

ν Physics at Colliders

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Good afternoon and thank you for being here!

Most important rule: ask questions!

You are welcomed and encouraged to interrupt me.

Lecture I: MC event simulation ✓

- leading order cross sections and event simulation
- next-to-leading order event simulation

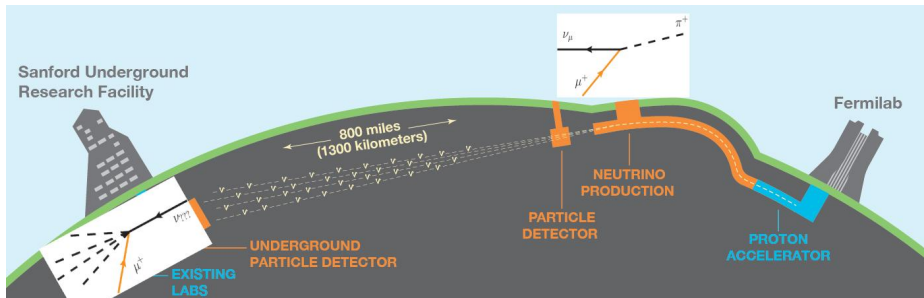
Lecture II: Jets ✓

- particle reconstruction and ID
- jets as tools for discovery

Lecture III (today!): neutrino physics at colliders

- possible explanations for $m_\nu \neq 0$
- collider tests of these ideas

the big picture

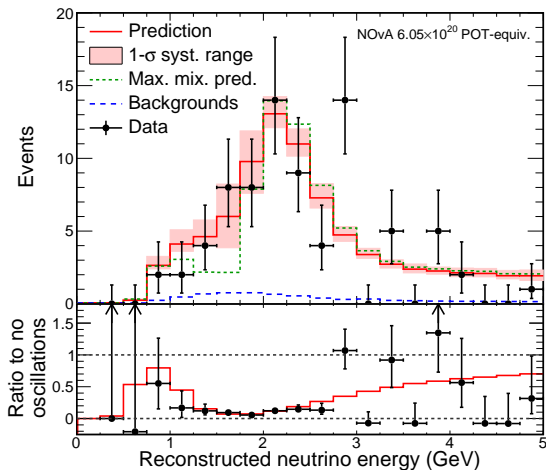


In neutrino fixed-target expts, ν_μ beams from collimated π^\pm , then studied at near and far detectors (reminiscent of early SLAC DIS expts)

Count ν_ℓ at **far detector** (FD) and **compare** to $\#$ at **near detector** (ND)

ν_μ deficit + ν_e/ν_τ appearance at FD best described by $\nu_{l_1} \rightarrow \nu_{\text{mass}} \rightarrow \nu_{l_2}$ transitions/oscillations

([E.g. NO ν A ν_μ disapp., 1701.05891])



\Rightarrow **evidence for ν masses!**

So, neutrinos have masses, with $m_\nu \lesssim \mathcal{O}(0.1)$ eV

Is this a problem?

Yes.

Neutrinos Masses and New Physics

To generate Dirac masses for ν like other SM fermions, we need ν_R

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\nu \text{ Yuk.}} &= -y_{\nu} \bar{L} \tilde{\Phi} \nu_R + H.c. = -y_{\nu} (\bar{\nu}_L \quad \bar{\ell}_L) \begin{pmatrix} \langle \Phi \rangle + h \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \nu_R + H.c. \\ &= \underbrace{-y_{\nu} \langle \Phi \rangle}_{=m_D} \bar{\nu}_L \nu_R + H.c. + \dots\end{aligned}$$

However, ν_R^i do not exist in the SM, implying $m_D = 0$

Significance of Neutrino Oscillations:

- Neutrino masses $\implies \mathcal{L}_{\text{Universe}} \neq \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} (+\mathcal{L}_{\text{gravity}})$
- Instead, $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Universe}} \approx \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{\nu \text{ masses}}}_{\text{BSM physics!}} + \dots$

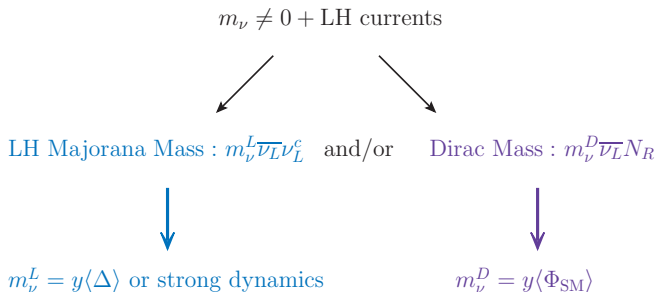
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Neutrino masses \implies existence of physics beyond the SM!

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Nonzero neutrino masses \implies new degrees of freedom exist

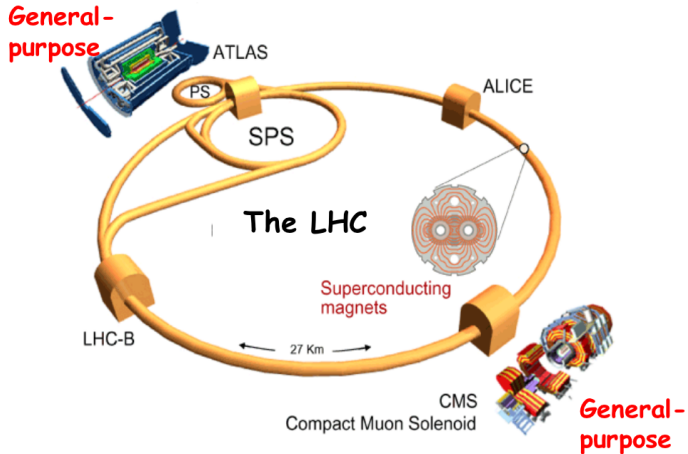
([Ma'98]):



$m_\nu \neq 0 + \text{renormalizability} + \text{gauge inv.} \implies \text{new particles!}$

- New particles might be charged under new or old gauge symm.
E.g., N_R may have $U(1)_{B-L}$ charge and Δ_L is scalar $SU(2)_L$ triplet
- *Exciting* since long "to do/check" list in case of particle discovery!

The Collider Connection?



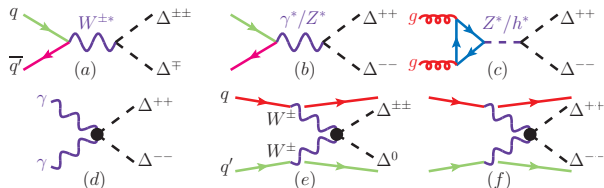
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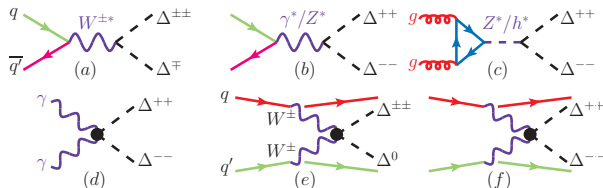
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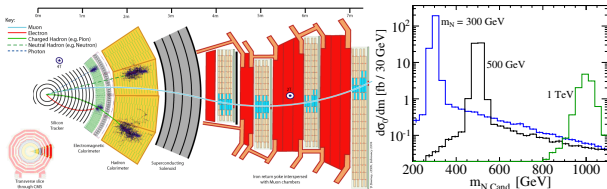
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and **identification** through their **decays** to SM particles



Today's Plans

finite time constraints \implies many omissions

- introduce Types I, II, III Seesaws, LRSM $m_\nu \neq 0$
- collider tests of these ideas

source material:

- 1 Review on Nu Mass Models at Colliders Y. Cai, T. Han, T. Li, RR [1711.02180]
- 2 European Strategy Update 2019 Chapter on Nu Mass Models T. Han, T. Li, X. Marcano, S. Pascoli, RR, C. Weiland [1812.07831]
- 3 Other community documents, and some **newer** publications

humble reminder: RH neutrinos ν_R are **not** the only explanation for **tiny** ν masses nor are they necessary (e.g., Type II Seesaw)

- Lack of guidance from data and theory \implies broad approach needed
- E.g., Models without N , UV completions of NSI, other Seesaws,

Type I Seesaw: mechanisms vs model¹²

¹ high-scale Type I: Minkowski (1977); Yanagita (1979); Gell-Mann, Ramond, Slansky (1979); Weinberg (1979); S.L. Glashow (1980); Mohapatra, Senjanovic (1980) 2x Mohapatra, et al (1986); Foot, et al. (1989); Ma. (1989); etc

² low-scale Type I (Inverse): Mohapatra (PRL'86); Mohapatra, Valle (PRD'86); Bernabeu, et al ('87); (Linear Seesaw): Akhmedov, et al (PLB'96, PRD'96)

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Gauge singlet nature of ν_R allows a RH Majorana mass term

- A Majorana mass term requires $N = N^c$ (← mass basis!)
(okay as no fundamental symmetry of the SM is violated)
- *"Any process which is not forbidden by a conservation law actually does take place with appreciable probability"* Gell-Man

Thus, the most general, gauge invariant, renormalizable theory is

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Type I}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Kin. } \nu_R} + \mathcal{L}_{\nu \text{ Yuk.}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Maj. Mass}}$$

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$$m_1 \approx m_D \times V, \quad V = \frac{m_D}{\mu_R} \text{ (active-sterile mixing!),} \quad m_2 \approx \mu_R$$

For $m_D \sim 100 \text{ KeV (GeV)}$, $m_{\text{light}} \sim 0.1 \text{ eV}$, then $\mu_{\text{heavy}} \sim 10^{8(14)} \text{ GeV}$

Realistic models have complicated \tilde{M} but lower μ_R

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$m_{\text{light}} \sim 0.1$ eV possible at **scales within LHC's reach**:

$$(m_D, \mu_{RX}, \mu_X) \sim (1 \text{ MeV}, 1 \text{ GeV}, 100 \text{ KeV}) \text{ or } \sim (1 \text{ GeV}, 100 \text{ GeV}, 1 \text{ KeV})$$

Theory Developments:

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Corollary 2: Collider **LNV** via $N_i \implies$ **more new particles!** E.g., RR [1703.04669]



but in practice?

