

Long-lived particle phenomenology

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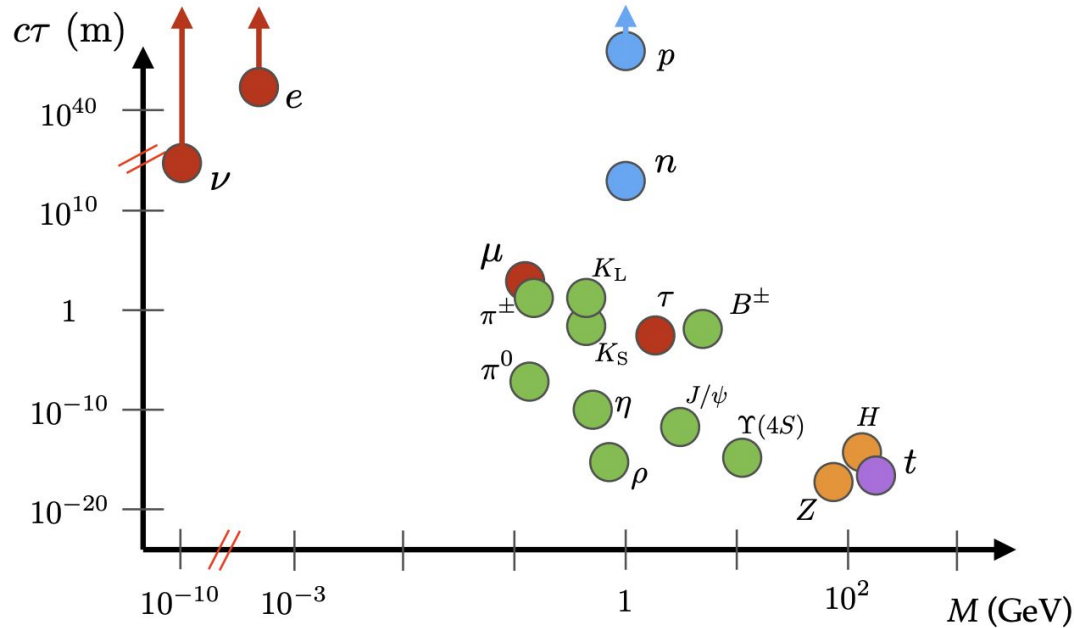
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Outline

- Why Long-lived particles beyond the Standard Model?
- Examples of BSM LLP phenomenology at the LHC
- Take home message

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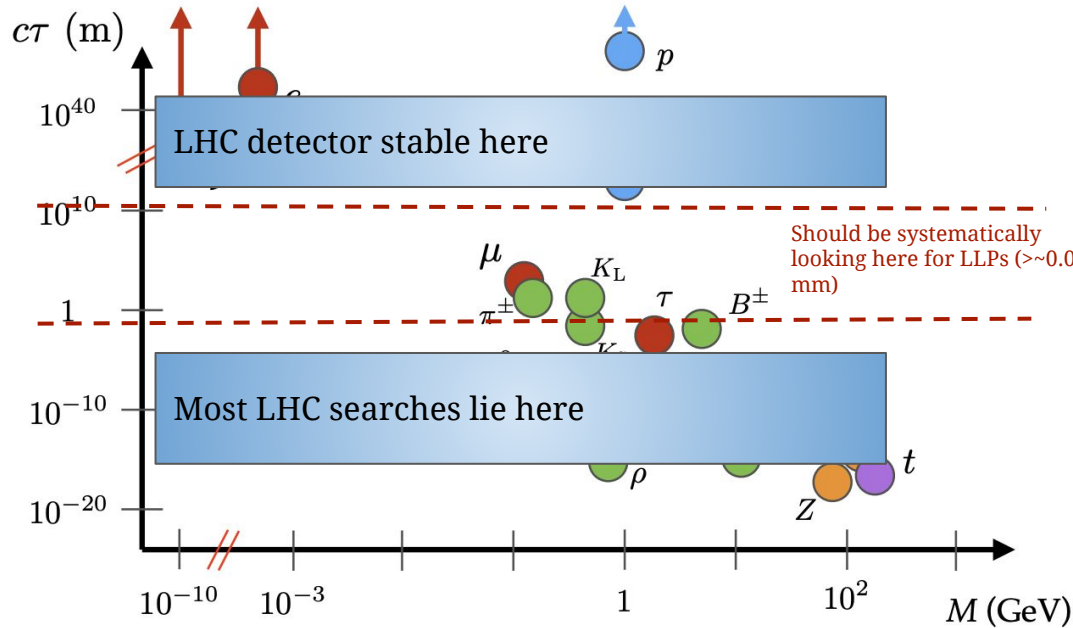


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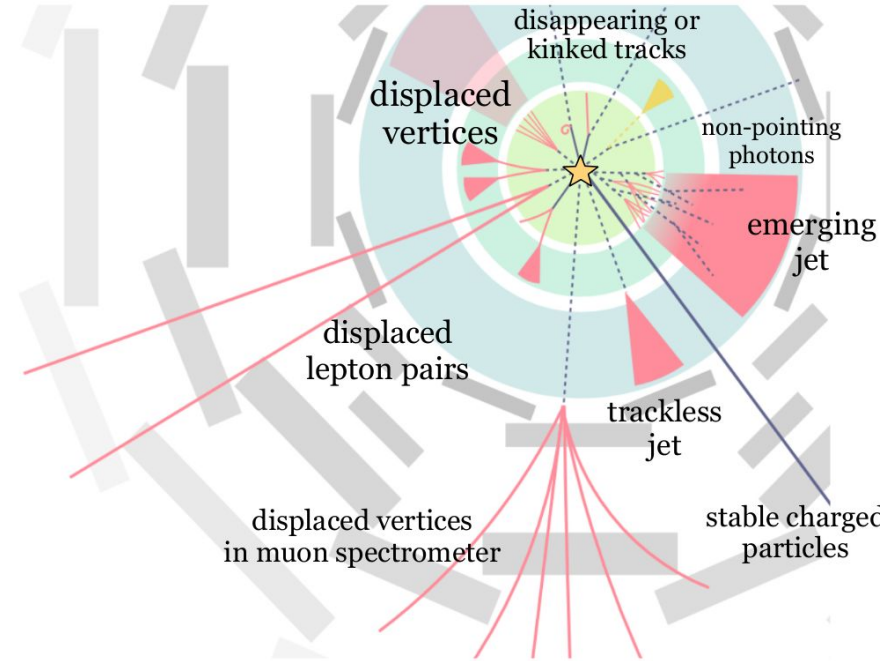
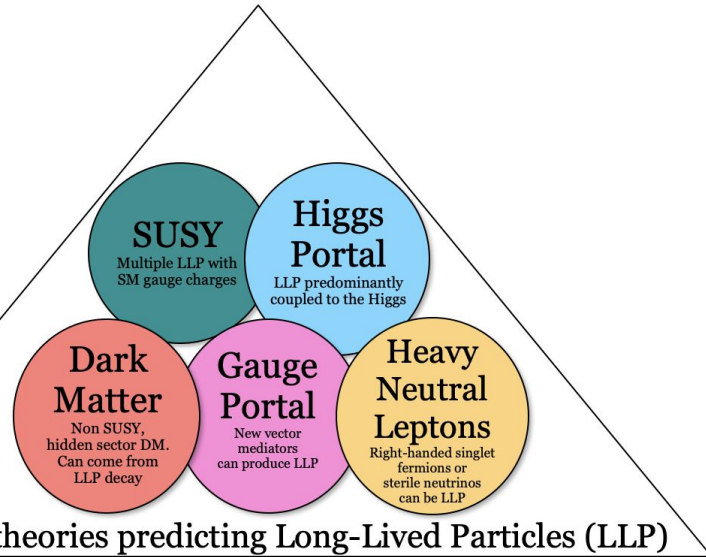
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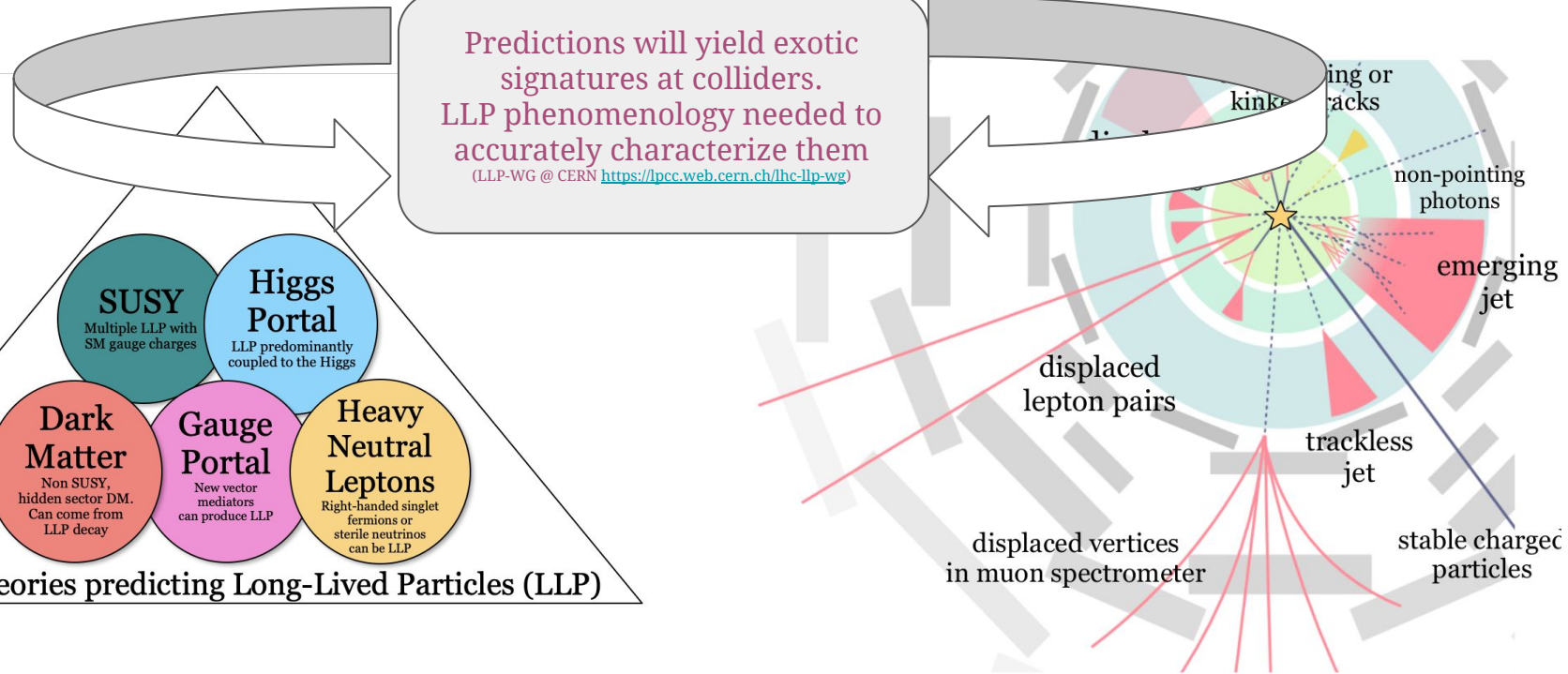
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This can also happen in several beyond the Standard Model theories !

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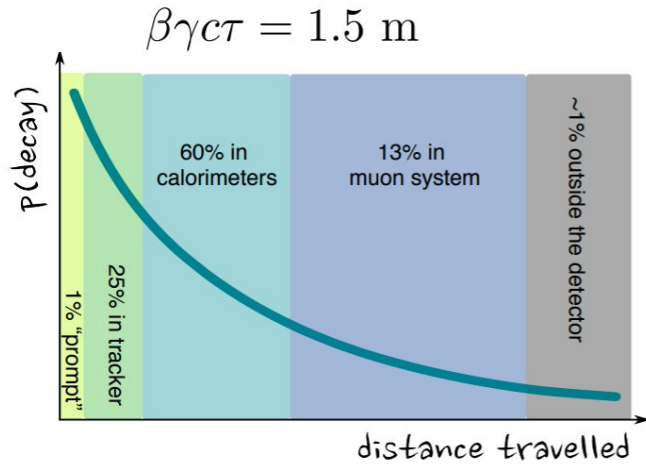


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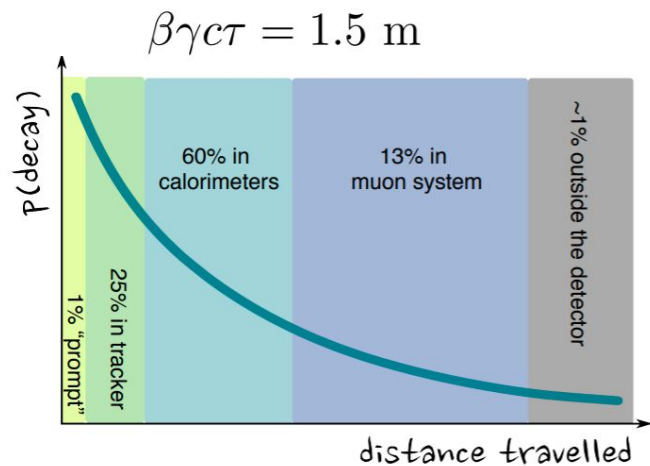


