



# Long-lived Heavy Neutral Leptons at the LHC

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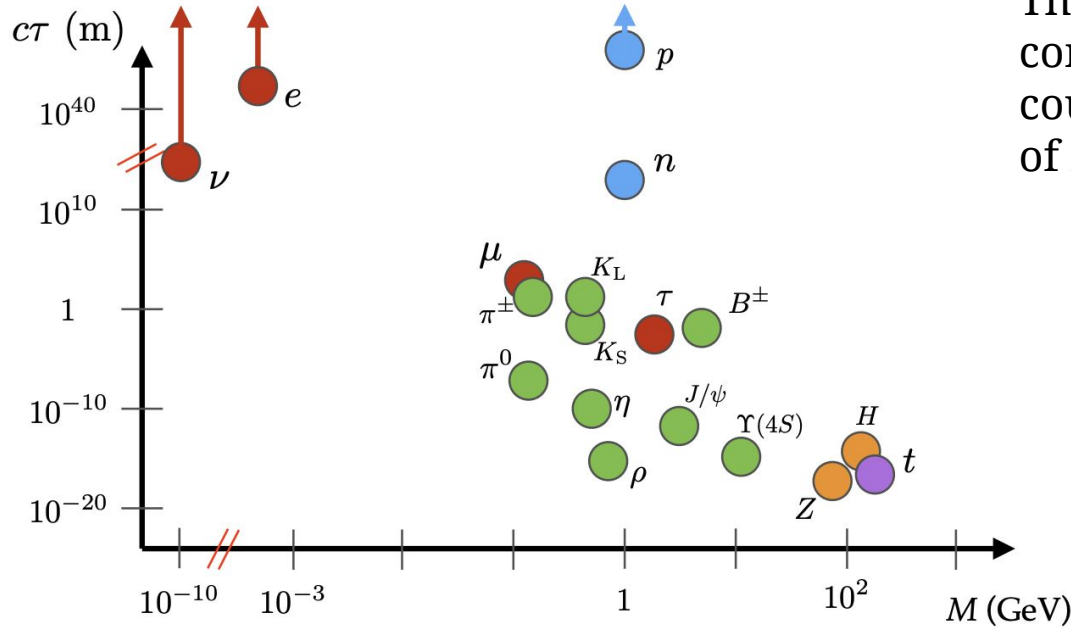
Based on collaborative work with  
LLP Community, whitepaper in J. Alimena, et al., (1903.04497)  
R. Beltrán, J.C. Helo, M. Hirsch, A. Titov, Z.S. Wang (2110.15096, 2105.13851)  
J.C. Helo, M. Hirsch, C. Peña, C. Wang, S. Xie (2210.17446)

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## Outline

- Long-Lived Particles (LLPs) beyond the Standard Model
  - Theoretical motivations and experimental challenges
- LLP phenomenology at the LHC and future proposed detectors
  - within the minimal Heavy Neutral Lepton (HNL) model
  - within the Standard Model Effective Field Theory with HNLs
- Take home message

# Long-Lived Particles can travel macroscopic distances before decaying inside a particle detector. Our world is full of them



Their presence comes from conserved symmetries, small couplings, heavy mediators/hierarchy of mass scales, small phase space.

$$\Gamma \sim \lambda^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m}{\Lambda} \right)^m \Delta m$$

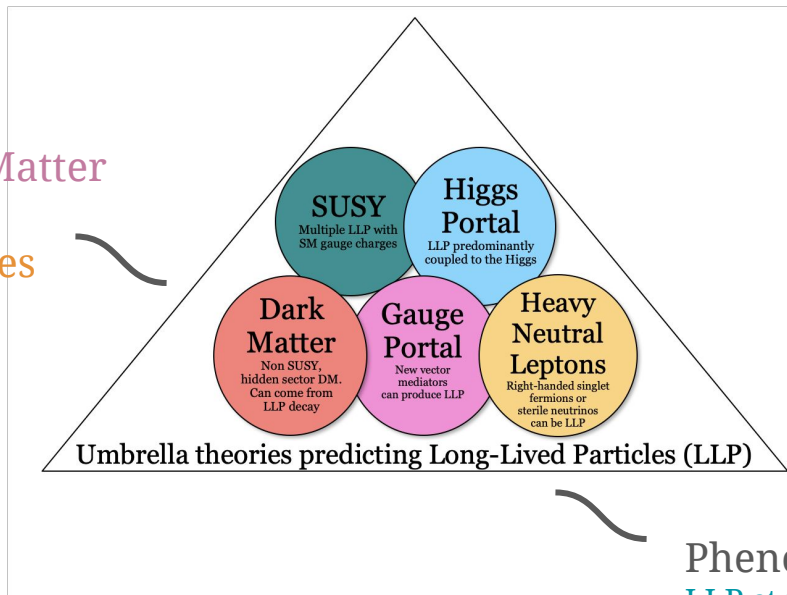
$$c\tau \sim \Gamma^{-1}$$

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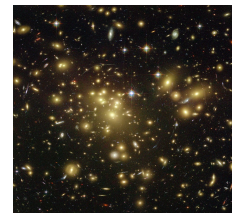
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Baryogenesis  
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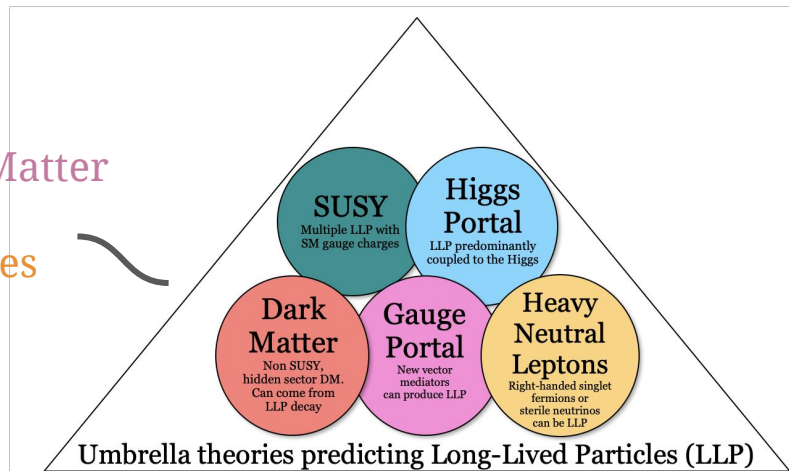


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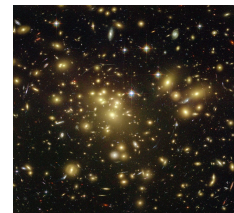
See J.C. Helo's talk for HNLs  
See I. Maturana Ávila's talk for DM

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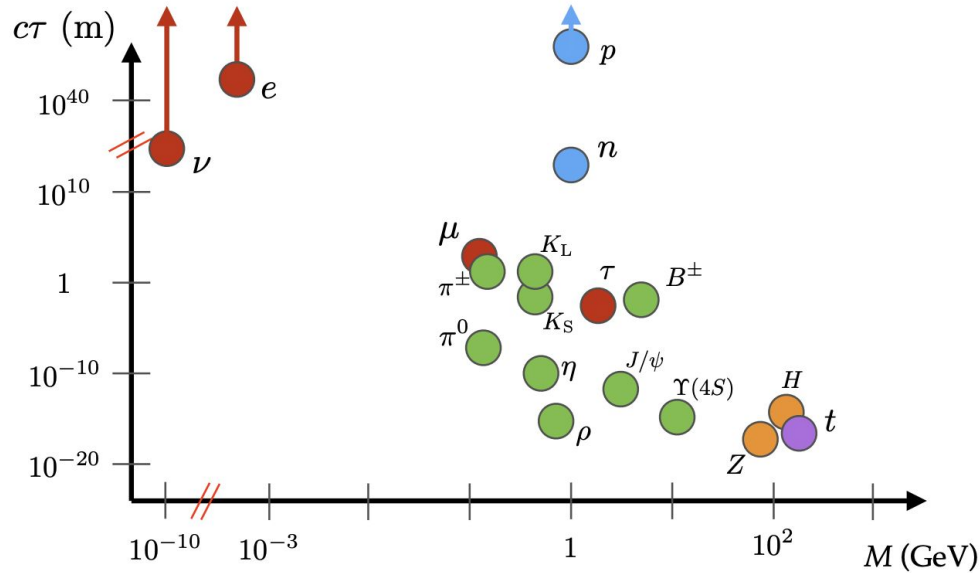


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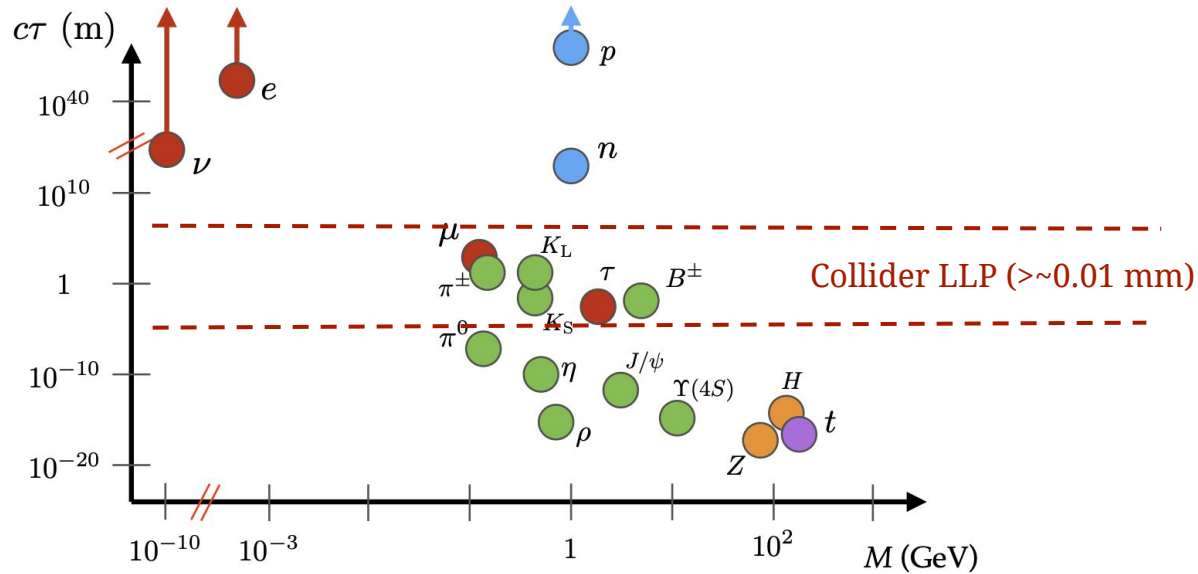
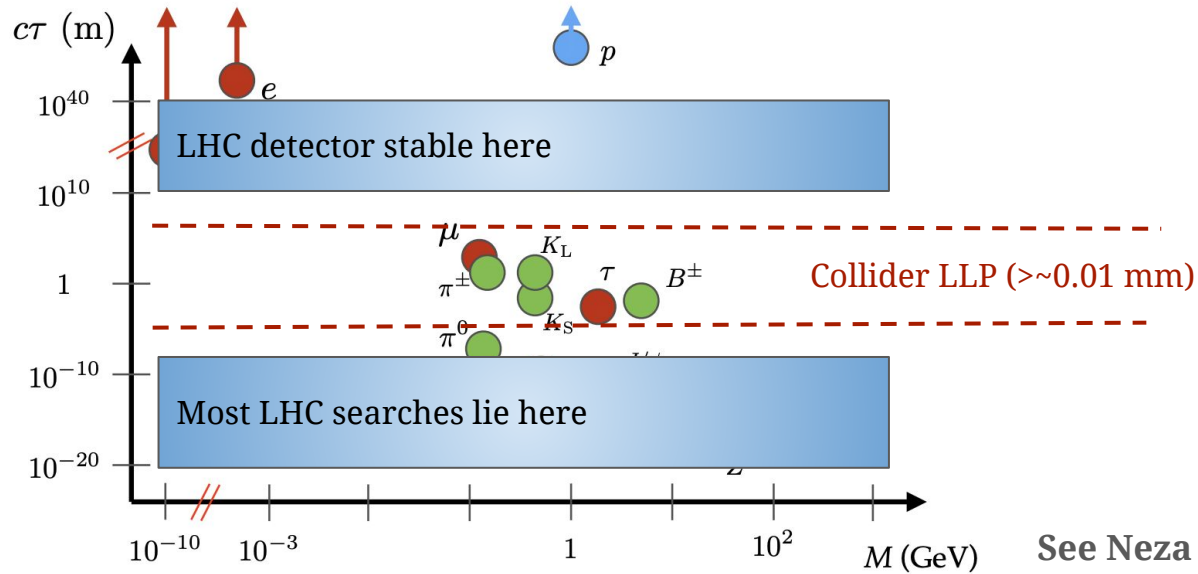


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See Neza Ribaric's talk for ATLAS LLP highlights

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11/198 ATLAS LLP searches with full 13 TeV data

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/Winter201713TeV>



LHC-LLP searches can target different lifetimes using different parts of the detectors. Detection usually requires special triggers and reconstruction

