

# Multilepton Searches for Heavy Neutrino at the Higgs Factory

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# Outline

- Remarks on seesaw
- Heavy  $N$  opportunities @ ee
- Same-Sign multiple leptons – a probe for Higgs mixing

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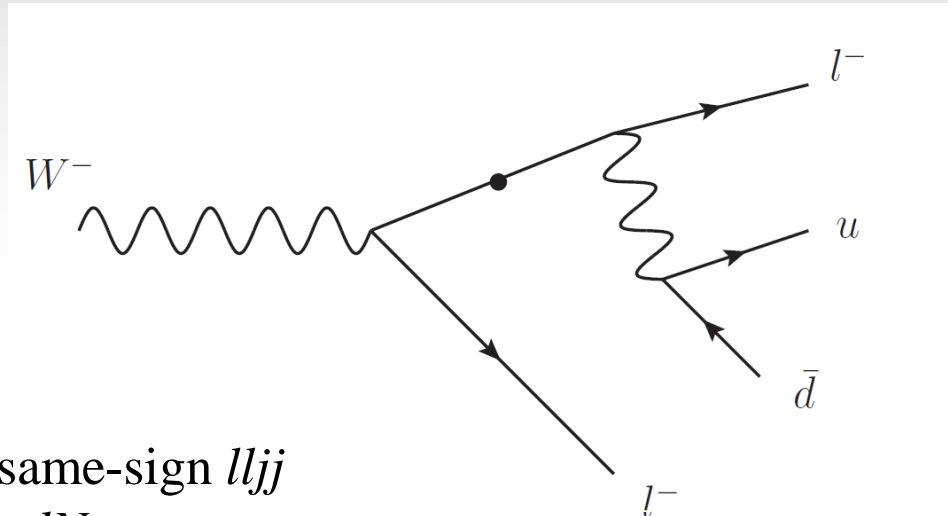
Y.Gao. M.Jin. K.Wang.  
1904.12325  
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# Seesaw and mixings

|           |   | mixing  |
|-----------|---|---|
| Type -I   | $\mathcal{L}_N = -\bar{L} Y_\nu^D \tilde{H} N_R - \frac{1}{2} \overline{(N^c)}_L M_R N_R$   | $\frac{y_D v_0}{\sqrt{2} M_R}$  |
| Type -II  | $\begin{aligned} \Delta \mathcal{L}_{II}^m &= -\bar{L}^c Y_\nu i\sigma_2 \Delta_L L \\ \Delta \mathcal{L}_{H\Delta_L} &\ni \mu H^T i\sigma_2 \Delta_L^\dagger H \end{aligned}$  |  |
| Type -III | $\mathcal{L}_Y = -Y_\Sigma \bar{L} \Sigma_R^c i\sigma^2 H^*$  |   |
|           | $\mathcal{L}_T = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} [\overline{\Sigma}_L i \not{D} \Sigma_L] - \left( \frac{M_\Sigma}{2} \overline{\Sigma}_L^0 \Sigma_R^{0c} + M_\Sigma \overline{\Sigma}_L^- \Sigma_R^{+c} + \text{H.c.} \right)$ | $\frac{Y_\Sigma v_0}{\sqrt{2} M_\Sigma}$  |

+ hybrids, inverse seesaw, radiative, etc.

# Spotting a Majorana heavy $N$



**'smoking' gun** same-sign  $lljj$   
from a  $W(*) \rightarrow lN$  system,

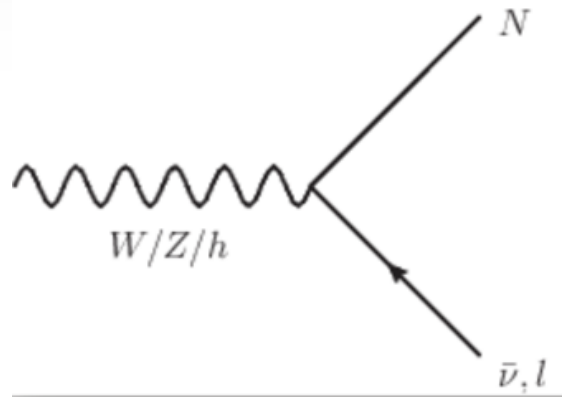
$$m_{ljj} \sim m_N$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{Int.}} = & -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} W_\mu^+ \sum_{\ell=e}^{\tau} \left( \sum_{m=1}^3 \bar{\nu}_m U_{\ell m}^* + \sum_{m'=1}^n \overline{N_{m'}^c} V_{\ell N_{m'}}^* \right) \gamma^\mu P_L \ell^- \\ & -\frac{g}{2 \cos \theta_W} Z_\mu \sum_{\ell=e}^{\tau} \left( \sum_{m=1}^3 \bar{\nu}_m U_{\ell m}^* + \sum_{m'=1}^n \overline{N_{m'}^c} V_{\ell N_{m'}}^* \right) \gamma^\mu P_L \nu_\ell \\ & -\frac{g}{2M_W} h \sum_{\ell=e}^{\tau} \sum_{m'=1}^n m_{N_{m'}} \overline{N_{m'}^c} V_{\ell N_{m'}}^* P_L \nu_\ell + \text{H.c.} \end{aligned}$$

# Heavy neutrino production

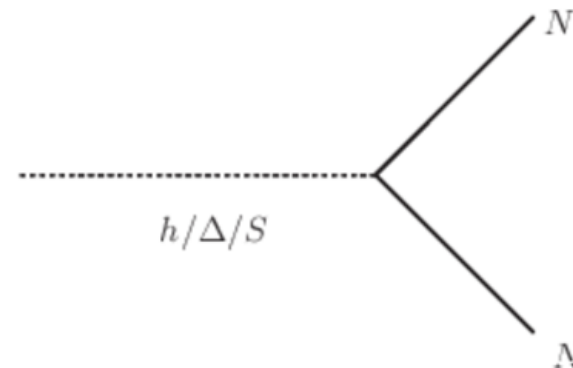
Single N production  
via  $\nu$ -N mixing.