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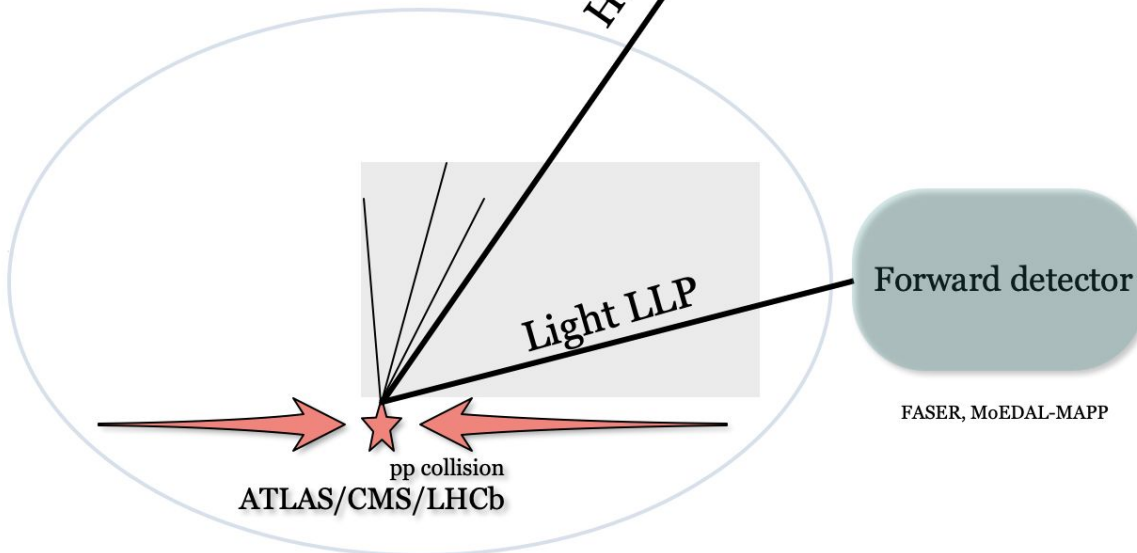


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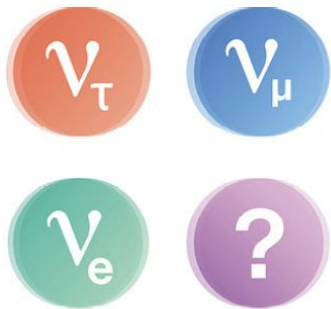
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Heavy Neutral Leptons

Right-handed singlet
fermions or
sterile neutrinos
can be LLP

SUSY

Multiple LLPs
with SM
gauge charges



<https://neutrinos.fnal.gov/whats-a-neutrino/>

LLP Motivation: An answer for neutrino mass generation mechanism. See Jose Valle's and M. Hirsch's talks!

(For a dark matter motivation, see M.A.Díaz's talk!)

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Seesaw Mechanism(s)

- Predicts HNLs
- HNLs mix with SM neutrinos
- Can be realised in many BSM models

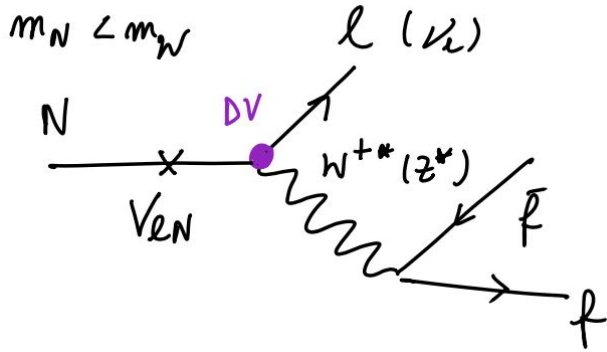


Seesaw
 P. Minkowski, [Phys. Lett. 67B \(1977\)](#)
 R. N. Mohapatra and G. Senjanovic, [Phys. Rev. Lett. 44 \(1980\)](#)
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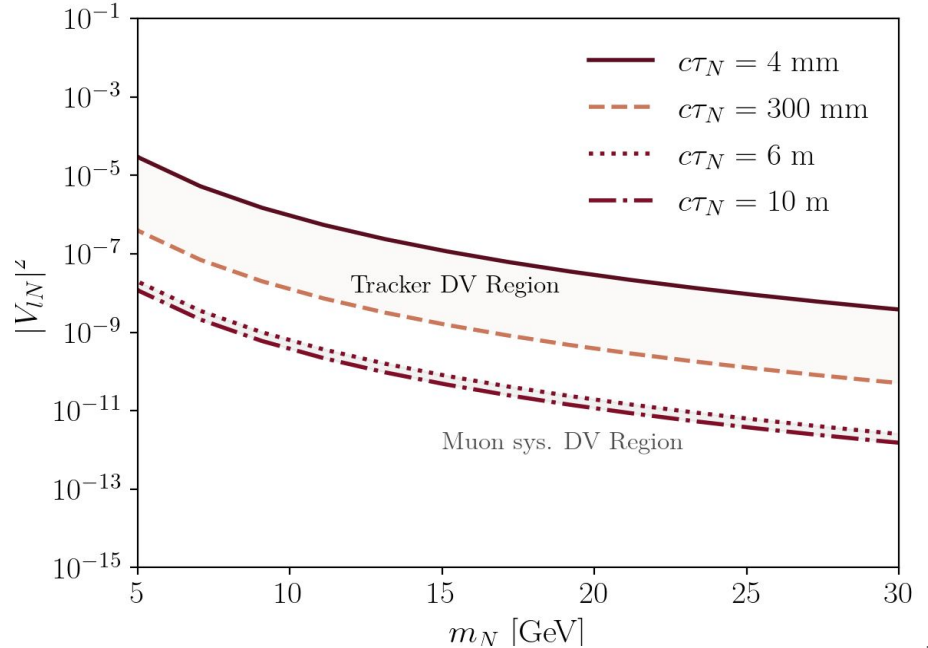
Inverse seesaw
 R. Mohapatra and J. Valle, [Phys. Rev. D34 \(1986\) 1642](#)

$$\Gamma \sim G_F^2 |V_{\ell N}|^2 m_N^5$$

Small mixings and
 $\sim \text{GeV}$ scale HNL yields
 macroscopic lifetime



Adapted from G. Cottin, J.C. Helo and M. Hirsch, [PRD 98 \(2018\)](#)



Catching HNLs with inner tracker displaced vertices

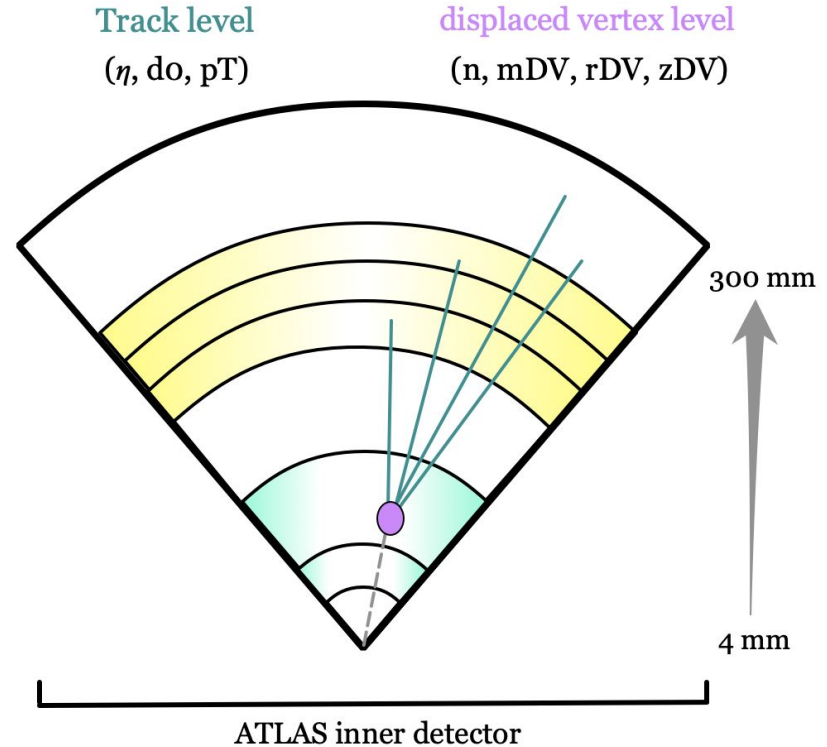
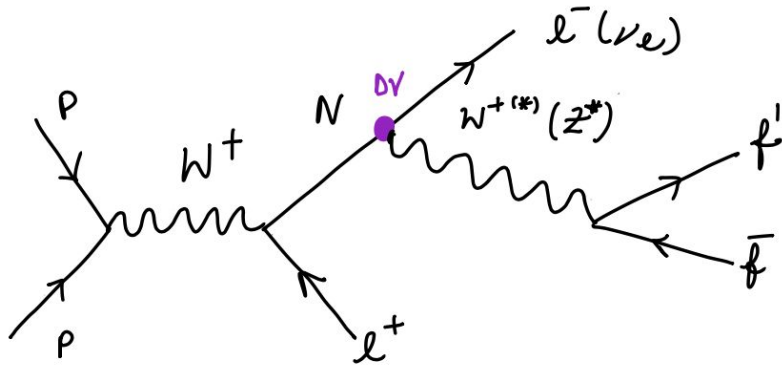
“HNL optimized” multitrack DV search strategy

First proposed in G. Cottin, J.C. Helo and M. Hirsch, [PRD 98 \(2018\)](#)

Builds up on ATLAS SUSY searches in [1710.04901](#), [1504.05162](#)

Updated in R. Beltrán, G. Cottin, J.C. Helo, M. Hirsch, A. Titov, Z.S. Wang, [2110.15096](#)

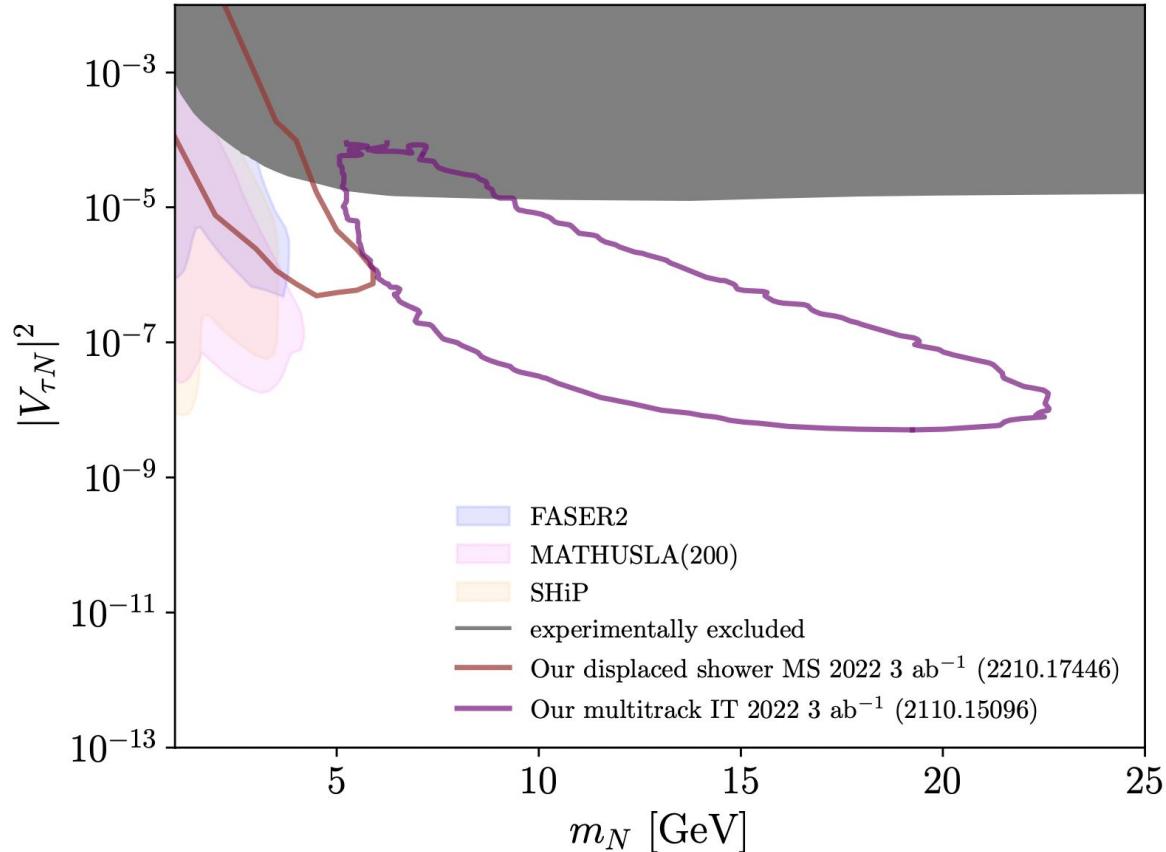
$$m_B < m_N < m_W$$



For other proposals and mass regions at different lifetime frontier experiments see *The Present and Future Status of Heavy Neutral Leptons*, Snowmass, [arXiv: 2203.08039](#)

