

# Heavy Neutral Leptons @ EIC

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# Neutrinos

the most elusive/least known particles in the SM

- How many species:  $3 \nu_L$  's +  $N_R$ ?
  - Absolute mass scale:  $m_\nu \sim y_\nu v < 1 \text{ eV}$ ?  
or a new physics scale:  $M_{\text{majorana}} \gg v$ ?
  - Mass-ordering?
  - Flavor oscillations & CP violation?
  - Non-standard interactions?
  - Mixing with sterile  $\nu$ 's?
  - Portal to dark sector?
- 6+ Nobel Prizes related to  $\nu$ 's, more than other discoveries, and more excitement to come!

→ **New Laws of Nature!**

See BSM talks: M. Nycz; V. Cirigliano; K. Fuyuto; N. Neil; H. Liu; S. Mantry; S. Trifinopoulos ...

# SM as a low-energy effective field theory:

The leading SM gauge invariant operator is at dim-5:\*

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda} (y_\nu LH)(y_\nu LH) + \text{h.c.} \Rightarrow \frac{y_\nu^2 v^2}{\Lambda} \bar{\nu}_L \nu_R^c.$$

\*S. Weinberg, Phys. Rev. Lett. 1566 (1979)

## Implications:

- Theoretical:  $\Lambda \rightarrow$  new scale / particles, implies an underlying (UV) theory!

The See-saw spirit: †

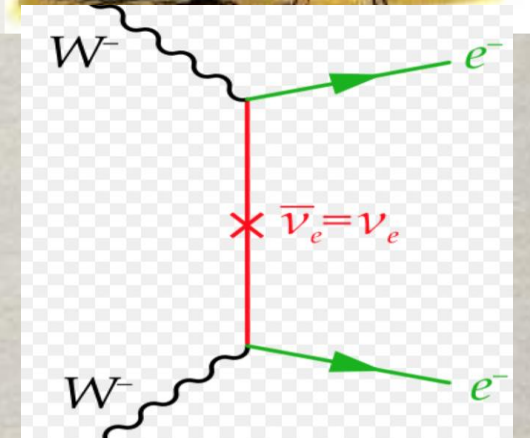
If  $m_\nu \sim 1$  eV, then  $\Lambda \sim y_\nu^2 (10^{14} \text{ GeV})$ .

$$\Lambda \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 10^{14} \text{ GeV for } y_\nu \sim 1; \\ 100 \text{ GeV for } y_\nu \sim 10^{-6}. \end{cases}$$

- Observational:

$\Delta L=2 \rightarrow$  Majorana mass (Majorana neutrinos)

$\rightarrow$  Opens the door to BSM  $\nu$  physics at low & high energies!



†Yanagita (1979); Gell-Mann, Ramond, Slansky (1979), S.L. Glashow (1980); Mohapatra, Senjanovic (1980) ...

# UV-complete theoretical Models:

The Weinberg operator non-renormalizable

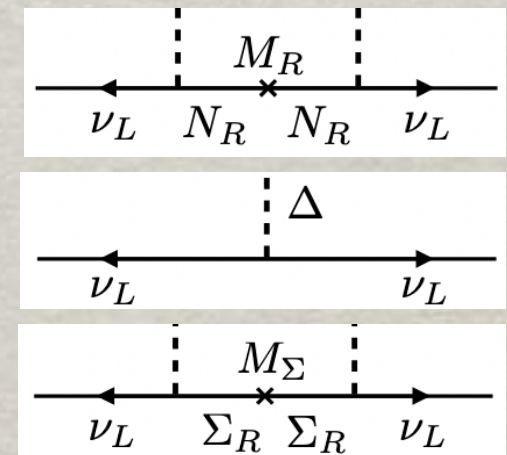
→ Need Ultra-Violet completion at/above  $\Lambda$ .

Group representations based on SM  $SU_L(2)$  doublets:

$$2 \otimes 2 = 1(\text{singlet}) + 3(\text{triplet})$$

→ There are three BSM extensions @ Tree-level:

- Type I: Fermion singlets  $\otimes (L H)_S$
- Type II: Scalar triplet  $\otimes (L L)_T$
- Type III: Fermion triplets  $\otimes (L H)_T$



(There are loop-generated radiative models...)

E. Ma: PRL 81, 1771 (1998).

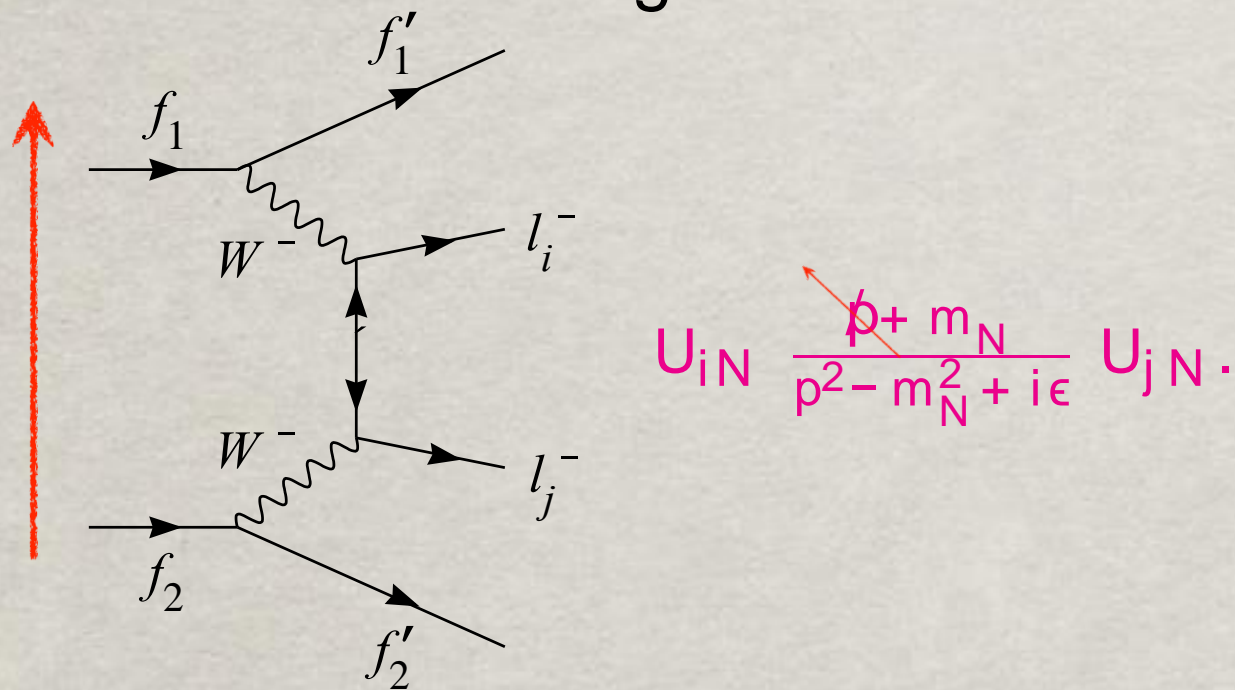
For recent reviews: Z.Z. Xing: arXiv:1406.7739;

Y. Cai, TH, T. Li & R. Ruiz: arXiv:1711.02180.

# Observational Aspects:

## the most-wanted process: $\Delta L=2$

The fundamental diagram:



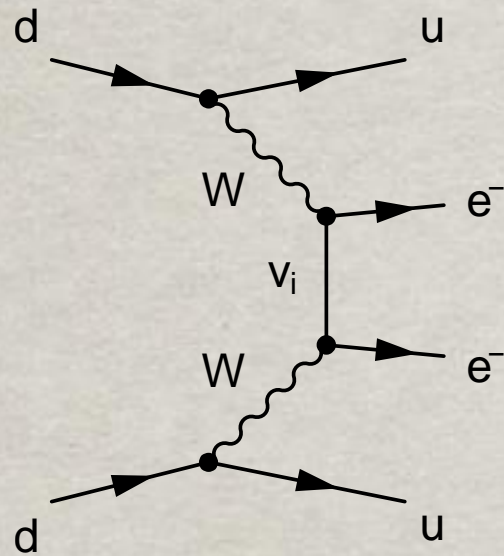
The crossing diagrams lead to rich processes involving  $N/T^0, W^+_R, H^{++}$

The transition rates are proportional to

$$|M|^2 \propto \begin{cases} \langle m \rangle_{\ell_1 \ell_2}^2 = \left| \sum_{i=1}^3 U_{\ell_1 i} U_{\ell_2 i} m_i \right|^2 & \text{for light } \nu; \\ \frac{|\sum_i^n V_{\ell_1 i} V_{\ell_2 i}|^2}{m_N^2} & \text{for heavy } N; \\ \frac{\Gamma(N \rightarrow i) \Gamma(N \rightarrow f)}{m_N \Gamma_N} & \text{for resonant } N \text{ production.} \end{cases}$$

# 1. Neutrino-less double-beta decay

arXiv:1902.04097, M. Dolinski, A. Poon, W. Rodejohann

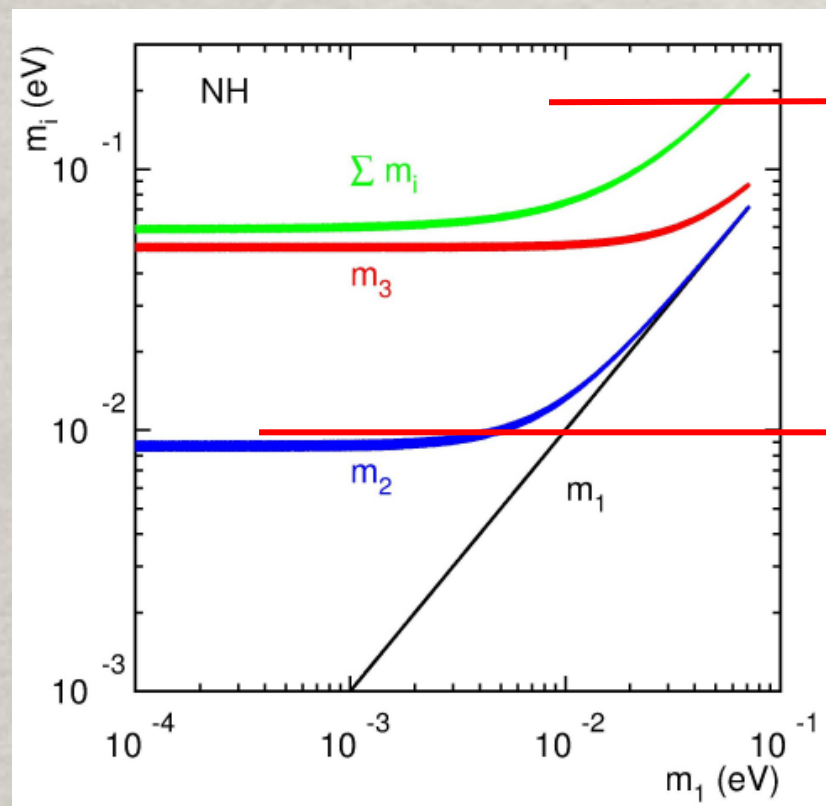


Current bound on light neutrino:  
 $\langle m_{ee} \rangle \sim 0.2 \text{ eV}$

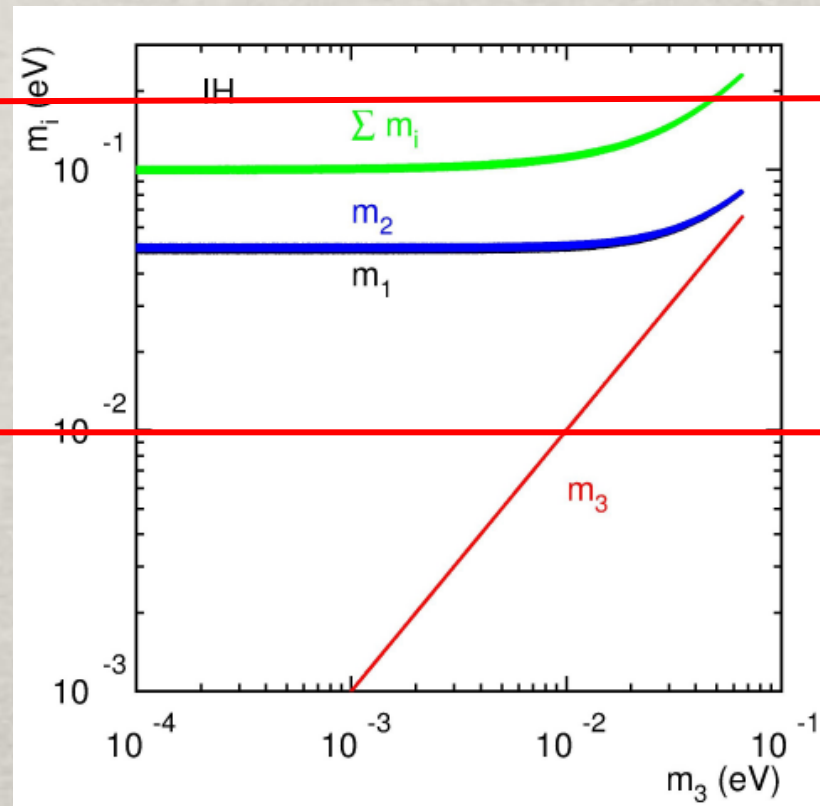
Future:  $\langle m_{ee} \rangle \sim 0.01 \text{ eV}$

Future expts:

- SNO+
- SuperNEMO
- nEXO
- CUPID
- LEGEND100

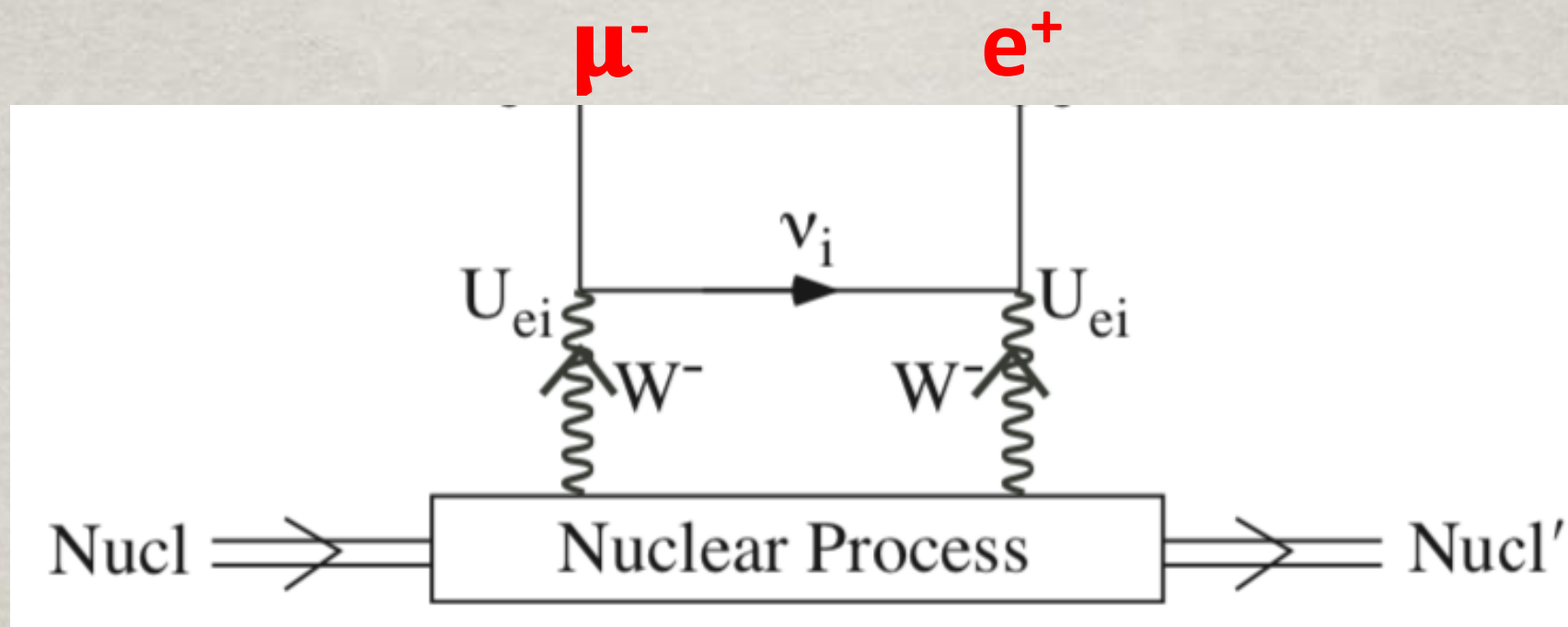


(a)



(b)

## 2. $\mu^- - e^+$ conversion



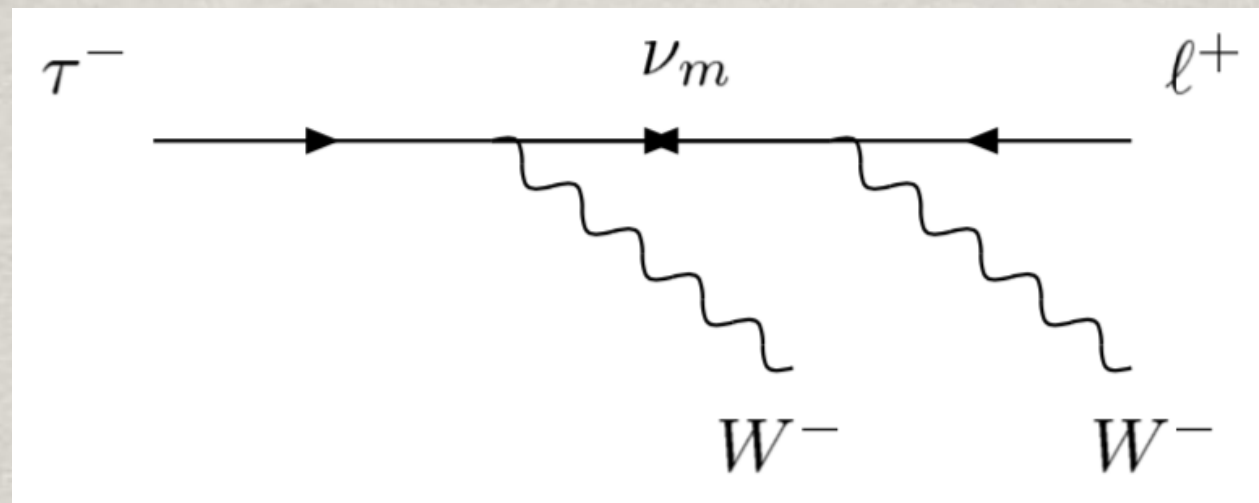
PDG expt bound:

$$B = \frac{\Gamma(Ti + \mu^- \rightarrow e^+ + Ca_{gs})}{\Gamma(Ti + \mu^- \rightarrow \nu_\mu + Sc)} < 1.7 \times 10^{-12} \sim \left( \frac{\langle m \rangle_{e\mu}}{m_e} \right)^2$$

$\rightarrow \langle m \rangle_{e\mu} \leq 17 \text{ (82) MeV,}$  for nuclear singlet (triplet)

Near future experiments:  
Mu2e (FNAL), COMET (J-PARC)

### 3. $\tau^\pm$ lepton decays



On resonance at  $m_N$ , only  $V_{4l}^2$  suppressed!

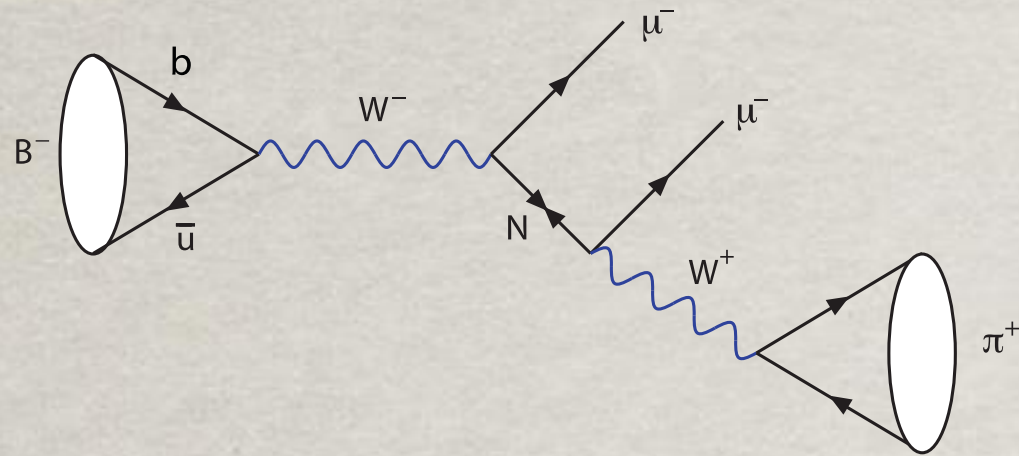
Mixing element	Range of $m_4$ (MeV)	Decay mode	$B_{exp}$
$ V_{e4}V_{\tau4} $	140 - 1637	$\tau^- \rightarrow e^+ \pi^- \pi^-$	$2.7 \times 10^{-7}$
	140 - 1637	$\tau^- \rightarrow e^+ \pi^- K^-$	$1.8 \times 10^{-7}$
	494 - 1283	$\tau^- \rightarrow e^+ K^- K^-$	$1.5 \times 10^{-7}$
$ V_{\mu4}V_{\tau4} $	245 - 1637	$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^- \pi^-$	$0.7 \times 10^{-7}$
	245 - 1637	$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^- K^-$	$2.2 \times 10^{-7}$
	599 - 1283	$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^+ K^- K^-$	$4.8 \times 10^{-7}$

For non-resonance, weaker bound:

$$\langle m \rangle_{e\tau} \text{ and } \langle m \rangle_{\mu\tau} < O(1 \text{ TeV})$$



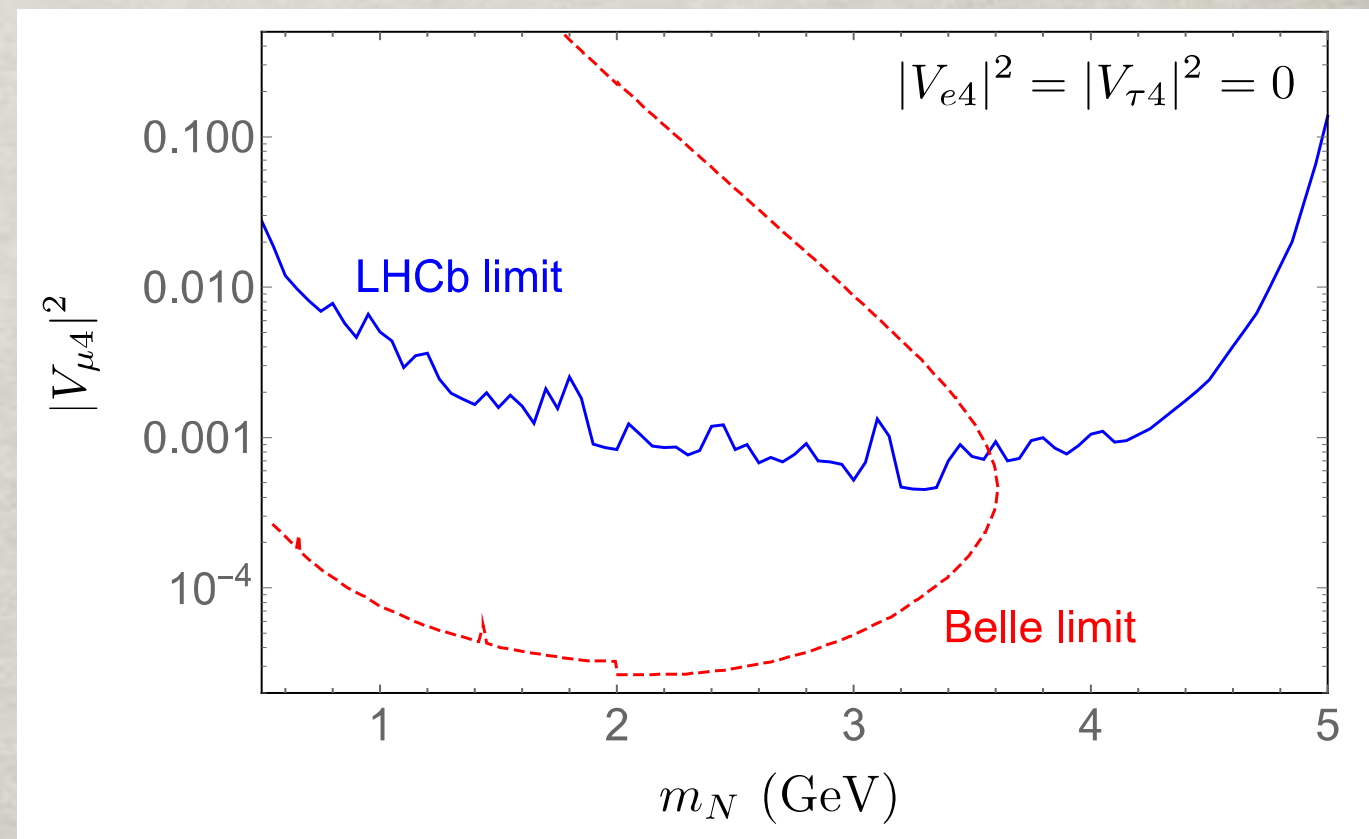
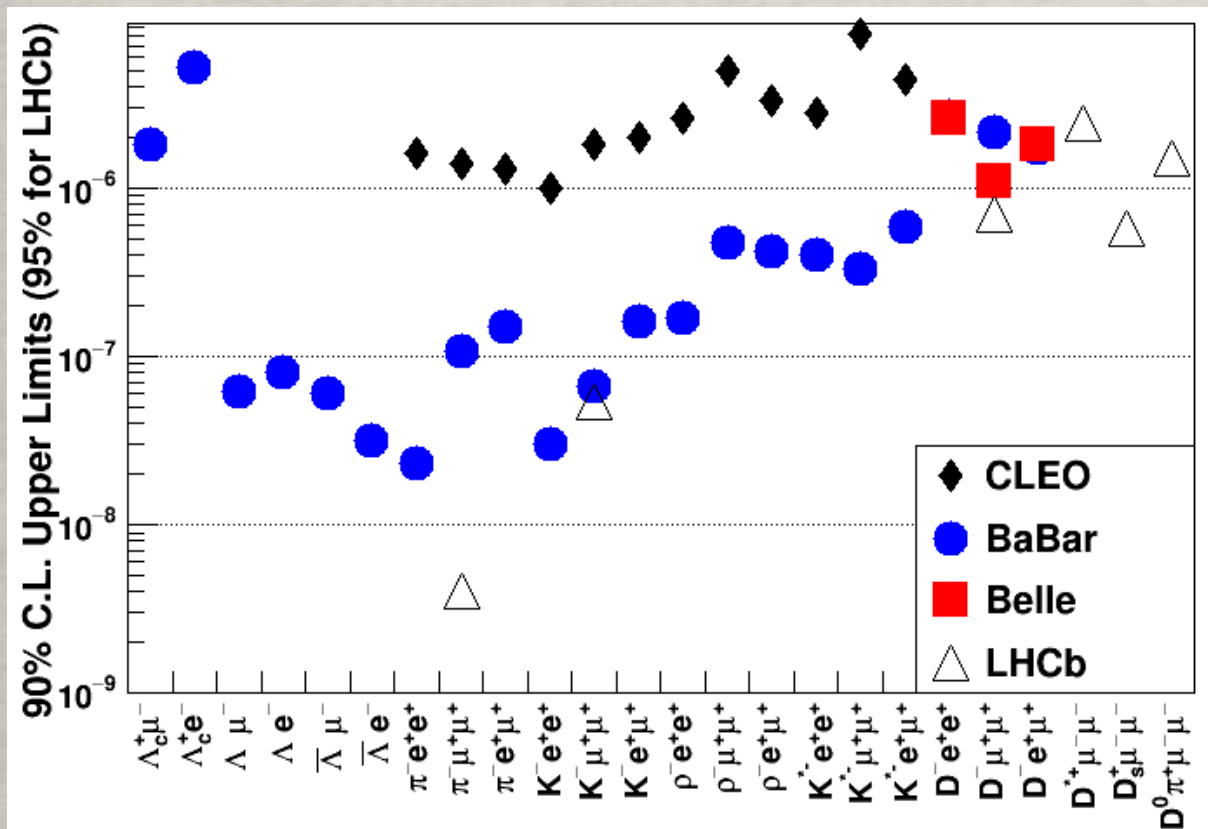
# 4. $\tau, K, D, B$ decays via $N$ : $M^+ \rightarrow l^+ l^+ M^-$



CERN NA62, arXiv:1905.07770

$$\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- e^+ e^+) < 2.2 \times 10^{-10},$$

$$\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^+) < 4.2 \times 10^{-11}.$$

