

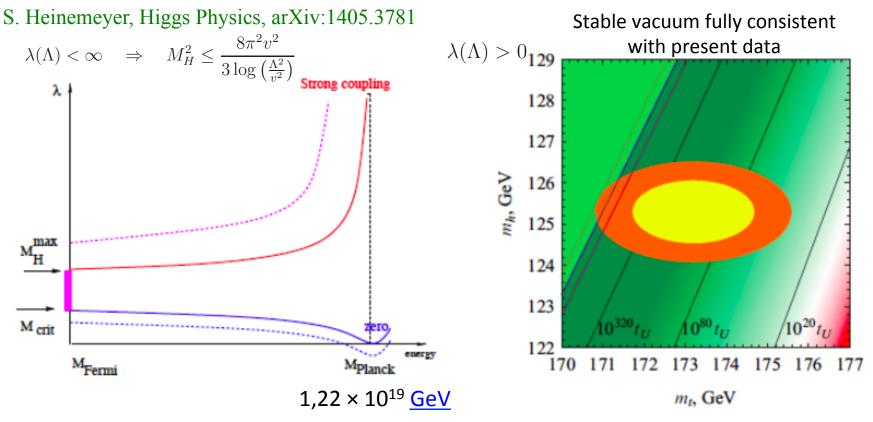
**Technical Proposal** 

#### **Physics Proposal**

## SM may well be a consistent effective theory all the way up to the Plank scale

 $\checkmark$   $M_{\rm H}$  < 175 GeV  $\rightarrow$  SM is a weakly coupled theory up to the Plank energies!

 $\checkmark$   $M_{\rm H} > 111 \, \text{GeV} \rightarrow EW$  vacuum is stable or metastable with a lifetime greatly exceeding the age of our Universe (Espinosa et al)



No sign of New Physics seen

G. Degrassi et al., Higgs mass and vacuum stability in the SM at NNLO, JHEP 1208 (2012) 098

Among the most relevant ones:

Why is the Higgs boson so light (so-called "naturalness" or "hierarchy" problem)?

What is the origin of the matter-antimatter asymmetry in the Universe?

Why 3 fermion families ? Why do neutral leptons, charged leptons and quarks behave differently ?

What is the origin of neutrino masses and oscillations?

What is the composition of dark matter (~25% of the Universe)?



However: there is NO direct evidence for new particles (yet...) from the LHC or other facilities

#### Where is the New Physics ?

i.e. at what E scale(s) will we find the answers to these questions ?

# High Intensity Frontier

Known physics

**Energy frontier** LHC, FCC

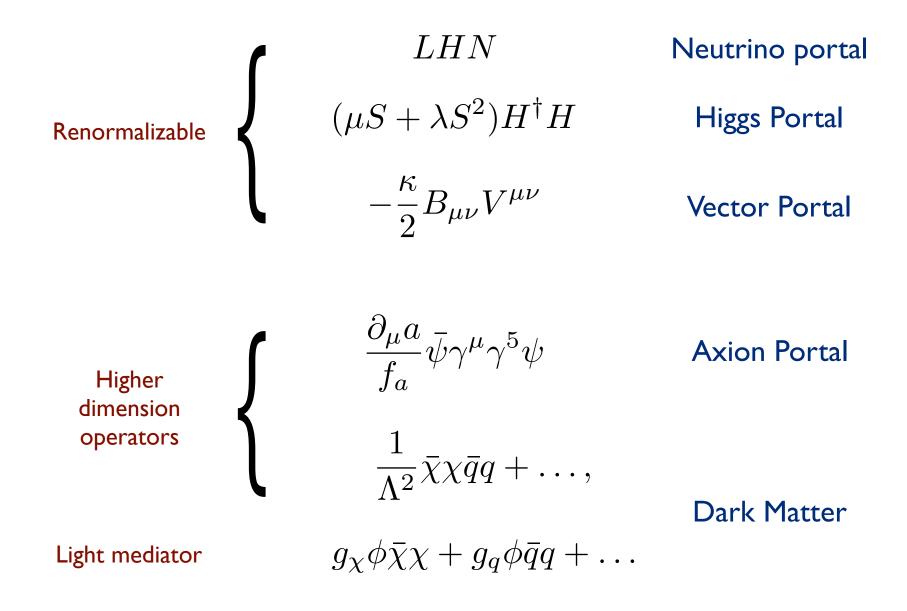
**Intensity frontier** Flavour physics Lepton flavour violation Hidden Sector

unknown physics

Energy scale

This talk

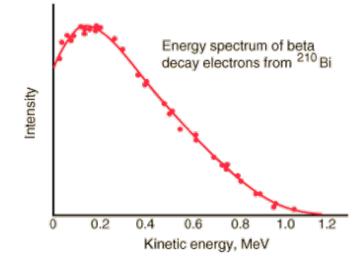
Light Hidden particles  $\rightarrow$  singlets with respect to the SM gauge group  $\rightarrow$  couple to different singlet composite operators (**Portals**) of the SM



History lesson - 1930s:

- Back then, the "Standard Model" was photon, electron, nucleons
- Beta decay:  $n \rightarrow p + e^-$

Continuous spectrum!



• Pauli proposes a radical solution - the neutrino!

 $n \to p + e^- + \bar{\nu}$ 

- Great example of a hidden sector!
  - neutrino is electrically neutral (QED gauge singlet)
  - very weakly interacting and light
  - interacts with "Standard Model" through "portal" -

 $(ar{p}\gamma^{\mu}n)(ar{e}\gamma$ 

## Search for dark photons

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• Assuming no lighter hidden particles,  $\gamma'$  decay into SM particles through a virtual photon:

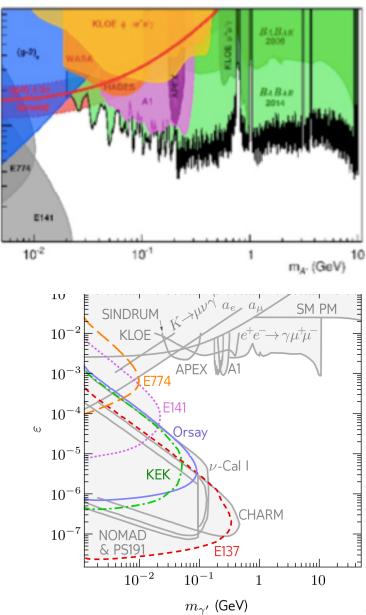
$$\gamma' \to e^+ e^-, \quad \mu^+ \mu^-, \quad q\bar{q}, \dots$$

