

INVESTIGATING DOUBLY CHARGED LEPTONS AT FUTURE ENERGY FRONTIER MUON-PROTON COLLIDERS

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ABSTRACT. We study the doubly charged leptons considered in extended isospin models at muon-proton colliders. We respect the lepton flavor conservation and take into consideration the single production of the doubly charged leptons related to second generation. We give the effective Lagrangian describing the doubly charged lepton gauge interactions. We calculate the signal and corresponding background cross sections and analyze the kinematical distributions to obtain the suitable cuts for the discovery. We choose the W -boson hadronic decay channel to get the accessible mass limits and couplings of doubly charged leptons for various muon-proton colliders.

1. INTRODUCTION

The fundamental particle spectrum of the Standard Model (SM) has a pattern with three generations of quarks and leptons. These generations are replication of each other except from their mass. A natural explanation for the SM fermionic family replication would be that there could be one more layer of matter constituents. In composite models, known fermions are bound states of more fundamental constituents called preons [1-3]. Compositeness is one of the beyond the SM (BSM) theories that give satisfying explanations for the fermionic family replication, quark-lepton symmetry and fundamental particle inflation in the SM. Observation of excited fermionic states would be a direct evidence of compositeness [4-8]. Spin and isospin-1/2 excited fermions are considered as lowest radial and orbital excited

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states. Excited leptons with weak isospin states $I_W=0$ (singlet) and $I_W=1/2$ (doublet) are studied widely in the literature [9- 25].

Here, we take into consideration a different point of view of the compositeness: the weak isospin (I_W) invariance. In extended isospin models the weak isospin values are extended to $I_W=1$ (triplet) and $I_W=3/2$ (quadruplet) multiplets. Excited leptonic states with exotic charges with $Q = -2e$ (doubly charged leptons) take part in these exotic multiplets [26]. Any signal for the doubly charged leptons at future colliders would give considerable explanation for the SM flavor structure and hints for the new physics.

There are great effort to build more powerful particle colliders for the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) era and post LHC era. These projects can be classified in three groups concerning the colliding particle types:

1) *Lepton colliders*: International Linear Collider (ILC) with $\sqrt{s} = 0.5 - 1$ TeV [27] and Compact Linear Collider (CLIC) with up to $\sqrt{s} = 3$ TeV [28] as e^+e^- colliders, and muon colliders with center-of-mass energies from Higgs resonance up to $\sqrt{s} = 6$ TeV [29, 30]. Recently, a 100 TeV muon collider was proposed in [31].

2) *Hadron colliders*: Future Circular Collider (FCC) is proposed as pp collider with $\sqrt{s} = 100$ TeV [32] at CERN. (Besides the pp option, FCC has also an e^+e^- option known as TLEP or FCC- ee [33] and several ep collider options [34]). Super proton-proton Collider (SppC) is Chinese analog of the FCC with center-of-mass energy about 70 TeV [35].

3) *Lepton-hadron colliders*: Large Hadron-electron Collider (LHeC) with $\sqrt{s} = 1.3$ TeV and possibly upgraded to $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV [36, 37] is proposed as ep collider at CERN. Other designments are FCC-based lepton-hadron (ep and μp colliders) [34], SppC-based lepton-hadron colliders [38], and LHC-based muon-proton colliders [39].

Aside from compositeness, one may encounter doubly charged leptonic states in Type II seesaw mechanisms [40-42], in some extensions of supersymmetric models [43-47], in flavor models in warped extra dimensions and in more general models [48-49], and also in string inspired models [50]. In the literature, phenomenological

searches for doubly charged leptons are investigated so far at the LHC [51-60], at the future linear colliders [61-64], at the LHeC [65], and at the FCC-based ep colliders [66].

In this work, we give the effective Lagrangians responsible for the gauge interactions of doubly charged leptons and calculate the decay widths in Section 2. In Section 3, we introduce the various muon-proton colliders. We give our analysis in Section 4 and then we conclude.

