

# Searches for black holes, sphalerons and magnetic monopoles

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First bounds (on masses) for monopoles with **spin-0, spin ½** and magnetic charge  $q_m = g_D, \dots, 6g_D$  from **8 TeV LHC run 2012**

# Black Holes

GENERAL  
RELATIVITY  
TURNS 10 **1**

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$

Solutions of Einstein's equations , **physically arise from collapsing matter**

# Types of Black Holes

## Schwarzschild (non rotating, mass $M$ )

$$d\tau^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2G_N M}{r}\right) dt^2 - \frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{2G_N M}{r}} - r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2)$$

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## Kerr-Newmann (rotating (angular momentum $J$ ), mass $M$ , charged ( $Q$ ))

$$d\tau^2 = - \left( \frac{dr^2}{\Delta} + d\theta^2 \right) \rho^2 + (c dt - a \sin^2 \theta d\phi)^2 \frac{\Delta}{\rho^2} - ((r^2 + a^2) d\phi - ac dt)^2 \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\rho^2}$$

$$a = \frac{J}{M}$$

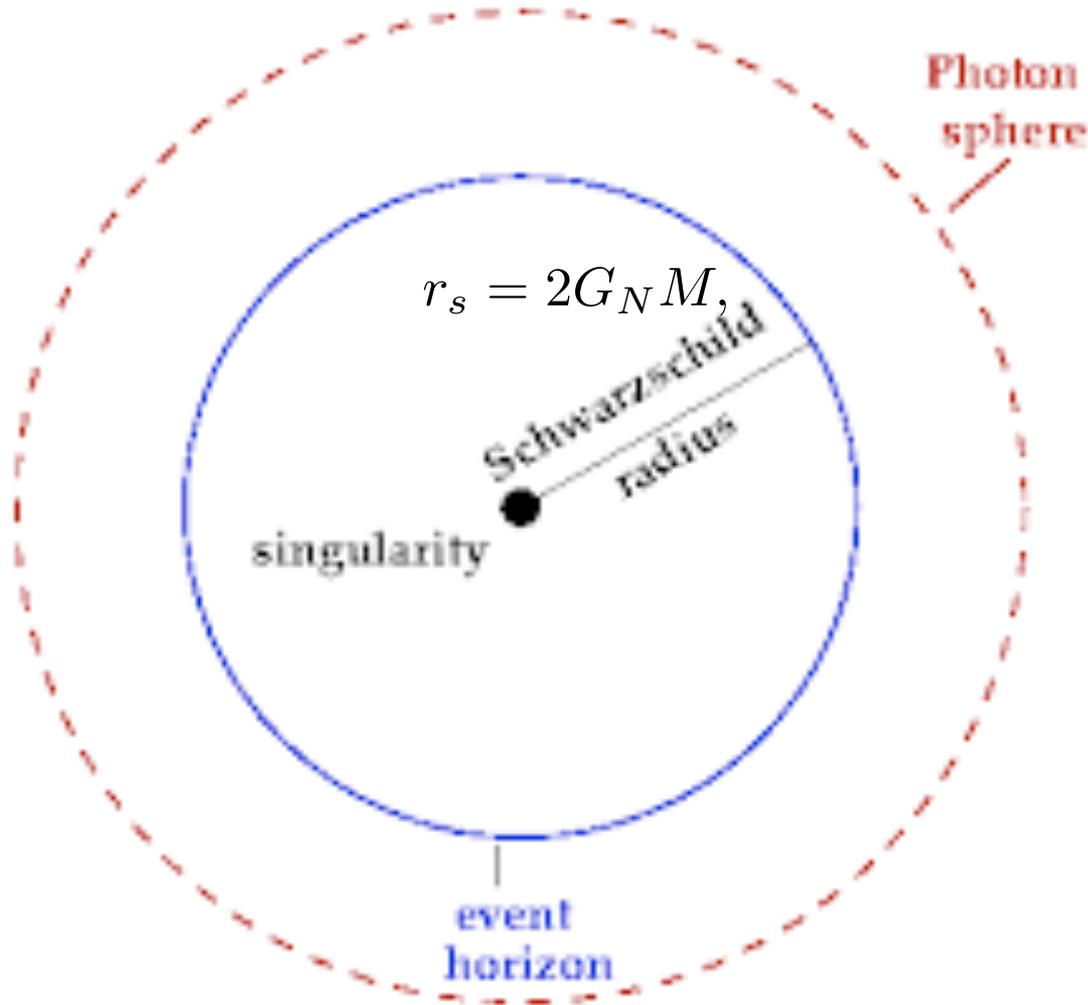
$$\rho^2 = r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\Delta = r^2 - r_s r + a^2 + r_Q^2$$