- decay length  $c au \sim arepsilon^{-1}_{\gamma'}$
- cosmological constraints (nucleo-synthesis):  $\tau < 0.1~{\rm s} \Rightarrow \varepsilon^2 m_{\gamma'} > 10^{-21}~{\rm GeV}$

# $\gamma'$ production

- proton bremsstrahlung:
  - initial-state radiation from the incoming proton, followed by a hard proton-nucleus interaction
- secondary particles decay:

Mass interval (GeV)	Process	$n_{\gamma'}/p.o.t$
$m_{\gamma'} < 0.135$	$\pi^0 \to \gamma \gamma'$	$\varepsilon^2 \times 5.41$
$0.135 < m_{\gamma'} < 0.548$	$\eta  ightarrow \gamma \gamma'$	$\varepsilon^2 \times 0.23$
$0.548 < m_{\gamma'} < 0.648$	$\omega  ightarrow \pi^0 \gamma'$	$\varepsilon^2 \times 0.07$
$0.648 < m_{\gamma'} < 0.958$	$\eta'  ightarrow \gamma \gamma'$	$\varepsilon^2 \times 10^{-3}$
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#### Higgs (scalar) portal: production and decay modes Rare B meson decays mediated by a light scalar $\phi$ $\bar{d}, \bar{u}$ $\bar{d}, \bar{u}$ 10<sup>1</sup> $10^{0}$ BaBar Pullt-N $\Gamma(D o \pi \phi) \sim (m_b^2 |V_{cb}^* V_{ub}|)^2 \propto m_b^4 \lambda^5$ 10<sup>-1</sup> $\Gamma(B ightarrow K \phi) \sim (m_t^2 |V_{ts}^* V_{tb}|)^2 \propto m_t^4 \lambda^2$ B→K+inv שׂא B→K µ⁺µֿ 10<sup>-2</sup> g, B decays favoured compared to D CHARM 10<sup>-3</sup> $10^{-4}$ **10**<sup>-5</sup> Yukawa-like $10^{-6}$ 10<sup>-1</sup> 10<sup>-2</sup> 10<sup>0</sup> 10<sup>1</sup> $m_{\rm S}$ [GeV] $\Gamma(S \to \ell \bar{\ell}) = \frac{g_\star^2 m_\ell^2 m_S}{8\pi w^2} \left(1 - \frac{4m_\ell^2}{m^2}\right)$ 8

# Motivation for Heavy Neutral Leptons

#### See-saw mechanism for neutrino masses

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

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

 $v \sim 246 \,\,\mathrm{GeV}$ 

Yukawa term: mixing of N<sub>I</sub> with active neutrinos to explain oscillations

Majorana term which carries no gauge charge

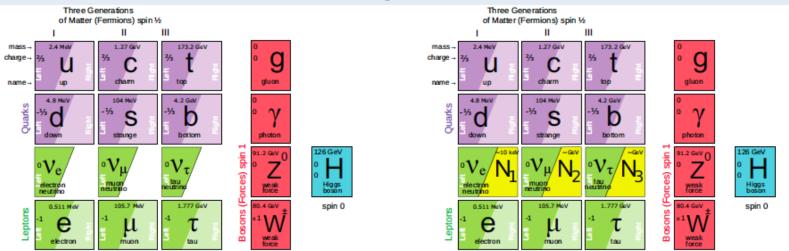
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The scale of the active neutrino mass is given by the see-saw formula:  $m_{
u} \sim where \ m_D \sim Y_{I\alpha} v$  - typical value of the Dirac mass term

eVν M<sub>H</sub> strong coupling direct Yukawa coupling  $^{-10}$ N ν experianoma– DM BAU stability search mass masses lies ment neutrino masse GUT are too large 10-16 YES NO NO NO NO YES \_ 10 GeV see-saw 2-3 10 GeV NO NO YES YES YES YES EWSB LHC neutrino masses are too small keV a'la  $10^{-1}$ v MSM NO YES YES YES YES YES  $10^{-13}$ 10<sup>11</sup> 10<sup>17</sup>  $10^{-7}$ 0.1  $10^{5}$ GeV CHARM LSND v MSM LHC GUT see-saw ν a'la YES YES NO NO YES YES eV LSND Majorana mass, GeV scale

#### Four "popular" N mass ranges

## The vMSM model: leptogenesis and dark matter



#### N = Heavy Neutral Lepton - HNL

Role of  $N_1$  with mass in keV region: dark matter

Role of  $N_2$ ,  $N_3$  with mass in 100 MeV – GeV region: "give" masses to

neutrinos and produce baryon asymmetry of the Universe

Role of the Higgs: give masses to quarks, leptons, Z and W and

inflate the Universe.

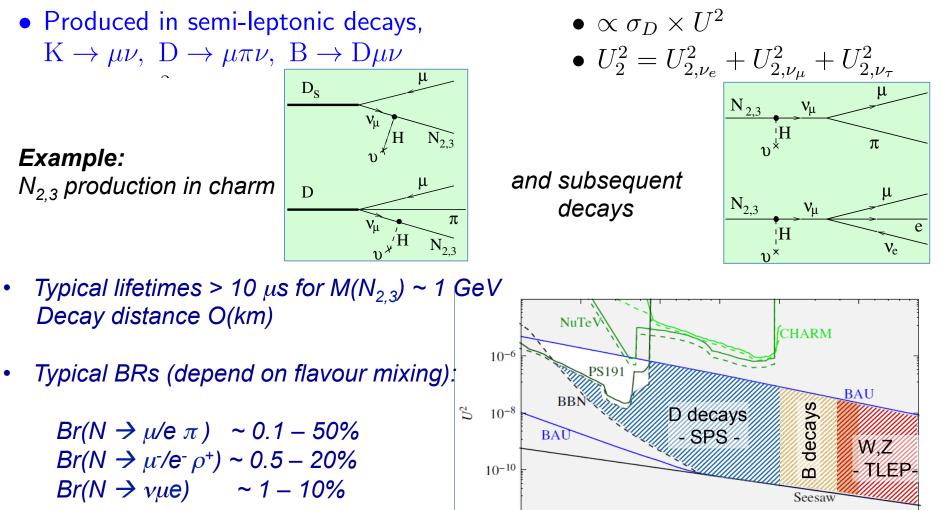
**vMSM:** T.Asaka, M.Shaposhnikov PL **B620** (2005) 17 M.Shaposhnikov Nucl. Phys. B763 (2007) 49

global lepton-number symmetry broken at the level of  $O(10^{-4})$  leads to the required pattern of sterile neutrino masses consistent with neutrino oscillations data

## Masses and couplings of HNLs

•  $M(N_2) \approx M(N_3) \sim a$  few GeV  $\rightarrow$  CPV can be increased dramatically to explain Baryon Asymmetry of the Universe (BAU)

Very weak  $N_{2,3}$ -to-v mixing (~  $U^2$ )  $\rightarrow N_{2,3}$  are much longer-lived than SM particles



 $10^{-12}$ 

0.2

0.5

1.0

M [GeV]

2.0

5.0

10.0

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Domain only marginally explored, experimentally!



