

Heavy Neutral Leptons and Displaced Vertices at the LHC

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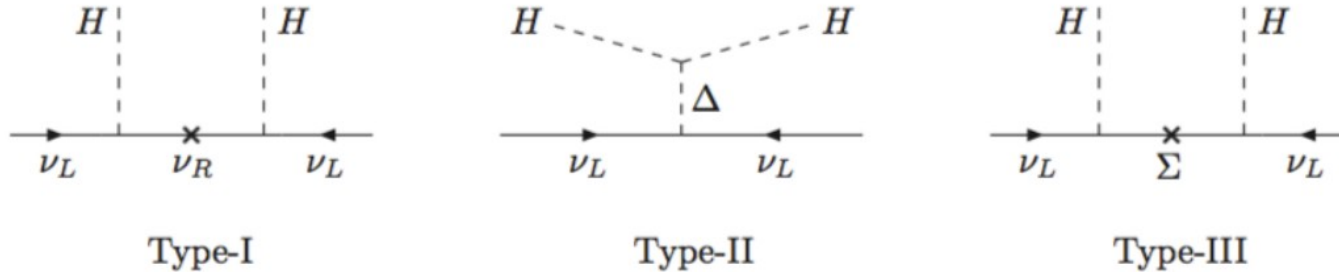
Why Heavy Neutral Leptons?

- Heavy Neutral Lepton = Right-handed Neutrino = Sterile Neutrino
- naturally present in many well-motivated BSM scenarios
- can play a role in open problems of the SM:
 - Neutrino masses
 - Baryogenesis
 - Dark Matter
 - ...

Talks by
F. Queiroz
C. Yaguna
D. Moreno
E. desPeinado
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Seesaw models...

Heavy Neutral Leptons are present in seesaw models



Low scale seesaw models: ν SM, inverse/linear seesaw...
interesting variants with lower masses and larger couplings

How heavy are these new HNL?

Talks by
C. Yaguna
D. Restrepo
J. Gutierrez

HNL mass scale

eV

keV

MeV

GeV

TeV

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HNL mass scale

ν oscillations

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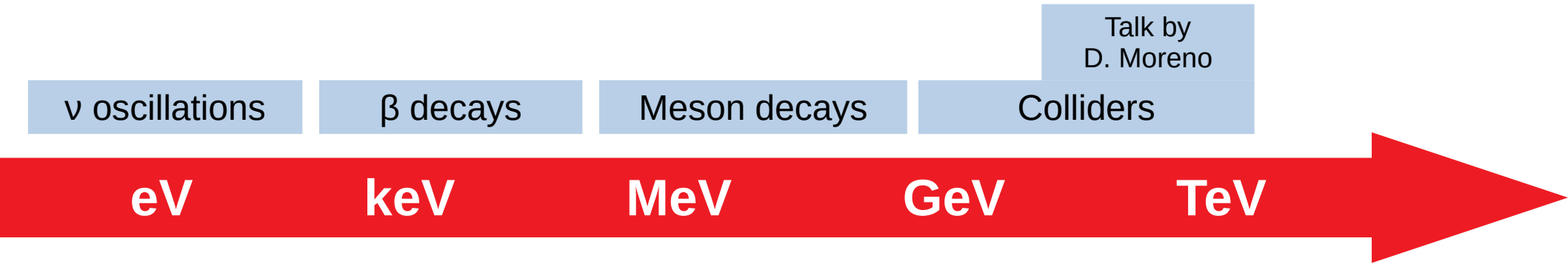
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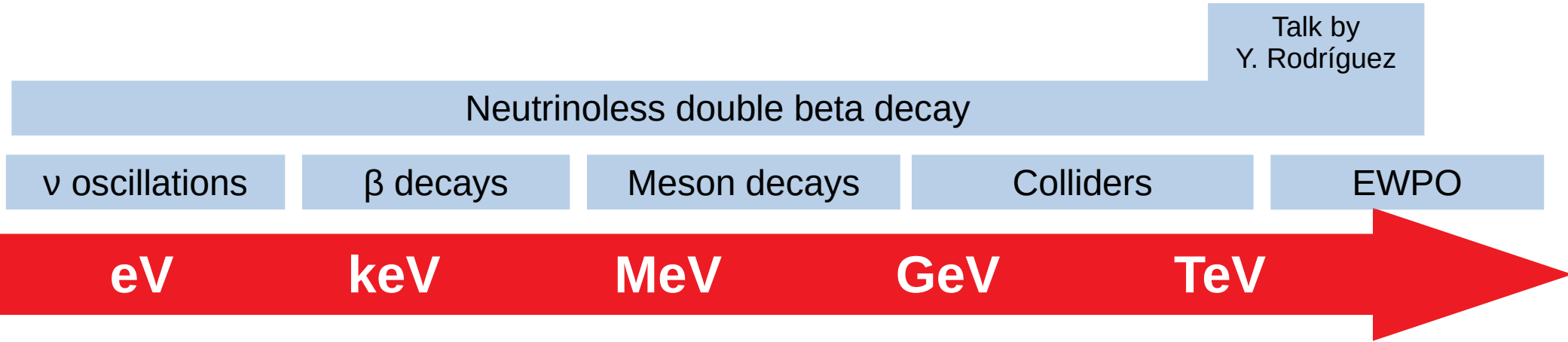
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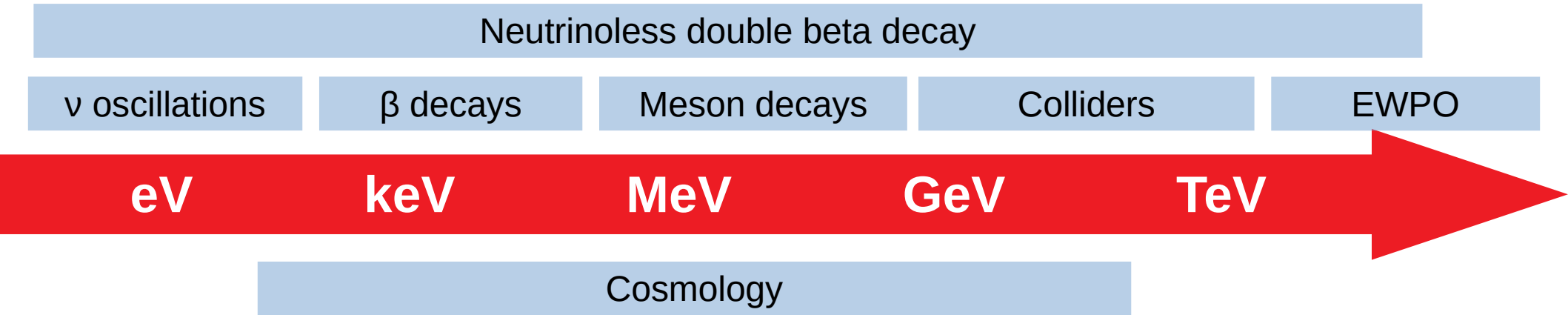
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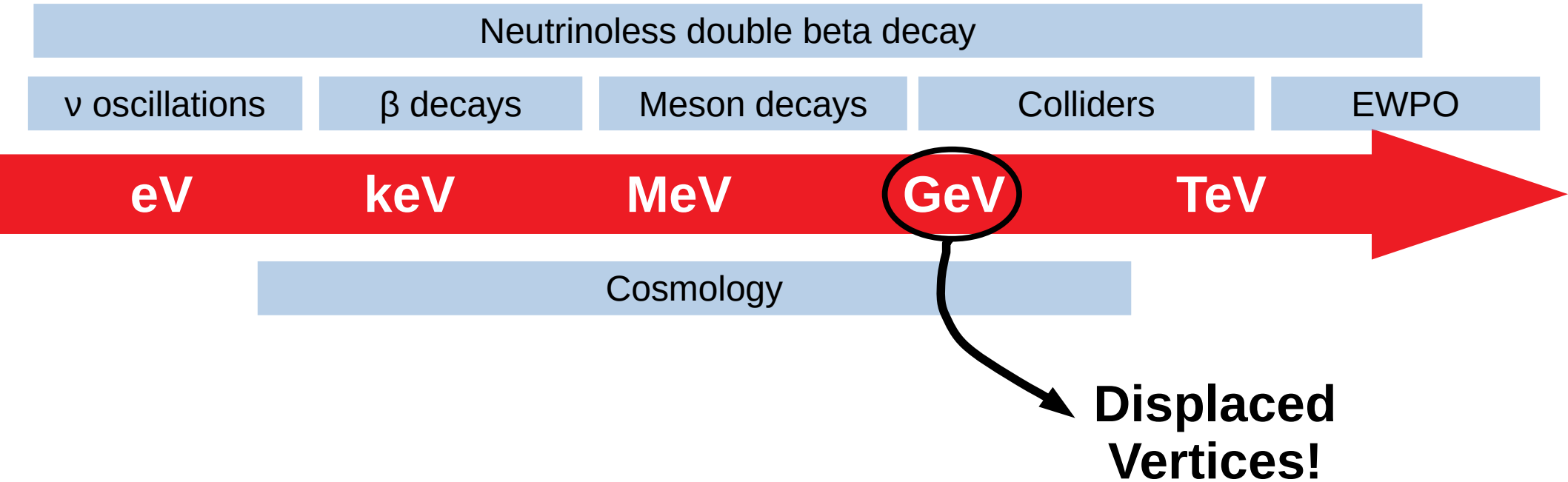
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Heavy Neutral Leptons: our approach