$$r_s = 2G_N M,$$
$$r_Q = G_N Q^2$$

# Black-Hole Geometries

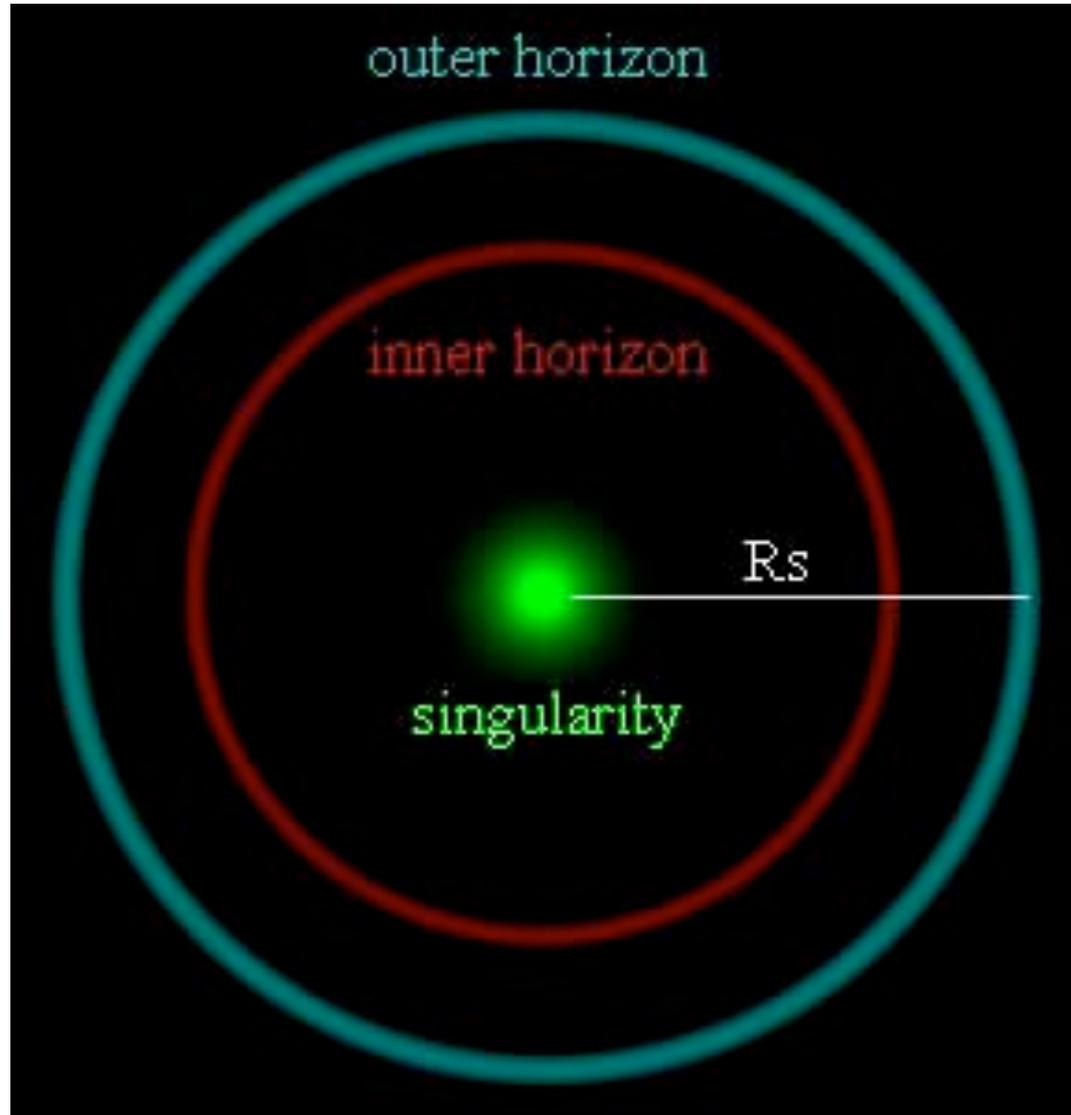
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(a spherical boundary of zero thickness in which photons that move on tangents to that sphere would be trapped in a circular orbit about the black hole)

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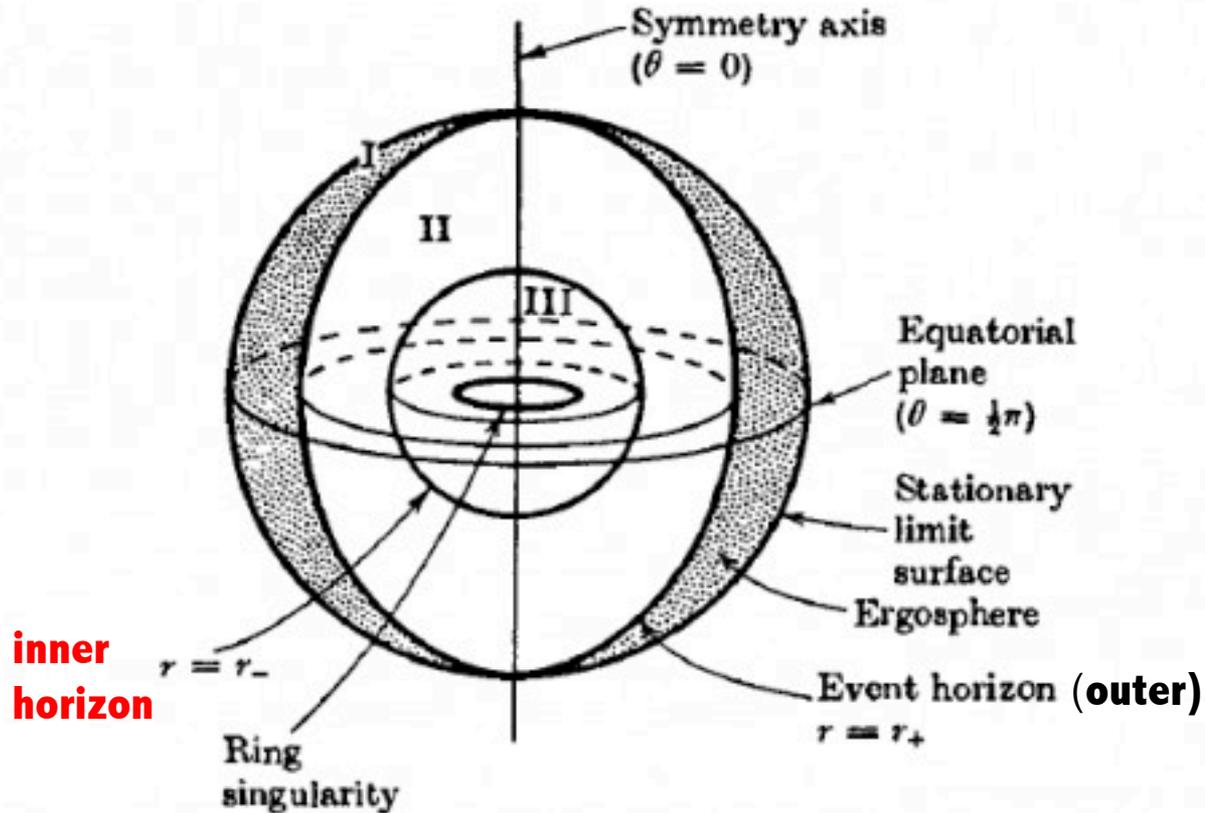


FIGURE 29. In the Kerr solution with  $0 < a^2 < m^2$ , the ergosphere lies between the stationary limit surface and the horizon at  $r = r_+$ . Particles can escape to infinity from region I (outside the event horizon  $r = r_+$ ) but not from region II (between  $r = r_+$  and  $r = r_-$ ) and region III ( $r < r_-$ ; this region contains the ring singularity).

## Black Hole with some **Hair**

**No hair conjecture/theorem** : Black holes can only be characterised by their **mass**, **angular momentum** and **charge**.