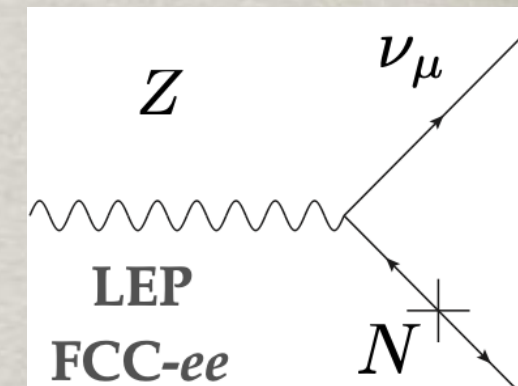
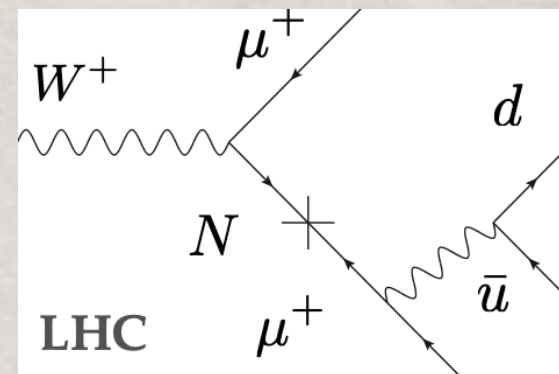
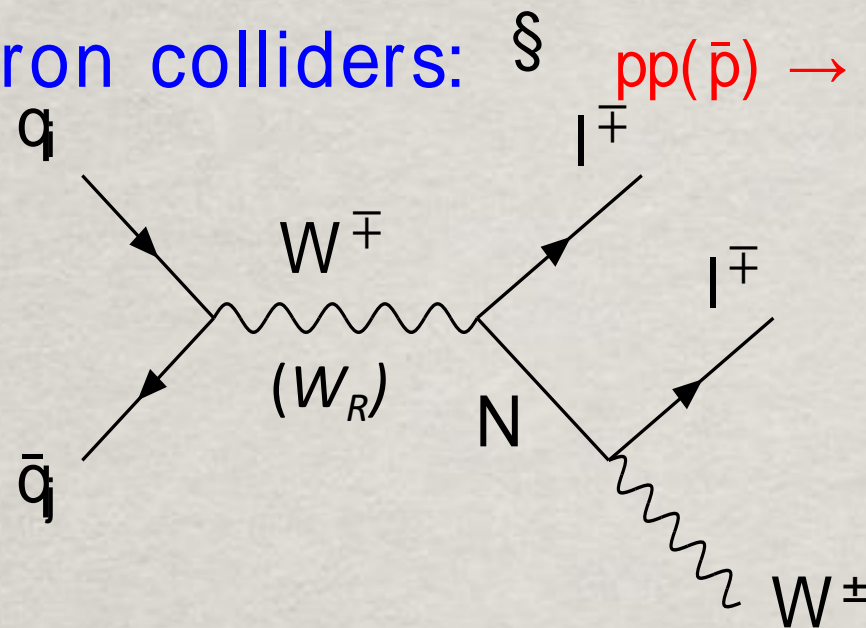


BaBar collaboration: arXiv:1503.08267v1.

LHCb collaboration: arXiv:1401.5361v2.  
 Atre, TH, Pascoli, Zhang, arXiv:0901.3589,  
 B. Shuve & M. Peskin, arXiv:1607.04258

# 5. HNL (N) at Colliders

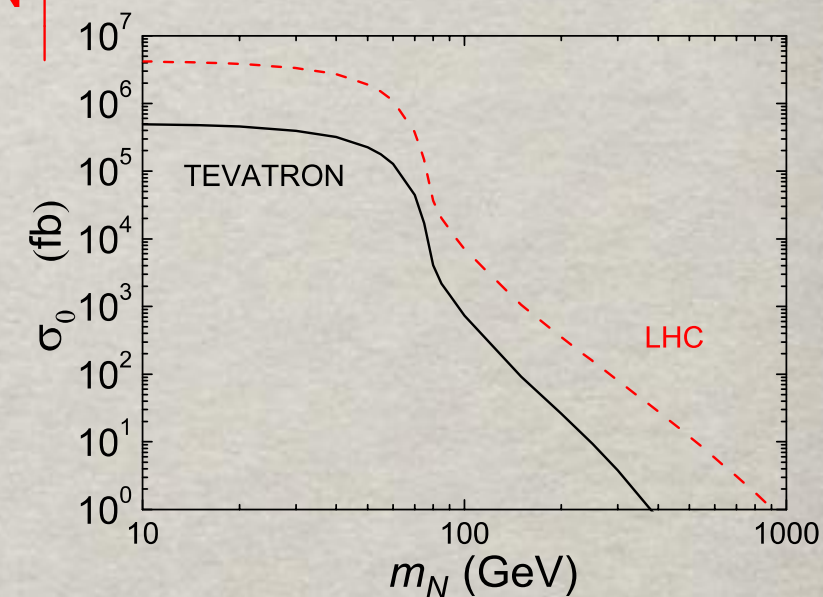
At hadron colliders: §  $pp(\bar{p}) \rightarrow \ell^\pm \ell^\pm jj X$



$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow \mu^\pm \mu^\pm W^\mp) \approx \sigma(pp \rightarrow \mu^\pm N) \text{Br}(N \rightarrow \mu^\pm W^\mp) \equiv \frac{V_{\mu N}^2}{\sum_l |V_{lN}|^2} V_{\mu N}^2 \sigma_0.$$

A very clean channel:

- like-sign di-muons plus two jets;
- no missing energies;
- $m(jj) = M_W$ ,  $m(jj\mu) = m_N$ .



→ being actively searched for at the LHC

§Keung, Senjanovic (1983); Dicus et al. (1991); A. Datta, M. Guchait, A. Pilaftsis (1993); ATLAS TDR (1999); F. Almeida et al. (2000); F. del Aguila et al. (2007).

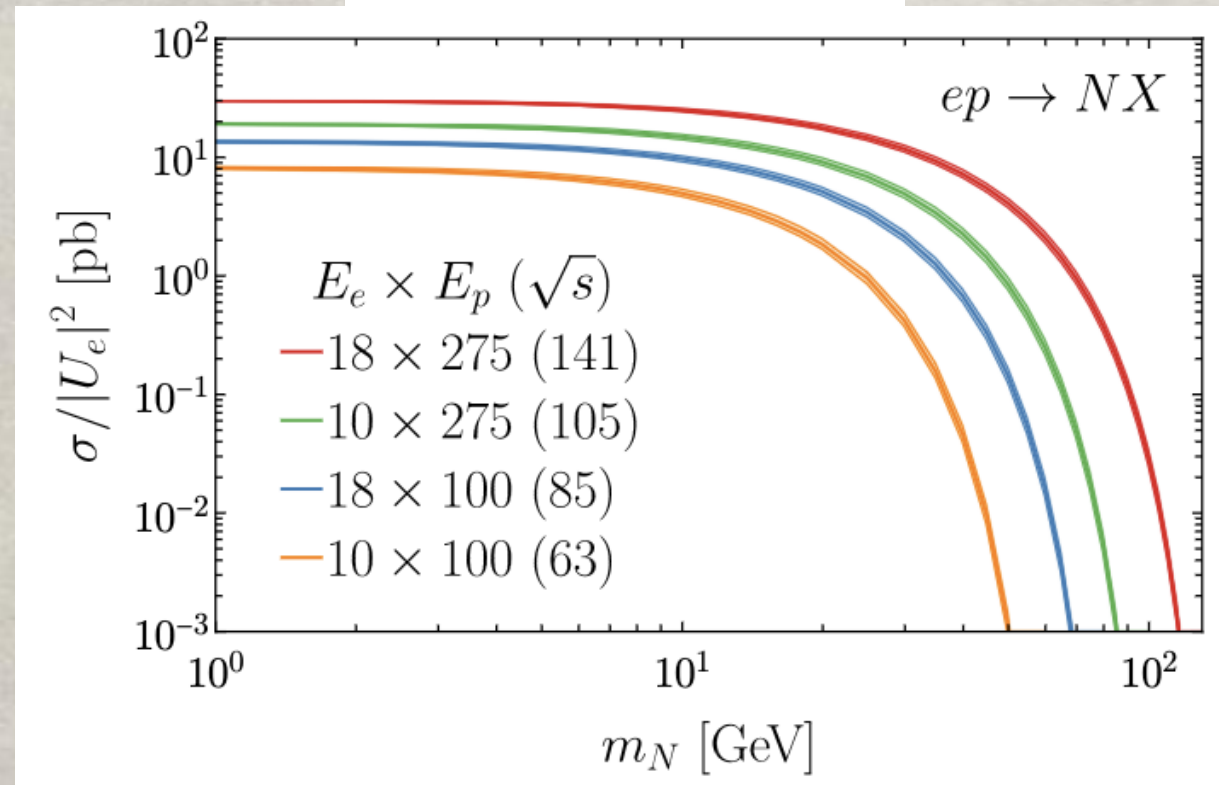
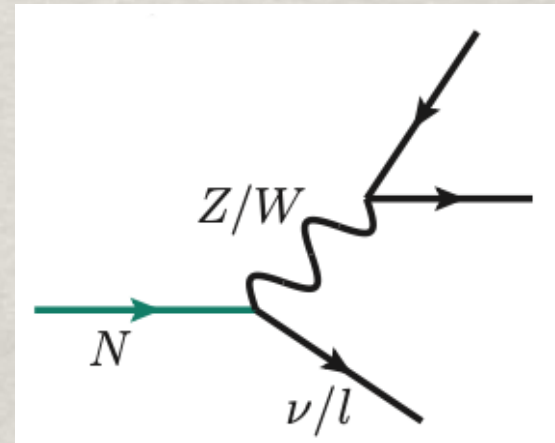
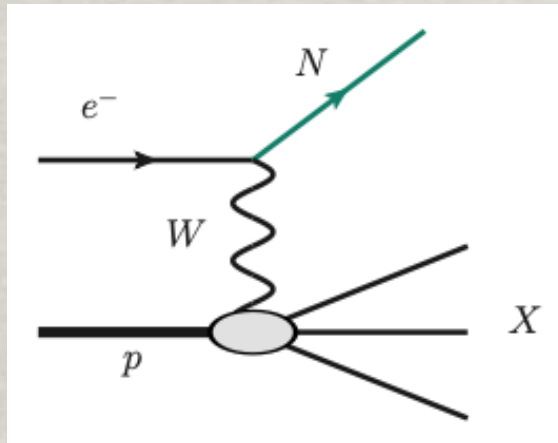
†T. Han and B. Zhang, hep-ph/0604064, PRL (2006).

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Both in NC and CC:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} U_{iI} W_{\mu}^{-} \ell_i^{\dagger} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu} N_I + \frac{g}{2c_W} U_{iI} Z_{\mu} \nu_i^{\dagger} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu} N_I + \text{H.c.}$$

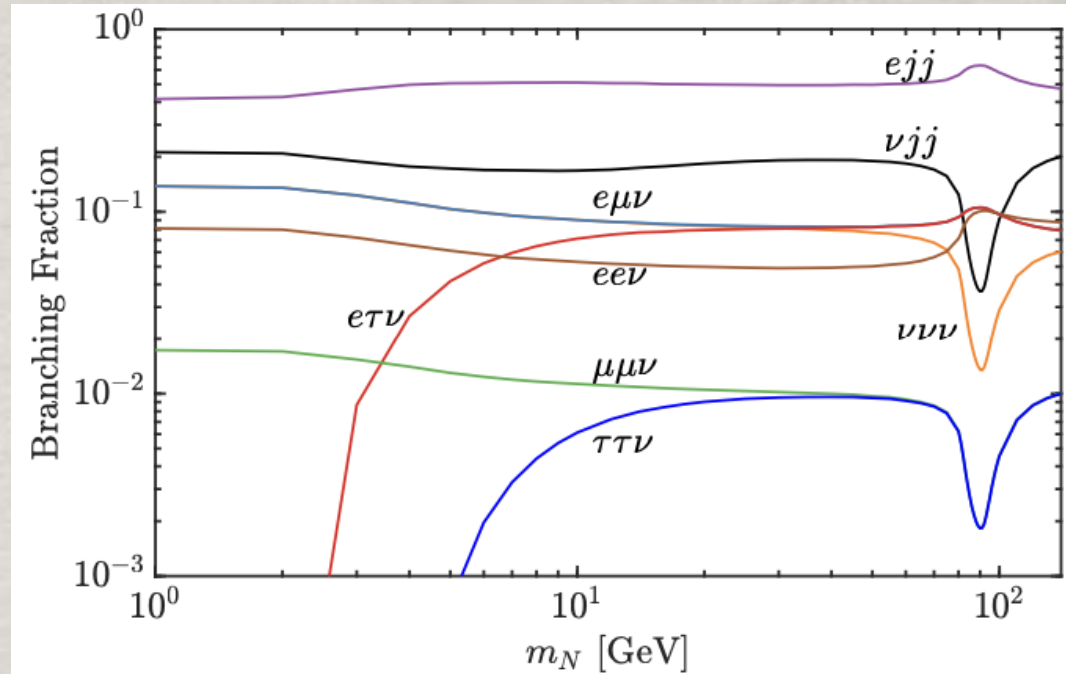
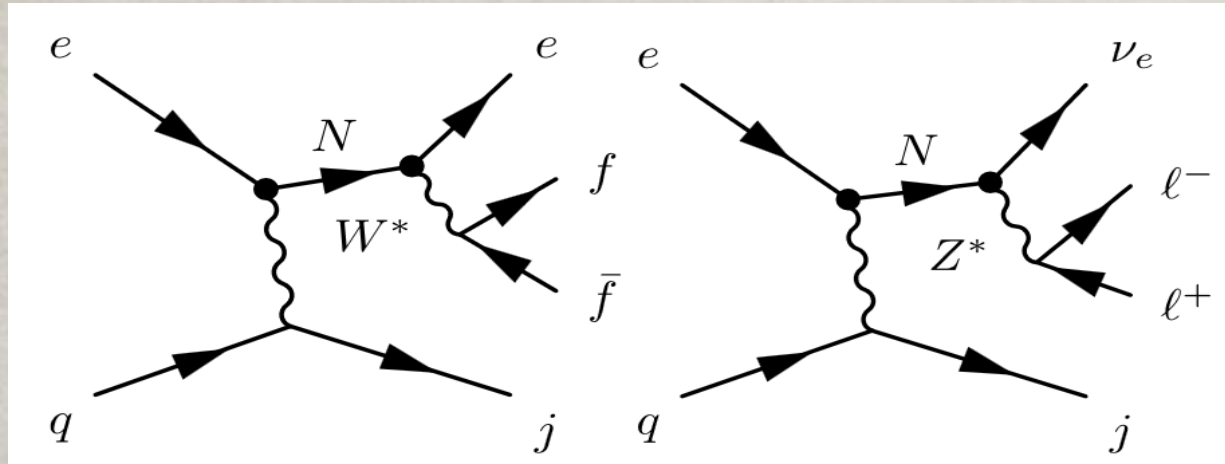
- Production  $e^{-} p \rightarrow N X$ : Decay  $N \rightarrow l^{\pm} W^{\mp}, \nu Z$



