SHiP: a new facility to search for long lived neutral particles and investigate the ν_{τ} properties







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Introduction



- → Standard Model success: observation of the Higgs boson!
- → Unexplained phenomena still require new physics. But where?
- → Neutrino masses and oscillations: Right-handed see-saw neutrino masses from 1 eV to 10¹⁵ GeV
 → Dark matter:
 - 10^{-22} eV (super-light scalars) to 10^{20} GeV (wimpzillas, Q-balls)

➔ Baryogenesis:

Mass of new particle from 10 MeV to 10^{15} GeV



Where is new physics? Experimental approach



- → Unsolved problems ⇒ there must be new particles
- → Why didn't we detect them? Too heavy or too weakly interacting



SHiP: Search for Hidden Particles



- → SHiP is a new proposed experiment at the CERN SPS, aiming to search for neutral hidden particles with mass up to $\mathcal{O}(10)$ GeV and extremely weak couplings, down to 10^{-10} .
- → production and decay of hidden particles:



- large decay volume followed by spectrometer, calorimeter, PID
- shielding from SM particles: hadron absorber + VETO detectors
- → High intensity 400 GeV beam dump ⇒ high flux of neutrinos (all species).
- → facility ideally suited for studying ν_{τ} and observing $\bar{\nu}_{\tau}$, produced in charm decays such as $D_s \rightarrow \tau^+ (\rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_{\mu} \bar{\nu}_{\tau}) \nu_{\tau}$

The Hidden Sector detector





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- in a μ -free area thanks to active shield

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The ν_{τ} detector





Target made of interlaced layers of emulsion bricks and scintillating fibres, resolution of $1 \,\mu m \implies$ charge of τ daughters. Muon tracker: RPCs and drift tubes. Also tags BG for HS physics.

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The facility at the SPS





- CERN North Area facilities
- 190 m long, 20 m wide hall

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Background sources and strategy

- → cosmic + beam µ can scatter/DIS on the cavern/vessel walls → µ shield, liquid scintillator, topology + pointing
- → random combinations of tracks from different events/vertices → timing detector, vertex quality
- → *v* interactions in the material of the HS detector and upstream (closely mimick HP decay topology) → *v* detector, upstream veto, straw veto, topology + pointing

Sample	Multiplicity	Fiducial vol	Track q.	BG cuts/VETO
$HNL ightarrow \pi \mu$	97.5 %	76.1 %	87.0 %	94.2 %
$\gamma' o \mu \mu$	99.6 %	85.2 %	94.4 %	94.0 %
u background	79.1 %	21.0 %	6.5 %	0.0 %

Selection efficiency

Overall $\lesssim 0.1$ background events / 5 years is attainable!

The ν MSM Asaka, Blanchet, Shaposhnikov, Phys.Lett. B631 (2005) 151-156





Suitable values of m_N and U_f^2 allow to simultaneously explain:

- ν oscillations induced by massive states N_2 , N_3
- dark matter: N_1 with mass $\sim \text{keV}$
- BAU: leptogenesis due to Majorana mass term



SHiP sensitivity to N_2 , N_3

- production in charm and beauty meson decays
- decay into $h\ell$ and $\ell\ell
 u$



- → interpretation of limits is model dependent (above: IH and NH)
- → ν MSM parameter space almost totally explored for $m_N \leq 2$ GeV!
- sensitive to most theories with similarly long lived massive particles



Physics with ν_{τ}



Neutrino detector (mostly lead) allows to:

- identify flavour
- measure charge of emerging μ and au



- → PDF improvements with ν -nucleon DIS
- → tests of lepton universality
- → BONUS: dark matter scattering...

What's next



- → Technical
 and Physics
 proposals prepared in 2014-2015
 - feasibility studies, facility design, engineering, test beams, sensitivities
- → Green lights from the SPSC, recommendation to produce CDR (Comprehensive Design Report) for European HEP strategy 2019
- → 10 years from Technical Proposal to data taking
 - schedule optimized for minimal interference with SPS operation

Accelerator schedule	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2	021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2	026	2027
LHC			Run 2		L	S2			Run 3			LS3			Run 4
SPS												SPS sto	p		
										_					
Detector		R&D, des	ign and CDF	2		Prod	uctior	n			Installat	ion	_		
Milestones	TP													CwB	Data taking
Facility			Ir	itegration									C	wВ	
Civil engineering				Pre-c	onstruction		Ta	arget - De	etector hal	I - Beamlin	e - Junctio	n (WP1)			
Infrastructure									Ins	tallation	Installat	ion	Inst.		
Beamline		R&D	, design and (DR		←	Produ	uction \rightarrow		Prod.	Install	ation			
Target complex			R&D, design	and CDR		← P	roduc	tion \rightarrow		l.	nstallation	CwB:	Commis	ssionin	g with Beam
Target			R&D	, design and	CDR + proto	typing			-	Productio	n In	stallation	Rev	ersed 1	TP schedule