effective couplings  $\propto |V_{lN}|^2$



NN pair production  
via  $N_R$  couplings

$\propto$  scalar mixing  $|\sin\alpha|^2$

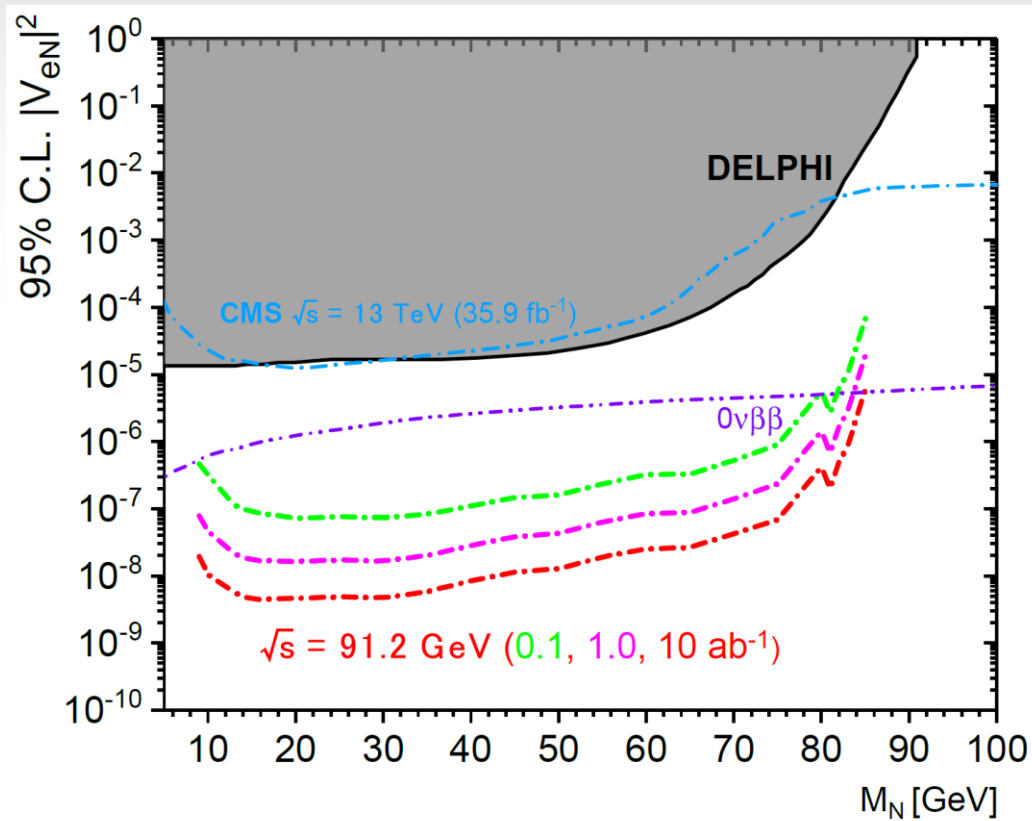


$$\mathcal{L} \supset V(\Phi) + V(S) + \lambda|\Phi|^2 S^2 + y_N S \bar{N}_R^c N_R + y_D \bar{L} \Phi N_R + c.c.$$

$y_D$  is suppressed by active  $\nu$  mass  
 $y_N$  is **not**.

# Heavy $N$ @ $ee$ : Single $N$ at Z-pole

$e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \nu jj$ , COM energy @ Z mass pole

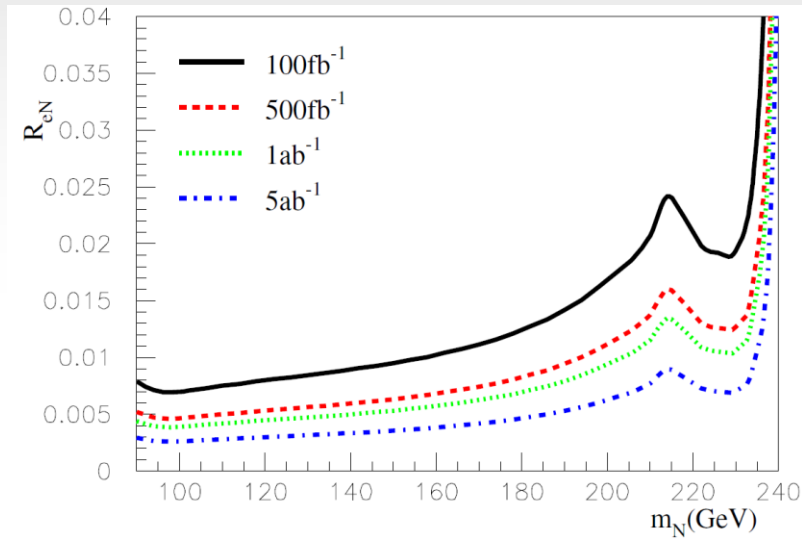


similar sensitivity reach for  $V_{\mu N}$

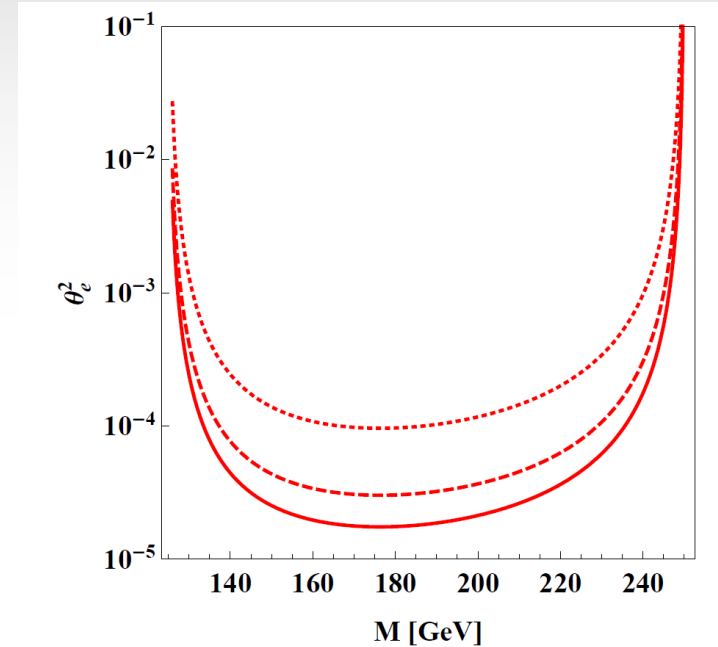
J.-N. Ding, Q. Qin, F.-S. Yu, 1903.02570