Evasion of no-hair theorem (violation of its assumptions) :  
Black Holes with scalar hair

Einstein Yang-Mills –Higgs systems

String-inspired GR with higher-curvature (Gauss Bonnet) terms & dilatons

Einstein-Maxwell-axion systems

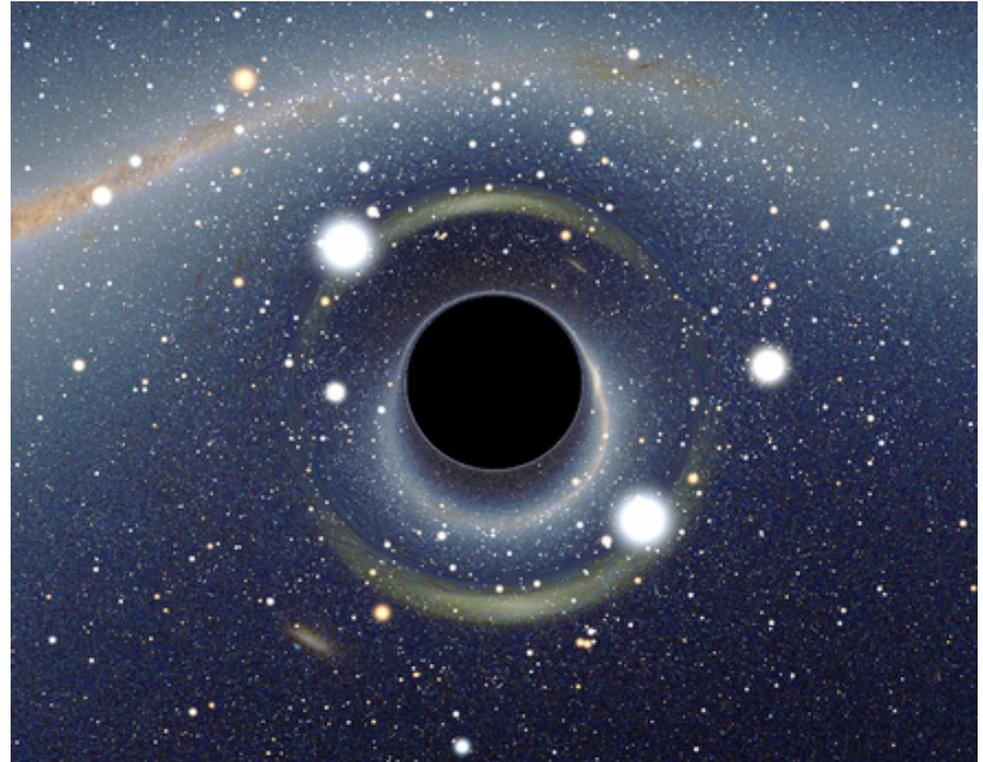
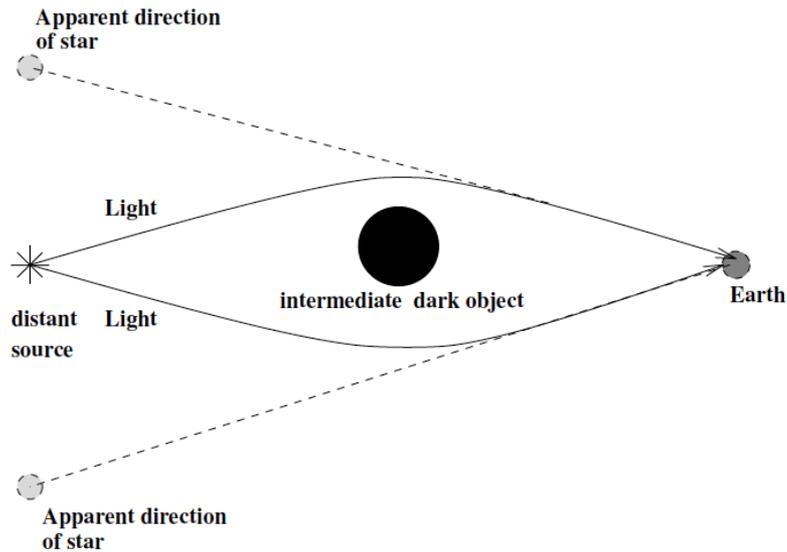
Modified Gravity models

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**Hair** may be **secondary** i.e.  non trivial scalar fields outside horizon but **corresponding charge** may be a **function** of **primary hair** eg mass

# Astrophysical Detection

## Gravitational lensing



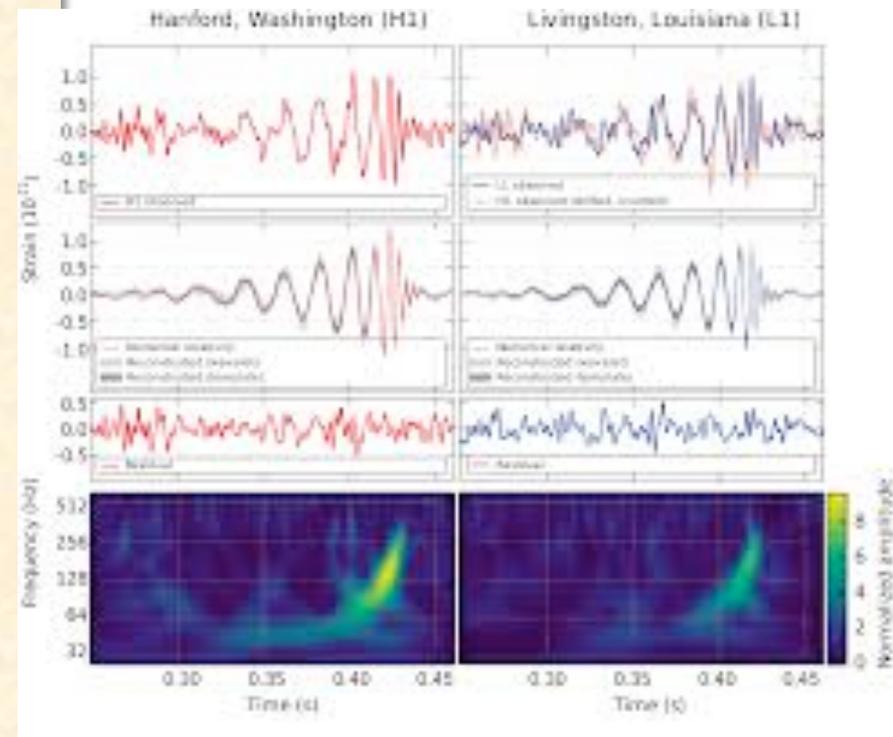
Simulated view of a black hole in front of the **Large Magellanic Cloud**. Note the **gravitational lensing effect**, which produces two **enlarged but highly distorted views of the Cloud**. Across the top, the Milky Way disk appears distorted into an arc.