2. EFFECTIVE LAGRANGIANS AND DECAY WIDTHS

In the beginning of hadron physics, strong isospin invariance enlightened so much to find out some patterns of baryon and meson resonances despite the existence of quarks and gluons were not understood yet. Identically, similar situations may be occurred in the electroweak sector. By using the weak isospin symmetry arguments, the possible fermionic resonances can be placed into electroweak isospin multiplets. Accordingly, the quantum numbers of excited fermionic states could be obtained without needing the dynamics of the preons explicitly. Since light fermions have $I_W = 0$ or $1/2$ (singlets or doublets), and gauge bosons have $I_W = 0$ or 1 ; excited fermionic states with $I_W \leq 3/2$ can be allowed. Basics of extended isospin model is discussed in [26]. In the extended isospin models exotic doubly charged leptons appear in triplets with $I_W=1$ and in quadruplets with $I_W=3/2$. The form of these multiplets are listed as

$$L_1 = \begin{pmatrix} L^0 \\ L^- \\ L^{--} \end{pmatrix}, \quad L_{3/2} = \begin{pmatrix} L^+ \\ L^0 \\ L^- \\ L^{--} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

and similar for the antiparticles. To calculate the decay widths and cross sections, it is necessary to specify the doubly charged lepton couplings to SM leptons and gauge fields. For the reason that all the gauge fields have $Y=0$ hypercharge, a given exotic multiplet couples through the gauge fields to a SM multiplet only with the same Y . To satisfy the gauge invariance, the couplings have to be of anomalous magnetic

moment type. Therefore, doubly charged leptons can couple to SM fermions only via W -boson. The interaction Lagrangians describing the gauge interaction of doubly charged leptons with ordinary leptons are

$$\mathcal{L}_{GM}^{(1)} = i \frac{gf_1}{\Lambda} \left(\bar{L} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \partial^\nu W^\mu \frac{1+\gamma_5}{2} l \right) + h.c. \quad (2)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{GM}^{(3/2)} = i \frac{gf_3}{\Lambda} \left(\bar{L} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \partial^\nu W^\mu \frac{1-\gamma_5}{2} l \right) + h.c. \quad (3)$$

where where g is the $SU(2)$ coupling constant which is equals to $g = g_e / \sin \theta_w$ where $g_e = \sqrt{4\pi\alpha}$. f_1 and f_3 are dimensionless new coupling constants related to effective interactions of exotic multiplets $I_W=1$ and $I_W=3/2$. Their exact values can only be obtained from the underlying model for compositeness. L and l stand for doubly charged lepton and SM lepton, respectively. Λ is the compositeness scale and $\sigma_{\mu\nu} = i(\gamma_\mu\gamma_\nu - \gamma_\nu\gamma_\mu)/2$ where γ_μ being the Dirac matrices.

Since doubly charged leptons can interact with the SM leptons only via the W -boson, doubly charged leptons decay to SM leptons only with $L^{--} \rightarrow l^- W^-$ process (L^{--} is the lightest one among the new exotic leptons). The same values of decay width for the doubly charged leptons are obtained whether one can use the interaction Lagrangian given in Eq. (3) or Eq. (4). The decay width of the doubly charged lepton with respect to its mass (M_L) for $f_1=1$ (or $f_3=1$) is given in Figure 1 for two different values of compositeness scale.

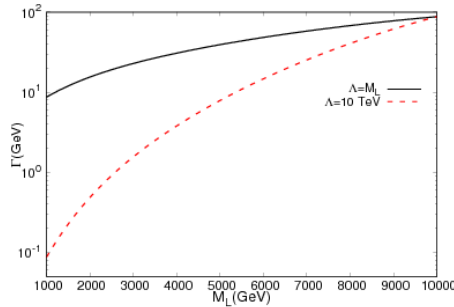


FIGURE 1. Total decay width of doubly charged lepton as a function of its mass for $\Lambda=M_L$ and $\Lambda=10$ TeV.

3. MUON-PROTON COLLIDERS

Muon-proton colliders were proposed in the original work [67] by making the suggestion of construction of an additional proton ring in $\sqrt{s}=4$ TeV muon collider tunnel. Afterwards, construction of additional muon ring with 200 GeV energy in the Tevatron tunnel in order to handle $\sqrt{s}=0.9$ TeV μp collider was considered in [68], and ultimate μp collider with 50 TeV proton ring was suggested in [69]. Recently, future pp colliders FCC and SppC based energy frontier muon-proton colliders were proposed in [34] and [38], respectively. Also LHC-based μp colliders were considered in [39]. We list briefly the main parameters of proposed μp colliders in Tables 1 – 3.