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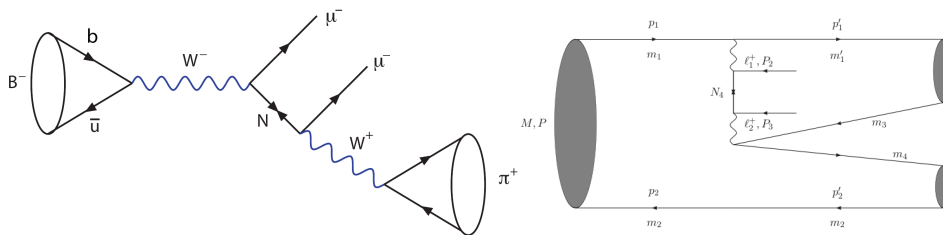
\implies N is **accessible through** SM currents

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For $m_N \ll M_W$, N can appear in decays of baryons, mesons, and τ S!

Atre, Han, Pascoli, & Zhang [0901.3589]; Castro & Quintero [1302.1504]; Yuan, Wang $\times 2$, Ju, & Zhang [1304.3810]; + others



Production rate of mesons (π^\pm, D, B) at colliders is **big** ($\sigma_{bX}^{\text{LHC}} \sim 0.1 \text{ mb}$)

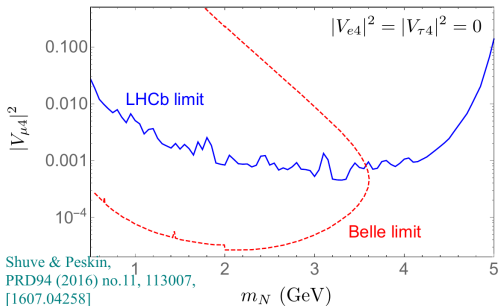
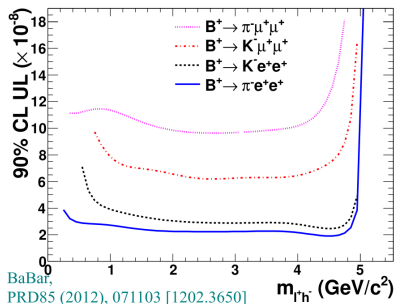
- Sufficient³ to overcome **tiny** mixing for MeV-scale, Majorana N
- Sufficient to probe **L -conserving, charged lepton flavor violation**

³Specifically, Kersten-Smirnov [0705.3221] and Pascoli, et al [1712.07611]

Searches for Low Mass Majorana N

(L) BaBar: Limits on $\text{BR}(\mathcal{B} \rightarrow NX)$ using $4.7 \times 10^8 \mathcal{B}\bar{\mathcal{B}}$

[1202.3650]



(R) LHCb and Belle search for $\mathcal{B} \rightarrow N\mu \rightarrow \pi\mu\mu$

[1607.04258]

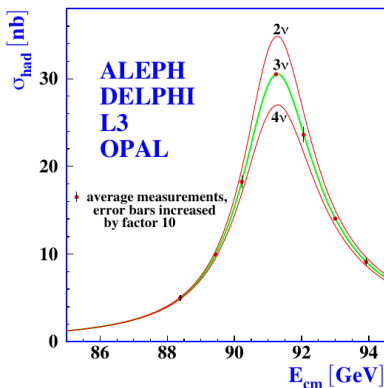
Complementarity between high- (LHC) and low- (Belle) energy colliders!

- LHCb will collect $\gtrsim 100\times$ more data $\implies \gtrsim 10\times$ improvement
- Belle II now operational!
- See also BESIII searches for **charged lepton flavor violation**

Low Mass N at Z Factories

One of the most important (and neatest!) LEP results:
determination of invisible Z width, $\Gamma_{\text{Inv.}}^Z \implies N_\nu^{\text{Active}}$ for $m_\nu < M_Z/2$

- From line shape,
 $N_\nu^{\text{Active}} = 2.9840 \pm 0.0082$
- From inv. Z decays,
 $N_\nu^{\text{Active}} = 2.92 \pm 0.05$
- 2σ deviations consistent with
 $Z \rightarrow N\nu$ decays [Jarlskog, ('91)]



- Helps drive (mild) preference for non-unitarity of 3×3 mixing

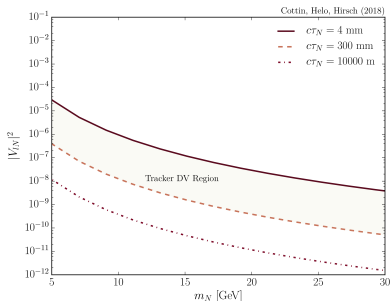
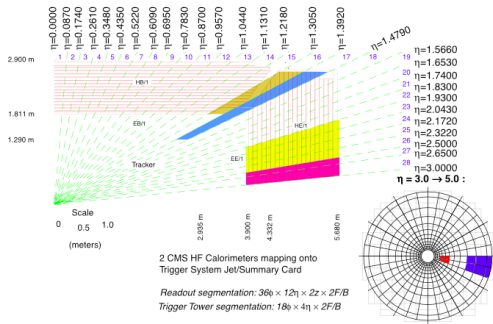
See, e.g., Fernandez-Martinez, et al [[1605.08774](#)]

Important: Proposed ee colliders can comment on this, [Blondel, et al \[\[1411.5230\]\(#\)\]](#)

N with Intermediate Masses:

Non-prompt decays / displaced vertices

Displaced Vertices



Decays of light N through SM weak currents can be very long-lived:

$$\Gamma_{\text{Tot.}} \sim G_F^2 m_N^5 \sum |V|^2 \quad (\text{small } |V| \implies \text{long lifetime!})$$

$$\implies d_0 = \beta c \tau = \frac{\beta \hbar c}{\Gamma_{\text{Tot.}}} \sim \frac{1.45 \text{ m}}{\sum |V|^2} \left(\frac{1 \text{ GeV}}{m_N} \right)$$

Detectors have *finite* detector volume, with radius $< \mathcal{O}(10) \text{ m}$

- N may decay in ECAL (1-2m), HCAL (2-3m), μ Chamber ($>5\text{m}$)

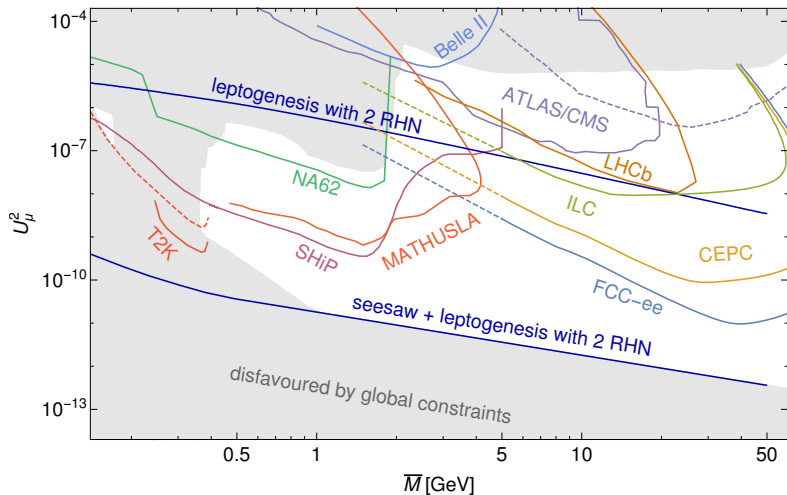
Light/Intermediate N at Current and Future Machines

List of current and proposed experiments sensitive to displaced N decays

- **Ongoing:** ATLAS, CMS, LHCb, Belle2: sensitivity to μ, τ flavors
ATLAS[1905.09787], CMS[1802.02965]
- **Ongoing:** T2K: $N \rightarrow \pi l, 2l\nu$ at ND280 [Lamoureux, Neutrino2018]
- **Proposed:** FCC-ee, CepC(5YP-2021): $ee \rightarrow N\nu$
- **Proposed:** SHiP [1805.08567] and MATHUSLA [1803.02212]

Many, many studies past year with a coherent message forming.

