Deciphering the Secrets of the Long-Lived Particles at the Colliders

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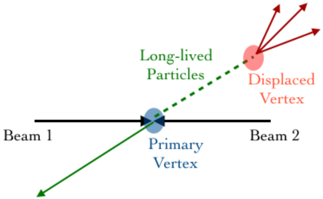
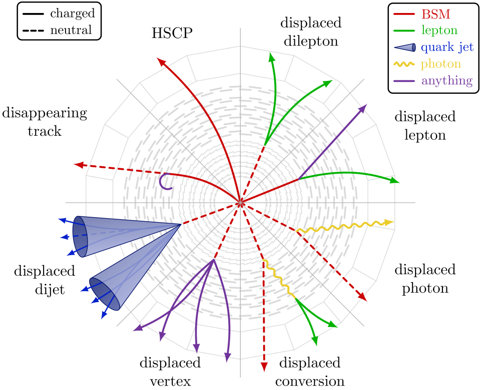


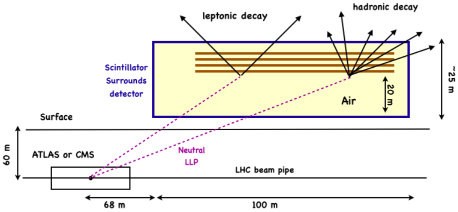
- Production vertex is different from the decay vertex.
- $\frac{1}{\tau} = \Gamma \propto g^2 |\mathcal{M}|^2 \Phi$, which can be small due to:
  - small couplings
  - heavy intermediary particles
  - limited phase space due to compressed spectrum

LLP signatures: what and where to look for?



[https://tikz.net/bsm_longlived]

- Most signatures can be detected in the existing/conventional detectors like CMS and ATLAS.
- For longer lifetimes, dedicated detectors like MATHUSLA and FASER can be handy.



[Alpigiani et al, 2009.01693 [physics.ins-det]]

We will deal with three different Fermionic LLP scenarios in this talk.
For a scalar LLP analysis, you are welcome to check out the poster stand 029 (Indico Contribution ID 108)

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$$M_{Z_{B-L}} = 2g_{BL}v_{BL}, \qquad \text{where,} \quad <\chi>= \frac{v_{BL}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- Majorana masses of RHNs can also be generated spontaneously via the breaking of $U(1)_{B-L}$ gauge symmetry:

$$M_N = \lambda_N \frac{v_{BL}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- Light SM neutrino masses are generated by Type-I seesaw mechanism when Φ gets vev:

$$m_\nu = \frac{Y_N^2 v^2}{2M_N}, \qquad \text{where,} \quad <\Phi>= \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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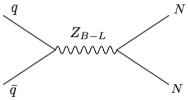

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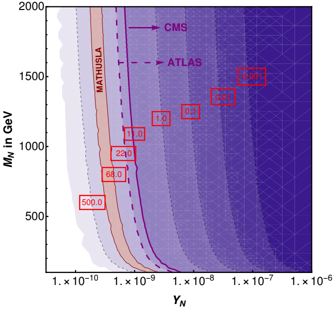

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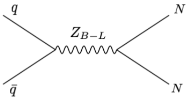

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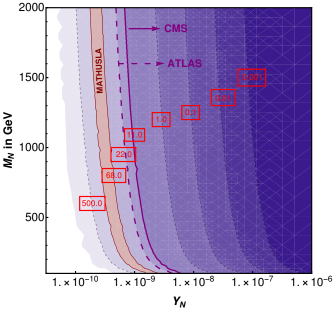

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  - Most dominant final states come from the $N \to W^{\pm}\ell^{\mp}$ mode.
  - For lower masses and higher boost, W-jets are collimated to one (fat) jet.
  - Lower masses: $2\ell + 2j$ (also contributed from $N \to Z\nu$). Higher masses: $2\ell + 4j$.
  - All these decay products are displaced.