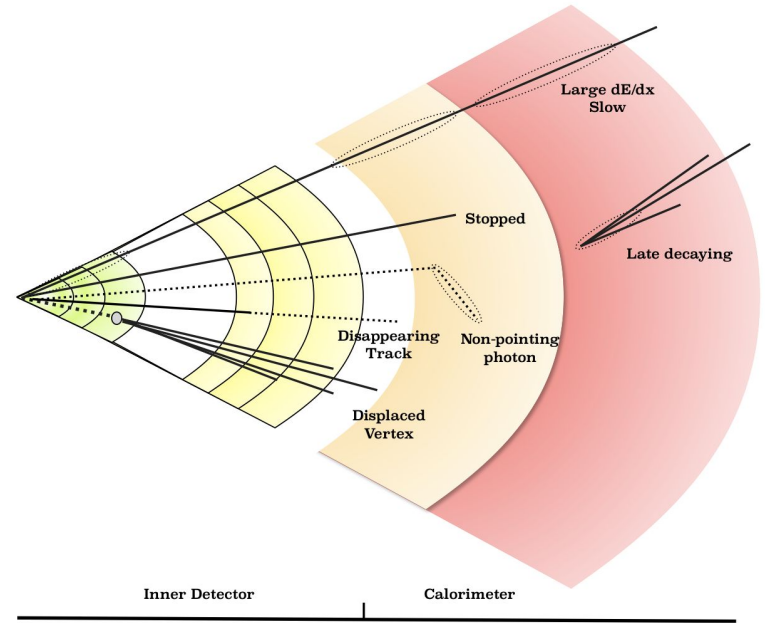
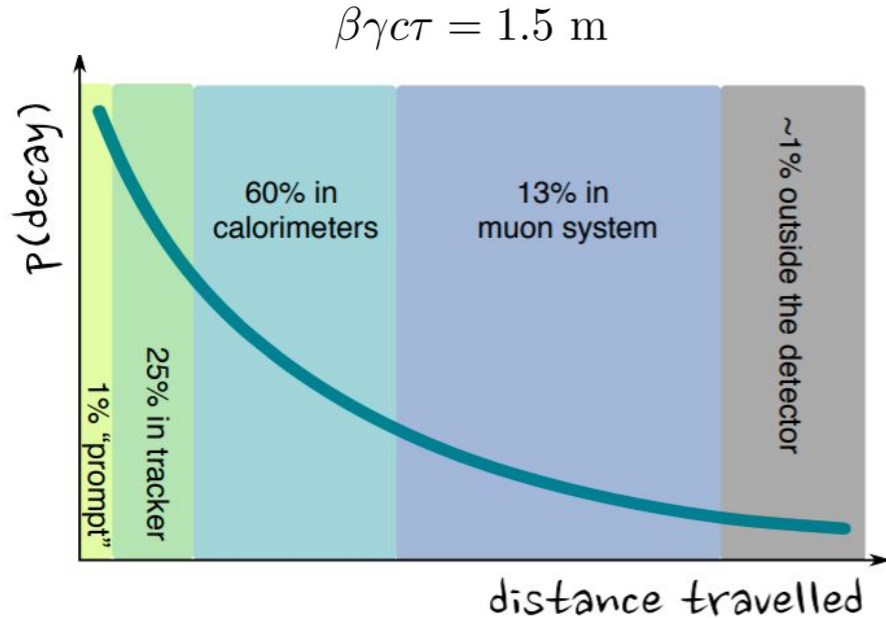


Image by Heather Russel (based on ATLAS geometry)  
Long-lived Particle Community Workshop, 2017

Image by G. Cottin

Depending on where the LLP decays and which quantum numbers it has, this will give rise to different exotic signatures!

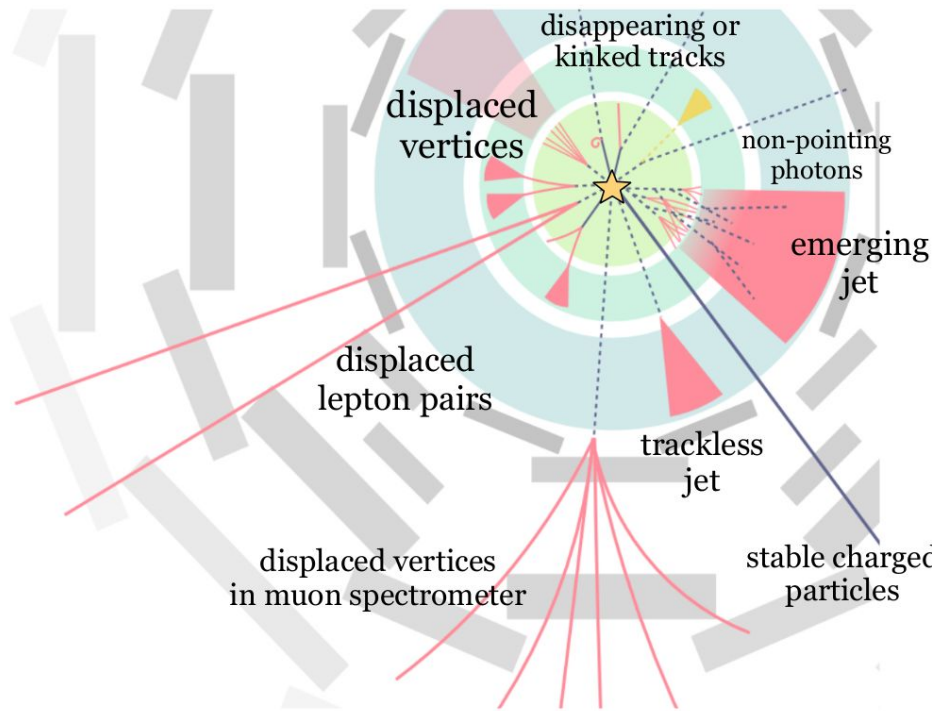
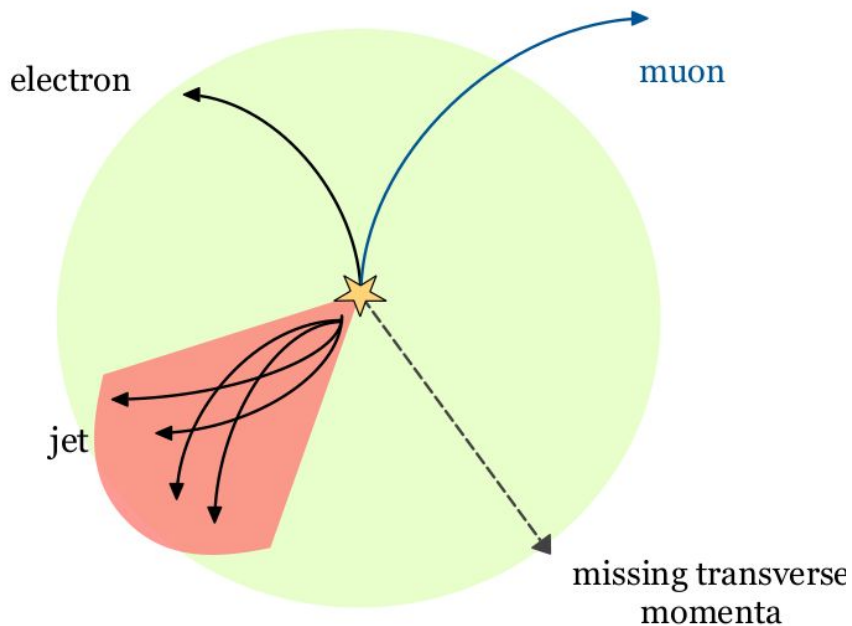


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# Theory meets Reality

Many BSM Models predicting  
LLPs of interest addressing

Neutrino Masses  
Dark Matter  
Baryogenesis  
Naturalness  
Anomaly explanations ...



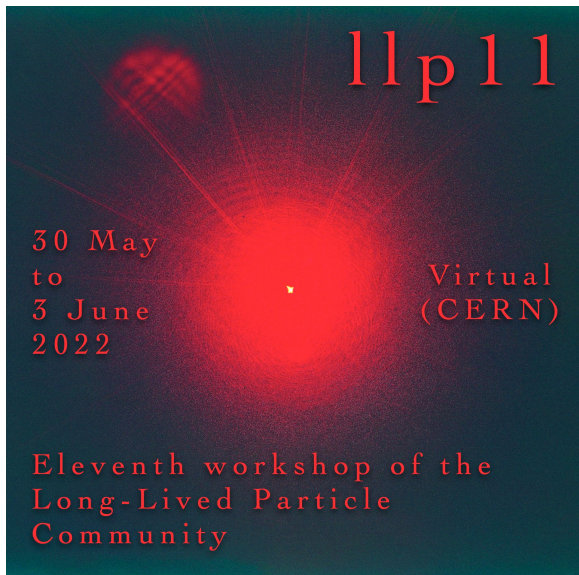
Not always being looked for @  
experiments

- Lack of person power/time/resources
- Not optimal analysis strategy within experiments
- No standard definition of LLP object(s)
- LLP bkg. hard to simulate outside experiments
- No optimal experiment for your model ... or  
Not even an existing detector able to catch your LLP!

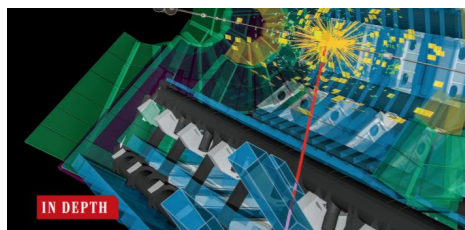
There is need for reinterpretation. There is need to propose/design optimal BSM  
LLP searches

# Many LLP efforts worldwide ! Formally an LHC LLP Working Group at CERN

LLP Community <https://cern.ch/longlivedparticles>  
LLP WG <https://lpcc.web.cern.ch/lhc-llp-wg>



llp11  
Virtual (CERN)  
30 May to 3 June 2022  
Eleventh workshop of the Long-Lived Particle Community



In a simulated event, the track of a decay particle called a muon (red), displaced slightly from the center of particle collisions.

## PARTICLE PHYSICS

### A hunt for long-lived particles ran

The Large Hadron Collider could be making new particles that are

By Adrian Cho

Are new particles materializing right under physicists' noses and going unnoticed? The world's great atom smasher, the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), could be making long-lived particles that slip through its detectors, some researchers say. Next week, they will gather at the LHC's home, CERN, the European particle physics laboratory near Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss how to capture them. They argue the LHC's next run should emphasize such searches, and some are calling for new detectors that could sniff e

It's a push members at the Higgs bo

simple strategy to look for new particles: Smash together protons or electrons at ever-higher energies to produce heavy new particles and watch them decay instantly into lighter, familiar particles within the huge, barrel-shaped detectors. That's how CMS and its rival detector, A Toroidal LHC Apparatus (ATLAS), spotted the Higgs, which in a trillionth of a nanosecond can decay into, among other things, a pair of photons or two "jets" of lighter particles.

Long-lived particles, however, would zip through part or all of the detector before decaying. That idea is more than a shot in the dark, says Giovanna Cottin,

of sub-particle energy ing an moons where lide. Particles that fly even a few millimeters before decaying would leave unusual signatures: kinked or offset tracks, or jets that emerge gradually instead of all at once. Standard data analysis such oddities are mistakes Tova Holmes, an ATLAS me University of Chicago in a searching for the displaced t

### Adding your recasting code

This is an open repository and if you have developed a code for recasting a LLP analysis, we include it here. Please contact [llp-recasting@googlegroups.com](mailto:llp-recasting@googlegroups.com) and we will provide you with information for including your code.

### Repository Structure

The repository folder structure is organized according to the type of LLP signature and the authors:

- Displaced Vertices
  - 13 TeV ATLAS Displaced Vertex plus MET by ALESSA
  - 13 TeV ATLAS Displaced Vertex plus MET by GCottin
  - 8 TeV ATLAS Displaced Vertex plus jets by GCottin
- Heavy Stable Charged Particles
  - 8 TeV CMS HSCP
  - 13 TeV ATLAS HSCP
- Disappearing Tracks (DDP)
- Displaced Jets

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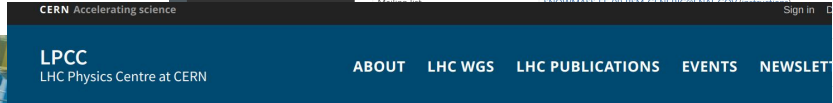
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Conveners: Tulika Bose, Zhen Liu, Simone Pagan Griso (more contact info)



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## LHC LLP WG: Long-lived Particles at the LHC

To subscribe to the general WG mailing list, used to distribute announcements about WG meetings and available documents, go to <http://simba3.web.cern.ch/simba3/SelfSubscription.aspx?groupName=lhc-llpwg>

### Mandate:

The LHC Long-lived Particles Working Group (LHC LLP WG) brings together experimentalists and theorists to discuss the physics of new long-lived particles at the LHC. It also covers physics with unconventional experimental signatures. The WG builds on the experience of the LLP LHC Community and, preserving its main scientific objectives, it serves as a formal bridge with the relevant physics groups of the LHC experiments, to streamline the official endorsement of the WG's recommendations to the experiments. The WG will hold open meetings, typically at CERN, complementing the Workshops organized by the LLP LHC Community. The formation of dedicated subgroups, and possible closed meetings (restricted

