

Searches for prompt decays of HNLs at FCC-ee

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Introduction

Production of HNL in Z decay through mixing with light neutrinos



If only 1 HNL flavour assumed, model defined in terms of two parameters:
 m_N and U , mixing parameter

Production BR:
$$\text{BR}(Z \rightarrow \nu N) = \frac{2}{3} |U_N|^2 \text{BR}(Z \rightarrow \text{invisible}) \left(1 + \frac{m_N^2}{2m_Z^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{m_N^2}{m_Z^2}\right)$$

$$|U_N|^2 \equiv \sum_{\ell=e,\mu,\tau} |U_{\ell N}|^2$$

Decay width:

($m_{\text{HNL}} < 80 \text{ GeV}$)

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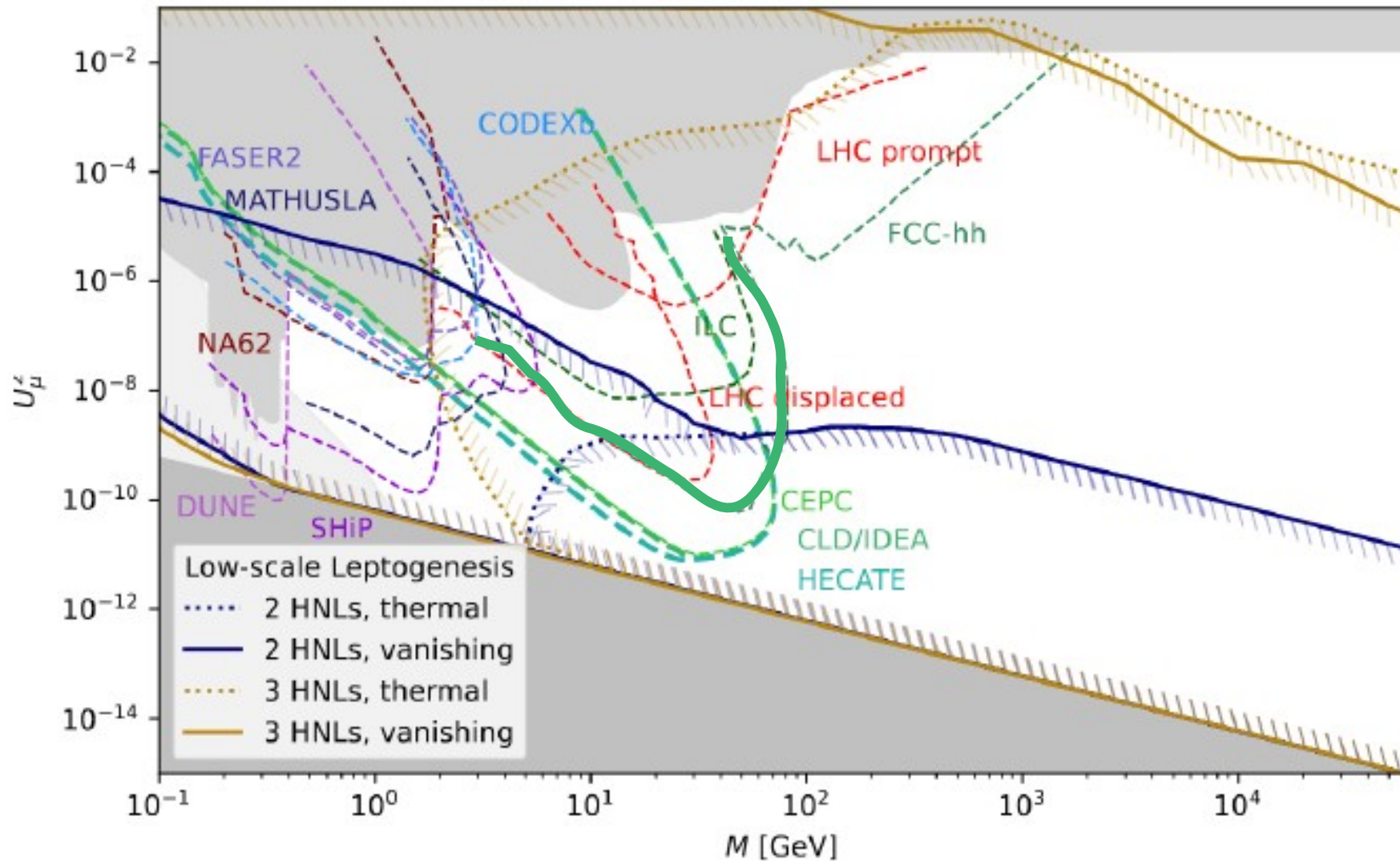
$$\Gamma_N \simeq c_{\text{dec}} \frac{a}{96\pi^3} U^2 M^5 G_F^2$$

$a \sim 12$

M.Drewes arXiv:2210.17110

Expectations

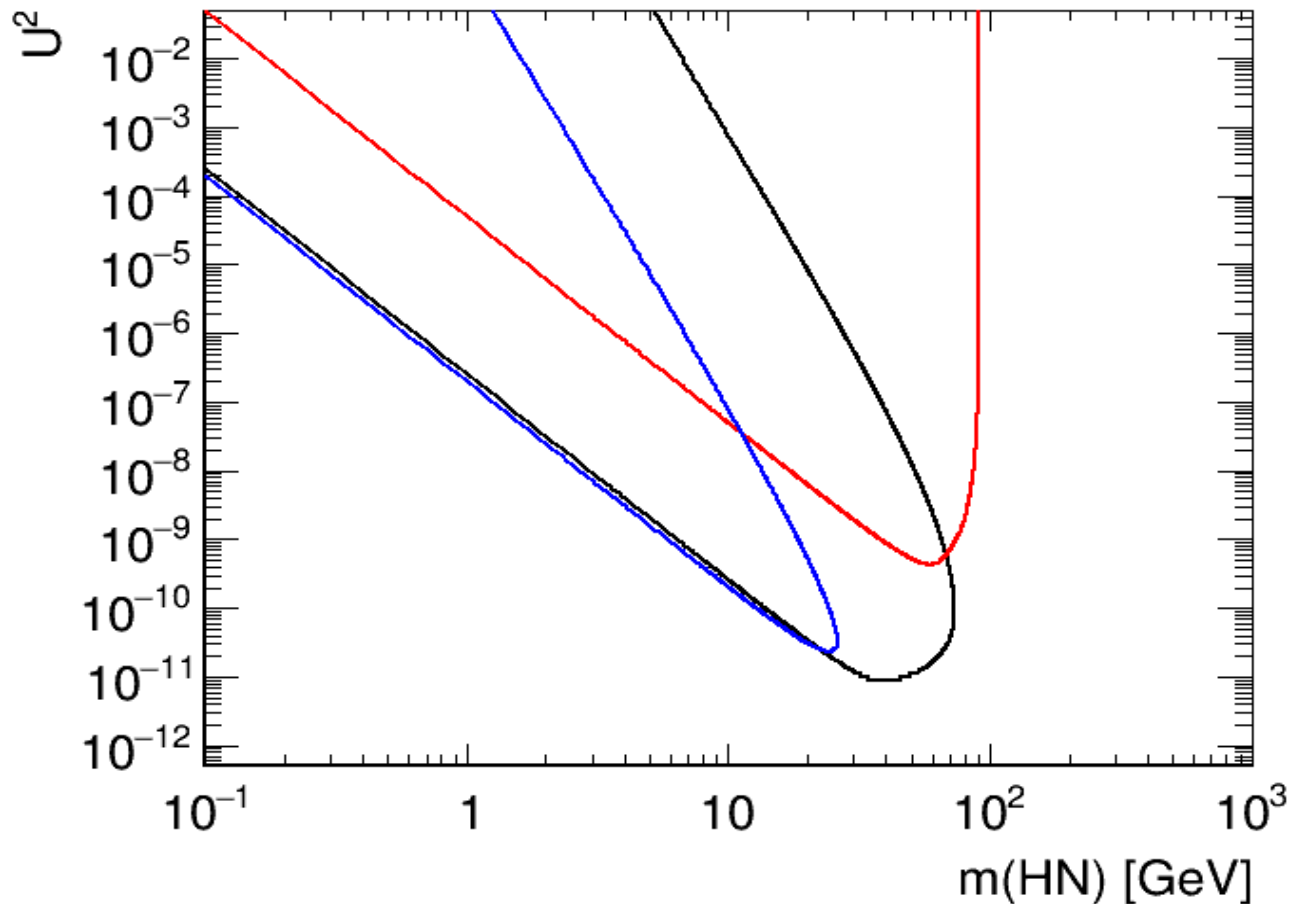
ArXiv:2203.05502



Assume for FCC-ee 5×10^{12} Z produced

Thick green line: approximate CEPC reach

Focus on production rates at FCC-ee 91 GeV



Assume 1 flavour active
 $5 \times 10^{12} Z$ at Z peak
Require **100** events for
prompt decay and
4 events for long-lived

Red: Prompt:

$0 < \lambda < 1 \text{ mm}$

Black: ID decay

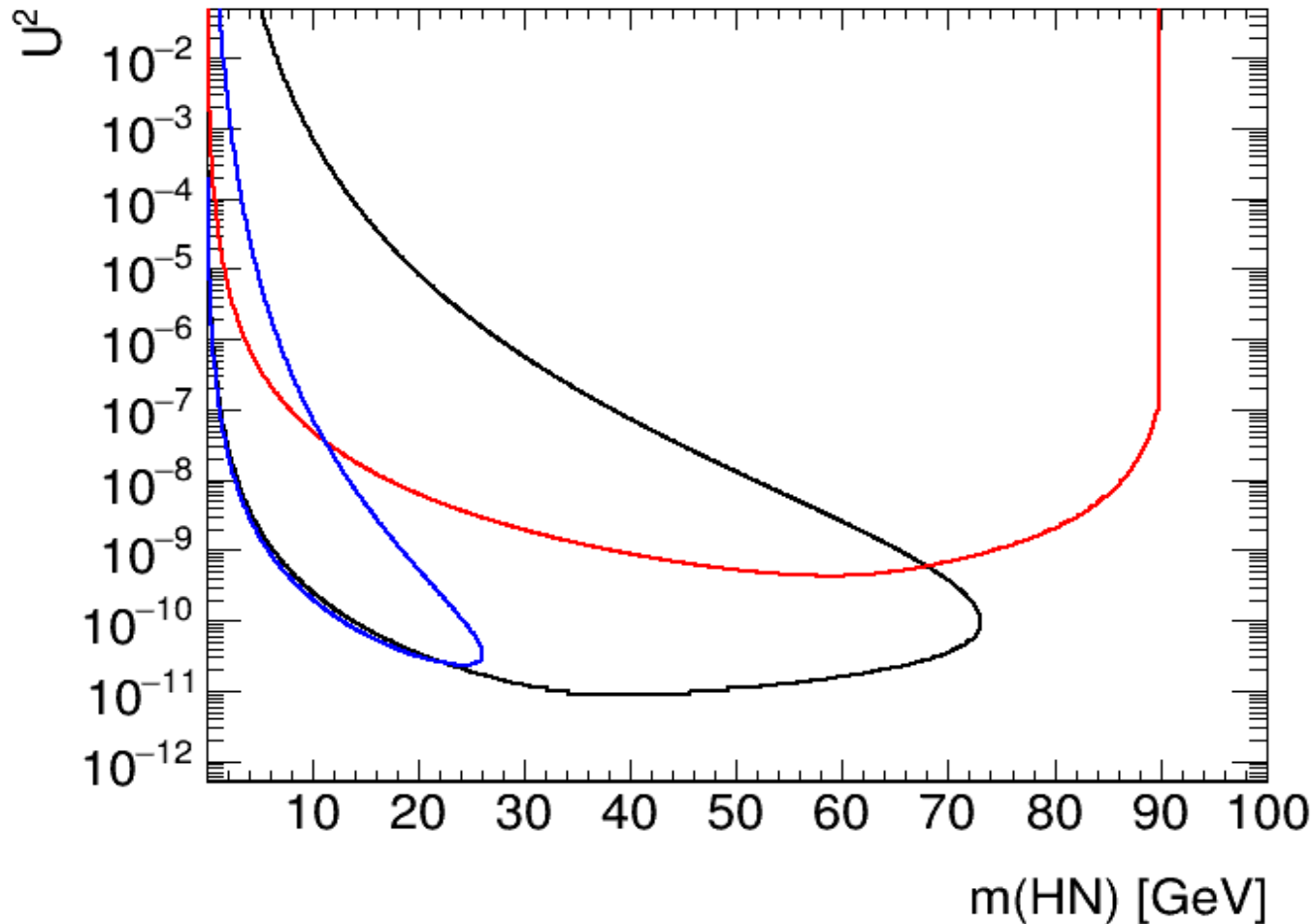
$0.04 < \lambda < 150 \text{ cm}$

Blue: Calo decay

$200 < \lambda < 450 \text{ cm}$

Curves based on the formulas of M. Drewes
arXiv:2210.17110

Linear scale



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Prompt decays dominate for $m_{\text{HNL}} > 70 \text{ GeV}$

Decay signatures

Analysis matrix: for HNL

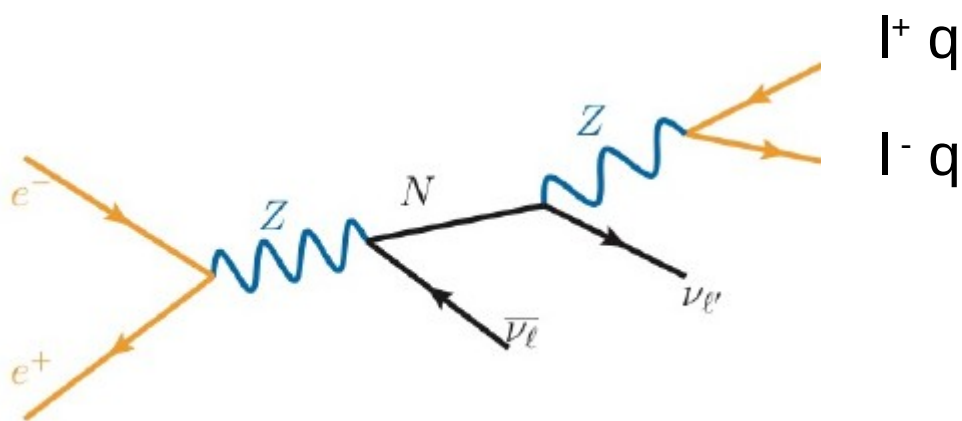
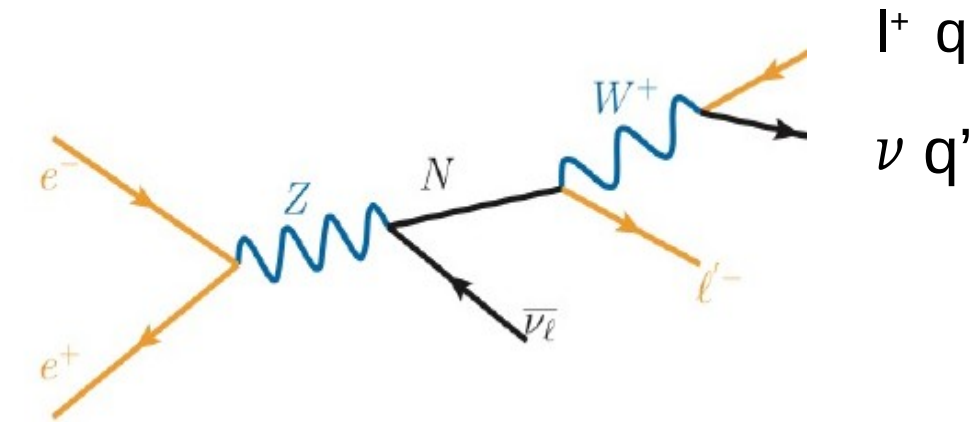
- **Decay final state ($l=e,\mu$):**

- $jjl \sim 50\%$
- $jj\nu \sim 20\%$
- $ll\nu \sim 5\%$
- $ll'\nu \sim 9\%$
- $l\tau\nu \sim 9\%$

(BRs for $m_{\text{HNL}} < 80 \text{ GeV}$)

- **Decay lengths**

- Prompt
- LL decay in ID
- LL decay in Calo



Previous experimental FCC/CEPC studies

FCC: Master thesis by Sissel Bay

Nielsen(Copenhagen 2017)

Two CEPC papers

– arXiv:1903.02570:2jet+lep

m_{HNL} : 10-90 GeV

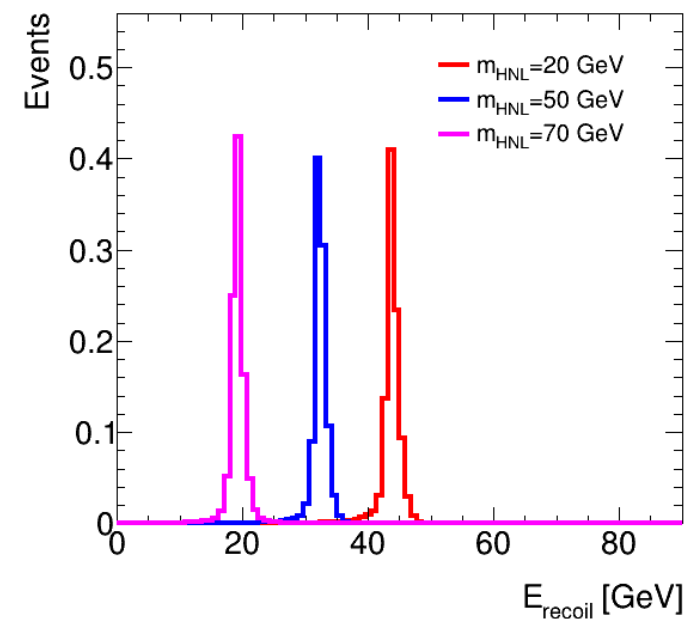
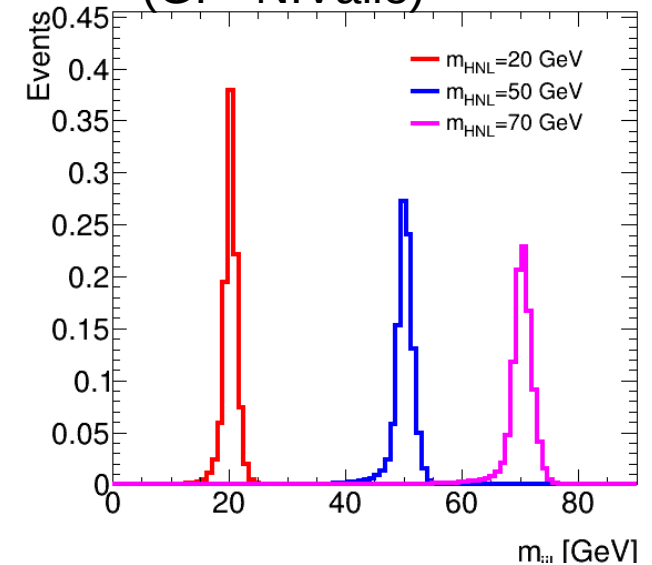
– arXiv:2201.05831 Monojet+lep

m_{HNL} : 3-15 GeV

Concentrate on lepton+jj decays:

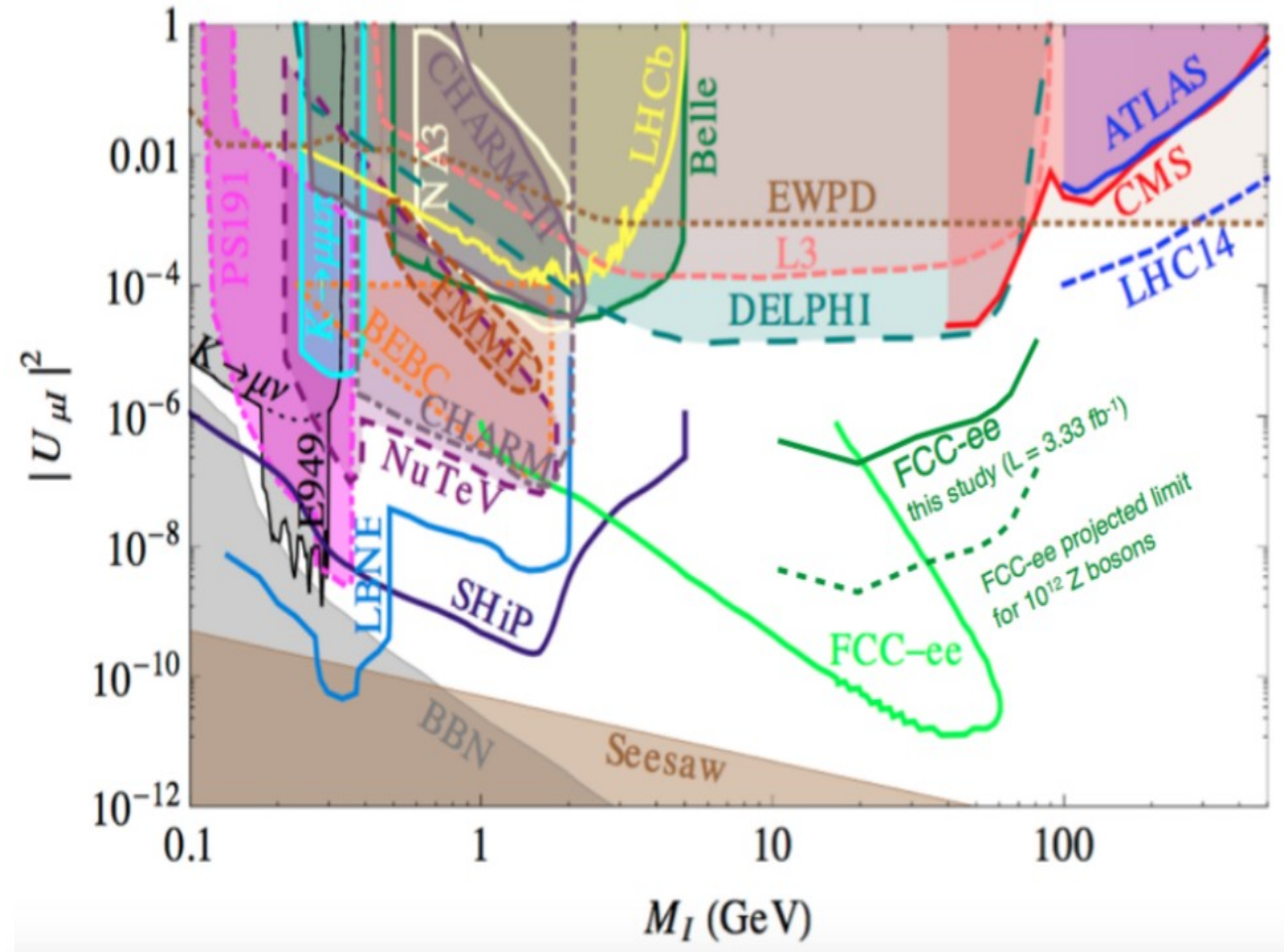
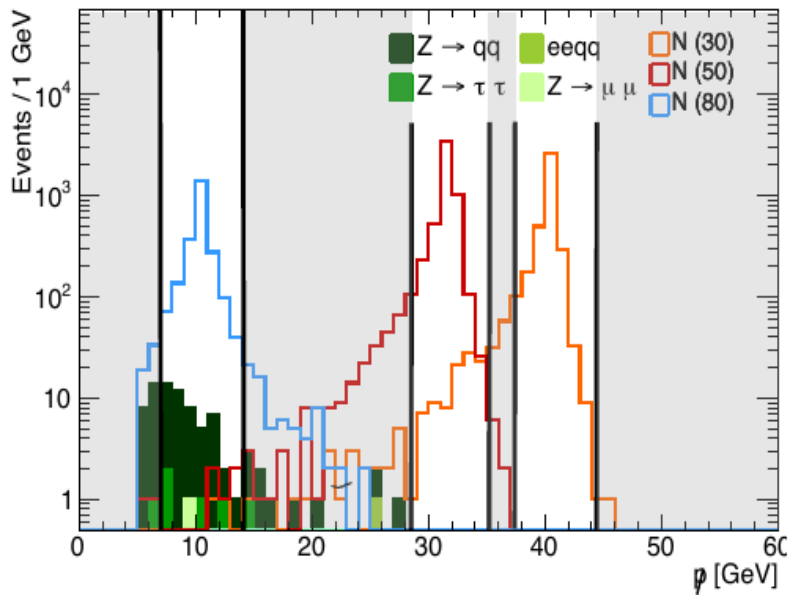
- Highest BR
- Full reconstruction of HNL mass
- Full reconstruction of recoil neutrino

IDEA DELPHES card
(GP+N.Valle)



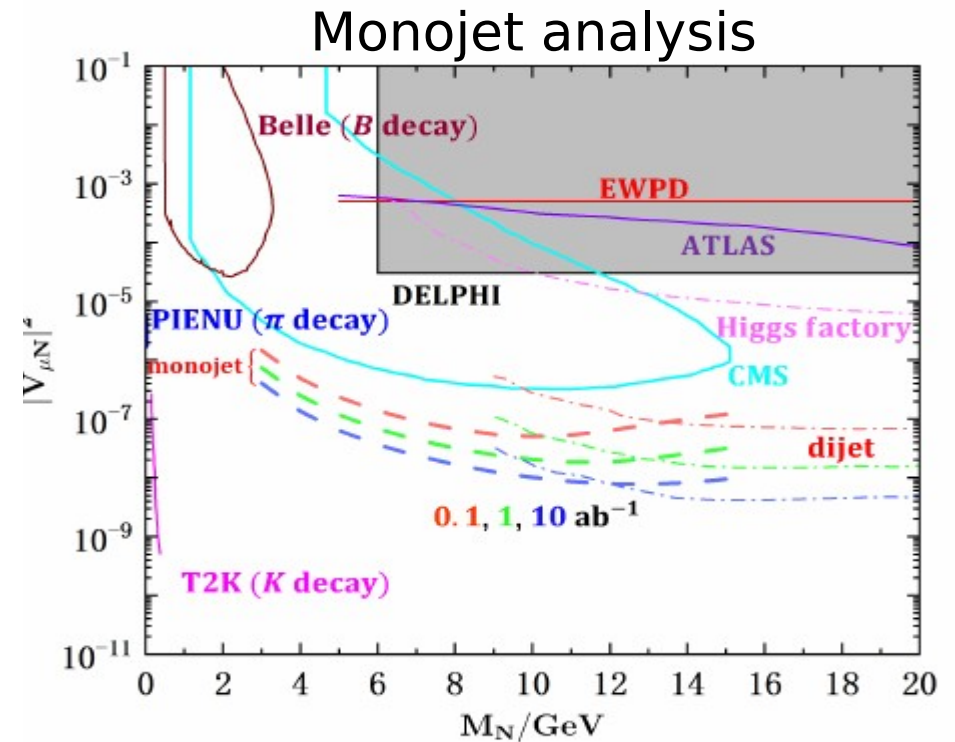
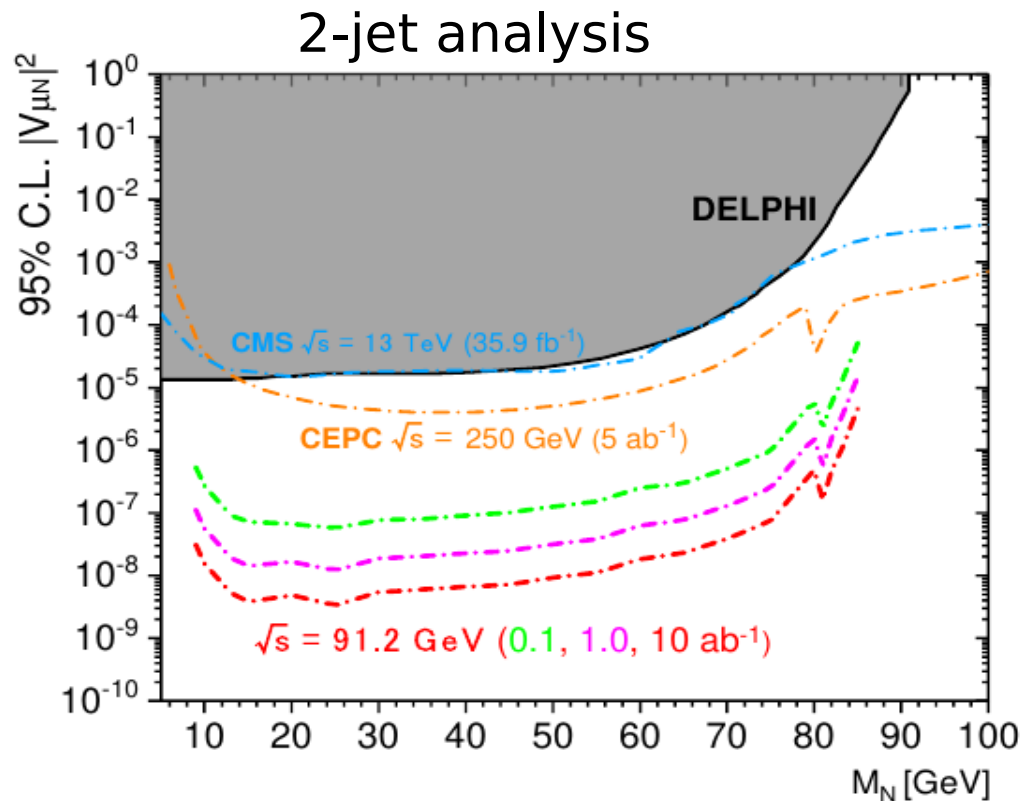
Results (FCC)

Sissel Bay Nielsen's
Master thesis



DELPHES for CLIC detector, μj channel
Study performed for 3.3 fb^{-1} ($10^8 Z$)
Difficult to extrapolate to $5 \times 10^{12} Z$
because of MC statistics

Results (CEPC)



Results both for $e j j$ and $\mu j j$ final state.