Community Message: Next-gen. facilities will be able to directly test *simplest* resonant leptogenesis scenarios with high-scale Type I Seesaw

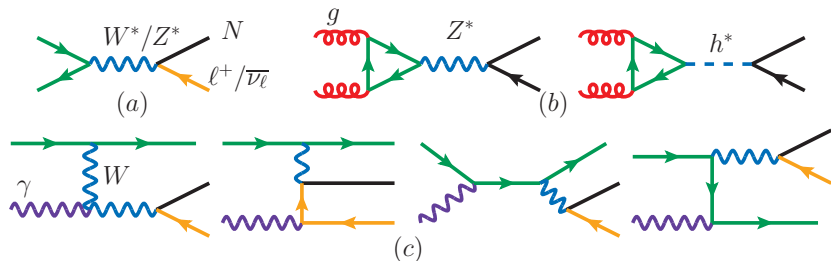


Update of Drewes, et al [[1609.09069](#)]

Searches for High Mass N

Heavy Neutrino Production At Hadron Colliders

... can occur through a variety of mechanisms:



In fact, a resurgence of calculations in recent years⁴

- Clarity needed on (i) m_N, \sqrt{s} dependence and (ii) conflicting claims

⇒ more physical collider definitions + public tools

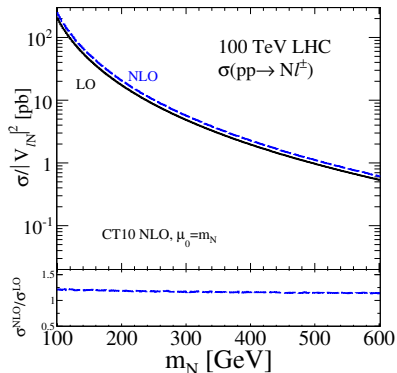
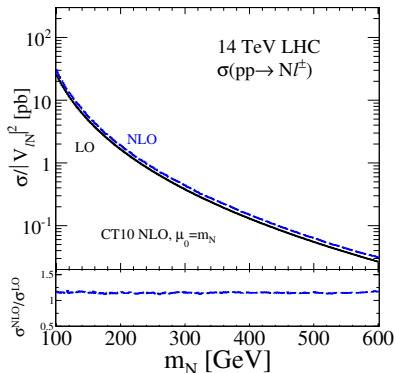
HeavyN UFOs [1602.06957]

⁴DY@NLO [*1509.06375]; GF [1408.0983; *1602.06957] @NNNLL [*1706.02298]; VBF [1308.2209, *1411.7305,



*1602.06957]; DY,VBF Automation@NLO [*1602.06957]. For extensive details, see review: [*1711.02180]; (*) ≡ iPitt @ IPPP

$N\ell^\pm$ Production @ NLO in QCD

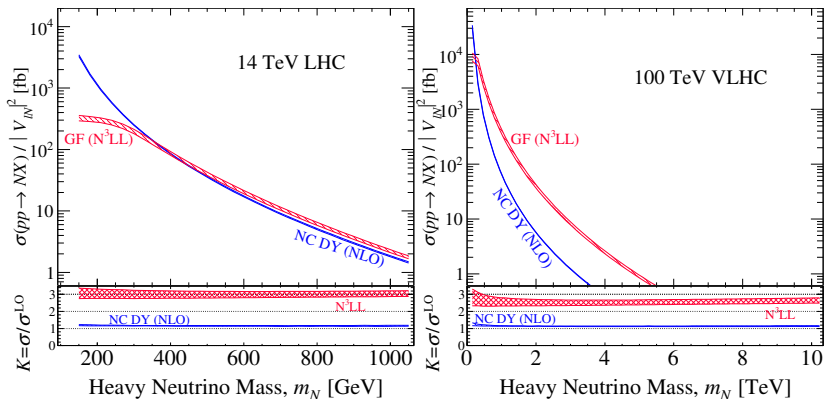
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RR [1509.05416, 1509.06375]

- Well-cited claims of large ($> 100\%$) QCD corrections **unfounded**
 - Issue due to double counting $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ contributions, i.e., QCD ISR
- Inspired new guidelines for modeling N @LHC  (w/ Degrande, Mattelaer, Turner 

$N\nu$ Production @ NLO and N^3LL



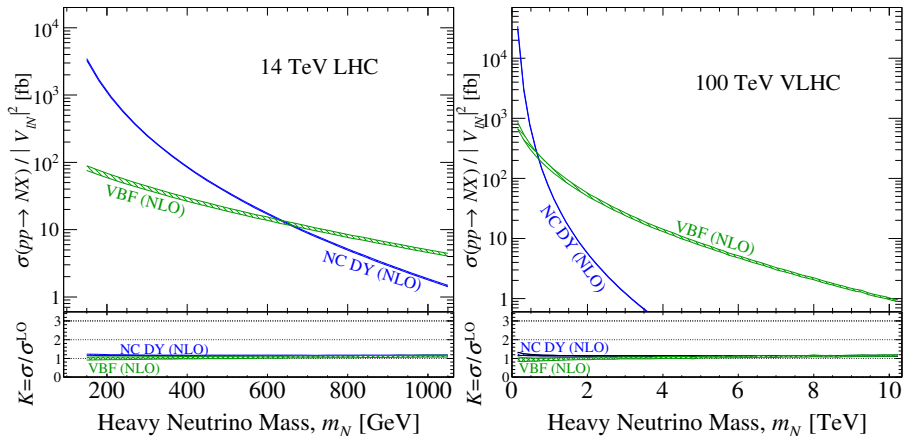
Maturity of modern QCD formalism \implies readily applied to BSM

- $pp \rightarrow W^* \rightarrow \ell N$ @ NLO $\implies pp \rightarrow Z^* \rightarrow \nu N$ @ NLO done!
- $gg \rightarrow h^*/Z^* \rightarrow \nu N$ at N^3LL ($\approx N^2LO$)

w/ Spannowsky, Waite [1509.05416]

$\mathcal{O}(+200\%)$ corrections consistent with $gg \rightarrow H/A$ in 2HDM

$W\gamma$ Fusion @ NLO in QCD



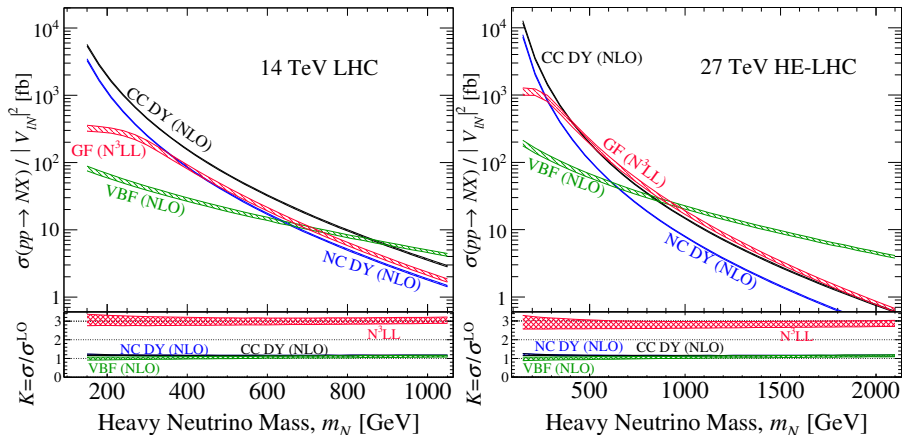
- $W\gamma \rightarrow N\ell^\pm$ fusion is interesting but subtle due to QED singularities and matching to γ PDF
- Once addressed, beyond LO is clear

w/ Alva, Han [1411.7305]

w/ Degrande, Mattelaer, Turner [1602.06957]



Across different colliders, wild interplay of PDF and matrix elements



w/ Pascoli, et al, [1812.08750]

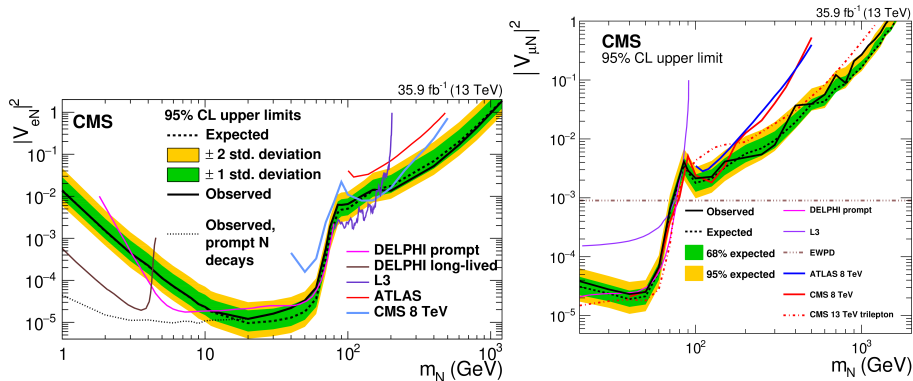
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- For $\sqrt{s} \gtrsim 25 - 27$ TeV, **GF** greater than **DY** due to gg luminosity
- For $m_N \gtrsim 1 - 2$ TeV, **VBF** dominant due to milder Q^2 -suppression
- Trend more exaggerated at $\sqrt{s} = 100$ TeV

Experimental Tests on Intermediate- and High-Mass N

Joint push by hep-ex and hep-ph/th have broken new ground!

