
Prospects for Heavy Majorana Neutrino searches at future lepton colliders

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Outline

- **Processes $e^+ e^- \rightarrow N \nu$ and $\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow N \nu$**

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Seesaw Type I model

Main task of experimental particle physics is search for Beyond the Standard Model effects.

Seesaw Type I model: widely discussed in literature

Details about seesaw model are in Mikhail Dubinin talk.

Model includes Heavy Neutral Leptons (Majorana), maybe 3 HNL: N_1, N_2, N_3

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}_N + \mathcal{L}_{WNe} + \mathcal{L}_{ZN\nu} + \mathcal{L}_{HN\nu}$$

Neutrino mass matrix with Dirac and Majorana mass terms (\mathbf{y}_D – Yukawa coupling matrix)

$$M_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M_D \\ M_D^T & M_N \end{pmatrix} \quad M_D = \mathbf{y}_D \mathbf{v} / \sqrt{2} \quad m_\nu \simeq -M_D M_N^{-1} M_D^T.$$

Seesaw mechanism: small masses of active neutrinos are defined by large M_N parameter of Majorana term (after diagonalizing mass matrix).

If $M_N \approx 100$ GeV (within collider energy reach), then $M_\nu \approx 0.1$ eV if $\mathbf{y}_D \approx 10^{-6}$.

“Classical” seesaw mixing parameter $|V_{\ell N}|^2 \approx M_\nu / M_N \leq 10^{-12}$, specific models $\rightarrow \times 10^3$ - 10^8

Example: arXiv: 1101.1382 (T. Asaka, S. Eijima, H. Ishida, JHEP 1104:011,2011)

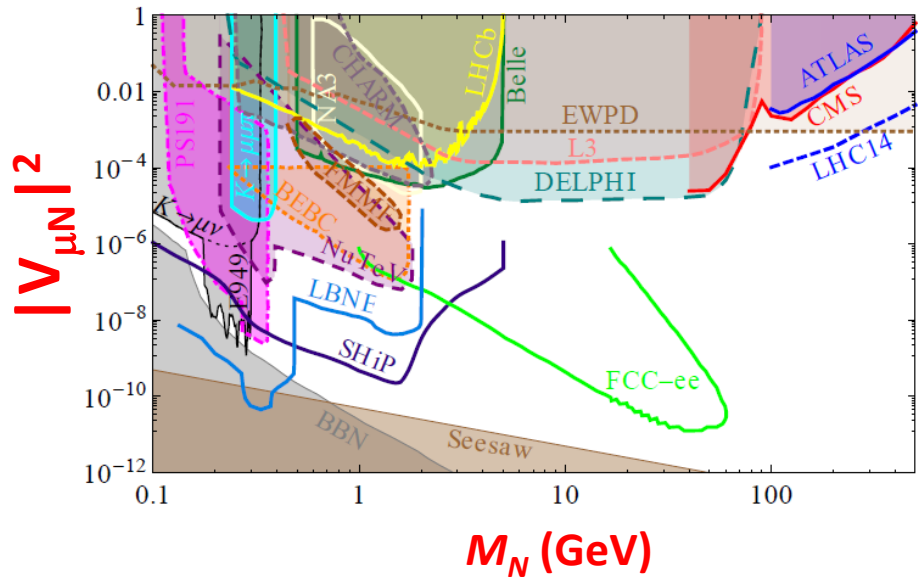
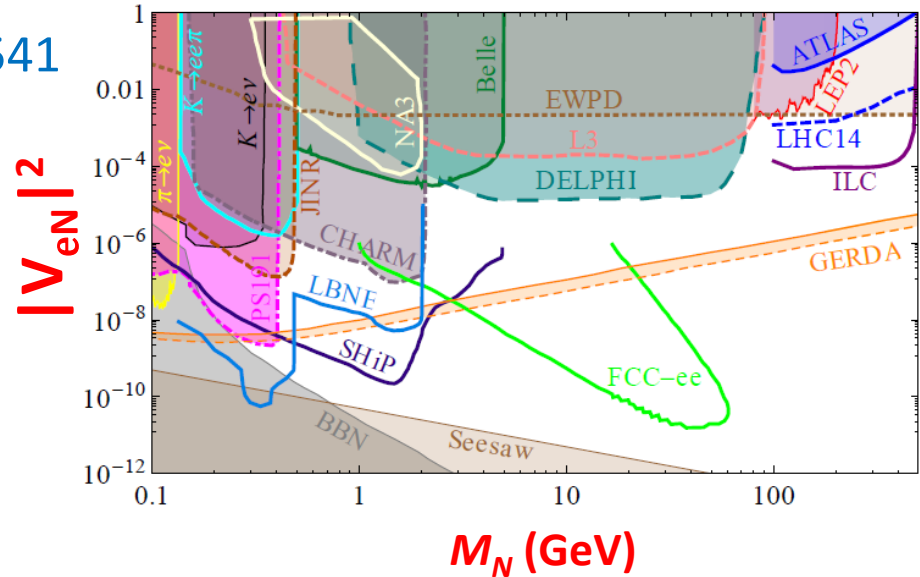
Experimental limits on mixing parameters