All Z decays and 4-fermion backgrounds considered

Main background for monojet analysis $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$

Coverage extended down to 3 GeV

Ongoing work

Framework: FCC PED BSM group (conveners R. Gonzalez Suarez, GP)

Aim: Evaluate coverage of parameter space based on all relevant signatures in FCC conditions based on:

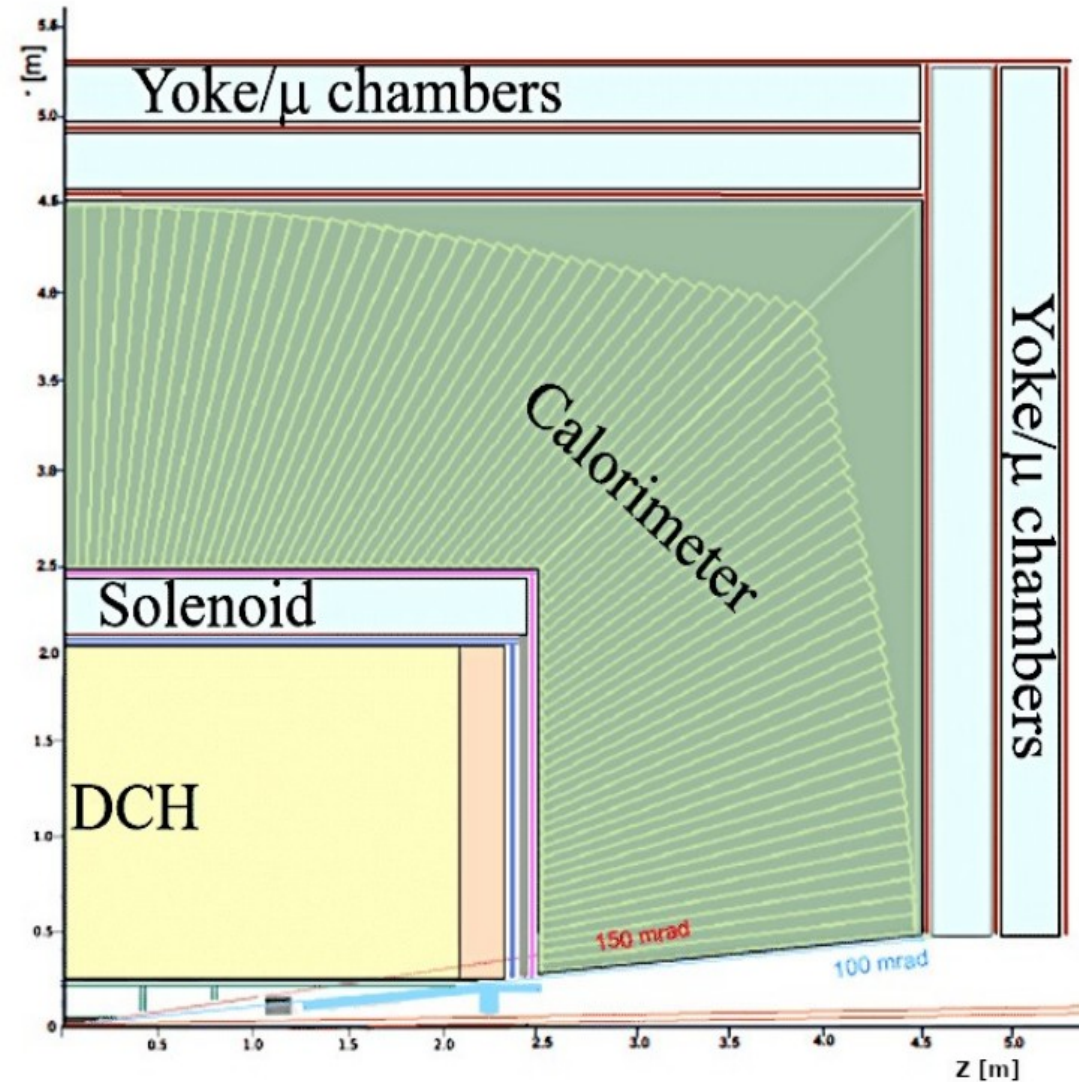
Tools: Official FCC analysis software suite

- Common officially generated background samples
- Signal samples generated with MG5+PY8
- DELPHES parametrised simulation of IDEA Detector
- DELPHES output stored in EDM4HEP format and analysed based on FCC analysis software

For LLP signatures see talk by M. Drewes today and the nice review talk by S. Kulkarni at last FCC physics week in Krakow.

IDEA concept

- ◆ Muon chambers
 - ◆ μ Rwell in the return yoke
- ◆ Dual-readout calorimetry $2\text{ m} / 7 \lambda_{\text{int}}$
 - ◆ Preshower μ Rwell
- ◆ Thin superconducting solenoid
 - ◆ 2 T , 30 cm , $\sim 0.7 X_0$, $0.16 \lambda_{\text{int}}$ @ 90°
- ◆ Transparency for tracking
 - ◆ Si pixel vertex detector
 - ◆ Drift Chamber
 - ◆ Si wrappers (strips)
- ◆ Beam Pipe: $R \sim 1.5\text{ cm}$



FCC-ee / CepC general requirements

- ◆ $\Delta(1/p_T)$
 - ◆ high precision measurement at the end of tracker
- ◆ $\sigma_{r\phi}$
 - ◆ finely segmented vertex detector
- ◆ Challenging requirements for detector materials

Physics process	Measurands	Detector subsystem	Performance requirement
$ZH, Z \rightarrow e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-$ $H \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	$m_H, \sigma(ZH)$ $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$	Tracker	$\Delta(1/p_T) = 2 \times 10^{-5} \oplus \frac{0.001}{p(\text{GeV}) \sin^{3/2} \theta}$
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}/c\bar{c}/gg$	$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow b\bar{b}/c\bar{c}/gg)$	Vertex	$\sigma_{r\phi} = 5 \oplus \frac{10}{p(\text{GeV}) \times \sin^{3/2} \theta} (\mu\text{m})$
$H \rightarrow q\bar{q}, WW^*, ZZ^*$	$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow q\bar{q}, WW^*, ZZ^*)$	ECAL HCAL	$\sigma_E^{\text{jet}}/E = 3 \sim 4\% \text{ at } 100 \text{ GeV}$
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$	ECAL	$\Delta E/E = \frac{0.20}{\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}} \oplus 0.01$

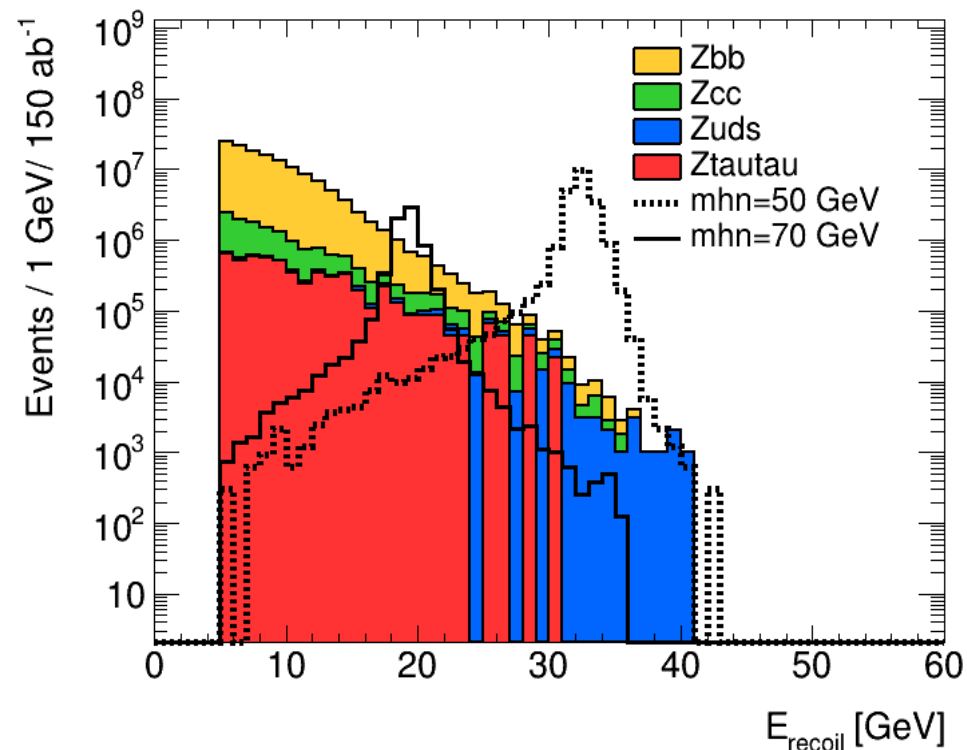
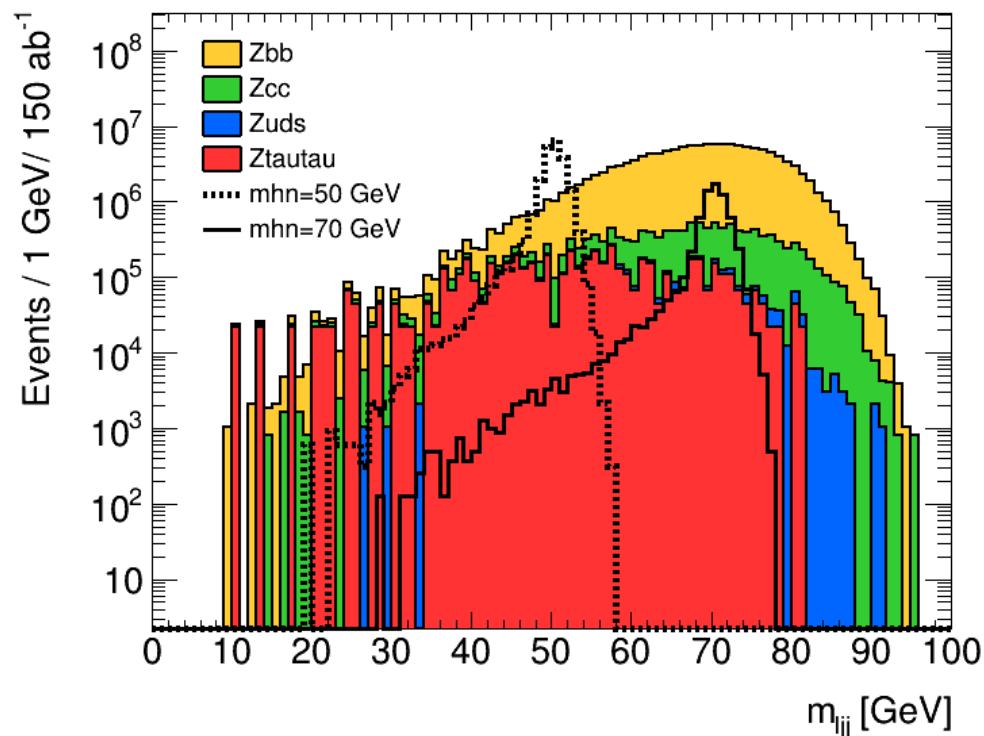
Slide by R.Ferrari

