times less power

LHCb: 4Tm and aperture  $\sim 16 \text{ m}^2$

This design:

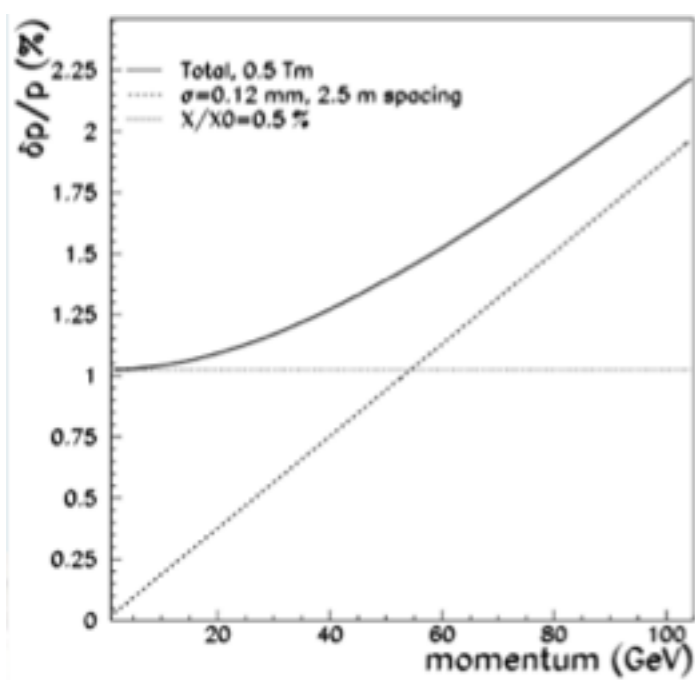
- aperture  $20 \text{ m}^2$
- Two coils Al-99.7
- peak B field  $\sim 0.2 \text{ T}$
- field integral  $\sim 0.5 \text{ Tm su } 5 \text{ m}$





# Tracking and VETO

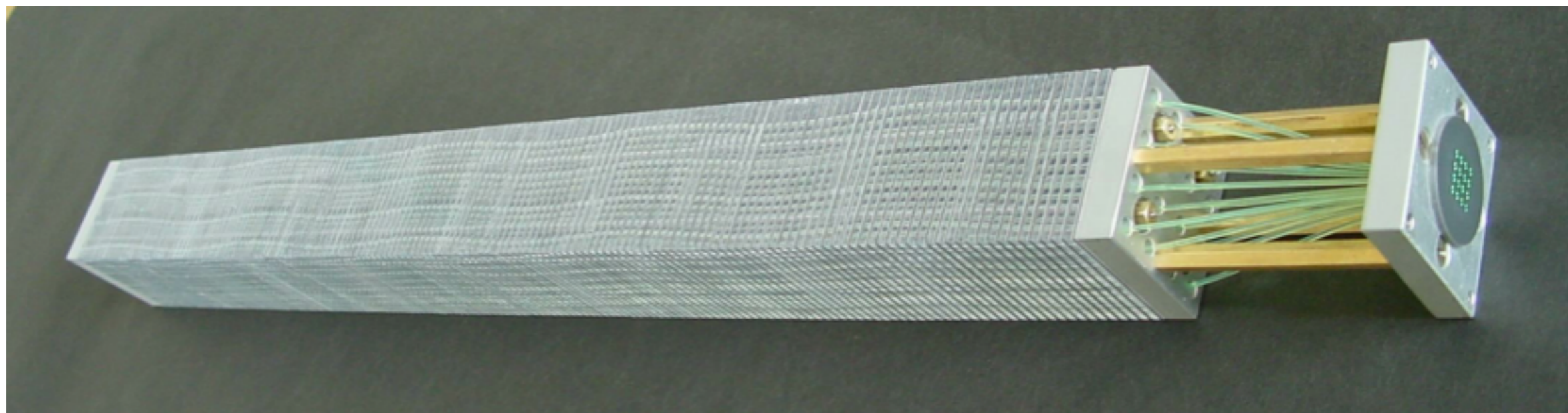
Straw tubes similar to NA62 with 120  $\mu\text{m}$  space resolution, 0.5%  $X_0/X$ .