A lot of BSM topics such as excited muon, excited muon neutrino, second family leptoquarks, supersymmetry (SUSY), doubly charged leptons related to second family, color octet muon, contact interactions etc. can be investigated at μp colliders.

Table 1. Main parameters of LHC-based μp colliders. (These values are obtained from [39]).

E_μ (TeV)	E_p (TeV)	\sqrt{s} (TeV)	$L_{\mu p}$ (cm^2s^{-1})
0.75	7	4.58	1.4×10^{33}
1.5	7	6.48	2.3×10^{33}
3	7	9.16	0.9×10^{33}

Table 2. Main parameters of SppC-based μp colliders. (These values are obtained from [38]).

E_μ (TeV)	E_p (TeV)	\sqrt{s} (TeV)	$L_{\mu p}$ (cm^2s^{-1})
0.75	35.6	10.33	5.5×10^{32}
0.75	68	14.28	12.5×10^{32}
1.5	35.6	14.61	4.9×10^{32}
1.5	68	20.2	42.8×10^{32}

Table 3. Main parameters of FCC-based μp colliders. (These values are obtained from [34]).

E_μ (TeV)	E_p (TeV)	\sqrt{s} (TeV)	$L_{\mu p}$ (cm^2s^{-1})
0.063	50	3.50	0.2×10^{31}

0.75	50	12.2	4.9×10^{32}
1.5	50	17.3	4.3×10^{32}

4. CROSS SECTIONS

Respecting the lepton family number conservation, we searched for the doubly charged leptons which carry muonic lepton number. They can be produced singly through the process $\mu^- p \rightarrow L^{--} X$ at μp colliders. The Feynman diagrams representing the subprocess $\mu^- q(\bar{q}') \rightarrow L^{--} q'(\bar{q})$ are given in Figure 2.



FIGURE 2. Feynman diagrams for the subprocess $\mu^- q(\bar{q}') \rightarrow L^{--} q'(\bar{q})$.

In our analysis, we considered only $I_W=1$ multiplet. We embedded the doubly charged lepton interaction vertices in high-energy simulation programme CALCHEP [70-72] and used it for our calculations. To make a comparison between the μp colliders listed in Table 1-3; we chose the muon beam energy as 0.75 TeV and proton beam energies 7, 35.6, and 50 TeV for the LHC, SppC, and FCC, respectively. We summarized our selection in Table 4.

Table 4. Selected μp colliders to make a comparison in our calculations.

μp Collider Name	E_p (TeV)	E_μ (TeV)	\sqrt{s} (TeV)
LHC- μp	7	0.75	4.58
SppC- μp	35.6	0.75	10.33
FCC- μp	50	0.75	12.2

Total production cross section for the single production of doubly charged leptons ($\mu^- p \rightarrow L^{--} X$) at various μp colliders for $\Lambda=M_L$ and $f=1$ is shown in Figure 3. (Since we take into consideration only $I_W=1$ multiplet, f is refer to f_l henceforth). In numerical calculations we used the CTEQ6L [73] parton distribution function.