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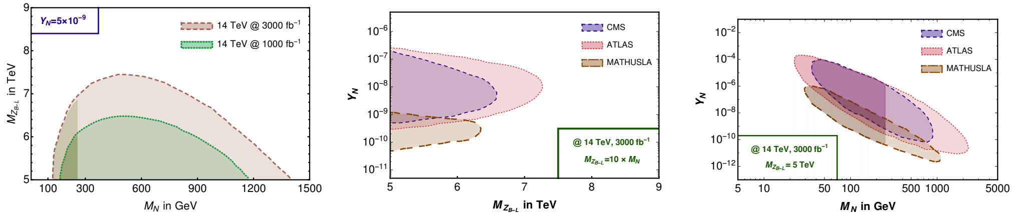
- Reach plots for 14 TeV LHC



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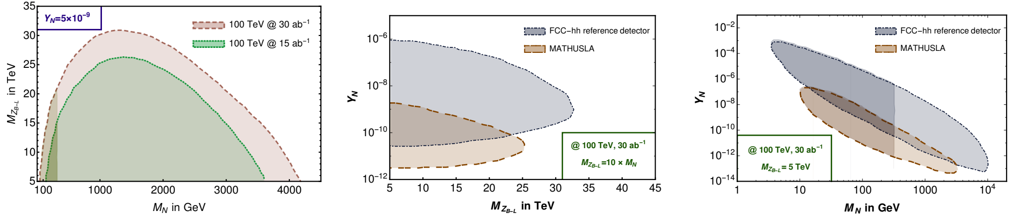

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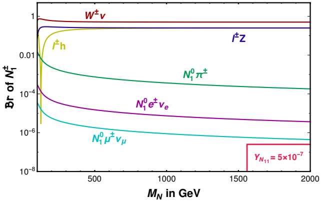

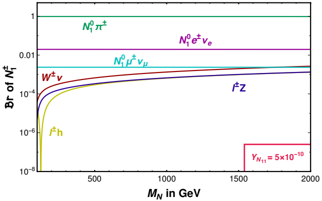

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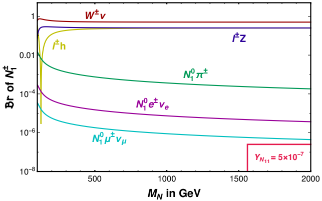

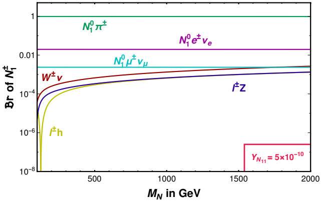

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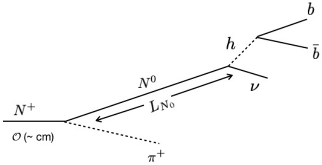

- First recoil: Decay length of $N^\pm$ is $\mathcal{O}(5\,)$cm.
- Second recoil: Decay length of N^0 depends on Y_N.

A displaced double recoil is predicted.

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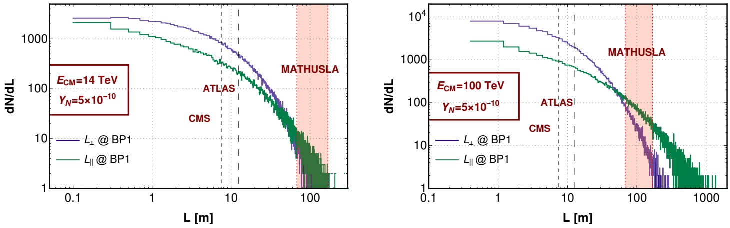

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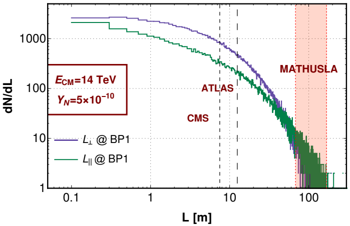

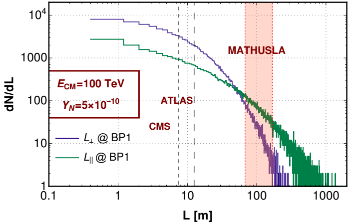

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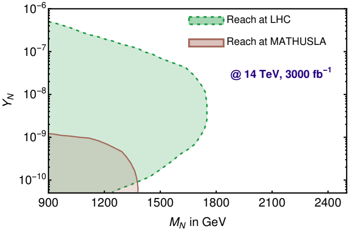

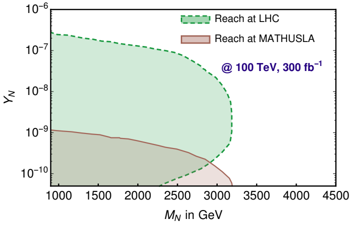

- The regions contain at least one displaced Higgs boson reconstructed from di-b-jet invariant mass.
- Yukawa couplings $\gtrsim 10^{-9}$ is out of the reach of MATHUSLA.