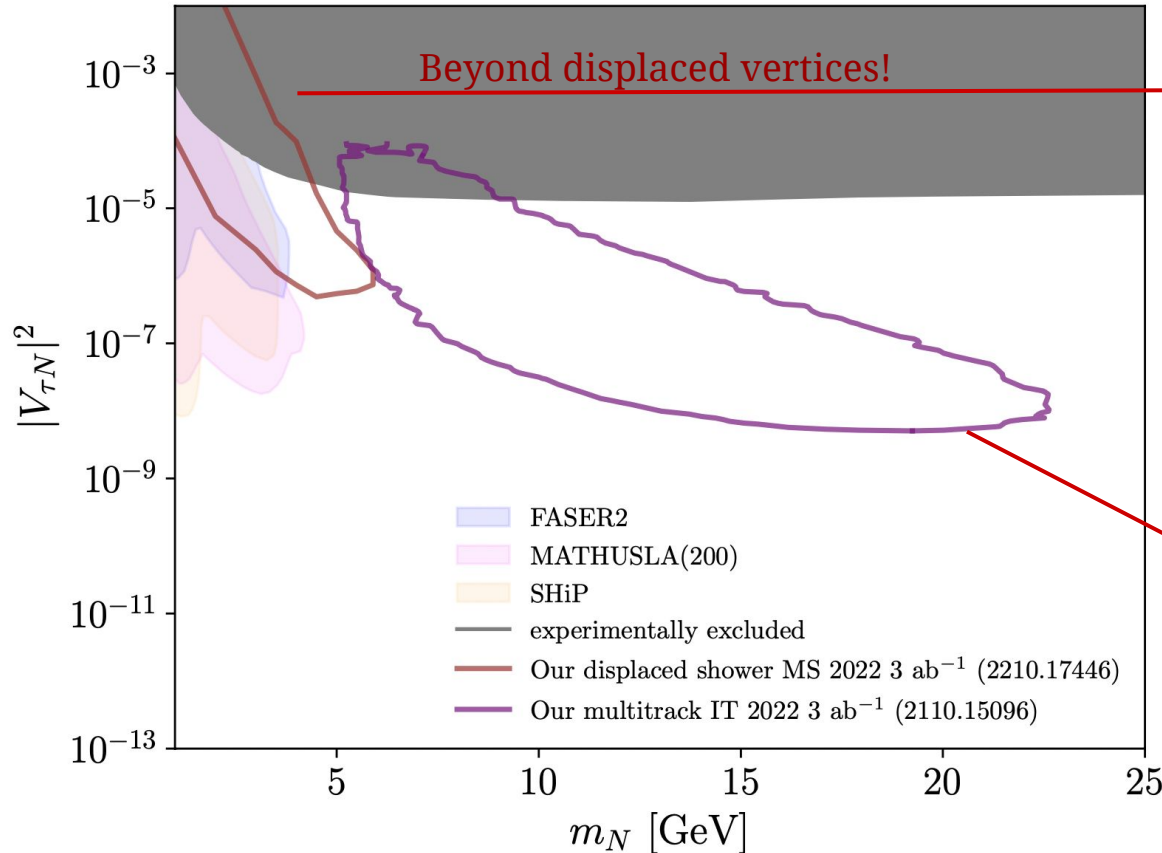
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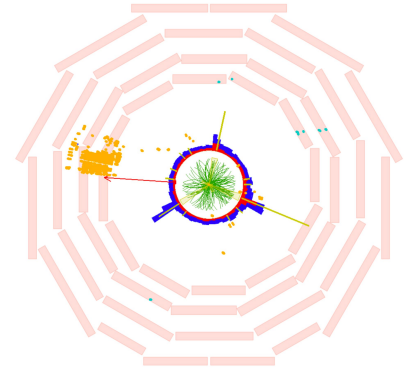


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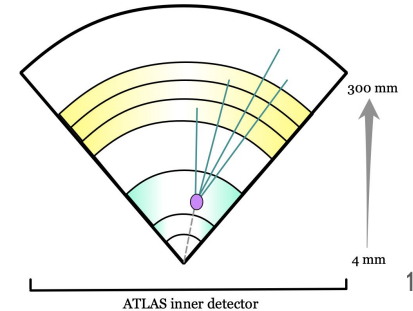
CMS Simulation Supplementary



<http://cms-results.web.cern.ch/cms-results/public-results/publications/EXO-20-015/>

Track level
 (η, do, pT)

displaced vertex level
 $(n, \text{mDV}, \text{rDV}, \text{zDV})$



Not all the parameter space of all BSM models predicting HNLs is covered at the LHC, what can we do? Go to NRSMEFT to systematically study them !

$$\mathcal{L}_{N_R \text{ SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{SM+N_L} + \sum_{d \geq 5} \frac{1}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \sum_i c_i^{(d)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(d)}$$

$d=6$ four-fermion operators with a single HNL

R. Beltrán, G. Cottin, J.C. Helo, M. Hirsch, A. Titov, Z.S. Wang, [2110.15096 \(JHEP 01 \(2022\) 044\)](#)

$d=6$ four-fermion operators with pairs of HNL

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\mathcal{O}_{duNe}	$(\bar{d}_R \gamma^\mu u_R) (\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu e_R)$	54	162
\mathcal{O}_{LNQd}	$(\bar{L} N_R) \epsilon (\bar{Q} d_R)$	54	162
\mathcal{O}_{LdQN}	$(\bar{L} d_R) \epsilon (\bar{Q} N_R)$	54	162
\mathcal{O}_{LNLe}	$(\bar{L} N_R) \epsilon (\bar{L} e_R)$	54	162
\mathcal{O}_{QuNL}	$(\bar{Q} u_R) (\bar{N}_R L)$	54	162

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\mathcal{O}_{uN}	$(\bar{u}_R \gamma^\mu u_R) (\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu N_R)$	9	81
\mathcal{O}_{QN}	$(\bar{Q} \gamma^\mu Q) (\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu N_R)$	9	81
\mathcal{O}_{eN}	$(\bar{e}_R \gamma^\mu e_R) (\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu N_R)$	9	81
\mathcal{O}_{NN}	$(\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu N_R) (\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu N_R)$	1	36
\mathcal{O}_{LN}	$(\bar{L} \gamma^\mu L) (\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu N_R)$	9	81

First developed in

F. del Aguila, S. Bar-Shalom, A. Soni, J. Wudka, [0806.0876 \(Phys.Lett.B670, 2008\)](#)

A. Aparici, K. Kim, A. Santamaria, J. Wudka, [0904.3244 \(Phys.Rev.D80, 2009\)](#)

Basis for $d < 9$ in

H.-L. Li, Z. Ren, M.-L. Xiao, J.-H. Yu, Y.-H. Zheng, [2105.09329](#)

Additional HNLs in EFT with LLPs at the LHC studies

$d=5$ in A. Caputo, P. Hernandez, J. Lopez-Pavon, J. Salvado, [JHEP 06 \(2017\)](#)

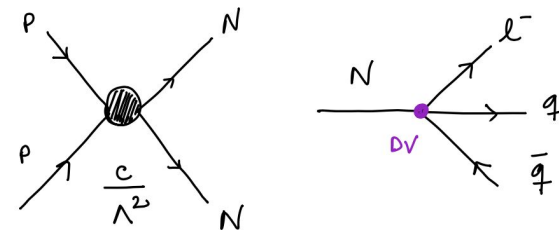
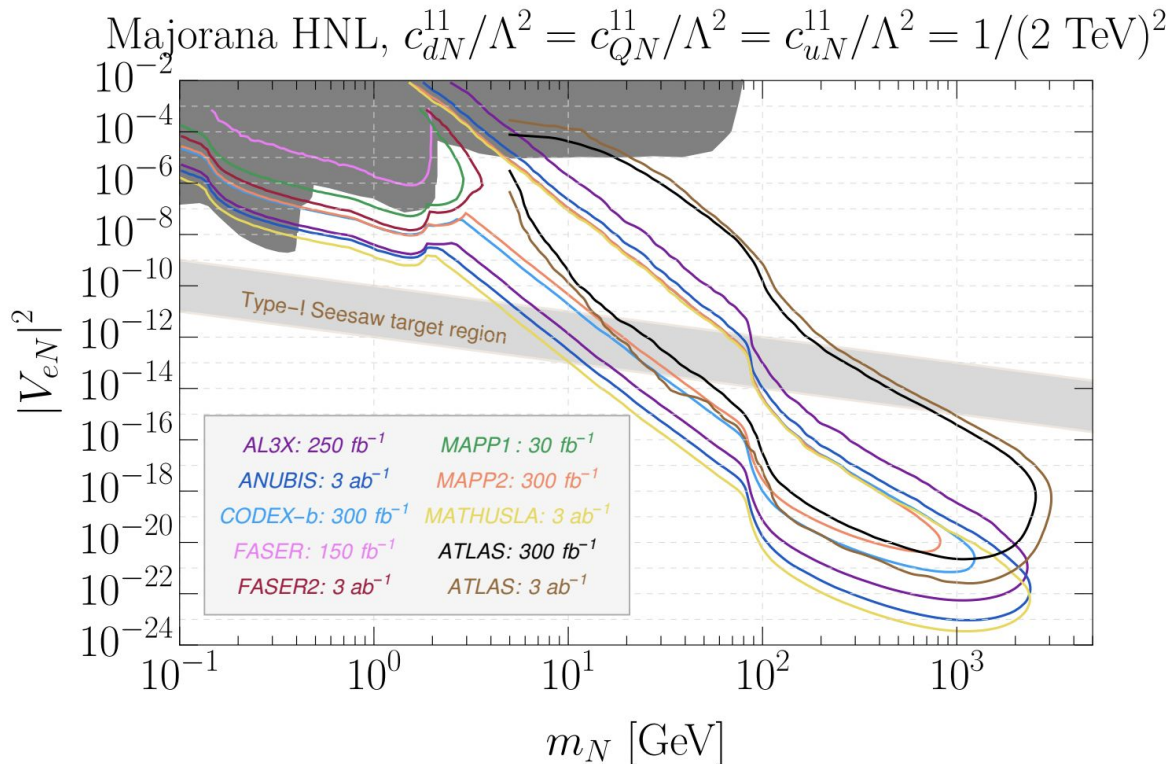
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R. Beltrán, G. Cottin, J.C. Helo, M. Hirsch, A. Titov, Z.S. Wang, [JHEP 01 \(2023\)](#)

Sensitivities estimates at ATLAS and future LLP detectors

An example for $d=6$ four-fermion operators with pairs of HNL

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Much larger sensitivities can be achieved as compared to the minimal HNL scenario !

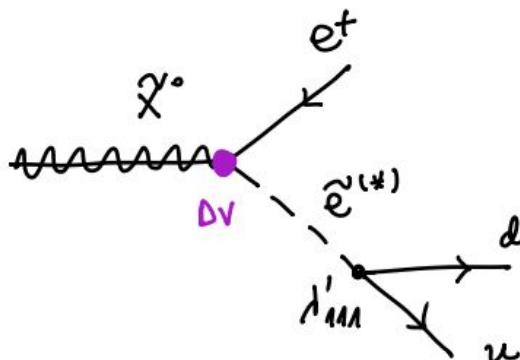
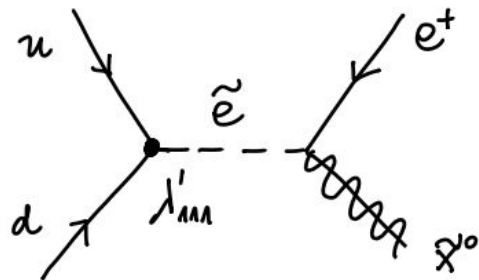
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Long-lived neutralino in SUSY RPV

$$W_{RPV} = \lambda'_{ijk} \hat{L}_i \hat{Q}_j \hat{\Delta}_k$$

$$\Gamma \sim \lambda'^2_{AAA} m_{\tilde{f}}^{-4} m_N^5$$

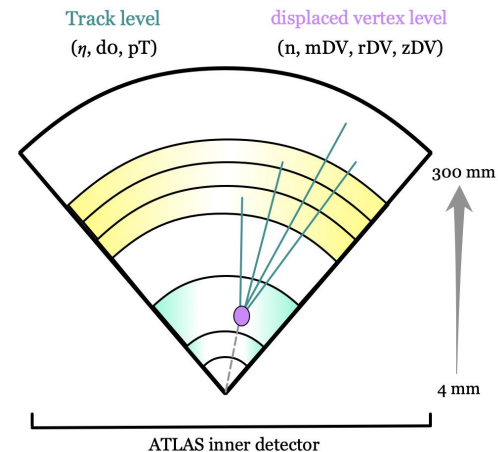


- The process gives rise to a displaced vertex signature in the ATLAS inner tracker

SUSY RPV
R. Barbier et al, [Phys.Rept. 420 \(2005\)](#)
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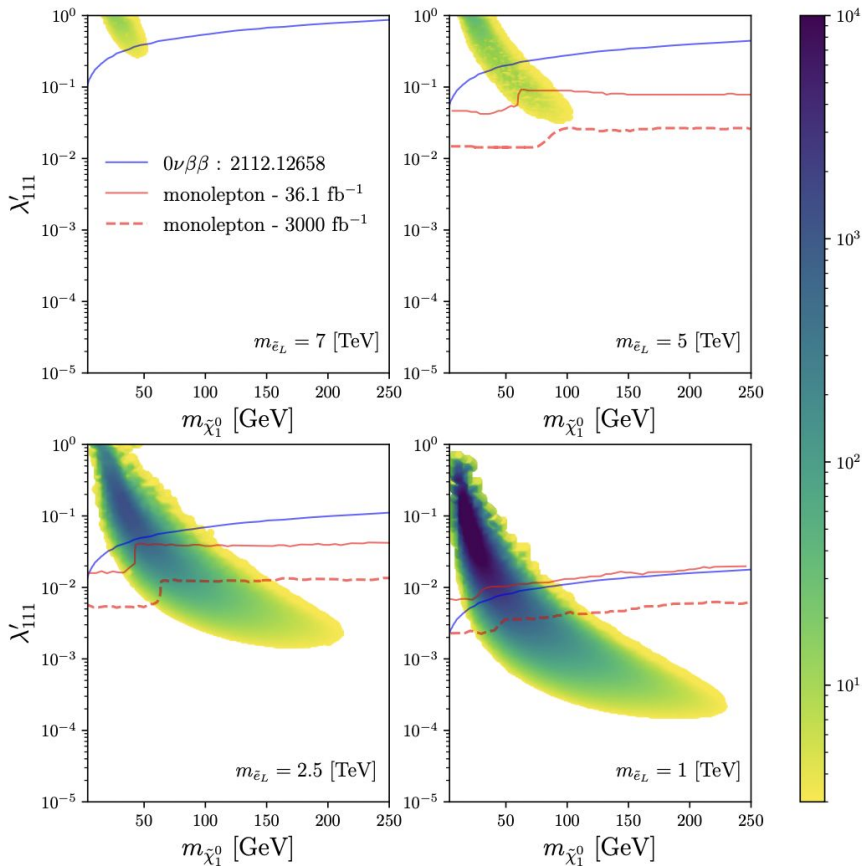
Seminal Displaced SUSY RPV
P. W. Graham, D. E. Kaplan, S. Rajendran, P. Saraswat, JHEP
1207 (2012) 149, [arXiv:1204.6038](#)

Small couplings and light
neutralino give rise to
macroscopic neutralino lifetime



Light neutralino sensitivity with displaced vertices

G. Cottin, J. C. Helo, F. Hernández, N. Neill and Z. S. Wang, *JHEP* 10 (2022) 095, [2208.12818](https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.12818)



Proposal with displaced vertices can probe yet unexplored regions in neutralino mass and lambda '111 coupling !