arXiv:1502.06541

Below 90 GeV \rightarrow decays of
K mesons, B mesons, Z bosons

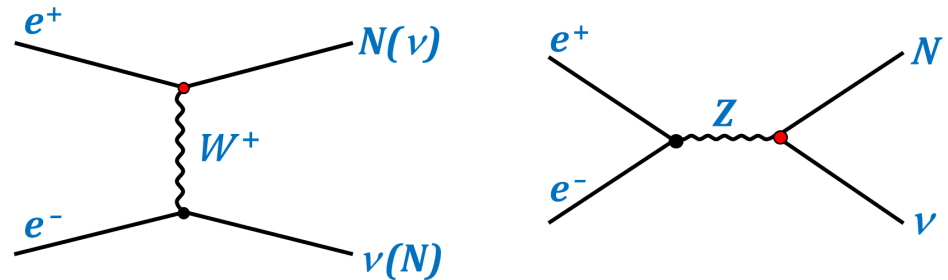
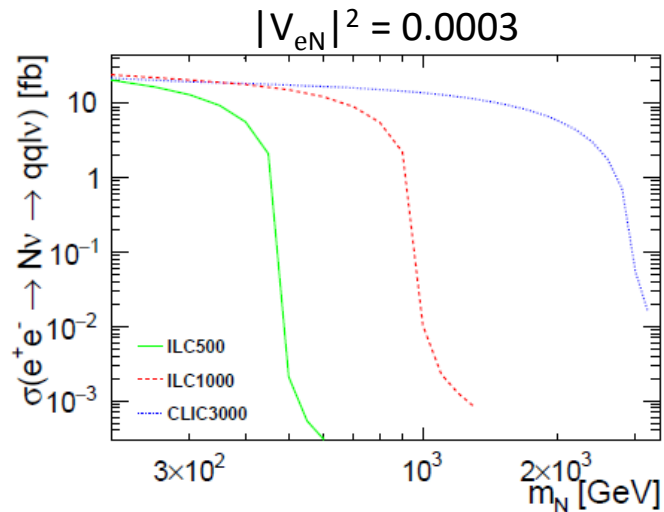
Mostly LHC current upper limits
and future estimates after 90 GeV,
weak upper limits

GERDA experiment:
neutrinoless double beta
($0\nu\beta\beta$) decay.
In some models this limit at high
 M_N mass can be circumvented



Process $e^+ e^- \rightarrow N \nu$

arXiv:2202.06703



ILC, e^+e^- , 500 GeV, 1.6 ab^{-1} , $P=(e^-:-80\%, e^+:+30\%)$

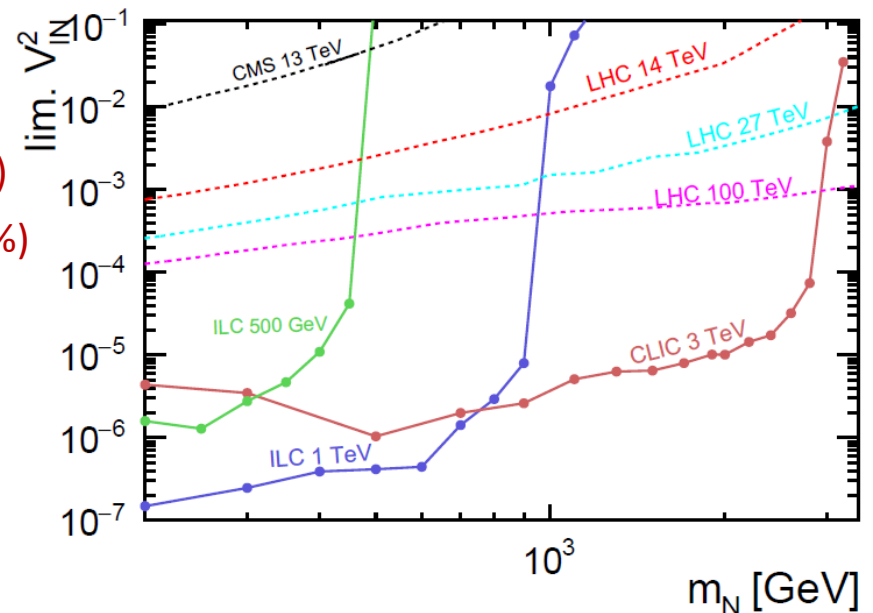
ILC, e^+e^- , 1000 GeV, 3.2 ab^{-1} , $P=(e^-:-80\%, e^+:+20\%)$

CLIC, e^+e^- , 3000 GeV, 4.0 ab^{-1} , $P=(e^-:-80\%)$

Whizard, Delphes 3, BDT (TMVA, 8 variables)

→ Very strong upper limits can be obtained

Upper limits on mixing parameter $|V_{eN}|^2$



For simplicity only one HNL with $M(N) \geq 100 \text{ GeV}$ is assumed in calculations.