Main difference to NA62:

- A. 5m length
- B. vacuum  $10^{-2}$  mbar
- C. 2kHz/straw of 1cm diam

# A possibile calorimeter



## The spiral Shashlik ECAL

**Uniformity few %, time resolution  $\sigma \sim 1\text{ns}$  and  
 $\sigma(E)/E = 6.5\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 1\%$**

# Backgrounds

**We aim at 0 background  $\rightarrow$  we should have estimates of  $\ll 0.1$  events in  $2 \times 10^{20}$  pot**

- A. Charged background  $\rightarrow$  from random combinations of muons from pion decays, (a few 10's in  $2 \times 10^{20}$  pot) primarily a background for  $\mu\mu$  final states (dark photons, PNGBs and HNL)  $\rightarrow$  very much dependent on the type of the muon filter**
- B. Neutral background  $\rightarrow$  background for HNL ( $K^0_L$ ) and more (n): produced by  $\nu\mu$  interactions in the last interaction lengths of the muon filter (about 200 reconstructed  $\mu\pi$  pairs in  $2 \times 10^{20}$  pot)**
- C.  $K^0_S \rightarrow \pi\pi \rightarrow$  Muon detector and CALO**

# Background

**A. Charged background → detector with timing <100ps (multi-gap RPC like ALICE or MCP and quartz) and UV (a very high efficiency veto) with scintillators upstream of the decay tunnel**

**B. Neutral background →**

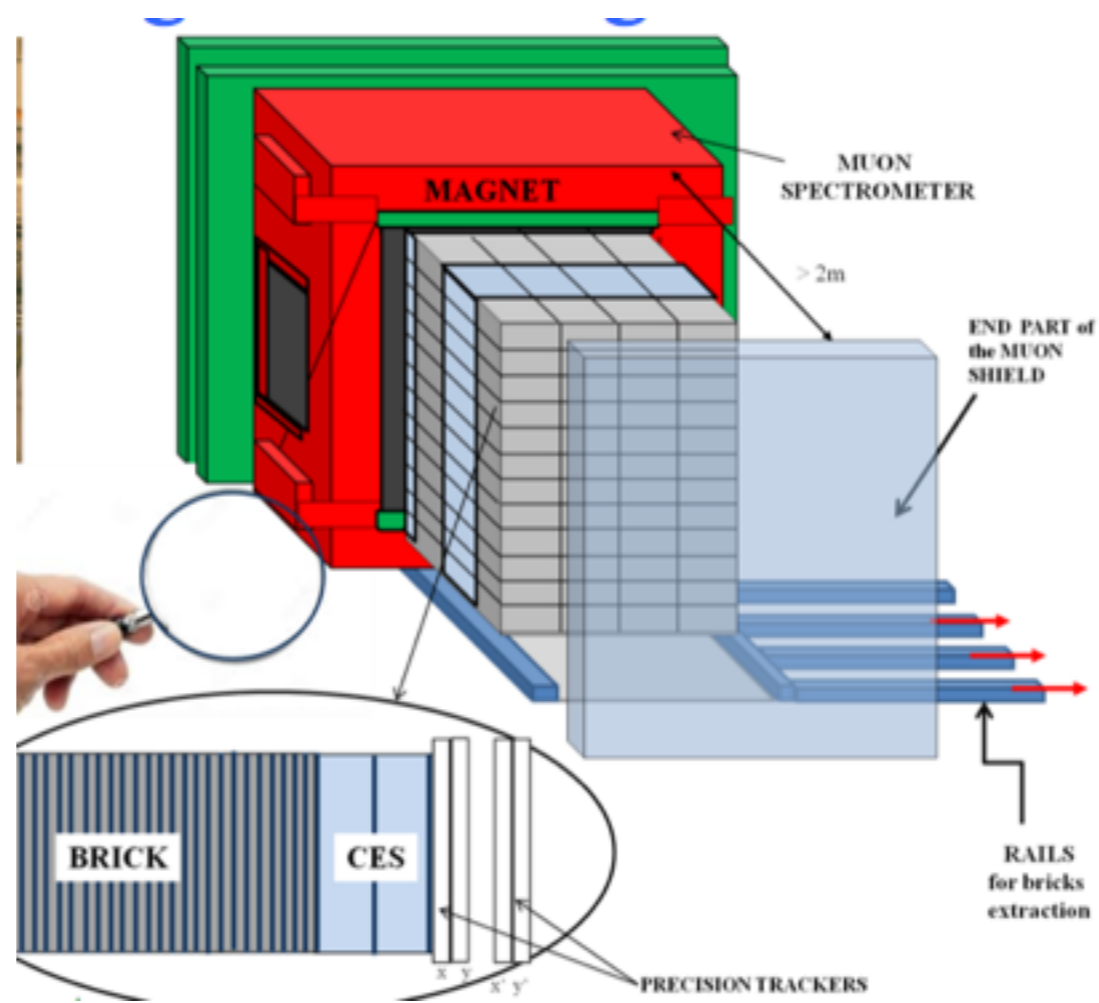
**A.  $K_L^0$  → kinematic selection ( $IP, P_T$ ) and equipping the last part of the muon filter with an upstream tagger (UT) to tag the neutrino interactions and PID**