Reinterpreted bounds from M. Aaboud et al. (ATLAS), *Eur. Phys. J. C* 78, 401 (2018), [arXiv:1706.04786](https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.04786)
P. D. Bolton, Frank F. Deppisch, P.S. Bhupal Dev, *JHEP* 03 (2022) 152, [arXiv:2112.12658](https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.12658)

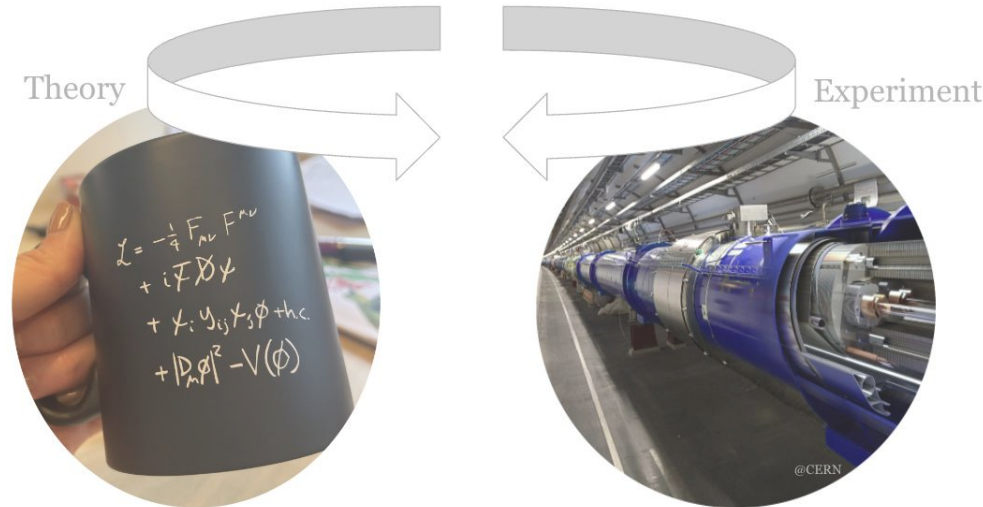
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This drives the need for reinterpretation and the need to design/propose optimal LLP searches for well motivated theories. LLP phenomenology lies at the cutting edge of LHC physics !





Backup

Theory meets Reality

Many BSM Models predicting
LLPs of interest addressing

Neutrino Masses
Dark Matter
Baryogenesis
Naturalness
Anomaly explanations ...



Not always being looked for @
experiments

- Lack of person power/time/resources
- Not optimal analysis strategy within experiments
- No standard definition of LLP object(s)
- LLP bkg. hard to simulate outside experiments
- No optimal experiment for your model ... or
Not even an existing detector able to catch your LLP!

There is need for reinterpretation. There is need to propose/design optimal BSM
LLP searches

Theorist's roadmap

to reinterpret or propose a new physics search for your model

Characterization of BSM Physics



Usage/Design



Evaluate Experimental Response

- Model building
- Identify production modes
- Identify decay patterns
- Hard Code your model
(i.e. dedicated software as FeynRules/SARAH/SPHENO)

- Identify Software (i.e. Monte Carlo as Madgraph, Pythia, Herwig ...)
- Design/Implement Observables (i.e. invariant mass, displaced vertex, jets)
- Hard Code your strategy/analysis (i.e. can use standard software as MadAnalysis, Rivet or your own)

- Detector Simulation (i.e. software as DELPHES or custom made to your analysis needs)
- Identify experimental information/efficiencies to characterize response to your objects and observables (i.e. Can use open data/HEPData)

LHC-LLP searches can target different lifetimes using different parts of the detectors. Detection usually requires special triggers and reconstruction

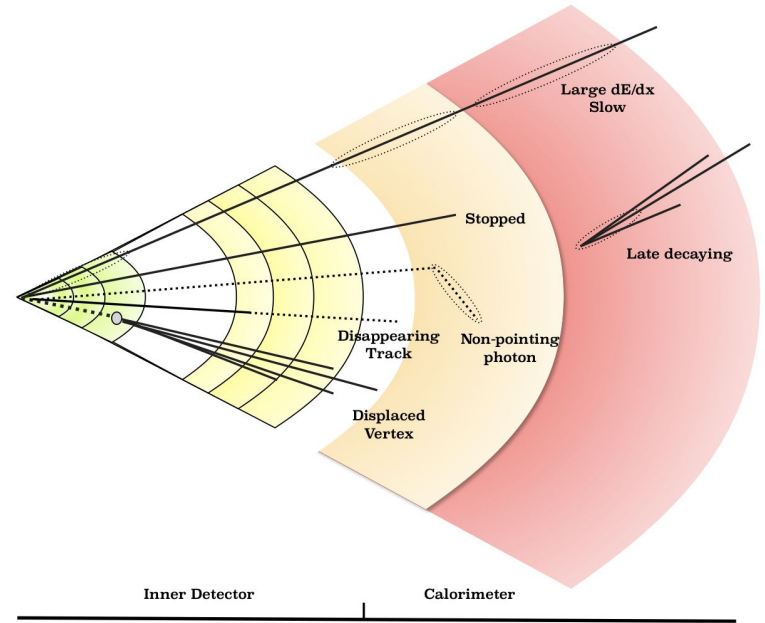
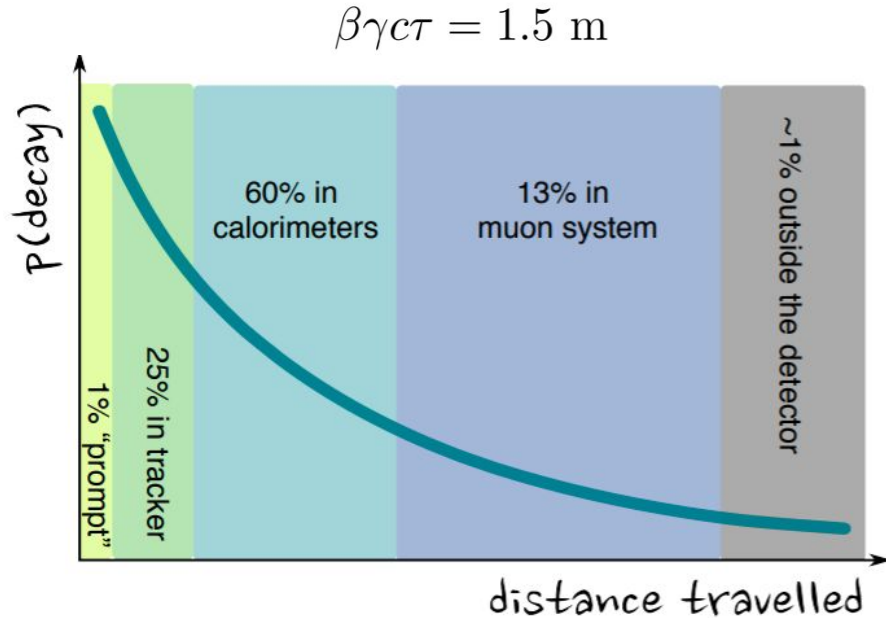


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Depending on where the LLP decays and which quantum numbers it has, this will give rise to different exotic signatures

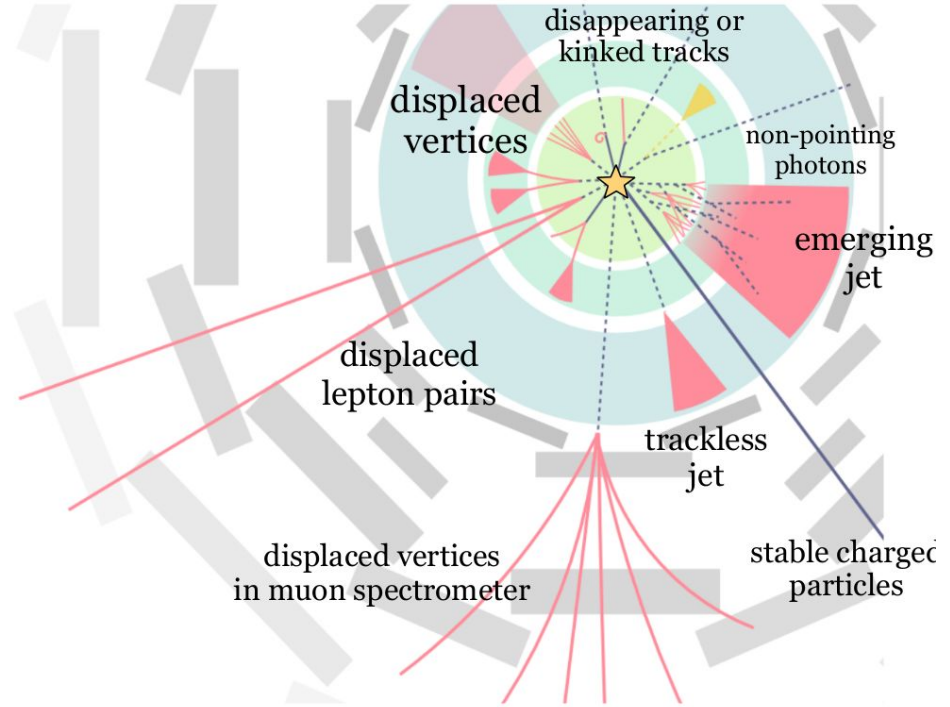
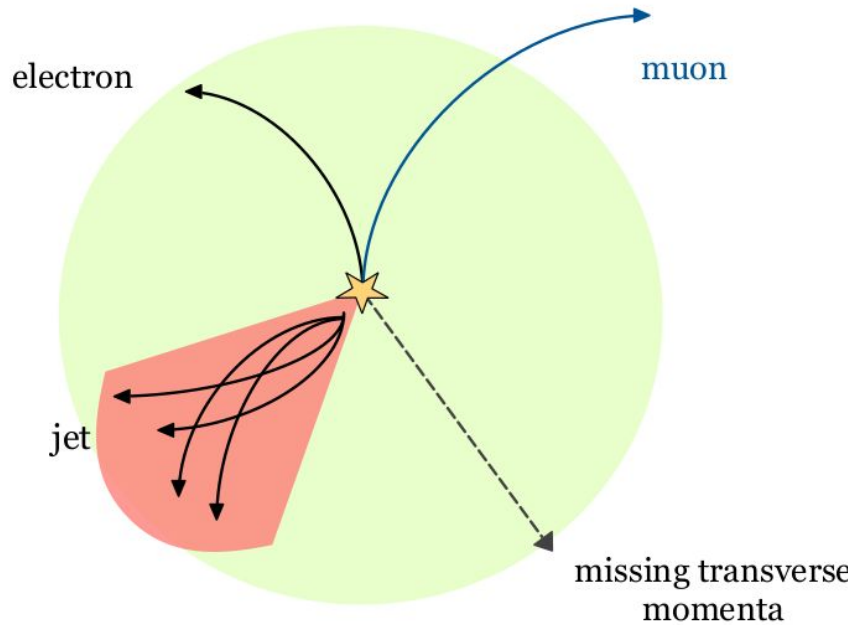
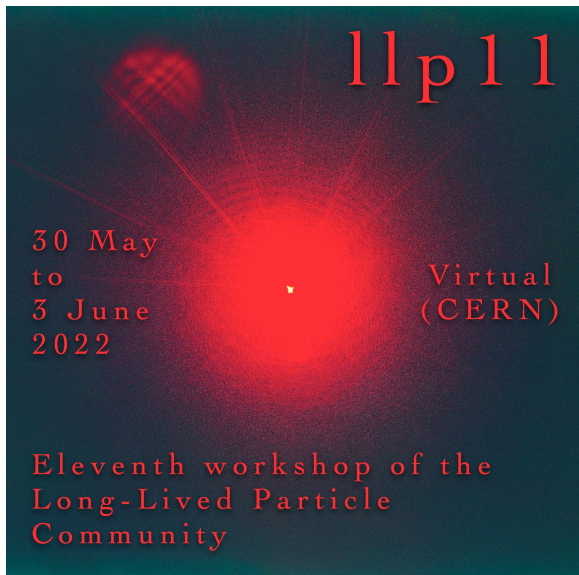


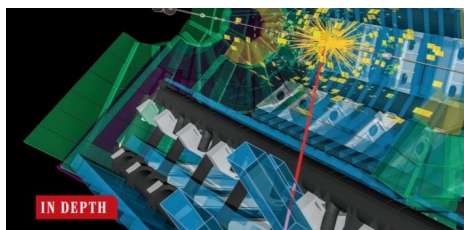
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Many LLP efforts worldwide ! Formally an LHC LLP Working Group at CERN

LLP Community <https://cern.ch/longlivedparticles>
LLP WG <https://lpcc.web.cern.ch/lhc-llp-wg>



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Eleventh workshop of the Long-Lived Particle Community



In a simulated event, the track of a decay particle called a muon (red), displaced slightly from the center of particle collisions.