- Dark Matter WG
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- Electroweak WG
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- Forward Physics WG
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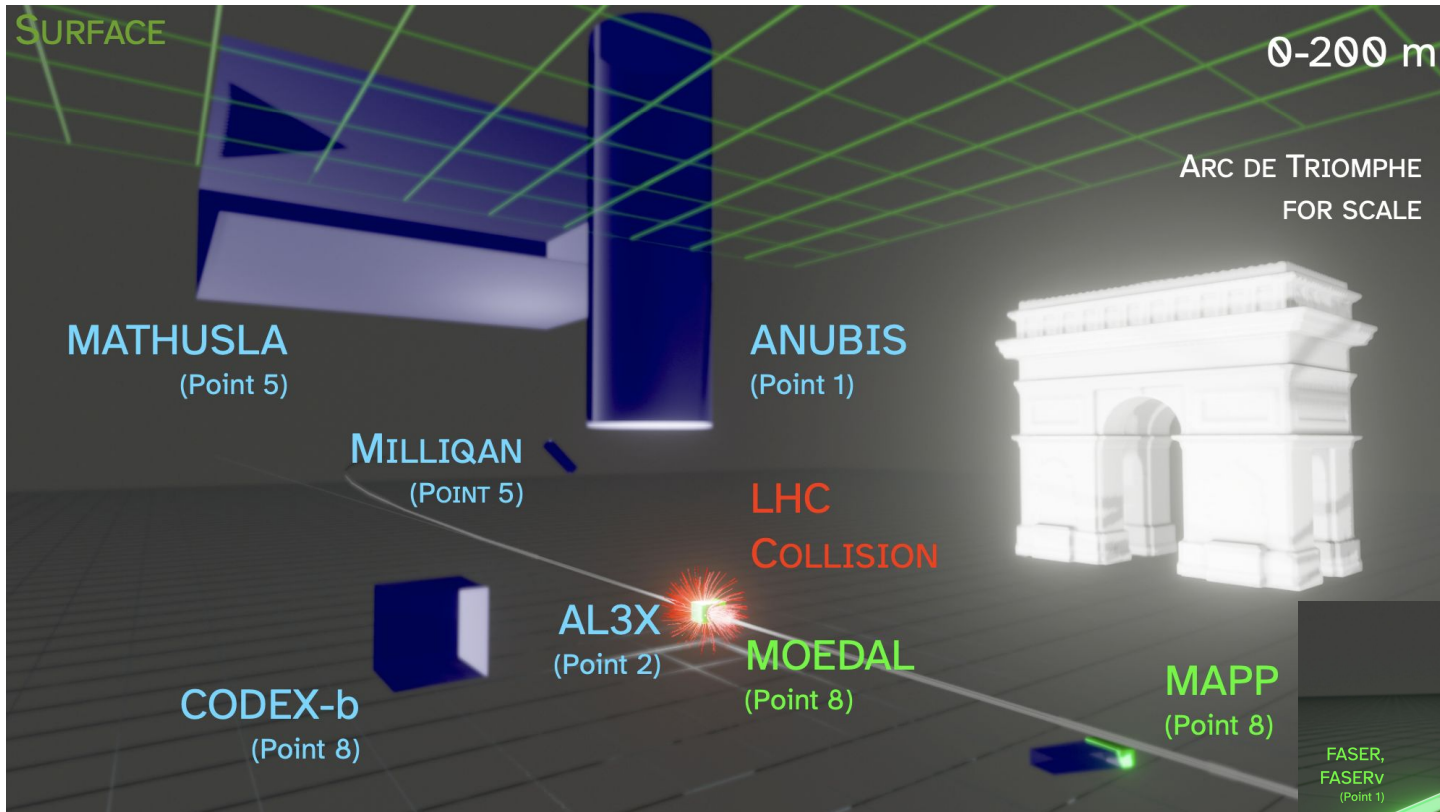
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**Long-lived particles gather interest**  
21 July 2021

Activities within LLP Community and WG (whitepaper, regular workshops, recasting repo)  
You can subscribe to LLP-WG egroupp !  
LLP Community White Paper [arXiv:1903.04497](https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.04497)  
LLP repo <https://github.com/llprecasting/recastingCodes>

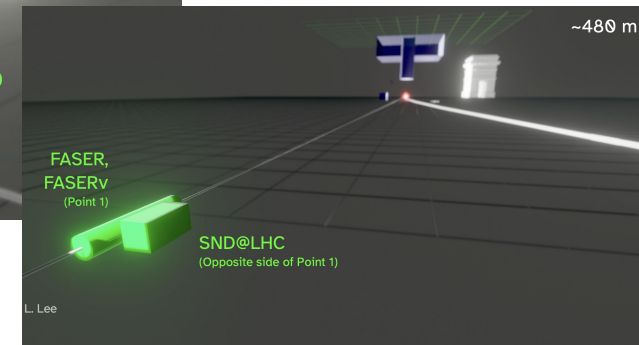
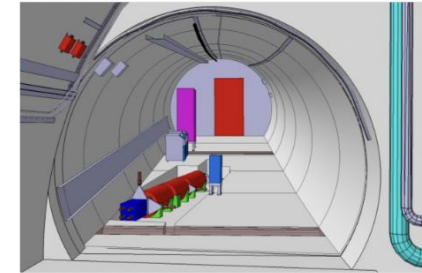
# Even new approved/proposed LLP experiments



## FASER: CERN approves new experiment to look for long-lived, exotic particles

The experiment, which will complement existing searches for dark matter at the LHC, will be operational in 2021.

7 MARCH, 2019 | By Cristina Agrigoroae

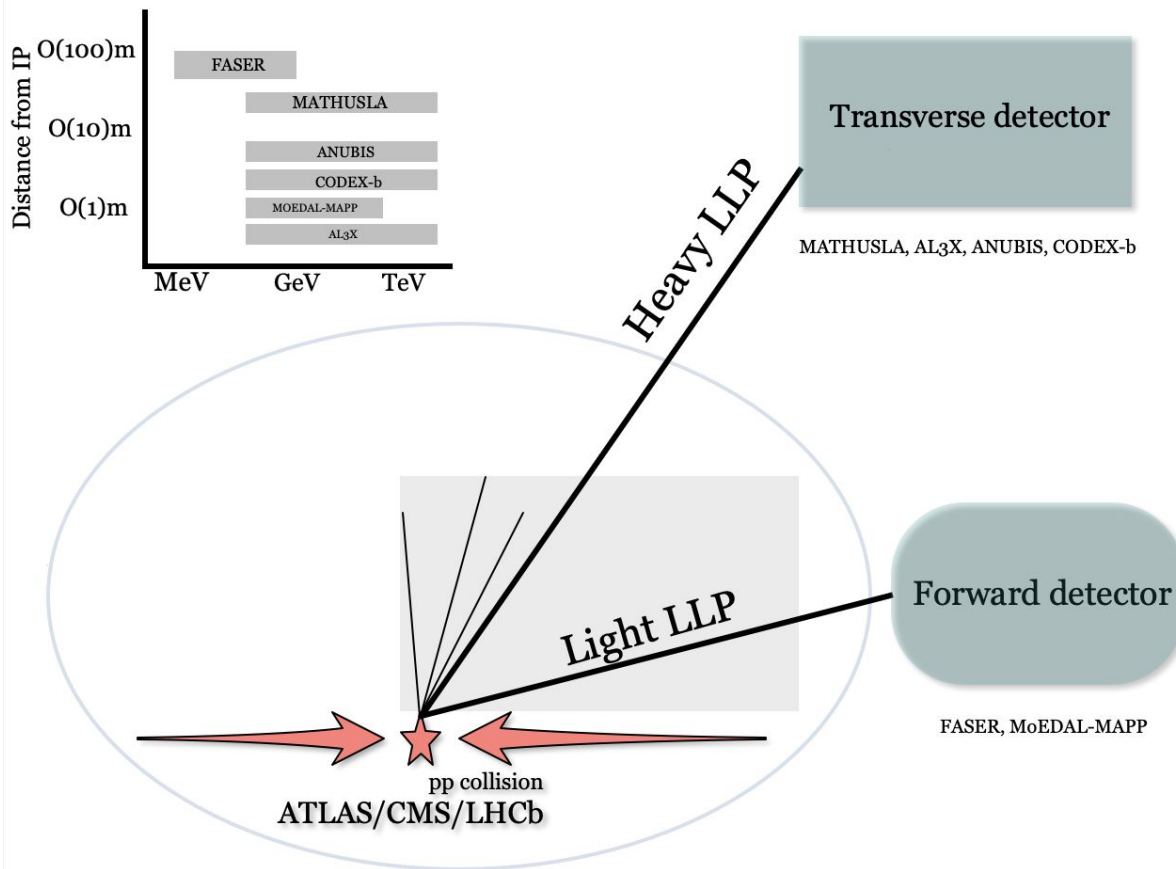


Slide from L. Lee @ LHPC2021

[https://indico.cern.ch/event/905399/contributions/4282550/attachments/2261167/3837992/060921\\_LLee\\_NeutralFIPs.pdf](https://indico.cern.ch/event/905399/contributions/4282550/attachments/2261167/3837992/060921_LLee_NeutralFIPs.pdf)

See S.Kuleshov's and I. Ostrovskiy's talks

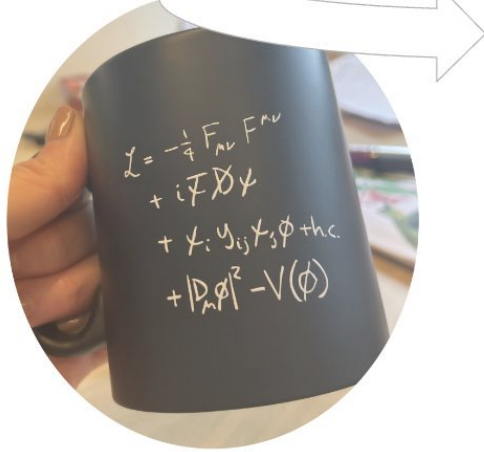
# Many LLP experiments needed to target complementary regions in LLP model parameter space



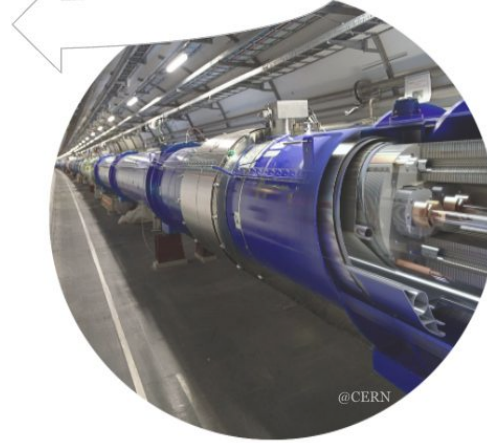
General purpose detectors are “complex” (large angular acceptance, many sub-detectors to exploit LLP signature)/ no LLP triggers/challenging triggers, large backgrounds, difficult- non-efficient reconstruction

Dedicated detectors are “simpler” (no trigger, targeted reconstruction, are cheaper), limited/zero bkg/smaller angular acceptance

Theory



Experiment



- LLP phenomenology at the LHC and future proposed detectors
  - within the minimal Heavy Neutral Lepton (HNL) model
  - within the Standard Model Effective Field Theory with HNLs

**Heavy Neutral Leptons**  
Right-handed singlet fermions or sterile neutrinos can be LLP

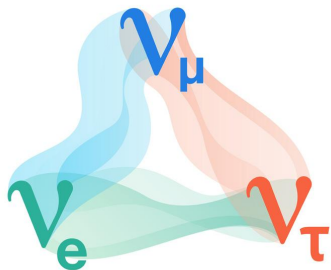


# HNL LLP Motivation

See José Valle's  
Talk

## Known

- Neutrino oscillations therefore neutrinos in the SM have mass



See P. F. de Salas et al., JHEP 02 (2021) 071, [arXiv:2006.11237](https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.11237)

## An answer for neutrino mass generation mechanism

See review in A. Atre, T. Han, S. Pascoli, B. Zhang, JHEP 05 (2009) 030, [arXiv:0901.3589](https://arxiv.org/abs/0901.3589)

Could also explain Dark Matter and Baryon Asymmetry

T.Asaka, M.Shaposhnikov, PL B620 (2005), [hep-ph/0505013](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0505013)

See reviews in A. Boyarsky, et al., Prog. in Part. and Nucl. Phys. 104 (2019), [arXiv:1807.07938](https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.07938),

A. Boyarsky, O. Ruchayskiy, M. Shaposhnikov, Ann.Rev.Nucl.Part.Sci. 59 (2009), [arXiv: 0901.0011](https://arxiv.org/abs/0901.0011)



@symmetrymagazine

## Unknown

- Neutrino mass mechanism involving HNL (i.e seesaw mechanism, inverse seesaw, ...)
- Specific BSM Model of neutrino mass generation (i.e new interactions of HNL beyond Yukawa ones?)
- HNL nature (Dirac or Majorana)
- HNL mass scale

Seesaw  
P. Minkowski, [Phys. Lett. 67B \(1977\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/1977)  
R. N. Mohapatra and G. Senjanovic, [Phys. Rev. Lett. 44 \(1980\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/1980)  
J. Schechter and J. W. F. Valle, [Phys. Rev. D22, 2227 \(1980\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/1980)

Inverse seesaw  
R. Mohapatra and J. Valle, [Phys. Rev. D34 \(1986\) 1642](https://arxiv.org/abs/1986)



# An example: minimal type I seesaw

- Predicts HNLs
- HNLs mix with SM neutrinos
- Can be realised in many BSM models

See reviews for HNL phenomenology  
 M. Drewes, Int.J.Mod.Phys.E 22 (2013) 1330019, [arXiv:1303.6912](https://arxiv.org/abs/1303.6912)  
 F. Deppisch, P. S. Bhupal Dev, Apostolos Pilaftsis, New J.Phys. 17 (2015) 7, 075019, [arXiv:1502.06541](https://arxiv.org/abs/1502.06541)  
 Y. Cai, T. Han, Tong Li, R. Ruiz, Front.in Phys. 6 (2018) 40, [arXiv:1711.02180](https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.02180)  
 The Present and Future Status of Heavy Neutral Leptons, Snowmass, [arXiv:2203.08039](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.08039)

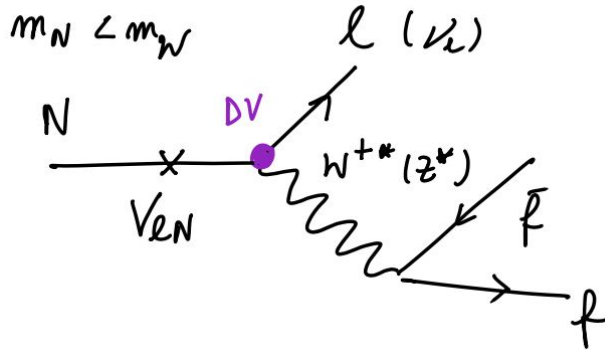
$$\mathcal{L}_{SM+N_L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \bar{N}_{Li} \not{\partial} N_{Li} - \left[ \frac{1}{2} \bar{N}_D^c M_N N_R + \bar{L} \tilde{H} Y_N N_D + h.c. \right]$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D^T & M_N \end{pmatrix}$$

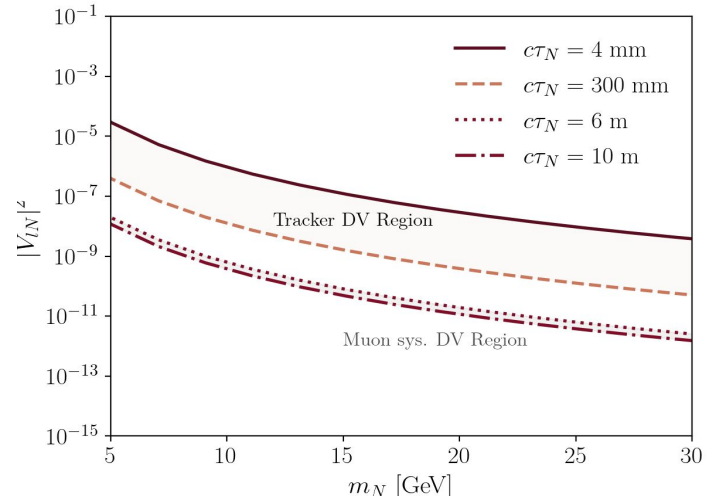
$$V_{eN} = m_D M_N^{-1} \Rightarrow V_{eN}^2 \sim m_\nu / M_N$$

$$\Gamma \sim G_F^2 |V_{eN}|^2 m_N^5$$

Small mixings and  $\sim$  GeV scale HNL  $\Rightarrow$  LLP!