DELPHES setup for Spring 2021:

- Detailed parametrisation of IDEA tracker, including covariance matrices
- Calo resolution: EM 11%/sqrt(E), HAD: 30%/sqrt(E), 1% constant term
- Particle flow approach to jet reconstruction

HN $\rightarrow\mu jj$: preliminary distributions

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Comparison of distributions of m_{jj} and E_{recoil} for signal ($U_2=1e^{-4}$) and all Z decay backgrounds from official Spring 2011 production, after angular selections inspired by the [existing FCC study](#) except cut on impact on mass window

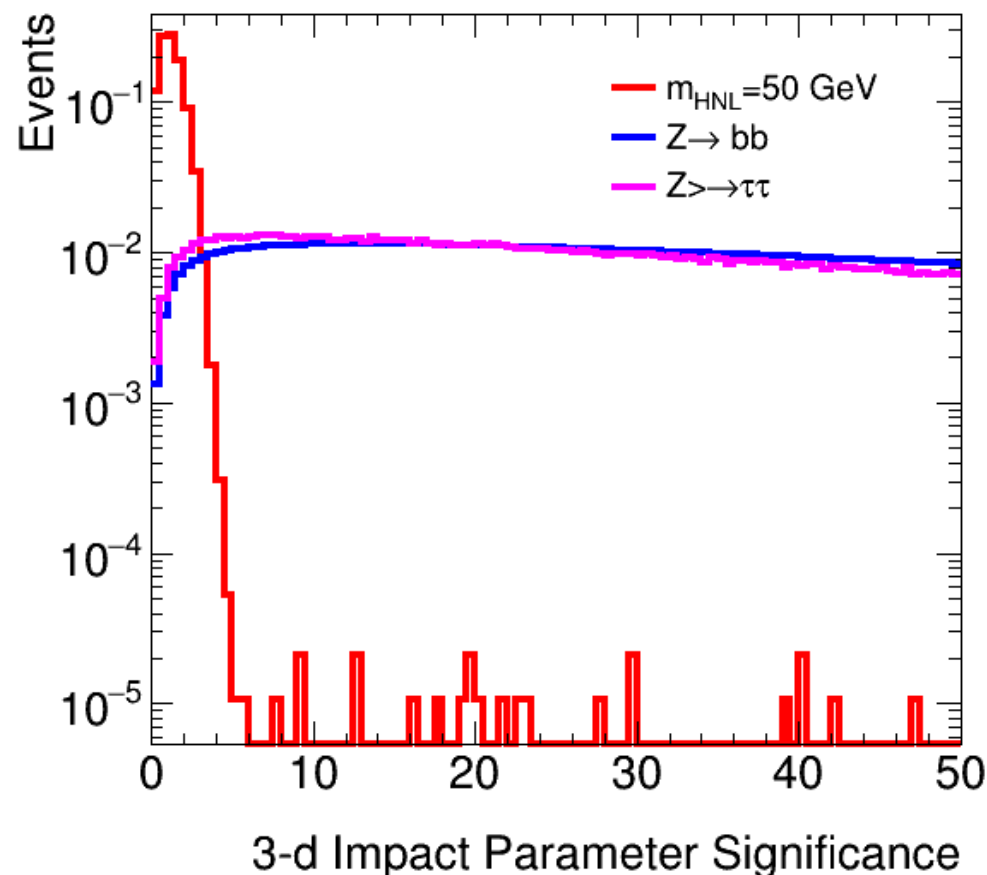
(Z \rightarrow tau tau includes also Z \rightarrow muons)

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HN $\rightarrow\mu jj$: the role of vertex detector

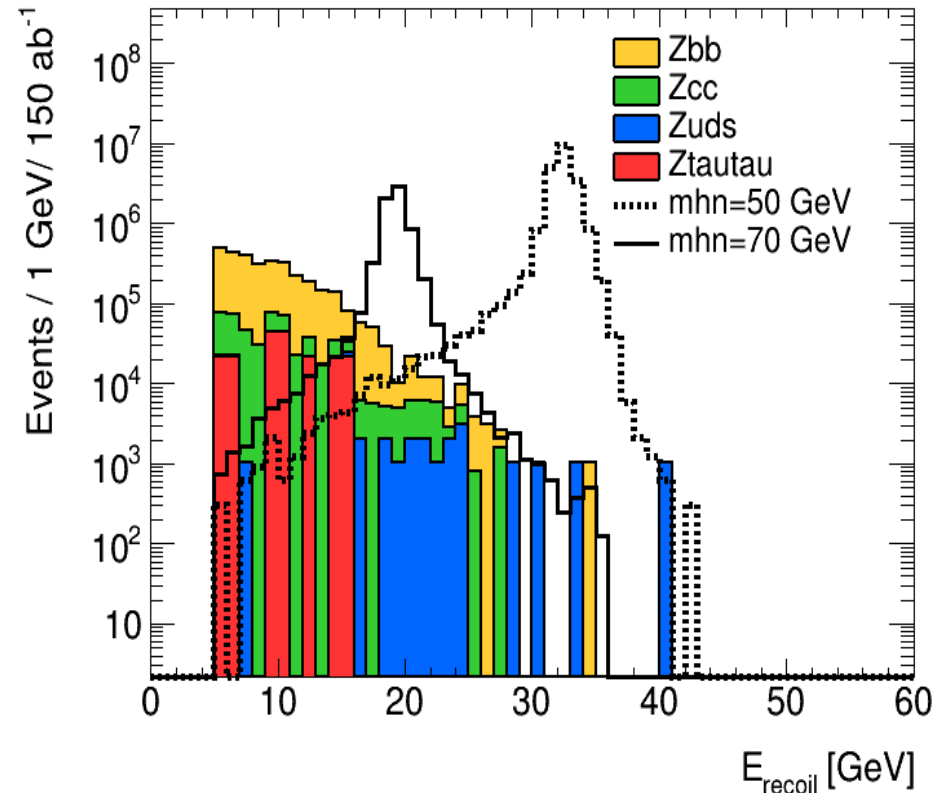
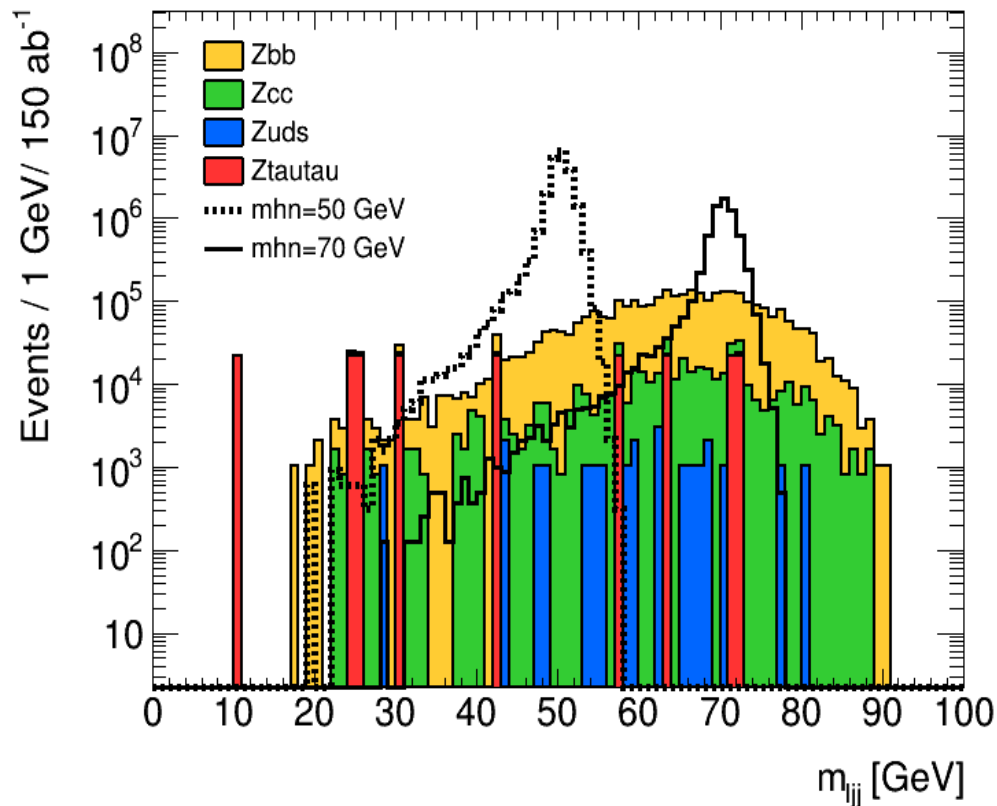
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Very detailed parametrisation of tracking performance of IDEA
Implemented in DELPHES - FCC
Heavily used for LLP studies
For prompt studies, strong rejection of backgrounds from $Z \rightarrow jj$ and $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$ based on cut on impact parameter of muon.
Expect even better rejection when New ML-based b-tagging algorithms in ntuples