Process $\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow N \nu$

arXiv:2301.02602

Upper limits on mixing parameter $|V_{\mu N}|^2$

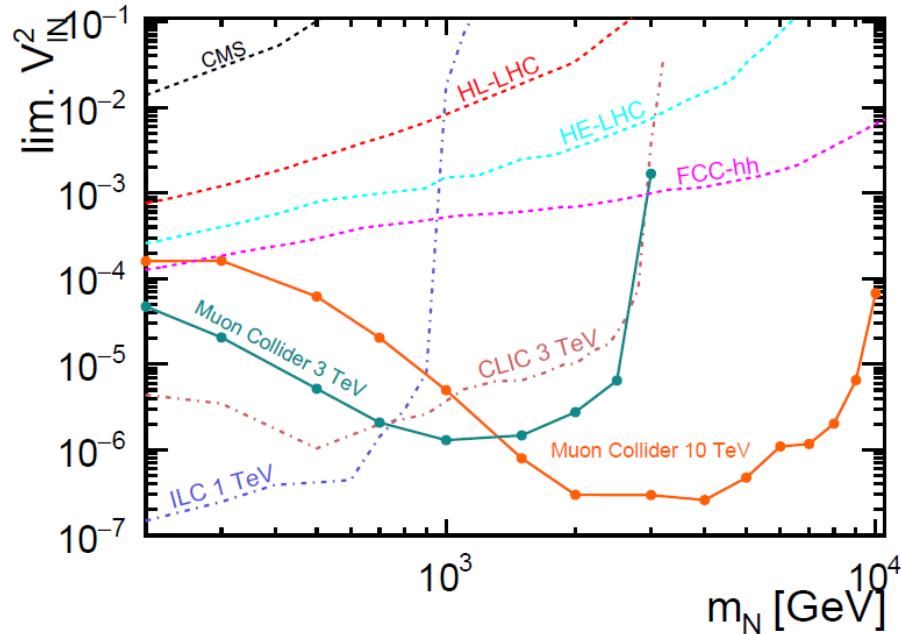


FIG. 3: Limits on the coupling $V_{\ell N}^2$ for different Muon Collider setups (solid lines: 3 TeV – turquoise, 10 TeV – orange). Dashed lines indicate limits from current and future hadron [1, 5] machines, dashed-dotted for e^+e^- colliders [16]. See text for details.

MuC, $\mu^+ \mu^-$, 3000 GeV, 1.0 ab^{-1} ; $\mu^+ \mu^-$, 10000 GeV, 10.0 ab^{-1}

Whizard 3, Delphes 3, BDT (TMVA, 8 variables)

→ Very strong upper limits can be obtained for HNL masses almost up to CM energy.

Process $\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow N \nu$

arXiv:2301.07117

Upper limits on mixing parameter $|V_{\mu N}|^2$

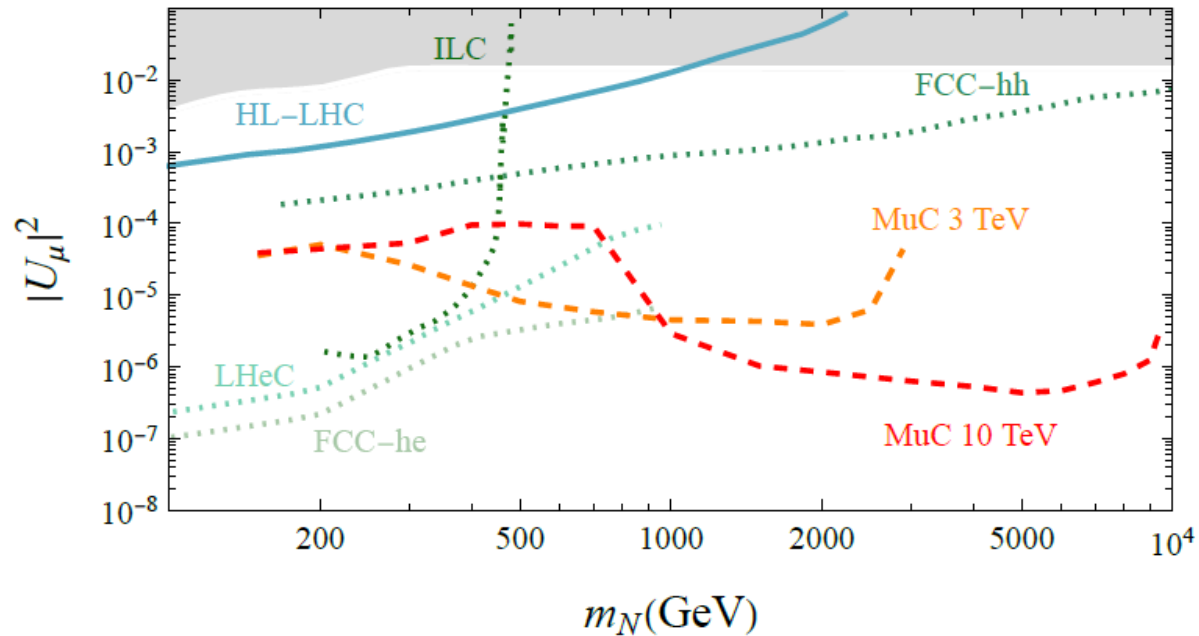


FIG. 10. The 95% exclusion limits on the $|U_\mu|^2$ - m_N plane at different experimental facilities including LHC [32, 50, 79] and proposed future colliders (LHeC and FCC-he [80], FCC-hh [50, 81], ILC [28, 52]). MadGraph5, FeynRules