Adapted from G. Cottin, J.C. Helo and M. Hirsch, [PRD 98 \(2018\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/1801.08001)



Pheno approach: consider HNL mass and mixing as independent parameters  $\rightarrow$  minimal HNL model

# Catching HNLs with inner tracker displaced vertices

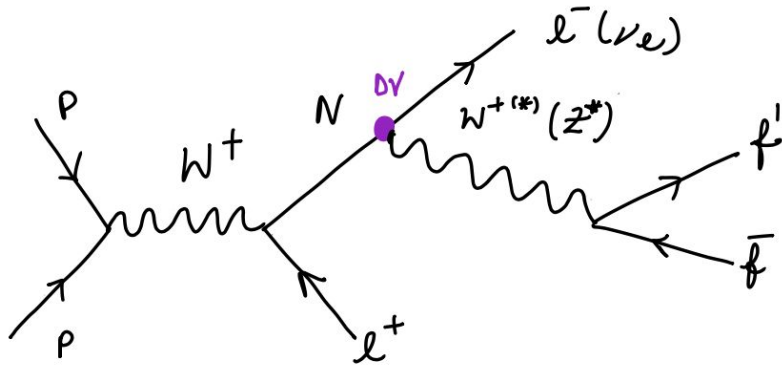
## “HNL optimized” multitrack DV search strategy

First proposed in G. Cottin, J.C. Helo and M. Hirsch, [PRD 98 \(2018\)](#)

Builds up on ATLAS SUSY searches in [1710.04901](#), [1504.05162](#)

Updated in R. Beltrán, G. Cottin, J.C. Helo, M. Hirsch, A. Titov, Z.S. Wang, [2110.15096](#)

$$m_B < m_N < m_W$$



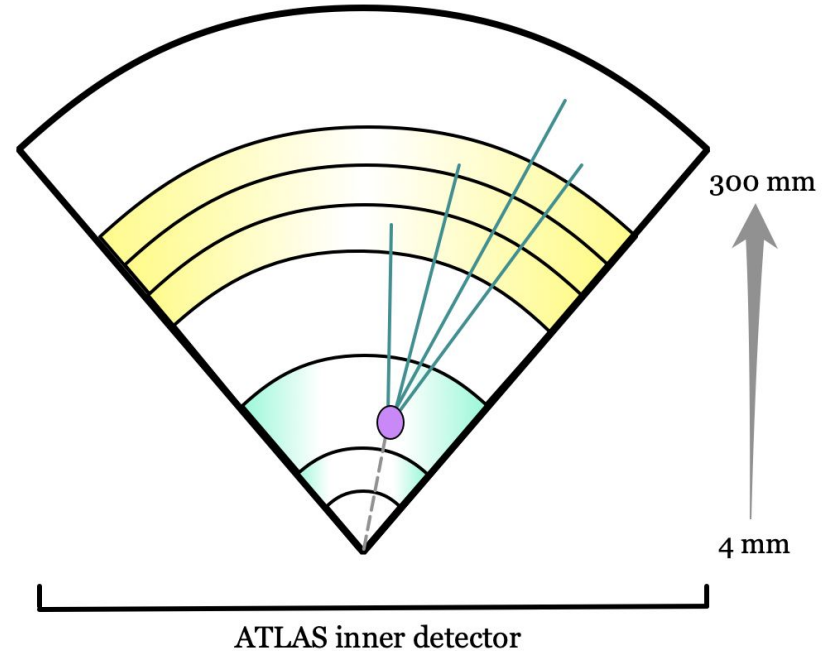
For other proposals and mass regions at different lifetime frontier experiments see *The Present and Future Status of Heavy Neutral Leptons*, Snowmass, [arXiv: 2203.08039](#)

Track level

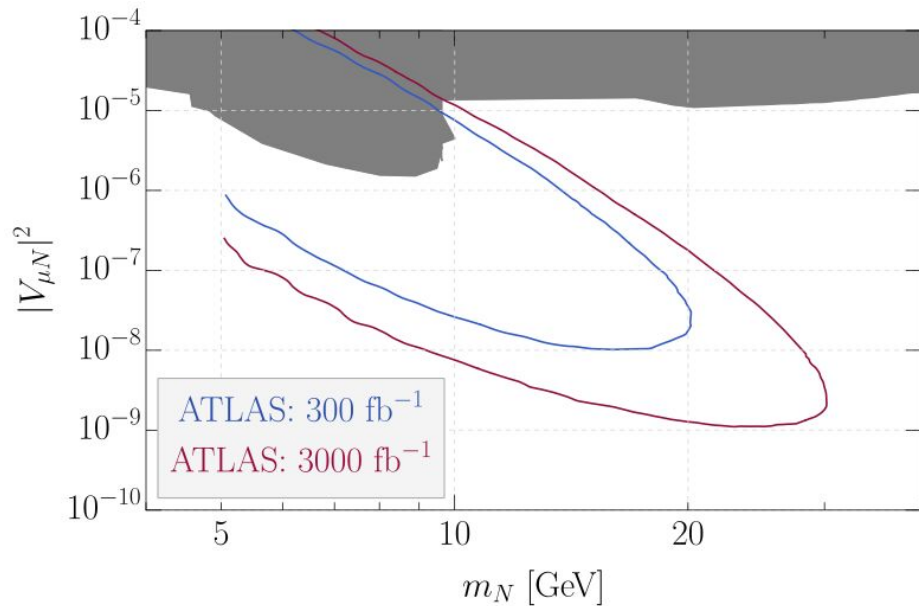
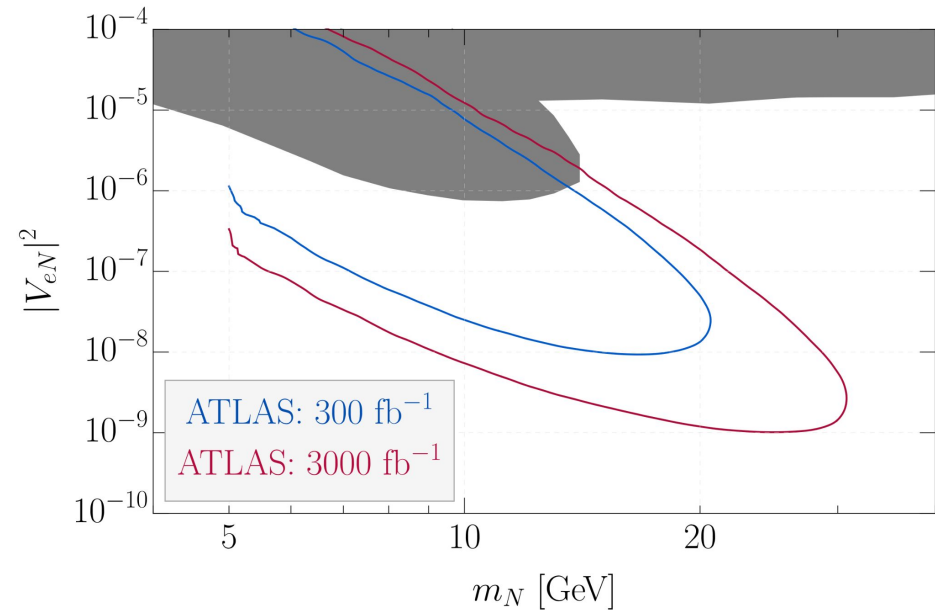
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displaced vertex level

$(n, mDV, rDV, zDV)$

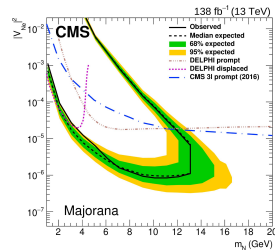
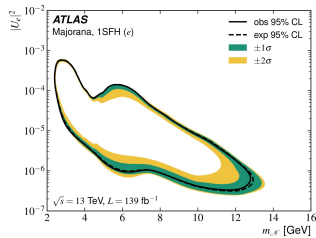
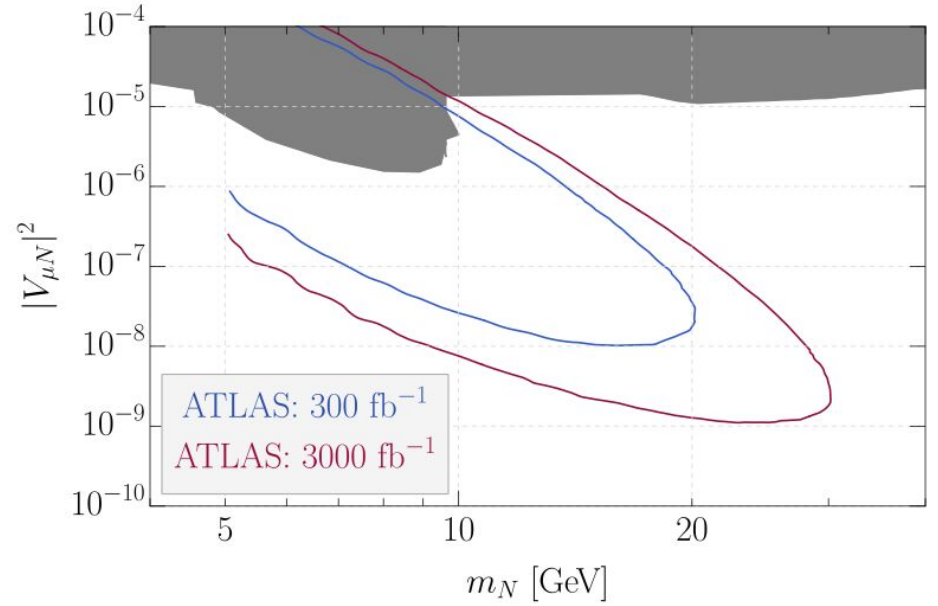
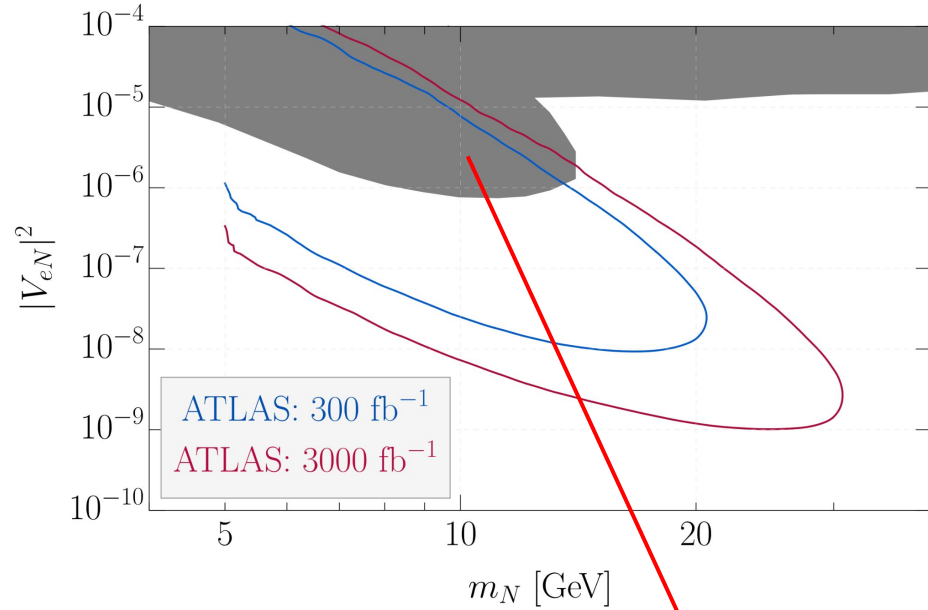


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R. Beltrán, G. Cottin, J.C. Helo, M. Hirsch, A. Titov, Z.S. Wang, JHEP 01 (2022) 044, [2110.15096](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.15096)