# Heavy $N$ @ $ee$ : Single $N$ reach

$N \rightarrow lW$



$N \rightarrow \nu h$



$$e^+e^- \rightarrow N\nu, N\bar{\nu} \rightarrow lj\bar{j}\cancel{E}$$

$$\nu_l = \sum_i U_{li}\nu_i + \sum_j R_{lN_j}N_j$$

W.Liao, X.-H.Wu, 1710.09266

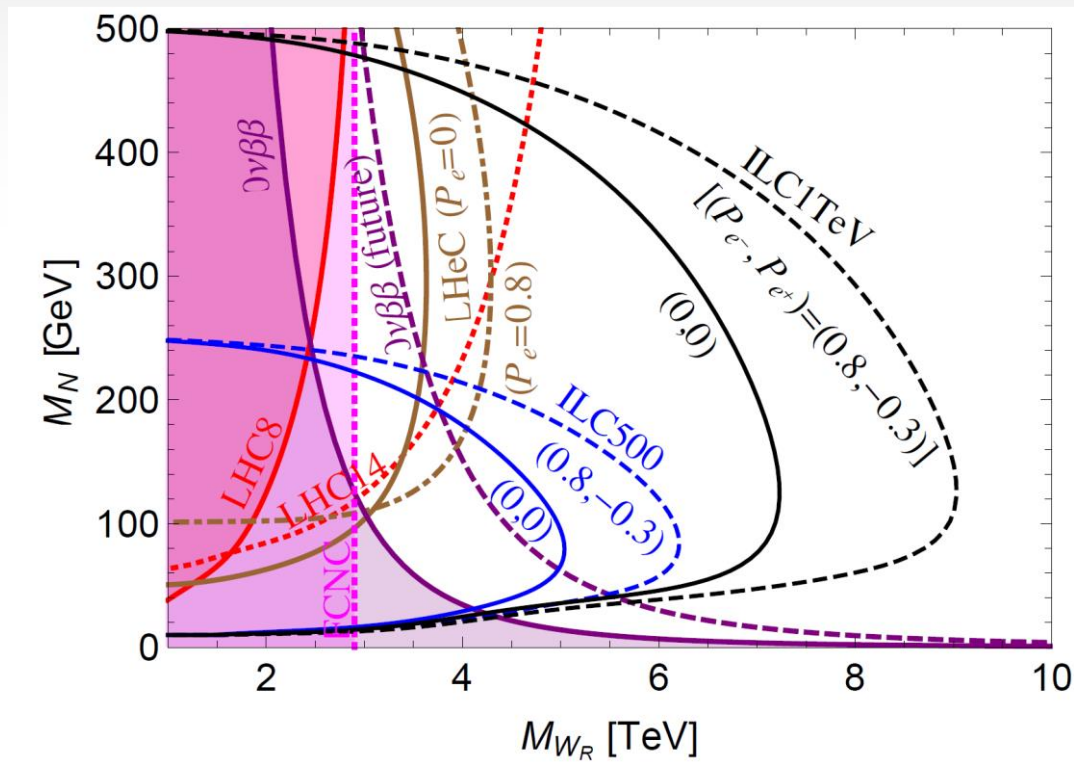
$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu N \rightarrow h+\text{MET},$$

$$h \rightarrow WW^* \text{ (most precise Br)}$$

S.Antusch, O.Fischer, 1502.05915

# Heavy $N$ @ $ee$ : Beam Polarization

Polarized  $e^+e^-$  beam can enhance sensitivity to  $W_R$  mediated  $N$  production (L-R model)

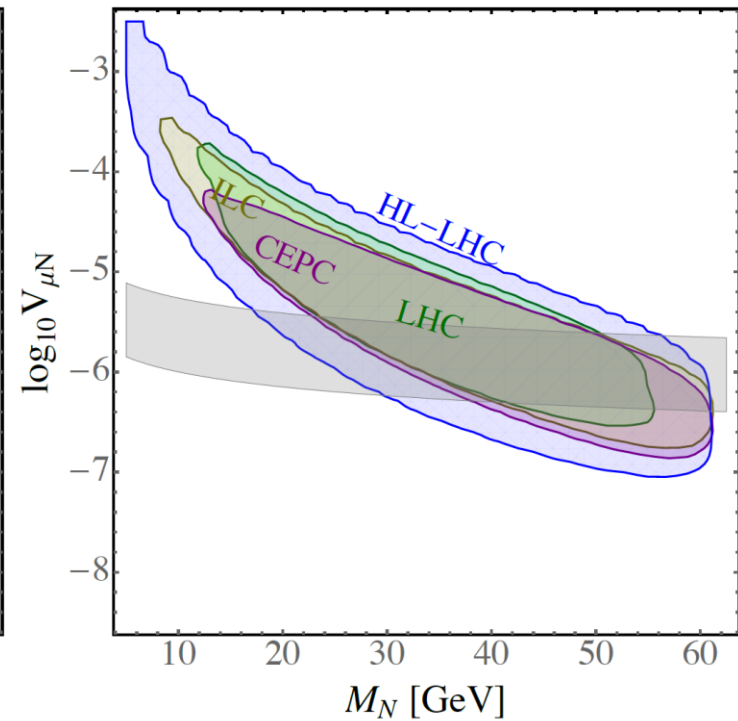
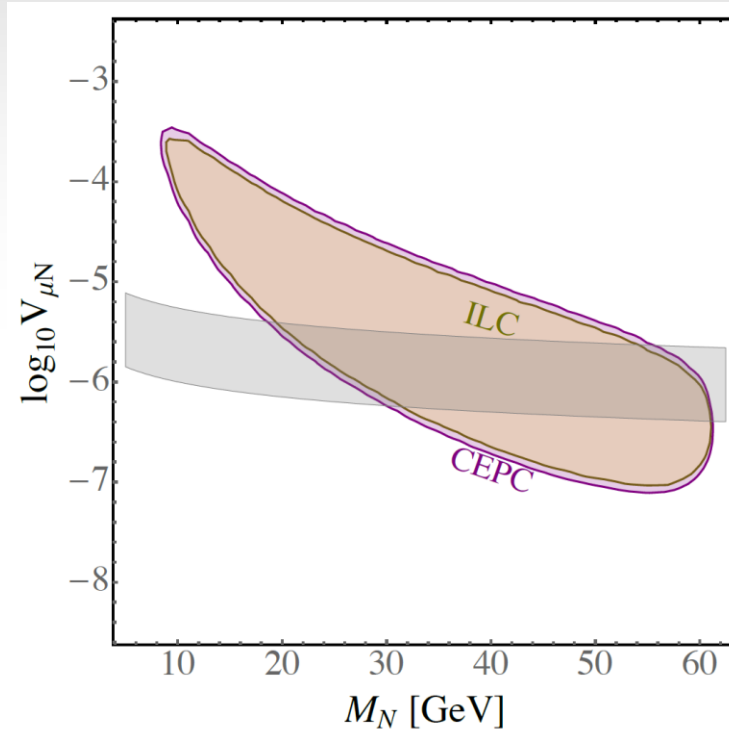




# Heavy $N$ @ $ee$ : Displaced vertex (long-lived $N$ )

95% non-observation of a single DV,  $5ab^{-1}$

95% non-observation of two DVs,  $5ab^{-1}$



**At fixed prod. rate**

$$M_{h_2} = 450 \text{ GeV}, \quad \sin \alpha = 0.3$$

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow Zh_1 \rightarrow Z + NN$$

Gray:  $0.01 \text{ eV} < m_\nu = V_{\mu N}^2 m_N < 0.3 \text{ eV}$

F.F.Deppisch, W.Liu, M.Mitra, 1804.04075

# Heavy $N$ @ $ee$ : $W, Z, h$ rare decays (via $V_{lN}$ )

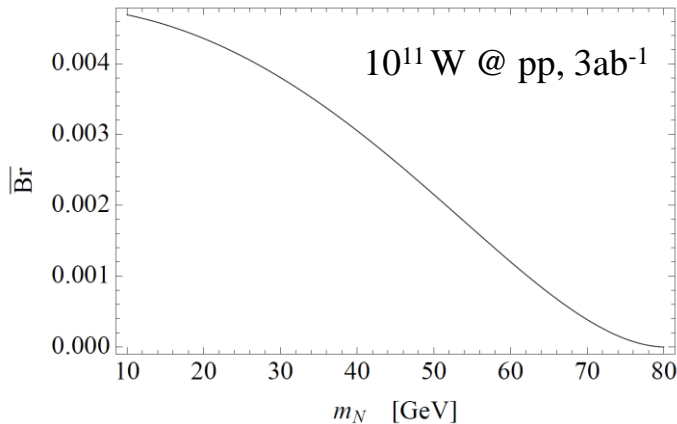
Z decay @  $ee$

Optimized at Z pole.  
 $|V_{eN}|^2$  down to  $\sim 10^{-8}$ .