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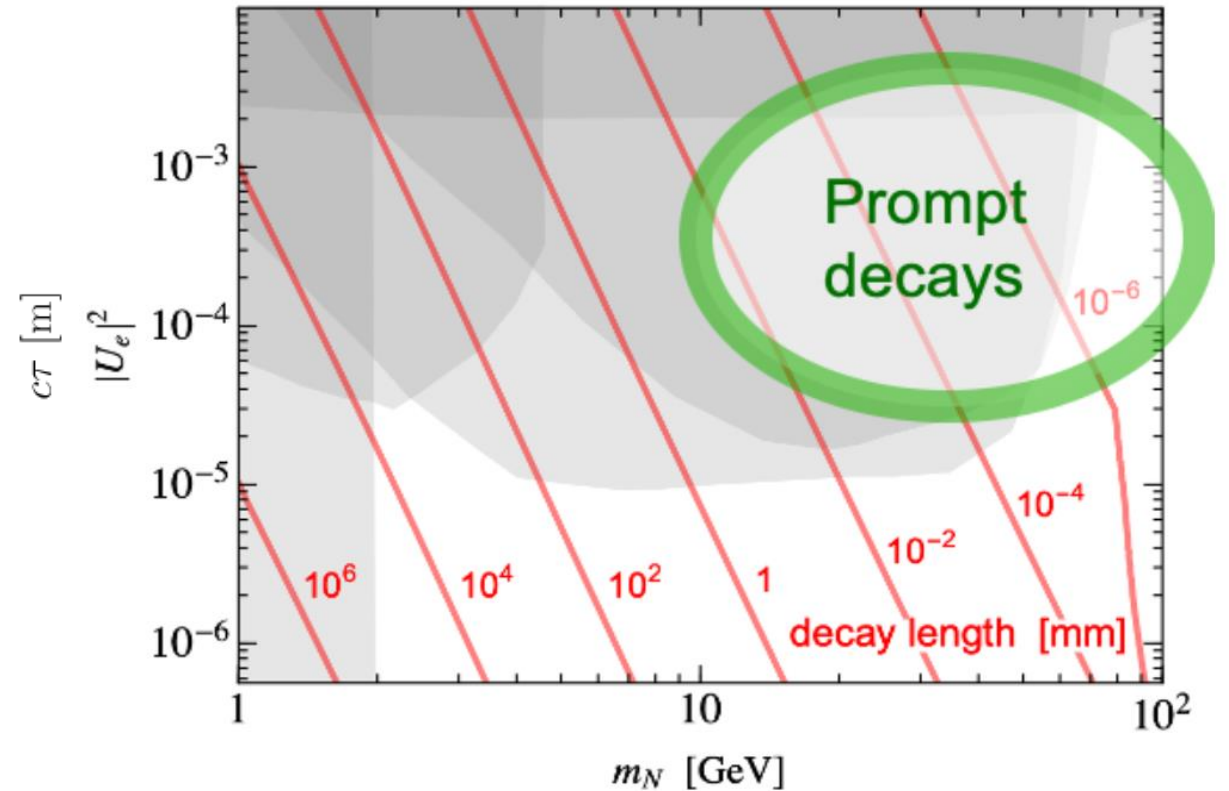
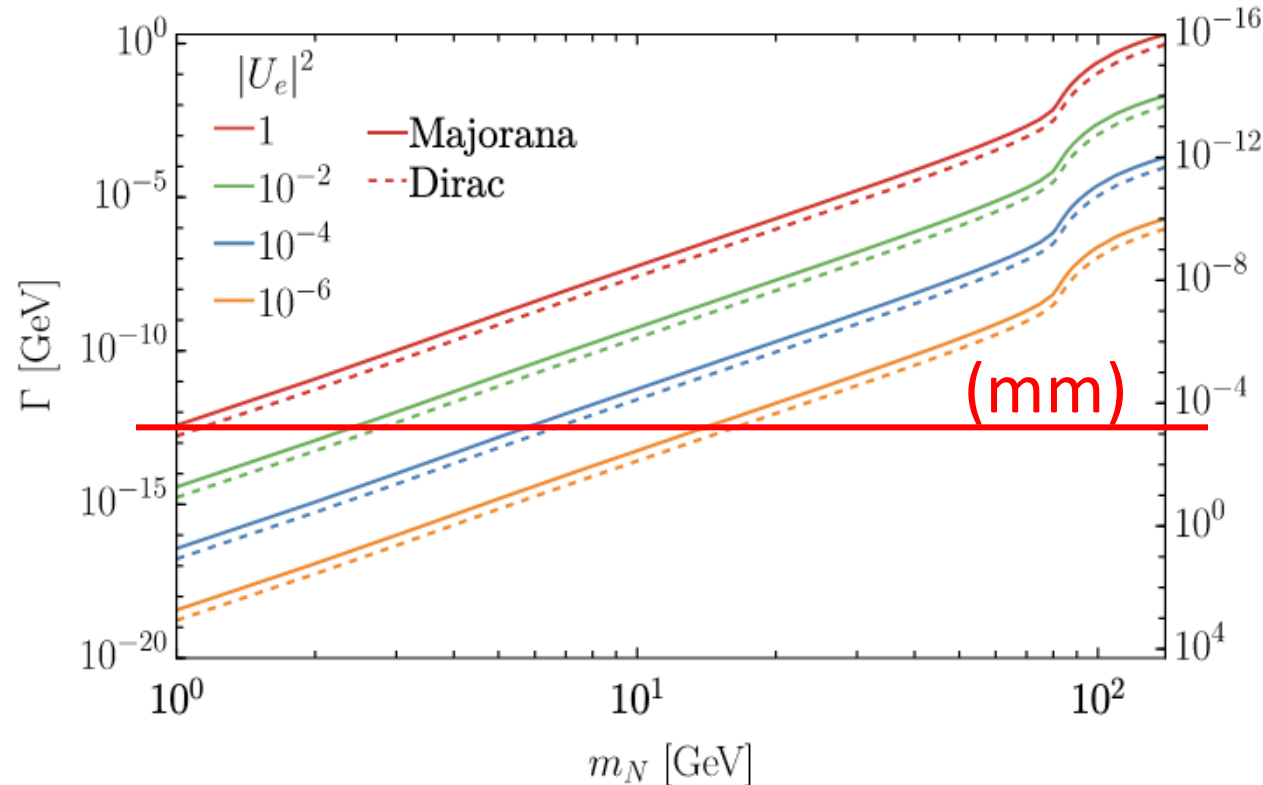
$\sigma \sim O(\text{a few fb}) @ U^2 \sim 10^{-4}$

- Decay length:  $N \rightarrow l^\pm W^\mp, \nu Z$



$$\Gamma_N \sim \frac{G_F^2 m_N^5}{192\pi^3} |U_e|^2 \sum_{i=\ell, q} N_c^i \Theta(m_N - m_X^i) C_V^i$$

$$\tau_N = \frac{1}{\Gamma_N} \sim 10^{-9} \text{ s} \times \left( \frac{1 \text{ GeV}}{m_N} \right)^5 \left( \frac{10^{-3}}{|U_e|^2} \right)$$



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- **N prompt decay signal:**

Three channels are considered

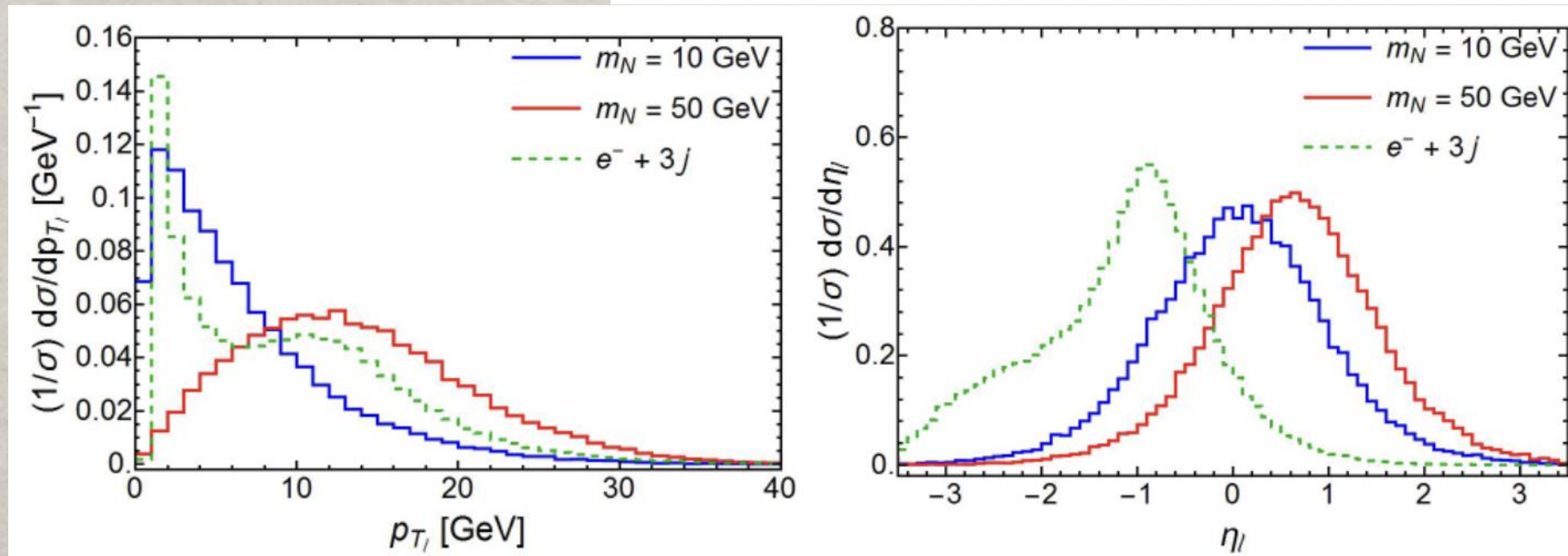
- Majorana:  $e^+ 3j$
- Majorana:  $e^+ \mu^- j + \cancel{E}_T$
- Dirac:  $\ell^+ \ell^- j + \cancel{E}_T$

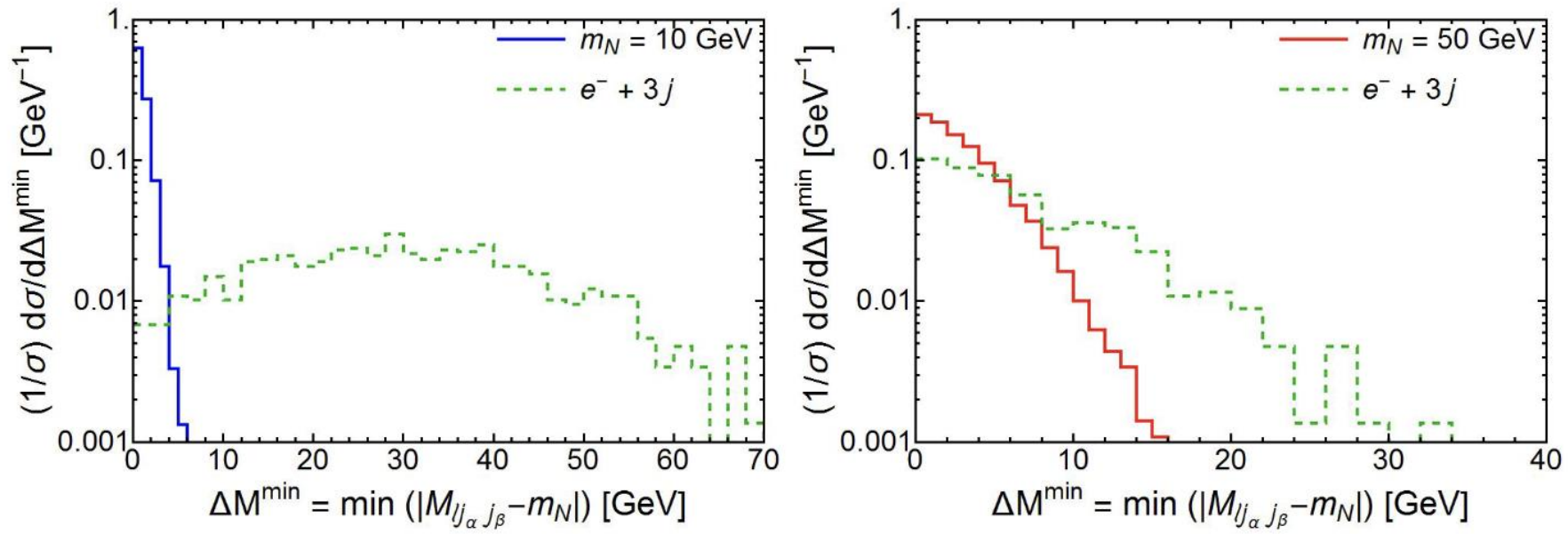
(1).  $e^- p \rightarrow N(e^+ jj') + j$  (Majorana  $\Delta L=2$ )

Though NO SM background for  $e^+$ , unless  $e^-$  fakes  $e^+$ .

Acceptance cuts:

$p_{T_\ell} > 2$  GeV and  $0 < \eta_\ell < 3.5$ .  $|\eta_j| < 3.5$  with  $p_{T_{j1}} > 20$  GeV, and  $p_{T_{j2,3}} > 5$  GeV.