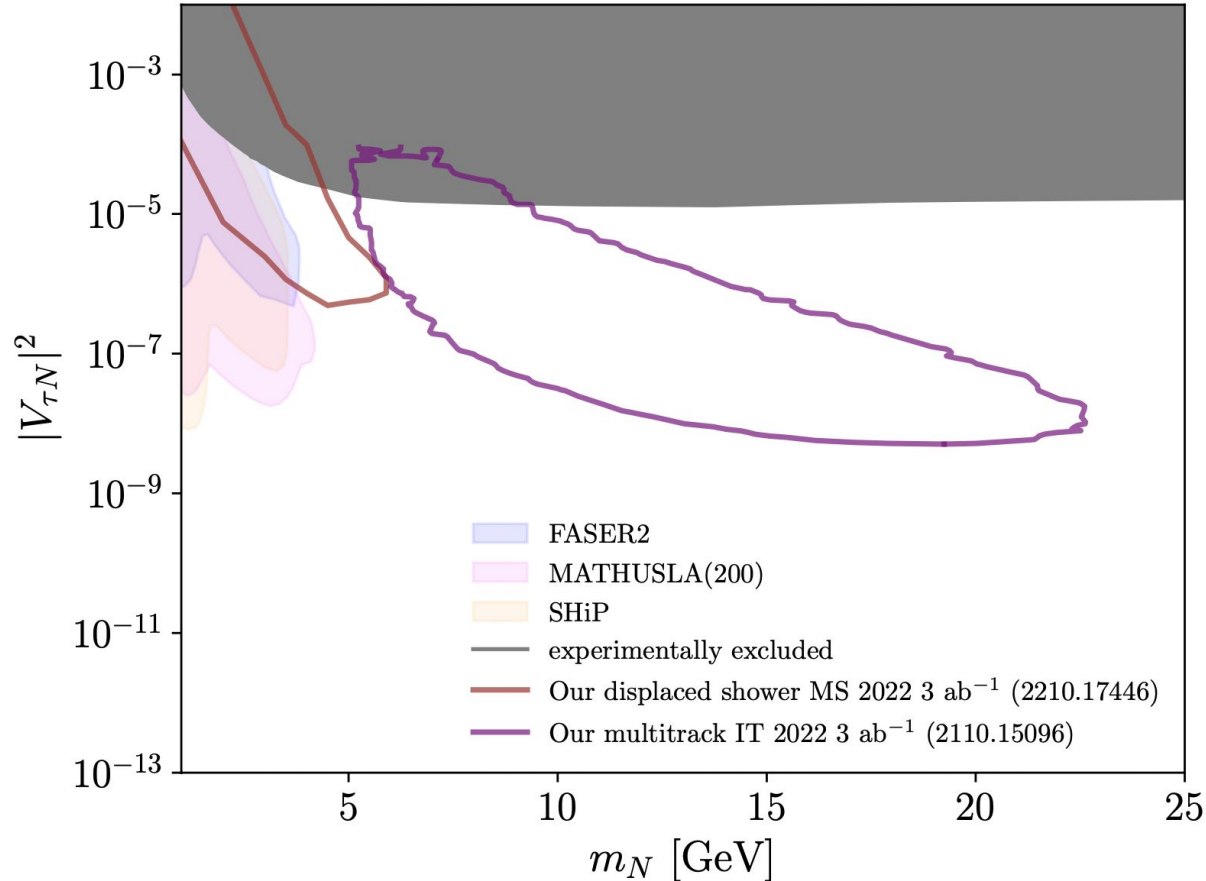


Latest LHC LLP HNL searches in [CMS\\_PAS\\_EXO-20-009](https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.009), [EXOT-2019-29](https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.29) consider prompt lepton triggers (i.e. electron or muon) and the identification of a displaced lepton vertex

Constraints in the electron/muon mixing plane vs HNL mass only

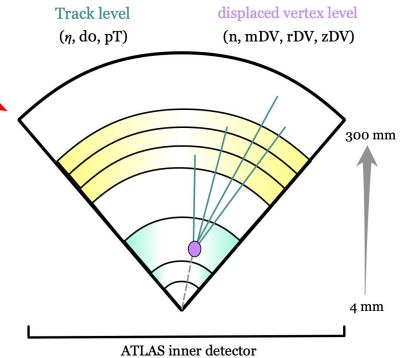
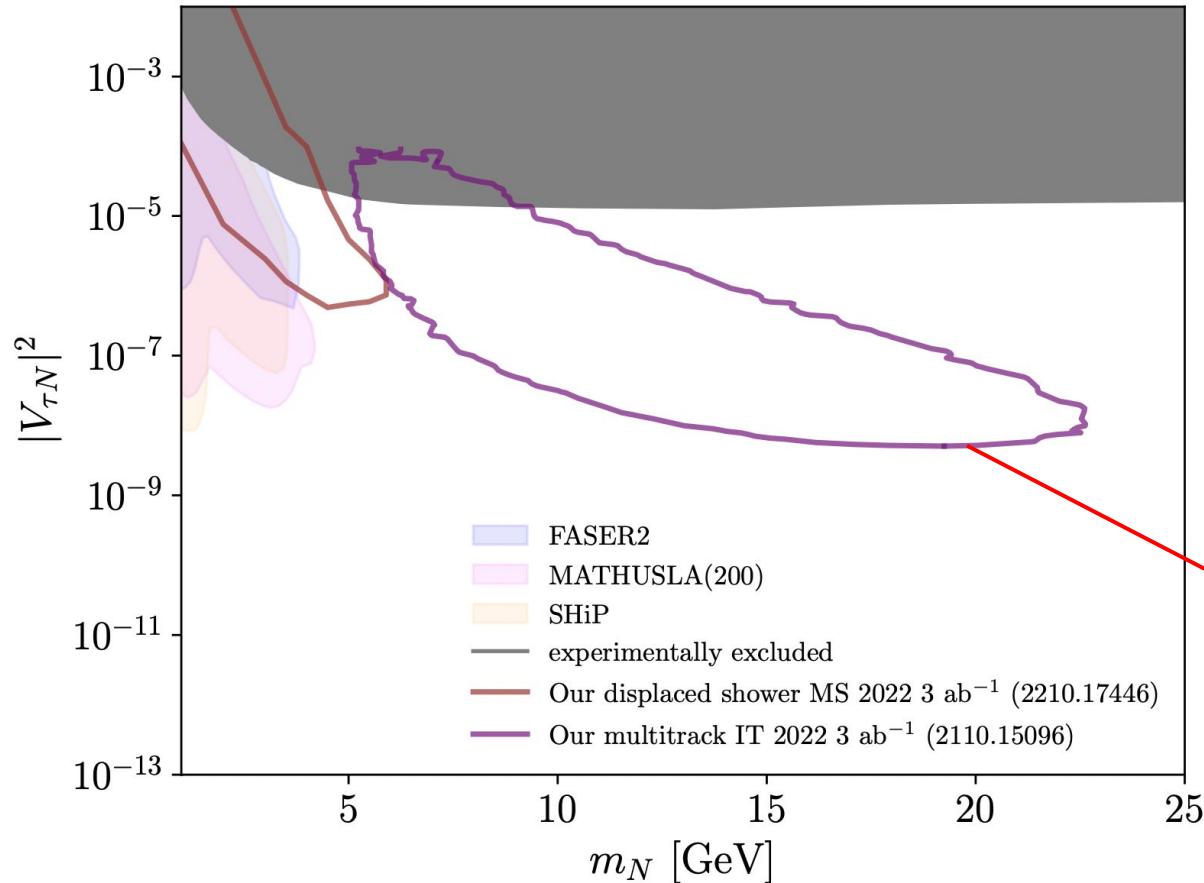
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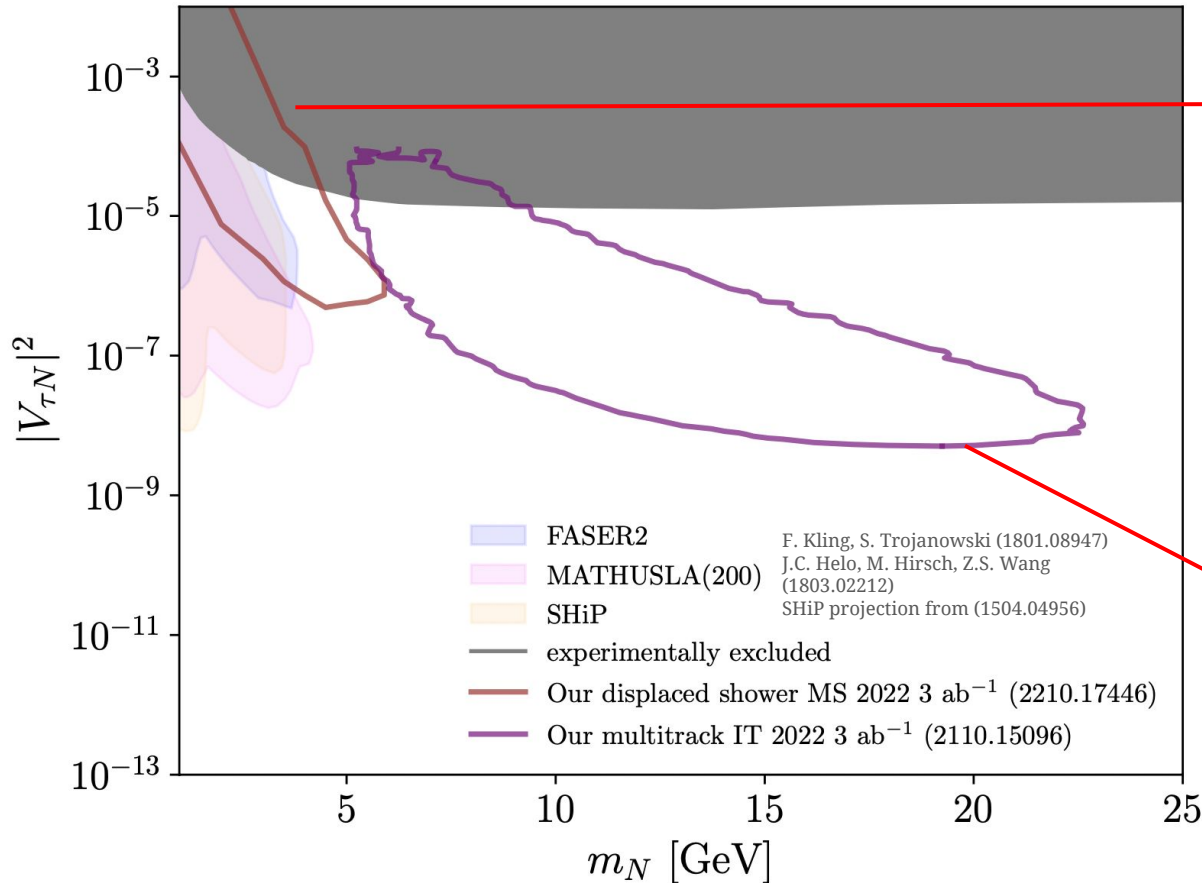
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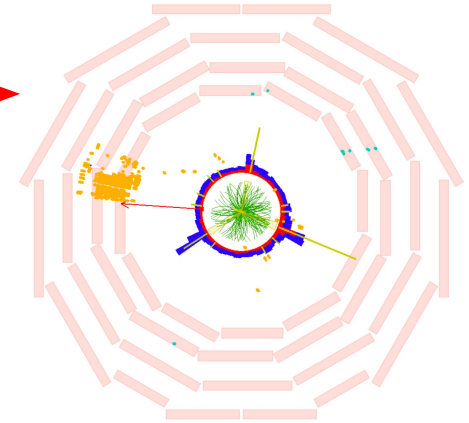


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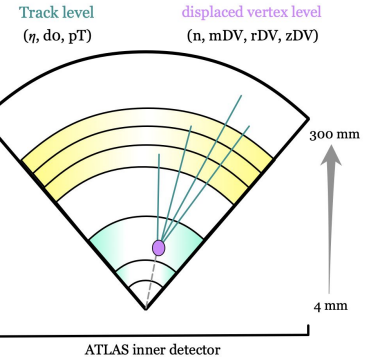
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CMS Simulation Supplementary



<http://cms-results.web.cern.ch/cms-results/public-results/publications/EXO-20-015/>



# Beyond the minimal HNL model. NR\_SMEFT offers a systematic way to study non-minimal HNL models, with NRO which are suppressed by a new physics scale $\Lambda$

$$\mathcal{L}_{NR\_SMEFT} = \mathcal{L}_{SM+N_L} + \sum_{d \geq 5} \frac{1}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \sum_i c_i^{(d)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(d)}$$

$d=6$  four-fermion operators with a *single* HNL

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$d=6$  four-fermion operators with *pairs* of HNL

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| Name                 | Structure (+ h.c.)                                      | $n_N = 1$ | $n_N = 3$ |
|----------------------|---|-----------|-----------|
| $\mathcal{O}_{duNe}$ | $(\bar{d}_R \gamma^\mu u_R) (\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu e_R)$ | 54        | 162       |
| $\mathcal{O}_{LNQd}$ | $(\bar{L} N_R) \epsilon (\bar{Q} d_R)$                  | 54        | 162       |
| $\mathcal{O}_{LdQN}$ | $(\bar{L} d_R) \epsilon (\bar{Q} N_R)$                  | 54        | 162       |
| $\mathcal{O}_{LNLe}$ | $(\bar{L} N_R) \epsilon (\bar{L} e_R)$                  | 54        | 162       |
| $\mathcal{O}_{QuNL}$ | $(\bar{Q} u_R) (\bar{N}_R L)$                           | 54        | 162       |

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Basis for  $d < 9$  in

H.-L. Li, Z. Ren, M.-L. Xiao, J.-H. Yu, Y.-H. Zheng, [2105.09329](#)

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| $\mathcal{O}_{dN}$ | $(\bar{d}_R \gamma^\mu d_R) (\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu N_R)$ | 9         | 81        |
| $\mathcal{O}_{uN}$ | $(\bar{u}_R \gamma^\mu u_R) (\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu N_R)$ | 9         | 81        |
| $\mathcal{O}_{QN}$ | $(\bar{Q} \gamma^\mu Q) (\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu N_R)$     | 9         | 81        |
| $\mathcal{O}_{eN}$ | $(\bar{e}_R \gamma^\mu e_R) (\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu N_R)$ | 9         | 81        |
| $\mathcal{O}_{NN}$ | $(\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu N_R) (\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu N_R)$ | 1         | 36        |
| $\mathcal{O}_{LN}$ | $(\bar{L} \gamma^\mu L) (\bar{N}_R \gamma_\mu N_R)$     | 9         | 81        |