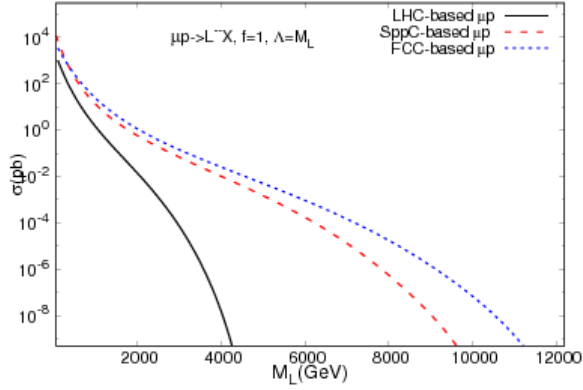
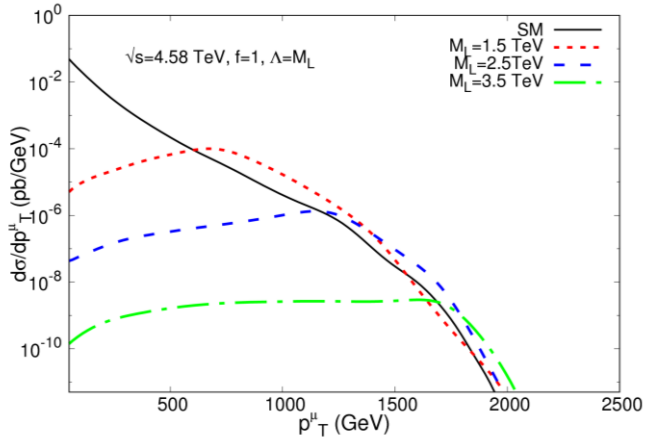
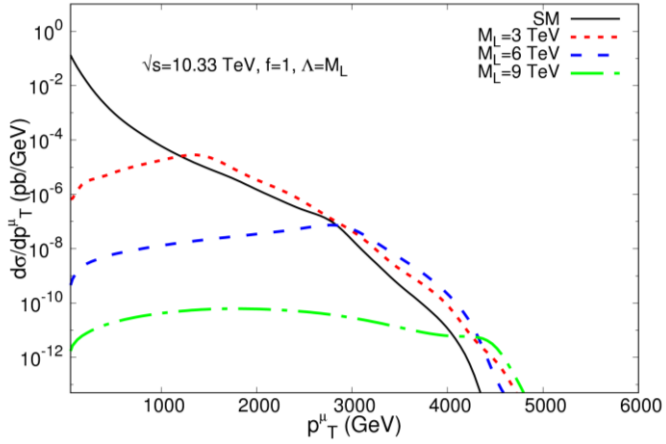


FIGURE 3. Total cross section for the single production of doubly charged leptons at various μp colliders.

After the decay of L^{--} , we deal with the $\mu^- q(\bar{q}') \rightarrow W^- \mu^- q'(\bar{q})$ process. We impose the generic cuts for the final state muon and jets as

$$\begin{aligned} p_T^\mu &> 20 \text{ GeV} \\ p_T^j &> 30 \text{ GeV}. \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

By applying the generic cuts we get the transverse momentum (p_T) and normalized pseudorapidity (η) distributions of final state muon. We show these kinematical distributions in Figures 4-9.

FIGURE 4. Muon p_T distribution for the LHC- μp .FIGURE 5. Muon p_T distribution for the SppC- μp .

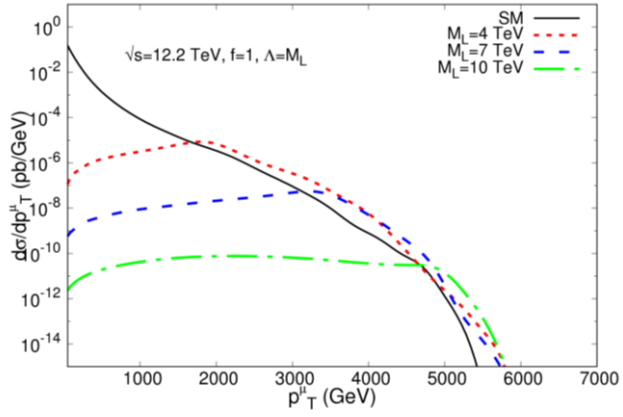


FIGURE 6. Muon p_T distribution for the FCC- μp .