Conclusions



- → General purpose experiment to look for weakly interacting long lived particles
 - probes unexplored regions of the Hidden Sector in several New Physics theories
 - covers cosmologically interesting regions
- → Unique opportunity for ν_{τ} physics allowing for
 - $\bar{
 u}_{ au}$ discovery
 - σ and form factors measurements
 - also dark matter search
- → Complements LEP/LHC and makes best use of the existing SPS complex

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Questions?

- spare slides



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A wide physics case...

Search for Hidden P

- Theories including HNLs are not the only ones probed by SHiP!
- Below, just a small extract from the SHiP Physics Paper...



SHiP sensitivity: vector portal





Sensitivity studied considering $\Gamma_{tot} = \Gamma(\ell^+ \ell^-) + \Gamma(hadrons)$.

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HNLs at future colliders



http://arxiv.org/abs/1411.5230 http://arxiv.org/abs/1503.08624

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SHiP sensitivity to HNLs



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- scenarios I-III: benchmarks with U_e^2 , U_μ^2 , U_τ^2 dominating (JHEP 0710 (2007) 015)
- scenarios IV-V: baryogenesis numerically proven (JCAP 1009(2010)001)



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Sensitivity with non-zero background





Figure: Variation of the sensitivity contours for scenarios II (left) and IV (right) as a function of the background estimates. The solid blue curve represents the 90% C.L. upper limit assuming 0.1 background events in 2×10^{20} proton-target collisions. The dashed blue curve assumes 10 background events. The dotted blue curve assumes a systematic uncertainty of 60% on the level of background, i.e. 10 ± 6 background events.

Estimating SHiP's physics reach $\Phi(p.o.t) \times \mathcal{BR}(pp \to NX) \times \mathcal{P}_{vtx} \times \mathcal{BR}(N \to visible) \times \mathcal{A}$



- HNL's momentum and angle are stored in a binned PDF
- HNL spectra are re-weighted by the probability $\mathcal{P}_{vtx}(p,\theta \,|\, m_N, U_f^2) \sim \int_V e^{-l/\gamma c \tau} dl$
- Integral of the weighted PDF gives the total probability $\mathcal{P}_{vtx}(m_N, U_f^2)$ that HNLs leave a vertex in SHiP's fiducial volume



Sensitivity in the Left-Right symmetric model









- SHiP limits on m_{W_R} can be extracted from the HNL limits by $|U_{\mu I}|^2 \rightarrow (m_{W_L}/m_{W_R})^4$
- LHC can perform direct searches on both W_R and N_R
- SHiP can only look for $N_{R},\,\mathrm{but}$ in a domain inaccessible to LHC
- based on CMS, *Eur. Phys. J. C* 74 (2014) 3149, and Helo, Hirsch, Kovalenko, *Phys.Rev. D89* (2014) 073005

Tests of perturbative QCD and lepton universality

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- → PDF improvements with ν -nucleon DIS: strange sea quark content currently relies on $\mathcal{O}(5000)$ charm di- μ events:



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- ➔ Lepton universality tests:
 - hints from LHCb, \boldsymbol{B} factories, ...
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If neutrinos are Dirac particles they can get a magnetic moment:

$$\mu_{\nu} = \frac{3eG_F m_{\nu}}{8\pi^2 \sqrt{2}} \simeq \left(3.2 \times 10^{-19}\right) \frac{m_{\nu}}{1 \text{ eV}} \,\mu_B$$

BSM can enhance μ_{ν} . (E.g.: Shrock, Nucl.Phys. B206 (1982) 359)

$$e\nu \to e\nu \Longrightarrow \left. \frac{dN}{dE_e} \right|_{\mu_{\nu}} = \frac{\pi \alpha^2 \mu_{\nu}^2}{m_e^2} \left(\frac{1}{E_e} - \frac{1}{E_{\nu}} \right)$$

Remove BG from νN scattering: $\theta_{\nu e}^2 < 2m_e/E_e \Longrightarrow$ sensitivity: $N_{evt} \sim 4.3 \times 10^{15} \mu_{\nu}^2/\mu_B^2$. Prev. limits from 10^{-7} (ν_{τ}) to 10^{-11} (ν_e).