MuC, $\mu^+ \mu^-$, 3000 GeV, 1.0 ab^{-1} ; $\mu^+ \mu^-$, 10000 GeV, 10.0 ab^{-1}

Upper limits are similar to ones shown in previous slide

Processes $e^+e^- \rightarrow N W^- e^+$ and $\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow N W^- \mu^+$

arXiv:2308.02240

Processes with lepton number violation by 2 units:

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow N W^- e^+ \rightarrow W^- W^- e^+ e^+ (/ \mu^+)$$

$$\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow N W^- \mu^+ \rightarrow W^- W^- \mu^+ \mu^+ (/ e^+)$$

$$e^- e^- \rightarrow N W^- e^- \rightarrow W^- W^- e^+ e^- (/ \mu^-)$$

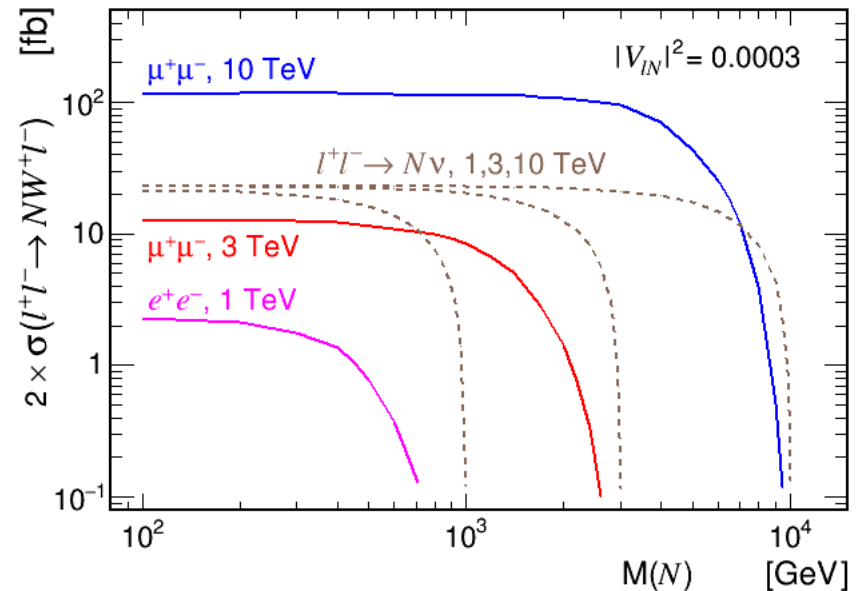
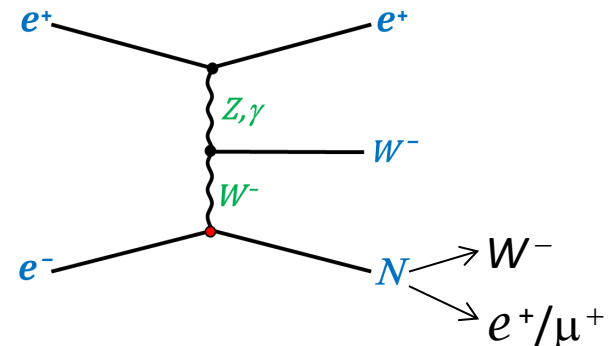
$$\mu^+ \mu^+ \rightarrow N W^+ \mu^+ \rightarrow W^+ W^+ \mu^+ \mu^- (/ e^-)$$

$$\sigma(\mu^+ \mu^+ \rightarrow N W^+ \mu^+) = 2 \times \sigma(\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow N W^- \mu^+)$$

Cross sections of these processes are enhanced by soft photon exchange in t -channel (infrared effect).

Positron is going close to beam positron direction and cannot be detected.

Other particles (W^-, W^-, e^+) can be reconstructed with high efficiency.



Processes $e^+e^- \rightarrow N W^- e^+$ and $\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow N W^- \mu^+$