## **Common experimental features of Hidden Sector (HS)**

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

#### ✓ Decays:

Models	Final states
Neutrino portal, SUSY neutralino	$\ell^{\pm}\pi^{\mp}, \ell^{\pm}K^{\mp}, \ell^{\pm}\rho^{\mp},  \rho^{\pm} \to \pi^{\pm}\pi^{0}$
Vector, scalar, axion portals, SUSY sgoldstino	$\ell^+\ell^-$
Vector, scalar, axion portals, SUSY sgoldstino	$\pi^{+}\pi^{-}, K^{+}K^{-}$
Neutrino portal ,SUSY neutralino, axino	$\ell^+\ell^- u$
Axion portal, SUSY sgoldstino	$\gamma\gamma$
SUSY sgoldstino	$\pi^0\pi^0$

- ✓ Full reconstruction and PID are essential to minimize model dependence
- $\checkmark\,$  Production and decay rates are strongly suppressed when compared to SM
  - Production branching ratios O(10<sup>-10</sup>)
  - Long-lived objects
  - Travel unperturbed through ordinary matter

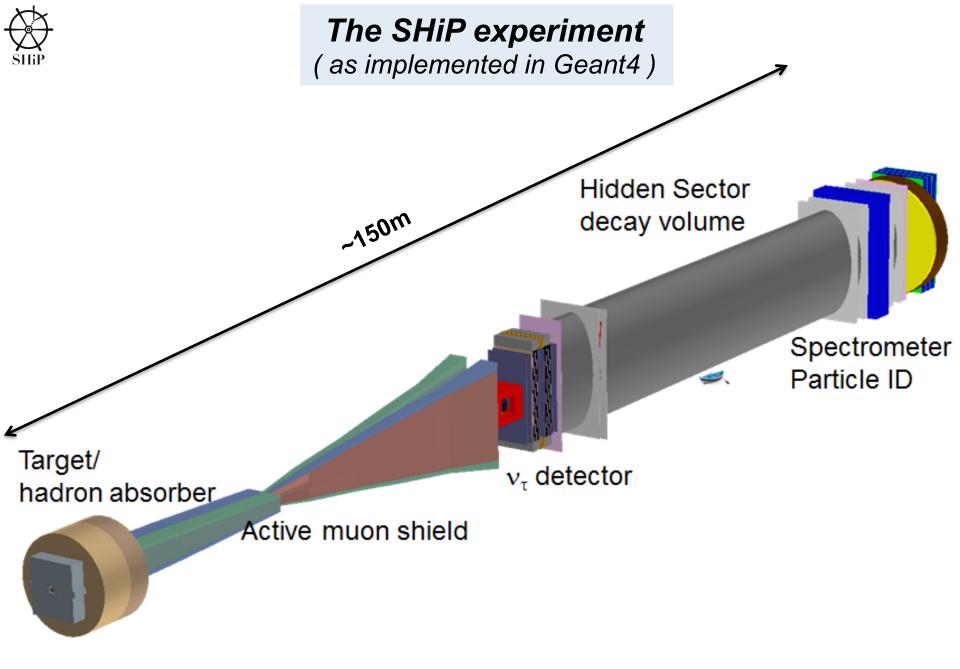
#### ✓ Challenge is background suppression $\rightarrow$ requires O(0.01) carefully estimated

✓ Physics with  $v_{\tau}$  produced in D<sub>s</sub> decays share many of these features



#### **General experimental requirements**

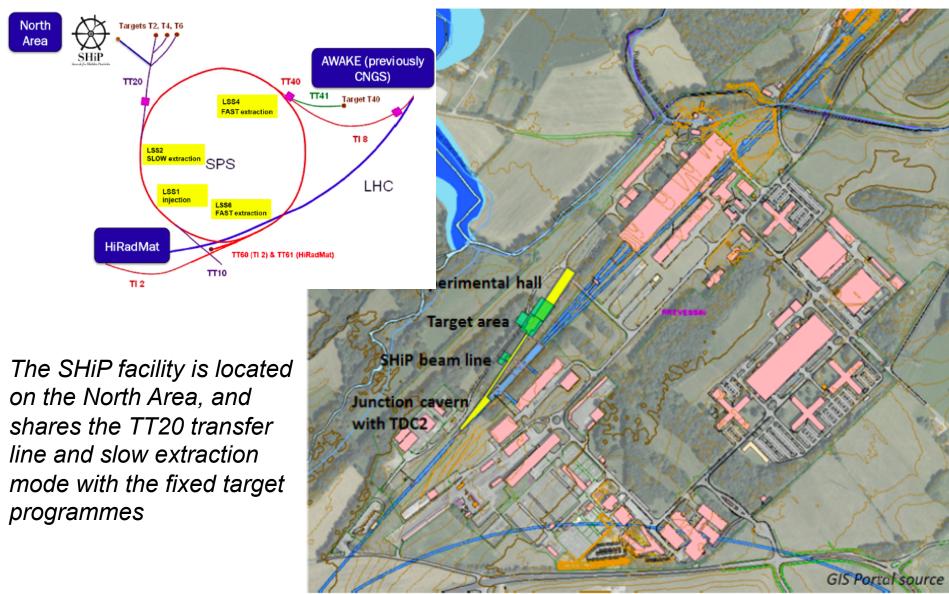
- 100  $r_{pN}^{c\bar{c}}(\mu,M)$  [ $\mu b$ ] 10 Search for HS particles in Heavy Flavour decays HS produced in charm and beauty decays have significant  $P_{\tau}$ 20 25 30 35 40 √s [GeV] Opening angle of the entries/0.01 decay products in N $\rightarrow$ µ $\pi$  $N_{2.3}$ 0.080.06 HNL decay vessel Target *p*-beam  $\mu$ -shield spectrometer 0.04 0.02θ12 (rad)
- ✓ Detector must be placed close to the target to maximize geometrical acceptance
- ✓ Effective (and "short") muon shield is essential to reduce muon-induced backgrounds
- ✓ With 2 x 10<sup>20</sup> 400 GeV pot, ~ 2 x 10<sup>17</sup> charm produced