PARTICLE PHYSICS

A hunt for long-lived particles ran

The Large Hadron Collider could be making new particles that are

By Adrian Cho

Are new particles materializing right under physicists' noses and going unnoticed? The world's great atom smasher, the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), could be making long-lived particles that slip through its detectors, some researchers say. Next week, they will gather at the LHC's home, CERN, the European particle physics laboratory near Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss how to capture them. They argue the LHC's next run should emphasize such searches, and some are calling for new detectors that could sniff e

It's a push members at the Higgs bo

simple strategy to look for new particles: Smash together protons or electrons at ever-higher energies to produce heavy new particles and watch them decay instantly into lighter, familiar particles within the huge, barrel-shaped detectors. That's how CMS and its rival detector, A Toroidal LHC Apparatus (ATLAS), spotted the Higgs, which in a trillionth of a nanosecond can decay into, among other things, a pair of photons or two "jets" of lighter particles.

Long-lived particles, however, would zip through part or all of the detector before decaying. That idea is more than a shot in the dark, says Giovanna Cottin,

of sub-particle energy ing an moons where lide. Particles that fly even a few millimeters before decaying would leave unusual signatures: kinked or offset tracks, or jets that emerge gradually instead of all at once. Standard data analysis such oddities are mistakes Tova Holmes, an ATLAS me University of Chicago in t searching for the displaced t

Adding your recasting code

This is an open repository and if you have developed a code for recasting a LLP analysis, we include it here. Please contact llp-recasting@googlegroups.com and we will provide you with information for including your code.

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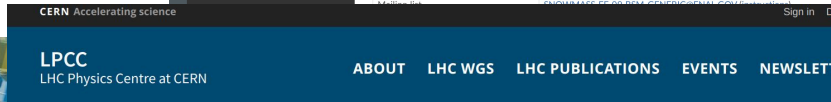
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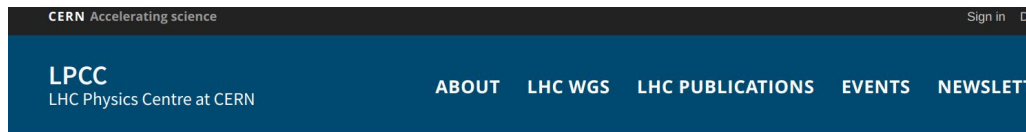
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Formally an LHC LLP Working Group at CERN

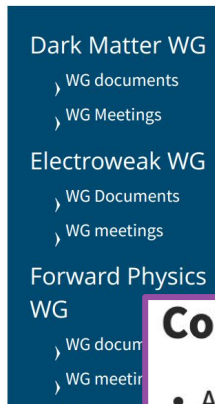


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Main goals are:

- Facilitate communication between theorist and experimentalists
- Provide recommendation for benchmark models to be used in LLP interpretation
- Provide recommendation for presentation of experimental results in a useful way for reinterpretation
- Discuss new search directions based on new input from theory or experiment

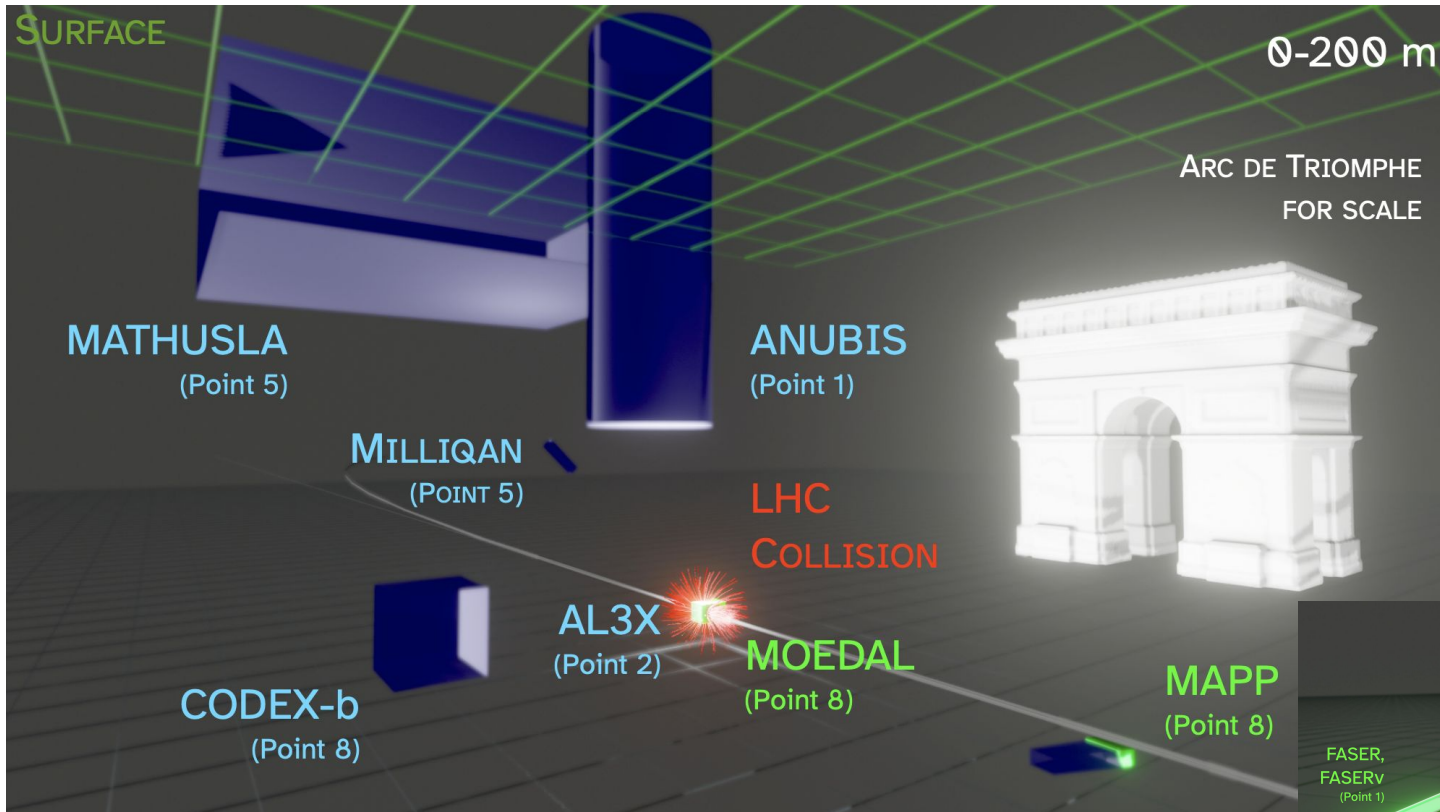
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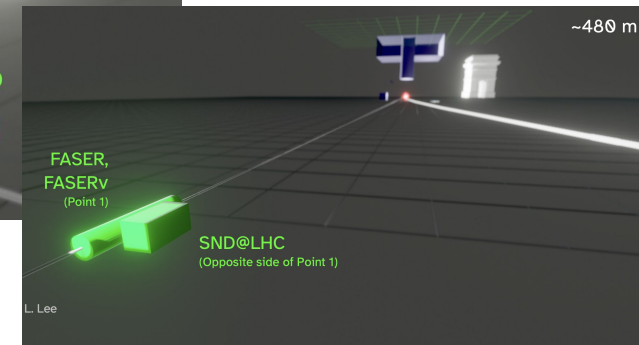
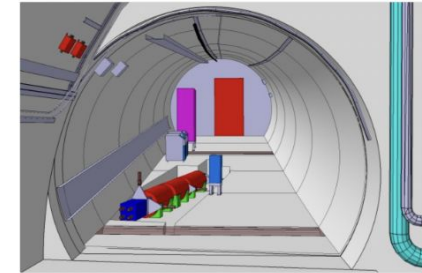
Even new approved/proposed LLP experiments



FASER: CERN approves new experiment to look for long-lived, exotic particles

The experiment, which will complement existing searches for dark matter at the LHC, will be operational in 2021.

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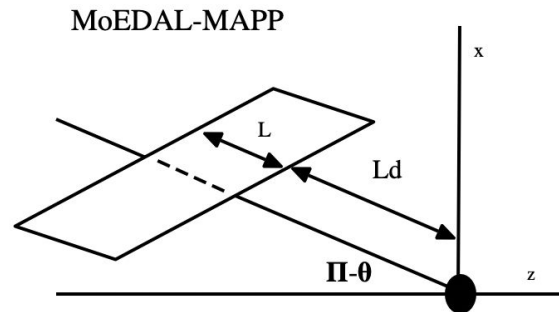
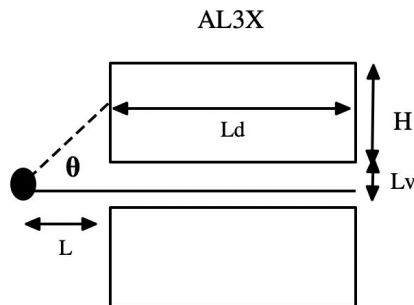
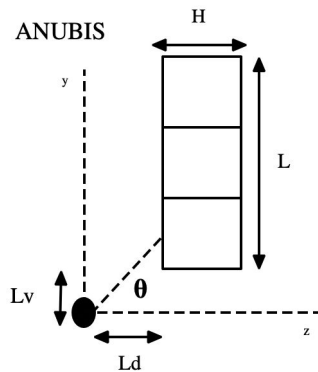
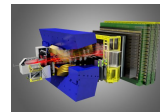
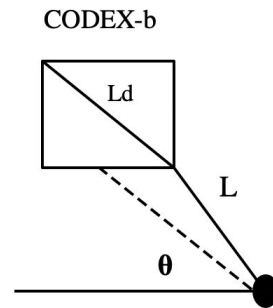
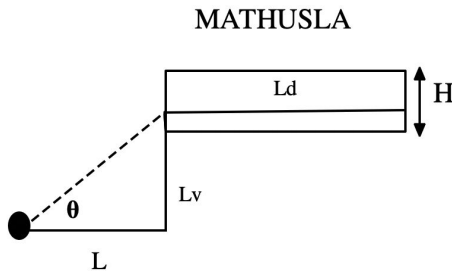
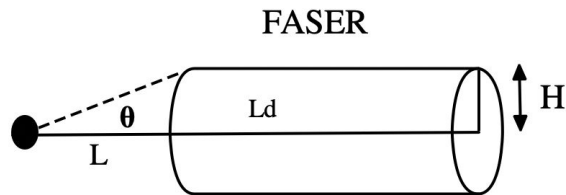


Slide from L. Lee @ LHPC2021

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Phenomenology with displaced decays at LLP detectors

Decay probability of each simulated HNL takes into account the far detector geometry (L, L_d, L_v, H, θ) and their kinematics



Details of probability of decay formulas in fiducial volumes

See Jordy de Vries, H. K. Dreiner, J. Y. Günther, Z. S. Wang, G. Zhou, [2010.07305](#) (JHEP 03 (2021))

For FASER, MATHUSLA and CODEX-b see D. Dercks, J. de Vries, H. K. Dreiner, Z. S. Wang, [1810.03617](#) (Phys. Rev. D 99, 055039 (2019)) and earlier in

J.C. Helo, M. Hirsch, Z. S. Wang, [1803.02212](#) (JHEP 07 (2018))

For ANUBIS see M. Hirsch, Z. S. Wang, [2001.04750](#) (Phys. Rev. D 101, 055034 (2020))

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For MAPP see H. K. Dreiner, J. Y. Günther, Z. S. Wang, [2008.07539](#) (Phys. Rev. D 103, 075013 (2021))

LLP far detectors

FASER

Cylinder with $r = 10$ cm and $\ell = 1.5$ m

$c\tau \sim 480$ m

Boosted cross section

$4\pi/10^3$ coverage

CoDEX-b

Box of 10 m \times 10 m \times 10 m

$c\tau \sim 25$ m

$4\pi/10^2$ coverage

Lower luminosity

ANUBIS

Cylinder with $r = 9$ m and $h = 56$ m

$c\tau \sim$ few 10 m

$4\pi/50$ coverage

MATHUSLA

Box of 100 m \times 100 m \times 25 m

$c\tau \sim \mathcal{O}(100)$ m

$4\pi/25$ coverage

AL3X: A Laboratory for Long-Lived eXotics

@ALICE

Cylinder with 0.85 m $< r < 5$ m and $\ell = 12$ m

$c\tau \sim 10$ m

MoEDAL-MAPP: MoEDAL's Apparatus for Penetrating Particles
(MoEDAL: Monopole and Exotics Detector at the LHC)