After cut on muon impact parameter

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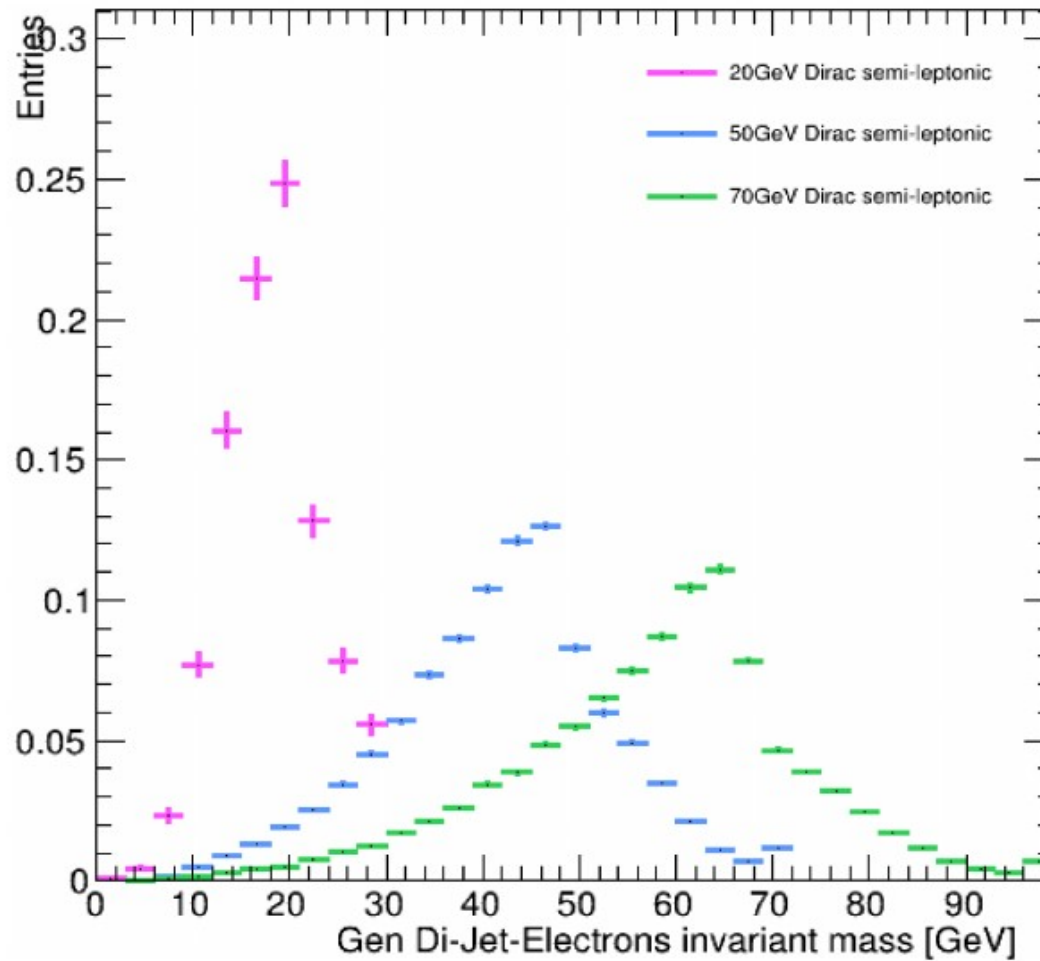


Work in progress to understand the impact of $e^+e^- \rightarrow 4$ fermions, in particular irreducible $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu \nu qq$

HN→ejj: first look at generator level

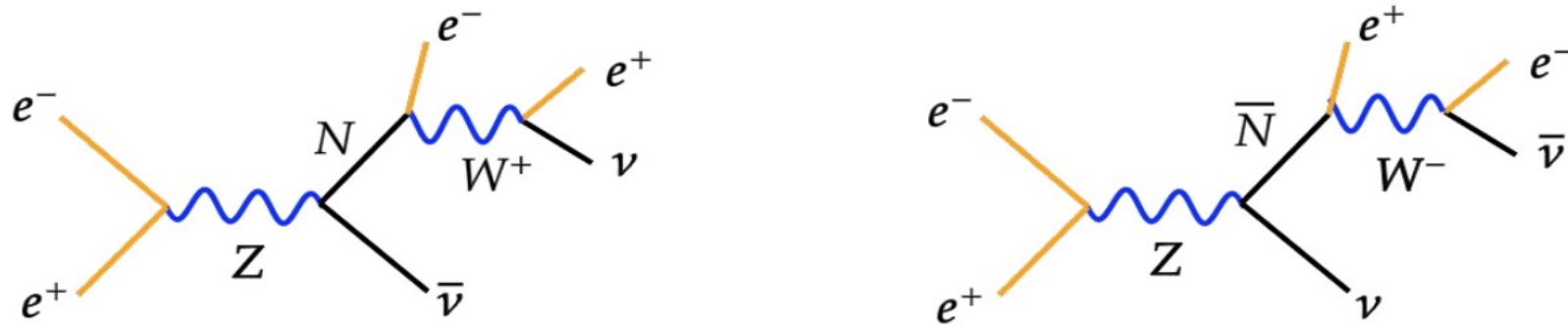
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GEN Level



Dirac versus Majorana

No same-sign lepton signature as for $W \rightarrow l$ HNL, rely on final state kinematics



- Dirac neutrinos ($e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{N}$; $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \bar{\nu}N$)

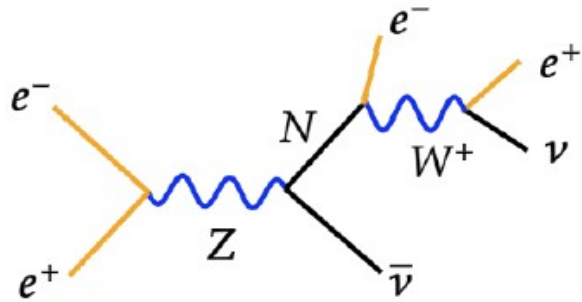
$$\frac{1}{\sigma_{N,\bar{N}}} \frac{d\sigma_{N,\bar{N}}}{d\cos\theta} \propto \left(g_R^2 (1 \mp \cos\theta)^2 + g_L^2 (1 \pm \cos\theta)^2 + \frac{M_N^2}{m_Z^2} (g_L^2 + g_R^2) \sin^2\theta \right)$$

- Majorana neutrinos ($e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \nu N$)

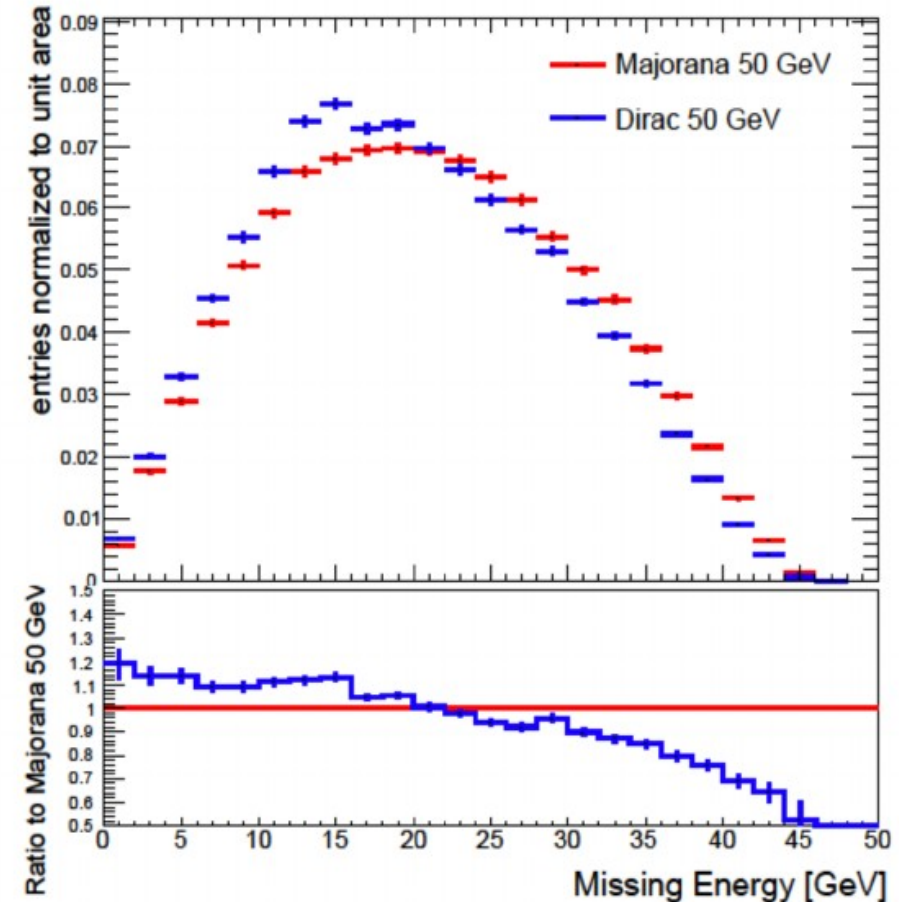
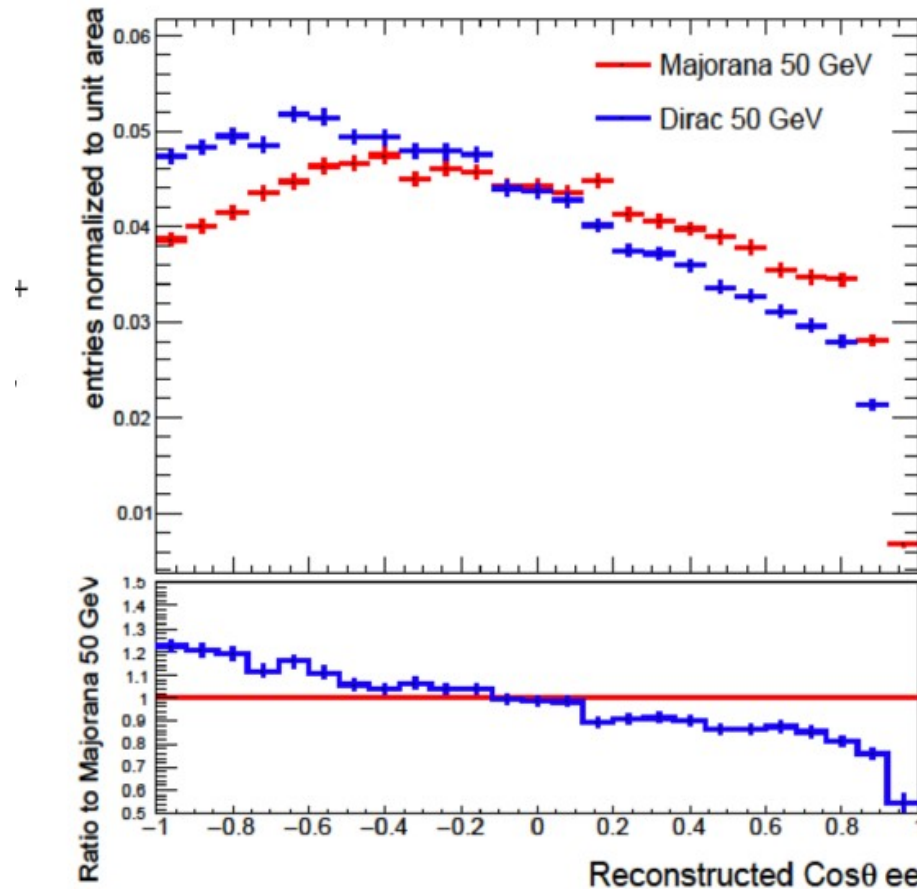
$$\frac{1}{\sigma_N} \frac{d\sigma_N}{d\cos\theta} \propto \left(1 + \cos^2\theta + \frac{M_N^2}{m_Z^2} \sin^2\theta \right)$$