- HNL in many models and frameworks:
Minimal extensions of the SM, seesaw models, SUSY, GUT, extra-dim...
- Bottom-up approach \rightarrow SM + N
- No seesaw assumptions:
 m_N : HNL mass as a free parameter
 V_{IN} : Mixings as free parameters

Effective 3+1 neutrino model

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 $m_\nu = (m_{\nu 1}, m_{\nu 2}, m_{\nu 3}, \mathbf{m}_N)$

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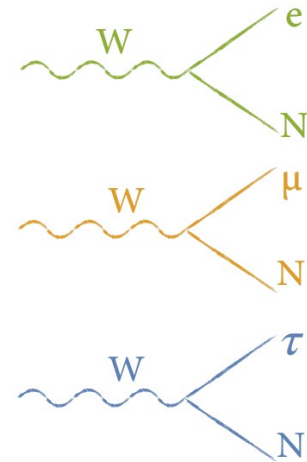
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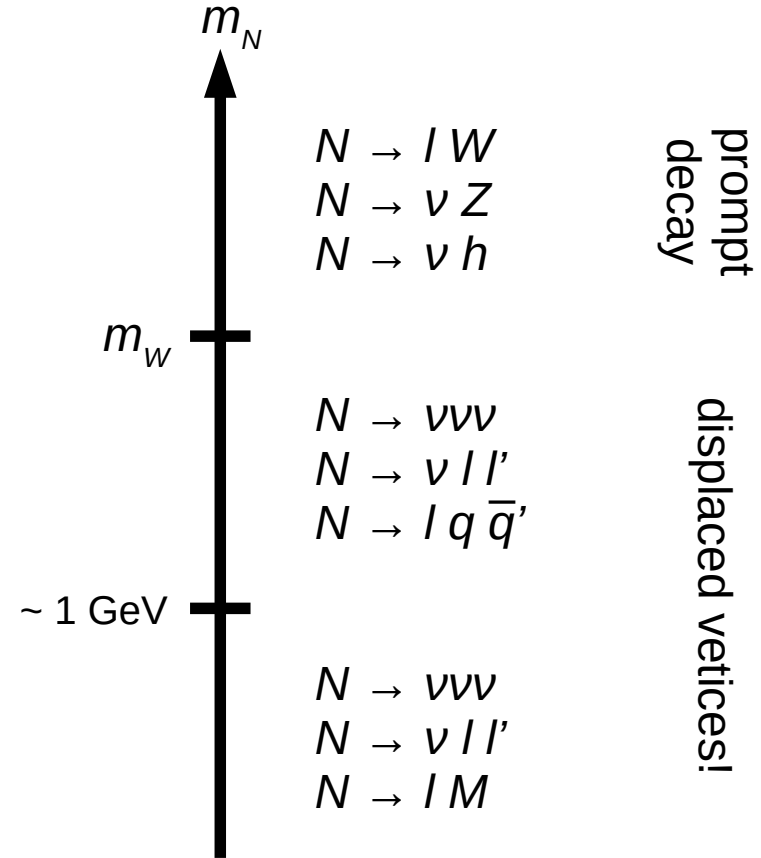
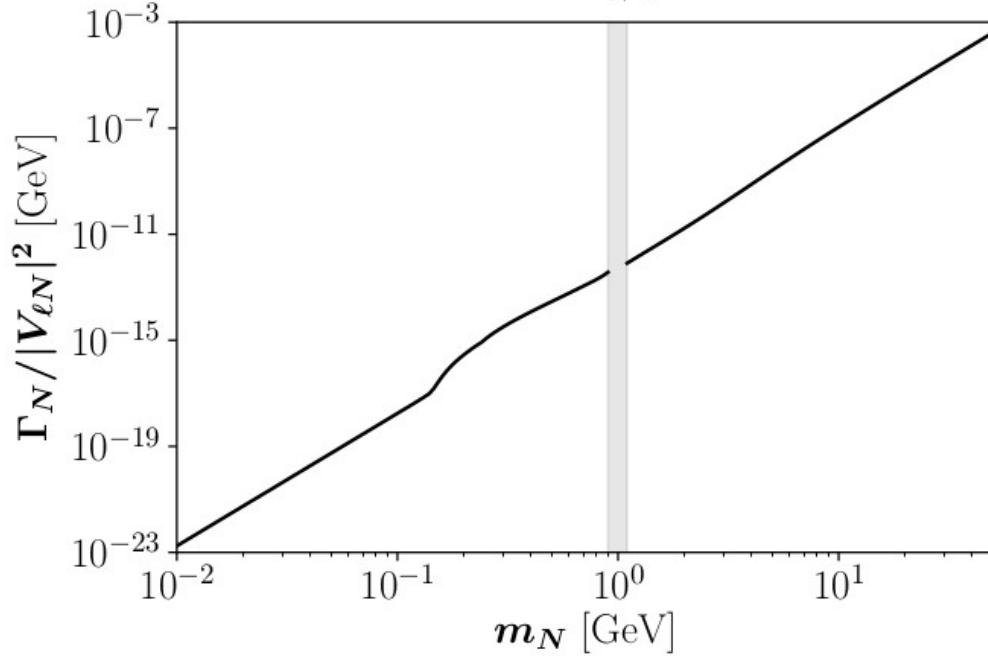


Neutral currents $\propto \sum_{\ell} |V_{lN}|^2$



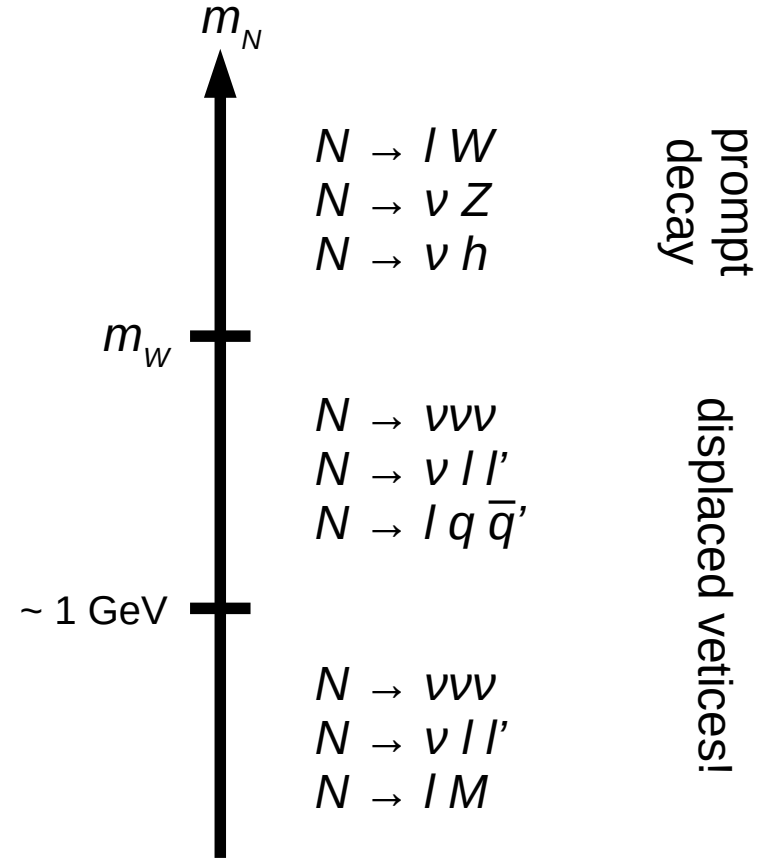
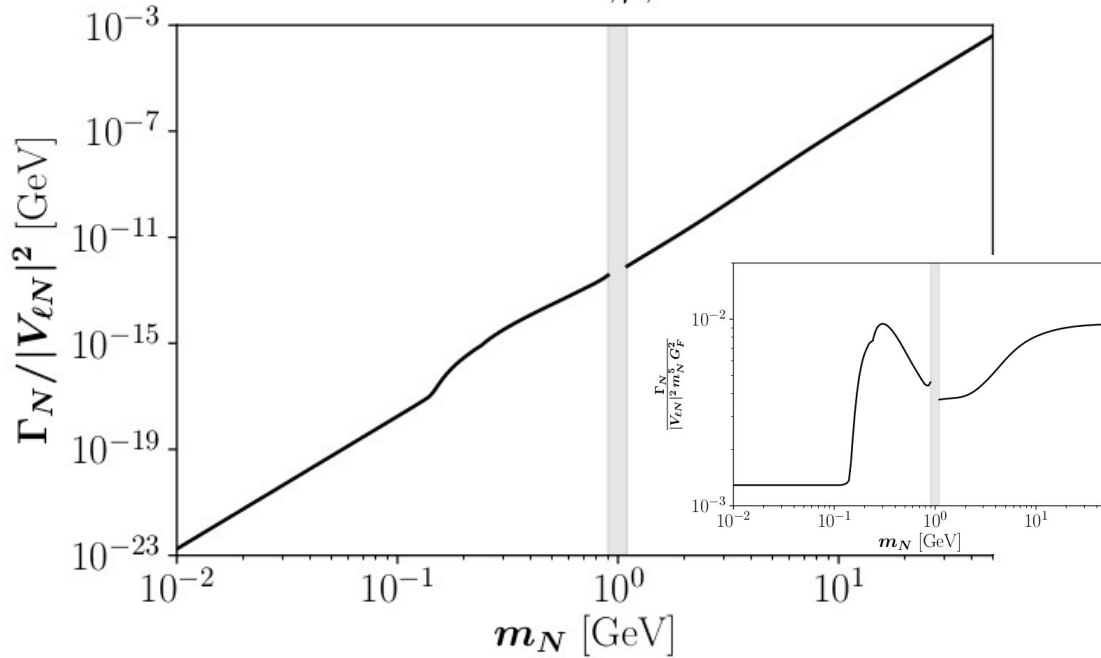
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$$\Gamma_N \propto G_F^2 m_N^5 \sum_{\ell=e,\mu,\tau} |V_{\ell N}|^2$$