@LHCb

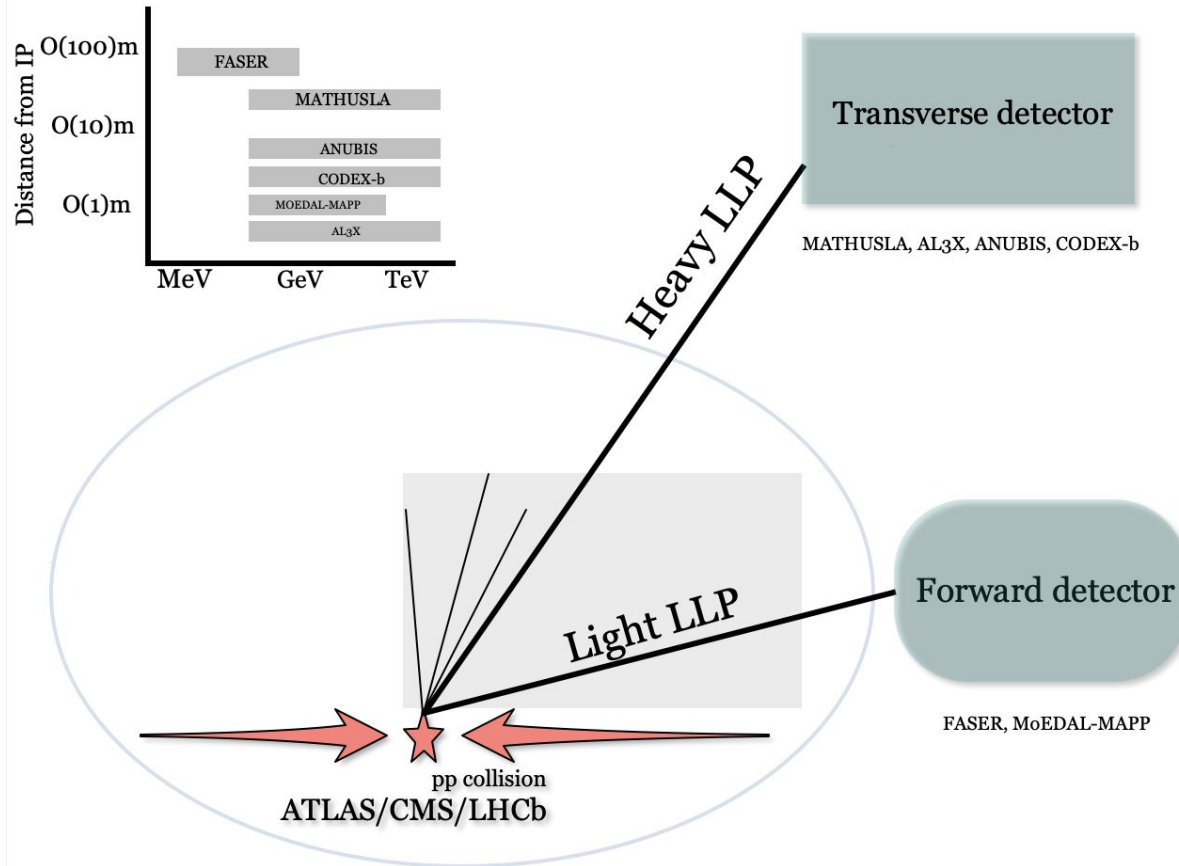
MAPP1: ~ 130 m³

MAPP2: ~ 430 m³

$c\tau \sim 50$ m

With thanks to A. Titov

Many LLP experiments needed to target complementary regions in LLP model parameter space



General purpose detectors are “complex” (large angular acceptance, many sub-detectors to exploit LLP signature)/ no LLP triggers/challenging triggers, large backgrounds, difficult- non-efficient reconstruction

Dedicated detectors are “simpler” (no trigger, targeted reconstruction, are cheaper), limited/zero bkg/smaller angular acceptance



HNL LLP Motivation

An answer for neutrino mass generation mechanism

See review in A. Atre, T. Han, S. Pascoli, B. Zhang, JHEP 05 (2009) 030, [arXiv:0901.3589](https://arxiv.org/abs/0901.3589)

Could also explain Dark Matter and Baryon Asymmetry

T.Asaka, M.Shaposhnikov, PL B620 (2005), [hep-ph/0505013](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0505013)

See reviews in A. Boyarsky, et al., Prog. in Part. and Nucl. Phys. 104 (2019), [arXiv:1807.07938](https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.07938),

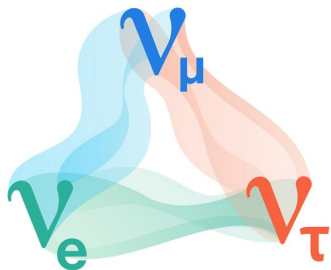
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Known

- Neutrino oscillations therefore neutrinos in the SM have mass



Unknown

- Neutrino mass mechanism involving HNL (i.e seesaw mechanism, inverse seesaw, ...)
- Specific BSM Model of neutrino mass generation (i.e new interactions of HNL beyond Yukawa ones?)
- HNL nature (Dirac or Majorana)
- HNL mass scale

See P. F. de Salas et al., JHEP 02 (2021) 071, [arXiv:2006.11237](https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.11237)

Seesaw
P. Minkowski, [Phys. Lett. 67B \(1977\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/Phys.Lett.67B(1977))
R. N. Mohapatra and G. Senjanovic, [Phys. Rev. Lett. 44 \(1980\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/Phys.Rev.Lett.44(1980))
J. Schechter and J. W. F. Valle, [Phys. Rev. D22, 2227 \(1980\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/Phys.Rev.D22.2227(1980))

Inverse seesaw
R. Mohapatra and J. Valle, [Phys. Rev. D34 \(1986\) 1642](https://arxiv.org/abs/Phys.Rev.D34(1986)1642)

Seesaw Mechanism(s)

- Predicts HNLs
- HNLs mix with SM neutrinos
- Can be realised in many BSM models



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Seesaw

P. Minkowski, [Phys. Lett. 67B \(1977\)](#)

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Inverse seesaw

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Minimal Type I Seesaw

Is not the only possibility ... i.e Inverse Seesaw

$$\mathcal{L}_{\nu\text{mass}} = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\nu}_L^c \quad \bar{N}_R) M_{\nu} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ N_R^c \end{pmatrix} + h.c$$

$$M_{\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D^T & M_N \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_N \gg m_D \quad m_{\nu} \approx -m_D \cdot M_N^{-1} \cdot m_D^T$$

$$m_N \approx M_N$$

$$V_{eN} = m_D \cdot M_N^{-1} \Rightarrow V_{eN}^2 \sim m_{\nu} / M_N$$

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$$(\nu_L, N_R^c, S_L)$$

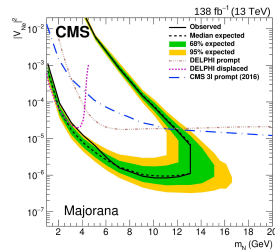
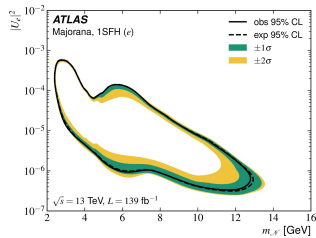
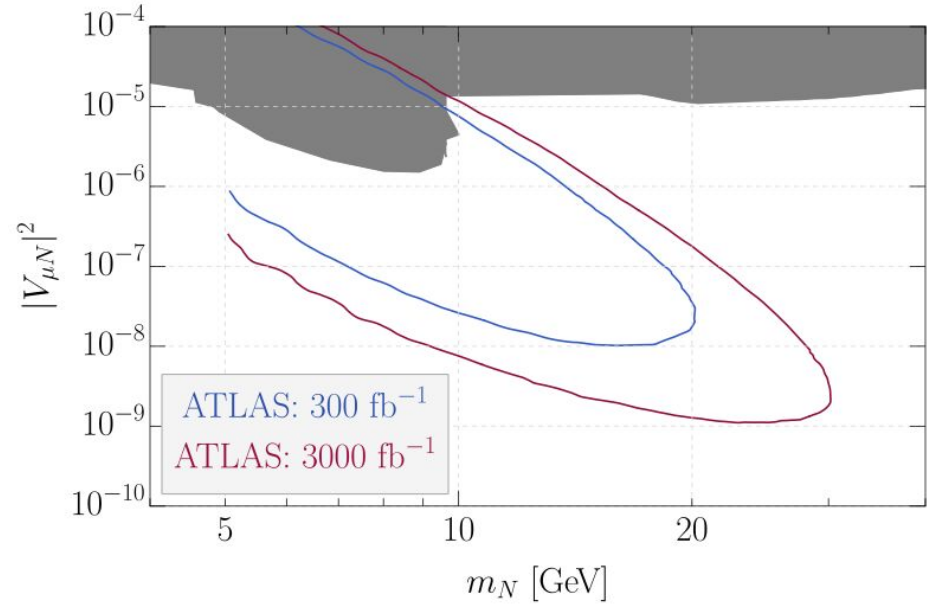
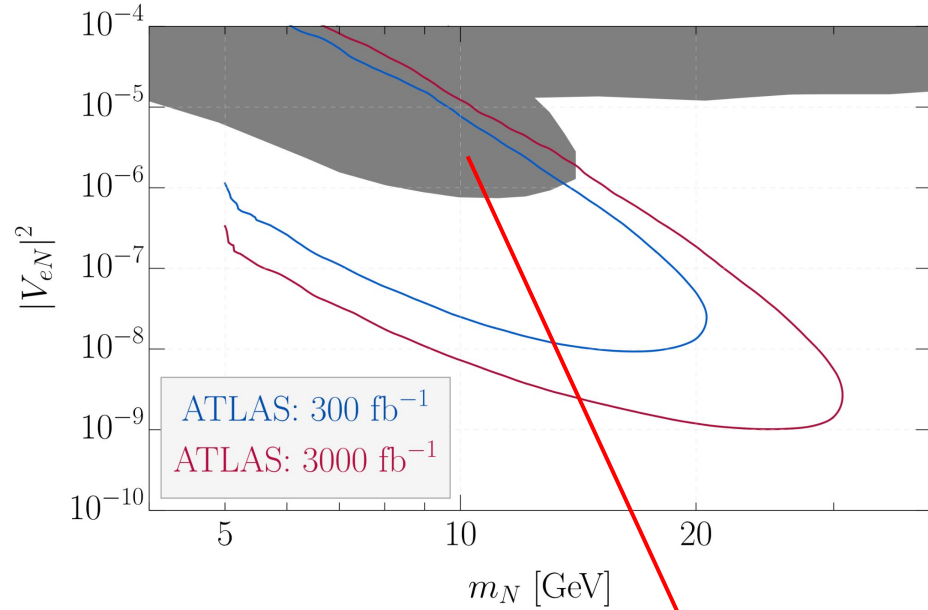
$$M_{\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D^T & \epsilon^T \\ m_D & M & M_N \\ \epsilon & M_N^T & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mu \ll M_N \quad \text{Inverse seesaw} \rightarrow V_N^2 \sim m_{\nu} / \mu$$

Pheno approach: consider HNL mass and mixing as independent parameters

Sensitivity reach in minimal HNL model

R. Beltrán, G. Cottin, J.C. Helo, M. Hirsch, A. Titov, Z.S. Wang, JHEP 01 (2022) 044, [2110.15096](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.15096)



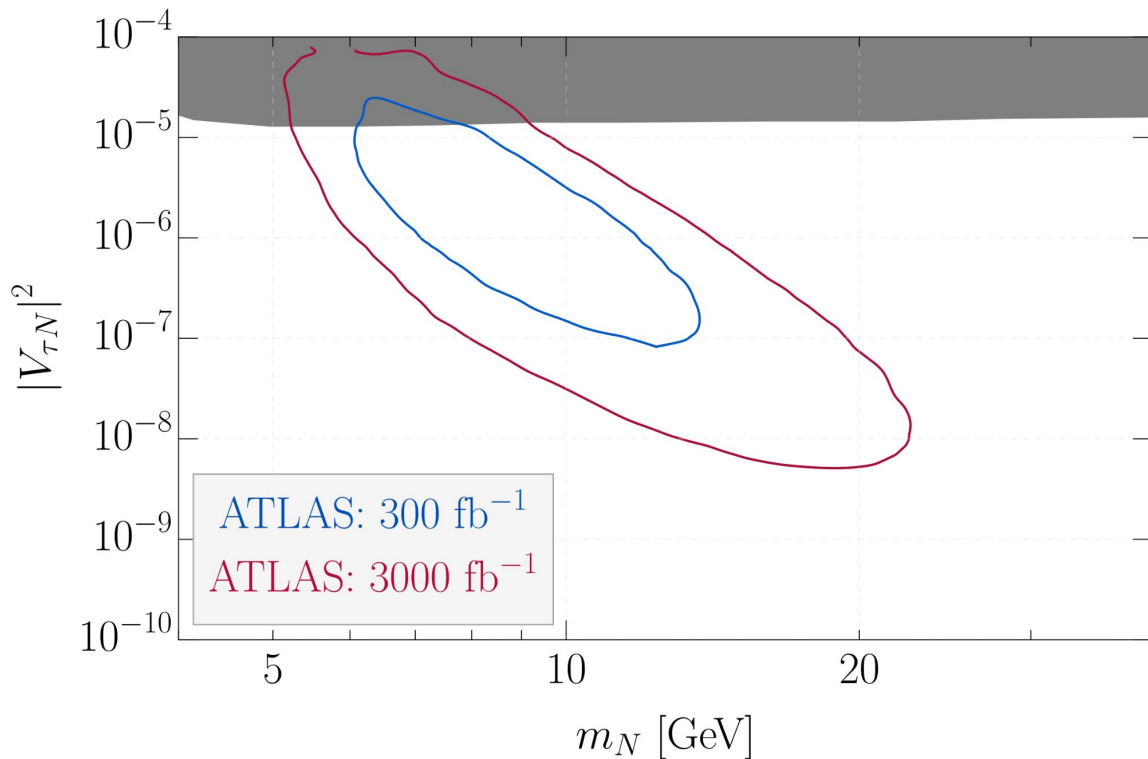
Latest LHC LLP HNL searches in [CMS PAS EXO-20-009](https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.009), [EXOT-2019-29](https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.29) consider prompt lepton triggers (i.e. electron or muon) and the identification of a displaced lepton vertex

Constraints in the electron/muon mixing plane vs HNL mass only

Tau-mixing not covered yet at LHC, what can we do?