**B.  $n$  → under study**

# Light $\nu$ 's detector

Emulsion based detector with the LNGS OPERA brick technology, but with a much smaller mass (750 bricks) very compact (2m), upstream of the HNL decay tunnel  $\rightarrow$  with B field and followed by a muon detector (to suppress charm background)

Even replacing 10 times the emulsion bricks during the run  $\rightarrow$  still 5% of the OPERA



# Active neutrino physics: $\nu_\tau$ e $\nu_\mu$

**It is possible to achieve a statistics of reconstructed and selected  $\nu_\tau$  interactions  $>200x$  the present one:**

**DONUT observed 9 events (from charm) with a background of 1.5**

**OPERA observed 4 events (from oscillations)**

**In general NP in the third generation (i.e.  $\tau$ ) is experimentally less constrained than the other two families**

**In particular, two important experimental “anomalies” in the charged flavor sector involve the  $\tau$  lepton:**

**A.  $R(D)$ ,  $R(D^*)$  from B factories  $\rightarrow 3.4\sigma$  from the SM**

**B.  $A(\text{CP})$  ( $\tau \rightarrow \pi K^0_S \nu_\tau$ )  $\rightarrow 2.8\sigma$  from the SM**

# Active neutrino physics: $\nu_\tau$ e $\nu_\mu$

—> **Differential cross section measurements in CC interactions**

**Other important measurements:**

- A. anti- $\nu_\tau$  observation (the only SM particle never observed)**
- B. charm production in  $\nu_\mu$  interactions (large statistical increase, >100x, compared to CHORUS and in particular for the anti- $\nu_\mu$ , : indeed, in a beam dump anti- $\nu_\mu/\nu_\mu$  60%)**

Schedule, committees,  
collaboration, etc...



# EOI (i)

**SPC EOI-2013-010 + addendum submitted October 2013**

**Interaction with the SPSc referees and discussion at the January 2014 meeting.**

## **SPSc recommendation:**

The Committee **received with interest** the response of the proponents to the questions raised in its review of EOI010.

The SPSC **recognises** the interesting physics potential of searching for heavy neutral leptons and investigating the properties of neutrinos.

Considering the large cost and complexity of the required beam infrastructure as well as the significant associated beam intensity, such a project should be designed as a general purpose beam dump facility with the broadest possible physics programme, including maximum reach in the investigation of the hidden sector.

To further review the project the Committee **would need** an extended proposal with further developed physics goals, a more detailed technical design and a stronger collaboration.

# SHIP: stato delle cose

## Da allora:

**ampliamento sostanziale della Collaborazione a >11 Nazioni partecipanti, alcune con 6 istituti!**

**documento tecnico della Task Force della divisione acceleratori CERN sul progetto del fascio (2/7/2014) e valutazione costi**

**estensione del caso di Fisica (tutt'ora in corso)**

**rivalutazione di fondi con full simulation e miglioramento progetto del filtro di muoni e del rivelatore (tutt'ora in corso)**