Dark matter search

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Detect dark matter from dark photon decay through elastic scattering on electrons: $\chi e^- \rightarrow \chi e^-$. Signature in the emulsion target: a vertex with only e^- coming out. Simulation \implies background from neutrino scattering can be reduced with kinematical selections to 284 events / 5 y.

Dark photon parameter space for $\gamma' \rightarrow$ invisible decays excluded by SHiP at 90% C.L., with such expected background and for $m_{\chi} = 200$ MeV and $\chi \gamma'$ coupling $\alpha' = 0.1$:



LFV processes



- $ightarrow \nu$ oscillations provide evidence of LFV in the neutral sector
- → LFV in charged sector foreseen with $\mathcal{BR} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-40})!$
- → New physics models can enhance these $\mathcal{BR}s$
 - in seesaw models charged LFV can happen in tree or loop diagrams
 - $\ell\to 3\ell'$ generally favoured with respect to $\ell\to\ell'\gamma$ (type 2 and 3 seesaw)
- → ℓ → $3\ell'$ related by unitarity to $Z^0, h, V \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell'^-$ and $\ell \rightarrow \ell'$ conversion in nuclei (most stringent limits so far by SINDRUM II)
 - $\tau\to 3\mu$ and $\mu\to 3e$ can provide better limits than direct searches e.g. for $\phi\to e\mu$, $J/\Psi\to e\mu$
 - $\mathcal{BR}(\tau \to 3\mu) < 1.2 \times 10^{-8}$ (BaBar,Belle,LHCb) *HFAG, arXiv:1412.7515*
- \Rightarrow SHiP will collect $3\times 10^{15}~\tau$ in the forward region
 - requires changes to conceptual design (upgrade):
 - 1 mm W target: 100× less au, but decaying outside target
 - LHCb VELO + Si tracker + hadron absorber + μ spectrometer
 - sensitivity $\sim 10^{-10}/\sqrt{N_{\rm targets}}$



The Hidden Sector

$$L_{world} = L_{SM} + L_{mediation} + L_{HS}$$

- **Neutrino portal**: new Heavy Neutral Leptons coupling with Yukawa coupling, $L_{NP} = F_{\alpha I} (\bar{L}_{\alpha} \tilde{\Phi}) N_I$
- Vector portal: massive dark photon coupling through loops of particles charged both under U(1) and U'(1): $L_{VP} = \epsilon F'_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$
- Scalar portal: light scalar mixing with the Higgs $L_{SP} = (\lambda_i S_i^2 + g_i S_i) \overline{\Phi} \Phi$
- Axion portal: axion-like particles, $L_{AP} = \frac{A}{4f_A} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\lambda\rho}$
- SUSY: neutralino, sgoldstino, gaugino...

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	$\pi^0\pi^0$

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New Physics prospects in Hidden Sector

Standard Model portals:

D = 2: Vector portal

- Kinetic mixing with massive dark/secluded/paraphoton V: $\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon F_{\mu\nu}^{SM} F_{HS}^{\mu\nu}$
- → Motivated in part by idea of "mirror world" restoring left and right symmetry, constituting dark matter, g-2 anomaly, ...
- Production: proton bremsstrahlung, direct QCD production $q\bar{\bar{q}} \rightarrow V, qg \rightarrow Vq$, meson decays $(\pi^0, \eta, \omega, \eta', ...)$

D = 2: Scalar portal

- Mass mixing with dark singlet scalar χ : (gS + λS²)H⁺H
- → Mass to Higgs boson and right-handed neutrino, inflaton, dark phase transitions BAU, dark matter, "dark naturalness",.
- Production: Direct $p + target \rightarrow X + S$, meson decays e.g. $B \rightarrow KS$, $K \rightarrow \pi S$

<u>D = 5/2: Neutrino portal</u>

- Mixing with right-handed neutrino N (Heavy Neutral Lepton): $Y_{I\ell}H^{\dagger}\overline{N}_{I}L_{\ell}$
- → Neutrino oscillation, baryon asymmetry, dark matter
- Production: Leptonic, semi-leptonic decays of heavy hadrons

D = 4: Axion portal

- Mixing with Axion Like Particles, pseudo-scalars pNGB, axial vectors $a: \frac{a}{F}G_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}, \frac{\partial_{\mu}a}{F}\bar{\psi}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_{5}\psi$, etc
- Generically light pseudo-scalars arise in spontaneous breaking of approximate symmetries at a high mass scale F
 Extended Higgs, SUSY breaking, dark matter, possibility of inflaton,...
- Production: Primakoff production, mixing with pions and heavy meson decays

And higher dimensional operator portals

· Chern-Simons portal (vector portal)

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New Physics prospects in Hidden Sector



<u>SUper-SYmmetric "portals"</u>

- Some of SUSY low-energy parameter space open to complementary searches
- Sgoldstino S(P) : $\frac{M_{\gamma\gamma}}{F}SF^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}$
- Neutralino in R-Parity Violating SUSY
- Hidden Photinos, axinos and saxions....