## The Fixed-target facility at the SPS: Prevessin North Area site

**Proposed implementation based on minimal modification of the SPS complex** High-intensity proton beam: 4 10<sup>13</sup> ppp, 4 10<sup>19</sup> pot/yr, 5 years run (as for CNGS)

SHiF

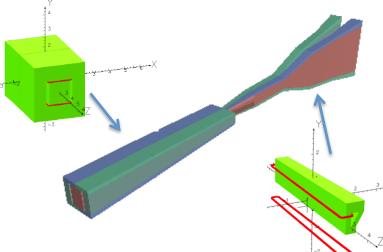




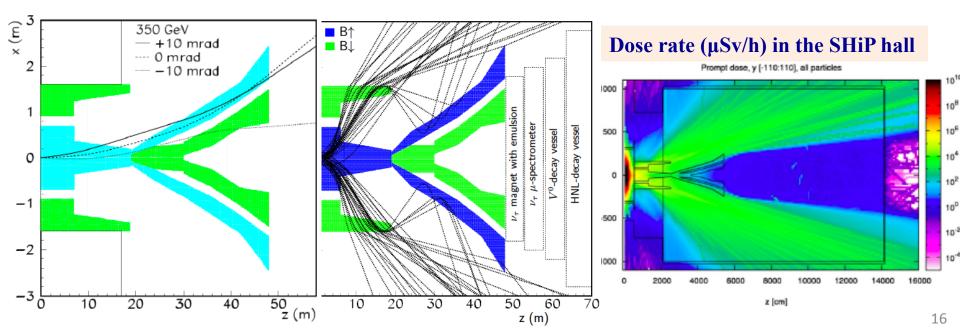
#### SHiP muon shield

✓ Muon flux limit driven by HS background and emulsion-based neutrino detector

- Active muon shield based entirely on magnet sweeper with a total field integral B<sub>y</sub> = 86.4 Tm Realistic design of sweeper magnets in progress Challenges: flux leakage, constant field profile, modeling magnet shape
- $\checkmark$  < 7k muons / spill ( $E_{\mu}$  > 3 GeV), from 10<sup>10</sup>
- $\checkmark$  Negligible flux in terms of detector occupancy



#### Magnetic sweeper field

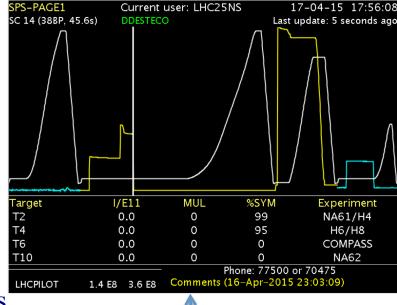


# R&D at CERN for extraction and beam lines

- Deployment of the new SHiP cycle
- Extraction loss characterisation and optimisation Reduce p density on septum wires Probe SPS aperture limits during

slow extraction

- Development of new TT20 optics Change beam at splitter on cycle-to cycle basis
- Characterisation of spill structure
- R&D and development of laminated splitter and dilution (sweep) magnets
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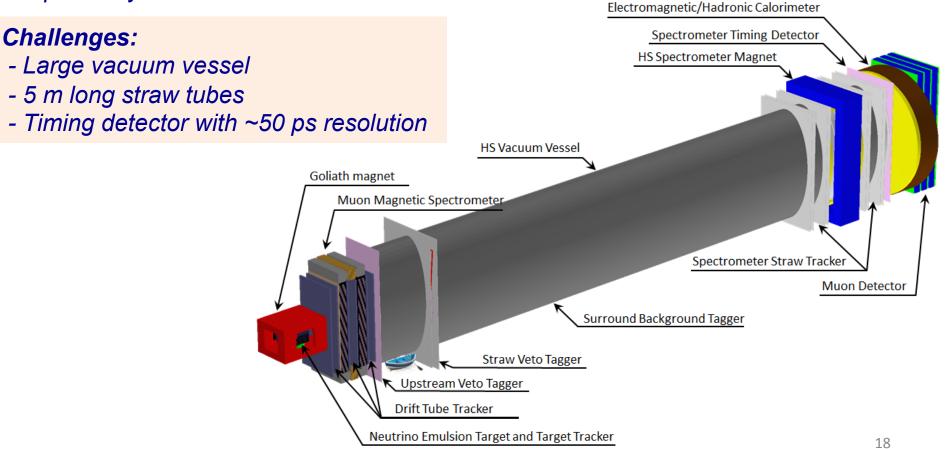
Successful test in April 2015



Hidden Sector detector concept

(based on existing technologies)

Reconstruction of HS decays in all possible final states
 Long decay volume protected by various Veto Taggers, Magnetic Spectrometer
 followed by the Timing Detector, and Calorimeters and Muon systems.
 All heavy infrastructure is at distance to reduce neutrino / muon interactions in
 proximity of the detector



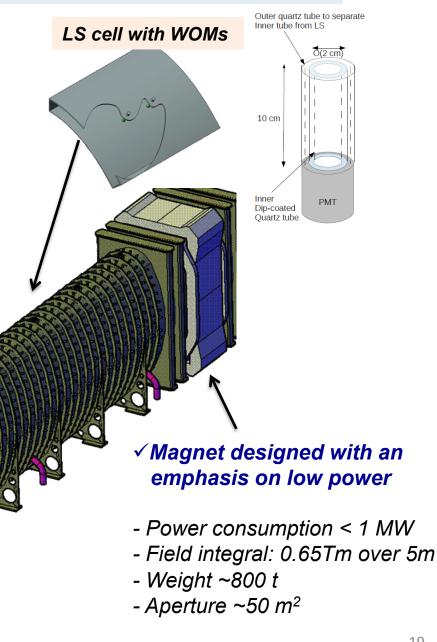


#### HS decay volume and spectrometer magnet

Estimated need for vacuum: ~ 10<sup>-3</sup> mbar (<1 v interaction)

#### Vacuum vessel

- 10 m x 5 m x 60 m
- Walls thickness: 8 mm (AI) / 30 mm (SS)
- Walls separation: 300 mm;
- Liquid scintillator (LS) volume (~360 m<sup>3</sup>) readout by WLS optical modules (WOM) and PMTs
- Vessel weight ~ 480 t



