Exploring the muon-Higgs coupling at a multi-TeV muon collider

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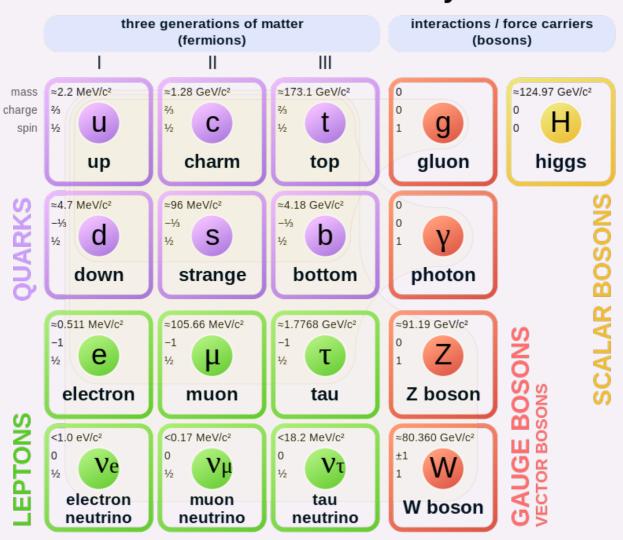


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Standard Model of Elementary Particles



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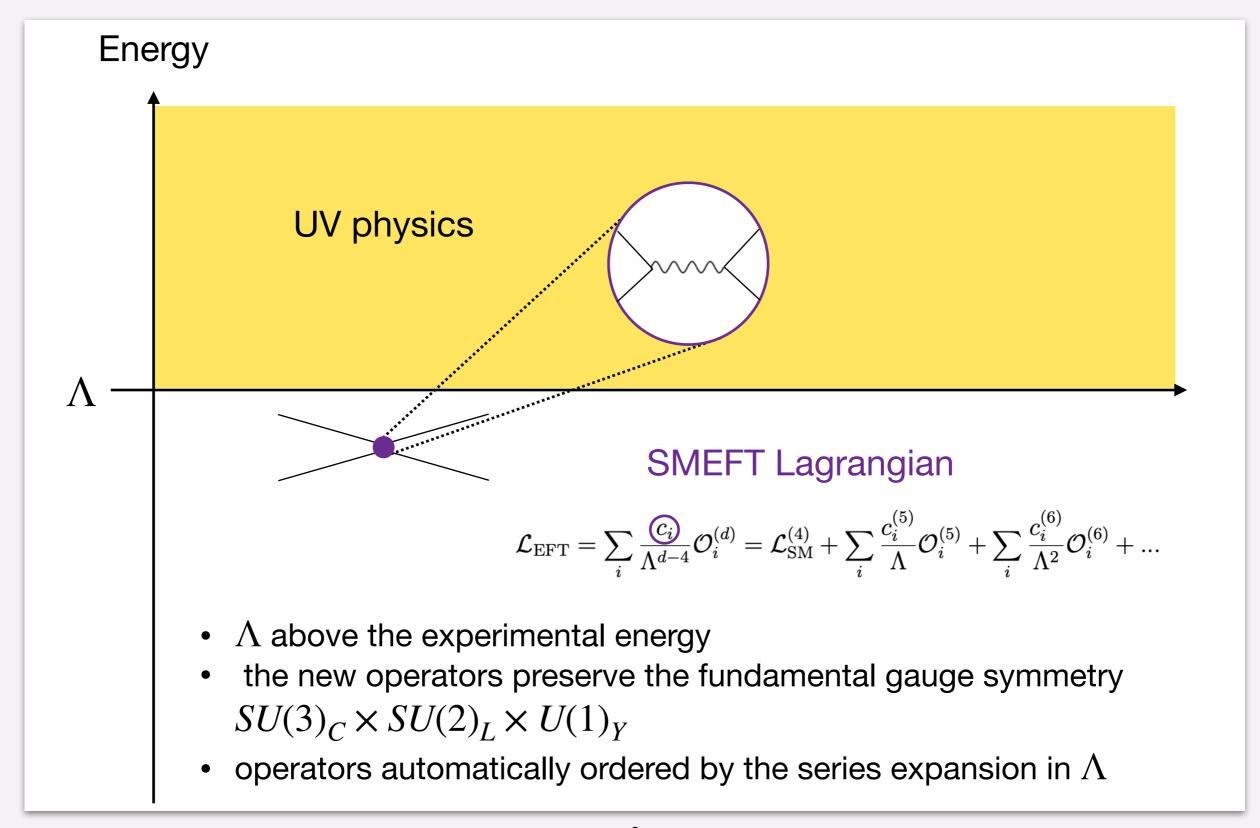
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No