Plotted: LHC 14 sensitivity to $(\text{coupling})^2$ vs heavy neutrino mass



Plotted: Exclusion on mixing $|V_{eN}|^2$ vs heavy N mass (m_N)

- (L) Search for $pp \rightarrow Nl \rightarrow 3l + X$

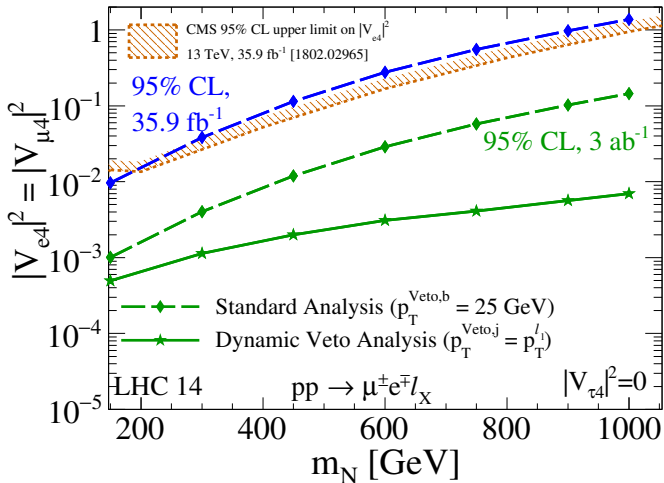
[1802.02965]

- (R) Search for $pp \rightarrow Nl \rightarrow l^\pm l^\pm + nj + X$

[1806.10905]

New: improved handle on QCD/jets now allows jet observables to be used as discriminants, e.g., *dynamic* jet vetoes

Signal: $pp \rightarrow \mu^\pm e^\mp \ell_X + \text{MET}$

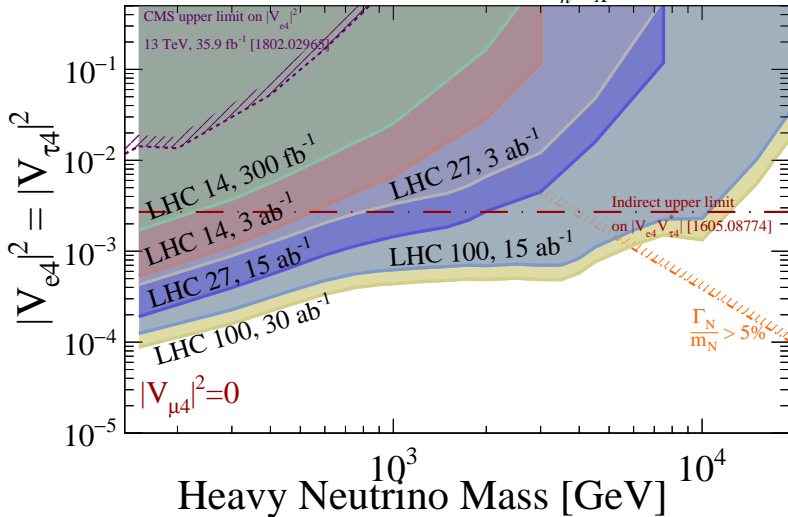


S. Pascoli, R. Ruiz, et al. PLB786, 106 (2018) [1805.09335]

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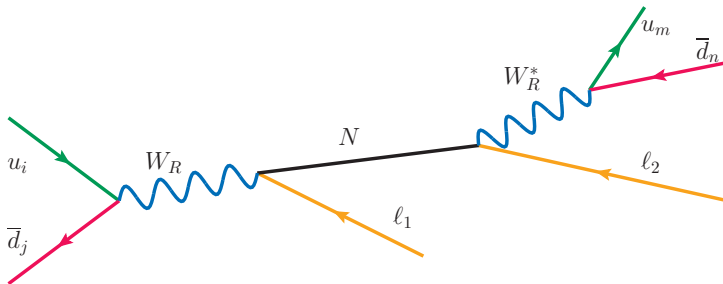
Improved sensitivity up to 10 – 11× with $\mathcal{L} = 300 \rightarrow 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

95% Sensitivity - $pp \rightarrow \tau_h e l_X / 3e / 2e\mu$



After 3 yrs, *total* rewrite of $pp \rightarrow 3\ell X$ search for Dirac (and Majorana!) $N!$
 10 – 11× improved sensitivity to **cLFV** at LHC [Pascoli, RR, et al \[1805.09335,1812.08750\]](#)

Heavy N with New Gauge Fields



Left-Right Symmetric Model postulates that nature was once left-right parity symmetric but spontaneously broken by a new Higgs sector

[Pati, Salam, Mohapatra, Senjanovic, etc., ('74-'79)]

Postulate new RH weak interaction:

- LR-breakdown responsible for SM

$$\mathcal{G} = SU(3)_c \otimes U(1)_{EM}$$

$$\mathcal{G} = SU(3)_c \otimes \overbrace{SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y}^{\uparrow}$$

$$\mathcal{G} = SU(3)_c \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes \overbrace{SU(2)_R \otimes U(1)_{B-L}}^{\uparrow}$$

Three Generations of Matter (Fermions) spin 1/2

	I	II	III	
mass -	2.4 MeV	1.27 GeV	171.2 GeV	0
charge -	2/3	2/3	2/3	0
name -	u up	c charm	t top	g gluon
	Left Right	Left Right	Left Right	0
	d down	s strange	b bottom	γ photon
Quarks	Left Right	Left Right	Left Right	0
	ν _e electron neutrino	ν _μ muon neutrino	ν _τ tau neutrino	Z weak force
	0 eV	0 eV	0 eV	91.2 GeV
	Lepton	Lepton	Lepton	H Higgs boson
	e electron	μ muon	τ tau	>114 GeV
Leptons	Left Right	Left Right	Left Right	0
	-1	-1	-1	W weak force
	0.511 MeV	105.7 MeV	1.777 GeV	80.4 GeV
	spin 0			spin 0

Bosons (Forces) spin 1

To do this:

- mediated by new W_R, Z_R bosons

- assign RH particles RH weak charge

- **no ν_R ??** Let's add them!!!

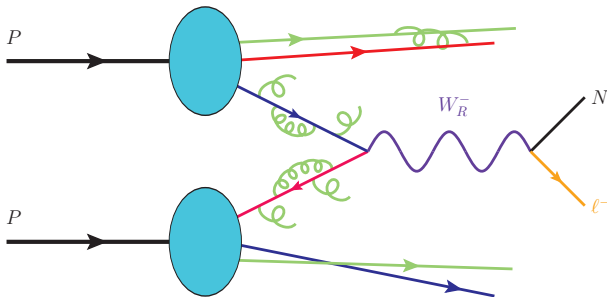
Pre-/postdiction:

- 3 light $\nu_m : \nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3$ ☺

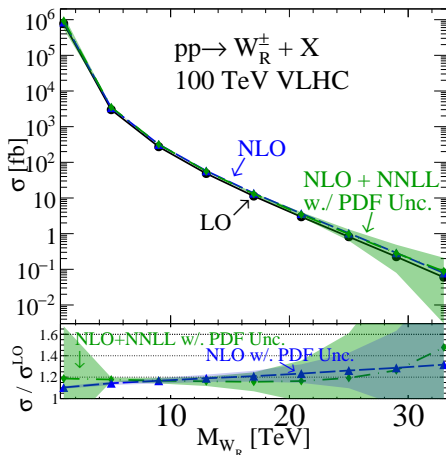
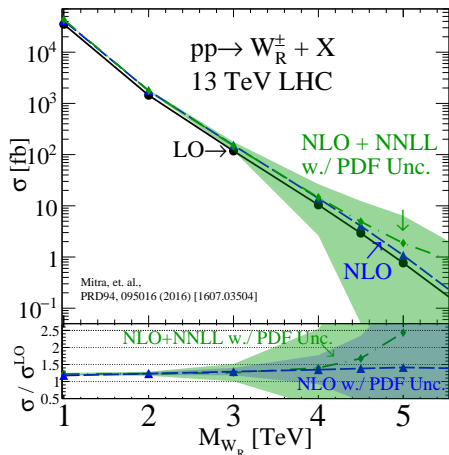
- 3 heavy $N_{m'} : N_1, N_2, N_3$ ☺

- new W_R, Z_R interactions ☺

production



Plotted: W_R production rate (σ) vs W_R mass (M_{W_R})



Mitra, RR, Scott*, Spannowsky [1607.03504];

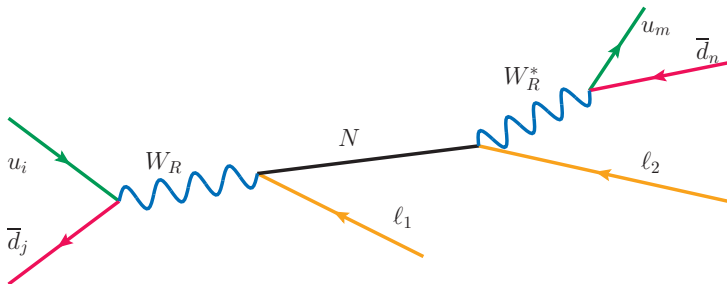
At the LHC, $N \sim \mathcal{O}(100) - \mathcal{O}(10^6)$ W_R /year for $M_{W_R} = 1 - 5$ TeV

- For $M_{W_R} \sim 5 - 6$ TeV $\Rightarrow N \sim 500 - 3000$ W_R over LHC lifetime
- Assuming $\text{BR} \times \varepsilon \times \mathcal{A} = 2\%$ $\Rightarrow N \approx 10 - 60$ events ($\sim 3 - 8\sigma$)

Hallmark LRSM collider signature is the spectacular same-sign lepton pairs:

(Keung & Senjanovic [PRL ('83)])

$$q\bar{q}' \rightarrow W_R^\pm \rightarrow N\ell_1^\pm \rightarrow \ell_1^\pm \ell_2^\pm q'\bar{q}$$