**sigla 2015 in CNS1 come p-SHIP (6 sezioni) → assegnazione a Settembre 2014 per preparare il Technical Proposal**

**Technical Proposal in preparazione per Marzo-Aprile 2015 con articolo con teorici**

# Studies from CERN-ACC



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Report

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

### **Preliminary Project and Cost Estimate**

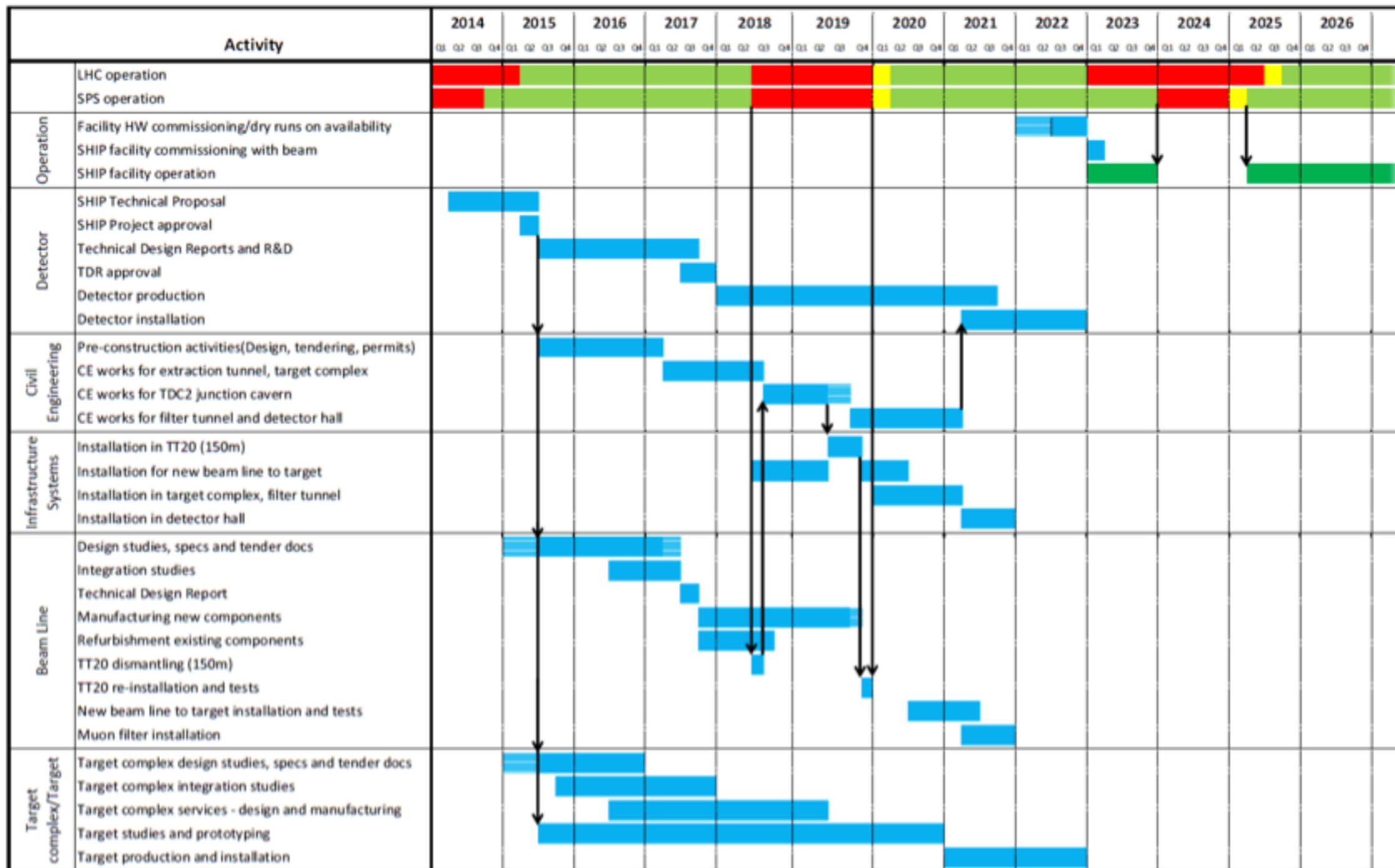
The scope of the recently proposed experiment Search for Heavy Neutral Leptons, EO1-010, includes a general Search for Hidden Particles (SHIP) as well as some aspects of neutrino physics. This report describes the implications of such an experiment for CERN.