**in 2016:**

**DETECTION  
OF Gravitational Waves  
(GR IMPORTANT PREDICTION)  
ARE ANNOUNCED BY  
VIRGO-LIGO Colls**

**(signal GW150914 in 2015 &  
GW151226)**

**Signals interpreted/fitted  
very well by  
assumption that GW were  
produced during  
merging of two spiralling  
black holes onto a larger  
black hole**



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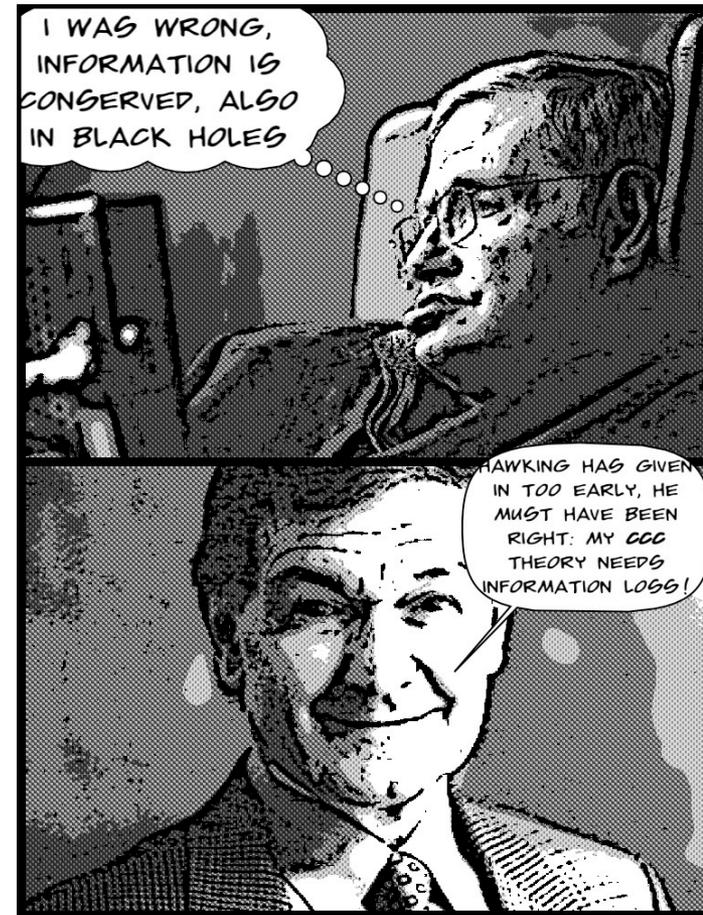
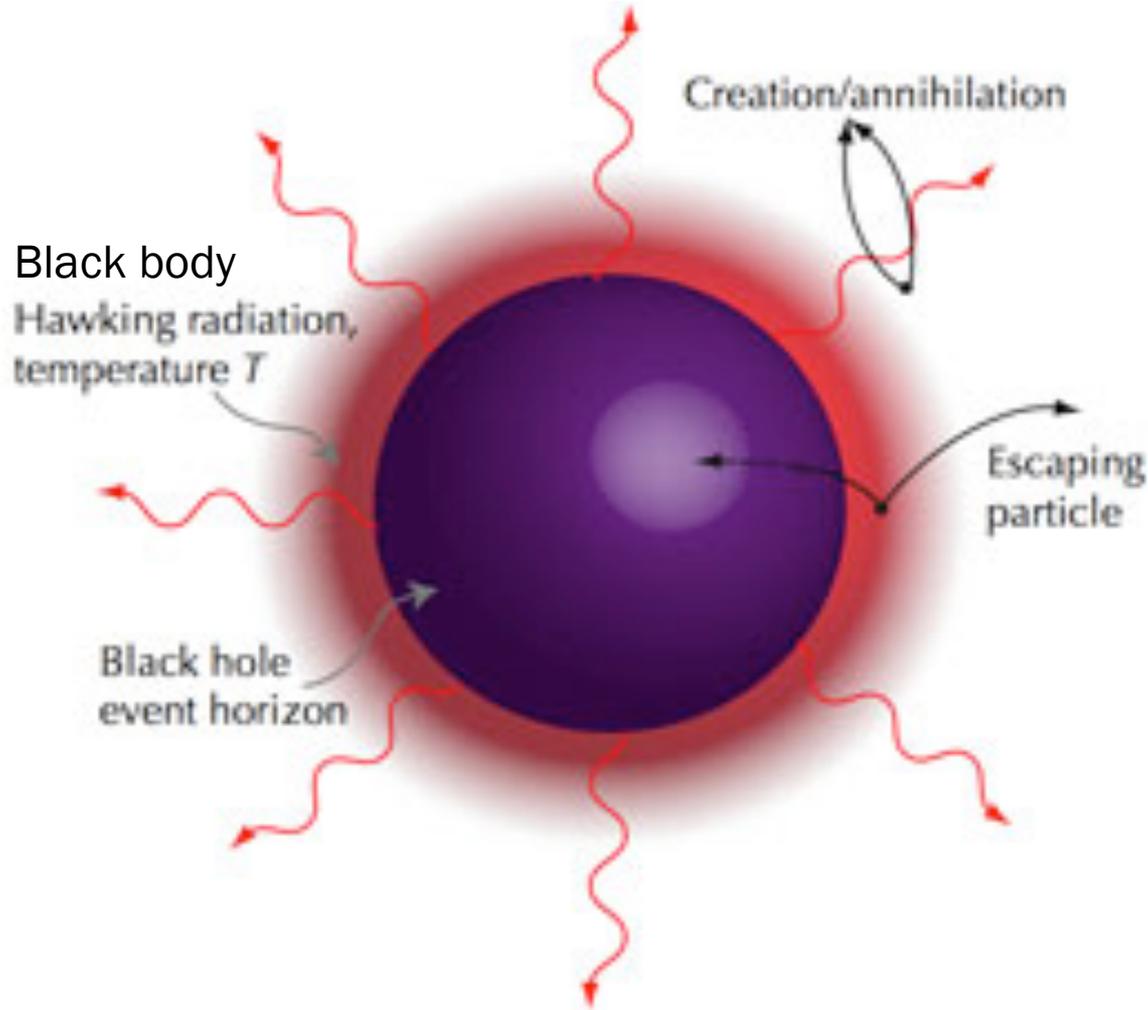