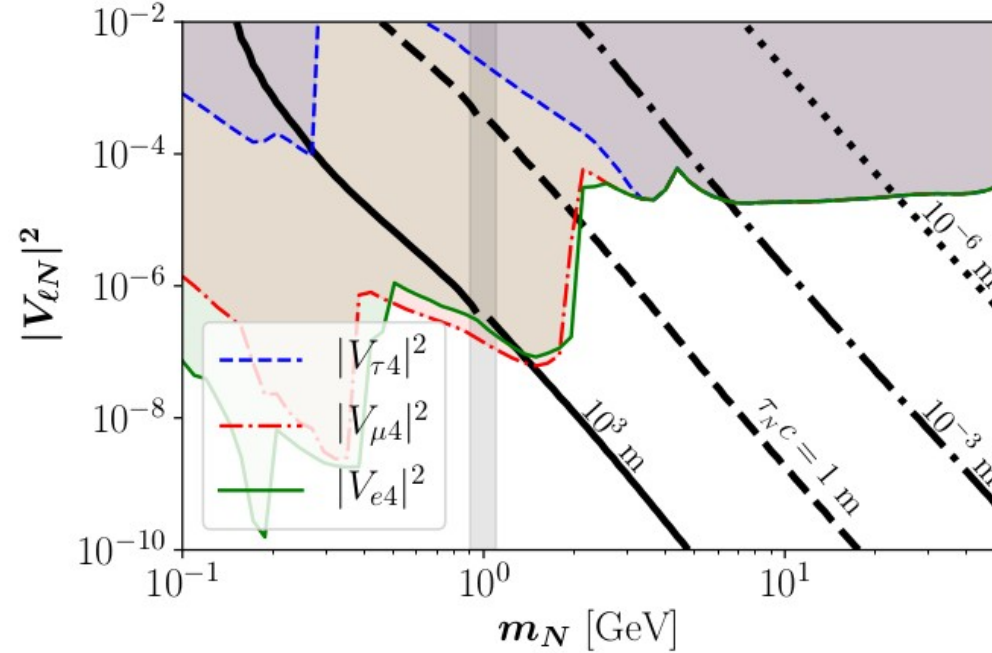
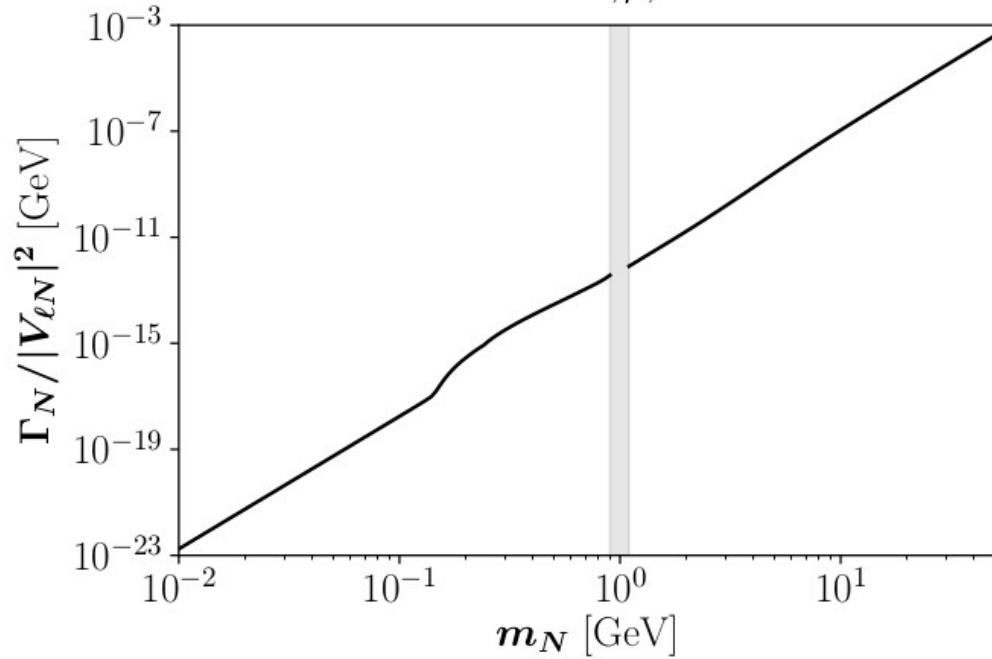
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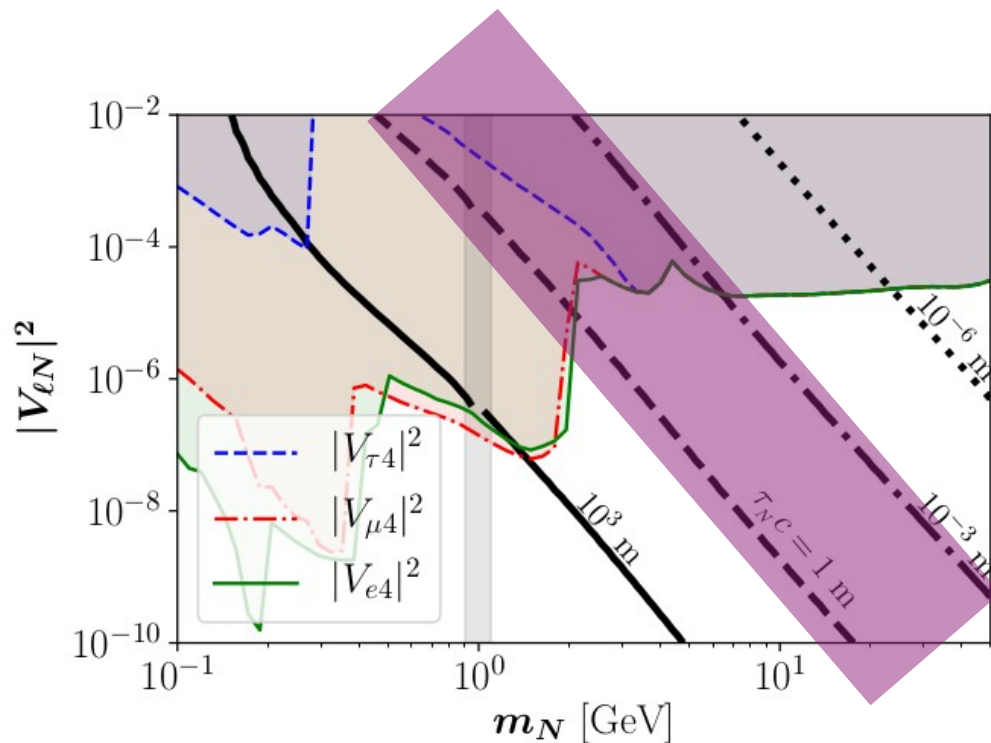
