Heavy Neutrinos at Future Linear e^+e^- Colliders

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can be solved by introducing new species of neutrinos.

The Standard Model with heavy neutrinos

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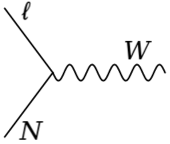

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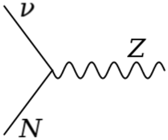

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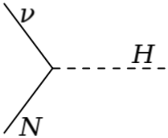

Minimal scenario – without additional gauge bosons

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- 15 free parameters:
  - 3 masses ($\sim 10^2 - 10^3$ GeV)
  - 3 widths
  - 9 mixing parameters (3x3 mixing matrix for e, μ, τ and *N1, N2, N3*)

Our setup

- Dirac neutrinos
- masses:

$$m_{N1} = 200\text{-}3200 \text{ GeV}$$
$$m_{N2} = m_{N3} = 10 \text{ TeV}$$

- couplings:

$$|V_{eN1}|^2 = |V_{\mu N1}|^2 = |V_{\tau N1}|^2 \equiv |V_{lN}|^2$$
$|V_{lN}|^2 = 0.0003$ is used for reference signal samples generation

All $N2$ and $N3$ couplings set to zero.

- considered collider scenario:

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

analysis performed also for:

ILC 1 TeV, 3.2 ab^{-1}, $(e^-, e^+) = (\text{-}80\%, +20\%)$

CLIC 3 TeV, 4.0 ab^{-1}, $(e^-, e^+) = (\text{-}80\%, 0\%)$

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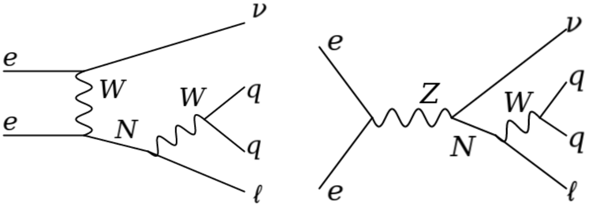
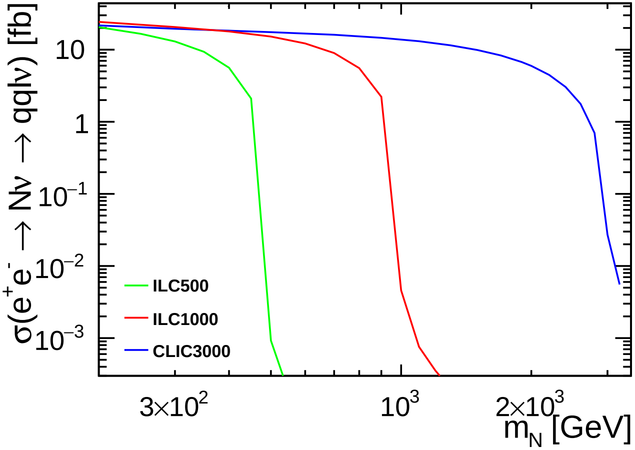
We decided to use the $qql\nu$ signature.



It allows for direct reconstruction of N.

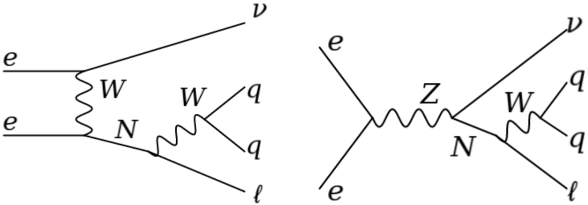
Signal cross section



LR polarisation, including beam spectra

Signal vs. background

Signal:



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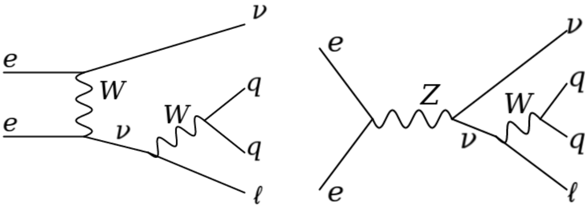

+ many other more important background channels...

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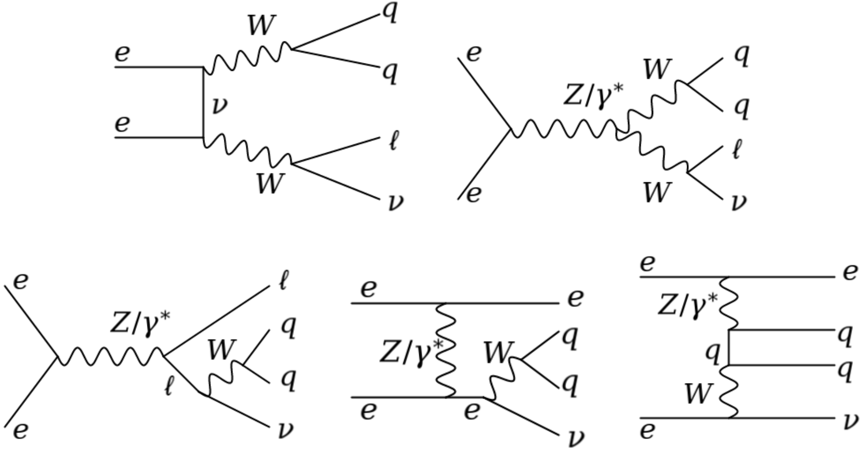