Additional HNLs in EFT with LLPs at the LHC studies

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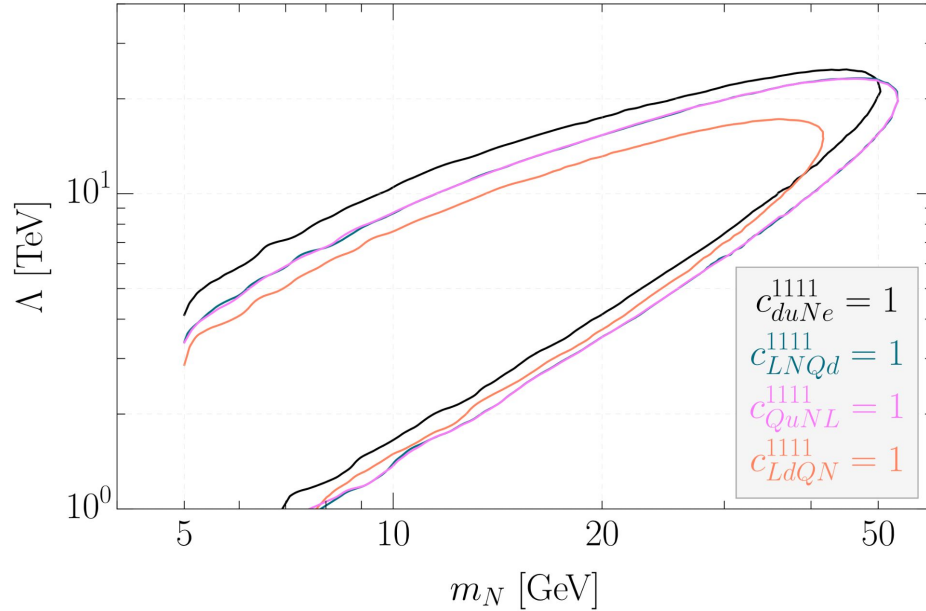
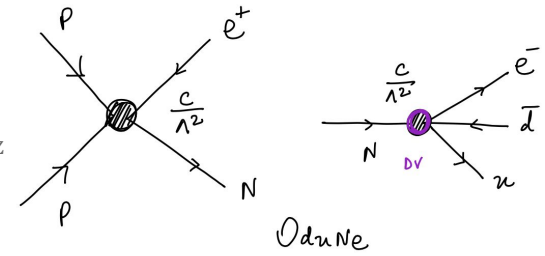


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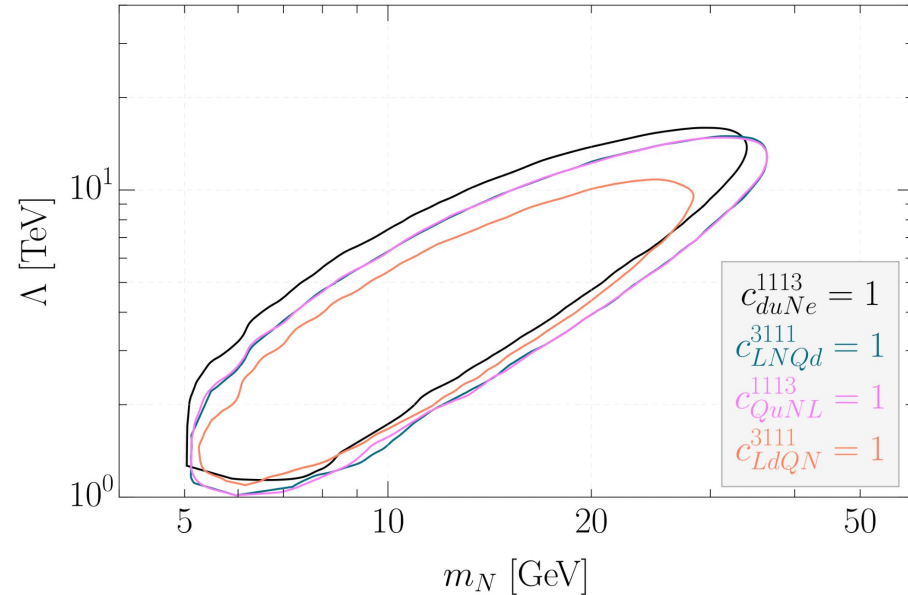
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Production and decay dominated by the operator. Operators with  $\Lambda$  above  $\sim 1$  TeV make the HNL long-lived



New physics scales in excess of  $\sim 20$  TeV could be probed at the LHC with 3ab-1 for HNL masses  $\sim 50$  GeV for operators with electrons and muons

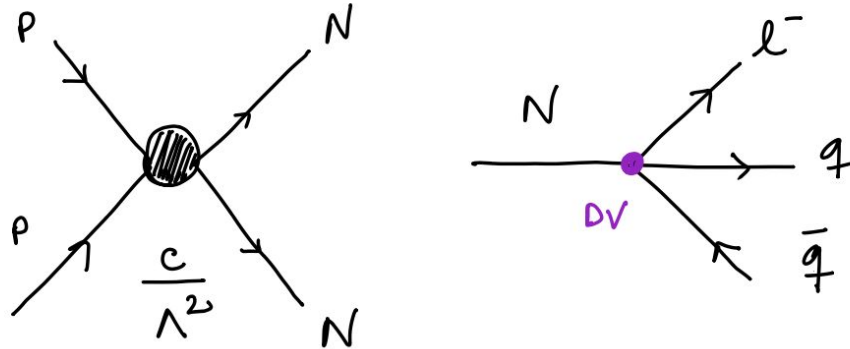
New physics scales  $\sim 10$  TeV could be probed for operators with taus



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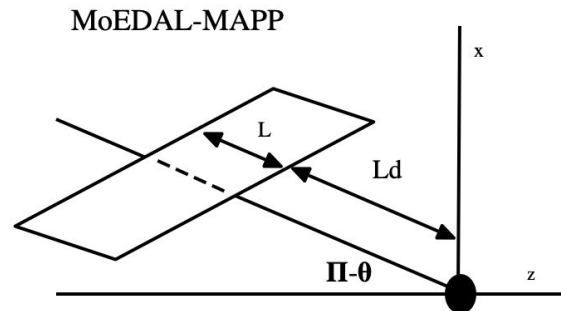
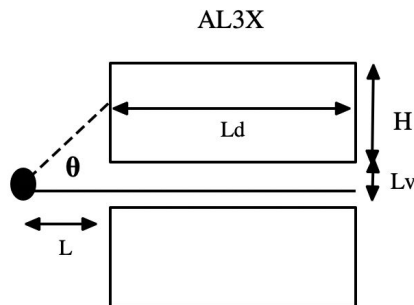
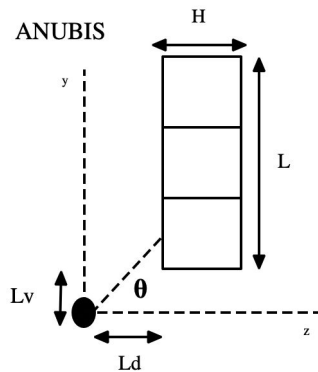
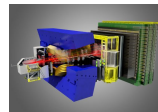
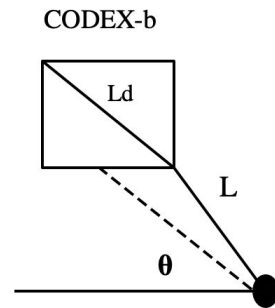
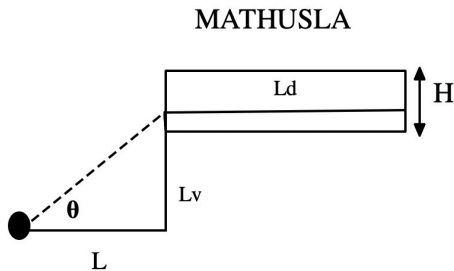
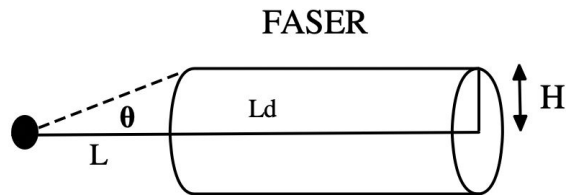
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- Production dominated by the operator
- HNLs decay only via their mixing with the active neutrinos
- DV strategy proposed for ATLAS inner tracker
- Probability of displaced decay in fiducial volume in far detectors (extending model space coverage)



# Phenomenology with displaced decays at LLP detectors

Decay probability of each simulated HNL takes into account the far detector geometry  $(L, L_d, L_v, H, \theta)$  and their kinematics



Details of probability of decay formulas in fiducial volumes

See Jordy de Vries, H. K. Dreiner, J. Y. Günther, Z. S. Wang, G. Zhou, [2010.07305](https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.07305) (JHEP 03 (2021))

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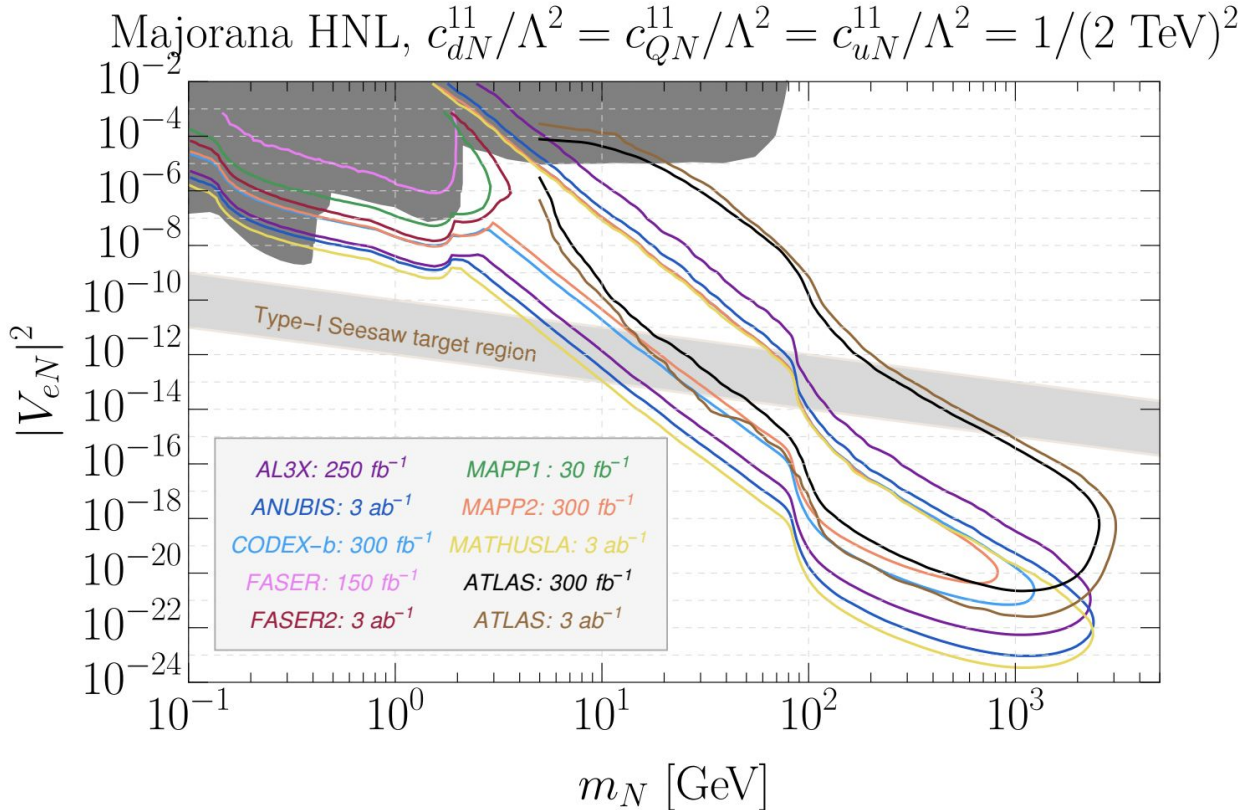
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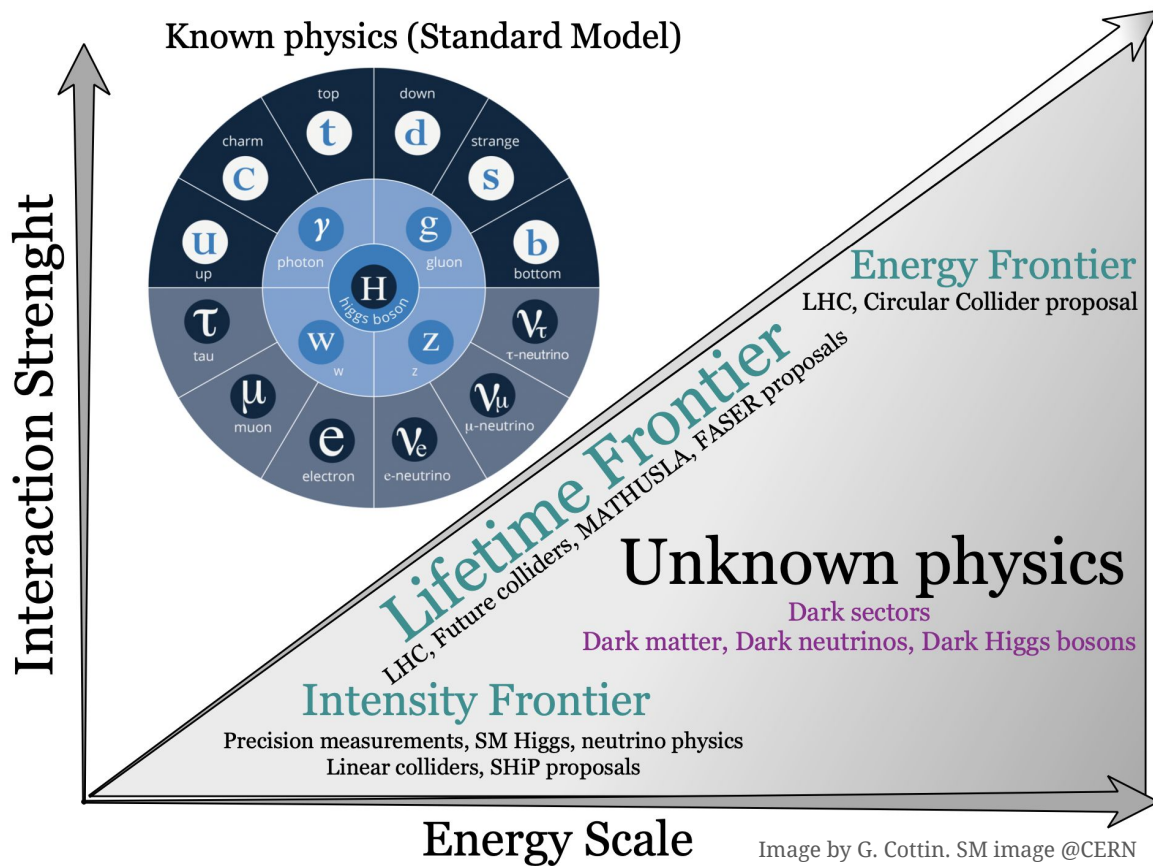
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 \end{aligned}$$



Much larger sensitivities can be achieved as compared to the minimal HNL scenario !

