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A contradiction?

The Standard Model seems perfect and can exist without corrections to the Planck scale

But the same Standard Model can't explain dark matter, neutrino masses and baryogenesis.

I will propose a set of possible ways out of this

# Outline

The physics landscape

Hidden sector theories

The neutrino minimal Standard Model

Design of a new beam-dump experiment

Sensitivity and future plans

### Who are we?

#### www.cern/ch/ship

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#### Proposal to Search for Heavy Neutral Leptons at the SPS

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#### Introduction

# The triumph of the Standard Model

# Boson consistent with the SM-Higgs has been found! ATLAS : $M_{H}$ =125.5 ± 0.2 (stat) +0.5-0.6 (syst) GeV/ $c^{2}$ CMS : $M_{H}$ =125.7 ± 0.3 (stat) ± 0.3 (syst) GeV/ $c^{2}$



# The triumph of the Standard Model

Mass value important for the stability of the vacuum:  $M_{\rm H}{<}175~GeV$ 

SM weakly coupled up to the Plank energies !

M<sub>H</sub>>111 GeV

EW vacuum is stable or metastable with a lifetime greatly exceeding the age of our Universe (JHEP 1208 (2012) 098)



# The limitations of the Standard Model

But we still have a number of significant problems

Theory

Radiative corrections to Higgs mass

fine-tuning

Experiment

Matter anti-matter asymmetry in the Universe Neutrino masses and oscillations Non-baryonic dark matter Dark Energy

### **Direct searches** ...

#### ATLAS SUSY Searches\* - 95% CL Lower Limits

 $e, \mu, \tau, \gamma$  Jets  $E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}} \int \mathcal{L} dt [\mathrm{fb}^{-1}]$ 

Status: Moriond 2014

Model

#### ATLAS Preliminary

Reference

 $\int \mathcal{L} dt = (4.6 - 22.9) \text{ fb}^{-1}$   $\sqrt{s} = 7, 8 \text{ TeV}$ 

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RPV	$\begin{array}{l} LFV \ pp \rightarrow \tilde{v}_\tau + X, \tilde{v}_\tau \rightarrow e + \mu \\ LFV \ pp \rightarrow \tilde{v}_\tau + X, \tilde{v}_\tau \rightarrow e(\mu) + \tau \\ Bilinear \ RPV \ CMSSM \\ \tilde{X}_1^+ \tilde{X}_1^-, \tilde{X}_1^+ \rightarrow W \tilde{X}_1^0, \tilde{X}_1^0 \rightarrow e e \tilde{\nu}_\mu, e \mu \tilde{\nu}_e \\ \tilde{X}_1^+ \tilde{X}_1^-, \tilde{X}_1^+ \rightarrow W \tilde{X}_1^0, \tilde{X}_1^0 \rightarrow \tau \tau \tilde{\nu}_e, e \tau \tilde{\nu}_\tau \\ \tilde{g} \rightarrow q q \\ \tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 t, \tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow b s \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 2 \ e, \mu \\ 1 \ e, \mu + \tau \\ 1 \ e, \mu \\ 4 \ e, \mu \\ 3 \ e, \mu + \tau \\ 0 \\ 2 \ e, \mu \ (\text{SS}) \end{array}$	7 jets - 6-7 jets 0-3 b	- Yes Yes Yes - Yes	4.6 4.6 4.7 20.7 20.7 20.3 20.7	Fr         1.61 TeV $\lambda_{11}^{\prime}=0.10, \lambda_{132}=0.05$ Fr         1.1 TeV $\lambda_{11}^{\prime}=0.10, \lambda_{1233}=0.05$ $\bar{q}, \bar{k}$ 1.2 TeV $m(\bar{q})=m(\bar{q}), c_{125F}=0.1$ $\bar{k}_1^{\prime}$ 760 GeV $m(\bar{q})=m(\bar{q}), c_{125F}=0.1$ $\bar{k}_1^{\prime}$ 350 GeV $m(\bar{k}_1^{\prime})>300 GeV, \lambda_{123}>0$ $\bar{k}_1^{\prime}$ 350 GeV $m(\bar{k}_1^{\prime})>80 GeV, \lambda_{133}>0$ $\bar{k}_2^{\prime}$ 916 GeV $BR(t)=BR(c)=0\%$ $\bar{k}$ 880 GeV         400 - 4	1212.1272 1212.1272 ATLAS-CONF-2012-140 ATLAS-CONF-2013-036 ATLAS-CONF-2013-036 ATLAS-CONF-2013-091 ATLAS-CONF-2013-007
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Mass limit

\*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown. All limits quoted are observed minus 1 $\sigma$  theoretical signal cross section uncertainty.