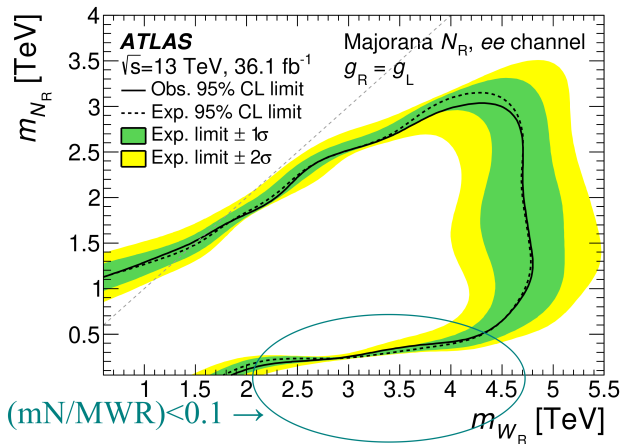
Proposed in ('83) and remains basis for most tests of ν mass models:

- If kinematically accessible, $q\bar{q}' \rightarrow W_R^\pm$ production rate is largest
- L violating ($\Delta L = \pm 2$) \implies tests Majorana nature of ν
- $W_R^* \rightarrow q'\bar{q}$ allows for full reconstruction of kinematics \implies **properties**
- High background rejection rate

Left-Right Symmetric Model at the LHC

Heavier N can be produced if associated with new gauge boson W_R, Z_{B-L}

- Canonical channels, e.g., $pp \rightarrow \ell_i^\pm \ell_j^\pm + nj$, very sensitive but limited



For $(m_N/M_{W_R}) \ll 1$, i.e., boosted N , searches are losing sensitivity!

For a $1 \rightarrow 2$ decay, $m_{ij}^2 = (p_i + p_j)^2 \approx 2E_i E_j (1 - \cos \theta_{ij}) \approx E_i E_j \theta_{ij}^2$

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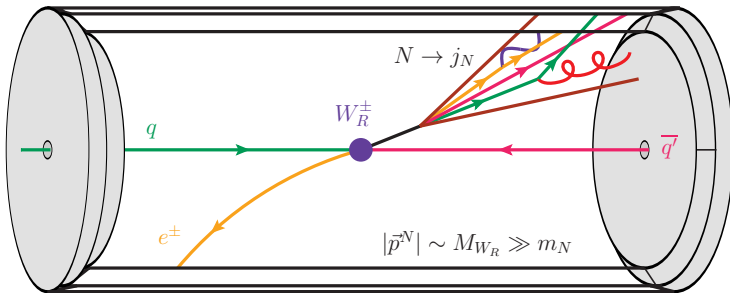
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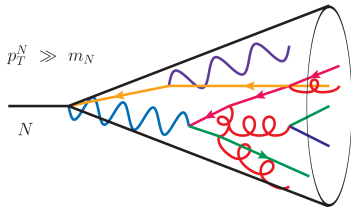
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Fun Idea: Why not treat second e^\pm like any other poorly isolated particle bathed in QCD radiation and label it as constituent of a jet?

Neutrino Jets at the LHC

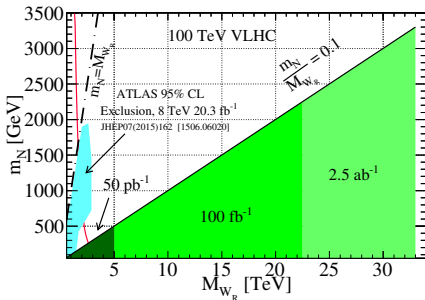
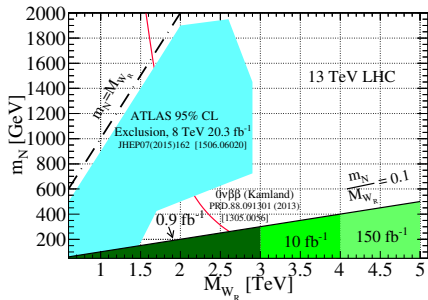
Like boosted t , treat decays of boosted N as a single **neutrino jet** (j_N)



j_N sensitivity (green) is precisely where current $lljj$ searches exclusion (blue) stop

Mitra, RR, Scott, Spannowsky + w/ Mattelaer [[1607.03504](#); [1610.08985](#)]

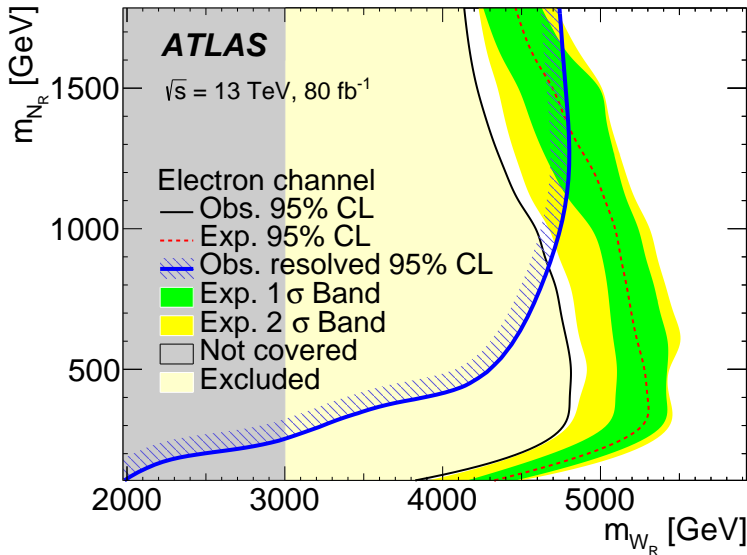
W_R sensitivity recovered and can reach 5 – 6 (35 – 45) TeV at $\sqrt{s} = 14$ (100) TeV



Neutrino Jets at ATLAS

New: search for $pp \rightarrow \ell^\pm j_N + X$ at ATLAS

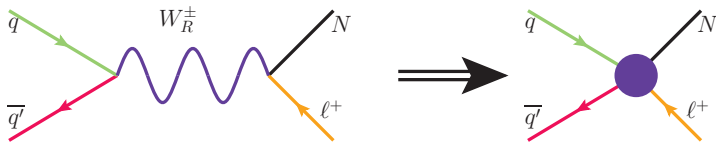
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Neutrino “Nonstandard Interactions”

Neutrino Effective Field Theories

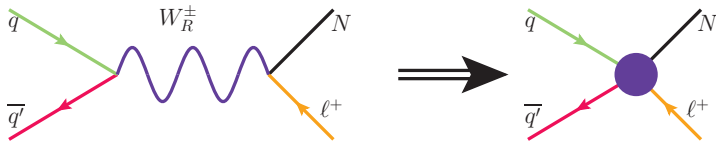
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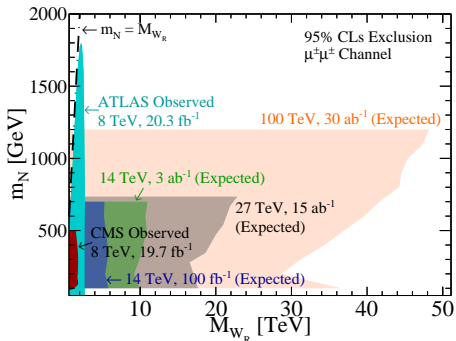
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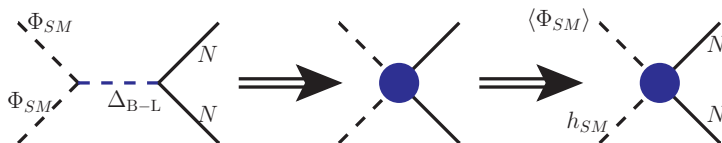
- **Signature:** $pp \rightarrow \ell^\pm \ell^\pm + nj + X + p_T^\ell \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(m_N) + \text{no MET}$
- At 14 (100) TeV with $\mathcal{L} = 1$ (10) ab^{-1} , $M_{W_R} \lesssim 9$ (40) TeV probed
- **DO NOT STOP SEARCHING FOR TYPE I LNV**

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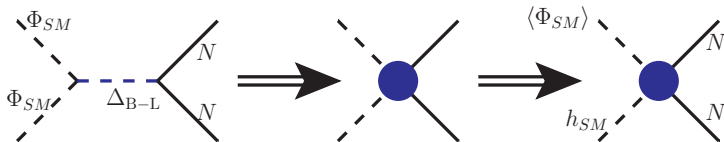
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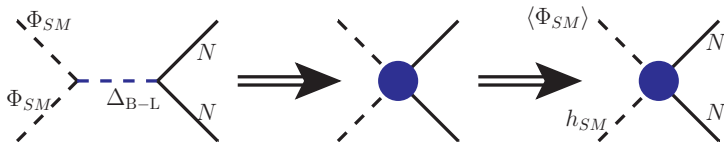
([Aparici, et al 0904.3244])

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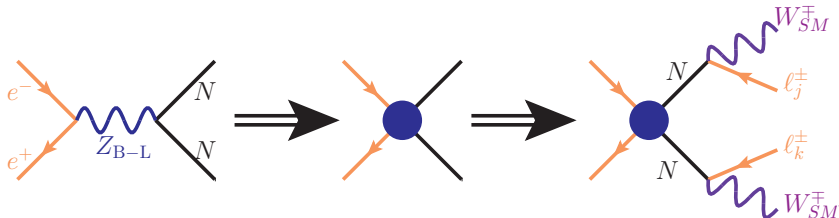
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One subtlety ν_R here is *chiral/interaction* state

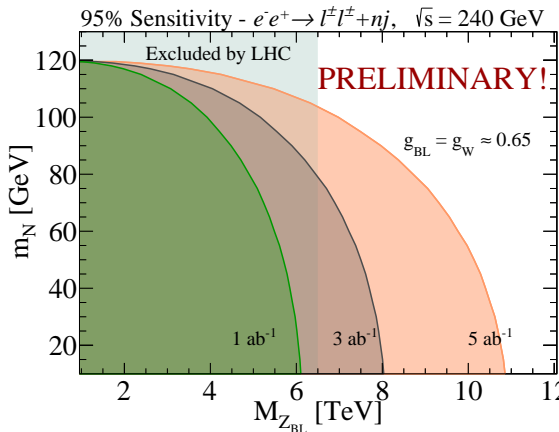
(RR [1703.04669])

- Must decompose into mass basis: $\nu_R = \sum X_{\ell m} \nu_m + \sum Y_{\ell m'} N_{m'}$
- After EWSB, **NEFT** operators map onto light neutrino NSI operators!
- Can mediate $h_{SM} \rightarrow NN$ decays!