W decay @  $pp$  (LNV)

$$W^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm e^\pm \mu^\mp \nu$$

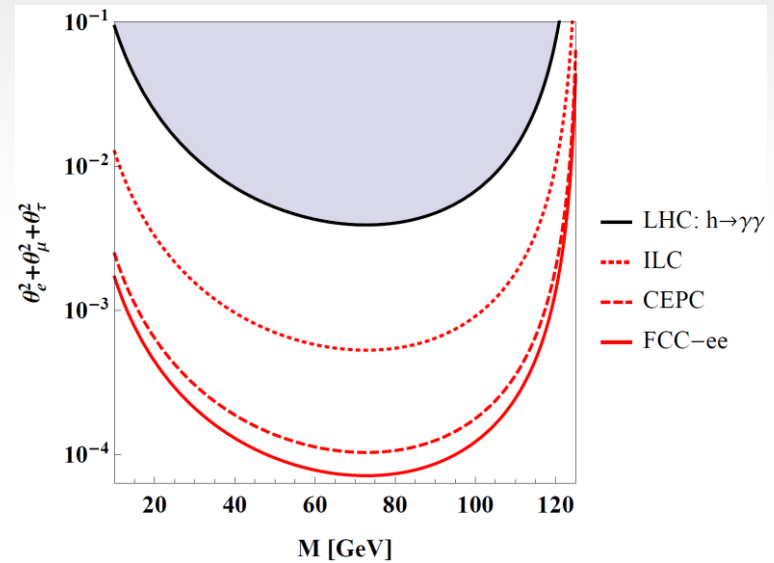
$$Br = \overline{Br} \times |U_{Ne}|^4 / (\sum_\ell |U_{N\ell}|^2)$$



C.O.Diba, C.S.Kim, 1509.05981

$h \rightarrow \nu N$  @  $ee$

S.Antusch, O.Fischer, 1502.05915



@  $pp$ , top,  $VV$  bkg are significant.

$gg \rightarrow h \rightarrow \nu N$  search needs an **ISR kick**

A.Das, Y.Gao, T.Kamon, 1704.00881

$h \rightarrow l l'^+$  flavor violating decays @  $ee$

see Q.Qin, Q.Li, C.-D.Lu, F.-S.Yu, S.-H.Zhou, 1711.07243

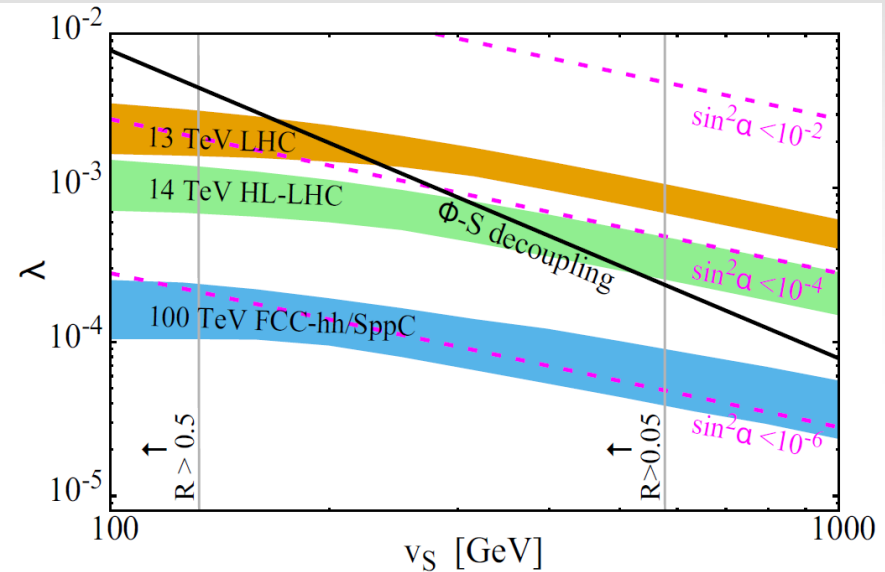
# Heavy $N$ @ $pp$ : Higgs mixing (with scalar)

- Assuming the Higgs is the only visible scalar.
- Can  $h \rightarrow NN$  probe the  $h$ - $s$  mixing to tiny levels? -- ‘small coupling’

$$\sin^2 \alpha \ll 1,$$

$$\lambda \cdot \max(v_S^2, v_\Phi^2) \ll \min(m_s^2, m_\Phi^2).$$

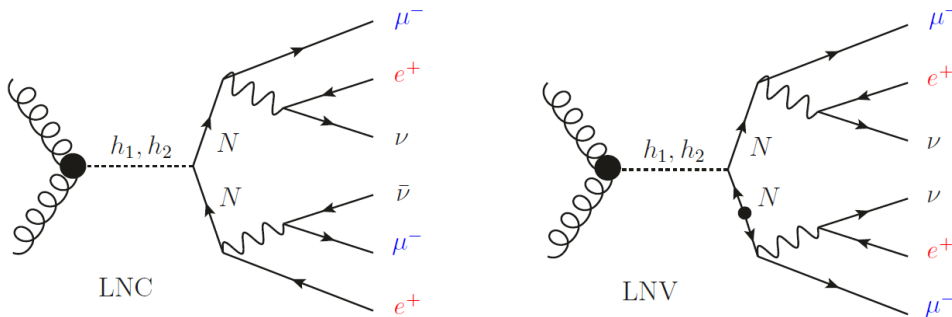
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$pp$  limit, Y.Gao, M.Jin, K.Wang, 1904.12325