1) Displaced Multitrack in inner trackers

R. Beltrán, G. Cottin, J.C. Helo, M. Hirsch, A. Titov, Z.S. Wang, JHEP 01 (2022) 044, [2110.15096](#)



Displaced vertex searches with multitrack

- HNL decays leptonically and/or semileptonically
- prompt lepton trigger from W decay
- high-mass and displaced track multiplicity DVs in inner tracker to suppress hadronic bkg.

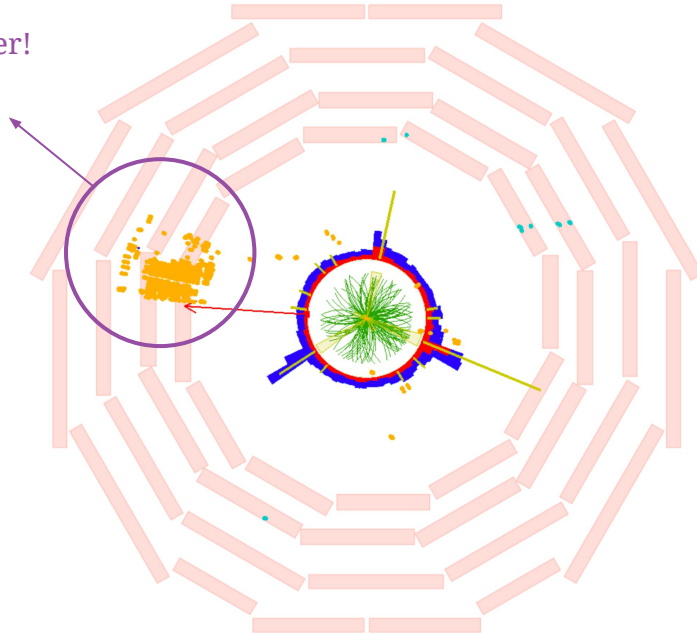
Updated from G. Cottin, J.C. Helo and M. Hirsch, [PRD 98 \(2018\)](#),

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CMS Simulation Supplementary

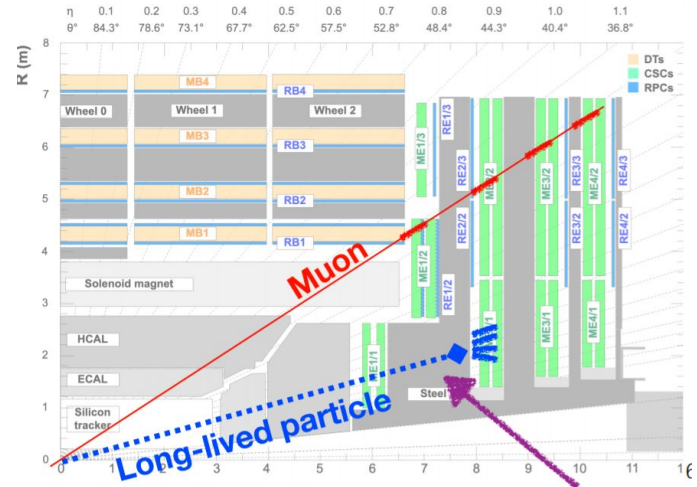
displaced shower!



<http://cms-results.web.cern.ch/cms-results/public-results/publications/EXO-20-015/>

* Reinterpretation relies on the implementation of a new Delphes module made specifically for muon system showers from LLP decays (<https://github.com/delphes/delphes/pull/103>)

- We reinterpret* a search for a SM Higgs boson decaying to long-lived scalars (which can subsequently decay to taus), *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 127 (2021), [arXiv:2107.04838](https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.04838)
- Search is sensitive to LLPs decaying to hadrons, *taus*, electrons, or photons. Large CMS steel shielding useful to suppress backgrounds.
- The CMS unique signature relies on large cluster of Cathode Strip Chamber (CSC) hits in the muon system (Nhits)

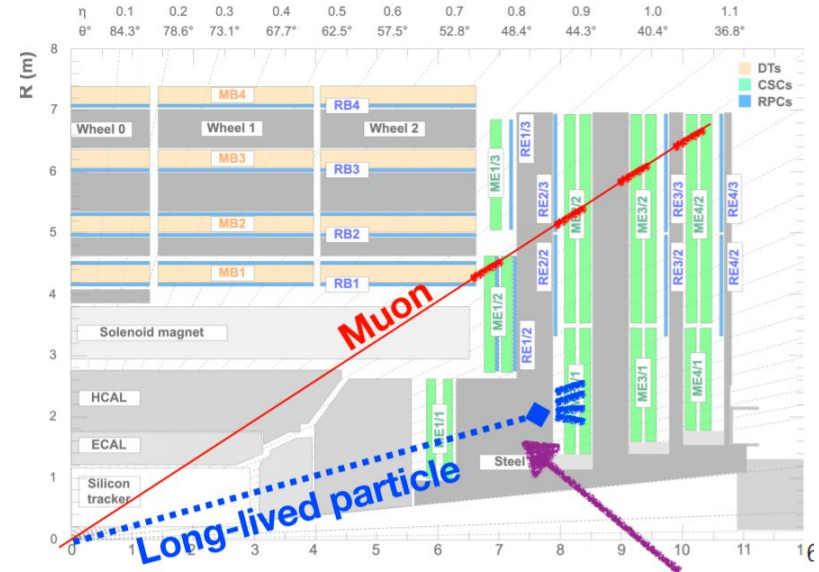


HNL optimized strategies

- Strategy 1: Maintains high MET trigger but with a tighter Nhits cut. Nhits>210 suppresses background to 0.2 for 3/ab without rejecting too much signal (~20%)
- Strategy 2: Lower MET cut > 50 GeV and increased Nhits. Justified by the potential use of a new dedicated displaced trigger plan by CMS. See *Review of opportunities for new long-lived particle triggers in Run 3 of the Large Hadron Collider, CERN-LPCC-2021-01, arXiv:2110.14675*

Nhits>290 (for 300/fb) and Nhits>370 (for 3/ab), optimized to control background to neglectable levels and increase signal acceptance (by ~ 3 orders of magnitude with respect to nominal MET and Nhit cuts).

CMS presented a plan for a dedicated displaced L1 trigger for Run3 @ 7th LLP Workshop, see [talk by Sven Dildick](#)



- Reinterpretation relies on public instructions provided by CMS, as well as the implementation of a new Delphes module made specifically for muon system showers from LLP decays.
- Dedicated Delphes module presented by Christina Wang @ LLPX, see [talk here](#).

Recasted analysis and simulations

HeavyN model \rightarrow Madgraph+Pythia8 \rightarrow (tuned) Delphes (<https://github.com/delphes/delphes/pull/103>). Generator-level HNL energy and decay position are needed for signal yield prediction

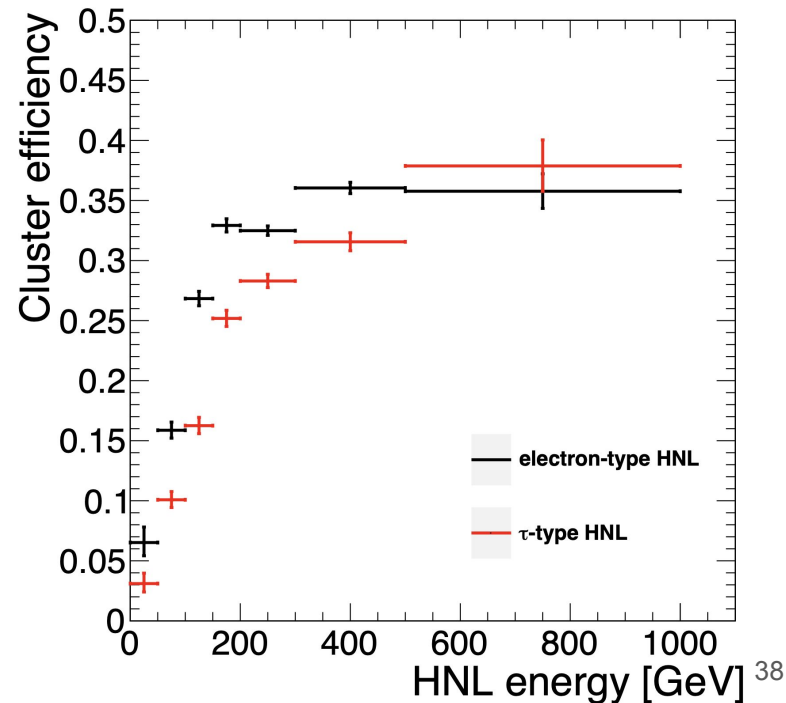
Analysis selections:

- $MET \geq 200$ GeV
- 1 CSC cluster that passes the CSCClusterEfficiency and CSCClusterID module (which includes $N_{hits} > 130$ and encodes parameterized functions depending on LLP energy and decay region provided by CMS)
- Jet veto, time cut and $|\Delta\phi(\text{cluster}, MET)| < 0.75$

We provide signal efficiency parameterization for the cluster-level selections that allows for reproduction of the full-simulation signal yield for various LLP masses (7-55 GeV), lifetimes (0.1 - 100 ns) and decay modes (dd and l^+l^-). In order to recast this analysis, only the generator level LLP hadronic energy, EM energy, and decay position are needed. The following selection efficiencies are needed to account for all cluster-level selections mentioned in the paper:

• Cluster efficiency including the segment and candidate cuts, muon veto, time spread cut, and $N_{hits} > 130$. This efficiency is provided as a function LLP EM and

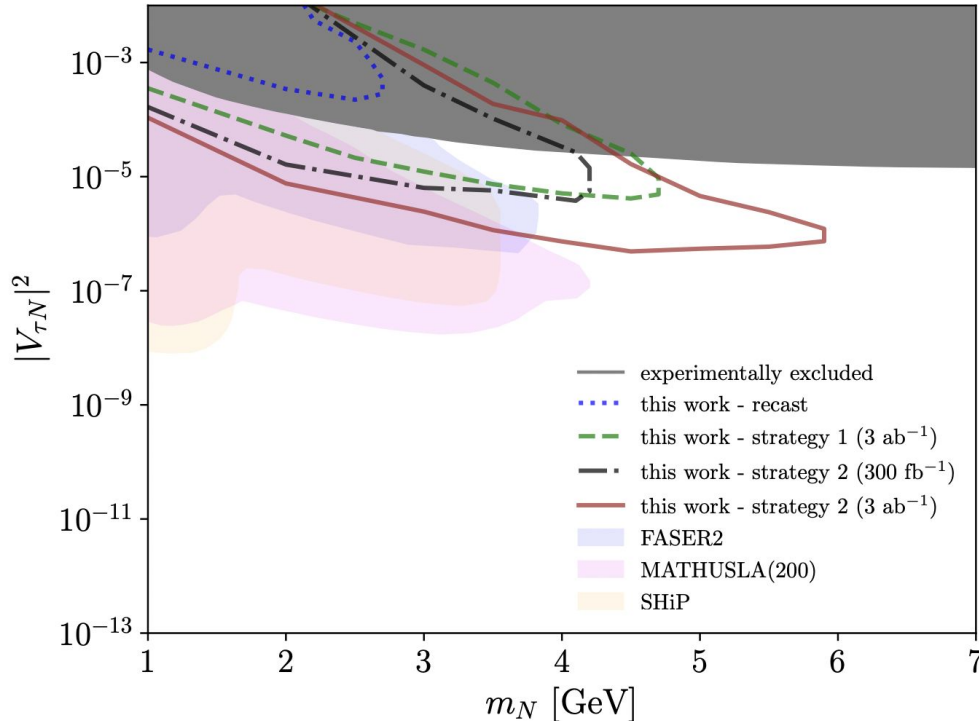
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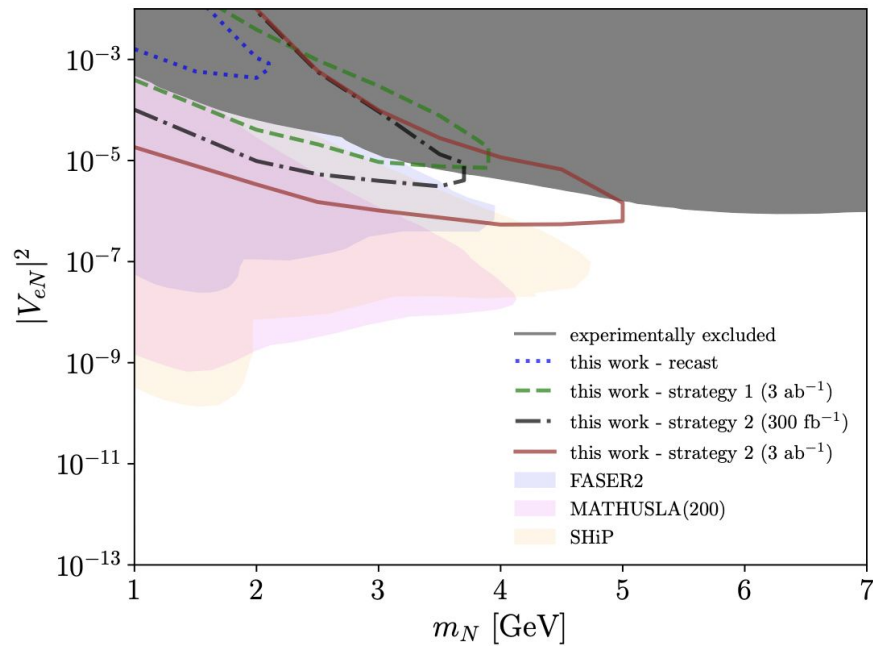
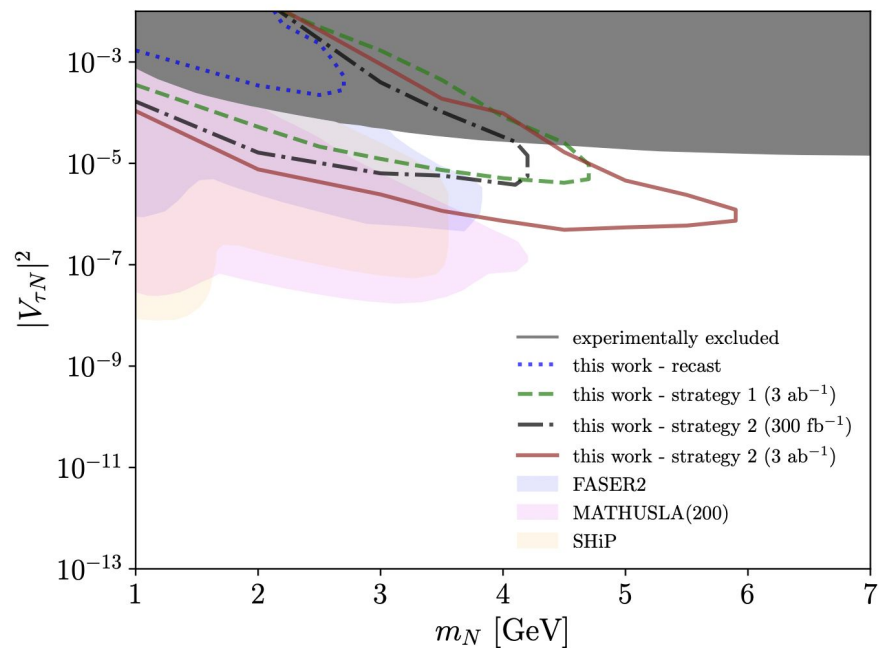


