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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See e.g. Deppisch, New J. Phys. 17 (2015) 075019





• 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_N unknown
 - $\approx 10^{14} \text{ GeV}$ Naive seesaw, GUTs
 - ≥ 10° GeV Thermal leptogenesis
 ≈ 10³ GeV Production at the LHC
 ≈ 1 keV Dark matter candidate Region of interest for this talk
 - $\approx 1 \text{ eV}$ Oscillations, cosmology, $0\nu\beta\beta$





Mohapatra, Marshak (PRL 44 (1980) 13161319)

- Characteristics
 - Particle content: B-L gauge boson (Z'), Higgs boson (χ_{B-L}), 3 heavy neutrinos (N)
 - Couplings: g'_{B-L} (B-L coupling), sin α (χ_{B-L} , Higgs mixing), V_{(N} (neutrino mixing))
 - Free parameters: 5 masses, 5 couplings (diagonal V_{lN})
 - Assume only light muon neutrino \rightarrow 3 masses, 3 couplings







Higgs sector

$$\mathcal{L} \supset (D^{\mu}H)^{\dagger} (D_{\mu}H) + (D^{\mu}\chi)^{\dagger} D_{\mu}\chi - \mathcal{V}(H,\chi),$$
$$\mathcal{V}(H,\chi) = m^{2}H^{\dagger}H + \mu^{2}|\chi|^{2} + \lambda_{1}(H^{\dagger}H)^{2} + \lambda_{2}|\chi|^{4} + \lambda_{3}H^{\dagger}H|\chi|^{2}$$
$$D_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} + ig_{s}\mathcal{T}_{\alpha}G^{\alpha}_{\mu} + igT_{a}W^{a}_{\mu} + ig_{1}YB_{\mu} + i(\tilde{g}Y + g_{1}'Y_{B-L})B'_{\mu}$$

Kinetic term

 $\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4} F'^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu}$ 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

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



B-L portals

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 $\chi_{\mathsf{B-L}}$



Suppressed by g'

Different B-L mass hierarchies lead to different phenomenology





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











Suppressed by g'

Constraints from heavy Higgs searches, EW observables and theory considerations







Z'



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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 $\approx 100\text{'s}$ of GeV, $V_{\mu N} \approx 10^{\text{-6}} \rightarrow L_N \approx 25 mm$
- Problem: $V_{\mu N}$ suppression \rightarrow have higher luminosity
- Neutrino mass of order 10 GeV, $V_{\mu N} \approx 10^{-6}$, $L_N \approx 100m$, decays outside of the LHC \rightarrow build bigger detectors; several proposals exist



LLP searches basics



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 $P_{\text{decay}}(bc\tau, L_1, L_2) = e^{-\frac{L_1}{bc\tau}} - e^{-\frac{L_2}{bc\tau}}$ $\approx \frac{L_2 - L_1}{bc\tau} \quad \text{for } (L_2 - L_1) \ll bc\tau$

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



Detector	Location	Distance from IP (m)	Dimensions (m)	Luminosity (fb-1)
FASER-2	ATLAS	480	Cylinder 5 X1	3000
CODEX-b	LHC cavity	3	10 X 10 X 10	300
MAPP	LHCb/ MoEDAL	50	7 - 10 tunnel 5 - 25 degrees angle	300
MATHUSLA	CMS	100	200 X 200 X 20	3000



Approved experiment





B-L portals





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Suppressed by $sin\alpha$



Suppressed by g'

 $h \rightarrow N N$ still possible if sin α is large

Deppisch et al, JHEP 1808 (2018) 181





B-L portals









- 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: $p p \rightarrow N N \rightarrow N \mu\mu\nu$
 - MATHUSLA, FASER, CODEX-b: $p p \rightarrow N N$
- Cuts:
 - $L_z = 480m$, $L_d = 1.5m$, 5m, R = 1m, 5m [FASER]
 - L_z~30 60m, L_x~4 15m, L_y~-10 10m [MAPP*]
 - $L_x = -100 \sim 100 \text{ m } L_v = 100 \sim 120 \text{ m}$, $L_z = 100 \sim 300 \text{ m }$ [MATHUSLA]

- For LHCb, use $\mu j j$ final state; CMS $\mu \mu \nu$
- 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 | η| 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

Suppressed by $sin\alpha$

Suppressed by g'

Suppressed by $V_{\ell\!N}$

 $g_{B-L} sin \alpha$

- New channels to probe
- FSR process usually most attractive for L_{μ} - L_{τ} 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
- 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 ε

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 $L_{xy} < 10 \text{ cm}$
- Presents fiducial cross sections and model specific limits
- Z_D 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 $\sin \alpha$ 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_{μ} L_{τ}
 - Limits on the L_{μ} $L_{\tau}z'$ 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

Vertex	Feynman rule	
Z' - I - I	g в-г	
h - Z' - Z'	$g_{B-L} \cos \alpha m_{Z'}$	
h - N - N	g _{B-L} cosα m _N /m _{Z'}	
Z' - N - N	g в-г	

- All vertices α g_{B-L}
- Improved constraints on g_{B-L} → 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

Thank 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

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- 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
 - $p_T(\mu) > 12 \text{ GeV}, d_{IP} > 0.25 \text{ mm}, Rxy > 0.55 \text{ mm}$
 - 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
 - $p_T(\mu) > 12 \text{ GeV}, d_{IP} > 0.25 \text{ mm}, Rxy > 0.55 \text{ mm}$
 - Interpretation for three body decays

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

Signal type	Trigger	Description	Thresholds
High mass	$E_{\rm T}^{ m miss}$ single muon	missing transverse momentum single muon restricted to the barrel region	$E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ > 110 GeV muon $ \eta $ < 1.05 and $p_{\rm T}$ > 60 GeV
Low mass	collimated dimuon trimuon	two muons with small angular separation three muons	$p_{\rm T}$ of muons > 15 and 20 GeV and $\Delta R_{\mu\mu} < 0.5$ $p_{\rm T} > 6$ GeV for all three muons

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

- Categorization of lepton jets:
 - <u>Electron-jet</u> if at least one electron candidate with E_T>10 GeV, 2 or more tracks w/ p_T >10 GeV, no muons
 - <u>Muon-jet</u> if at least 2 muons with pT>10 GeV and no electrons
 - <u>Mixed-jet</u> if at least one electron w/ E_T>10 GeV and at least one muon with $p_T>10$ GeV
- Triggers:
 - Single e w/ E_T >60 or double e w/ E_T >35/25 GeV
 - $^\circ~$ Single μ w/ $p_T\!\!>\!\!36$ or double μ 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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