Analysis procedure

1. Generating physical events with WHIZARD:
   - without N propagators ("background")
   - $e^+e^- \to N\nu \to qql\nu$ ("signal")
2. Simulating detector response with DELPHES
3. Preselection of events matching the required signal topology
4. Using BDT method to get final results

Event generation and detector simulation

- Event generation:
  - WHIZARD 2.8.5
  - ISR and beam spectra included
  - $e\gamma$ and $\gamma\gamma$ backgrounds included (BS and EPA)
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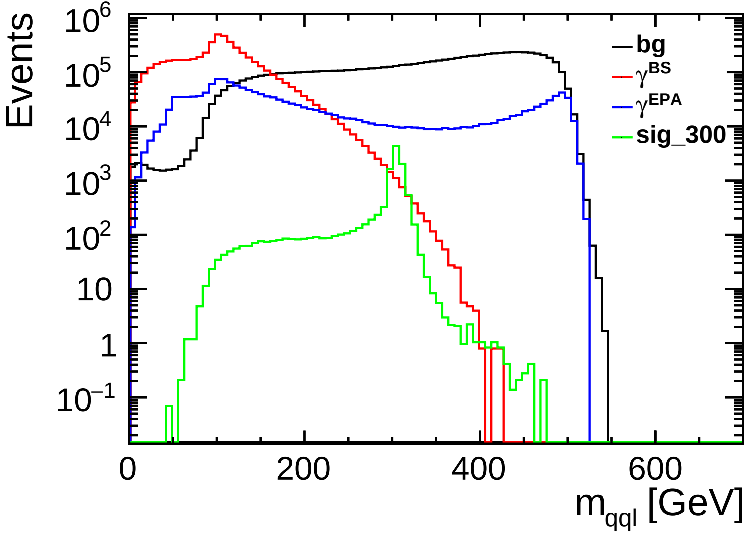
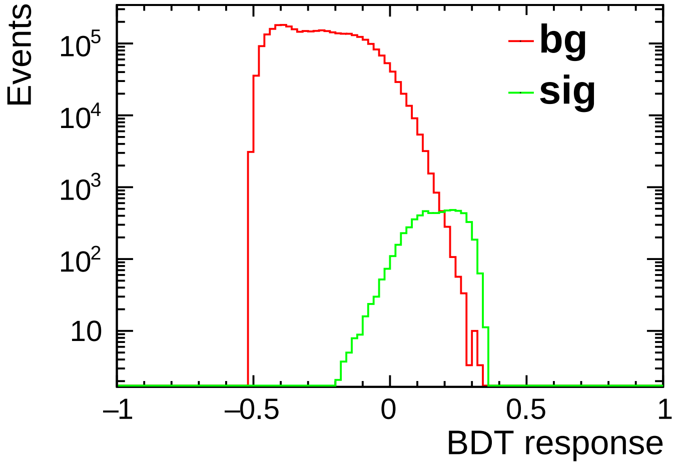
qql invariant mass



BDT response

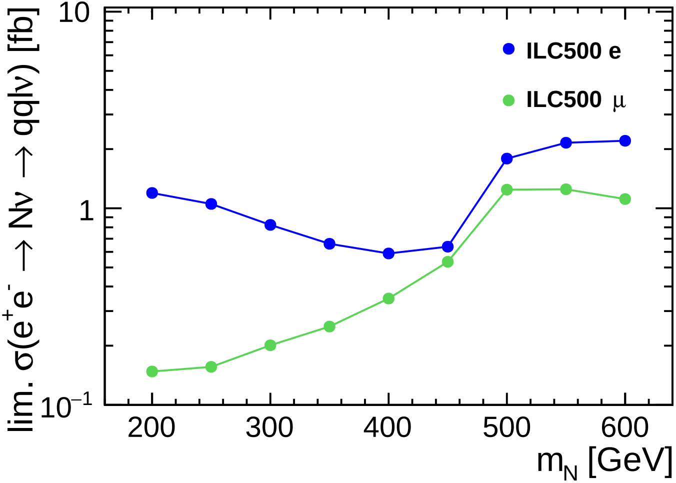
BDT trained with 8 input variables (see backup slides)