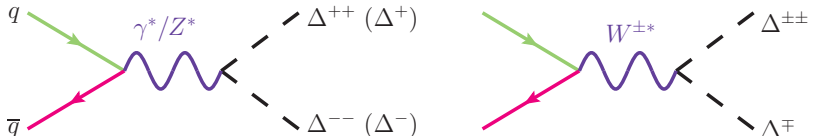
(See, e.g., Caputo, et al [1704.08721])



- If ν are Majorana, is (B-L) broken spontaneously?
- If Z_{BL} gauge boson of $U(1)_{B-L}$ is too heavy, **LNV** is still accessible
- For $g_{BL} = g_W \approx 0.65$, **LNV** territory beyond LHC reach accessible at Higgs factory!



Type II Seesaw⁵



⁵ Konetschny and Kummer ('77); Schechter and Valle ('80); Cheng and Li ('80); Lazarides, et al ('81); Mohapatra and Senjanovic ('81)

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Hypothesize an $SU(2)_L$ **scalar** triplet with **lepton number** $L = -2$

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This induces a left-handed Majorana mass for neutrinos

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\mathcal{L} &= -\frac{y_\Delta^{ij}}{\sqrt{2}} \overline{L^c} \hat{\Delta} L = -\frac{y_\Delta^{ij}}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \overline{\nu^{jc}} & \overline{\ell^{jc}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ v_\Delta & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu^i \\ \ell^i \end{pmatrix} \\ &\ni -\frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\left(\sqrt{2} y_\Delta^{ij} v_\Delta \right)}_{=m_\nu^{ij}} \overline{\nu^{jc}} \nu^i \end{aligned}$$

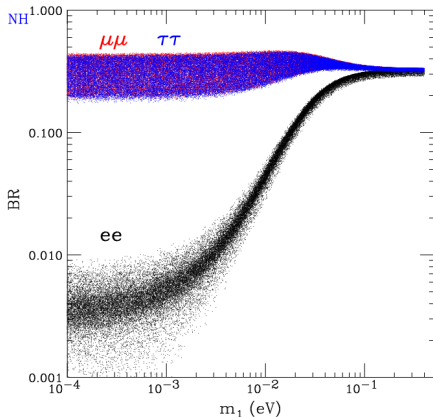
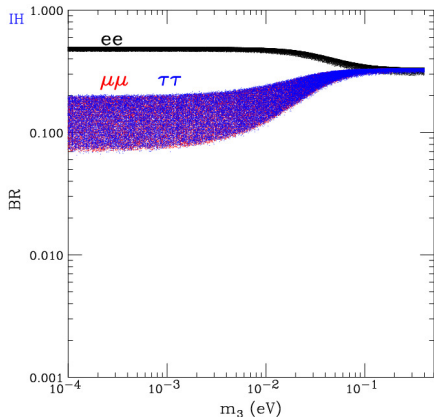
Generates light ν_m masses via vev **WITHOUT** invoking a sterile N !

Limited number of parameters \implies rich experimental predictions

Fileviez Perez, Han, Li, et al, [0805.3536], Crivellin, et al [1807.10224] + others

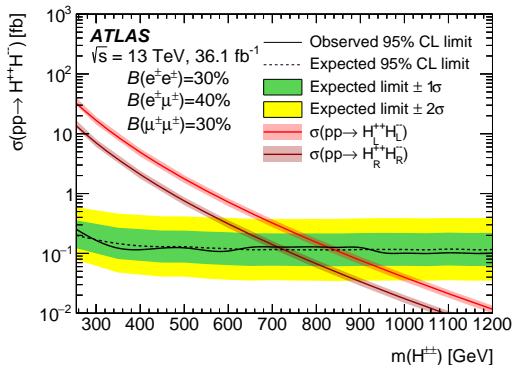
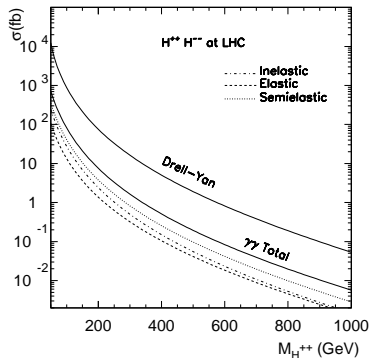
- E.g., Higgs branching rates that encode inverse (L) vs normal (R) ordering of light neutrino masses

$$\text{BR}(H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell_i^{\pm} \ell_j^{\pm}) \sim (U_{\text{PMNS}}^* \tilde{m}_\nu^{\text{diag}} U_{\text{PMNS}}^\dagger)_{ij}$$



Type II Seesaw is characterized by **new scalars** Δ^0 , Δ^\pm , $\Delta^{\pm\pm}$, χ^0

- Couples directly to W, Z, γ (unambiguous σ prediction)



LHC searches for Δ^\pm , $\Delta^{\pm\pm}$ are on going **but...**

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⁶ Rizzo ('82); Huitu, et al ('96); Muhlleitner and Spira ('03); Akeroyd and Aoki ('05); Perez, Han, et al ('08); etc

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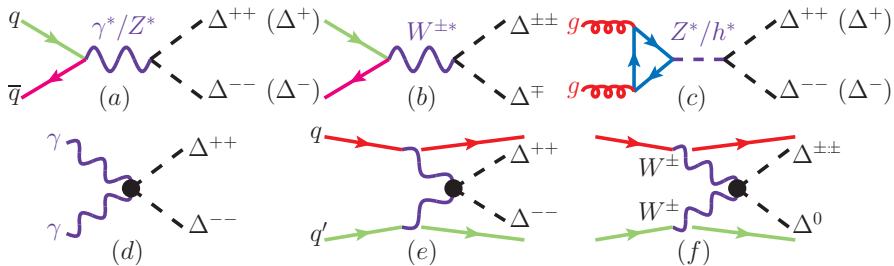
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Modeling Woes:

- VBS production $\Delta^{++}\Delta^{--}$ biased by **LRSM** Higgs sector
(not same as Type III!)
- **CalcHEP** event generation and **CTEQ6** normalization do not describe associated soft hadronic and jet activity
- **Uncertainty propagation** and control over evt gen. limited, etc.

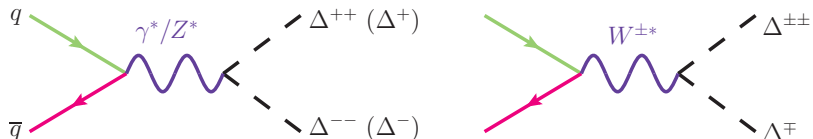
⁶Rizzo ('82); Huitu, et al ('96); Muhlleitner and Spira ('03); Akeroyd and Aoki ('05); Perez, Han, et al ('08), etc

Type I Seesaw @ NLO⁷



⁷ with B. Fuks, and M. Nemevšek [1912.08975], feynrules.irmp.ucl.ac.be/wiki/TypeISeesaw

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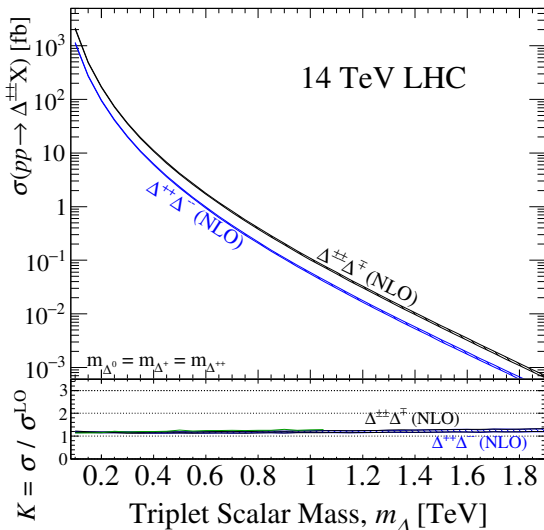
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Drell-Yan production at NLO in QCD is sanity check⁸

- With one event generator, all the following can be computed: $pp \rightarrow \Delta^{++}\Delta^{--}$, $\Delta^{\pm\pm}\Delta^{\mp}$, $\Delta^+\Delta^-$, $\Delta^{\pm}\Delta^0$, $\Delta^{\pm}\chi^0$, $\Delta^0\chi^0$ (\leftarrow *unexplored*)