Relevant both for prompt and LLP, LLP has additional handle in lifetime

Dirac versus Majorana: $HNL \rightarrow e^+e^- \nu$

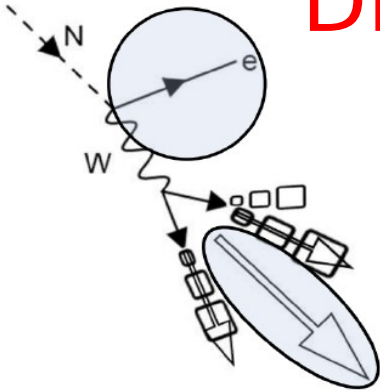


Define final state variables for which difference Dirac-Majorana can be observed.



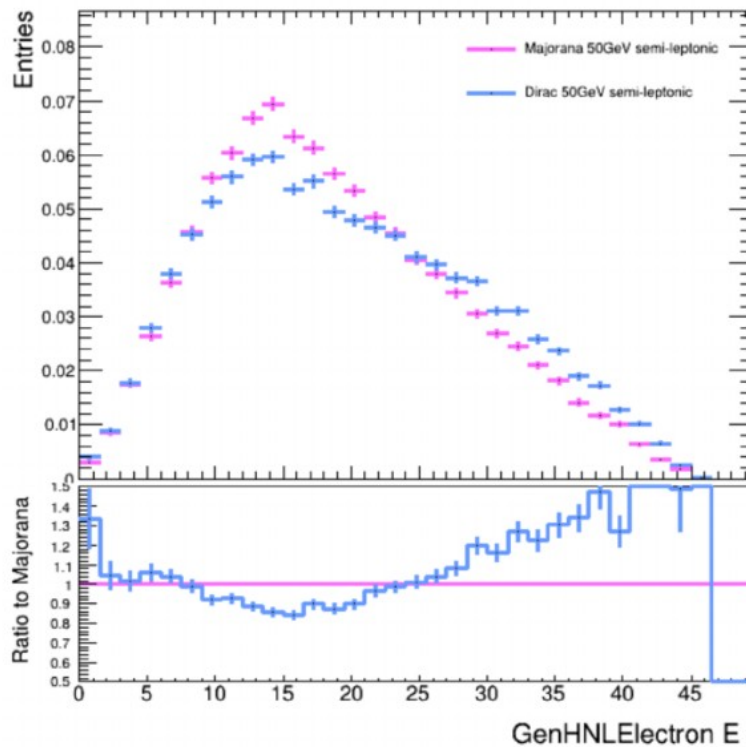
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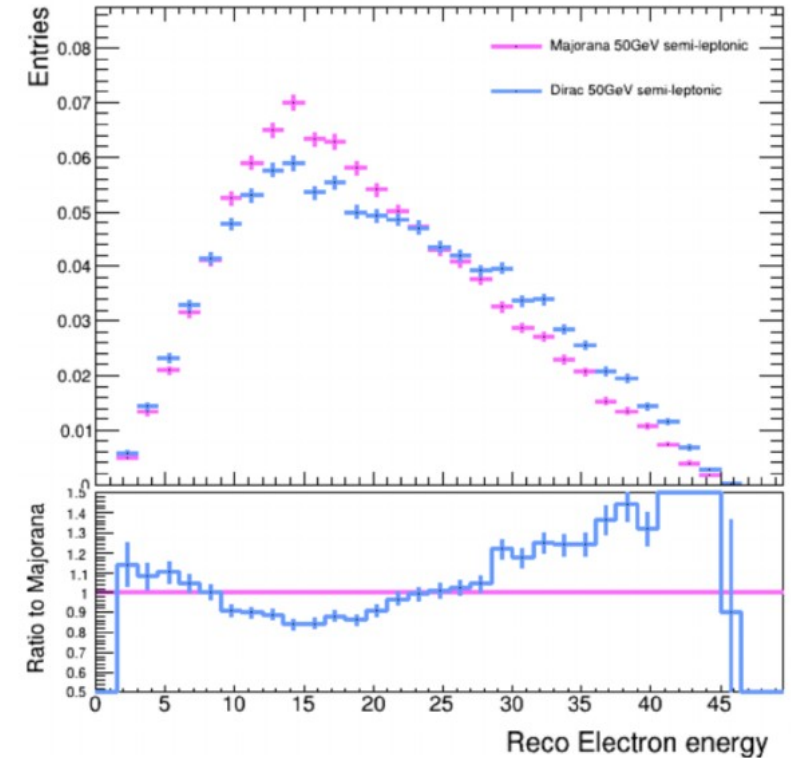


Ongoing study: define variables at generator level, verify that discrimination power remains at reco level (DELPHES)

GEN Level



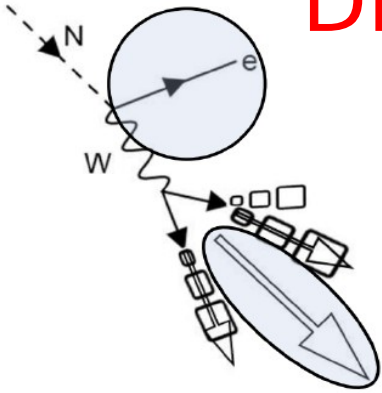
RECO Level



Electron energy promising both at generator and reco level

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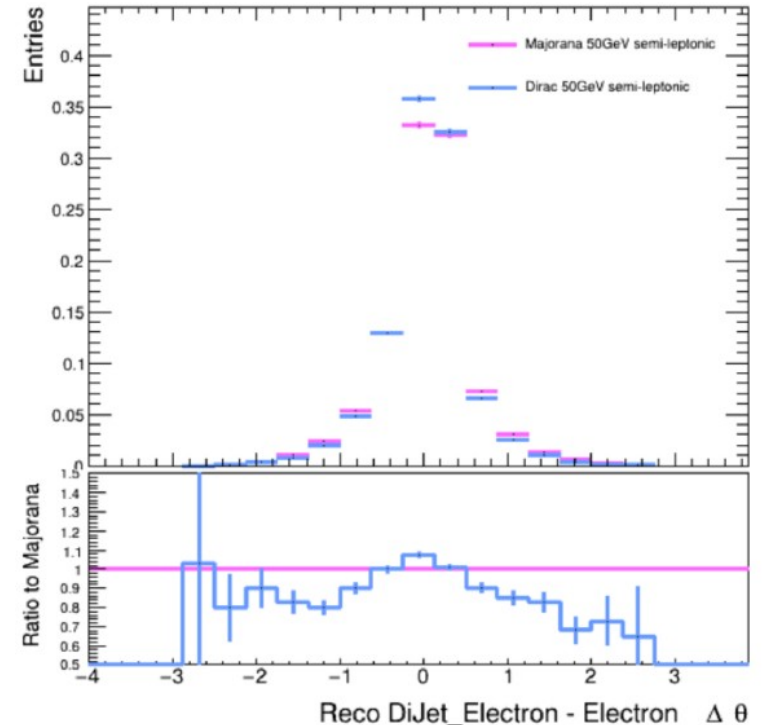
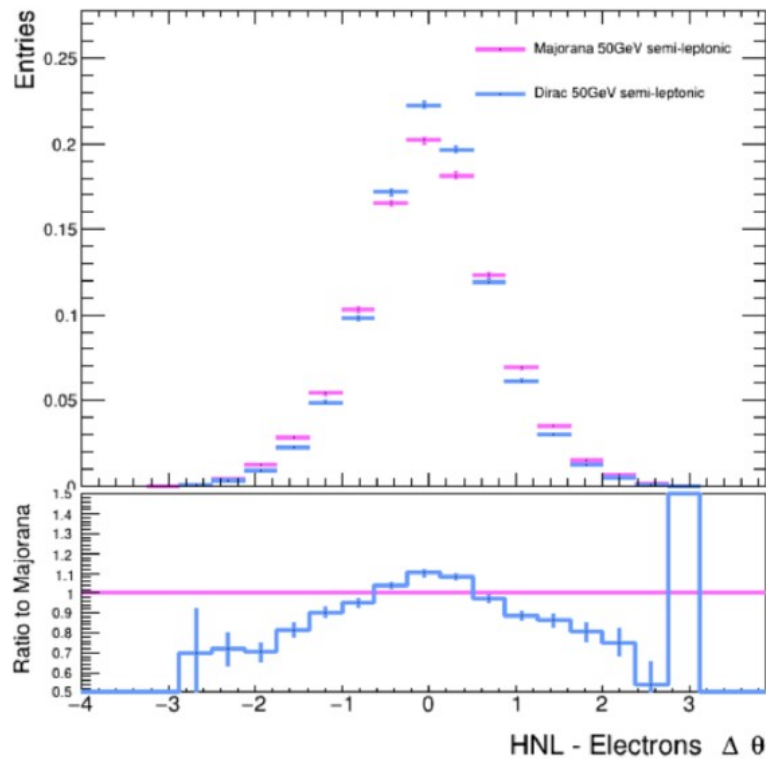
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GEN Level

RECO Level



Other variable: angle between electron and HN

Conclusions

HNL production is a flagship BSM physics channel for FCC-ee

Coverage of very small mixing angles allowed by high statistics at the Z pole

Complementary role of prompt and LLP signatures in covering relevant parameter space

Lively activity in PED FCC BSM group to explore the most sensitive signatures both for prompt and LLP