# To take home

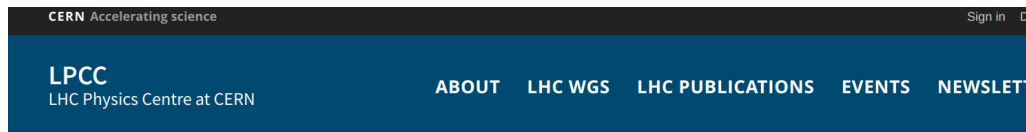
We need BSM to explain unknown phenomena in our Universe (i.e. small neutrino masses in the SM)  
New Physics can be long-lived. Need to keep investing in a long-lived particle physics program to map this transversal line of exploration





# Backup

# Formally an LHC LLP Working Group at CERN

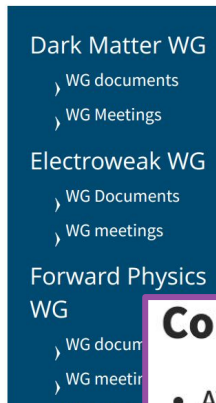


## LHC LLP WG: Long-lived Particles at the LHC

To subscribe to the general WG mailing list, used to distribute announcements about WG meetings and available documents, go to <http://simba3.web.cern.ch/simba3/SelfSubscription.aspx?groupName=lhc-llpwg>

### Mandate:

The LHC Long-lived Particles Working Group (LHC LLP WG) brings together experimentalists and theorists to discuss the physics of new long-lived particles at the LHC. It also covers physics with unconventional experimental signatures. The WG builds on the experience of the [LLP LHC Community](#) and, preserving its main scientific objectives, it serves as a formal bridge with the relevant physics groups of the LHC experiments, to streamline the official endorsement of the WG's recommendations to the experiments. The WG will hold open meetings, typically at CERN, complementing the Workshops organized by the LLP LHC Community. The formation of dedicated subgroups, and possible closed meetings (restricted



Main goals are:

- Facilitate communication between theorist and experimentalists
- Provide recommendation for benchmark models to be used in LLP interpretation
- Provide recommendation for presentation of experimental results in a useful way for reinterpretation
- Discuss new search directions based on new input from theory or experiment

<https://lpcc.web.cern.ch/lhc-llp-wg>

You can get in touch and/or subscribe to the mailing list for news !

### Conveners:

- ATLAS: Simone Pagan Griso and Emma Torro Pastor
- CMS: Alberto Escalante del Valle and Larry Lee
- FASER: Dave Casper
- LHCb: Federico Leo Redi and Carlos Vázquez Sierra
- MoEDAL: James Pinfold
- SND@LHC: Cristovao Vilela
- Theory: Giovanna Cottin, Nishita Desai and José Zurita
- Reach all through [lhc-llpwg-admin@cern.ch](mailto:lhc-llpwg-admin@cern.ch)

# Theorist's roadmap

to reinterpret or propose a new physics search for your model

## Characterization of BSM Physics



## Usage/Design



## Evaluate Experimental Response

- Model building
- Identify production modes
- Identify decay patterns
- Hard Code your model  
(i.e. dedicated software as FeynRules/SARAH/SPHENO)

- Identify Software (i.e. Monte Carlo as Madgraph, Pythia, Herwig ...)
- Design/Implement Observables (i.e. invariant mass, displaced vertex, jets)
- Hard Code your strategy/analysis (i.e. can use standard software as MadAnalysis, Rivet or your own)

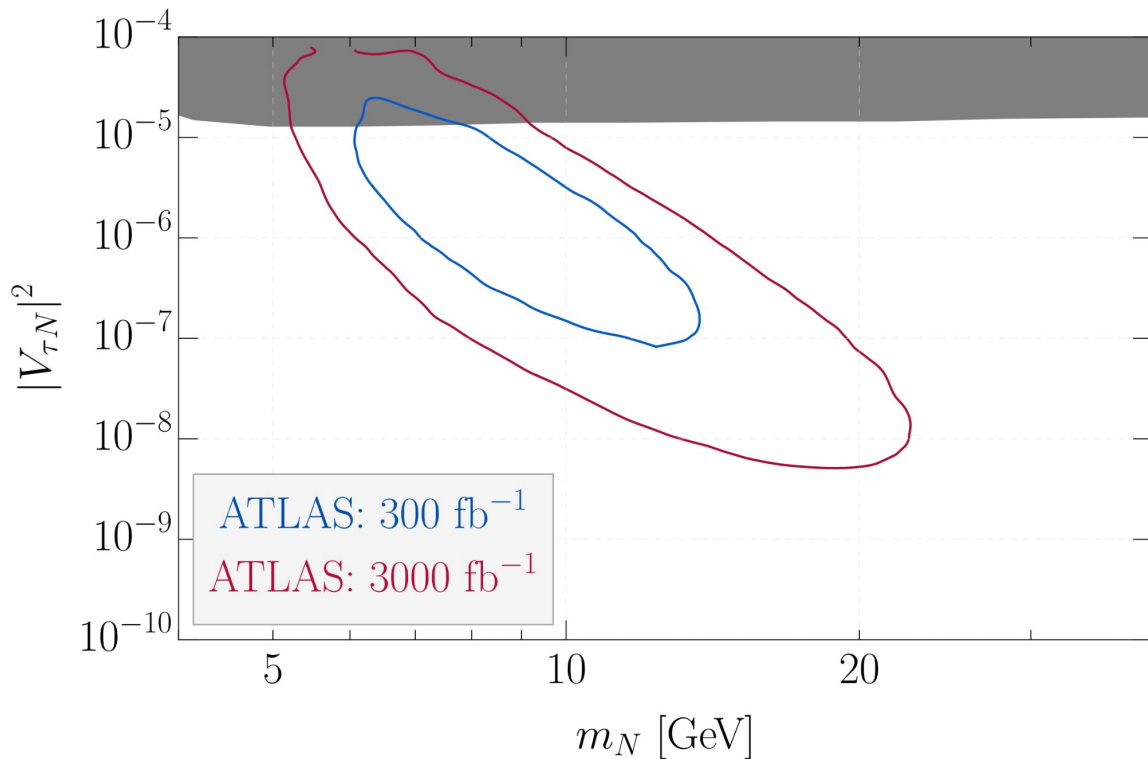
- Detector Simulation (i.e. software as DELPHES or custom made to your analysis needs)
- Identify experimental information/efficiencies to characterize response to your objects and observables (i.e. Can use open data/HEPData)



# Tau-mixing not covered yet at LHC, what can we do?

## 1) Displaced Multitrack in inner trackers

R. Beltrán, G. Cottin, J.C. Helo, M. Hirsch, A. Titov, Z.S. Wang, JHEP 01 (2022) 044, [2110.15096](#)



### Displaced vertex searches with multitrack

- HNL decays leptonically and/or semileptonically
- prompt lepton trigger from W decay
- high-mass and displaced track multiplicity DVs in inner tracker to suppress hadronic bkg.

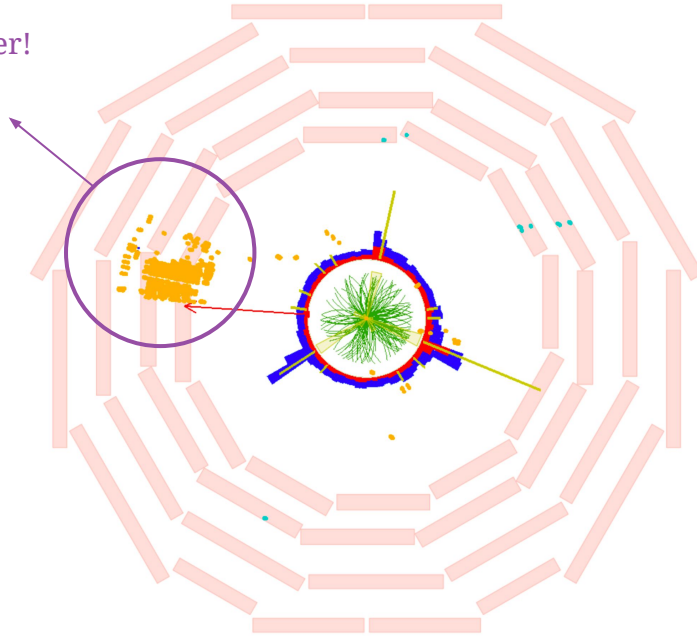
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### CMS Simulation Supplementary

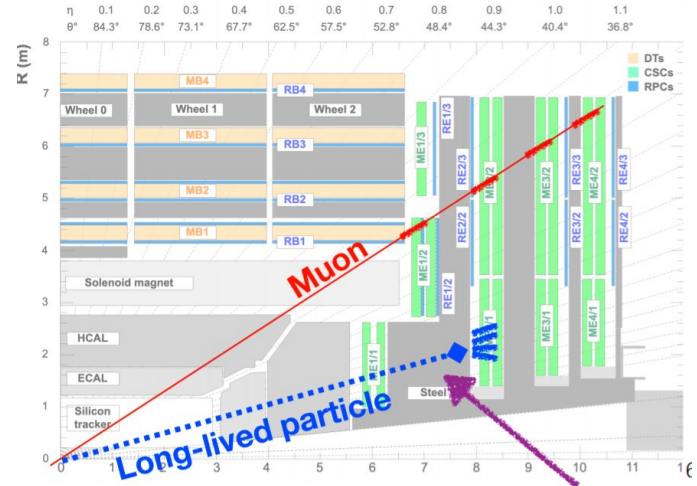
displaced shower!



<http://cms-results.web.cern.ch/cms-results/public-results/publications/EXO-20-015/>

\* Reinterpretation relies on the implementation of a new Delphes module made specifically for muon system showers from LLP decays (<https://github.com/delphes/delphes/pull/103>)

- We reinterpret\* a search for a SM Higgs boson decaying to long-lived scalars (which can subsequently decay to taus), *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 127 (2021), [arXiv:2107.04838](https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.04838)
- Search is sensitive to LLPs decaying to hadrons, *taus*, electrons, or photons. Large CMS steel shielding useful to suppress backgrounds.
- The CMS unique signature relies on large cluster of Cathode Strip Chamber (CSC) hits in the muon system (Nhits)

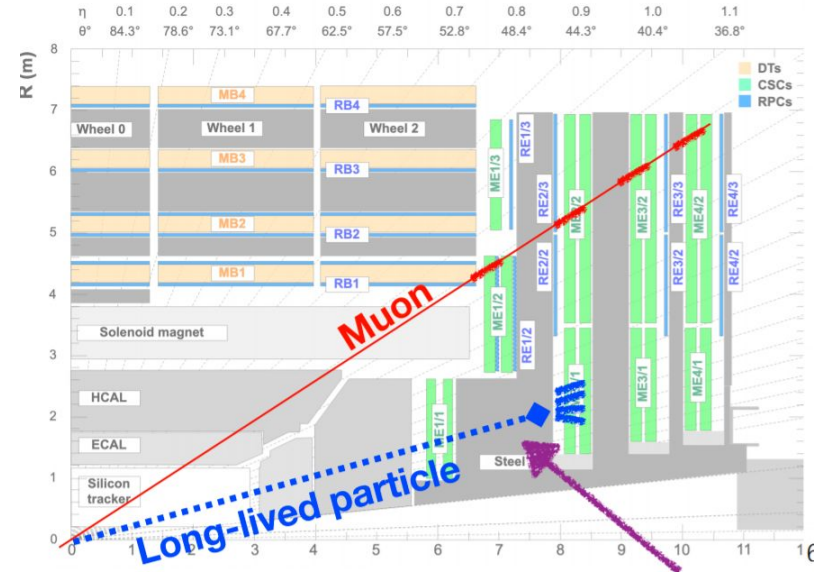


# HNL optimized strategies

- Strategy 1: Maintains high MET trigger but with a tighter Nhits cut. Nhits>210 suppresses background to 0.2 for 3/ab without rejecting too much signal (~20%)
- Strategy 2: Lower MET cut > 50 GeV and increased Nhits. Justified by the potential use of a new dedicated displaced trigger plan by CMS. See *Review of opportunities for new long-lived particle triggers in Run 3 of the Large Hadron Collider, CERN-LPCC-2021-01, arXiv:2110.14675*

Nhits>290 (for 300/fb) and Nhits>370 (for 3/ab), optimized to control background to neglectable levels and increase signal acceptance (by ~ 3 orders of magnitude with respect to nominal MET and Nhit cuts).

CMS presented a plan for a dedicated displaced L1 trigger for Run3 @ 7th LLP Workshop, see [talk by Sven Dildick](#)



- Reinterpretation relies on public instructions provided by CMS, as well as the implementation of a new Delphes module made specifically for muon system showers from LLP decays.
- Dedicated Delphes module presented by Christina Wang @ LLPX, see [talk here](#).