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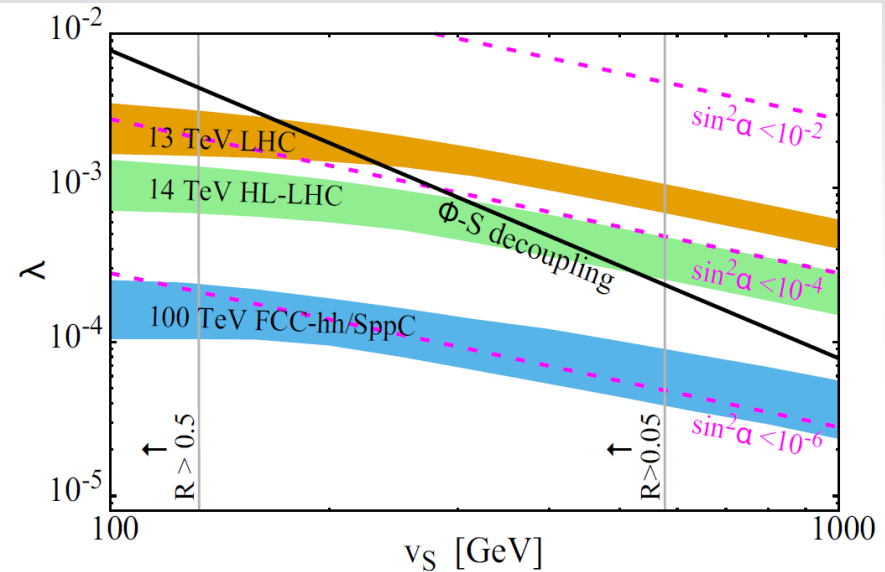
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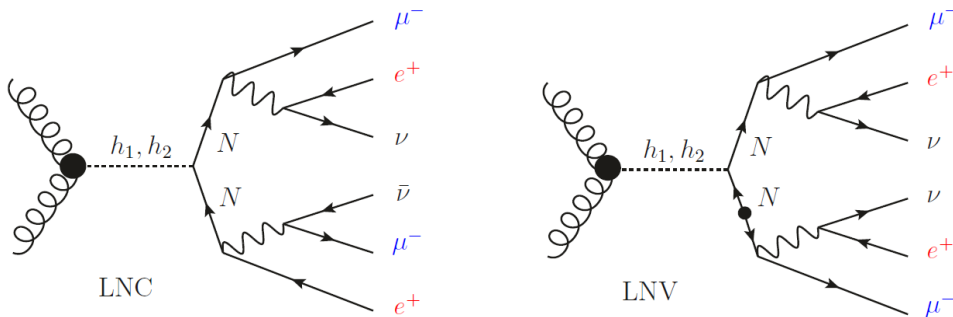
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How about using  $ee \rightarrow Zh$  at Higgs Factory?

# *NN via Higgs Decay @ ee*

1. How small an  $h$ - $s$  mixing can CEPC probe?  
(sensitivity on  $|\sin\alpha|^2$ , complementary to  $|V_{IN}|^4$ )
2. Are LNV (& alike) events truly background free?

$10^6$  Higgs events @ cleaner  $ee$  vs HL but dustier  $pp$

$ee$ : no fake leptons from soft jets, yet lower Higgs count, & extra Z boson

# A minimal setup

$$\Delta\mathcal{L} \supset -y_D \bar{L} \tilde{\Phi} N_R - y_S S \bar{N}_R^c N_R + c.c. \\ + \lambda |\Phi|^2 S^2 + V_S.$$

SM Higgs-like  $\Phi = v_\Phi + \phi$   
 S vev gives the N mass  $S = v_S + s$   
 $m_{N_R} = 2y_N v_S$

|        | $\phi$               | $s$                  |
|--------|----------------------|----------------------|
| $\phi$ | $m_\phi^2$           | $\lambda v_\phi v_s$ |
| $s$    | $\lambda v_\phi v_s$ | $m_s^2$              |

Small coupling:  $\lambda v_\Phi v_S \ll m_h^2, m_s^2$        $\begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ s \end{pmatrix}$   
 & neglecting  $|\Phi|^2 S$  terms

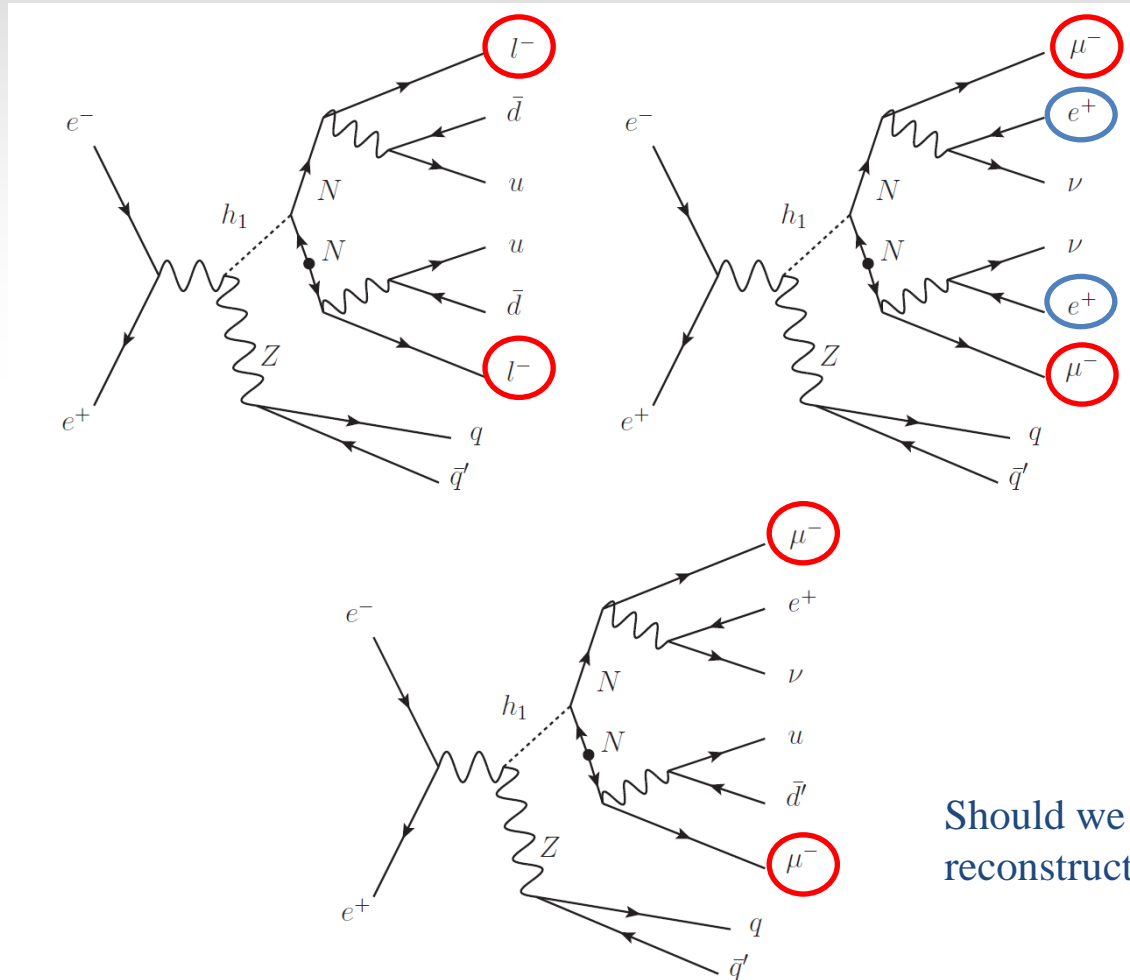
$$\sigma_{\text{sig.}} = (\sigma_{h_1} \cdot \text{BF}_{h_1 \rightarrow NN} + \sigma_{h_2}) \cdot \text{BF}_{\text{sig.}} A_{\text{eff}}$$

$$\Gamma(h_1 \rightarrow NN) = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \alpha \cdot \frac{y_N^2 m_{h_1}}{8\pi} \left(1 - \frac{4m_N^2}{m_{h_1}^2}\right)^{3/2}$$