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# Time-table



# Financial considerations

**Intensity frontier physics at CERN is done in a parasitic way!**

**High energy beams are built for other (noble) purposes and we contribute to exploit them as much as we can**

**Indeed e.g for the SPS after the closure of the Gran Sasso beam most of the protons are unused**

**the SHiP experiment aims at using these protons to do frontier research**

# Financial considerations(ii)

**When considering additional costs for beam lines, and detectors we often forget that this has to be compared with the cost of**

**building, upgrading, maintaining the accelerators —> e.g. LHC 10BCHF**

**electricity bill, salaries ecc. —> quite high...**

**and the waste of money of not fully exploiting the beams for physics!**

# Take home message!

**We know for sure that there is NP**

**Yet, we don't know which one among the NP theories is the right one.**

**Maybe none of them is right!**

**We should keep an open mind**

**Pursuing a diversity of experimental approaches is very important to maximize our likelihoods of finding NP**

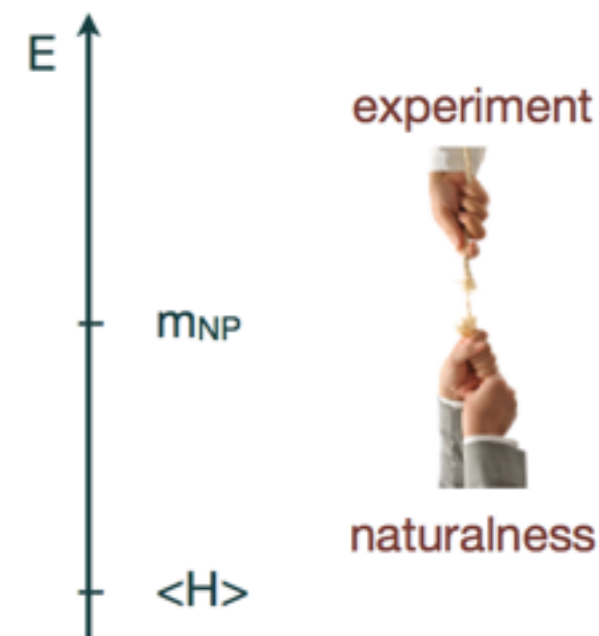
The end



# The hierarchy problem

One other outstanding issue with the SM comes from so called Naturalness arguments (or Hierarchy problem):

if there exists a new scalar particle of  $m$  between EW scale and Planck scale, then mass is not protected against radiative corrections is brought towards high values  $\rightarrow$  fine tuning needed to explain why  $m_H = 125\text{GeV}$



(I neglect here for simplicity other issues such as how to solve the strong CP problem, who is the inflaton, what is dark energy,...)

# How to build a consistent model?(i)

**1) Address the Hierarchy problem, assuming that dynamics or symmetries or space-time modifications can cure it**

**a) SUSY →**

**this also provides a DM candidate (LSP WIMP)**

**it may explain Baryogenesis**

**also gives a GUT scale (but not really “needed”)**

**b) Composite Higgs is another possibility**

**→ many tests of these theories with Flavor Physics are possible, i.e. rare or forbidden meson decays and CPV in meson mixing and decay**

**(it should also be said that Natural SUSY, due to lack of observation of super partners, is in turn already “fine-tuned” to about 10% and will be more with 13TeV run if nothing is found → a lot of debate on this in the community, 1-2 papers/day on the arXiv!)**