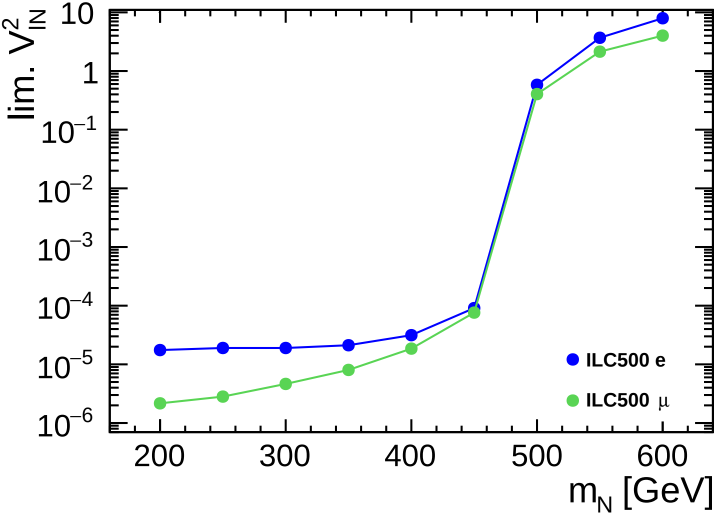
ILC 500 GeV, (-80%, +30%), $m_N = 300$ GeV, μ in the final state

Limits – cross section

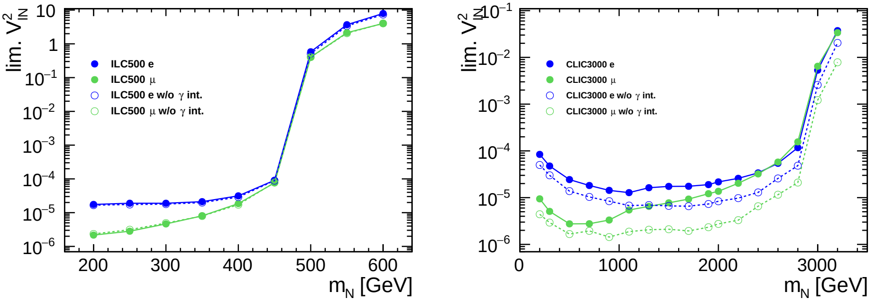
Cross section limit is calculated by scaling reference scenario to obtain significance of 1.64 (95% CL) for optimal BDT response cut.



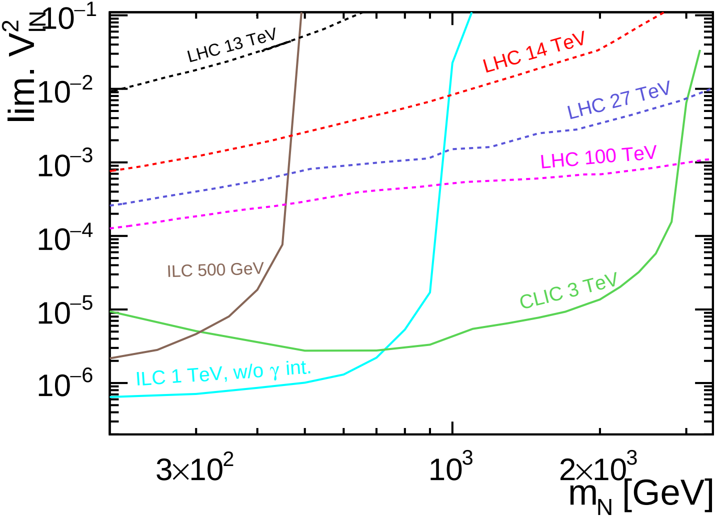
Limits – coupling



Impact of the γ interactions



Final results



LHC analysis: [1812.08750], diff. assumption: $V_{eN} = V_{\mu N} \neq V_{\tau N} = 0$

Conclusions

1. We searched for heavy neutrinos at future e^+e^- linear colliders using events generated with WHIZARD and detector simulation from DELPHES.
2. We developed a method to efficiently discriminate between the signal and the background.
3. We estimated the impact of gamma-induced background channels.
4. We showed that future linear colliders could be a good place to search for heavy neutrinos.

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BACKUP: event generation

channel	σ [fb]	generated events
$qql\nu$	1.04E+04	10M
$llll$	3.01E+03	10M
$qqll$	2.02E+03	10M
$qqqqll$	2.19E+01	100k
$qqqql\nu$	4.16E+02	100k
$qql\nu l\nu$	8.27E+01	100k
sig_300 ($qql\nu$)	1.30E+01	300k

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$\gamma^{EPA} e^- \rightarrow qql$	4.54E+03	1M
$\gamma^{EPA} e^+ \rightarrow qql$	4.51E+03	1M
$\gamma^{EPA} \gamma^{EPA} \rightarrow qql\nu$	1.02E+01	1M
$\gamma^{EPA} \gamma^{EPA} \rightarrow qqll$	3.19E+00	750k
$\gamma^{BS} e^- \rightarrow qql$	8.86E+03	10M
$\gamma^{BS} e^+ \rightarrow qql$	8.74E+03	10M
$\gamma^{BS} \gamma^{BS} \rightarrow qqll$	2.04E+01	1M
$\gamma^{BS} \gamma^{BS} \rightarrow qql\nu$	4.20E-02	10k

BACKUP: BDT variables

- *qql* invariant mass
- angle between jets
- angle between dijet and lepton
- lepton energy
- *qql* energy
- lepton transverse momentum
- dijet transverse momentum
- *qql* transverse momentum