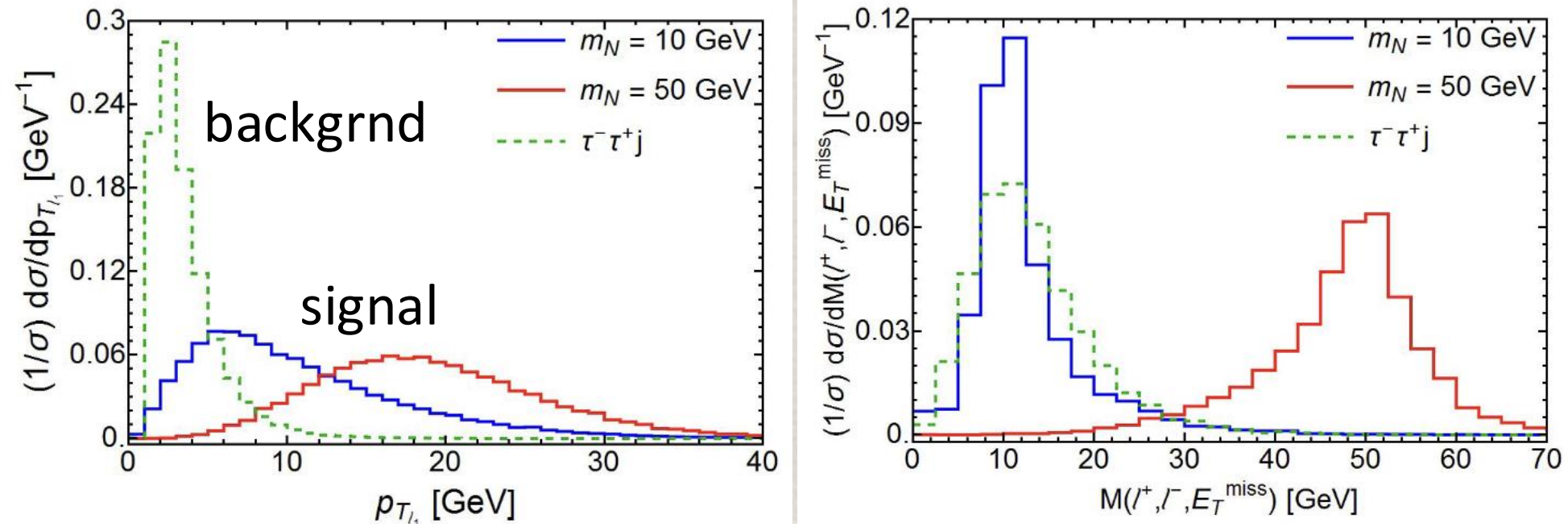


Cut selection	Signal [ $e^- p \rightarrow (N \rightarrow e^+ jj)j$ ]		$e^- jjj$ [pb]
	$m_N = 10$ GeV [pb]	$m_N = 50$ GeV [pb]	
Production	5.53	0.95	449
Exactly $1\ell$ : $p_{T_\ell} > 2$ GeV, $0 < \eta_\ell < 3.5$	2.43	0.74	36.7
Exactly $3j$ : $p_{T_{j_1}} > 20$ GeV, $p_{T_{j_{2,3}}} > 5$ GeV, $ \eta_{j_{1,2,3}}  < 3.5$	0.81	0.43	1.35
Isolation: $\Delta R(\ell/j_\alpha, j_\beta) > 0.4$ ( $\alpha, \beta = 1, 2, 3$ )	0.22	0.39	1.35
$\Delta M^{\min} = \min( M(\ell j_\alpha j_\beta) - m_N ) < 5$ GeV	0.22 ×	×	0.03 0.64
Require one $e^+$ [ $f^{\text{MID}} = 0.1\%$ ]	0.22 ×	×	$3.23 \times 10^{-5}$ $6.40 \times 10^{-4}$
Require one $e^+$ [ $f^{\text{MID}} = 0.01\%$ ]	0.22 ×	×	$3.23 \times 10^{-6}$ $6.40 \times 10^{-5}$
Polarization $P_e = -70\%$	$\times 1.7$	$\times 1.7$	$\times 1$

miss ID

**Table 2.** Cut-flow table of the Majorana HNL signal, with  $|U_e|^2 = 1$  in the  $e^+ + 3j$  final state. The last row indicates the cross-section enhancement factor for a  $P_e = -70\%$  polarized electron beam. Similarly for the tables below.

## (2). $e^- p \rightarrow N(e^+ \mu^- \nu) + j$ (Majorana $\Delta L=2$ )



Cut selection	Signal [ $e^- p \rightarrow (N \rightarrow \ell^- \ell^+ \nu) j$ ]		$\tau^- \tau^+ j \rightarrow \ell^- \ell^+ j + 4\nu$ [pb]
	$m_N = 10$ GeV [pb]	$m_N = 50$ GeV [pb]	
Production	3.16	0.55	0.05
Exactly $2\ell$ : $p_{T_{\ell_{1,2}}} > 2$ GeV, $ \eta_{\ell_{1,2}}  < 3.5$	2.10	0.53	0.01
Exactly $1j$ : $p_{T_j} > 10$ GeV, $ \eta_j  < 3.5$	1.82	0.44	$3.19 \times 10^{-3}$
Isolation: $\Delta R(\ell_1, \ell_2) > 0.3$ , $\Delta R(\ell_{1,2}, j) > 0.4$	1.61	0.43	$3.13 \times 10^{-3}$
Require one $\mu^-$ and one $e^+$	0.51	0.13	$7.83 \times 10^{-4}$
$p_{T_{\ell\ell}} > 12$ GeV	0.37	0.10	$3.90 \times 10^{-5}$
$ \Delta\phi(\ell_1, \ell_2)  < 1$ [ $m_N < 20$ GeV]	0.35	×	$1.72 \times 10^{-5}$
$ M(\ell^+, \ell^-, E_T^{\text{miss}}) - m_N  < 10$ GeV [ $m_N \geq 20$ GeV]	×	0.08	$2.07 \times 10^{-7}$
Polarization $P_e = -70\%$	$\times 1.7$	$\times 1.7$	$\times 1$

**Table 3.** Cut-flow table of the Majorana HNL signal, with  $|U_e|^2 = 1$  in the  $\mu^- e^+ j + E_T^{\text{miss}}$  final state.

### (3). $e^- p \rightarrow N(e^- \mu^+ \nu) + j$ (Dirac-like $\Delta L=0$ )

## More SM backgrounds to $e^-$

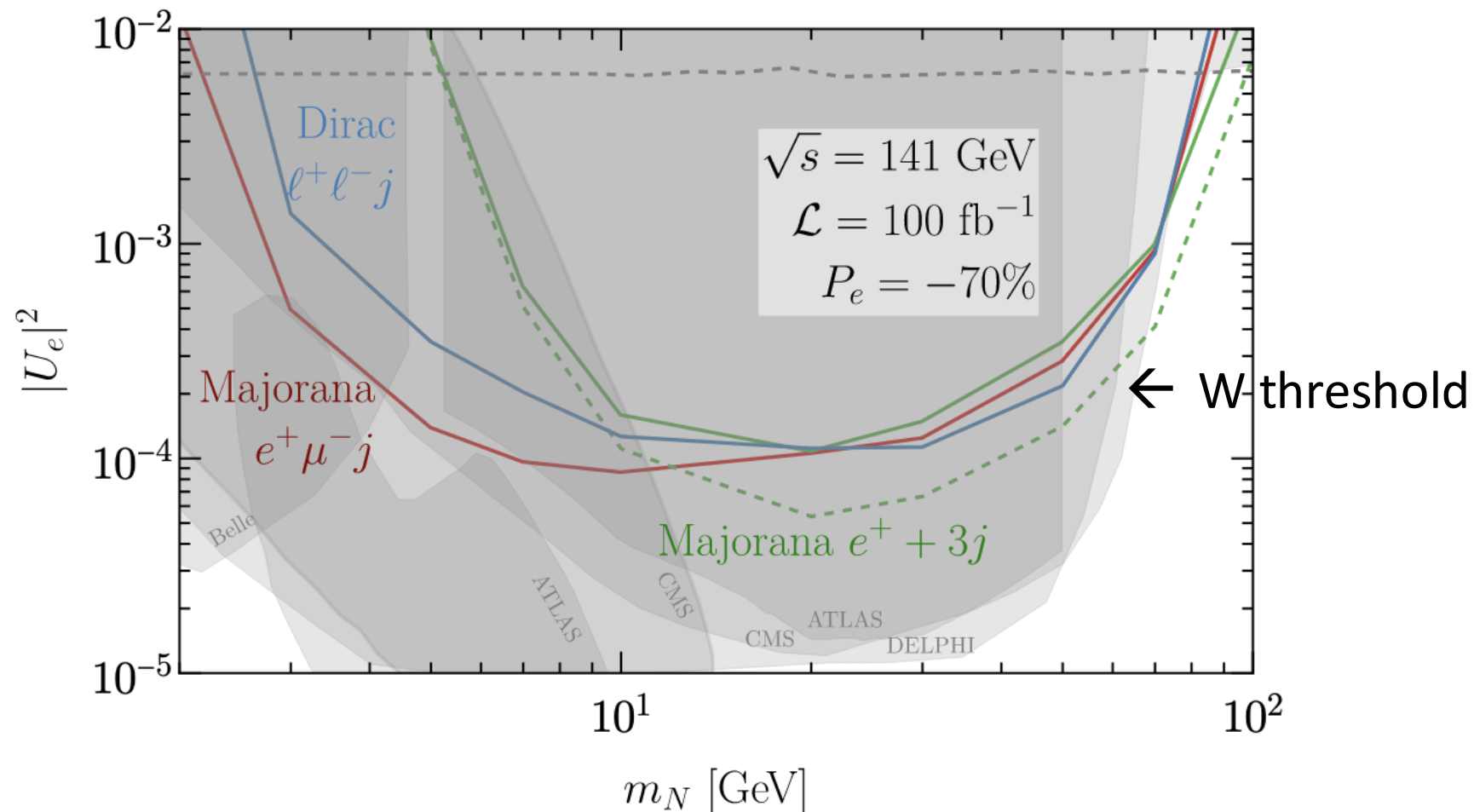
Cut selection	Signal [ $e^- p \rightarrow (N \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- \nu) j$ ]			$\ell^+ \ell^- \nu_\ell j$ [pb]	$\ell^+ \ell^- j$ [pb]	$\tau^- \tau^+ j \rightarrow$ $\ell^- \ell^+ j + 4\nu$ [pb]
	$m_N = 5$ GeV [pb]	$m_N = 10$ GeV [pb]	$m_N = 50$ GeV [pb]			
Production	3.98	3.38	0.55	$2.20 \times 10^{-3}$	5.06	0.05
Exactly $2\ell$ : $p_{T\ell_{1,2}} > 2$ GeV, $ \eta_{\ell_{1,2}}  < 3.5$	2.05	1.95	0.53	$9.68 \times 10^{-4}$	2.65	0.01
Exactly $1j$ : $p_{Tj} > 10$ GeV, $ \eta_j  < 3.5$	1.86	1.71	0.44	$7.48 \times 10^{-4}$	0.35	$3.20 \times 10^{-3}$
Isolation: $\Delta R(\ell_1, \ell_2) > 0.3$ , $\Delta R(\ell_{1,2}, j) > 0.4$	1.25	1.58	0.43	$5.45 \times 10^{-4}$	0.33	$3.14 \times 10^{-3}$
$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 5$ GeV	0.80	1.07	0.40	$5.32 \times 10^{-4}$	0.02	$2.46 \times 10^{-3}$
$p_{T\ell\ell} > 12$ GeV	0.43	0.64	0.29	$1.50 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.47 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.90 \times 10^{-5}$
$ M(\ell^+, \ell^-, E_T^{\text{miss}}) - m_N  < 5$ GeV	0.27	×	×	$2.39 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.97 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.56 \times 10^{-5}$
	×	0.42	×	$7.12 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.37 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.15 \times 10^{-5}$
	×	×	0.17	$2.34 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.42 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.15 \times 10^{-7}$
$M(\ell^+ \ell^- j) > 45$ GeV [ $m_N < 10$ GeV]	0.18	×	×	$1.34 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.82 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.43 \times 10^{-6}$
$0.2 <  \Delta\phi(j, E_T^{\text{miss}})  < 3$ [ $m_N \geq 10$ GeV]	×	0.24	×	$5.00 \times 10^{-6}$	–	$9.75 \times 10^{-6}$
	×	×	0.16	$2.06 \times 10^{-5}$	–	$2.07 \times 10^{-7}$
Polarization $P_e = -70\%$	$\times 1.7$	$\times 1.7$	$\times 1.7$	$\times 1.6$	$\times 1$	$\times 1$

**Table 4.** Cut-flow table of the Dirac HNL signal, with  $|U_e|^2 = 1$ , and SM backgrounds in the  $\ell^- \ell^+ j + E_T^{\text{miss}}$  final state. The “–” indicates the background size is negligible.



# Summary for the prompt decay search

EIC:  $N \rightarrow l^\pm W^\mp$ , LHC: DY  $W^\mp \rightarrow N l^\pm$



**Figure 9.** The expected 95% C.L. exclusion limits from prompt searches at the EIC with  $\sqrt{s} = 141$  GeV and  $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity for HNLs (colored lines), compared with the existing bounds from direct searches [66–71] (gray shaded regions) and indirect precision electroweak constraints [72] (horizontal dashed line). The solid (dashed) green line indicates the sensitivity of the prompt Majorana HNL decay  $N \rightarrow e^+ + 3j$ , with a misidentification rate assumed as 0.1% (0.01%).

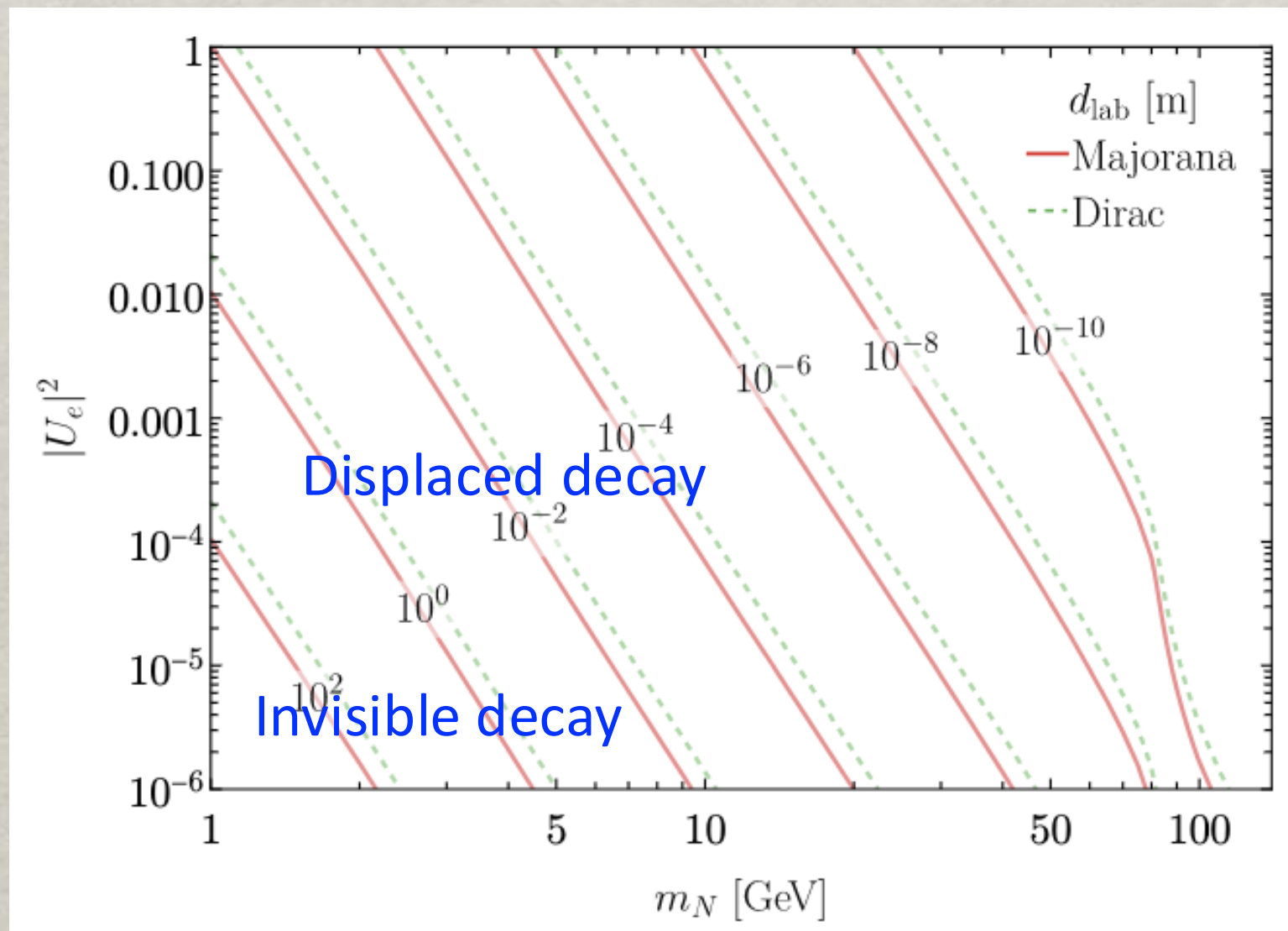
Other bounds from “Physics Beyond Colliders” report, arXiv:1901.09966