- dark matter
- neutrino mass
- matter/antimatter asymmetry
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We need a model independent description for new physics

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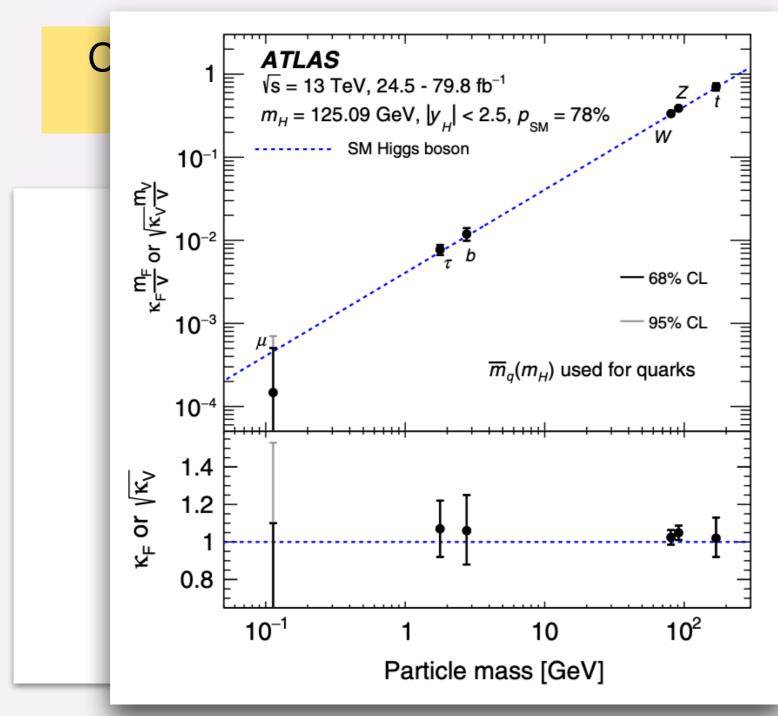
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$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{EW}} = -\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr} W_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} + (D_{\mu}\varphi)^{\dagger} (D^{\mu}\varphi) + \mu^{2} \varphi^{\dagger} \varphi - \frac{\lambda}{2} (\varphi^{\dagger}\varphi)^{2} + \sum_{f \in \{\ell_{L}, e_{R}\}} i \bar{f}^{i} \not D f^{i} - \left(\bar{\ell}_{L}^{i} \tilde{Y}_{\ell}^{ij} \varphi e_{R}^{j} + \mathrm{h.c.} \right) + \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{gauge-fix}}$$

$$\text{Yukawa sector} \qquad \qquad m_{f} = \frac{y_{f} v}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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uon-Higgs coupling on collider?

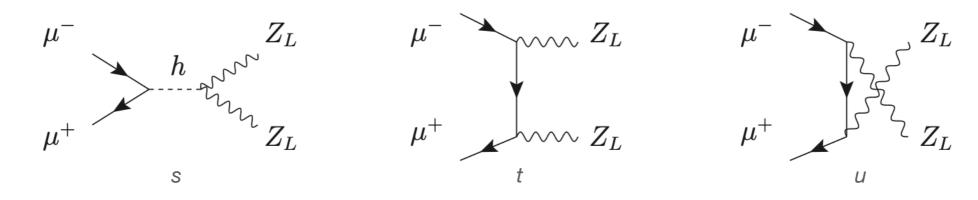
$$(\varphi) + \mu^2 \varphi^{\dagger} \varphi - \frac{\lambda}{2} (\varphi^{\dagger} \varphi)^2$$

- $\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge-fix}}$

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Cancellations and unitarity in the SM

Example: simple EW process: $\mu^-\mu^+ \rightarrow ZZ$

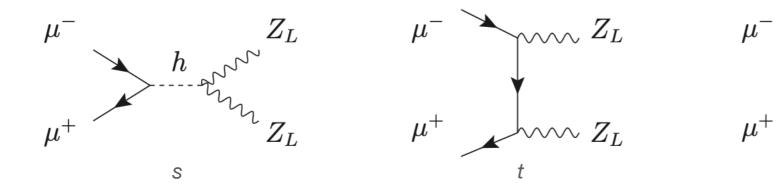


• energy dependence induced by the longitudinal polarizations...

$$\epsilon_{+} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ i \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \epsilon_{-} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -i \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \epsilon_{L} = \frac{1}{m} \begin{pmatrix} p \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ E \end{pmatrix}$$

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- ... but thanks to the Higgs mechanism...