- Other channels necessary to determine **gauge quantum numbers** and discriminate against **Georgi-Machacek**

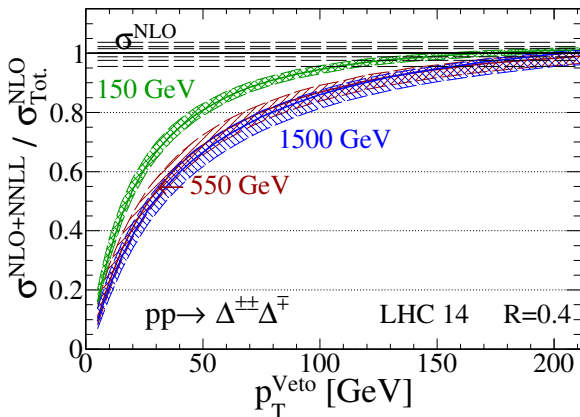
- At NLO, jet vetoes can be modeled / implemented (*yay!*)



⁸Only other group to compute this is Muhlleitner and Spira ('03)

Unfortunately, for high-mass BSM, jet vetoes \implies poor signal efficiency :

Plotted:⁹ jet veto efficiency $\varepsilon = \sigma^{\text{NLO+NNLL}}(p_T^j < p_T^{\text{Veto}}) / \sigma_{\text{Tot.}}^{\text{NLO}}$



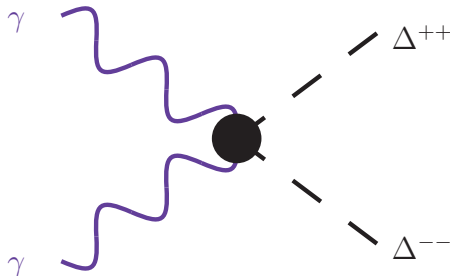
Signal veto efficiency is pretty terrible for $p_T^{\text{Veto}} = 20 - 50$ GeV

• Clear that dynamic / safe jet veto schemes¹⁰ are meritted

⁹ Using MG5aMC@NLO+SCET. See Becher, et al [1412.8408]

¹⁰ See with Pascoli and Weiland [1805.09335, 1812.08750], as well as with Fuks, Nordstrom and Williamson [1901.09937]

Photon Fusion

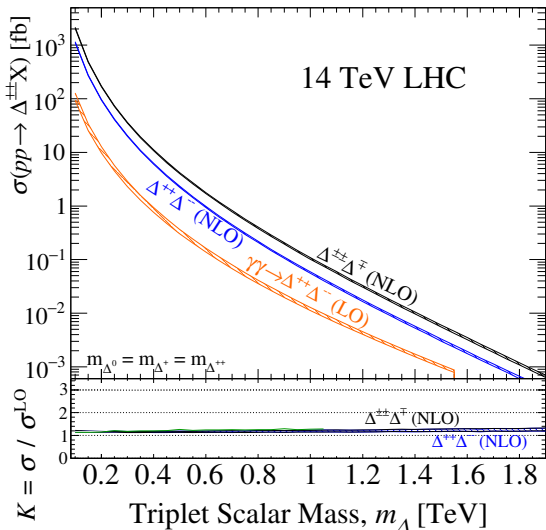


$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \Delta^{++}\Delta^{--}$ is wickedly cool!

- Modern γ PDFs match LUXqed (elastic PDF) and perturbative QCD (inelastic PDF) formalisms

- LO+Pythia8* can match γ to $q \rightarrow \gamma q$ splitting, i.e., match to forward jets

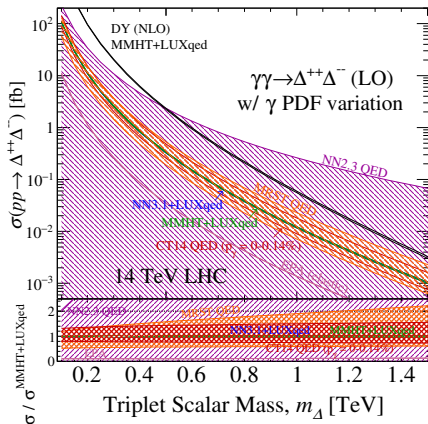
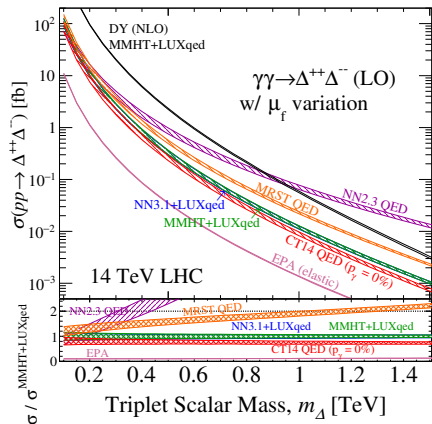
- How do different γ PDFs compare?



*For details, see home.thep.lu.se/~torbjorn/pythia81.html/SpacelikeShowers.html

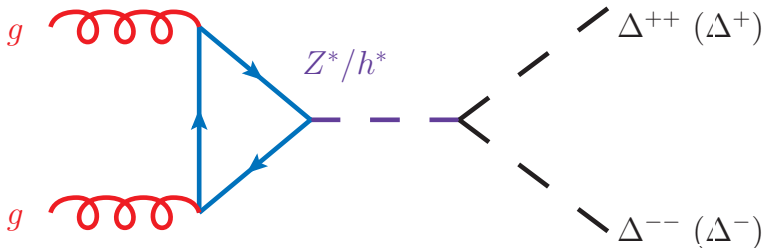
Historically, back-and-forth about importance of $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \Delta^{++}\Delta^{--}$

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With LUXqed, discrepancies have disappeared (again)

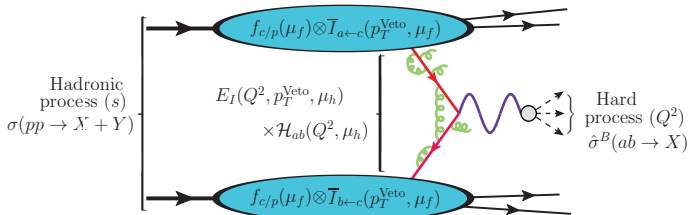
Gluon Fusion



Threshold Resummation in SCET

Each component of the **Factorization Theorem** obeys¹¹: $\mathcal{D}X = \Gamma X$

$$d\sigma(pp \rightarrow \mathcal{B} + X) = f(\mu_f) \times f(\mu_f) \times \Delta(\mu_s) \times \underbrace{U(\mu_f, \mu_s, \mu_h)}_{\text{Messy, but universal}} \times d\hat{\sigma}(\mu_h)$$



This expression is known as “RG-improved” factorization theorem (SCET)

- Sudakov-like factors act as “dressing” functions, in QFT sense

¹¹(Contopanagos, et al; Becher, Neubrt etc; Bauer, Stewart, Tackmann etc)

Threshold resummation at (approximately) N^3LL captures leading normalization at N^2LO in QCD

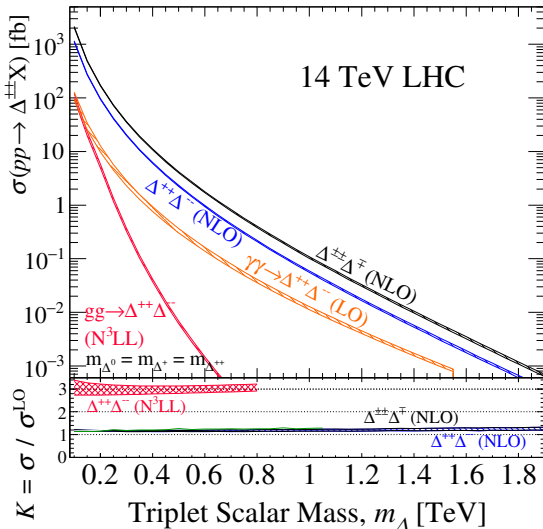
(Bonvini, et al, [1409.0864])

Loop-induced $gg \rightarrow \Delta\Delta$ is possible at LO with new UFO
 - N^3LL a bit more work

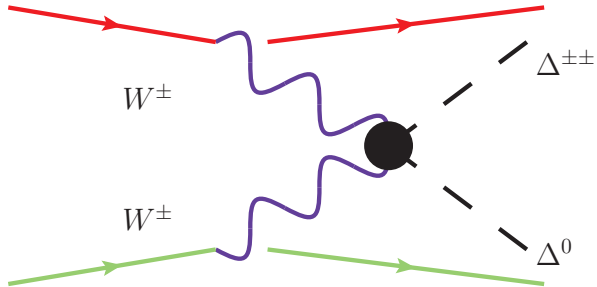
For lower masses, gg and $\gamma\gamma$ are competitive, but $\gamma\gamma$ becomes more relevant

(again, cool)

Caveat: we assume all Δ masses degenerate
 \implies scalar-scalar couplings are small (probably not justified)



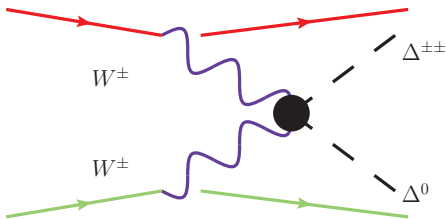
Weak Boson Fusion



$\Delta^{\pm\pm}$ from Vector Boson Scattering

Weak boson fusion is a useful production mechanism of $\Delta^{\pm\pm}$ (See R. Santo's talk)