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...still debatable **despite** holographic AdS-CFT correspondence ...etc

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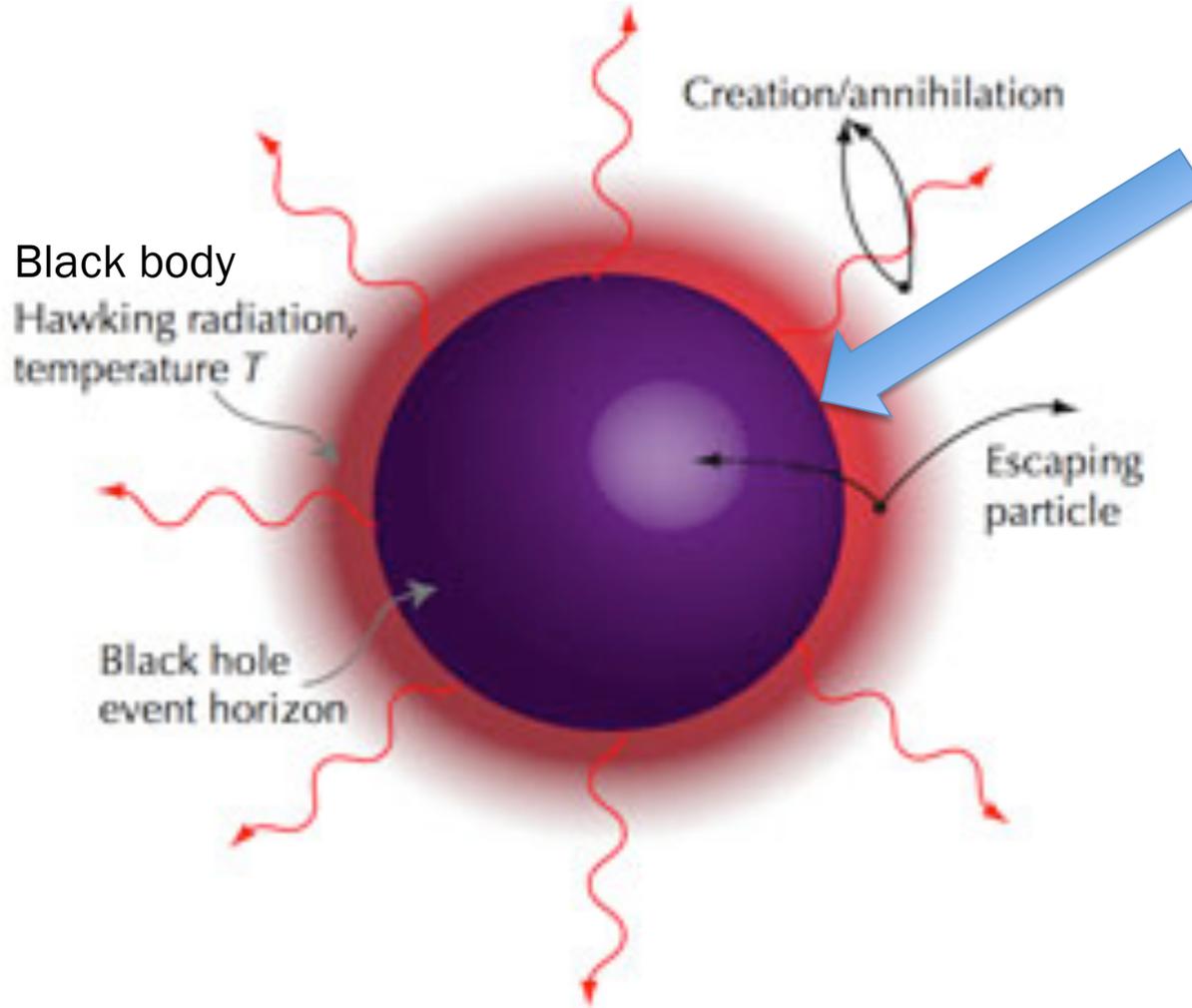


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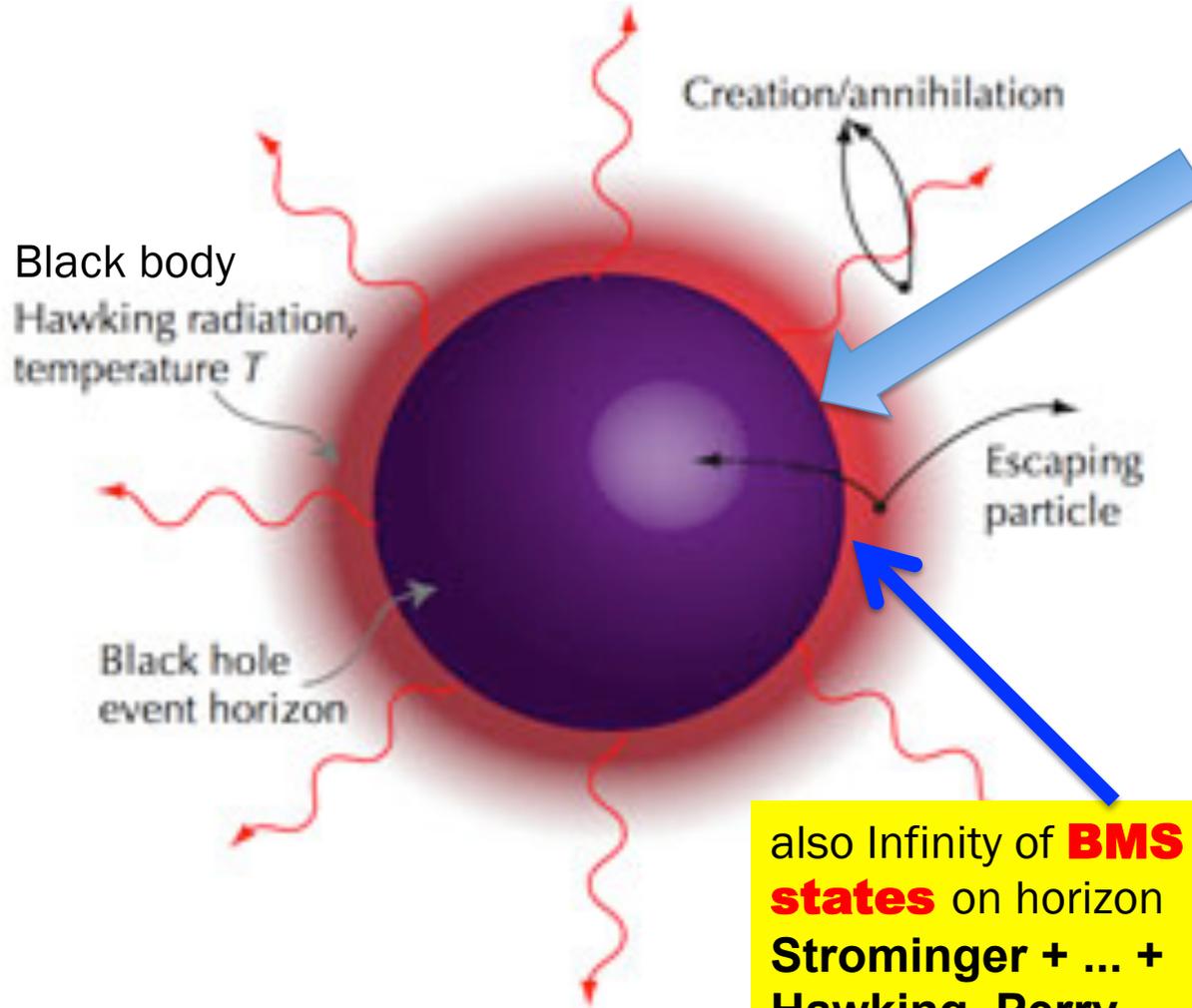
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also Infinity of **BMS states** on horizon  
**Strominger + ... + Hawking, Perry**  
**not relevant to coherence?**