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ILC, e^+e^- , 1 TeV, 1 ab⁻¹

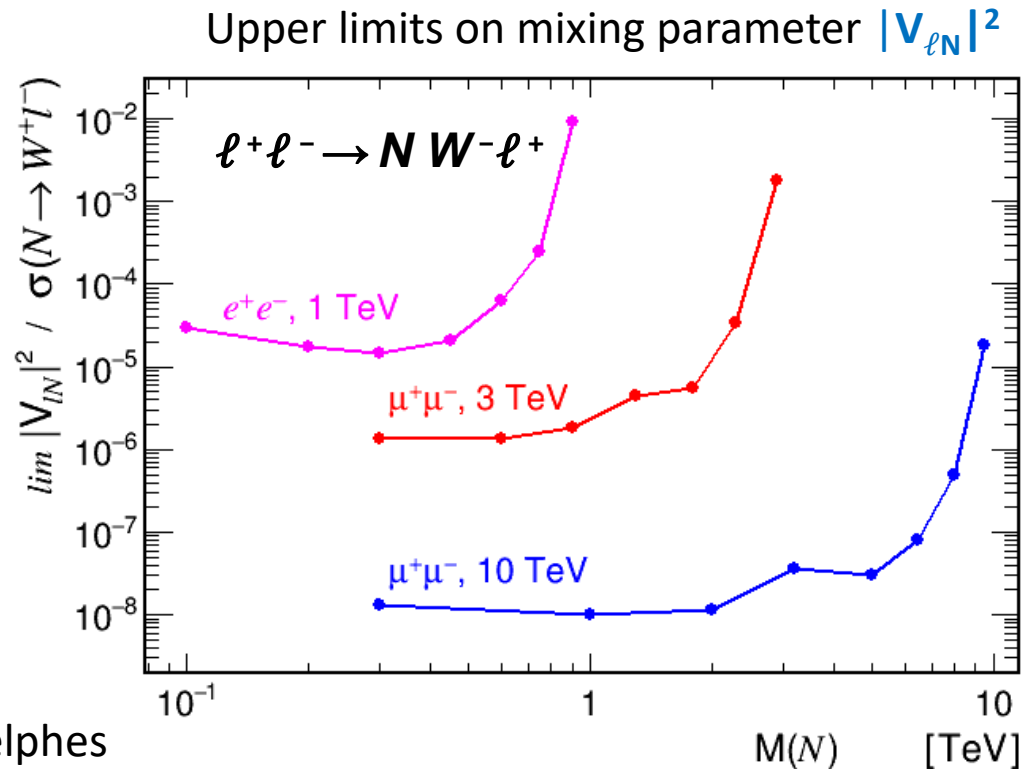
MuC, $\mu^+\mu^-$, 3 TeV, 1 ab⁻¹

MuC, $\mu^+\mu^-$, 10 TeV, 10 ab⁻¹

Background can be effectively suppressed.

Signal: CompHEP, Pythia6, Delphes

Background: Whizard2 (Pythia6), Delphes



Upper limits obtained for $\ell^+\ell^- \rightarrow N W^- \ell^+$ process comparing with $\ell^+\ell^- \rightarrow N \nu$ process are slightly worse at $\sqrt{s} = 1$ TeV, about the same at 3 TeV, and better at 10 TeV.

→ It is possible to search for HNL using $\ell^+\ell^+ \rightarrow N W^+ \ell^+$ with same-sign beams.

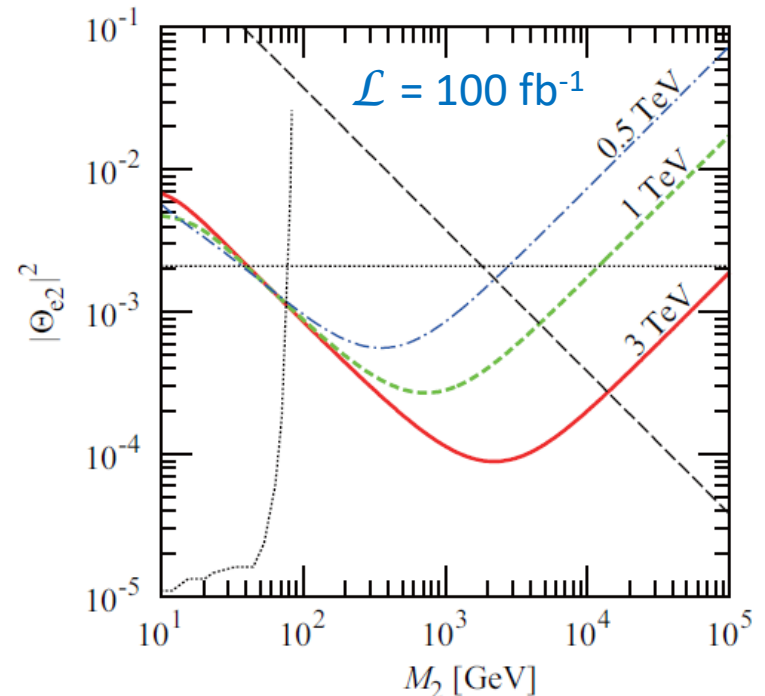
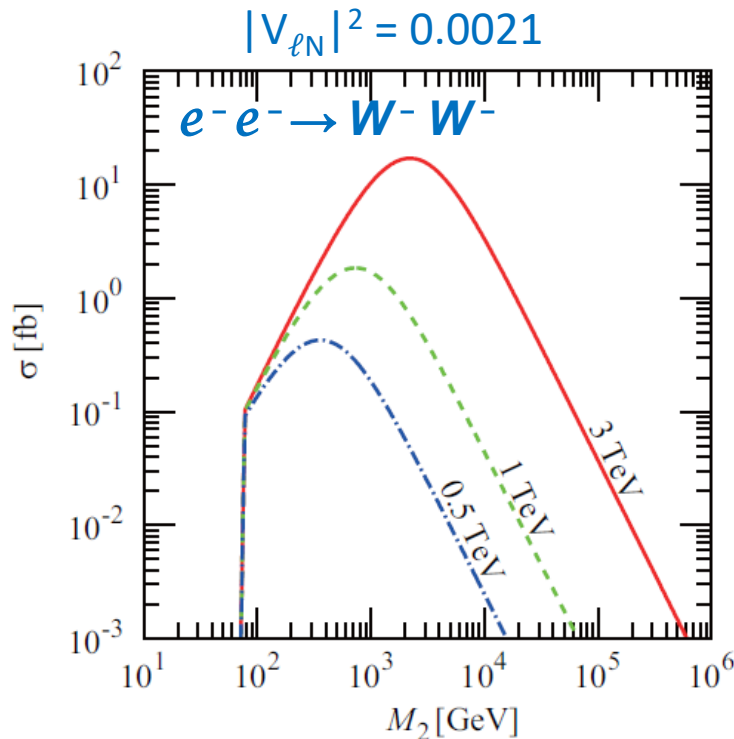
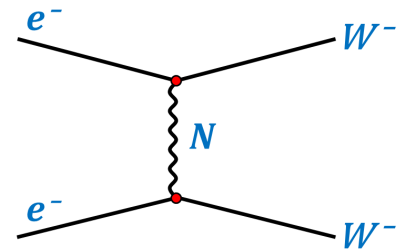
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arXiv:1508.04937