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 $\xrightarrow{E\gg m_Z}$ $\pm \sqrt{2}G_F m_\mu \sqrt{s}$ from kinematics

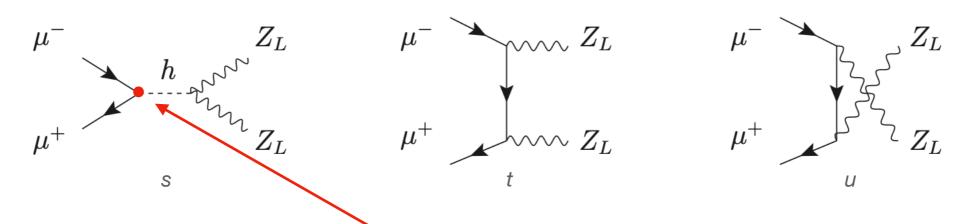
from the Yukawa coupling

$$m_f = \frac{y_f v}{\sqrt{2}}$$

• Unitarity is restored! $\mathcal{M}_s + \mathcal{M}_{t+u} \xrightarrow{E \gg m_Z} 0$

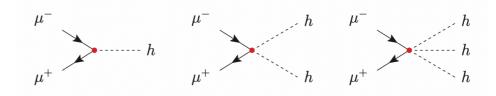
Anomalous muon Yukawa

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Effective operator that affects
$$y_{\mu}$$

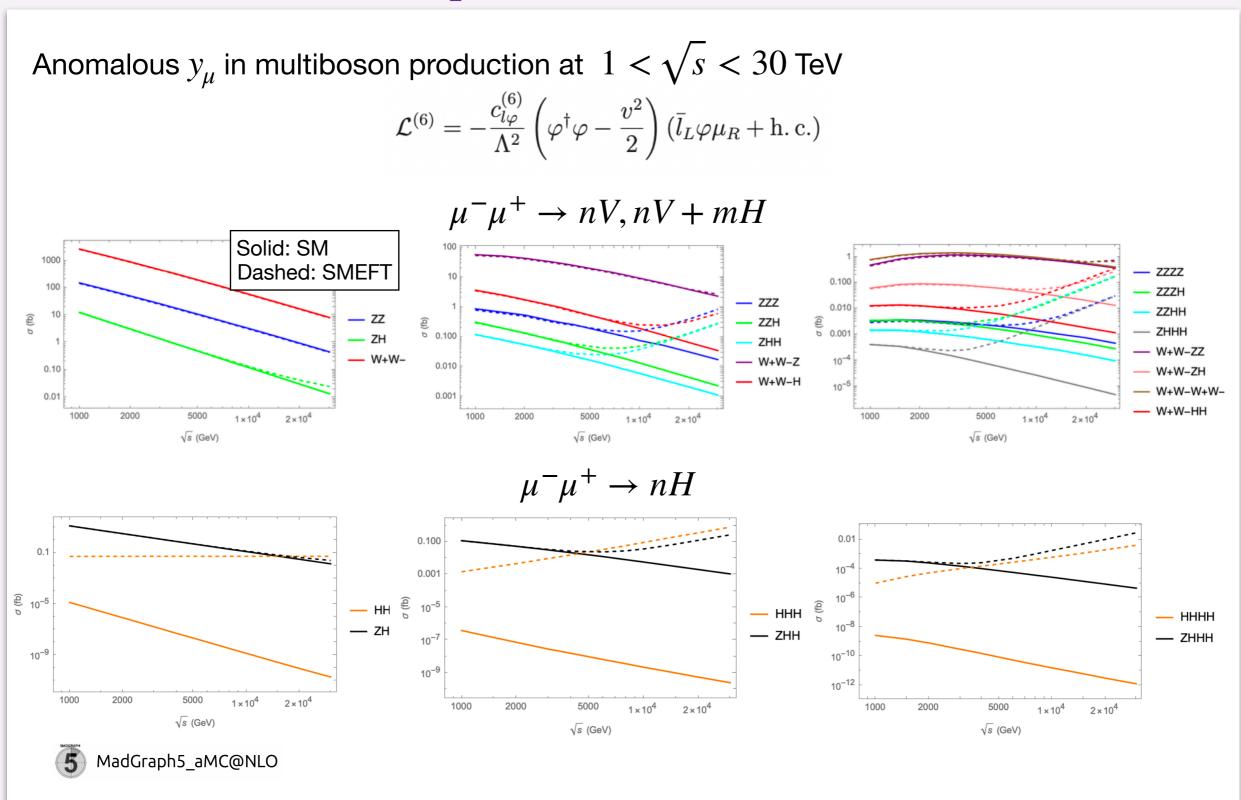
$$\mathcal{L}^{(6)} = -\frac{c_{l\varphi}^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \left(\varphi^{\dagger} \varphi - \frac{v^2}{2} \right) (\bar{l}_L \varphi \mu_R + \text{h. c.})$$