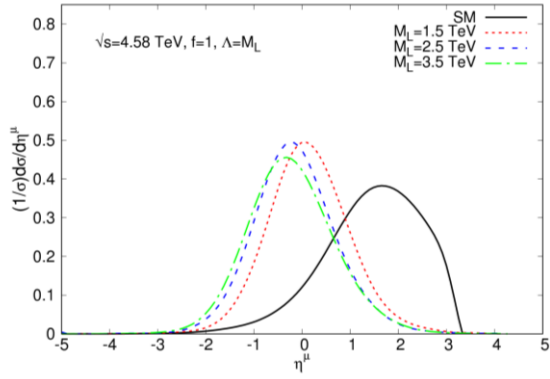
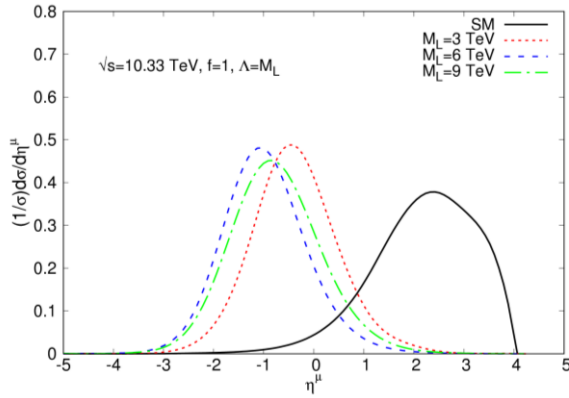
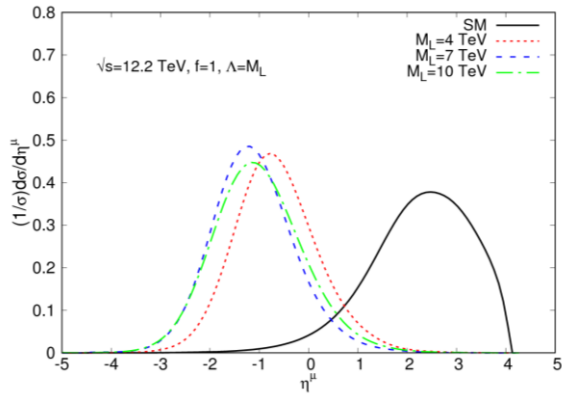


FIGURE 7. Muon normalized η distribution for the LHC- μp .

FIGURE 8. Muon normalized η distribution for the SppC- μp .FIGURE 9. Muon normalized η distribution for the FCC- μp .

As it can be seen from Figures 4-6, doubly charged leptons carry high transverse momentum having a peak around $M_L / 2$, and from Figures 7-9, they are produced mainly in the backward direction. We define the cuts best suited for the discovery by investigating these kinematical distributions. To find out the discovery cuts we seek for the appropriate regions where we remove the most of the background but at the same time do not influence the signal so much. These cuts are presented in Table 5.

Table 5. Discovery cuts for the doubly charged lepton production at μp colliders.

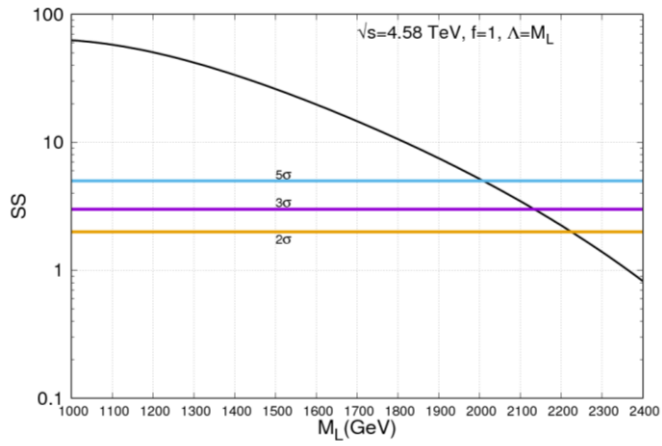
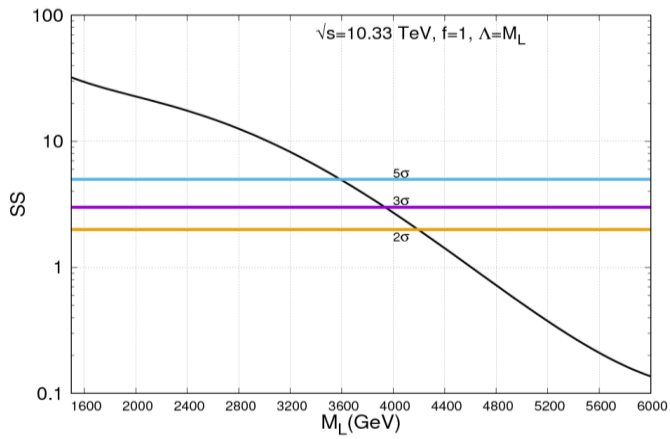
μp Collider Name	p_T^μ cut	η^μ cut
LHC- μp	$p_T^\mu > 600$ GeV	$-2 < \eta^\mu < 1$
SppC- μp	$p_T^\mu > 1200$ GeV	$-2.5 < \eta^\mu < 0.9$
FCC- μp	$p_T^\mu > 1700$ GeV	$-2.5 < \eta^\mu < 0.6$