A very large variety of models based on these or mixtures thereof

• Two search methods:

- "Indirect detection" through portals in (missing mass)
- 2. <u>"Direct detection" through both portals in and out</u>

SHiP has significant sensitivity to all of these!

Assumption invisible decay width $\chi \bar{\chi}$ is absent or sub-dominant, $m_{\chi} > \frac{1}{2} m_{portal}$, where χ hidden sector particle

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Sterile Neutrinos

Fermions get mass via the Yukawa couplings:

$$-\mathcal{L}_{ ext{Yukawa}} = Y_{ij}^d \overline{Q_{Li}} \phi D_{Rj} + Y_{ij}^u \overline{Q_{Li}} \tilde{\phi} U_{Rj} + Y_{ij}^\ell \overline{L_{Li}} \phi E_{Rj} + ext{h.c.}$$

If we want the same coupling for neutrinos, we need right-handed (sterile) neutrinos... the most generic Lagrangian is

$${\cal L}_N=i\overline{N}_i\partial_\mu\gamma^\mu N_i-rac{1}{2}M_{ij}\overline{N^c}_iN_j-Y^
u_{ij}\overline{L_{Li}} ilde{\phi}N_j$$
Kinetic term Majorana mass term Yukawa coupling

$$\begin{array}{c|c} U_{I\ell} \sim \frac{M_D^\ell}{M_N^I} = \frac{Y_{I\ell}v}{M_N^I} \\ <\Phi > & <\Phi > \\ \hline \nu_i & N & \nu_j \end{array}$$

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{V} &= (\nu_{Li}, N_j) & -\mathcal{L}_{M_{\mathcal{V}}} = \frac{1}{2} \overline{\mathcal{V}} M_{\mathcal{V}} \mathcal{V} + h.c. & \text{if } M_N \gg M_D: \\ M_{\mathcal{V}} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M_D \\ M_D^T & M_N \end{pmatrix} & \lambda_{\pm} = \frac{M_N \pm \sqrt{M_N^2 + 4M_D^2}}{2} & \lambda_- \sim \frac{M_D^2}{M_N} \\ \lambda_+ \sim M_N \end{split}$$

Seesaw mechanism:



Sterile neutrino masses

Seesaw formula $m_D \sim Y_{I\alpha} < \phi >$ and $m_\nu = \frac{m_D^2}{M}$



- Assuming $m_{\nu} = 0.1 \text{eV}$
- if $Y \sim 1$ implies $M \sim 10^{14} \text{GeV}$
- if $M_N \sim 1 \text{GeV}$ implies $Y_{\nu} \sim 10^{-7}$

remember $Y_{top} \sim 1$. and $Y_e \sim 10^{-6}$

If we want to explain the smallness of neutrino masses (in a natural way) the mass of sterile neutrinos should be at least at the GeV scale



Constraints on N₁





Constraints on N₁

DM sterile neutrinos decay subdominantly as $N_1 \rightarrow \nu \gamma$ with a branching ration $\mathcal{B}(N_1 \rightarrow \gamma \nu) \sim \frac{1}{123}$







Backgrounds with TP detector



Background source	Decay modes
$\nu \text{ or } \mu + \text{nucleon} \rightarrow X + K_L$	$K_L \rightarrow \pi e \nu, \pi \mu \nu, \pi^+ \pi^-, \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$
$\nu \text{ or } \mu + \text{nucleon} \rightarrow X + K_S$	$K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0, \pi^+ \pi^-$
$\nu \text{ or } \mu + \text{nucleon} \rightarrow X + \Lambda$	$\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^{-}$
$n \text{ or } p + \text{nucleon} \rightarrow X + K_L, \text{ etc}$	as above



Background summary: no evidence for any irreducible background

No events selected in MC → Expected background UL @ 90% CL

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Background source	Stat. weight	Expected background (UL 90% CL)
ν -induced		
2.0	1.4	1.6
4.0	2.5	0.9
p > 10 GeV/c	3.0	0.8
$\overline{\nu}$ -induced		
2.0	2.4	1.0
4.0	2.8	0.8
p > 10 GeV/c	6.8	0.3
Muon inelastic	0.5	4.6
Muon combinatorial	-	< 0.1
Cosmics		
p < 100 GeV/c	2.0	1.2
p > 100 GeV/c	1600	0.002