#### Introduction

### ... and indirect searches



### A hidden sector?

Rather than being heavy, could new particles be light but very weakly interacting?

A new, light "hidden sector" of particles

Singlets with respect to gauge group of the SM

How could we have missed it?

Key is that it only interacts with SM particles through some kind of mixing through a "portal" particle

# A hidden sector?

Several possibilities for renormalisable singlet operators Vector portal, U(1)  $B_{_{\mu\nu}}$ 

Massive vector photon (paraphoton, secluded photon... ) mixing with regular photon  $\to \epsilon B_{_{UV}}F^{_{\mu\nu}}$ 

**Higgs portal** 

Scalar field  $\chi$ ,  $(\mu\chi + \lambda\chi^2)H^{\dagger}H$ 

Axial portal

Pseudo Nambu-Goldstone bosons

Axion like vector field ,  $(a/F)G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}$ ,  $(\partial_{\mu}a/F)\psi^{\dagger}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_{5}\psi$ 

Neutrino portal

Heavy neutral leptons (HNL), YH<sup>T</sup>N'L

Low energy SYSY

### **Vector Portal**

Exploit mixing between a virtual photon and the dark photon No other interactions with SM particles - "light-shining-througha-wall" experiments



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# **Higgs Portal**

#### arXiv:1403.4638

#### Example of inflaton

Together with Higgs, generates inflation of the early Universe Model has a 7 keV (warm) DM candidate and respects constraints from BICEP2 and Planck

Interesting mass region 0.3 GeV <  $m_y$  < 1 GeV

#### Little experimental exploration of interesting region...



# **Neutrino Portal** [T.Asaka, M.Shaposhnikov, Phys. Lett B620 (2005) 17

The neutrino Minimal Standard Model (uMSM) aims to explain

Matter anti-matter asymmetry in the Universe, neutrino masses and oscillations, non-baryonic dark matter Adds three right-handed, Majorana, Heavy Neutral Leptons (HNL),  $N_1$ ,  $N_2$  and  $N_3$ 



# **Neutrino Portal**

[T.Asaka, M.Shaposhnikov, Phys. Lett B620 (2005) 17

### $N_1$

#### Mass in keV region, (warm) dark matter candidate

 $\mathsf{N}_{2,3}$ 

#### Mass in 100 MeV – GeV region

Generate neutrino masses via see-saw and produce baryon asymmetry of the Universe





#### **See-saw for v mass**

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

 $L_{\text{singlet}} = i\bar{N}_{I}\partial_{\mu}\gamma^{\mu}N_{I} - Y_{I\alpha}\bar{N}_{I}^{c}\tilde{H}L_{\alpha}^{c} - M_{I}\bar{N}_{I}^{c}N_{I} + \text{h.c.},$ Yukawa term: mixing of N<sub>i</sub> with active neutrinos to explain oscillations
Majorana term which carries no gauge charge

### **See-saw for v mass**

The scale of the active neutrino mass is given by the seesaw formula,  $m_v = m_D^2/M$ 

Typical value of the Dirac mass term is linked to the Yukawa coupling of the I-th neutrino by  $m_D \sim Y_{Ia} v$ 



# **Constraints on N\_1 as DM**

Stability

Must have a lifetime larger than that of the Universe

Production

- Created in the early Universe in reactions  $l^+l \rightarrow vN_1$ ,  $qq \rightarrow vN_1$  etc.
- Need to provide correct DM abundance

Structure formation

Should be heavy enough to not erase non-uniformities at small scales

Decay

Should not produce decays we have already excluded!

# **N**<sub>1</sub> – dark matter candidate

Small Yukawa couplings mean that  $N_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}$  can be very stable

$$au_{N_1} = 10^{14}\, {
m years} \left(rac{10\ {
m keV}}{M_N}
ight)^5 \left(rac{10^{-8}}{ heta_1^2}
ight) \qquad \qquad heta_1 = rac{m_D}{M_N}$$

Main decay mode  $N \rightarrow 3v$ , clearly unobservable

Subdominant radiative decay  $N \rightarrow v\gamma$  would give a monoenergetic photon with  $E_v = M_N/2$ 