We choose hadronic decay mode of W -boson as $W \rightarrow 2j$ and no further cut is made on these jets. We define the statistical significance as

$$SS = \frac{\sigma_S}{\sqrt{\sigma_B}} \sqrt{L_{int}} \quad (5)$$

where σ_S and σ_B are the signal and background cross sections, respectively; L_{int} is the integrated luminosity of the collider.

We show the $SS - M_L$ plot for the LHC-based μp collider in Figure 10, for the SppC-based μp collider in Figure 11, and for the FCC-based μp collider in Figure 12, specifying the 2σ (exclusion), 3σ (observation), and 5σ (discovery) regions, respectively. In Table 6, we determine the doubly charged lepton mass limits at different μp colliders for $f=1$ and $\Lambda=M_L$, taking into account the criteria $SS \geq 2$, $SS \geq 3$ and $SS \geq 5$ which denote the 2σ , 3σ and 5σ limits, respectively.

FIGURE 10. SS as a function of M_L for the LHC- μp .FIGURE 11. SS as a function of M_L for the SppC- μp .

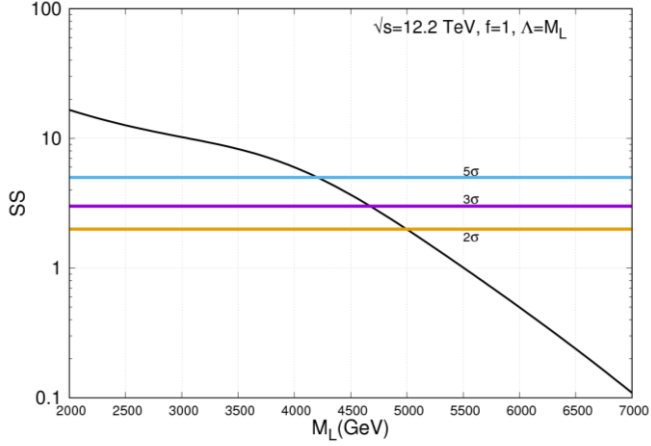

 FIGURE 12. SS as a function of M_L for the FCC- μp .

Table 6. Mass limits for doubly charged lepton at different μp colliders.

Collider name	L_{int} (pb^{-1})	2σ (Exclusion)(GeV)	3σ (Observation)(GeV)	5σ (Discovery) (GeV)
LHC- μp ($\sqrt{s} = 4.58 \text{ TeV}$)	1.4×10^4	2220	2140	2000
SppC- μp ($\sqrt{s} = 10.33 \text{ TeV}$)	5.5×10^3	4200	3900	3600
FCC- μp ($\sqrt{s} = 12.2 \text{ TeV}$)	4.9×10^3	5000	4700	4200

5. CONCLUSION

The weak isospin invariance is a particular point of view of the compositeness. We can use the weak isospin invariance to extend the weak isospin values to $I_W=1$ (triplet) and $I_W=3/2$ (quadruplet) multiplets. These multiplets contain exotic lepton states of charge $Q = -2e$, namely doubly charged leptons. μp colliders will give the opportunity to search for the doubly charged leptons related to second family. In our

study, we make a comparison for the search potential of doubly charged leptons at future energy frontier muon-proton colliders. Taking into account the lepton flavor conservation, we showed doubly charged leptons carrying muonic lepton number can be observed up to 2.1, 3.9, and 4.7 TeV at LHC- μp , SppC- μp and FCC- μp , respectively.

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