Both  $h_1 \rightarrow NN$  branching and  $\sigma(h_2)$  scale  $\sim |\sin\alpha|^2$   
 $h_2 \rightarrow NN$  branching  $\sim 100\%$  if  $|V_{IN}|^2$  is small

ee@240 GeV: ignore  $ee \rightarrow Zh_2$  as COM energy is limited

# *NN : Semileptonic, fully leptonic & mixed decays*



Should we included a reconstruct-able Z?



# *NN@ee : SM backgrounds*

## 1. Intrinsic backgrounds

Randomly flavored leptons emerges from W/W\*. i.e W & tau decays.

$\tau^+\tau^-\tau^+\tau^-$ ,  $\tau^+\tau^-\tau^+\tau^-Z$ ,  $\tau^+\tau^-W^+W^-$ .

## 2. Missed leptons (& wrong signs)

$\tau^+\tau^-Z$ ,  $l^+l^-Z$ ,  $\tau^+\tau^-l^+l^-Z$ ,  $l^+l^-l^+l^-Z$ ,  $l^+l^-W^+W^-$

up to 2 weak bosons for 240 GeV.

$\tau$  decay may yield jets. N decay jets are soft.

Leptonic Z decay may contribute to  $N_l$  and SS

$6\tau$ ,  $6l$  channels are not independent.

Signal strategy:

Assume  $Z \rightarrow jj$  (more jets)

Require SS leptons

Strict lepton charge & count cuts

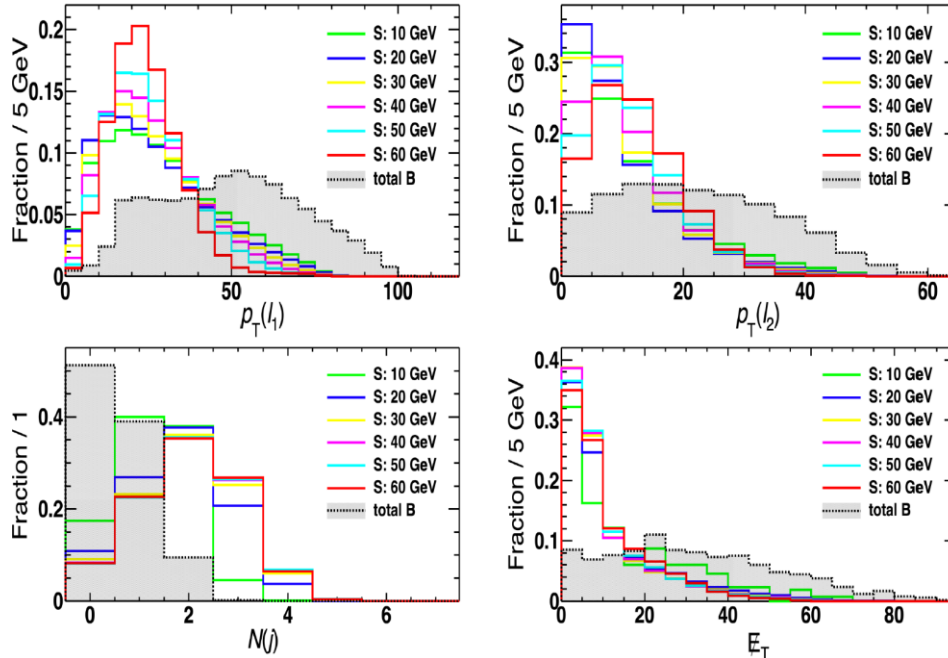
Categorize on  $N_l$ :

2-4 visible leptons with

flavor-distinguishable SS pairs

# 2l channel: $SS$ dilepton + ( $\geq 3$ ) jets

Y.Gao, K.Wang, 2102.12826



|      |                     | initial            | cuts(i-ii)         | cuts(iii-iv)         | cuts(v)              |
|------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Sig. | 10 GeV              | $10^3$             | 6.3                | 0.29                 | 0.18                 |
|      | 20 GeV              | $10^3$             | 35.9               | 8.8                  | 6.4                  |
|      | 30 GeV              | $10^3$             | 72.3               | 22.6                 | 17.5                 |
|      | 40 GeV              | $10^3$             | 97.2               | 32.5                 | 25.3                 |
|      | 50 GeV              | $10^3$             | 112                | 37.4                 | 28.8                 |
|      | 60 GeV              | $10^3$             | 121                | 40.5                 | 30.2                 |
| Bkg. | $4\tau$             | $1.69 \times 10^4$ | 870                | $4.6 \times 10^{-2}$ | $7.7 \times 10^{-3}$ |
|      | $\dagger 2\tau Z$   | $6.80 \times 10^5$ | $2.91 \times 10^3$ | 4.6                  | 0.93                 |
|      | $\dagger 2lZ$       | $1.74 \times 10^6$ | $3.98 \times 10^3$ | -                    | -                    |
|      | $4\tau Z$           | 93.0               | 2.0                | 0.19                 | $5.9 \times 10^{-2}$ |
|      | $2\tau 2W$          | $4.42 \times 10^3$ | 63.6               | 0.92                 | $8.2 \times 10^{-2}$ |
|      | $\dagger 2l2\tau Z$ | 584                | 13.8               | 2.0                  | 0.75                 |
|      | $\dagger 4lZ$       | 862                | 16.5               | 2.2                  | 2.1                  |
|      | $\dagger 2l2W$      | $2.74 \times 10^4$ | 639                | 11.7                 | 1.2                  |

lepton cuts  
jet cuts

- (i) exactly two leptons,  $N(\ell) = 2$  with  $p_T(\ell) > 5$  GeV;
- (ii) two leptons have the same sign;
- (iii) veto  $\tau$  leptons,  $N(\tau) = 0$ ;
- (iv) at least three jets,  $N(j) \geq 3$ ;
- (v) small missing energy,  $\cancel{E}_T < 15$  GeV.