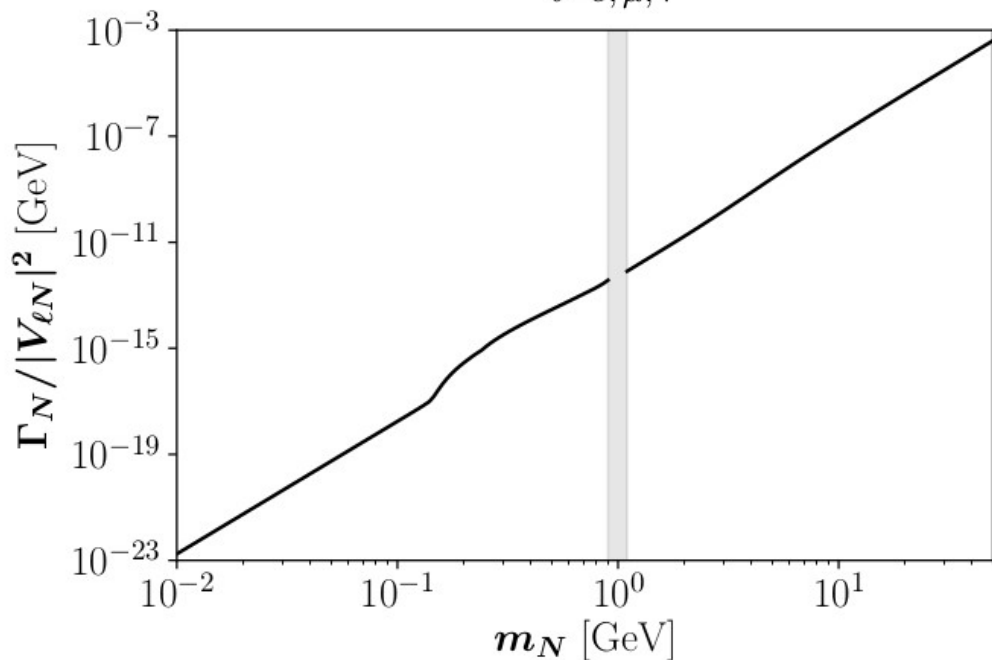
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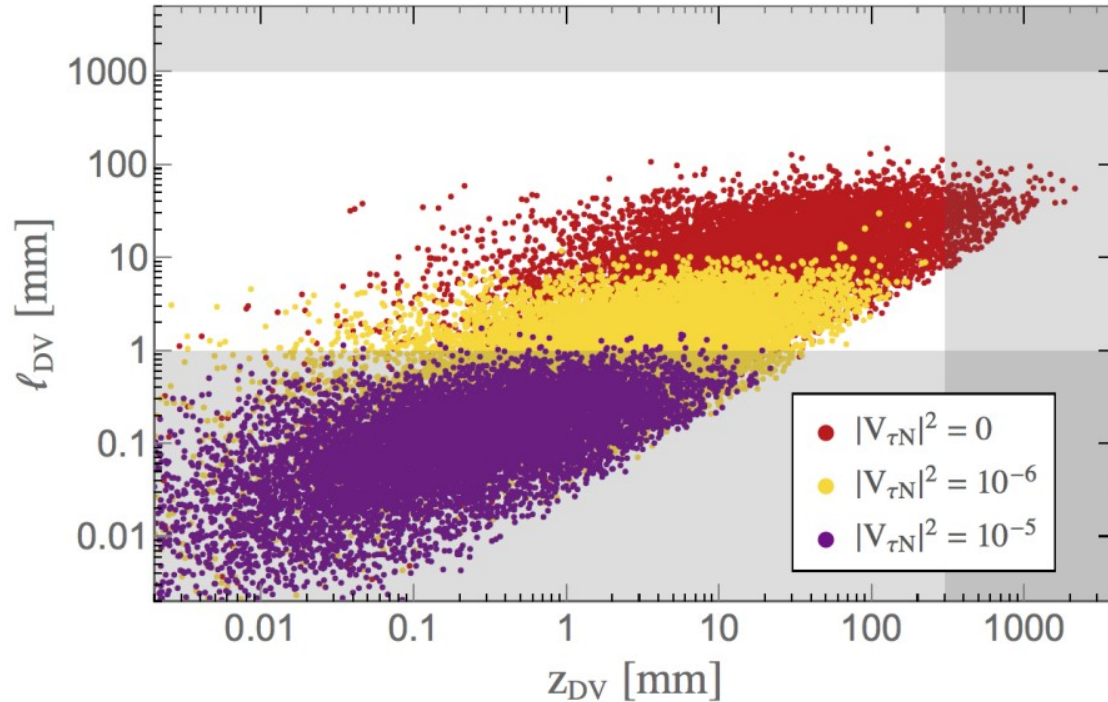
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Flavor dependence