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## TeV Black Holes in Large Extra Dimensional Models

In standard GR, the Planck scale  $M_P$  is the scale at which quantum gravity phenomena are expected to set in

In String theory with extra space dimensions, the quantum gravity scale is the string scale  $M_s = 1/\sqrt{\alpha'} = 1/(\text{minimal string length})$ . This is disconnected from the Planck scale, as there is the following relation

$$M_P^2 = M_s^{D-2} V^{D-4}$$

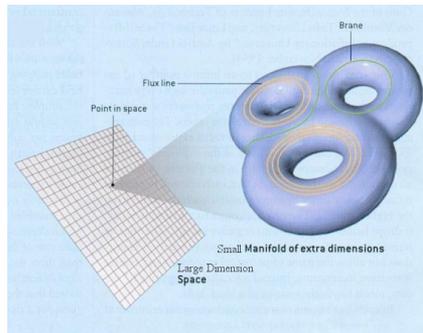
where  $V$  is the compactification volume and  $D$  number of space-time dimensions. Depending on the size of  $V$  one may have

$$M_s = O(\text{TeV}) \ll M_P$$

This has implications in having **Black Hole solutions in string theory** with mass of order of the string scale  $M_s \ll M_P$ , **producible at** colliders such as **LHC**.

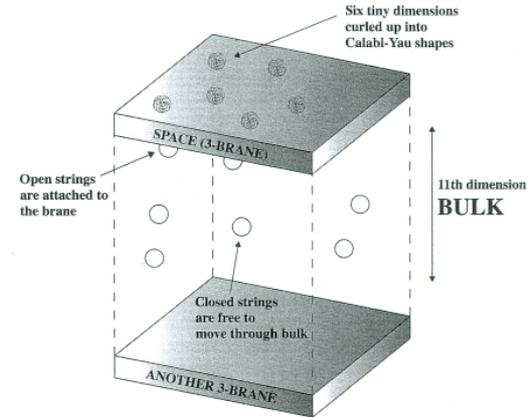
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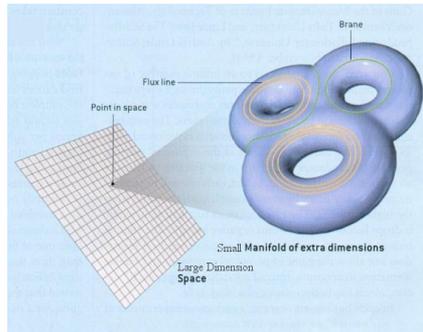
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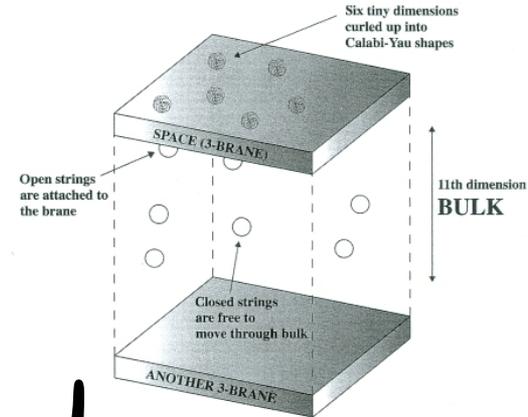
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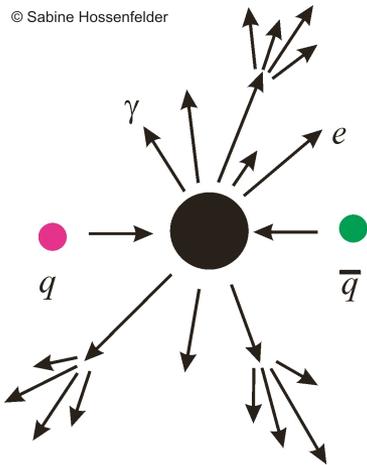


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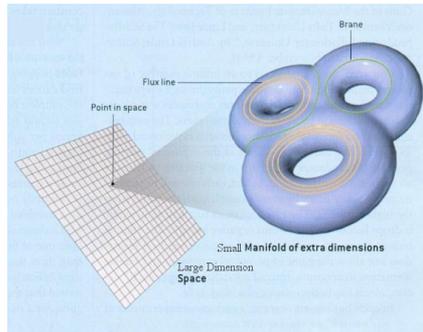