MG5+Pythia8+[Delphes CEPC card](#)

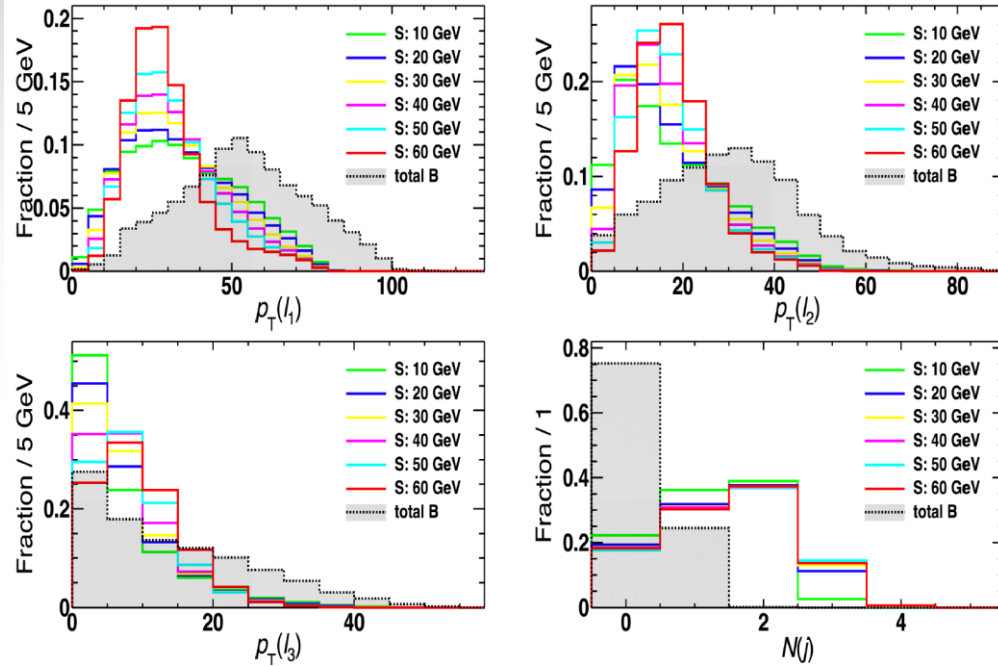
C.Chen, et.al. 1712.09517

Bkg @  $5.6 \text{ ab}^{-1}$

**Signal ~10% eff. w lepton cuts**  
**~2% sig. eff. at  $N_{\text{bkg}} \sim 1$  level**

# 3l channel: $SS$ dilepton $+l'+(\geq 2)$ jets

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|      | 20 GeV                  | $10^3$             | 62.7               | 13.6     | 6.6                  |
|      | 30 GeV                  | $10^3$             | 85.8               | 19.9     | 10.0                 |
|      | 40 GeV                  | $10^3$             | 102                | 24.9     | 12.7                 |
|      | 50 GeV                  | $10^3$             | 112                | 27.3     | 14.1                 |
|      | 60 GeV                  | $10^3$             | 115                | 28.2     | 14.4                 |
| Bkg. | $4\tau$                 | $1.69 \times 10^4$ | 614                | 155      | $3.8 \times 10^{-2}$ |
|      | $\dagger 2\tau Z$       | $6.80 \times 10^5$ | $1.30 \times 10^4$ | 350      | -                    |
|      | $\dagger 2\ell Z$       | $1.74 \times 10^6$ | $5.03 \times 10^4$ | 121      | -                    |
|      | $4\tau Z$               | 93.0               | 2.1                | 0.25     | $7.3 \times 10^{-2}$ |
|      | $2\tau 2W$              | $4.42 \times 10^3$ | 27.8               | 6.9      | 0.72                 |
|      | $\dagger 2\ell 2\tau Z$ | 584                | 46.5               | 1.1      | 0.44                 |
|      | $\dagger 4\ell Z$       | 862                | 132                | 0.27     | $1.4 \times 10^{-2}$ |
|      | $\dagger 2\ell 2W$      | $2.74 \times 10^4$ | $1.30 \times 10^3$ | 37.8     | $5.0 \times 10^{-2}$ |

lepton cuts      jet cuts

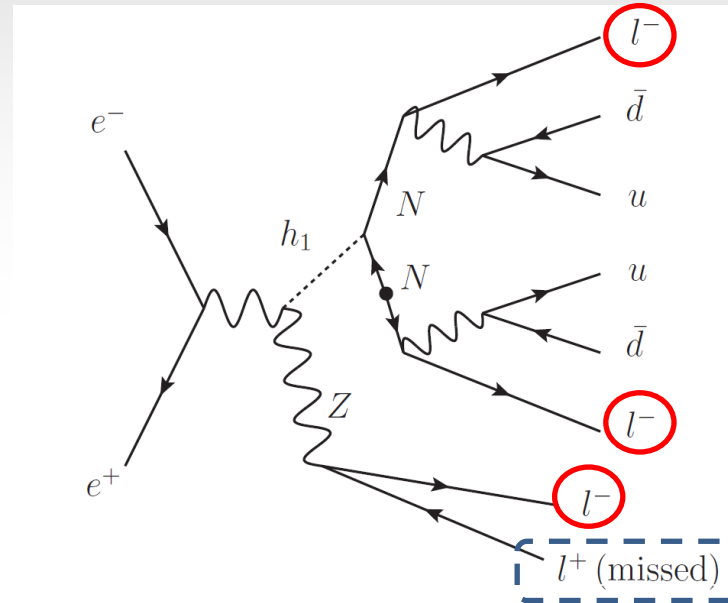
- (i) exactly three leptons  $N(\ell) = 3$  with  $p_T \geq 5$  GeV;
- (ii) veto OSSF lepton pairs;
- (iii) veto  $\tau$  leptons,  $N(\tau) = 0$ ;
- (iv) at least two jets,  $N(j) \geq 2$ .