### **N**<sub>1</sub> allowed parameter space



### New line in galaxy spectrum?

#### ArXiv:1402.4119

An unidentified line in the xray spectrum of the Andromeda galaxy and Perseus galaxy cluster  $E_{\gamma}$ = ~3.5 keV

#### ArXiv:1402.2301

Detection of an unidentified emission line in the stacked x-ray spectrum of galaxy clusters  $E_v = \sim 3.56$  keV

Astro-H will be able to check these claims with better energy resolution



### **Generating the baryon asymmetry**

CP is not conserved in the vMSM :

6 new CP-violating phases in lepton sector

Process for Baryon asymmetry
HNL are created in the early Universe
CPV in the interference of HNL production and decay
Lepton number asymmetry goes from HNL to active neutrinos
Asymmetry transferred to baryons via "sphaleron processes"

# **N**<sub>2.3</sub> production and decay

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

Explanation of DM with  $N_1$  reduces number of free parameters, need degeneracy to ensure sufficient CPV

Very weak  $N_{2,3}$  to v mixing (~ U<sup>2</sup>)  $\rightarrow N_{2,3}$  are much longerlived than the SM particles

Typical lifetimes >10 ms for  $(N_{2,3}) \sim 1 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \text{decay}$ distance O(km)

Too large U erases any BAU

$$\tau = \frac{U^2 G_F^2 M_N^5}{86 \pi^3}$$

# $N_{\scriptscriptstyle 2,3}$ production and decay

Production in charm decays...

# ... and decays to lighter SM particles

For what follows will focus on  $N \rightarrow \mu - \pi + \text{ decay}, BF \sim 0.1-50\%$ Similar BF for  $N \rightarrow \mu^- \rho^+$ ,  $BF(N \rightarrow \nu \mu e) \sim 1-10\%$ 



### **Experimental and cosmological constraints**

BAU, See-saw and Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (BBN) constraints indicate that previous experiments probed the interesting region only below the kaon mass :



- Previous searches :
  - PS191('88)@PS 19.2 GeV
     1.4×10<sup>19 pot, 128</sup> m from target
    - CHARM('86)@SPS 400 GeV, 2.4×10<sup>18 pot, 480</sup> m from target
    - NuTeV('99)@Fermilab 800 GeV, 2.5 × 10<sup>18 pot, 1.4</sup> km from target

BBN, BAU and Seesaw give stronger constraints than experimental searches for  $M_N > 400 \text{ MeV}$ 

### **Experimental and cosmological constraints**

BAU, Seesaw and Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (BBN) constraints indicate that previous experiments probed the interesting region only below the kaon mass:

#### Mixing at both production and decay



#### Experiment

### Where to produce charm?

#### cc cross-section:



LHC ( $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$ )

1 ab<sup>-1</sup> (i.e. 3-4 years), ~ 2×10<sup>16</sup> in 4π SPS (400 GeV p-on-target (pot) √s = 27 GeV) 2×10<sup>20</sup> pot (i.e. 3-4 years): ~ 2×10<sup>17</sup> Fermilab: 120 GeV, 10× smaller σ<sub>cc</sub>, 10×pot by 2025 for LBNE

### **Could mass range be extended?**

Would neutrinos from B-decays extend the mass range for  $N_{23}$  upwards?

Produced with factor 20-100 smaller cross-section
 Dominant semi-leptonic decay B→Dµv
 Similar limit for neutrino mass
 Charmless B→πµv heavily Cabibbo suppressed

B decays are not at all competitive

Decays from Z→vN neither competitive Lifetime too long to contain

### **Experimental design**

Propose a beam dump experiment at the CERN SPS with a total of  $\sim 2 \times 10^{20}$  protons on target

Crucial design parameters:

Minimise residual neutrino and muon fluxes

Can produce K<sup>0</sup> that decay in detector and mimic signal events

Short-lived resonances generate 10<sup>9</sup> muons/spill

Muon shield

Neutrinos from light meson decays

Dense target/hadron absorber

Prevent neutrino interactions from mimicking HNL decay

Evacuate decay volume

#### Experiment

### Beamline



#### Experiment

### Target



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# Target

Compact tungsten target to minimise neutrinos from kaon and pion decays

Significant (but achievable) requirement on cooling and radiation protection.