# How to build a consistent model?(ii)

**2) Accept that fine tuning exists as a fact of Nature —>multiverse, anthropic selection?**

**physics at 100GeV depends on specific choices of parameters made at  $10^{16}$  GeV!**

**but who knows... we have other unsolved fine tunings (cosmological constant, strong CP)**

**3) Assume there is no other scalar heavier of the Higgs up to the Planck mass**

**—> still one is left with the need of explaining DM, Baryogenesis**

**—>  $\nu$ MSM and its variants**

**some issues with the Planck scale but again, who knows...**

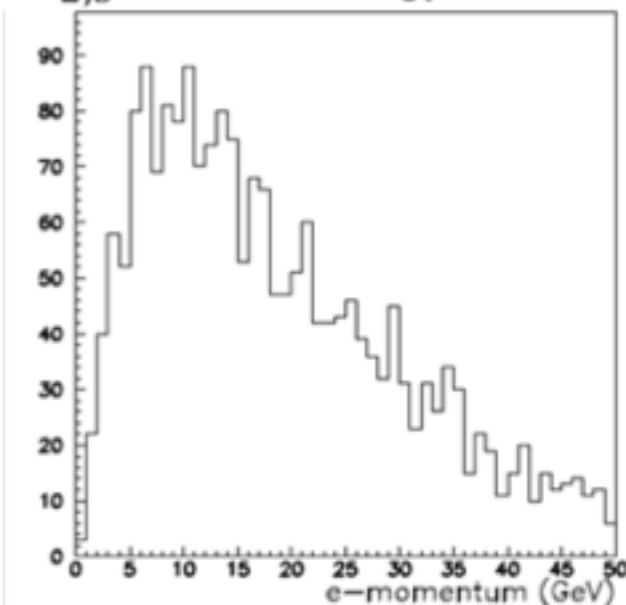
# The calorimeter

An e.m. calo allows the reconstruction of additional decay modes:

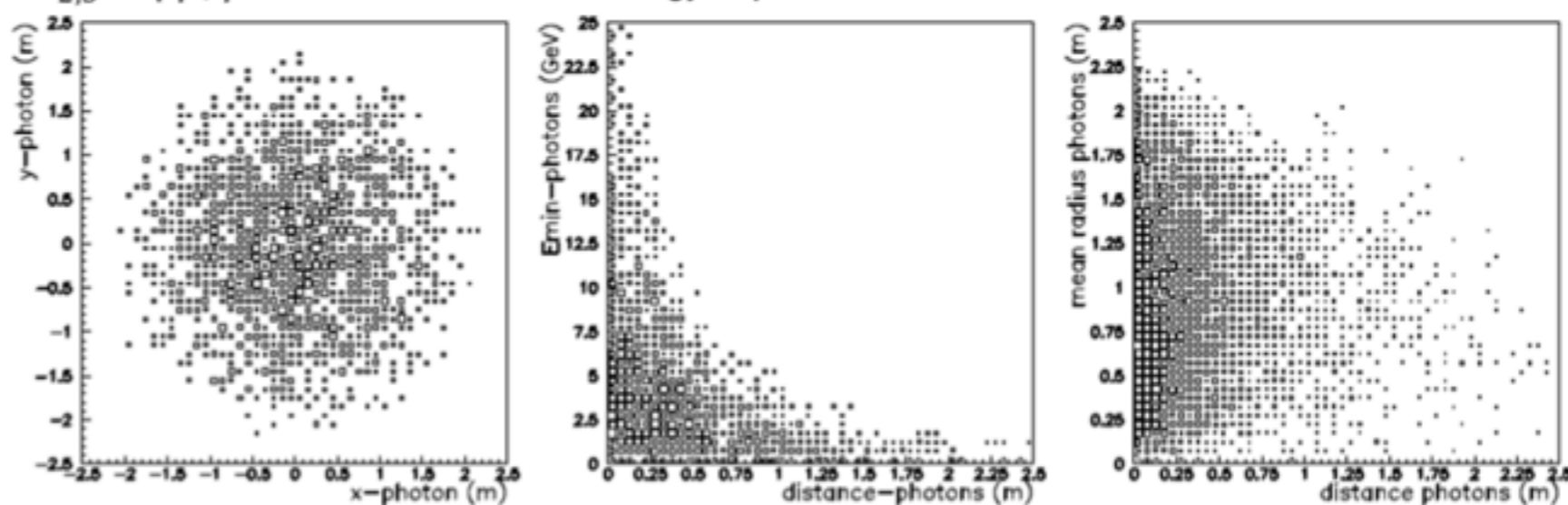
$N \rightarrow e^+ \pi^-$  allowing to access the limit on  $U_e$  (since the flavor structure is not known these channels could also be favored)

$N \rightarrow \mu^+ \rho^-$  with  $\rho^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0$  that allows to improve the limit on  $U_\mu$  (about the same BR of  $\mu^+ \pi^-$ , for  $m > 700 \text{ MeV}$ )