- **Long-lived particle N (LLP)**

In the laboratory frame, the decay length of  $N$  is

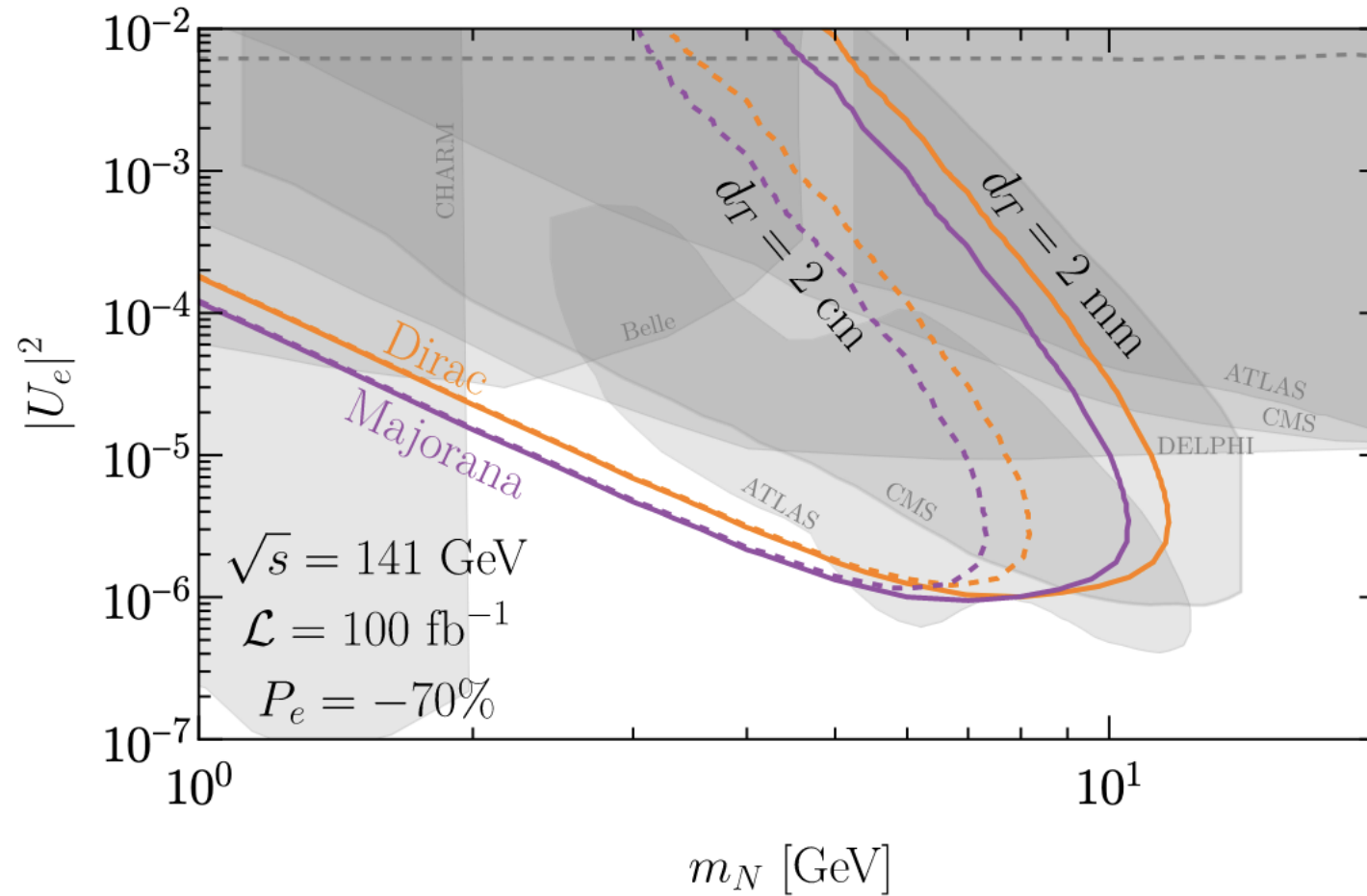
$$d_{\text{lab}} = \gamma\beta c\tau_N, \quad \gamma = E_N/m_N,$$

Assuming the detector coverage:  $r = 0.4 \text{ m}$ ,  $l = 1.2 \text{ m}$   
and displaced impact parameter:  $d_{\tau} = 2 \text{ (20) mm}$



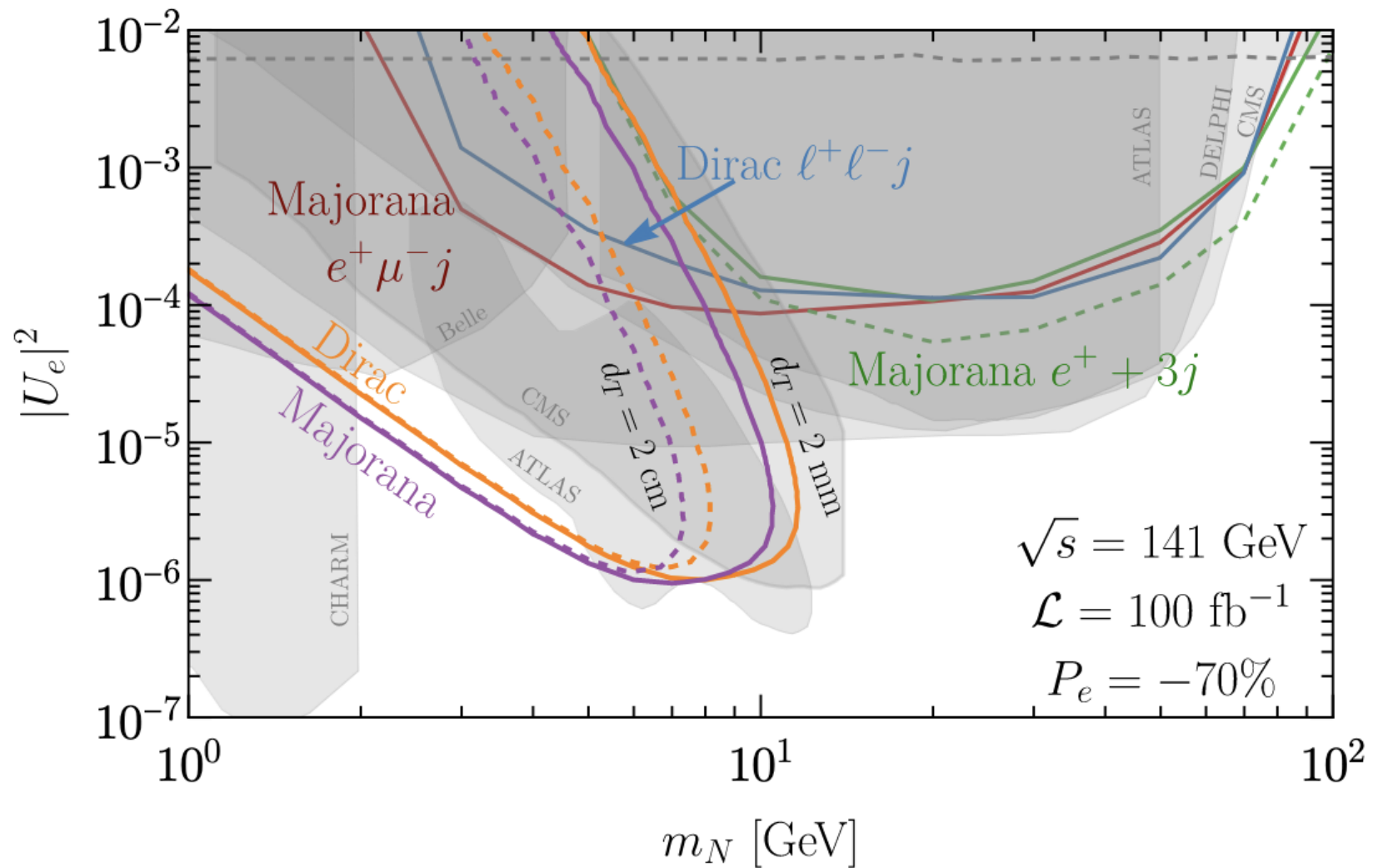
# Summary for LLP decays:

$$N \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp \nu, e^\pm jj'$$



**Figure 11.** The expected contours of  $N = 5$  displaced vertex events detected in the EIC detector. The Majorana (Dirac) type events are shown as purple (orange) lines. The solid (dashes) lines indicate the impact parameter choice as  $d_T = 2$  (20) mm. These results are compared with the existing bounds from direct searches [65–71] (gray shaded regions) and indirect precision electroweak constraints [72] (horizontal dashed line). In particular, we include existing displaced vertex searches in the 13 TeV CMS [69] and ATLAS [71] experiments (dark shaded islands).

# Summary plot for both prompt & LLPs



**Figure 15.** The combined EIC sensitivity to HNL, compared with the existing bounds [65–72]. For details we refer the reader to Figs. 9 and 11.

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N very long-lived, invisible passing through the detection:

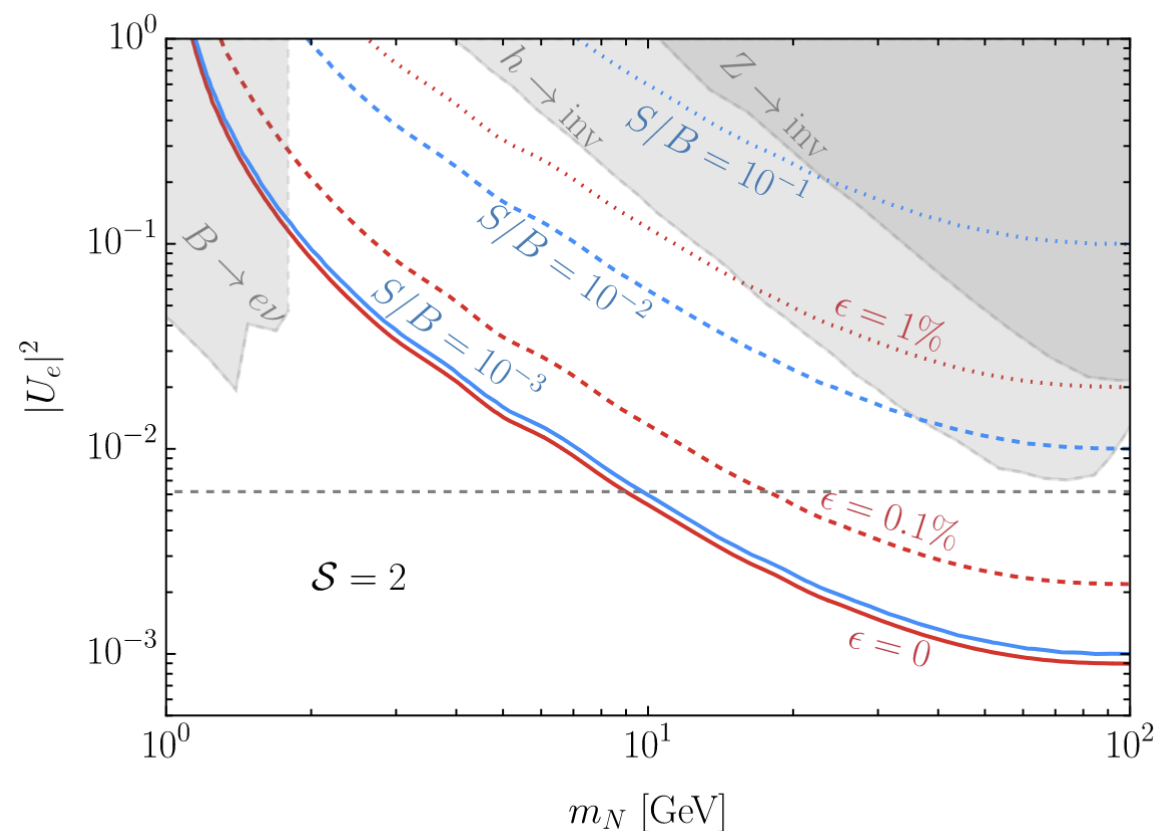
$e^- p \rightarrow \text{missing } N + j$ : Mono-jet events

No shape difference, rely on event counting ...