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Extension with Non-zero Hyper-charged $SU(2)$ Triplet Fermions

Description	Field definition	Gauge charges			
		$SU(3)_C$	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$	Z_2
Vectorlike lepton (VLL)	$N = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{N^-}{\sqrt{2}} & N^0 \\ N^{--} & -\frac{N^-}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$	1	3	-1	$-$
Scalars	$\Phi_1 = (\phi_1^+ \ \phi_1^0)^T$	1	2	1/2	$+$
	$\Phi_2 = (\phi_2^+ \ \phi_2^0)^T$	1	2	1/2	$-$

- Cannot write a Majorana mass term for $Y = -1$ triplet fermion: hence, assigned vector-like.
- For the vector-like fermions, the left- and right- handed components transforms the same way, making the mass term invariant, independent of the Higgs field.

- Scalar potential:

$$V_{\text{scalar}} = -m_{\Phi_1}^2 \Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1 - m_{\Phi_2}^2 \Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2 + \lambda_1 (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1)^2 + \lambda_2 (\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2)^2 + \lambda_3 (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1)(\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2) + \lambda_4 (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2)(\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_1) + \left[\lambda_5 (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2)^2 + h.c\right]$$

- $\mathbb{Z}_2$ odd scalar doublet couples with VLL as

$$\mathcal{L}_{VLL} \supset \left[-\frac{M_N}{2} \overline{N_L} N_R + \mathcal{Y}_N \overline{L_L^e} N_R \Phi_2\right] + h.c.$$

- Non-Majorana with $Y \neq 0$: N^0 couples to Z boson, which forbids fermionic and multi-component DM, owing to large DM-neucleon cross-sections.

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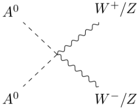
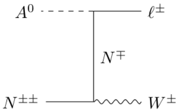
Interplay between IDM and VLL and Boltzmann equations

Convention: Sector 0: SM particles; Sector 1: IDM $[A^0, H^0, H^\pm]$; Sector 2: Inert VLL $[N^0, N^\pm, N^{\pm\pm}]$

Pair-annihilation



Co-annihilation



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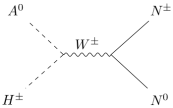
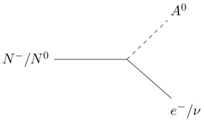


Decay effect



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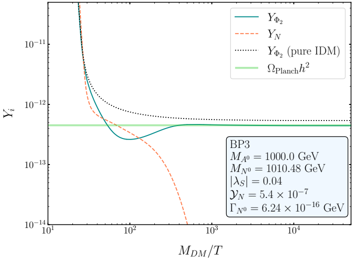

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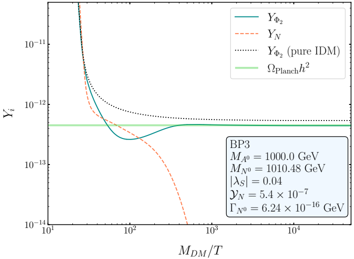

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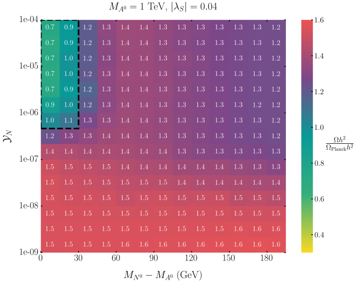

- Lower the Yukawa couplings: less co-annihilation + very late decay of the fermions.
- Higher the mass splitting: less phase space for co-annihilation, that leads to overabundance of DM number density.