We proposed two HNL optimized strategies (for HNLs decaying to taus) by tuning search cuts

on MET and Nhits, with a potential new displaced trigger to be implemented at CMS. See *Review of opportunities for new long-lived particle triggers in Run 3 of the Large Hadron Collider, CERN-LPCC-2021-01*, [arXiv:2110.14675](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.14675)

Results for tau and electron sector

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Beyond the minimal HNL model

Other LLP HNL displaced search strategies have been proposed that can be sensitive to non-minimal HNL models with additional production modes via e.g. new gauge bosons (Z' , W_R)

Can have DVs with no additional prompt objects
(highlighting critical need for dedicated displaced triggers)

For Left-Right, see e.g.

G. Cottin, J.C. Helo, M. Hirsch, D. Silva, [PRD 99 \(2019\)](#)

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M. Nemevšek, F. Nesti, G. Popara, [PRD 97. \(2018\)](#)

For B-L, see e.g.

C.-W. Chiang, G. Cottin et. al, [JHEP 12 \(2019\)](#), F. Deppisch et al., [PRD 100 \(2019\)](#),

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A systematic way to study such non-minimal HNLs is to apply effective field theory (EFT)

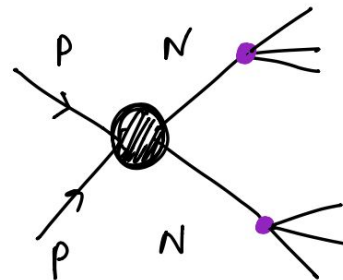
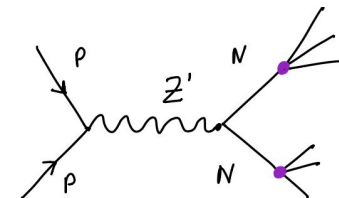
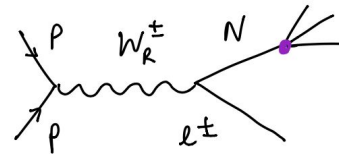
For HNLs in EFT with LLPs at the LHC, see e.g.

R. Beltrán, G. Cottin, J.C. Helo, M. Hirsch, A. Titov, Z.S. Wang, [JHEP 01 \(2023\) 015](#)

G. Cottin, J. C. Helo, M. Hirsch, A. Titov, Z. S. Wang, [JHEP 09 \(2021\) 039](#)

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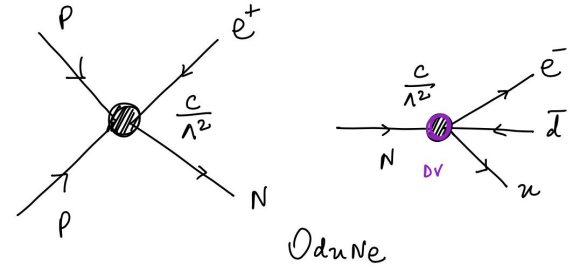
A. Caputo, P. Hernandez, J. Lopez-Pavon, J. Salvado, [JHEP 06 \(2017\)](#)



N_RSMEFT

$d=6$ four-fermion operators with a single HNL ([2110.15096](#))

- Production and decay dominated by the operator
- Operators with Λ above ~ 1 TeV make the HNL long-lived



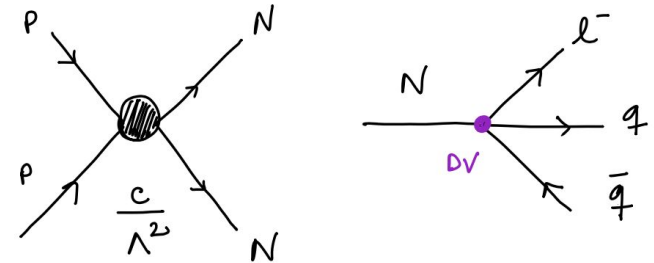
DV strategy in the inner trackers of LHC main detectors

- Reconstruction of a prompt isolated lepton (e, μ, τ)
- HNL decays via the operator leading to two jets and one neutral or charged lepton
- At least one high-mass and displaced track multiplicity DV in inner tracker (to suppress hadronic bkg.)

$$\Gamma(N_R \rightarrow l q q') = \frac{c_0^2}{f_0} \frac{m_N^5}{512 \pi^3 \Lambda^4}$$

$d=6$ four-fermion operators with pairs of HNL ([2105.13851](#))

- Production dominated by the operator
- HNLs decay only via their mixing with the active neutrinos



DV strategy in the inner trackers of LHC main detectors.

Probability of displaced decay in fiducial volume in far detectors

- HNL decays via mixing leptonically and/or semileptonically. We consider $N \rightarrow e j j$
- Non-isolated electrons with high p_T truth-matched to lepton index from DV. At least one high-mass and displaced track multiplicity DV in inner tracker
- For far detectors, the decay probability of each simulated HNL in the fiducial volume is computed

$$\Gamma \sim G_F^2 m_N^5 |V_{eN}|^2$$

Beyond the minimal HNL model. NR_SMEFT offers a systematic way to study non-minimal HNL models, with NRO which are suppressed by a new physics scale Λ

$$\mathcal{L}_{NR_SMEFT} = \mathcal{L}_{SM+N_L} + \sum_{d \geq 5} \frac{1}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \sum_i c_i^{(d)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(d)}$$

$d=6$ four-fermion operators with a *single* HNL

R. Beltrán, G. Cottin, J.C. Helo, M. Hirsch, A. Titov, Z.S. Wang, [2110.15096 \(JHEP 01 \(2022\) 044\)](#)

Name	Structure (+ h.c.)	$n_N = 1$	$n_N = 3$
\mathcal{O}_{duNe}	$(\bar{d}_R \gamma^\mu u_R) (\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu e_R)$	54	162
\mathcal{O}_{LNQd}	$(\bar{L} N_R) \epsilon (\bar{Q} d_R)$	54	162
\mathcal{O}_{LdQN}	$(\bar{L} d_R) \epsilon (\bar{Q} N_R)$	54	162
\mathcal{O}_{LNLe}	$(\bar{L} N_R) \epsilon (\bar{L} e_R)$	54	162
\mathcal{O}_{QuNL}	$(\bar{Q} u_R) (\bar{N}_R L)$	54	162

First developed in

F. del Aguila, S. Bar-Shalom, A. Soni, J. Wudka, [0806.0876](#) (Phys.Lett.B670, 2008)

A. Aparici, K. Kim, A. Santamaria, J. Wudka, [0904.3244](#) (Phys.Rev.D80, 2009)

Basis for $d < 9$ in

H.-L. Li, Z. Ren, M.-L. Xiao, J.-H. Yu, Y.-H. Zheng, [2105.09329](#)

$d=6$ four-fermion operators with *pairs* of HNL

G. Cottin, J. C. Helo, M. Hirsch, A. Titov, Z. S. Wang, [2105.13851 \(JHEP 09 \(2021\) 039\)](#)

Name	Structure	$n_N = 1$	$n_N = 3$
\mathcal{O}_{dN}	$(\bar{d}_R \gamma^\mu d_R) (\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu N_R)$	9	81
\mathcal{O}_{uN}	$(\bar{u}_R \gamma^\mu u_R) (\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu N_R)$	9	81
\mathcal{O}_{QN}	$(\bar{Q} \gamma^\mu Q) (\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu N_R)$	9	81
\mathcal{O}_{eN}	$(\bar{e}_R \gamma^\mu e_R) (\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu N_R)$	9	81
\mathcal{O}_{NN}	$(\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu N_R) (\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu N_R)$	1	36
\mathcal{O}_{LN}	$(\bar{L} \gamma^\mu L) (\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu N_R)$	9	81

Additional HNLs in EFT with LLPs at the LHC studies

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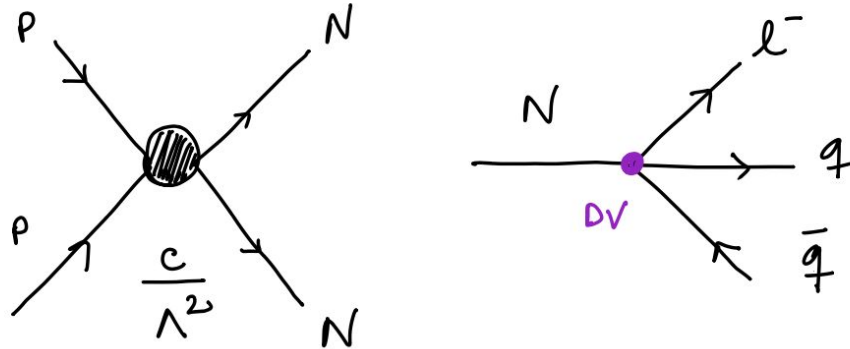
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N_RSMEFT sensitivity with displaced vertices

For $d=6$ four-fermion operators with *pairs* of HNL G. Cottin, J. C. Helo, M. Hirsch, A. Titov, Z. S. Wang, [2105.13851](#), (JHEP 09 (2021) 039)

- Production dominated by the operator
- HNLs decay only via their mixing with the active neutrinos
- DV strategy proposed for ATLAS inner tracker
- Probability of displaced decay in fiducial volume in far detectors (extending model space coverage)

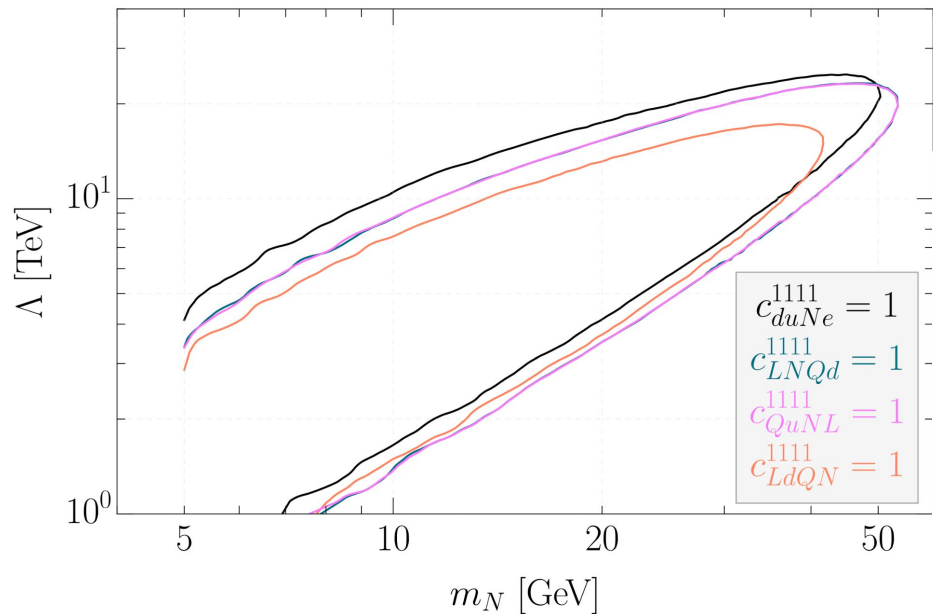
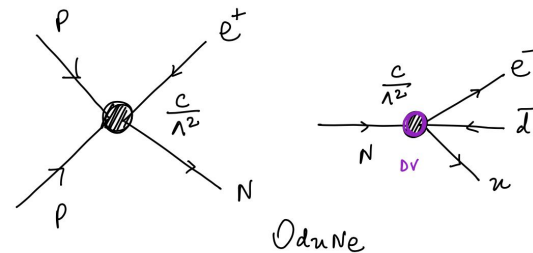


N_RSMEFT sensitivity with displaced vertices

$d=6$ four-fermion operators with a single HNL R. Beltrán, G. Cottin, J.C. Helo, M. Hirsch, A. Titov, Z

[2110.15096](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.15096) (JHEP 01 (2022) 044)

Production and decay dominated by the operator. Operators with Λ above ~ 1 TeV make the HNL long-lived



New physics scales in excess of ~ 20 TeV could be probed at the LHC with 3ab-1 for HNL masses ~ 50 GeV for operators with electrons and muons

New physics scales ~ 10 TeV could be probed for operators with taus