statistical sensitivity to our HNL model as

$$\mathcal{S} = \frac{S}{\sqrt{B + (\epsilon B)^2}},$$

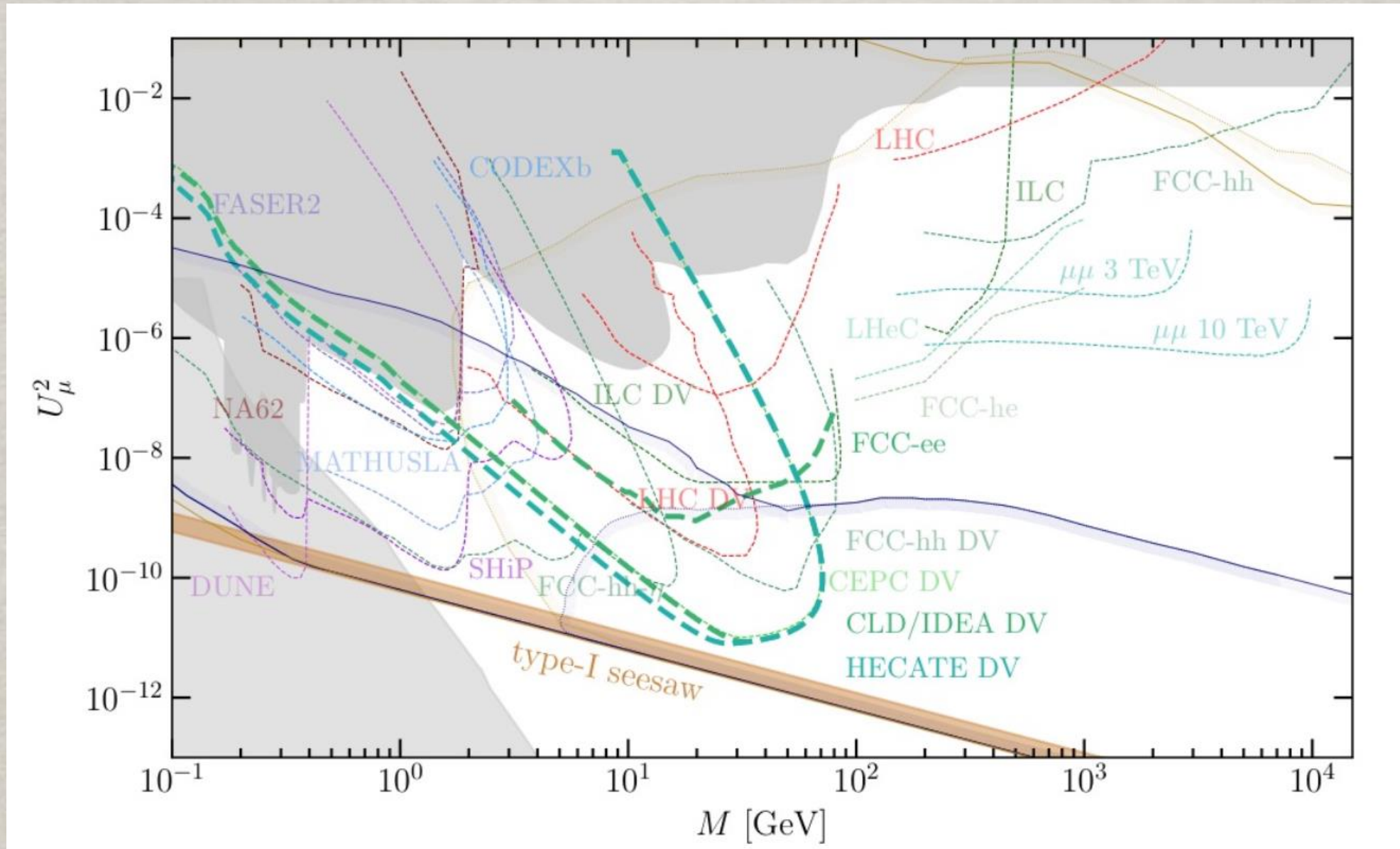
$$S = |N - N_{\text{SM}}|, \quad B = N_{\text{SM}}, \quad N_{(\text{SM})} = \mathcal{L}\sigma_{(\text{SM})}.$$



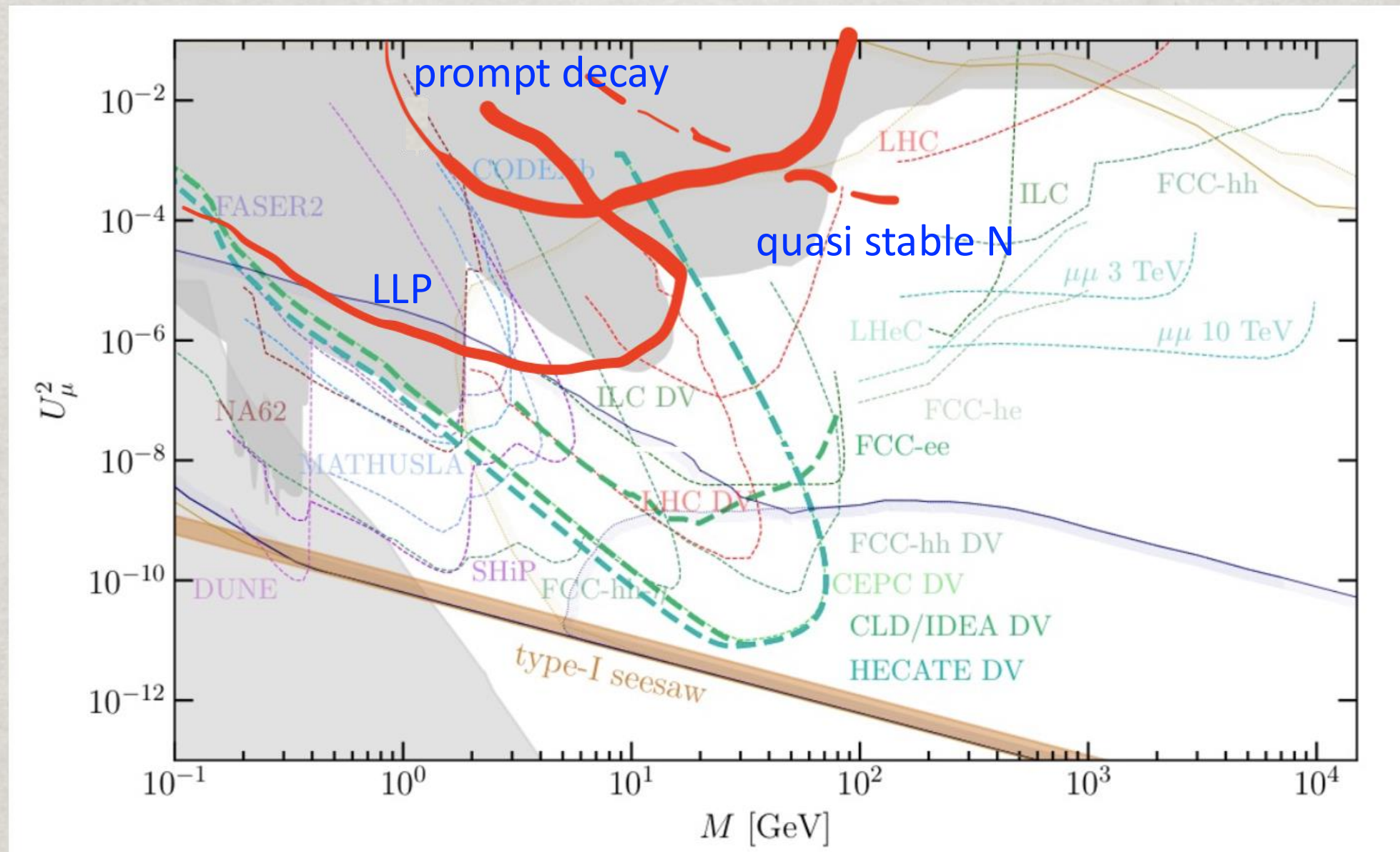
**Figure 14.** The sensitivity probe (red lines) of the EIC based on the mono-jet search, quantified with  $\mathcal{S} = 2$  in Eq. (4.12), with the relative systematic uncertainty as  $\epsilon = 0, 0.1\%$ , and  $1\%$ . The existing bounds come from invisible decays of  $Z$  and Higgs bosons [1, 81], peak searches in  $B \rightarrow e\nu$  decays [82] (gray shaded) and indirect constraints from precision electroweak observables (dashed line) [72]. Also shown are contours of signal-to-background ratios  $S/B = 10^{-3}, 10^{-2}$ , and  $10^{-1}$  (light blue lines).

# Significant efforts in searching for N

(<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2203.08039>)



# EIC can be complementary to the low-energy oscillation and high-energy colliders



# Summary

- EIC will open up a new QCD frontier
- EIC also has potential to seek for BSM new physics, complementary to LHC & other experiments  
Snowmass White paper: [arXiv:2203.13199](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.13199)
- We studied HNL signals at EIC: all flavors  $e^\pm, \mu^\pm, \tau^\pm$  in particular for the Majorana nature.

Prompt decay signal:  $M_N \sim 1 - 100 \text{ GeV}, U_{eN}^2 \sim 10^{-3}$

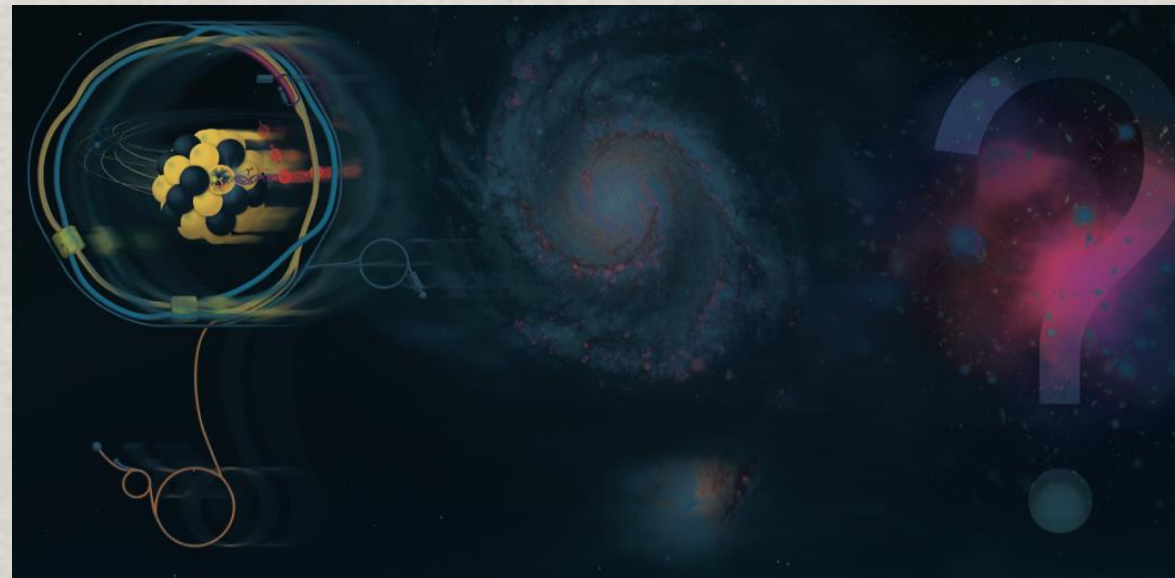
Displaced vertex signal:  $M_N \sim O(\text{few GeV}), U_{eN}^2 \sim 10^{-5}$

Invisible decay mono-jet signal:  $2\sigma$  sensitivity

**Exciting journey ahead!**



Thank you: Sally, Hooman, Nicole ...  
for a great workshop & the hospitality!



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# Type I Seesaw: Singlet $N_R$ 's – Sterile neutrinos

$$L_{aL} = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_a \\ l_a \end{pmatrix}_L, \quad a = 1, 2, 3; \quad N_{bR}, \quad b = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n \geq 2.$$

Dirac plus Majorana mass terms:  $(\bar{\nu}_L \quad \overline{N^c_L}) \begin{pmatrix} 0_{3 \times 3} & D_{3 \times n}^V \\ D_{n \times 3}^{VT} & M_{n \times n} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu^c_R \\ N_R \end{pmatrix}$

Majorana neutrinos:

$$\nu_{aL} = \sum_{m=1}^3 U_{am} \nu_{mL} + \sum_{m'=4}^{3+n} V_{am'} N_{m'L}^c,$$

$$N_{aL}^c = \sum_{m=1}^3 X_{am} \nu_{mL} + \sum_{m'=4}^{3+n} Y_{am'} N_{m'L}^c,$$

The charged currents:

$$\begin{aligned} -L_{CC} = & \frac{\sqrt{g}}{2} W_\mu^+ \sum_{\ell=e}^{\tau} \sum_{m=1}^3 U_{\ell m}^* \bar{\nu}_m \gamma^\mu P_L \ell + \text{h.c.} \\ & + \frac{\sqrt{g}}{2} W_\mu^+ \sum_{\ell=e}^{\tau} \sum_{m'=4}^{3+n} V_{\ell m'}^* \overline{N_{m'}^c} \gamma^\mu P_L \ell + \text{h.c.} \end{aligned}$$

## Type I Seesaw features:

😊 Existence of  $N_R$  (possibly low mass\*)

$$U_{lm}^2 \sim V_{PMNS}^2 \approx \mathcal{O}(1); \quad V_{lm}^2 \approx m_\nu/m_N.$$

$U_{lm}, \Delta m_\nu$  are from oscillation experiments

$m_N$  a free parameter: could be accessible!

😞 But difficult to see  $N_R$ :

The mixing is typically small, mass wide open:

$$V_{lm}^2 \approx (m_\nu/eV)/(m_N/GeV) \times 10^{-9} \\ < 6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (low energy bound)}$$

- Fine-tune or hybrid could make it sizeable.
- “Inverse seesaw”

Casas and Ibarra (2001);

A. Y. Smirnov and R. Zukanovich Funchal (2006);

A. de Gouvea, J. Jenkins and N. Vasudevan (2007);

W. Chao, Z. G. Si, Z. Z. Xing and S. Zhou (2008).

## A Variation: Inverse seesaw #

Inverse Seesaw:  $(\nu_L, N_R^c, S_L)$

$$M_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M_D & 0 \\ M_D^T & 0 & M^T \\ 0 & M & \mu_s \end{pmatrix} \quad m_\nu \approx \begin{pmatrix} M_D \\ M \end{pmatrix} \mu_s \begin{pmatrix} M_D \\ M \end{pmatrix}^T$$
$$M_H \approx \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M^T \\ M & \mu_s \end{pmatrix}.$$

Small Majorana mass  $\mu_s$  renders the Dirac mass  $M_D$   
Yukawa couplings & N mixings **sizable!**

$$V_{lm}^2 \approx (M_D/M_N)^2 \approx m_\nu/\mu_s$$

\*  **$\nu$**  Majorana-like; **N** Dirac-like.

# R. Mohapatra, J. Valle (1986)

# Type II Seesaw: No need for $N_R$ , with $\Phi$ -triplet\*

With a scalar triplet  $\Phi$  ( $Y = 2$ ) :  $\varphi^{\pm\pm}, \varphi^{\pm}, \varphi^0$  (many representative models).  
Add a gauge invariant/ renormalizable term:

$$Y_{ij} L_i^T C (i\sigma_2) \Phi L_j + \text{h.c.}$$

That leads to the Majorana mass:

$$M_{ij} \nu_i^T C \nu_j + \text{h.c.}$$

where

$$M_{ij} = Y_{ij} \langle \Phi \rangle = Y_{ij} v' \lesssim 1 \text{ eV},$$

Very same gauge invariant/ renormalizable term:

$$\mu H^T (i\sigma_2) \Phi^\dagger H + \text{h.c.}$$
$$v' = \mu \frac{v^2}{M_\phi^2},$$

predicts

leading to the Type II Seesaw. †

\*Magg, Wetterich (1980); Lazarides, Shafi (1981); Mohapatra, Senjanovic (1981). ...

†In Little Higgs model: T.Han, H.Logan, B.Mukhopadhyaya, R.Srikanth (2005).

