# **Exploring the lifetime frontier at the LHC and beyond**

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- Third dimension: lifetime!
- Not well explored at the LHC
- Long lived particle (LLP) searches: very little to no background

- LLP occur when either mass splitting between two particles is small or the coupling is suppressed
- Neutrino masses: Evidence of BSM physics
- Intimately related to new physics at lifetime frontier



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Light neutrino mass

$$
m_{\nu} \approx 0.1 \text{ eV} \left(\frac{Y_{\nu} \langle H \rangle}{100 \text{ GeV}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{10^{14} \text{ GeV}}{M}\right)
$$

• Heavy neutrino lifetime

$$
L_N \approx 0.025~\text{m}\cdot\left(\frac{10^{-6}}{V_{\mu N}}\right)^2\cdot\left(\frac{100~\text{GeV}}{m_N}\right)^5
$$

- Sterile neutrino mass scale M<sub>N</sub> unknown
	- $\approx 10^{14}$  GeV Naive seesaw, GUTs
	- <sup>≿</sup> 109 GeV Thermal leptogenesis  $\leq$   $\approx$  10<sup>3</sup> GeV Production at the LHC Region of interest for this talk
	- $\approx$  1 keV Dark matter candidate
	- $\approx$  1 eV Cscillations, cosmology, 0νββ



Gauge group:  $SU(3)_C$  X  $SU(2)_L$  X  $U(1)_Y$  X  $U(1)_{B-L}$ 

Mohapatra, Marshak (PRL 44 (1980) 13161319 )

- **Characteristics** 
	- Particle content: B-L gauge boson  $(Z')$ , Higgs boson  $(\chi_{B-L})$ , 3 heavy neutrinos (N)
	- Couplings:  $g'_{B-L}$  (B-L coupling),  $\sin\alpha$  ( $\chi_{B-L}$ , Higgs mixing),  $V_{\Lambda}$  (neutrino mixing)
	- Free parameters: 5 masses, 5 couplings (diagonal V<sub>M</sub>)
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#### Higgs sector

$$
\mathcal{L} \supset (D^{\mu}H)^{\dagger} (D_{\mu}H) + (D^{\mu}\chi)^{\dagger} D_{\mu}\chi - \mathcal{V}(H,\chi),
$$
  

$$
\mathcal{V}(H,\chi) = m^2 H^{\dagger} H + \mu^2 |\chi|^2 + \lambda_1 (H^{\dagger}H)^2 + \lambda_2 |\chi|^4 + \lambda_3 H^{\dagger} H |\chi|^2
$$
  

$$
D_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} + ig_s \mathcal{T}_{\alpha} G^{\alpha}_{\mu} + ig T_a W^a_{\mu} + ig_1 Y B_{\mu} + i(\tilde{g}Y + g'_1 Y_{B-L}) B'_{\mu}
$$

Kinetic term

 $\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4} F^{\prime\mu\nu} F^{\prime}_{\mu\nu}$ Abelian hyper-charge and B-L mixing terms set to zero

Right handed neutrino term

 $\mathcal{L} \supset i \overline{\nu_{Ri}} \gamma_{\mu} D^{\mu} \nu_{Ri}$ 

Additional Yukawa terms

$$
\mathcal{L} \supset -y_{ij}^{\nu} \overline{L_i} \nu_{Rj} \tilde{H} - y_{ij}^M \overline{\nu_{Ri}^c} \nu_{Rj} \chi + \text{h.c.}
$$



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Different B-L mass hierarchies lead to different phenomenology





 $M_{Z'}$  must at least be 125 GeV  $\rightarrow$  strong constraints from dilepton searches









Constraints from heavy Higgs searches, EW observables and theory considerations





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Constraints from heavy Higgs searches, EW observables and theory considerations









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Neutrino portal





- Prompt lepton requirement
- Several probes for heavy neutrinos (aka heavy neutral leptons; HNL)
- Intensity frontier typically covers low masses; small mixing angles
- Limit plot corresponds to HNL production via SM mediators, B-L charges not taken into account
- At the LHC, same sign leptons from production (decays) of heavy neutrinos via SM W boson
- Current LHC limits weak, rapidly changing situation



Neutrino portal





- Build FCC!
- Heavy neutrino phenomenology at LHC necessitates exploration at lifetime frontier
- For neutrino masses  $\approx 100$ 's of GeV, V<sub>uN</sub>  $\approx 10^{-6} \rightarrow L_N \approx 25$ mm
- Problem:  $V_{\mu N}$  suppression  $\rightarrow$  have higher luminosity
- Neutrino mass of order 10 GeV,  $V_{\mu N} \approx 10^{-6}$ ,  $L_N \approx 100$ m, decays outside of the  $LHC \rightarrow$  build bigger detectors; several proposals exist