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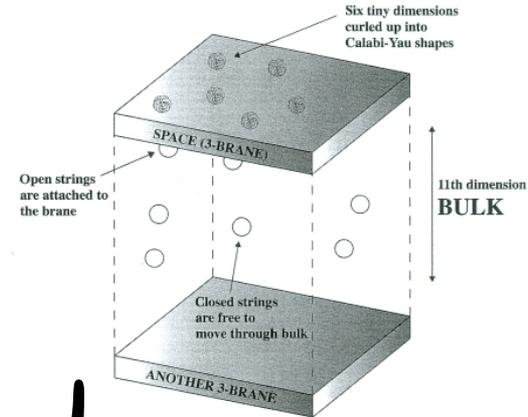
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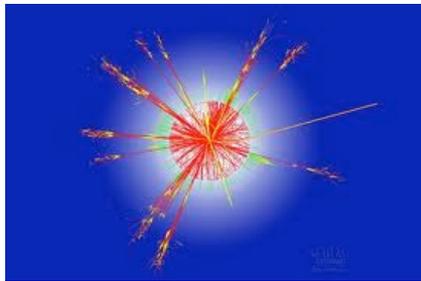
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BH produced in proton-proton collisions can carry **electric charge**

Charged BH Hawking evaporate but not completely → certain fraction of final  
BH **remnants** carry **charge** ( $BH^\pm$ )

## Collider Production of TeV Black Holes

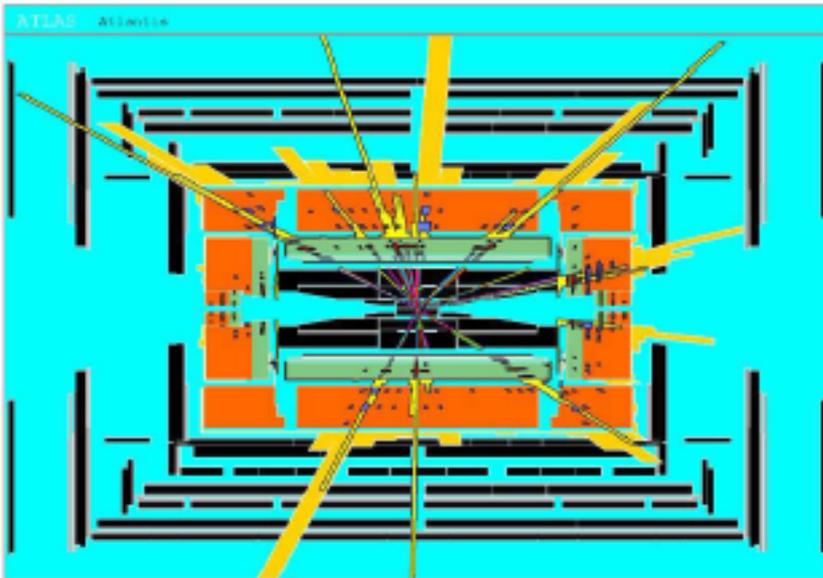
If colliding particles with TeV energies @ LHC are closer than Schwarzschild radius of (quantum) TeV black holes  $\rightarrow$  formation of (**unstable**) black holes  
 $\rightarrow$  Hawking (**thermal**) evaporation, spectacular signal @ LHC of emission of particles

mini BH life time

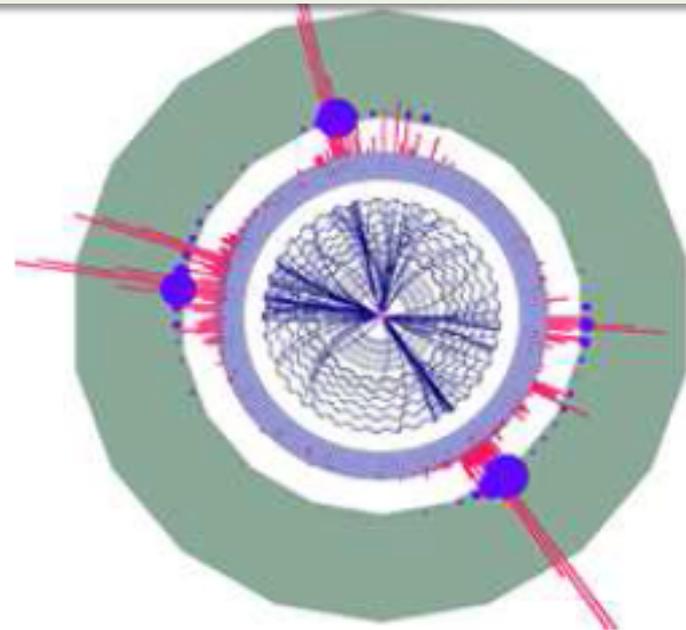
$$\tau \sim \frac{1}{M_D} \left( \frac{M_{\text{BH}}}{M_D} \right)^{\frac{n+3}{n+1}}$$