$pp \rightarrow e^\pm N$

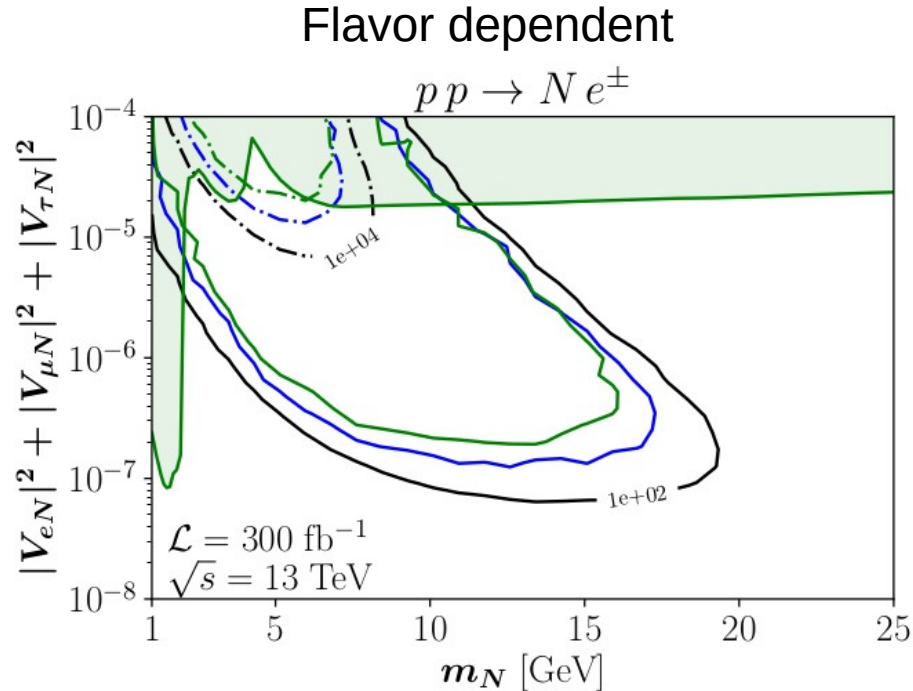


Displaced vertex:
 $1 \text{ mm} < l_{DV} < 1 \text{ m}$
 $z_{DV} < 300 \text{ mm}$