#### Experiment

# **Timeline for civil engineering**

# The LS2 of of the LHC is critical for building the new extraction point from the SPS

This is what drives the aggressive schedule for a Technical Proposal

		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
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SPS operation										
Technical Proposal										
SHIP Project approv										
Pre-construction ac										
CE works for extract										
CE works for TDC2 j										
CE works for filter tunnel and detector hall										
GS-SE Resources	Engineer									
	Technician/Fellow									
	Draughtman									

### **Experimental design**

HNLs produced in charm decays have significant  $p_{\tau}$ 



Detector must be close to target to maximise geometrical acceptance

Shielding for muons must be as short as possible

#### Experiment

# **Secondary beam line**

#### *Initial reduction of beam induced backgrounds*

- Heavy target (50 cm of W)
- Hadron absorber
- Muon shield: optimization of active and passive shields is Low-mid-momentum underway  $\mu$  from fast decays of  $\pi$ ,K

Acceptable occupancy <1% per spill of 5×10<sup>13 p.o.t.</sup>

*□* < 50×106 muons spill duration 1s spill duration 10ms I < 50×103 muons spill duration  $10\mu s$   $\square < 500$  muons



35/50

#### Experiment

### **Muon Shield**

Without µ-filter: 5×10<sup>9</sup>/ spill (5×10<sup>13</sup> pot)

Idea to reduce background from  $\mu$ interactions to below v-background

Acceptable rate ~ $10^5 \mu$  / 2×10<sup>20</sup> pot

Main sources of muons simulated using PYTHIA

Two alternatives for shield:

Passive: i.e. use high Z material: need 54 m of W to stop 400 GeV µ

Active (+passive): need 40 Tm to deflect 400 GeV µ outside acceptance



### Neutrino backgrounds

Neutrino interactions in the decay volume :

- After shield expect 2×10<sup>4</sup> per 2×10<sup>20</sup> pot at atmospheric pressure
- Negligible at 0.01 mbar

Neutrino interactions in the final part of the muon shield :

- Use GEANT and GENIE to simulate the CC and NC neutrino interactions
- CC(NC) rate of ~ $6(2) \times 10^5$  per interaction length per 2×10<sup>20</sup> pot

Use veto-station to suppress short lived

 $v_{_{II}}$  + p  $\rightarrow$  X + K<sub>L</sub> $\rightarrow$ µ $\pi$ v main background

Requiring  $\mu$ -id. for one of the two decay products

 $\rightarrow$  150 two-prong vertices in 2×10<sup>20</sup> pot

### Neutrino backgrounds

#### Neutrino interactions in the decay volume

~10% of neutrino interactions in the muon shield just upstream of the decay volume produce  $\Lambda$  or K<sup>0</sup>



### **Detector Concept**

Aim to reconstruct HNL decays into the final states:  $\mu^{-}\pi^{+}$ ,  $\mu^{-}\rho^{+}$ ,  $e^{-}\rho^{+}$ 

Require long decay volume, magnetic spectrometer, muon detector and electromagnetic calorimeter





 $\mu^{-}$ 

### **Detector Concept**

5 m diameter, 50 m length vacuum vessel 10 m long magnetic spectrometer with 0.5 Tm dipole magnet and four tracking chambers



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 $\mu^{-}$ 

# **Detector Technologies**

#### **Dipole magnet**

- Magnet similar to LHCb design required, but with ~40% less iron and 3× less power
- Free aperture of ~16 m<sup>2</sup>
- Field integral ~ 0.5 Tm over 5 m length
- Vacuum tank and straw tracker
  - NA62 has 10<sup>-5</sup> mbar pressure, only 10<sup>-2</sup> mbar here
  - Have demonstrated gas tightness of straw tubes with 120 µm spatial resolution and 0.5% X<sup>o</sup> material budget in long term tests







# **Detector Technologies**

#### Electromagnetic calorimeter

Shashlik technology used in LHCb would provide economical solution with good energy and time resolution

#### Muon detector

Scintillator strips with WLS fibres and Silicon Photomultiplier (SiPM) an attractive option

#### **Trigger and DAQ**

Requirements on both are very modest due to low data rate





### **Spectrometer resolution**

Arrange spectrometer such that multiple scattering and spatial resolution of straw tubes give similar contribution to the overall  $\Delta p/p$ 

For m(N<sub>2,3</sub>) = 1 GeV, 75% of  $\mu^-\pi^+$  decay products have p < 20 GeV



Good discrimination between high mass tail from small number of residual  $K_L {\rightarrow} \mu^{-} \pi^{+} \upsilon$  and 1 GeV HNL

#### Experiment

# **Residual Backgrounds**

K<sub>L</sub> produced in the final part of the muon shield have very different pointing to the target compared to signal events