Bkg @  $5.6 \text{ ab}^{-1}$

**O(1%) sig. eff. at  $N_{\text{bkg}} \sim 1$  level**

# 3l channel's *Bonus*: SS trilepton

Z decay yield 'correct'-sign lepton if its 'incorrect'-sign company goes missing



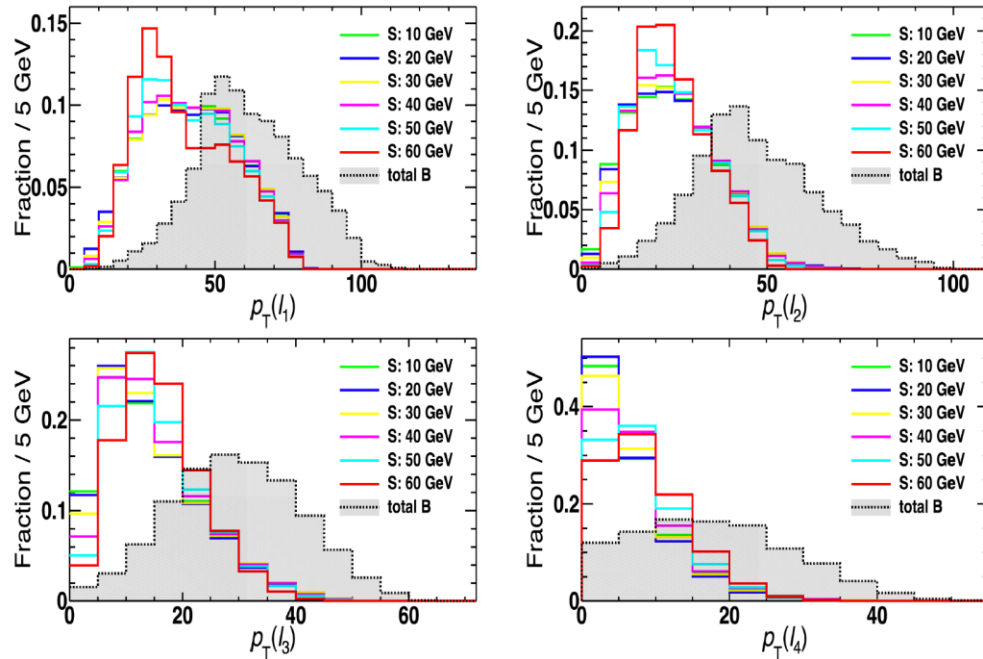
SS-trilepton post- lepton cuts (w/o jet cuts):

SM bkg  $\sim 0.1\%$  of 3l channel after cut (ii)

Clean channel, yet signal yield is also smaller.

# 4l channel: two SS dileptons + ( $\geq 1$ ) jets

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|                         |        | initial            | cuts(i)            | cuts(ii)             | cuts(iii-iv)         |
|-------------------------|--------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Sig.                    | 10 GeV | $10^3$             | 15.9               | 1.1                  | 0.71                 |
|                         | 20 GeV | $10^3$             | 17.5               | 1.1                  | 0.72                 |
|                         | 30 GeV | $10^3$             | 22.1               | 1.3                  | 0.80                 |
|                         | 40 GeV | $10^3$             | 26.8               | 1.5                  | 0.98                 |
|                         | 50 GeV | $10^3$             | 30.1               | 1.8                  | 1.2                  |
|                         | 60 GeV | $10^3$             | 32.1               | 2.1                  | 1.3                  |
|                         | Bkg.   | $4\tau$            | $1.69 \times 10^4$ | 58.4                 | 6.8                  |
| $\dagger 2\tau Z$       |        | $6.80 \times 10^5$ | $2.26 \times 10^3$ | 9.6                  | -                    |
| $\dagger 2\ell Z$       |        | $1.74 \times 10^6$ | $7.28 \times 10^4$ | -                    | -                    |
| $4\tau Z$               |        | 93.0               | 0.45               | $6.4 \times 10^{-3}$ | $2.8 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| $2\tau 2W$              |        | $4.42 \times 10^3$ | 1.3                | 0.17                 | -                    |
| $\dagger 2\ell 2\tau Z$ |        | 584                | 13.8               | $1.0 \times 10^{-2}$ | $3.2 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| $\dagger 4\ell Z$       |        | 862                | 116                | $7.8 \times 10^{-4}$ | -                    |
| $\dagger 2\ell 2W$      |        | $2.74 \times 10^4$ | 217                | -                    | -                    |

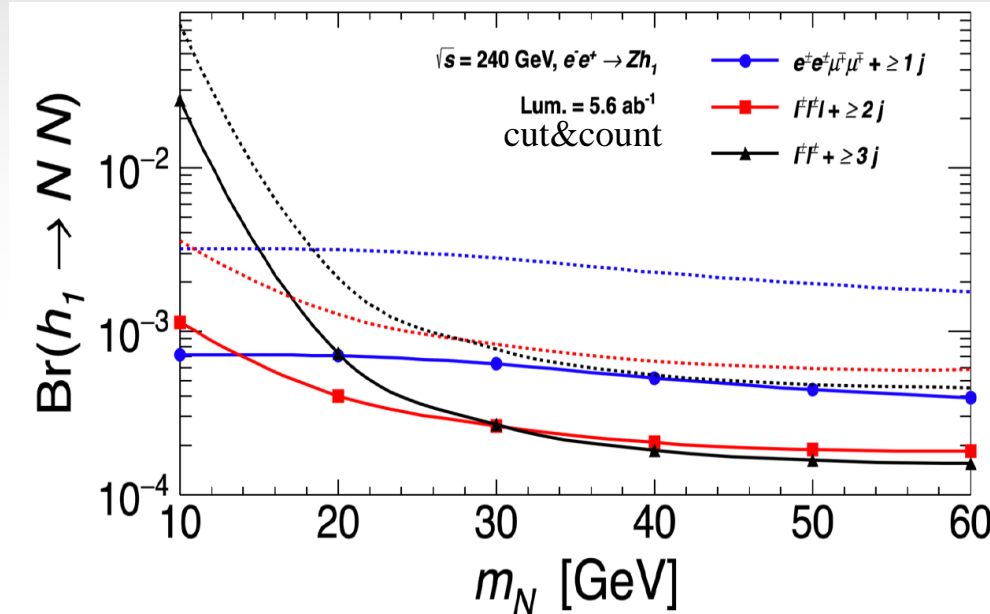
$N_j=4$       Two SS dileptons      jet cuts  
(for sensitivity)

- (i) exactly four leptons,  $N(\ell) = 4$  with  $p_T(\ell) \geq 5$  GeV;
- (ii) exactly two electrons with the same charges; exactly two muons with the same charges; electrons and muons have opposite charges; i.e. exactly  $e^\pm e^\pm \mu^\mp \mu^\mp$  lepton pairs;
- (iii) veto  $\tau$  leptons,  $N(\tau) = 0$ ;
- (iv) at least one jet,  $N(j) \geq 1$ .

~10 bkg events  
w two SS dileptons  
@5.6  $\text{ab}^{-1}$

**lofty cost: sig. eff ~ 0.1%**

# Mixing angle reach @ ee (CEPC)



2l, 3l wins over 4l

$$|\sin \alpha \cdot y_S|^2 = \text{BR}(h_1 \rightarrow NN) \cdot 16\pi \frac{\Gamma_{h_1}}{m_{h_1}} \left(1 - \frac{4m_N^2}{m_{h_1}^2}\right)^{-3/2}$$

ee @ 240 GeV,  $5.6 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ :

$|\sin \alpha|^2 < 10^{-4}$  sensitivity  
 for  $y_S \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$   
 comparable to HL-LHC

# Summary

1. Heavy  $N$  as a good probe for Higgs - seesaw scalar mixing  $|\sin\alpha|^2$  @ ee
2.  $|\sin\alpha|^2 \sim 10^{-4}$  for CEPC @ 240 GeV,  $5.6 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ , comparable to HL-LHC
3. SS dilepton bkg not neglectable. Lofty loss on signal if assuming  $N_{\text{bkg}} < 1$ .
4.  $Z \rightarrow ll$  yield a bonus SS trilepton signal @ ee