$m_N = 15 \text{ GeV}$
 $|V_{eN}|^2 = 10^{-7}, |V_{\mu N}|^2 = 0$

$p_T^e > 25 \text{ GeV}, |\eta^e| < 2.5$

Flavor dependent production



$$|V_{eN}|^2 : |V_{\mu N}|^2 : |V_{\tau N}|^2 = 1:0:0 \text{ black}$$

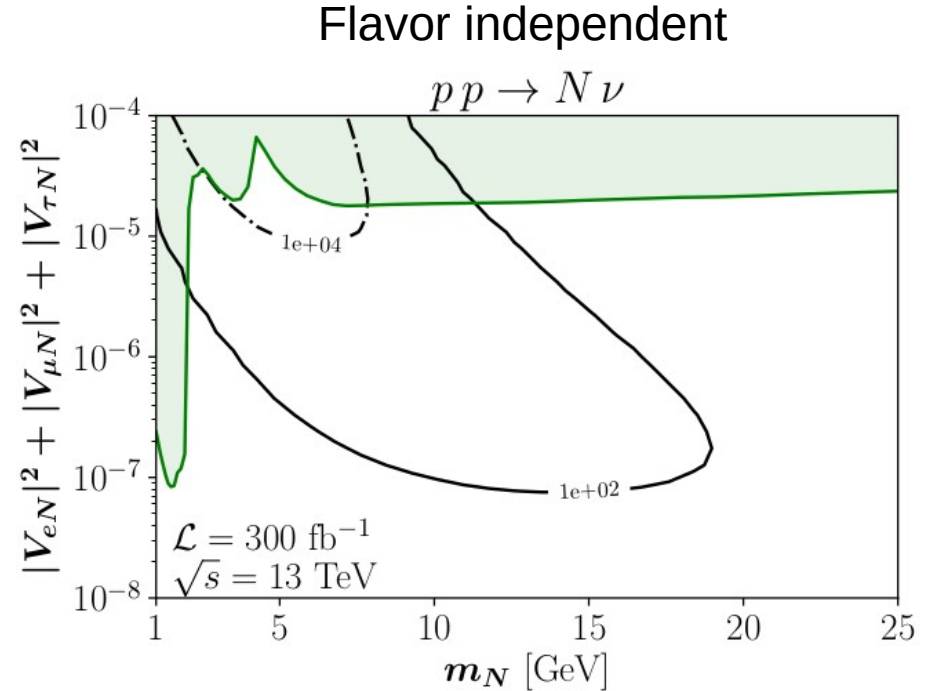
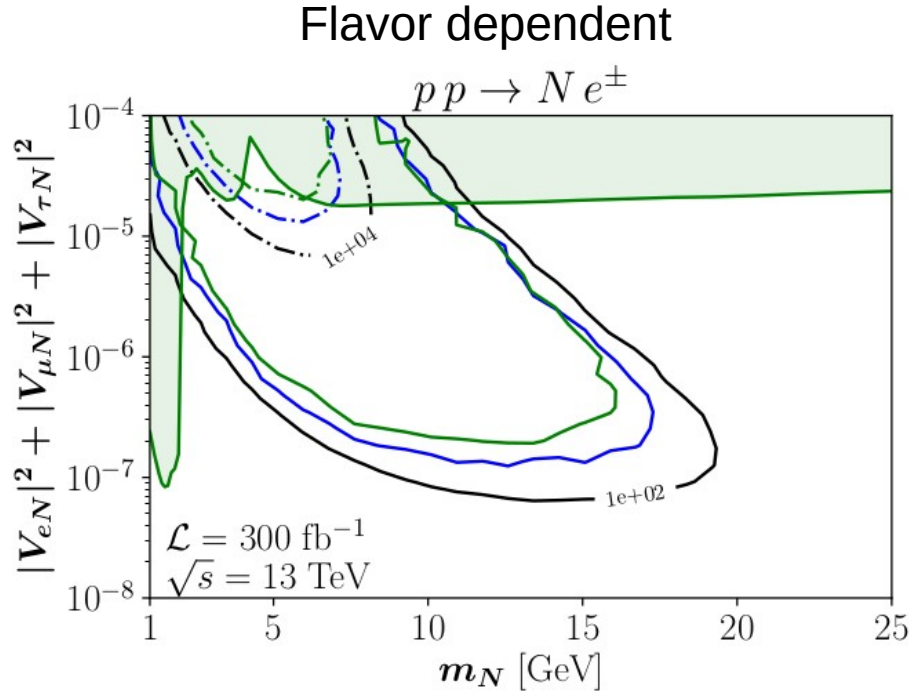
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Flavor dependent & independent productions



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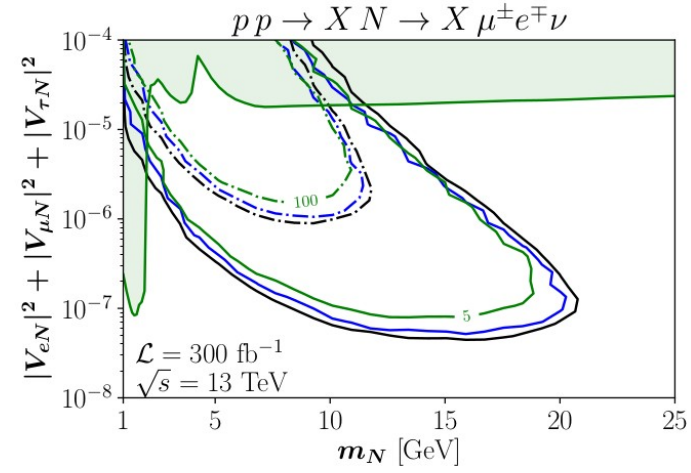
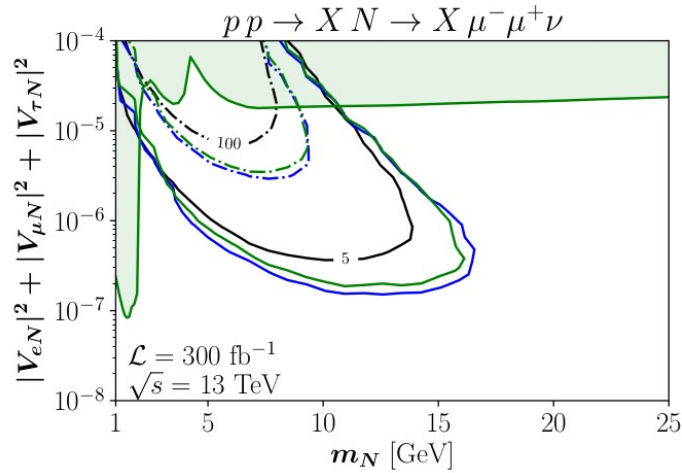
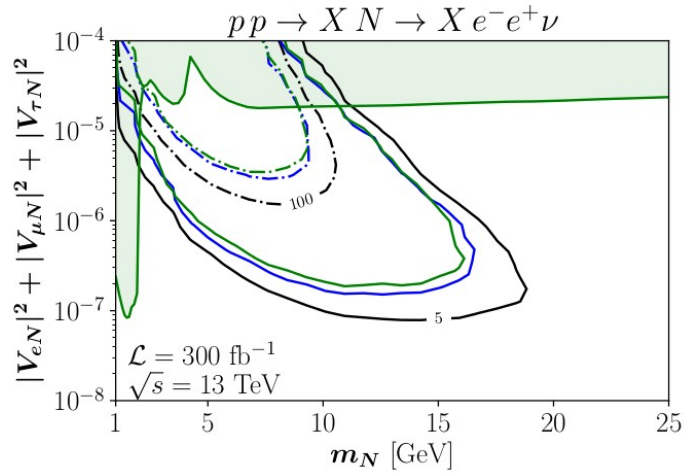
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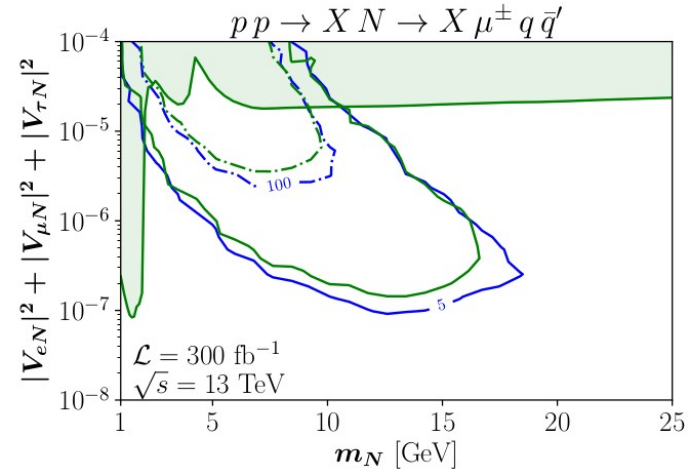
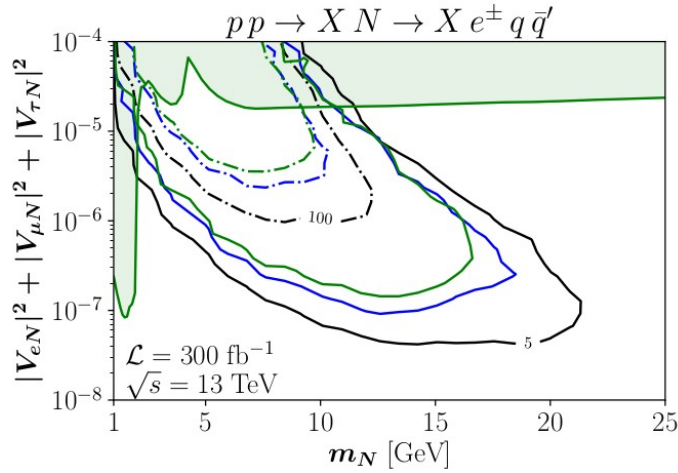
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Conclusions & Outlook