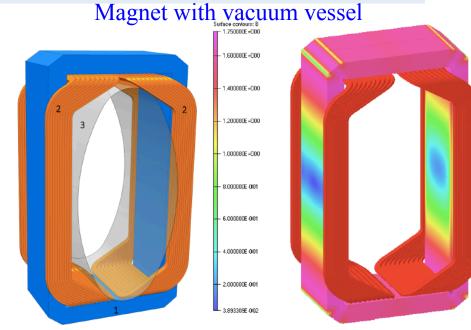
## Momentum resolution of the HS (straw tubes) tracker

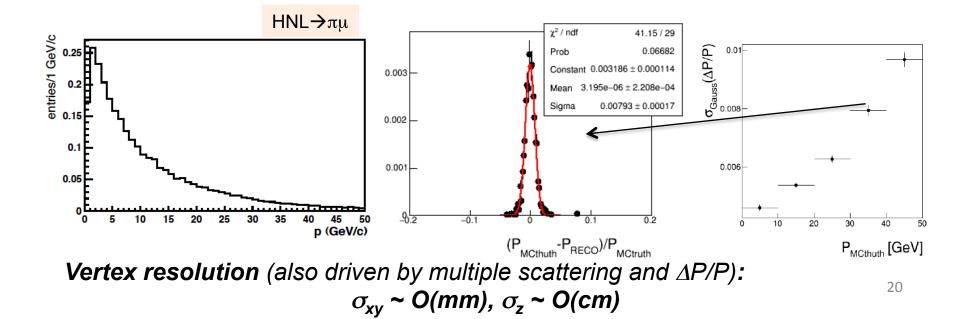
material budget per station 0.5% X<sub>0</sub>
position resolution 120 μm per straw,
8 hits per station on average

SHil

 $\left(\frac{\sigma_p}{p}\right)^2 \approx [0.49\%]^2 + [0.022\%/(\text{GeV}/c)]^2 \cdot p^2$ 

Momentum resolution is dominated by multiple scattering below 22 GeV/c (For HNL  $\rightarrow \pi\mu$ , 75% of both decay products have P < 20 GeV/c)





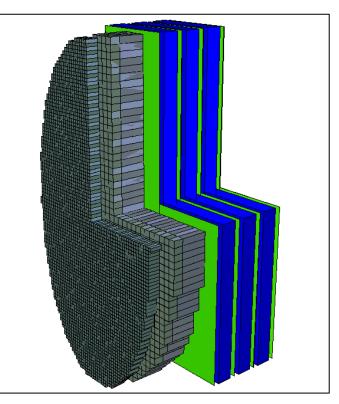
## Calorimeters

## ECAL

- Almost elliptical shape (5 m x 10 m)
- 2876 Shashlik modules
- 2x2 cells/modules, width=6 cm
- 11504 independent readout channels

## HCAL

- Matched with ECAL acceptance
- 2 stations
- 5 m x 10 m
- 1512 modules
- 24x24 cm<sup>2</sup> dimensions
- Stratigraphy: N x (1.5 cm steel+0.5 cm scint)
- 1512 independent readout channels

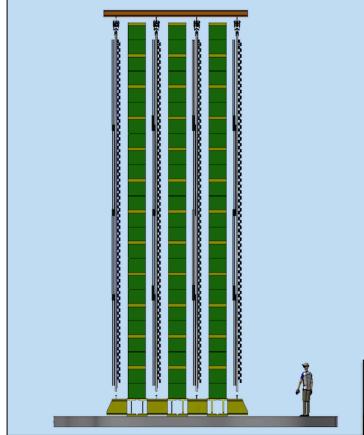




Dimensions $60x60 \text{ mm}^2$ Radiation length17 mmMoliere radius36 mmRadiation thickness25  $X_0$ Scintillator thickness1.5 mmLead thickness0.8 mmEnergy resolution1%

## Muon System

#### Based on scintillating bars, with WLS fibers and SiPM readout



Requirements:

- High-efficiency identification of muons in the final state
- Separation between muons and hadrons/electrons
- Complement timing detector to reject combinatorial muon background

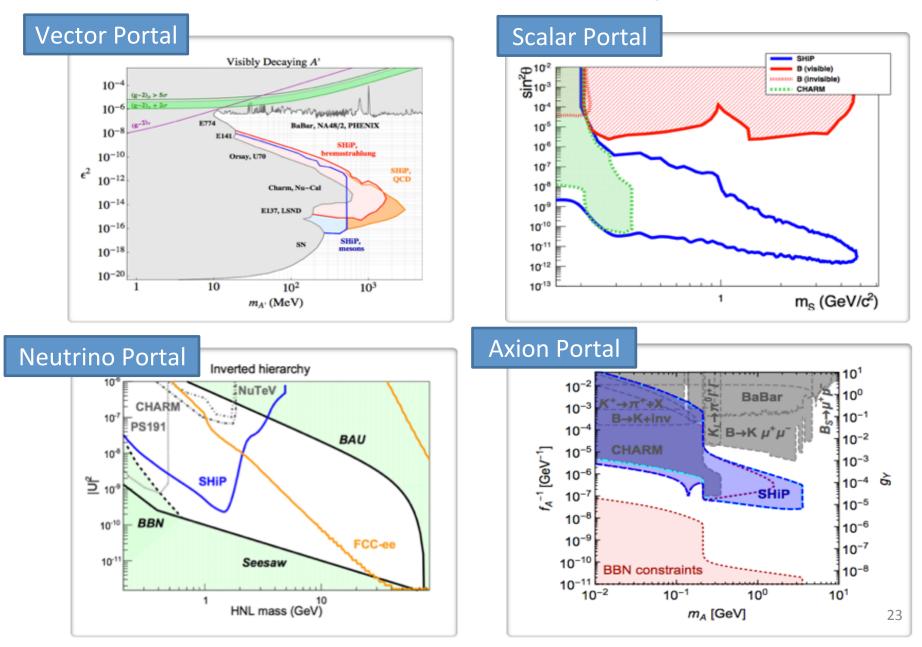


Technical Proposal (preliminary design)

- 4 active stations
- transverse dimensions: 1200x600 cm<sup>2</sup>
- x,y view
- 3380 bars, 5x300x2 cm<sup>3</sup>/each
- 7760 FEE channels
- 1000 tons of iron filters

## SHiP sensitivity to Hidden Sector

Based on  $2x10^{20}$  pot @400 GeV in 5 years





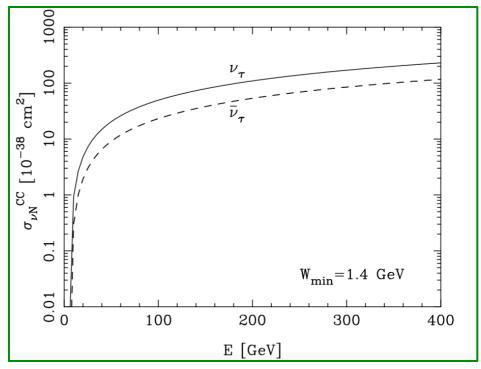
- Less known particle in the Standard Model
- First observation by DONUT at Fermilab in 2001 with 4 detected candidates, *Phys. Lett. B504 (2001) 218-224*
- 9 events (with an estimated background of 1.5) reported in 2008 with looser cuts