$$\mathcal{M}_s + \mathcal{M}_t + \mathcal{M}_u \xrightarrow{E \gg m_Z} \sim \sqrt{s}$$

New physics induces an energy growth in the cross-section

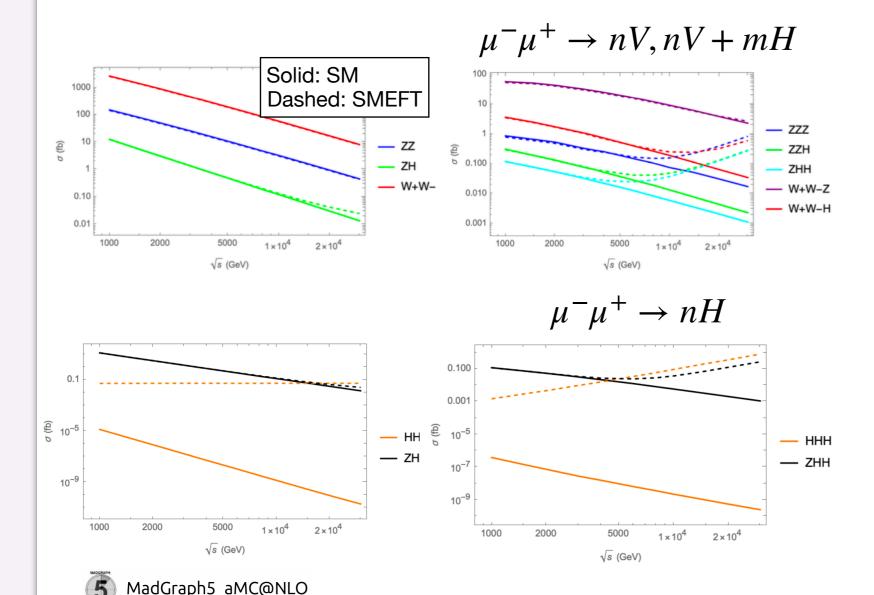
Multiboson production



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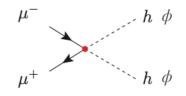
Anomalous y_μ in multiboson production at $~1<\sqrt{s}<30~{\rm TeV}$

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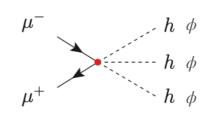


High-energy behaviour

Goldstone Boson Equivalence Theorem



$$\sigma^{(2)} = I_2 |V|^2 \,, \quad I_2 = \frac{1}{32\pi}$$



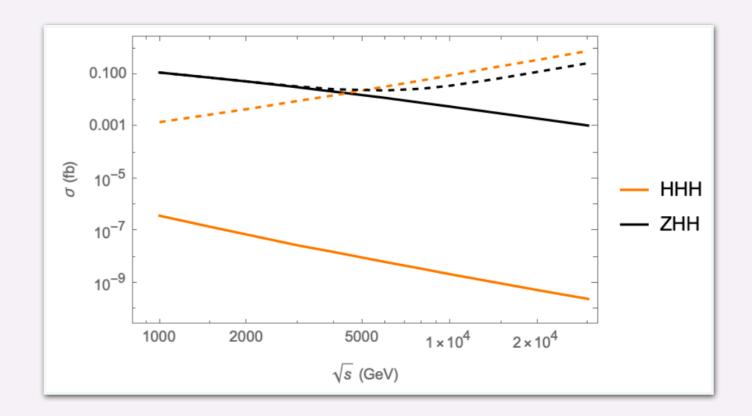
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Results

Conclusions:

- purely multi-Higgs production is suppressed in the SM, so it is more sensitive to deviations in y_μ
- the energy growth in three-boson production is quadratic in the c.o.m. energy

$$\sigma^{(3)} = I_3(s)|V|^2$$
, $I_3(s) = \frac{s}{1024\pi^3}$



 $H\!H\!H$ production is the most sensitive process to an anomalous y_μ

... work in progress!

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Thanks for your attention!