Model includes 3 HNL, only one with large mixing parameter.

Clean hadronic final state $W(jj) W(jj)$ with 4 jets.

Energy $E(4j)$ peaks at \sqrt{s} . No backgrounds under signal.

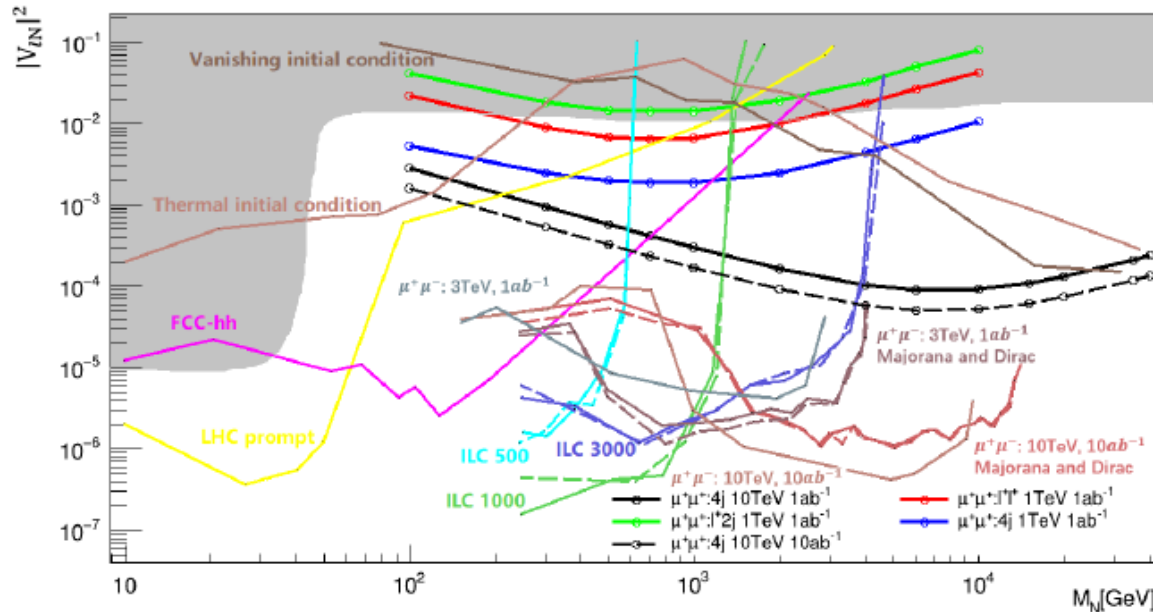


➡ Although upper limits are not strong, sensitivity to very large $M(N) \sim 10^5\text{-}10^6 \text{ GeV}$

Processes $e^-e^- \rightarrow W^-W^-$ and $\mu^+\mu^+ \rightarrow W^+W^+$

arXiv:2304.04483

$$\mu^+\mu^+ \rightarrow W^+W^+$$



MadGraph5,
Pythia8,
Delphes

BDT background
suppression

Figure 8: 2σ exclusion limit of $|V_{\mu N_1}|^2$ as a function of varying Majorana neutrino mass M_N . The green solid line corresponds to the semi-leptonic processes at a muon collider with $\sqrt{s} = 1\text{TeV}$, $\mathcal{L} = 1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$. The red solid line corresponds to the pure-leptonic processes at a muon collider with $\sqrt{s} = 1\text{TeV}$, $\mathcal{L} = 1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$. The dark-blue line corresponds to the hadronic processes at a muon collider with $\sqrt{s} = 1\text{TeV}$, $\mathcal{L} = 1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$. The black line corresponds to the hadronic processes at a muon collider with $\sqrt{s} = 10\text{TeV}$, $\mathcal{L} = 1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$. The black dotted line corresponds to the hadronic processes at a muon collider with $\sqrt{s} = 10\text{TeV}$, $\mathcal{L} = 10 \text{ ab}^{-1}$. The experimental result from LHC and other simulation results are also added for comparison.