$N_{2,3} \rightarrow e\pi$  : Energy of electron



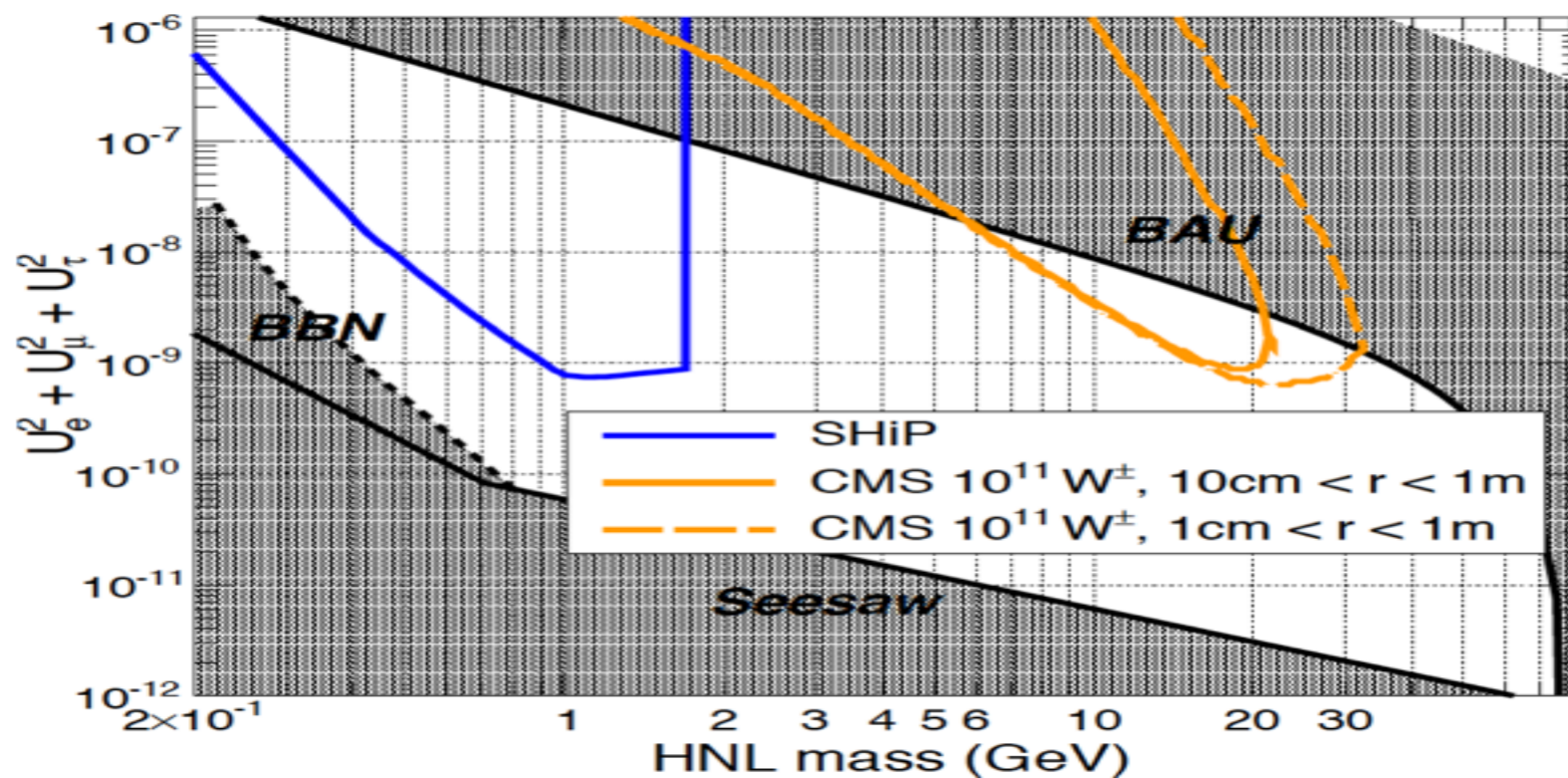
$N_{2,3} \rightarrow \mu\rho, \rho \rightarrow \pi\pi^0$ : Position and energy of photons



Assuming  $10 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2$  cells

# How to go to higher masses(ii)

CMS  $10^{11}$  W , assuming zero background



# Light scalar

Properties of the scalar: if  $y = \sin \rho$

couples to SM particles with a factor  $y^2$  compared to the Higgs;

production cross section is proportional to  $y^2$ ;

lifetime is inversely proportional to  $y^2$  and depends on the mass (the more channels become kinematically accessible the shorter the lifetime);

the branching fractions do not depend on  $y^2$ ;