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- Except $VV \rightarrow \Delta^{++}\Delta^{--}$ is mass-suppressed



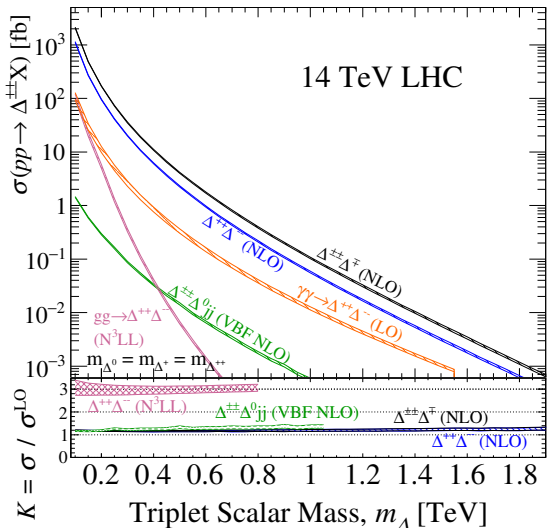
$W^{\pm}W^{\pm} \rightarrow \Delta^{\pm\pm}\Delta^0$ for $m_{\Delta^0} \ll m_{\Delta^{++}}$ keeps important features

- **LNV/LFV** dilepton signature with resonant invariant mass
- **Difficulty** is modeling beyond NLO in QCD (needed for jet veto modeling)

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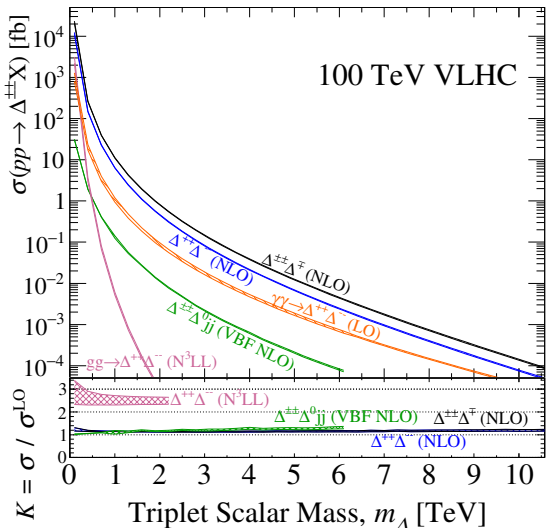
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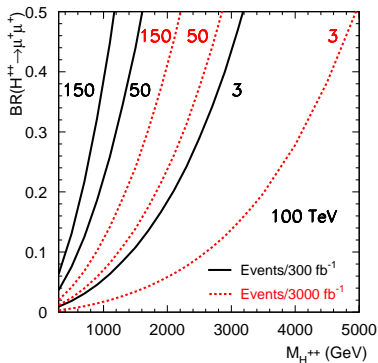
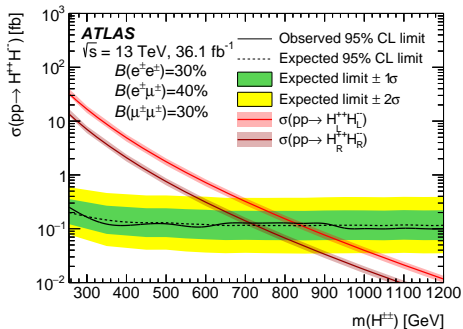
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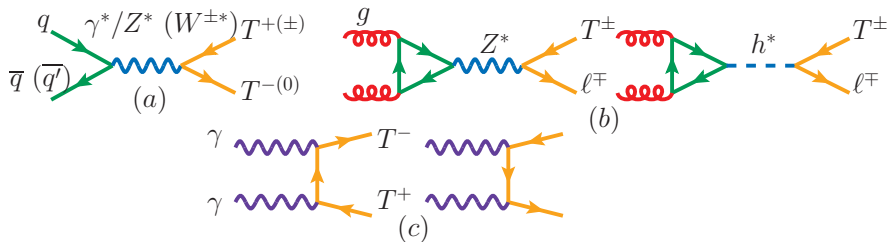


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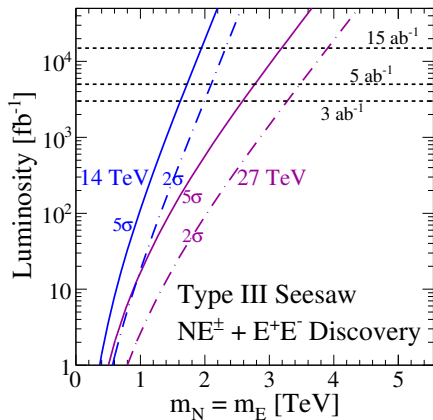
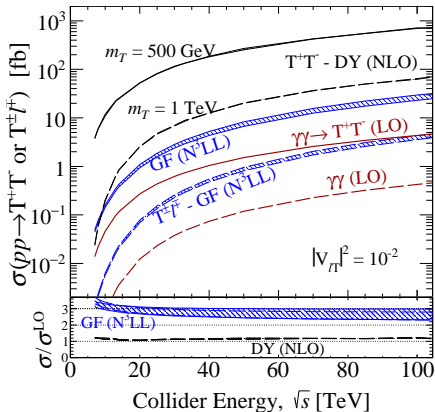
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After rotating into the mass basis, mixing-induced **cLFV**:

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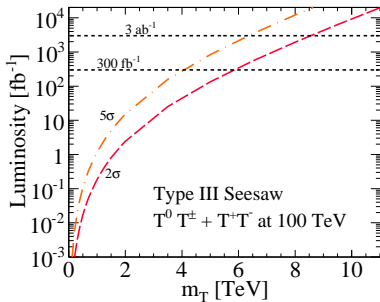
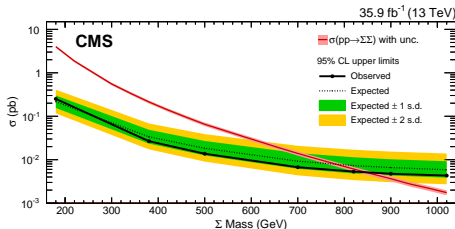
Collider prediction: heavy charged (T^\pm) and neutral (T^0) leptons:

- Production through gauge couplings to W, Z, γ
- Decays to SM leptons through mixing, e.g., $T^\pm \rightarrow \ell^\pm \nu$



TeV-scale heavy charged and neutral leptons discoverable at LHC

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- Sensitivity can be improved with refined analysis and combining channels (See [[RR, 1509.05416](#)] for details)

Monte Carlo Support for Neutrino Mass Models

MC 4 ν Masses

Improved outlook for LHC tests of LNV and cLFV stems from:

- New channels, e.g., **VBF**, **GF**, $W/Z/h/\gamma$ associated production
- New kinematic limits, e.g., **off-shell currents**, **boosted topologies**
- Predictions for **both Dirac** and **Majorana** particles w/ **LNV** and **cLFV**
- Qualitatively and quantitatively **reliable descriptions of jets**

In other words, improved outlook stems from improved MC support!

Now available: robust FeynRules UFOs (inputs to event generators, etc)

- **HeavyN**: Dirac and Majorana N_k feynrules.irmp.ucl.ac.be/wiki/HeavyN
- **Simplified LRSM**: W_R , Z_R , N_k feynrules.irmp.ucl.ac.be/wiki/EffLRSM
- $W'/Z'/\gamma_D/Z_D$ with arbitrary coup: feynrules.irmp.ucl.ac.be/wiki/WZPrimeAtNLO
- **NEW** Type II Seesaw: $\Delta^{\pm\pm}$, Δ^\pm , Δ^0 feynrules.irmp.ucl.ac.be/wiki/TypeIISeesaw

Summary

Seesaw Mechanisms at Work

By introducing new fermions and writing the most general, gauge-invariant Lagrangian allowed, we simultaneously:

- **Established neutrino masses through Yukawa couplings**
- **Suppressed the effective neutrino masses through mixing**

Seesaws are more frameworks than realistic models

- important to distinguish mechanism (in a model) vs model
- strength and weakness are their ability to be embedded in models

Main Idea of Seesaws is to make $m_\nu \sim \mu$ or $m_\nu \sim \mu_1^2/\mu_2^2$

- does not require sterile fermions, just new scales
- E.g., Type III seesaw, (N)MSSM, Randall-Sundrum, etc.

nonzero neutrino masses are clear evidence of physics beyond the SM

- Lack of guidance from $0\nu\beta\beta$, oscillation data, flavor factories, etc
 \implies broad hep-ex/ph/th approaches are needed
- ① Colliders are *incredibly complementary* to oscillation facilities:
 - ▶ Direct production of Seesaw particles
 - ▶ Direct test of LNV/cLFV
 - ▶ Test UV realizations of low-scale neutrino EFTs / NSIs
- ② e^+e^- and DIS machines explore new depths for light N
 - ▶ $\mathcal{L} = 1 - 3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ at $\sqrt{s} = 240 \text{ GeV}$ sufficient to go beyond LHC
- ③ pp machines offers many opportunities:
 - ▶ New analysis techniques \implies new territory for cLFV and LNV at LHC

Lots not covered today, so see the review [\[1711.02180\]](#)

- Be encouraged! More data soon, so be prepared for a discovery!

thank you for your attention! :)