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

- $5 v_{\tau}$  candidates reported by OPERA for the discovery (5.1 $\sigma$  result) of  $v_{\tau}$  appearance in the CNGS neutrino beam PRL 115 (2015) 121802
- Tau anti-neutrino never observed

$$N_{\nu_{\tau}+\bar{\nu}_{\tau}} = 4N_p \frac{\sigma_{c\bar{c}}}{\sigma_{pN}} f_{D_s} Br(D_s \to \tau) = 2.85 \times 10^{-5} N_p = 5.7 \times 10^{15}$$

# $\nu^{}_{\tau}$ Interactions In The Target



M. H. Reno, Phys. Rev. D74 (2006) 033001

Uncertainty ( $\leq 10\%$ ) from:

- Scale choices
- Pdf
- Target mass correction

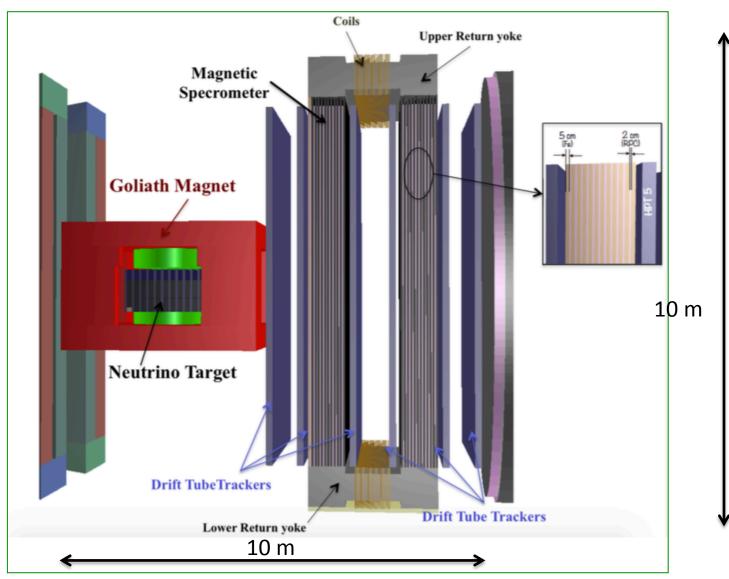
Expected number of interactions\*

\*in 5 years run (2x10<sup>20</sup> pot) target mass ~ 9.6 ton (Pb)

$$N_{\nu_{\tau}} \simeq 6.7 \times 10^3$$
  
 $N_{\overline{\nu}_{\tau}} \simeq 3.4 \times 10^3$ 

20% uncertainty mainly from scale variations in ccbar differential cross-section

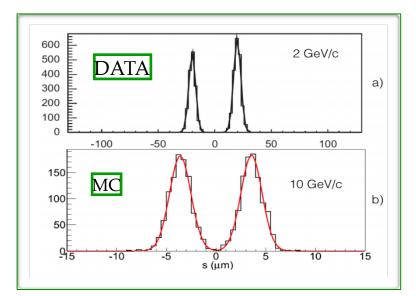
# THE NEUTRINO DETECTOR

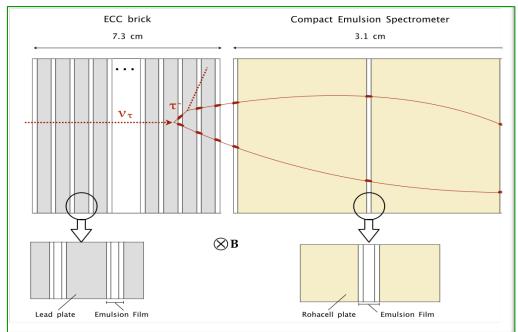


# $v_{\tau}$ /ANTI- $v_{\tau}$ Separation in the Target The compact Emulsion Spectrometer

#### TASK

- Charge and momentum measurement of τ decay products
- Key role for the  $\tau \rightarrow$  h decay channel
- 3 OPERA-like emulsion films
- 2 Rohacell spacers (low density material)
- 1 Tesla magnetic field

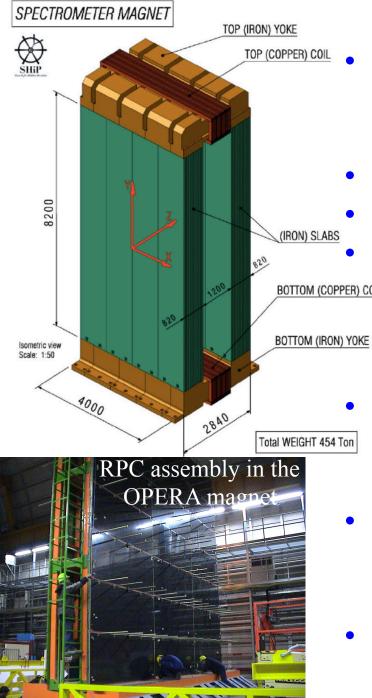




#### Not to scale

#### PERFORMANCES

- Electric charge determined up to 12 GeV
- Momentum estimated from the sagitta
- $\Delta p/p < 20\%$  up to 12 GeV/c



# RPC's in SHiP

- Requirements:
  - Provide a coarse (1 cm) tracking inside the magnetised volume
- Re-use the OPERA spectrometer magnet
- RPC technology also in SHiP
- Use the same chambers: challenge from the **BOTTOM (COPPER) COIL** higher (muons at  $\sim 5 \text{kHz/m}^2$ ) rate,
  - resistivity range, 5 x  $10^{11} \div 10^{13} \Omega \text{cm} \rightarrow$ 
    - being tested
    - Current magnet size constraining the RPC chambers → new chambers to be produced → likely all
    - RPC's might be advantageous due to the neutron and gamma rate in the experimental hall
    - Streamer or avalanche mode to be studied