Conclusions

- Future lepton colliders at high CM collision energies can provide very strong upper limits on mixing parameters $|V_{\ell N}|^2$ as function of $M(N)$.
- Much stronger upper limits on $|V_{\ell N}|^2$ can be obtained for HNL masses $M(N) > 100$ GeV in future lepton colliders experiments comparing with upper limits expected in $(0\nu\beta\beta)$ experiments and at LHC.
- Expected upper limits could provide strict tests of specific Seesaw Type-I models with not constrained mixing parameter.

MC event simulation

Signal events : CompHEP generator → Pythia 6 → Delphes (detector modelling)

Background events : Whizard 2 generator (Pythia 6) → Delphes

Generators: no beam polarization, ISR included

Delphes: ILD card at 1 TeV e^+e^- collisions, MuC card at 3 TeV and 10 TeV $\mu^+\mu^-$ collisions

Jet reconstruction: Valencia algorithm, reasonable shapes comparing with full simulation. Algorithm is forced to reconstruct 4 jets. At high W and Z energies we observe jet overlapping → we have to treat two jets as one object (W or Z boson).

Preselections:

$|\eta(\text{jet})| < 0.9$

$|\eta(\text{lepton})| < 0.9$

$E(\text{jet}) > 30 \text{ GeV}$

$E(\text{lepton}) > 30 \text{ GeV}$

Event kinematics ($\sqrt{s} = 3$ TeV, $M(N) = 1$ TeV)

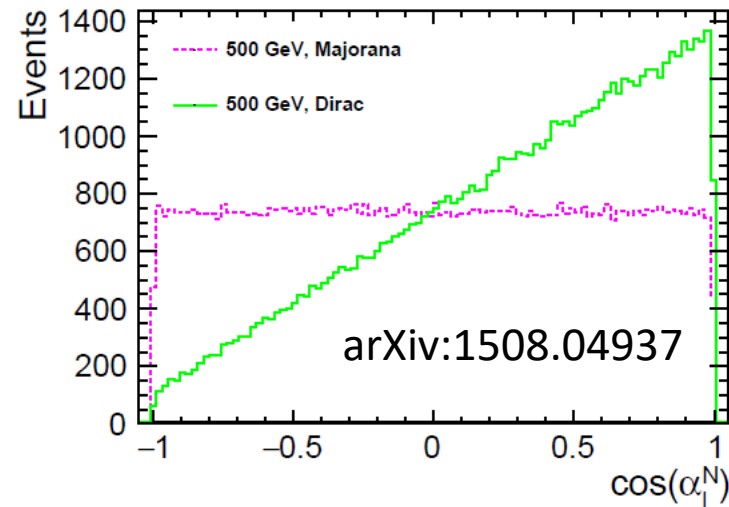
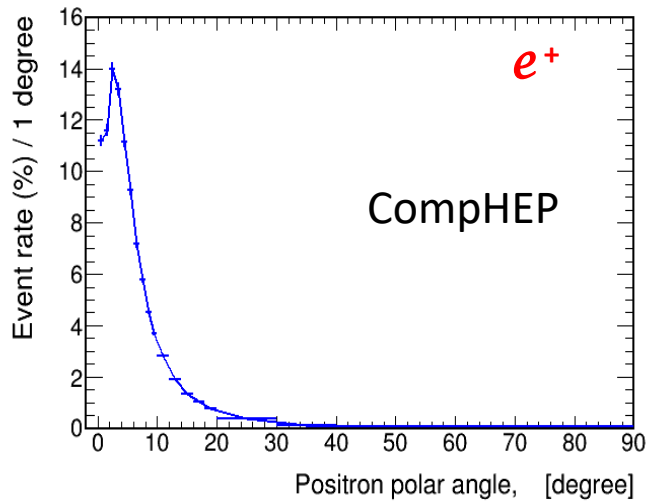
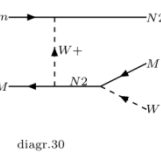
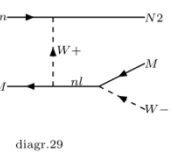
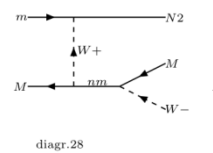
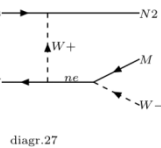
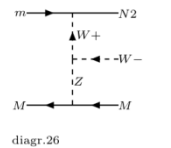
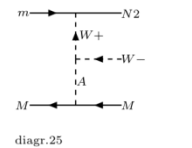
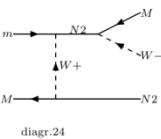
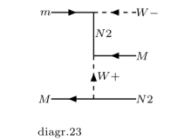
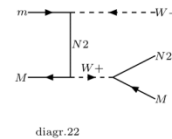
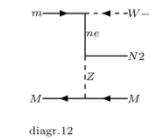
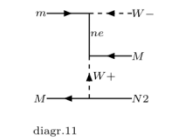
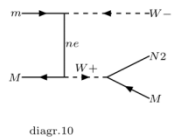
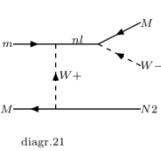
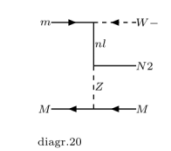
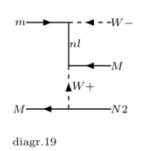
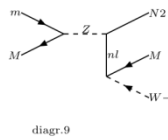
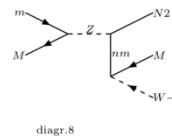
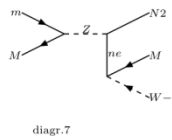
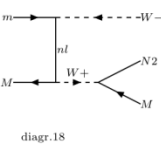
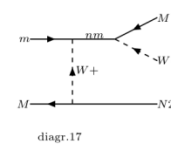
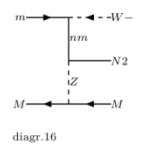
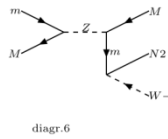
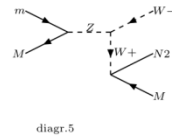
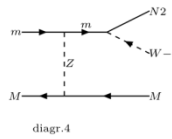
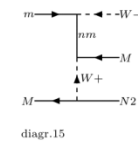
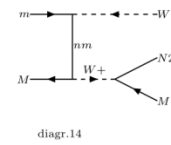
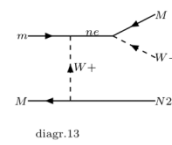
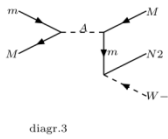
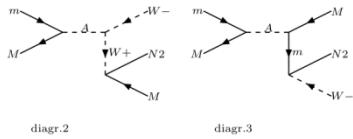
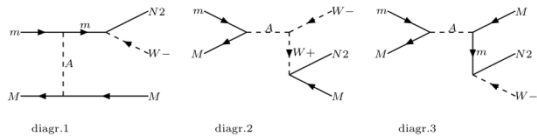