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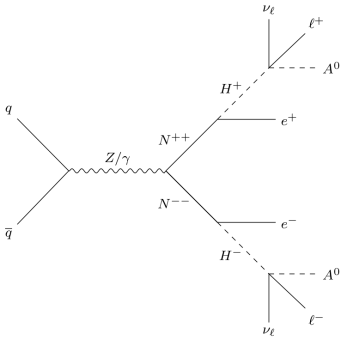

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- Hadronically quiet, displaced multi-lepton final states, with leptons as soft as $\geq$ 5 GeV.

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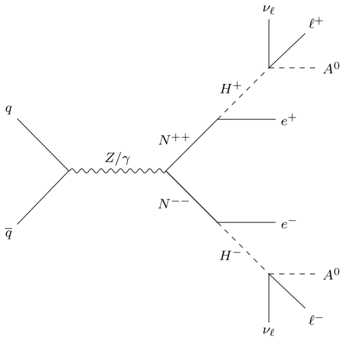

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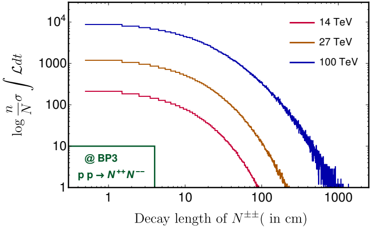
- Hadronically quiet, displaced multi-lepton final states, with leptons as soft as $\geq$ 5 GeV.



- $M_{N^{\pm\pm}} = 1012$ GeV and the corresponding Yukawa coupling $\mathcal{Y}_N = 5.4 \times 10^{-7}$.
  - Total decay width: $\Gamma_{\text{tot}} = 1.34 \times 10^{-15}$ GeV.
  - Rest mass decay length: $c\tau_0 = 15\,\text{cm}$
- Boost effect enhances the decay length; the maximum reach is around 10 m in a 100 TeV FCC-hh.

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Conclusions

- Displaced decays can be used as non-standard searches to probe *new physics* scenarios.
- Displace decays of neutral fermions, i.e. N^0 in case of Type-I Seesaw, and charged fermions in case of Type-III Seesawand VLL can probe the models for the unexplored territory.
- Lower Yukawa couplings and compressed mass spectrum can alter the DM phenomenology as well as can give displaced final state signatures at the colliders.
- Two successive displacements (double recoil) can be observed for triplet extension of SM in case of lower Yukawa couplings ($Y_N \lesssim 10^{-8}$).
- $\mathcal{O}(100)$ m decay lengths can be probed inside MATHUSLA detector.


Thank you

Backup Slides

One generation of RHN with low Yukawa

From the neutrino oscillation data,

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2 \approx 7.42 \times 10^{-5}\,\mathrm{eV}^2$$

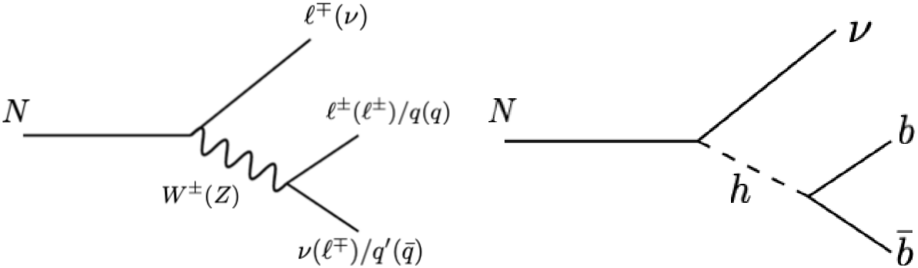
Suppose for one generation of RHN (N_1), the Yukawa coupling is very small, i.e. $Y_{N_1} = 5 \times 10^{-10}$.
Hence, the SM neutrino mass,

$$m_1 = \frac{Y_{N_1}^2 v^2}{2M_{N_1}} = 7.56 \times 10^{-9}\,\mathrm{eV}, \qquad \text{if,} \mathrm{M_{N_1}} = 1\,\mathrm{TeV}$$