#### LLP searches basics



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 $P_{\text{decay}}(bc\tau, L_1, L_2) = e^{-\frac{L_1}{bc\tau}} - e^{-\frac{L_2}{bc\tau}}$  $\begin{array}{lll} \approx & \dfrac{L_2-L_1}{bc\tau} \hspace{1.0cm} & \textrm{for} \ (L_2-L_1) \ll bc\tau \end{array}$ 

• Boost depends on production mechanism and mass hierarchy between progenitor and decay product

 $N_{obs} \approx (\sigma_{sig}^{LHC} \mathcal{L}) \epsilon_{LLP}^{detector} n_{LLP} \epsilon_{geometric} P_{decay} (\bar{b}c\tau, L_1, L_2)$ 

• Geometric acceptance depends on the distance and geometry of the detector





# Proposed lifetime frontier detectors







Approved experiment





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Deppisch et al, JHEP 1808 (2018) 181





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- Current constraints on the Z' masses come from LHC as well as fixed target experiments
- Reinterpretation of LHC SM searches done via CONTUR





#### Some simple estimates



- Significant Z' production cross section
- BR( $Z' \rightarrow N N$ ) ~ 8% (per specie)
- Branching ratio N to at least one muon final state between 10 to 30%
- Typical HNL decay lengths ( $V_{\mu N} \approx 10^{-6}$ ): O(100) m
- Potential for good reach in neutrino mixing angle at future facilities
- Concentrate on final state containing muons



#### Why muons?



- Electrons: absorbed in calorimeter (Electrons in muon system can appear as noise)
- Taus: decay, penalty due to tau branching fraction, challenging at LHC
- Jets: Not good resolution, larger trigger requirements compared to leptons
- Muons:
	- Excellent efficiencies for a large part
	- Lower background compared to hadrons
	- NB: situation is different for highly displaced muons

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- Model implementation in MadGraph
- Decays and hadronization using Pythia8
- No detector simulation
- Final states under considerations:
	- LHCb:  $p p \rightarrow N N \rightarrow N \mu j j$
	- General purpose LHC:  $p p \rightarrow N N \rightarrow N \mu \nu \nu$
	- MATHUSLA, FASER, CODEX-b:  $p$   $p \rightarrow N N$
- Cuts:
	- $L_z = 480$ m,  $L_d = 1.5$ m, 5m, R = 1m, 5m [FASER]
	- L<sub>z</sub>~30 60m, L<sub>x</sub>~4 15m, L<sub>y</sub>~-10 10m [MAPP<sup>\*</sup>]
	- L<sub>x</sub> =  $-100$ ~100m L<sub>v</sub>= 100~120m, L<sub>z</sub> = 100~300m [MATHUSLA]







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- For LHCb, use µjj final state; CMS µµv
- For other detector any final state allowed
- Look at the decay of only one heavy neutrino
- Apply some minimal cuts on the  $p_T$  and |  $\eta$  of final state particles
- Assume all neutrino decays within the detector volume are detected
	- Nice interplay of boost and lifetime
- Detector of maximal interest: **MATHUSLA**
- ATLAS/CMS trigger requirements too high





#### Deppisch, Kulkarni, Liu arXiv:1908.11741







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 $g_{B-L}$  sin $\alpha$ 

- New channels to probe
- FSR process usually most attractive for  $L_{\mu}$  - $L_{\tau}$  models, included here for completion
- Both CMS and ATLAS search for 4 muon final state, interpretations usually in NMSSM or dark photon scenarios
- Higgs and Z' mediated heavy neutrino production still a possibility





- In B-L model the term responsible for generating Z' mass is also responsible for mediating SM - B-L interactions
- $\cdot$  Z' lifetime also controlled by  $g_{B-L}$ .
- This is not the case for dark photon models, mass generated by dark Higgs also mediated interactions
- Lifetime of  $Z_D$  controlled by mixing parameter  $\varepsilon$



#### Z' Cross section and lifetimes









#### **• ATLAS-EXOT-2016-22 (13 TeV, 36.1 fb-1):**

- Analysis for Higgs decays to pair of dark photons
- Searches for  $Z_D$  decays to pair of electrons or muons
- Presents fiducial cross sections and limits on Higgs  $Z_D$  branching fraction
- $Z_D$  mass between 1 to 60 GeV

#### **• CMS-HIG-18-003 (13 TeV, 35.9 fb-1):**

- Searches for pair production of light bosons
- Considers NMSSM models
- Also sensitive to moderate displacements  $L_{xy}$  < 10 cm
- Presents fiducial cross sections and model specific limits
- $-$  Z<sub>D</sub> mass between 0.25 to 8.5 GeV







# 'Effective' coupling constraints



- For Higgs mediated Z' production, constraints on the product of coupling
- Easy way to rescale limits given  $g_{B-L}$  or sina value
- Important: rescaling to be taken with caution, different treatment for displaced regime