Figure 10: Distribution of the cosine of the lepton emission angle in the N rest-frame for the Majorana (pink dashed line) and the Dirac (green solid line) neutrinos with a mass of 500 GeV at CLIC3000 (generator level)

Majorana function (pink line) includes term $f = N(1+\cos(\theta))$ with lepton number conservation and term $f = N(1-\cos(\theta))$ with nonconservation.

Angular distributions for jets and lepton depend on CM energy and HNL mass.

Diagrams for $\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow N W^- \mu^+$ process



$$\gamma \rightarrow A$$

$$\mu^- \rightarrow m$$

$$\mu^+ \rightarrow M$$

$$\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau \rightarrow ne, nm, nl$$

$$N \rightarrow N2$$

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Inverse Seesaw model

$$M_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D & 0 \\ m_D & 0 & M \\ 0 & M & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_D = \mathbf{y}_D / \sqrt{2}$$

$$m_\nu \approx \frac{m_D^2}{M} \frac{\mu}{M} \quad M_{1,2} \approx M \pm \frac{1}{2}\mu$$

$$|U_\ell|^2 = \sin^2 \theta = \left(\frac{m_D}{M} \right)^2 = \frac{m_\nu}{\mu}$$

μ is a free parameter and mixing parameter may be sizable.

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Theoretical model

Seesaw Type I model

Seesaw type-I model with unitarity is installed in generator **CompHEP** as proposed in arXiv: 1101.1382 (Takehiko Asaka, Shintaro Eijima, Hiroyuki Ishida, JHEP 1104:011,2011).

Model: 3 Heavy Neutral Leptons (Majorana), N_1, N_2, N_3 . For simplicity **we include in calculations only one HNL with $M(N) \geq 100$ GeV**.

It can be realized in two scenarios: 1) huge masses of N_2 and N_3 , 2) very small mixing parameter $|V_{\ell N_1}|^2$ for “small” mass N_1 , that could be resulted from specific *CP*-violating phases in PMNS matrix (arXiv:1508.04937) .

To compare our results with recent results obtained in studies of $e^+e^- \rightarrow N\nu$ process (arXiv:2202.06703), we also assume:

$$|V_{eN}|^2 = |V_{\mu N}|^2 = |V_{\tau N}|^2 = |V_{\ell N}|^2 = 0.0003$$

Final limits on $|V_{\ell N}|^2$ will not depend on this assumption of mixing parameters.

HNL width is included in calculations (same as in arXiv:2202.06703) \rightarrow negligible effect.