Design considerations with 4x10¹³ p / 7s

- → 355 kW average, 2.56 MW during 1s spill
- High temperature
- Compressive stresses
- Atomic displacement
- Erosion/corrosion
- Material properties as a function of irradiation
- Remote handling (Initial dose rate of 50 Sv/h...)
- → Hybrid solution: Mo allow TZM (4λ) + W (6λ)

	DONUT 1)	CHARM ²⁾	SHiP	
Target material	W-alloy	Cu (variable ρ)	TZM + pure W	
Momentum (GeV/c)	800	400	400	
Intensity	0.8*1013	1.3*10 ¹³	4*10 ¹³	
Pulse length (s)	20	23*10-6	1	
Rep. rate (s)	60	~10	7.2	
Beam energy (kJ)	1020	830	2560	
Avg. beam power (spill) (kW)	51	3.4*10 ⁷ (fast)	2560	
Avg. beam power (SC) (kW)	17	69	355	
РОТ	Few 10 ¹⁷	Few 10 ¹⁸	2*10 ²⁰	





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Active muon shield

- Muon flux limit driven by emulsion based v-detector and "hidden particle" background
- Passive and magnet sweeper/passive absorber options studied:
 - Conclusion: Shield based entirely on magnetic sweeping with $\int B_y dl \sim 86 \text{ Tm}$
 - → <7x10³ muons / spill (E_{μ} > 3 GeV) which can potentially produce V0 (K_L)

2800 tonnes

➔ Negligible occupancy



 Challenges: flux leakage, constant field profile, modelling magnet shape

Prompt dose rates in the experimental hall 4E13 p.o.t. / 7s

48m



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TP: Vessel and spectrometer magnet

Estimated need for vacuum: 10-3 mbar

Based on v-flux: 2x10⁴ v-interactions/2x10²⁰ p.o.t. at patm •

Vacuum vessel

- 10 m x 5 m x 60 m:
- Walls thickness: 8 mm (Al) / 30 mm (SS);
- Walls separation: 300 mm;
- Liquid scintillator volume: ~360 m3:
- 1500 WOMs (8 cm x Ø 8 cm WOM + PMTs):
- Metal weight (SS, no support): ~ 480 t.



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LAB (Linear alkyl benzene)

Low power magnet designed 0

- Field integral: 0.65Tm over 5m
- Current 2500 A (1.7 A/mm2
- Power consumption < 1 MW
- Weight ~800 tonnes

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HS detector optimization



- \circ Optimization of geometrical acceptance for a given $\mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{beam}}$ and Φ_{beam}
 - Hidden particle lifetime (~flat for longlived)
 - Hidden particle production angles (~distance and transversal size)
 - Hidden particle decay opening angle (~length and transversal size)
 - Muon flux (~distance and acceptable occupancy)
 - Background (~detector time and spatial resolution)
 - Evacuation in decay volume / technically feasible size ~ W:5m x H:10m



→ Acceptance saturates ~40m – 50m

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HS tracking system



NA62-like straw detector

Parameter	Value
Straw	
Length of a straw	5 m
Outer straw diameter	9.83 mm
Straw wall (PET, Cu, Au)	
PET foil thickness	$36 \ \mu m$
Cu coating thickness	50 nm
Au coating thickness	20 nm
Wire (Au-plated Tungsten)	
diameter	$30 \ \mu m$
Straw arrangement	
Number of straws in one layer	568
Number of layers per plane	2
Straw pitch in one layer	17.6 mm
Y extent of one plane	$\sim 10 \text{ m}$
Y offset between straws of layer 1&2	8.8 mm
Z shift from layer 1 to 2	11 mm
Number of planes per view	2
Y offset between plane 1&2	4.4 mm
Z shift from plane 1 to 2	26 mm
Z shift from view to view	100 mm
Straw station	
Number of views per station	4 (Y-U-V-Y)
Stereo angle of layers in a view Y,U,V	0, 5, -5 degrees
Z envelope of one station	$\sim 34~{ m cm}$
Number of straws in one station	9088
Straw tracker	
Number of stations	4
Z shift from station 1 to 2 (3 to 4)	2 m
Z shift from station 2 to 3	5 m
Number of straws in total	36352

• Straws in test beam 2016

- Study sagging effects and compensation
- Read out of signal, attenuation / two-sided readout
- Upstream straw veto may be based on same technology

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Horizontal orientation of 5m straws



First production of 5m straws at JINR





JINR Dubna (NA62, SHiP): Straws St Petersburg (CMS, SHiP): Infra