# F<sub>4</sub> AND F<sub>5</sub> STRUCTURE FUNCTIONS

First evaluation of F<sub>4</sub> and F<sub>5</sub>, not accessible with other neutrinos

$$\frac{d^{2}\sigma^{\nu(\overline{\nu})}}{dxdy} = \frac{G_{F}^{2}ME_{\nu}}{\pi(1+Q^{2}/M_{W}^{2})^{2}} \left( (y^{2}x + \frac{m_{\tau}^{2}y}{2E_{\nu}M})F_{1} + \left[ (1 - \frac{m_{\tau}^{2}}{4E_{\nu}^{2}}) - (1 + \frac{Mx}{2E_{\nu}}) \right]F_{2} \\ \pm \left[ xy(1 - \frac{y}{2}) - \frac{m_{\tau}^{2}y}{4E_{\nu}M} \right]F_{3} + \frac{m_{\tau}^{2}(m_{\tau}^{2} + Q^{2})}{4E_{\nu}^{2}M^{2}x}F_{4} - \frac{m_{\tau}^{2}}{E_{\nu}M}F_{5} \right),$$

$$\mathbf{F_{4} = F_{5} = 0}$$

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Pb. per nucleon SM prediction  
TMC (solid)  
F<sub>4</sub><sup>TMC</sup> (F<sub>5</sub><sup>TMC</sup> = 0 (dash)  
E [GeV]  
• At LOE = 0.2 rE =E  

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

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

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 $1\sigma$ 

70

30

40

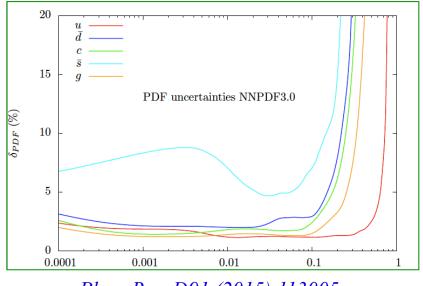
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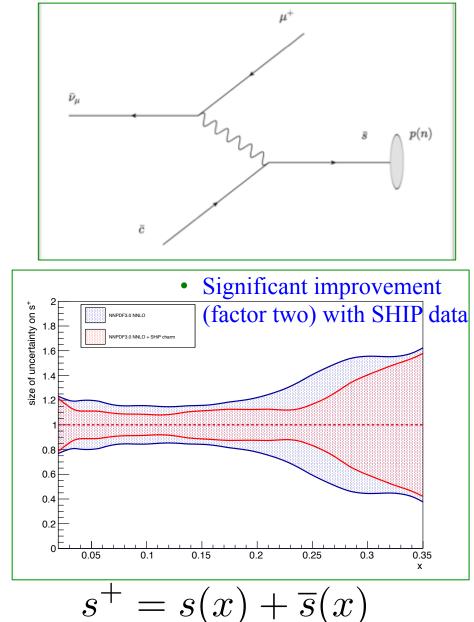
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# STRANGE QUARK NUCLEON CONTENT

- Charmed hadron production in antineutrino interactions selects anti-strange 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*



*Phys. Rev. D91 (2015) 113005* Fractional uncertainty of the individual parton densities  $f(x;m_W^2)$  of NNPDF3.0



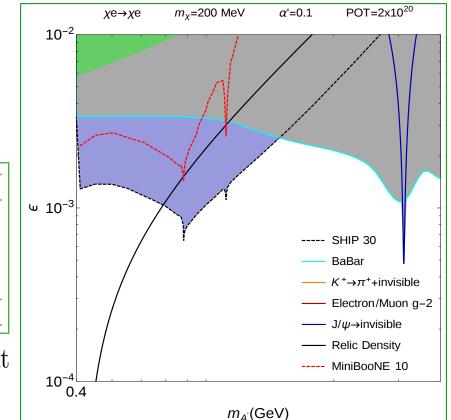
Added to NNPDF3.0 NNLO fit, Nucl. Phys. B849 (2011) 112–143, at  $Q^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}^{2^{30}}$ 

# DARK MATTER SEARCH WITH THE NEUTRINO DETECTOR

 $\chi$  produced by a dark photon decay P. deNiverville, D. McKeen, and A. Ritz,  $\chi e^- \rightarrow \chi e^-$ 

Phys.Rev. D86 (2012) 035022

 $\alpha' = \text{dark photon coupling with } \chi$ 



SIGNAL SELECTION  $0.01 < \theta < 0.02$ E < 20 GeV

**BACKGROUND PROCESSES** 

	$ u_e $	$\bar{ u}_e$	$ u_{\mu}$	$\bar{ u}_{\mu}$	all
Elastic scattering on $e^-$	16	2	20	18	56
Quasi - elastic scattering	105	73			178
Resonant scattering	13	27			40
Deep inelastic scattering	3	7			10
Total	137	109	20	18	284

 $\epsilon = \text{dark photon coupling with e.m. current}$  $m_A = \text{dark photon mass}$ 



### **Project schedule**

Accelerator schedule	2015	<b>201</b> 6	2017	<b>20</b> 18	201	19	<b>202</b> 0		2021	2022		2023	2024	2025		2 <b>02</b> 6	2027
LHC		Rur	1 2			LS2	2			Rur	n 3			LS3			Run 4
SPS													NA stop	SPS sto	þ		
Detector	F	R&D, design	and TDR				Prod	uctio	on				Installat	ion	_		
Milestones	TP			TDR												CwB	Data taking
Facility			Int	egration												CwB	
Civil engineering				Pre-o	construc	tion			Target - D	etector	hall - E	Beamline	- Junctio	n (WP1)		CwB:	
Infrastructure											Install	ation	Installat	ion	Inst.	Comn	nissioning
Beamline		R&D, de	sign and T	DR			←	Prod	duction $\rightarrow$	•	Pro	d.	Install	ation		with l	beam
Target complex		R&I	D, design a	nd TDR			← P	rodu	iction $\rightarrow$			Inst	tallation				
Target			R&D,	design and	TDR +	prototy	ping				Pi	roduction	In	stallation			

~10 years from TP to data taking

- ✓ Schedule optimized for almost no interference with operation of North Area
   → Preparation of facility in four clear and separate work packages (target complex, detector hall, beam line and junction cavern)
- ✓ All TDRs by the end of 2018
- ✓ Four years for detector construction, plus two years for installation
- ✓ Updated schedule with new accelerator schedule (Run 2 up to end 2018, 2 years LS2) relaxes current schedule
  - ➔ Data taking 2026



## Summary

SHIP proposed to search for New Physics in the largely unexplored domain of new, very weakly interacting particles with masses O(10) GeV

- ✓ Unique opportunity for  $v_{\tau}$  physics
- ✓ Sensitivity improves past experiments by O(10000) for Hidden Sector and by O(200) for  $v_{\tau}$  physics
- ✓ The SHiP proposal submitted in April 2015 and evaluated by the SPS Committee at CERN
- ✓ SHiP could therefore constitute a key part of the CERN Fixed Target programme in the HL-LHC era. SPSC recommends that the SHiP proponents proceed with the preparation of a Comprehensive Design Report (CDR), and that this preparation be made in close contact with the planned Fixed Target working group.