## Recasted analysis and simulations

HeavyN model  $\rightarrow$  Madgraph+Pythia8  $\rightarrow$  (tuned) Delphes (<https://github.com/delphes/delphes/pull/103>). Generator-level HNL energy and decay position are needed for signal yield prediction

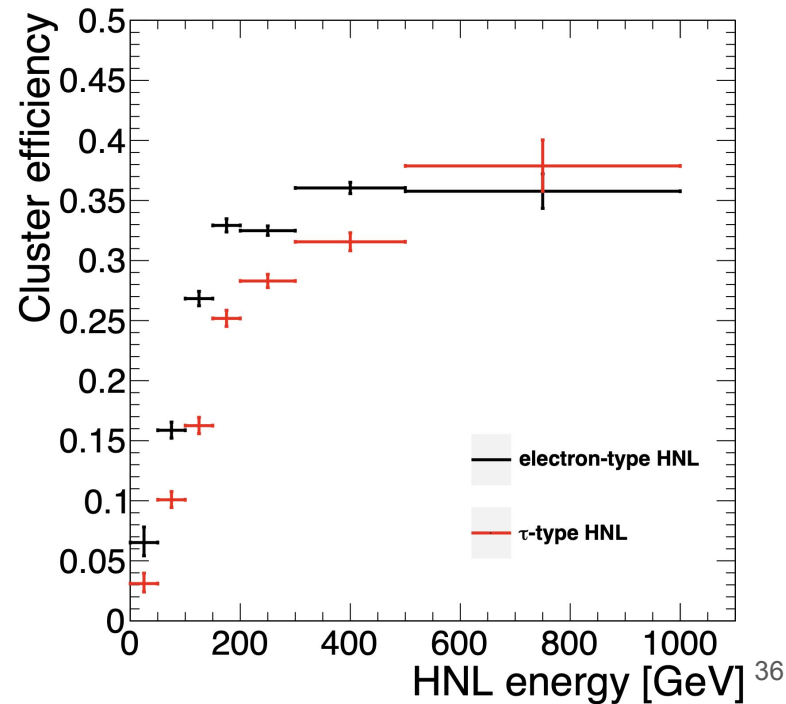
Analysis selections:

- $MET \geq 200$  GeV
- 1 CSC cluster that passes the CSCClusterEfficiency and CSCClusterID module (which includes  $N_{hits} > 130$  and encodes parameterized functions depending on LLP energy and decay region provided by CMS)
- Jet veto, time cut and  $|\Delta\phi(\text{cluster}, MET)| < 0.75$

We provide signal efficiency parameterization for the cluster-level selections that allows for reproduction of the full-simulation signal yield for various LLP masses (7-55 GeV), lifetimes (0.1 - 100 ns) and decay modes ( $dd$  and  $l^+l^-$ ). In order to recast this analysis, only the generator level LLP hadronic energy, EM energy, and decay position are needed. The following selection efficiencies are needed to account for all cluster-level selections mentioned in the paper:

• Cluster efficiency including the segment and candidate cuts, muon veto, time spread cut, and  $N_{hits} > 130$ . This efficiency is provided as a function LLP EM and

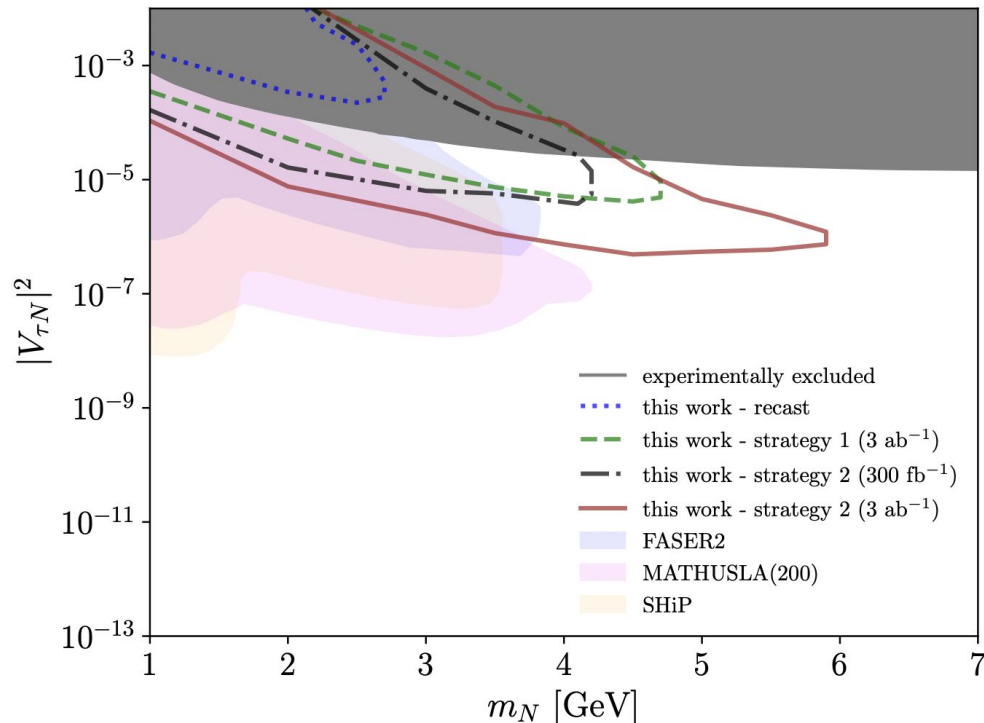
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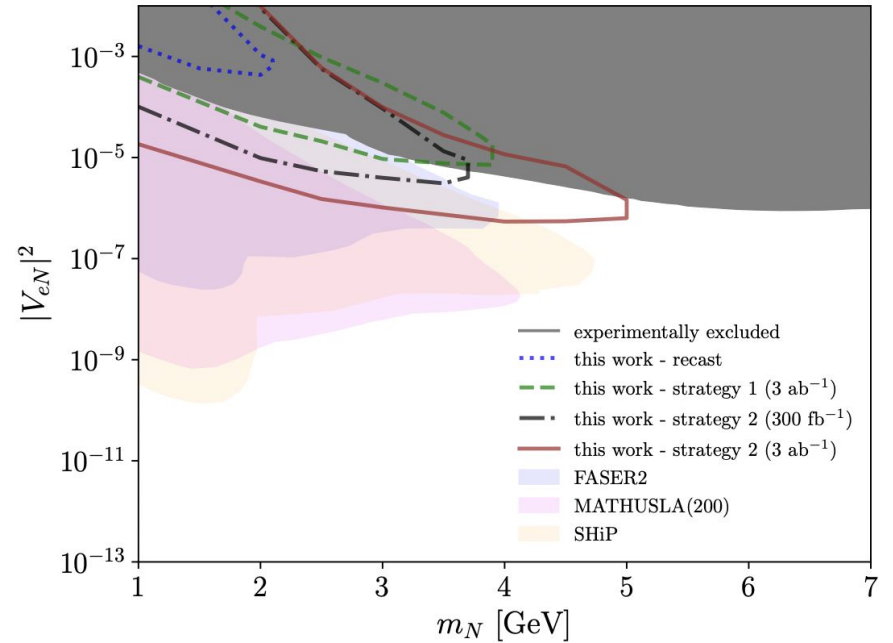
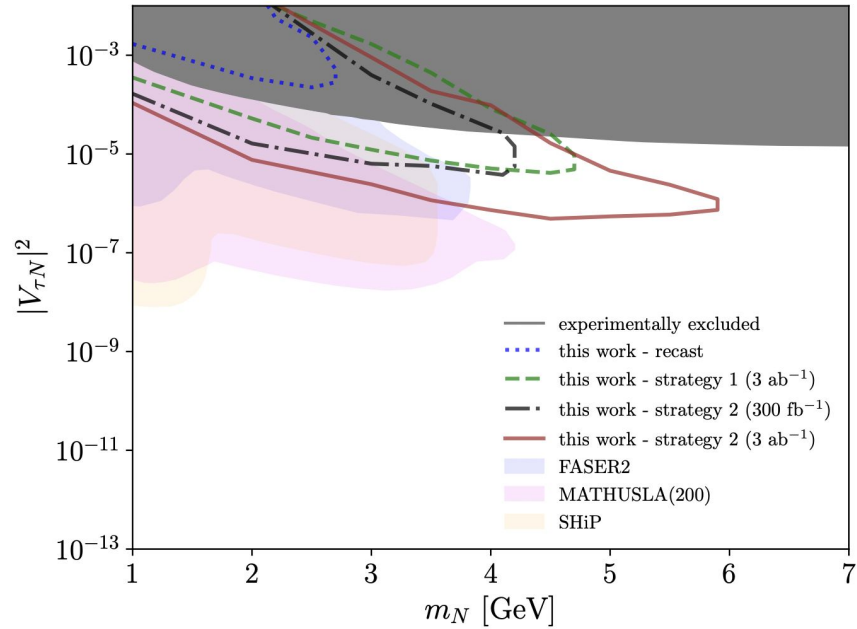


We proposed two HNL optimized strategies (for HNLs decaying to taus) by tuning search cuts

on MET and Nhits, with a potential new displaced trigger to be implemented at CMS. See *Review of opportunities for new long-lived particle triggers in Run 3 of the Large Hadron Collider, CERN-LPCC-2021-01*, [arXiv:2110.14675](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.14675)

# Results for tau and electron sector

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# Beyond the minimal HNL model

Other LLP HNL displaced search strategies have been proposed that can be sensitive to non-minimal HNL models with additional production modes via e.g. new gauge bosons ( $Z'$ ,  $W_R$ )

Can have DVs with no additional prompt objects  
(highlighting critical need for dedicated displaced triggers)

For Left-Right, see e.g.

G. Cottin, J.C. Helo, M. Hirsch, D. Silva, [PRD 99 \(2019\)](#)

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For B-L, see e.g.

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A systematic way to study such non-minimal HNLs is to apply effective field theory (EFT)

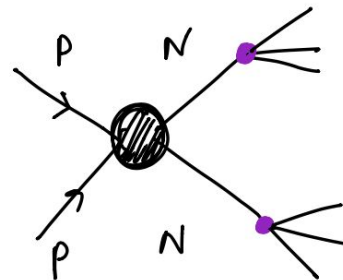
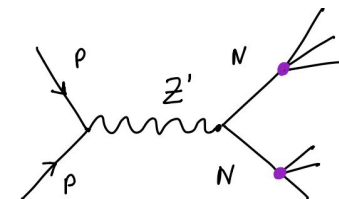
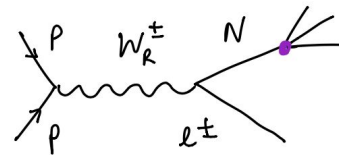
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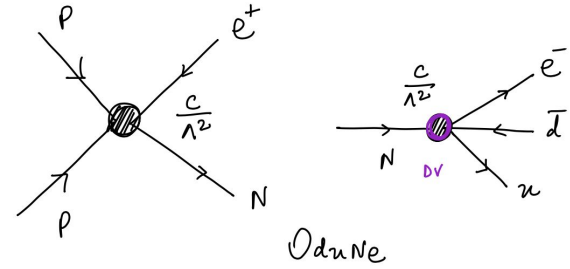
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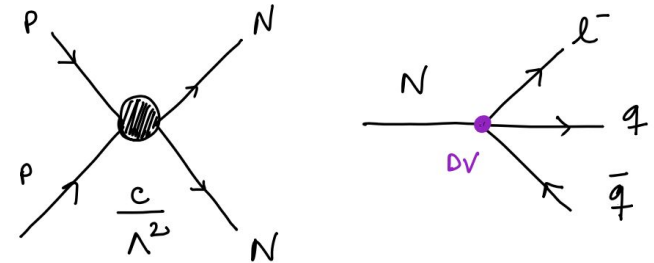
### DV strategy in the inner trackers of LHC main detectors

- Reconstruction of a prompt isolated lepton ( $e, \mu, \tau$ )
- HNL decays via the operator leading to two jets and one neutral or charged lepton
- At least one high-mass and displaced track multiplicity DV in inner tracker (to suppress hadronic bkg.)

$$\Gamma(N_R \rightarrow l q q') = \frac{c_0^2}{f_0} \frac{m_N^5}{512 \pi^3 \Lambda^4}$$

## $d=6$ four-fermion operators with pairs of HNL ([2105.13851](#))

- Production dominated by the operator
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### DV strategy in the inner trackers of LHC main detectors.

### Probability of displaced decay in fiducial volume in far detectors

- HNL decays via mixing leptonically and/or semileptonically. We consider  $N \rightarrow e j j$
- Non-isolated electrons with high  $p_T$  truth-matched to lepton index from DV. At least one high-mass and displaced track multiplicity DV in inner tracker
- For far detectors, the decay probability of each simulated HNL in the fiducial volume is computed

$$\Gamma \sim G_F^2 m_N^5 |V_{eN}|^2$$



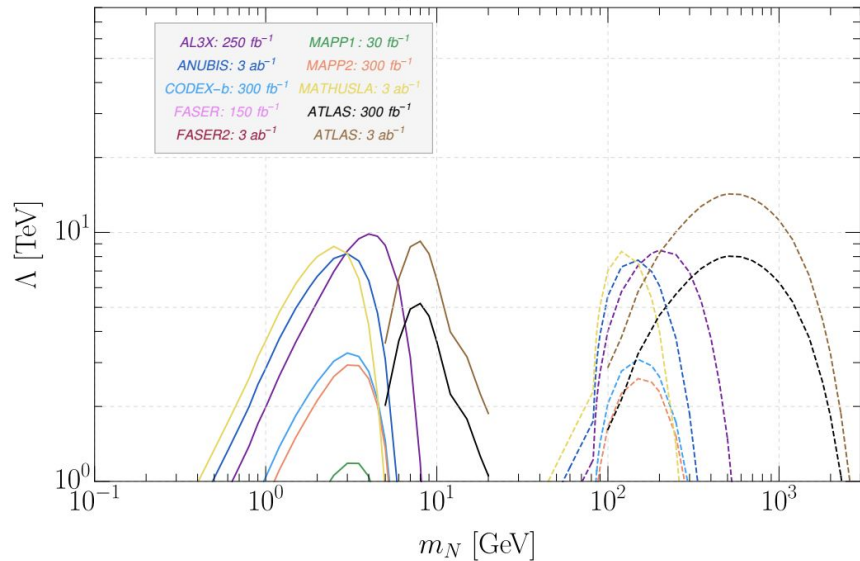
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Dirac HNL,  $c_{dN}^{11} = 1$ ,  $|V_{eN}|^2 = 10^{-5}, 10^{-17}$



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