Promising studies ongoing for discrimination of Dirac and Majorana HNLs

Backup

Group organisation

Exp Conveners:

Rebeca Gonzalez-Suarez, GP

MC contact: Sarah Williams

Indico category:

<https://indico.cern.ch/category/5664/>

Very active **LLP group** chaired by Juliette Alimena (~10-15 people) with bi-weekly working meetings

Working on developing critical mass for prompt signatures

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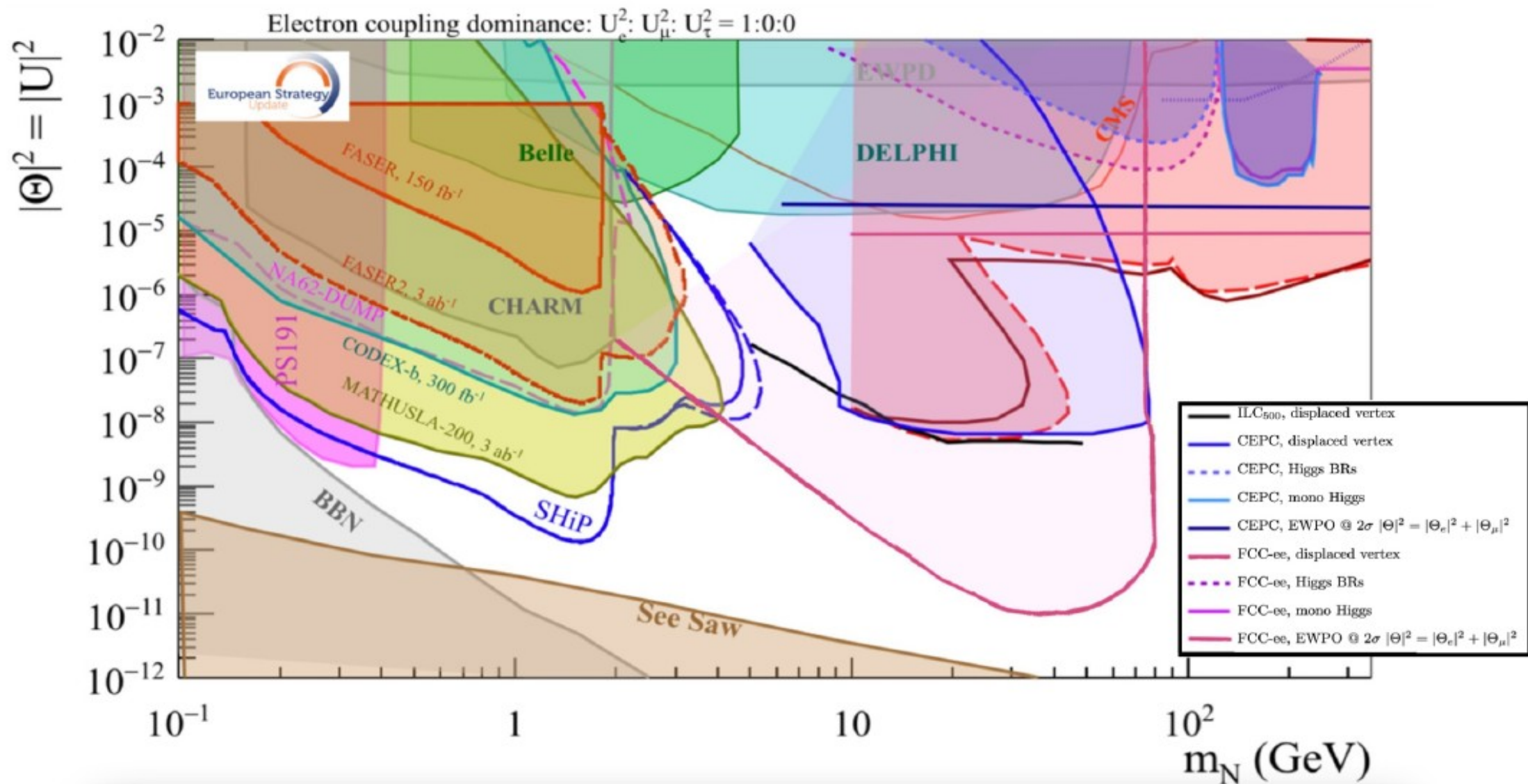
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Limitation of approx formula

HNL width in arXiv:2210.1711 calculated as

$$\Gamma_N \simeq c_{\text{dec}} \frac{a}{96\pi^3} U^2 M^5 G_F^2$$

with $a \sim 12$ for $m < m(Z)$

Performed width calculation with MG5

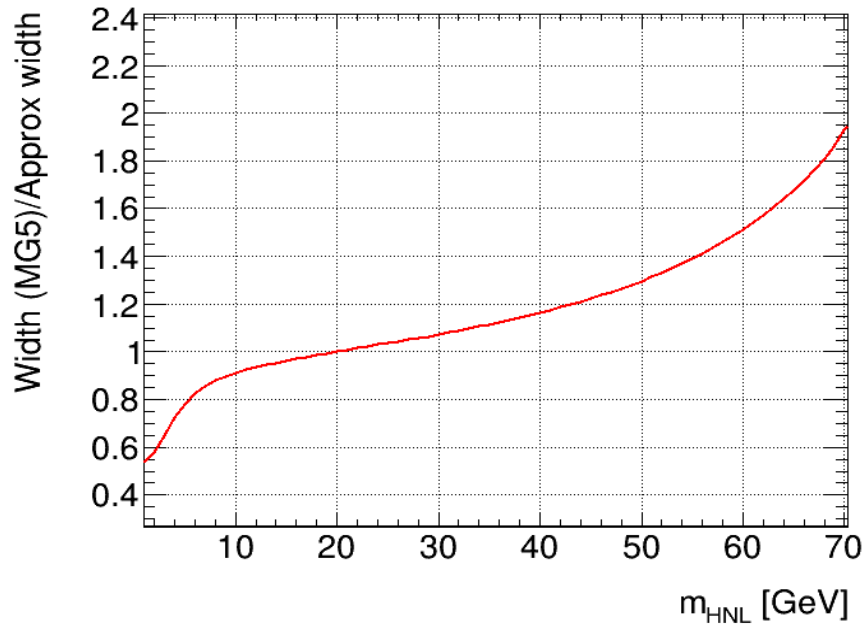
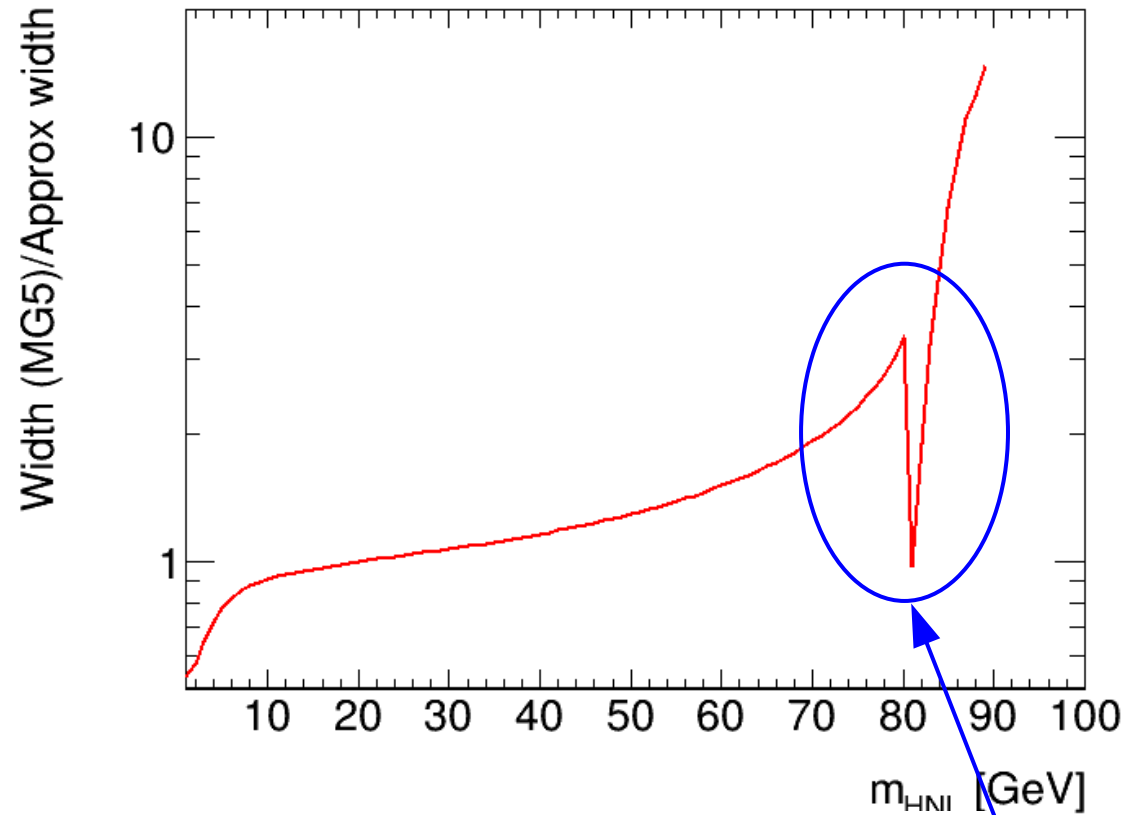
Difficulty in negotiating the switch from 3-body to 2-body HNL \rightarrow WI

Perfect agreement for $M_{\text{HN}}=20$ GeV

Disagreement \sim factor 2

for $M_{\text{HN}}=70$ GeV

No big difference on log-log plot



HNL $\rightarrow\mu jj$ prompt analysis: preliminary cuts

Preselection:

- $\geq 1\mu$, $e > 3$ GeV
- ≥ 3 tracks
- $E_{\text{miss}} > 5$ GeV

Selections

- 2 jets with energy > 3 GeV and mass > 0.2 GeV
- $-0.94 < \cos(\theta_{\text{miss}}) < 0.94$
- $\cos(\theta_{lm}) < 0.8$
- $-0.8 < \cos(\theta_{jj}) < 0.98$
- $\max(\cos(\theta_{j_{1l}}), \cos(\theta_{j_{2l}})) < 0.8$