# Radiative Seesaw Models\*

- New fields + ( $Z_2$ ) symmetry  $\rightarrow$  no tree-level mass terms
- Close the loops: Quantum corrections could generate  $m_\nu$ .  
Suppressions (up to 3-loops) make both  $m_\nu$  and  $M$  low:

$$m_\nu \sim \left(\frac{1}{16\pi^2}\right)^\ell \left(\frac{v}{M}\right)^k \mu$$

With (Majorana) mass scale  $\mu$

## Generic features:

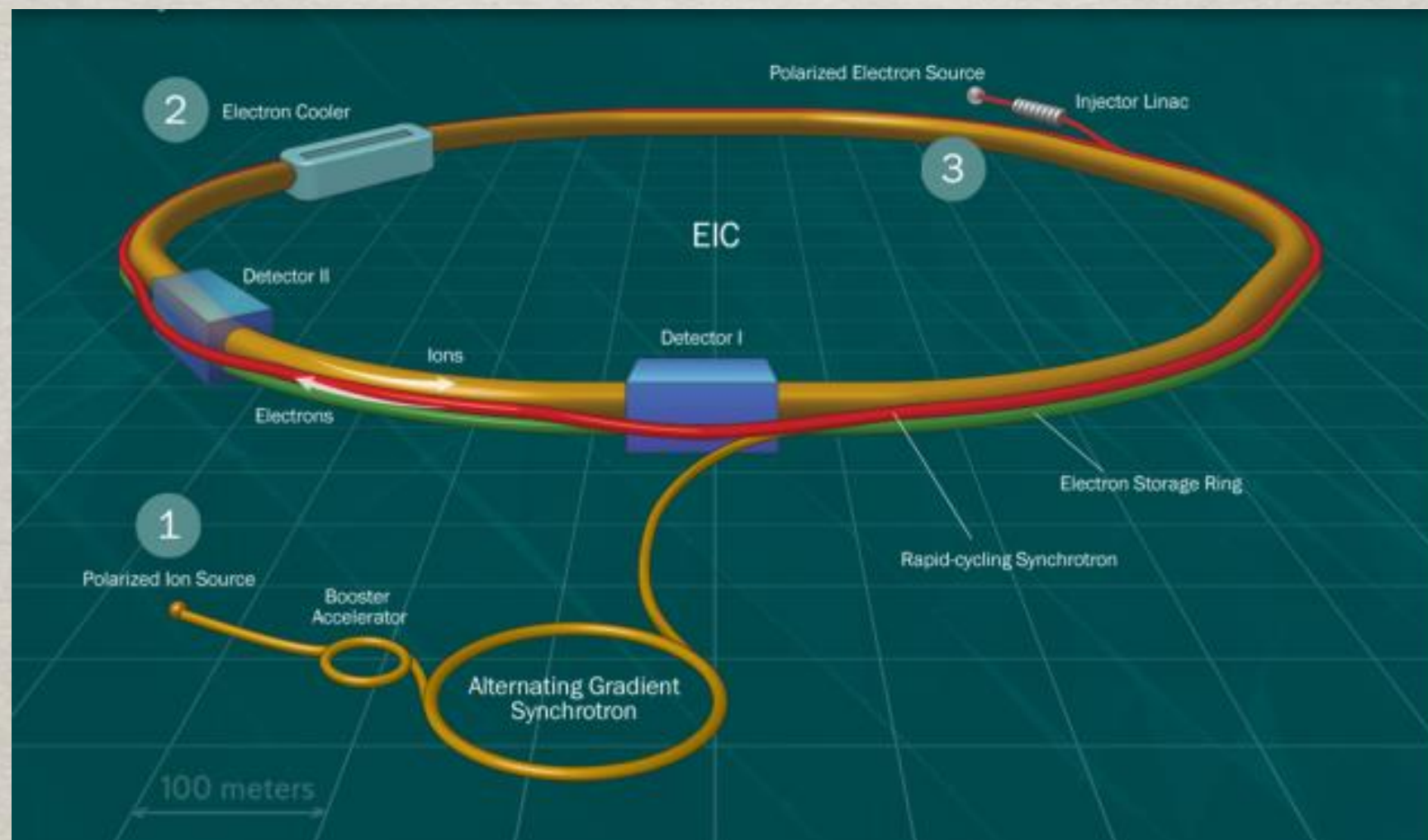
- New scalars:  $\varphi^0, H^\pm, H^{\pm\pm}, \dots$   
 $\rightarrow$  BSM Higgs physics, possible flavor relations
- Additional  $Z_2$  symmetry  $\rightarrow$  Dark Matter  $\eta$   
 $h^0 \rightarrow \eta\eta$  invisible!

\* Zee (1980, 1986); Babu (1988); Ma (2006), Aoki et al. (2009).

# Introduction to EIC

## The Electron-Ion Collider (EIC) at BNL

- CM energies: 20 – 100 (140) GeV
- Luminosity:  $10^{33-34}$  /cm<sup>2</sup>/s (10-100 fb<sup>-1</sup>/yr, 10 -1000 times of HERA)
- Polarized electron  $\sim$  70%; light A  $\sim$  70%
- Range of nuclear targets: proton/deuteron/gold/uranium



See, Silvia Dalla Torre talk; [arXiv:1212.1701](https://arxiv.org/abs/1212.1701), [2103.05419](https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.05419)

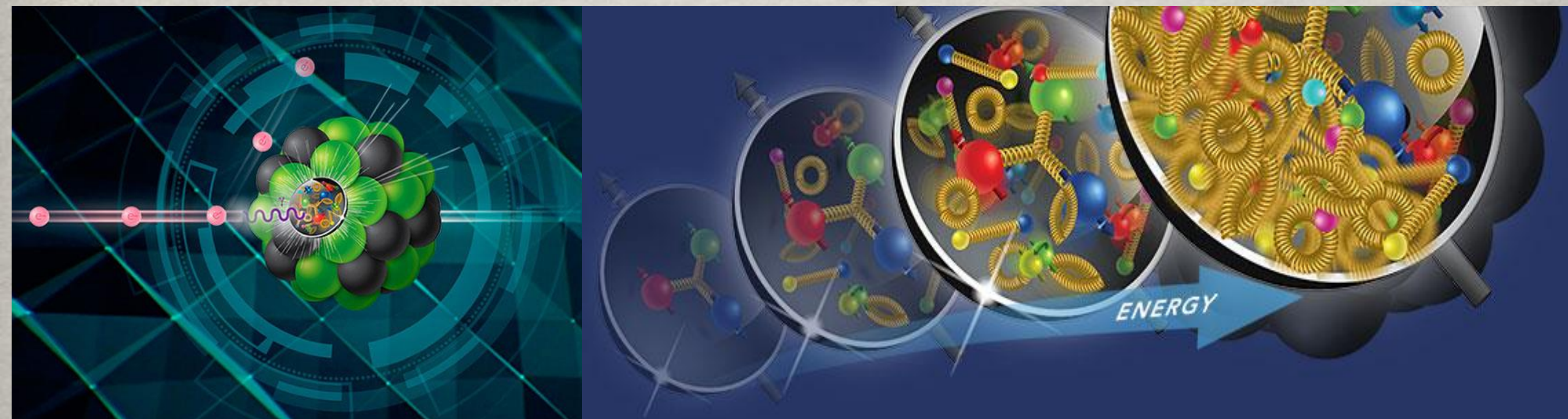


# The primary physics goal of EIC

- 3D tomographic imaging of parton structure
- Precise determination of quark/gluon momentum distributions & contributions to proton spin
- Exploration of novel phases of nuclear matter at high densities

## Other physics opportunities

- Precision EW physics: coupling constants
- Fundamental symmetries: parity, flavor, etc.

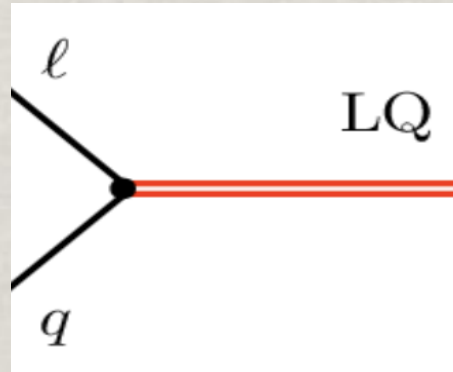


arXiv:1212.1701, 2103.05419, 2305.14572; Snowmass White paper: 2203.13199

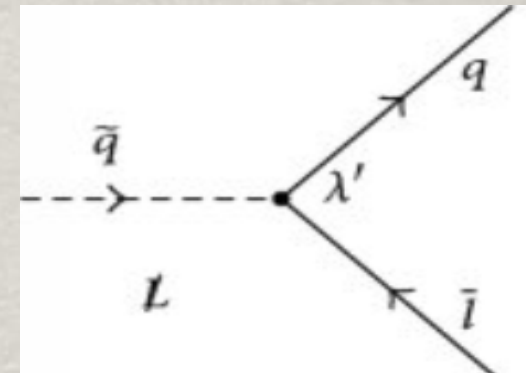
# BSM physics @ EIC

Although lower energies than HERA & LHC, there are many BSM scenarios accessible

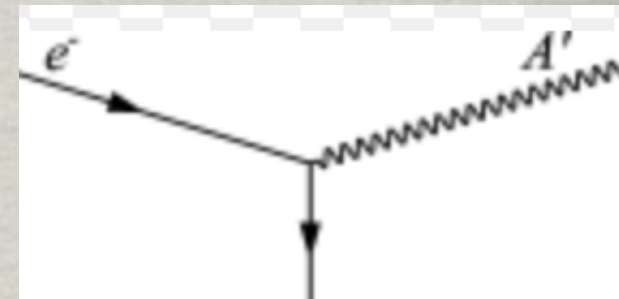
- Lepto-quarks:



- Squarks from R-parity violation:

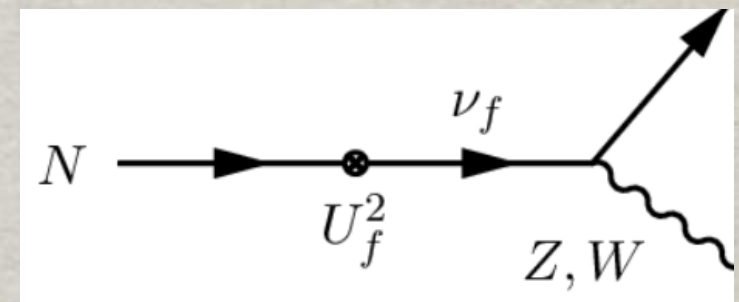


- Light neutral gauge boson: “Dark force”



- Light neutral fermion: “sterile neutrino”

- ... ..

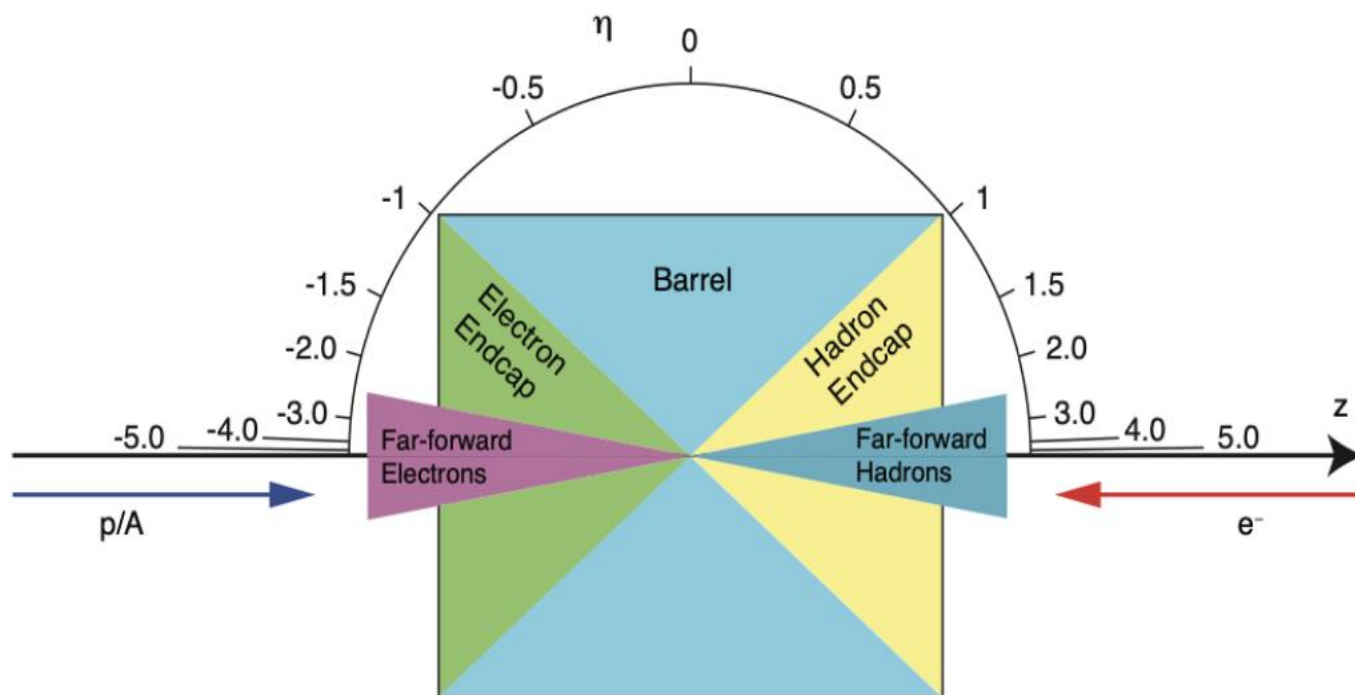


Instead, I will take a “signature driven” approach ...

arXiv:1212.1701, 2203.13199

# Detector capacity

- Multi-purpose detector(s)
- Good hermitic coverage of electron/hadron endcaps
- Good tracking/calorimeters resolutions



$\eta$	Resolution
Tracking ( $\sigma_p/p$ )	
$2.5 <  \eta  \leq 3.5$	$0.1\% \times p \oplus 2\%$
$1.0 <  \eta  \leq 2.5$	$0.05\% \times p \oplus 1\%$
$ \eta  \leq 1.0$	$0.05\% \times p \oplus 0.5\%$
Electromagnetic calorimeter ( $\sigma_E/E$ )	
$-4.5 \leq \eta < -2.0$	$2\%/\sqrt{E}$
$-2.0 \leq \eta < -1.0$	$7\%/\sqrt{E}$
$-1.0 \leq \eta \leq 4.5$	$12\%/\sqrt{E}$
Hadronic calorimeter ( $\sigma_E/E$ )	
$1.0 <  \eta  \leq 3.5$	$50\%/\sqrt{E}$
$ \eta  \leq 1.0$	$100\%/\sqrt{E}$

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