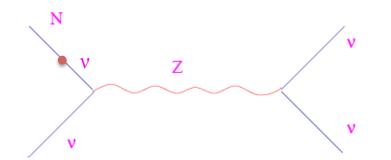
# ✓ SHiP will greatly complement searches for New Physics at energy frontier at CERN

# Back-up slides

## Dark Matter candidate HNL N<sub>1</sub>

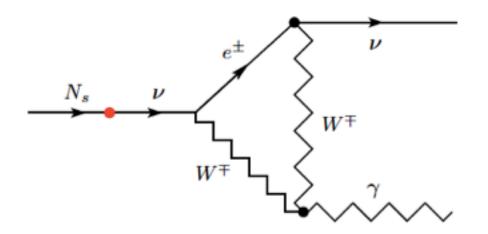
N<sub>1</sub> can be sufficiently stable to be a DM candidate, M(N<sub>1</sub>)~10keV

Yukawa couplings are small  $\rightarrow$  *N* can be very stable.



Main decay mode:  $N \rightarrow 3\nu$ . Subdominant radiative decay channel:  $N \rightarrow \nu\gamma$ .

New line in photon galaxy spectrum at 3.5 keV? To be checked with higher accuracy



Photon energy:

 $E_{oldsymbol{\gamma}}=rac{M}{2}$ 

Radiative decay width:

$$\Gamma_{\rm rad} = \frac{9 \,\alpha_{\rm EM} \,G_F^2}{256 \cdot 4\pi^4} \, \sin^2(2\theta) \, M_N^5$$
Interaction strength

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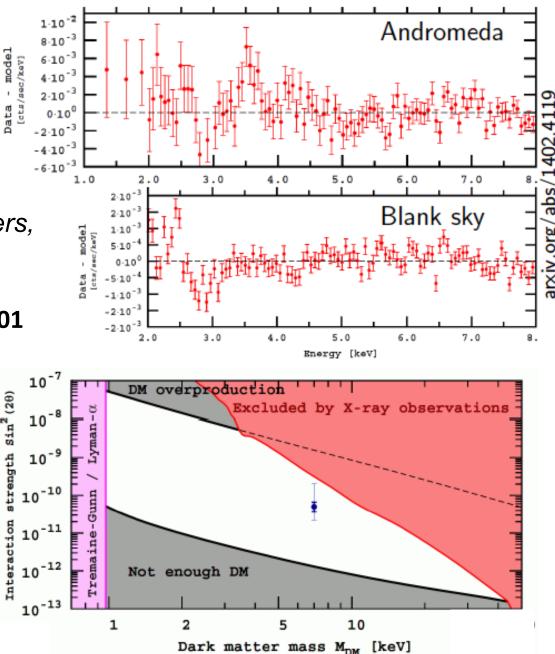
#### New line in photon galaxy spectrum ???

Two recent publications in

• Astrophys. J. 789 (2014) 13 Detection of an unidentified emission line in the stacked X-ray spectrum of Galaxy Clusters,  $E_{\gamma} \sim 3.56 \text{ keV}$ 

• Phys.Rev.Lett. 113 (2014) 251301 An unidentified line in X-ray spectra of the Andromeda galaxy and Perseus galaxy cluster,  $E_{\gamma} \sim 3.5 \text{ keV}$ 

Will soon be checked by Astro-H with higher energy resolution



# Axion portal, e.g. PNGB

- PRD 82, 113008 (2010), Discovering new light states at neutrino experiments
- Approximate symmetry broken at a high mass scale F gives rise to light pseudoscalars, pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone bosons (or "axions") with couplings of order  $m_X/F$  to SM particle X
- Production from mixing with  $\pi^0$
- For  $m_a < 400 \text{MeV}$ , total width ~  $\Gamma ee + \Gamma \mu \mu$

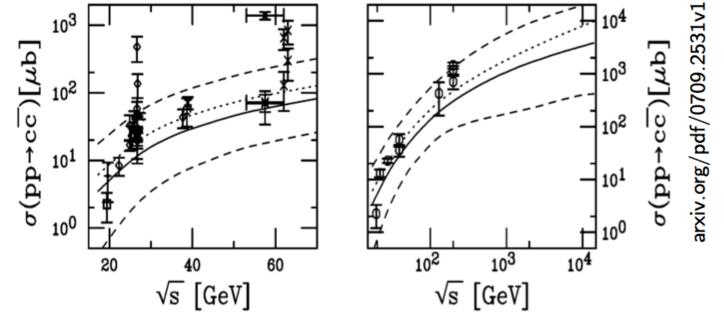
$$N_a = \left(\frac{F_{\pi}}{F}\right)^2 n_{\pi^0} N_p \epsilon_{\text{geo}}.$$

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

	$E_{\text{beam}}$ (GeV)	$N_p$	$X_t$ (m)	$X_d$ (m)	$n_{\pi^0} \epsilon_{ m geo}$	$\bar{E}_a$ (GeV)
CHARM [2]	400	$2.4 \times 10^{18}$	480	515	0.12	25
LSND [71,74,75]	0.8	$\sim 10^{23}$	29.7	38	see text	0.3
MINOS/MINERvA [76,77]	120	$3.8  imes 10^{20}$	1050	1087	0.0006	20
MiniBooNE [78]	8.9	10 <sup>21</sup>	541	553	0.002	2.7

## Sensitivity for $N_{2,3} \propto U^4$

- PS-191: with K decays  $\rightarrow$  limited to 500 MeV (PLB 203 (1988) 332)
- Goal: Extend mass range to  $\sim 2$  GeV by using charmed hadron decays
- B-decays:  $20 \div 100$  smaller  $\sigma$ , and B  $\rightarrow$  Dµv, i.e. limited to ~ 3 GeV still



Where to produce charmed hadrons?

LHC ( $\sqrt{s} = 14$  TeV): with 1  $ab^{-1}$  (~ 3-4 years): ~ 2 × 10<sup>16</sup> in 4 $\pi$ SPS (400 GeV *p*-on-target (pot)  $\sqrt{s} = 27$  GeV): with 2 × 10<sup>20</sup> pot (~ 3-4 years): ~ 2 × 10<sup>17</sup>

The acceptance of a beam dump facility is much larger for long lived particles