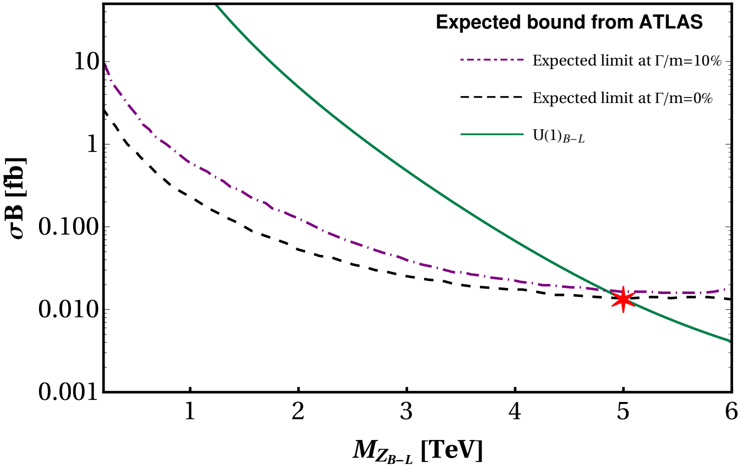
This makes, $m_2 = 8.6 \times 10^{-3}\,\mathrm{eV}$. The corresponding Yukawa coupling, $Y_{N_2} = 7.5 \times 10^{-7}$, which fails to give displaced signature.

Similarly from $\Delta m_{31}^2 = m_3^2 - m_1^2 \approx 2.51 \times 10^{-3}\,\mathrm{eV}^2$, one can calculate $Y_{N_3} = 1.3 \times 10^{-6}$.

Displaced decay of RHNs



$M_{Z_{B-L}}$ bound



Expected bound from ATLAS
Expected limit at Γ/m=10%
Expected limit at Γ/m=0%
U(1)$_{B-L}$
σB [fb]
10
1
0.100
0.010
0.001
1
2
3
4
5
6
$M_{Z_{B-L}}$ [TeV]

Benchmarks for IDM+VLL

BP	M_{A^0} (GeV)	M_{H^0} (GeV)	$M_{H^\pm}$ (GeV)	M_{N^0} (GeV)	M_{N^-} (GeV)	$M_{N^{--}}$ (GeV)	$\mathcal{Y}_N$
BP1	71.57	117.16	84.76	98.25	98.61	99.28	4.2×10^{-9}
BP2	587.6	589.4	588.2	595.5	595.9	596.8	1.1×10^{-7}
BP3	1000.0	1010.5	1001.0	1010.5	1011.0	1011.9	5.4×10^{-7}

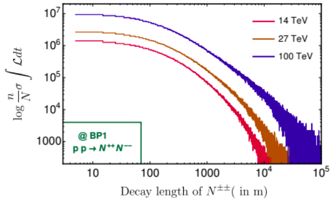
- All of the benchmark points are satisfied by correct relic abundance, direct and indirect detection constraints.
- All of them lead to displaced decays of the VLLs.

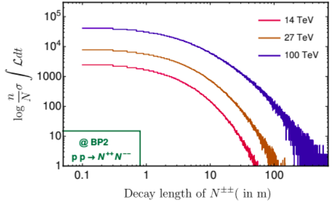
Displaced Decay of $N^{\pm}\pm$ in IDM+VLL

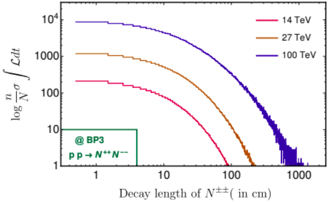
- The decay width and rest mass decay length off $N^{\pm\pm}$ for three benchmark points:

$N^{\pm\pm}$	BP1 $\mathcal{Y}_N = 4.2 \times 10^{-9}$		BP2 $\mathcal{Y}_N = 1.1 \times 10^{-7}$		BP3 $\mathcal{Y}_N = 5.4 \times 10^{-7}$	
	Γ_{tot} (GeV)	$c\tau_0$ (m)	Γ_{tot} (GeV)	$c\tau_0$ (m)	Γ_{tot} (GeV)	$c\tau_0$ (m)
	1.27×10^{-18}	155.42	5.92×10^{-17}	3.33	1.34×10^{-15}	0.15

- The decay length distribution considering the boost effect:







- BP1: β not low enough to be an HSCP. comparatively harder leptons. May reach MATHUSLA.
- BP2: β in the HSCP region, a comparative study in detail can be done.
- BP3: Too heavy, decays before ECal.