- HNL naturally present in many well-motivated BSM models
- They could be at the origin of neutrino masses, baryon asymmetry of the universe, dark matter...
- If they are long-lived \rightarrow Displaced vertices
- Different channels, all complementary
- DV @ LHC could probe new areas of the parameter space
 $m_N \sim O(10) \text{ GeV}$ and $|V_{IN}|^2 > O(10^{-8})$
- LHC-HL and future colliders will go even further!

**Muchas
gracias, ve!**



Strong-DM 2019, Searches, Theories, Results, Opportunities, and New Ideas for sub-GeV Dark Matter

New avenues are called for to solve the mystery of what is the dark matter in the Universe. The WIMP paradigm remains the best tested scenario of dark matter, but searches for new physics at the electroweak scale have come up empty-handed to-date. By 2019 the LHC will have comprehensively probed the TeV-scale, and ton-scale direct detection experiments will improve the to WIMP-nucleus scattering by an order of magnitude, probing deeply into the Higgs-mediated regime. It is essential for the field to diversify and be prepared in case of further null results.

Dark matter in the keV-GeV mass range is an exciting theoretical possibility, and is one that has become the focus of activity only in the recent past. A number of proposals have been put forward for new methods to detect light dark matter (neutrino beams and underground accelerators, electron scattering, semi- and superconducting targets, Bremsstrahlung emission, defects in crystals, among many others), and new theoretical scenarios have been entertained for the dynamics in the early Universe and their non-gravitational interactions in astrophysical environments today (Forbidden DM, SIMP DM, Impeded DM, etc.).

The workshop shall act as a forum for theorists and experimentalists to discuss searches, theories, results, opportunities, and, in general, new ideas for sub-GeV Dark Matter. It will hence be a meeting that focuses on models and regions in parameter space that are overlooked by the standard WIMP studies, and that may open a new window into the dark sector.



At a glance

Type: Workshop

When: Aug 05, 2019 to
Aug 16, 2019

Where: ESI, Boltzmann Lecture Hall

Organizers: Brian Batell (U of Pittsburgh), Nicolas Bernál (U Antonio Narino), Xiaoyong Chu (HEPHY Vienna), Alejandro Ibarra (TU Munich), Hye-Sung Lee (KAIST), Josef Pradler (HEPHY Vienna, chair), Tomer Volansky (Tel Aviv U & IAS Princeton)

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Dimuon channel $N \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \nu$

- 2 opposite-sign collimated muons with $p_T > 15$ and 20 GeV
- Pseudorapidity $\eta < 2.5$
- Small angular separation $\Delta R_{\mu\mu} < 0.5$

Background

- Low-mass Drell-Yan processes
- Single and top pair production
- Cosmic-ray muons
- muons with relatively low momentum in multi-jet events
- muons from long-lived mesons

$$\Delta R_{\mu j} > \min \left(0.4, 0.04 + \frac{10 \text{ GeV}}{p_T^\mu} \right)$$

$$I_{\Delta R=0.4}^{\text{ID}} \equiv \frac{\sum_j |p_T^j|}{p_T^\mu} < 0.05$$

$$\sqrt{(\Delta\eta_{\mu\mu})^2 + (\pi - \Delta\phi_{\mu\mu})^2} > 0.1$$

$$H_T < 60 \text{ GeV}$$

$$5 \text{ GeV} < m_{\mu\mu} < m_N$$