Use Impact Parameter (IP) to further suppress  $K_L$  background

IP < 1 m is 100% efficient for signal and leaves only a handful of background events

The IP cut will also be used to reject backgrounds induced in neutrino interactions in the material surrounding the detector



### **Expected event yield**

Integral mixing angle U<sup>2</sup> is given by U<sup>2</sup> =  $U_e^2 + U_u^2 + U_\tau^2$ 

Make a conservative estimate of the sensitivity by only considering the decay  $N_{2,3} \rightarrow \mu^{-}\pi^{+} - \text{probes } U_{\mu}^{-2}$ 

Expected number of signal events then,

$$N_{signal} = n^{pot} \times 2\chi_{cc} \times BR(U_{\mu}^{2}) \times \varepsilon_{det}(U_{\mu}^{2})$$

Strongest experimental limit for  $M_N \sim 1$  GeV at  $U_u^2 = 10^{-7}$ 

Would then expect  $\tau_N = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$  s and ~12k fully reconstructed  $N \rightarrow \mu^- \pi^+$ 

For cosmologically favoured region  $U_{\mu}^{2} = 10^{-8}$  ( $T_{N} = 1.8 \times 10^{-4}$  s)

Would expect 120 fully reconstructed events

#### Experiment

### **Expected sensitivity**

For  $M_N < 2$  GeV the proposed experiment has discovery potential for the cosmologically favoured region with  $10^{-7} < U_{\mu}^2 < a \text{ few } \times 10^{-9}$ 

Limit from decay channels with electromagnetic not studied yet.

Will extend search on  $U^2$  and limit on  $U_{\rho}^2$ 



### **Status of the SPSC review**

Submitted our EOI in Oct 2013 [CERN-SPSC-2013-024 / SPSC-EOI-010 / arXiv:1310.1762 ]

SPSC assigned four referees – provided answers to their questions [http://ship.web.cern.ch/ship/EOI/SPSC-EOI-010\_ResponseToReferees.pdf]

#### SPSC discussed our proposal Jan 2015, official feedback

"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."

#### Collaboration

### A strengthening collaboration



SHIP - Search for Hidden Particles

CERN, Universität Zürich, EPFL Lausanne, INFN Cagliari, Università Federico II and INFN Napoli, Imperial College London

#### Experiment to search for Heavy Neutral Leptons at the SPS



We propose a new fixed-target experiment at the CERN SPS accelerator to search for *hidden particles*. In particular, to search for Heavy Neutral Leptons (HNLs) produced in charm decays. HNLs are right-handed partners of the Standard Model neutrinos. The existence of such particles is strongly motivated by theory, as they can simultaneously explain the baryon asymmetry of the Universe, account for the pattern of neutrino masses and oscillations, and provide a Dark Matter candidate.

SHIP is a collaboration of six institutes: CERN, Universität Zürich, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, INFN Sezione di Cagliari, Università Federico II and INFN Napoli, Imperial College London. Groups interested in joining should contact <u>Andrey Golutvin</u> and <u>Jaap Panman</u>. The extension of the collaboration will be discussed at the <u>First SHIP Workshop</u> that will be take place in <u>Zürich the 10-12 June 2014</u>.

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### First SHiP Workshop, 10-12th June 2014

Around 100 people met in Zurich and discussed

- Physics reach of SHiP detector
- **Detector requirements and technologies**

#### A proto collaboration is now in place ...

#### Theoretical Overview (10th June)

Review of heavy neutral leptons, with discussions about leptogenesis and cosmological constraints

#### Theory review (11th June Morning)

Discussion of theoretical status and present experimental constraints

#### Facility and Experiment (11th June Afternoon)

Discussion on the primary beam line, target and detector design for the SHIP experiment

#### Tau neutrinos and SHIP detector (12th June Morning)

Discussion on the electronics and DAQ system for the SHIP experiment and on the detector for tau neutrinos

#### Summary and discussion (12th June Afternoon)

# Conclusions

The proposed experiment will search for NP in the largely unexplored domain of new, very weakly interacting particles with masses below the Fermi scale

Detector is based on existing technologies

- Ongoing discussion of the beam line with CERN experts
- The discovery of a HNL would have enormous impact could solve several of the significant problems of the SM
  - The origin of the baryon asymmetry of the Universe
  - The origin of neutrino mass

The results of this experiment, together with cosmological and astrophysical data, could be crucial to determine the nature of Dark Matter

Wide range of other hidden sector physics under investigation

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