- **CMS-EXO-18-008 (13TeV, 77.3 fb-1)**:
	- Final state radiation of Z' in DY Z production
	- Muon final state only
	- Particularly useful for  $L_{\mu}$   $L_{\tau}$
	- Limits on the  $L_{\mu}$   $L_{\tau}$ z' coupling as a function of mass, easy to rescale
	- Mass range between 6 to 70 GeV
- **CMS-EXO-19-018 (13TeV, 137 fb-1)**:
	- Latest and greatest CMS muon scouting analysis
	- Search for narrow resonance decaying to pair of muons
	- Scouting and full reach analysis
	- Mass range 10 to 200 GeV























































- All vertices  $\alpha$  g<sub>B-L</sub>
- Improved constraints on  $g_{B-L} \rightarrow$ decreased heavy neutrino production rate via h and Z' mediators
- h and Z' mediators remain interesting option in limiting cases



































- B-L models one of the simplest extensions of SM physics providing explanations of neutrino masses
- Heavy neutrino production can take place via SM Higgs or B-L Z' decays and probe different regions of B-L parameter space
- Have potential to probe neutrino mixing angles responsible for neutrino mass generations
- Z' production via SM Higgs tightly constrained via 'lepton-jet' searches. If Z' production via Higgs is possible, heavy neutrino production is suppressed
	- ATLAS analyses consider both electron and muon lepton-jets
	- Prompt analyses constrain parameter space where Z' is displaced
	- Interpretation for displaced regime not always straightforward
	- Model independent fiducial cross section limits from collaborations are very welcome for reinterpretation exercises
	- Careful reconsideration of information for exotic searches specially trigger and object level efficiencies necessary

#### T*ank you!*





# Going for extremely light masses



- Possibility of extending Higgs portal analyses for electron final states?
- Mono-jet constraints?





# Additional ATLAS analyses





#### **• ATLAS-EXOT-2017-28 (13 TeV, 36 fb-1)**

- Displaced lepton jets analysis
- Electron and muon LJ
- Prompt analysis as sensitive as CMS analysis
- Displaced analysis 8 TeV not sensitive; 13 TeV potentially sensitive
	- 13 TeV analysis hard to reinterpret
- **• ATLAS-EXOT-2014-09 (8 TeV, 20.3 fb-1)** 
	- Prompt lepton jets analysis
	- Limits as a function of FRVZ  $Z_D$  mass
	- Both electron and muon final states
	- Mass range from 0.25 to 1.5 GeV
	- Competitive (but not better) limits than CMS at low mass







- LHCb-PAPER-2016-047: (7+8 TeV, 3 fb-1)
	- 'Inclusive displaced vertex search'
	- Trigger muons pT > 10 GeV
	- Final state muon and two jets
	- $p_T(\mu) > 12$  GeV,  $d_{IP} > 0.25$  mm, Rxy > 0.55 mm
	- Invariant mass of tracks > 4.5 GeV
	- Interpretation in terms of GUT scale SUSY RPV models







- CMS-EXO-12-037: (8 TeV, 20 fb-1)
	- Inclusive displaced vertex search for pair of electron or muon final states
	- Electron  $E_T > 36$  (22) GeV; Muon  $p_T >$ 23 GeV (reconstructed in muon detectors)
	- Generated Lvtx < 50 cm
	- $p_T(\mu) > 12$  GeV,  $d_{IP} > 0.25$  mm, Rxy  $>$ 0.55 mm
	- Interpretation for three body decays







- **• ATLAS-EXOT-2017-03 (13 TeV, 32.9 fb-1)** 
	- Inclusive search in displaced muon vertex











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**• ATLAS-EXOT-2013-22 (sqrt 13 TeV, 20 fb-1)**



- Categorization of lepton jets:
	- **Electron-jet if at least one electron candidate with**  $E_T > 10$  **GeV, 2 or more** tracks w/ $p_T > 10$  GeV, no muons
	- Muon-jet if at least 2 muons with pT>10 GeV and no electrons  $\Box$
	- Mixed-jet if at least one electron w/ $E_T > 10$  GeV and at least one muon with  $p_T > 10$  GeV
- Triggers:
	- <sup>o</sup> Single e w/  $E_T > 60$  or double e w/  $E_T > 35/25$  GeV
	- Single  $\mu$  w/  $p_T$ >36 or double  $\mu$  w/  $p_T$ >13/13 GeV

#### **• No equivalent CMS electron LJ search yet**





$$
\Delta m_W = -\frac{1}{2} m_W \frac{\sin^2 \theta_W}{\cos^2 \theta_W - \sin^2 \theta_W} \delta(\Delta r)
$$

- Constraints can be derived when lighter or heavier Higgs is 125 GeV
- Much stronger constraints when lighter Higgs is 125 GeV and heavier Higgs is heavy
- Driven by discrepancy between observed and predicted value of W mass
- When lighter Higgs is at 125 GeV, higher order EW corrections increase the discrepancy
- When heavy Higgs is at 125 GeV, somewhat better situation however, it is strongly constrained by Higgs signal strengths



# HNL high mass region





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