n = number of  
extra dims

$$\tau < 10^{-26} \text{ s}$$

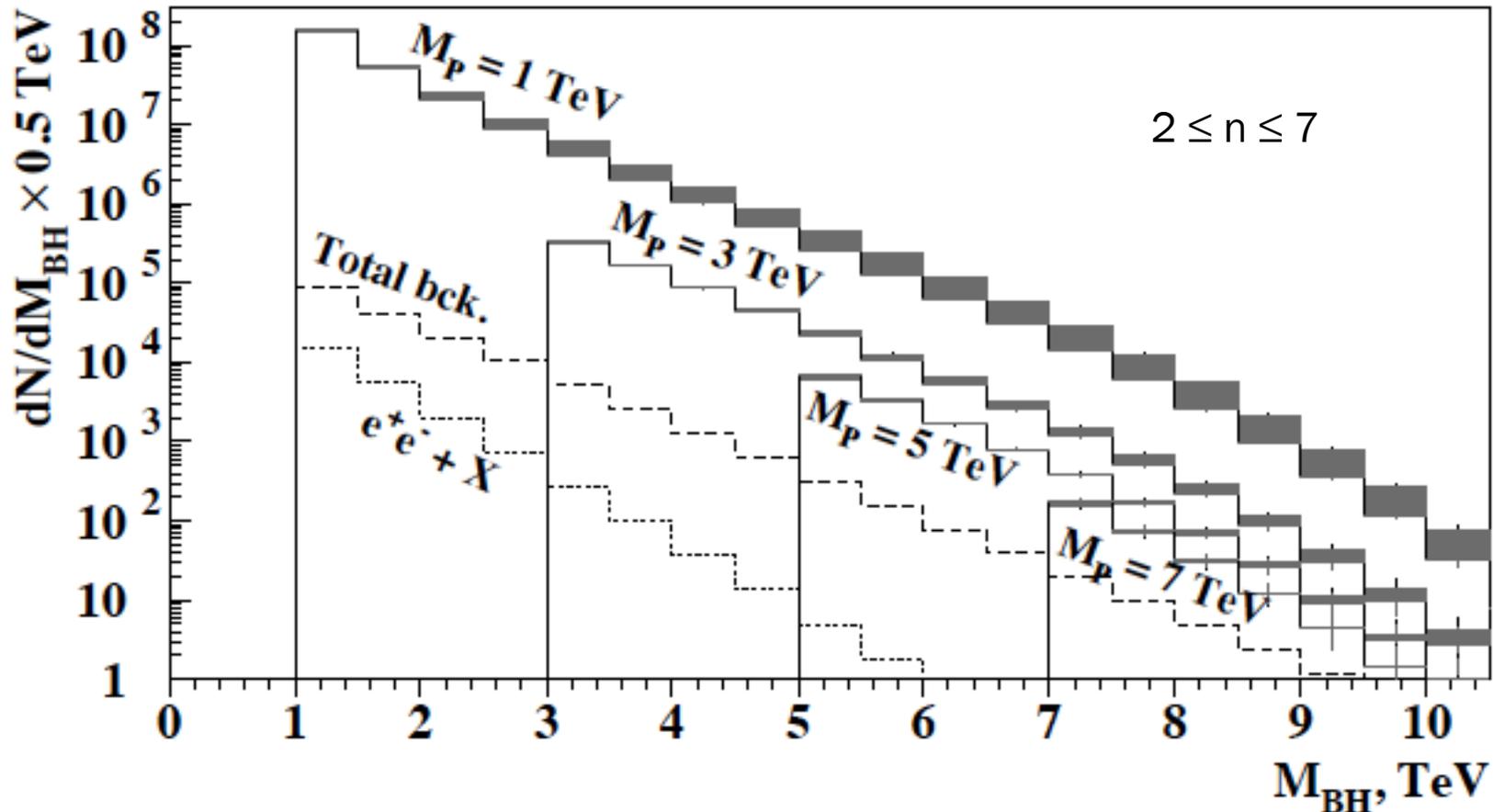


Event as would be seen by **ATLAS**  
**CHARYBDIS generator**



Event as would be seen by **CMS**  
**TRUENOIR generator**

Landsberg arXiv:0607297

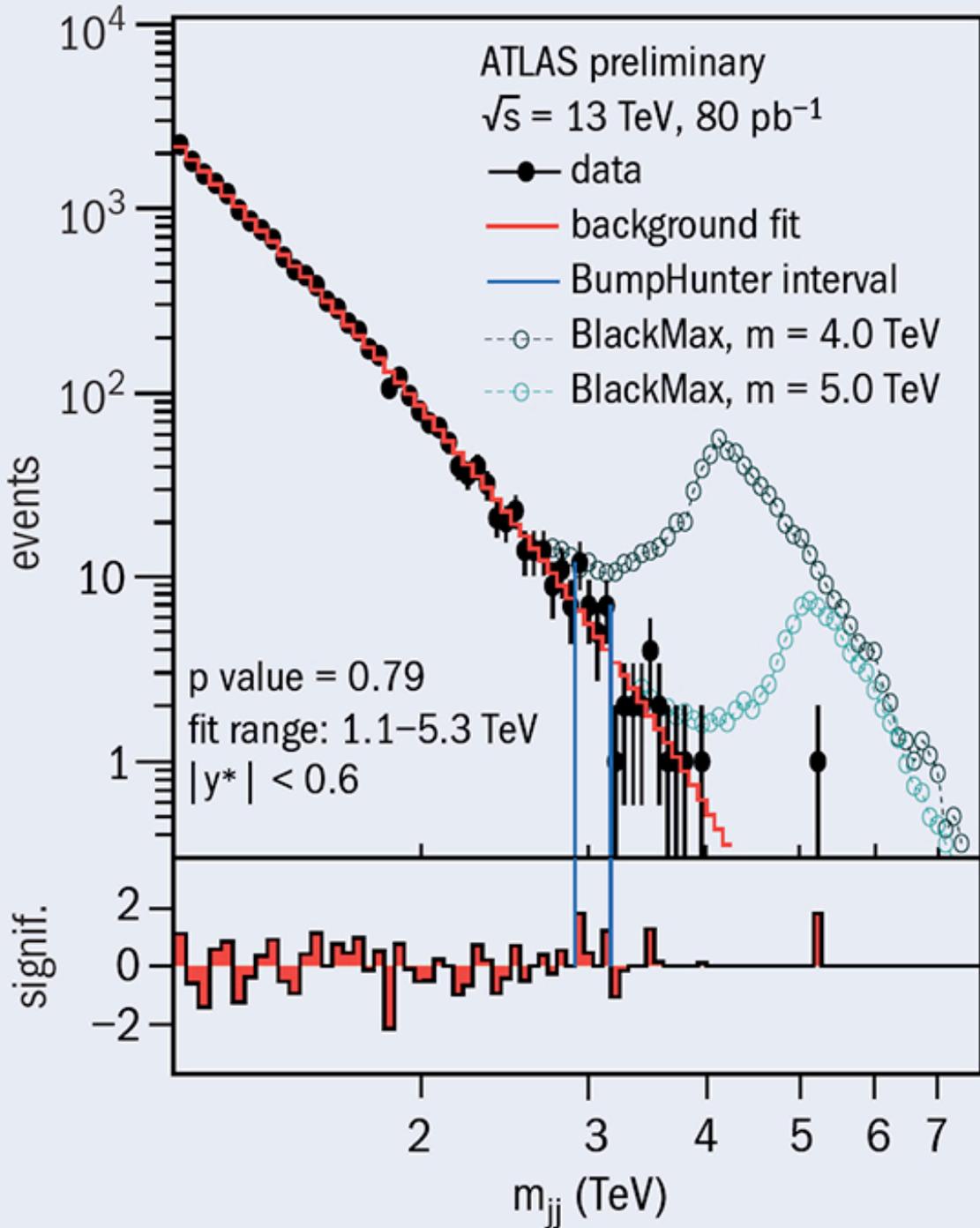


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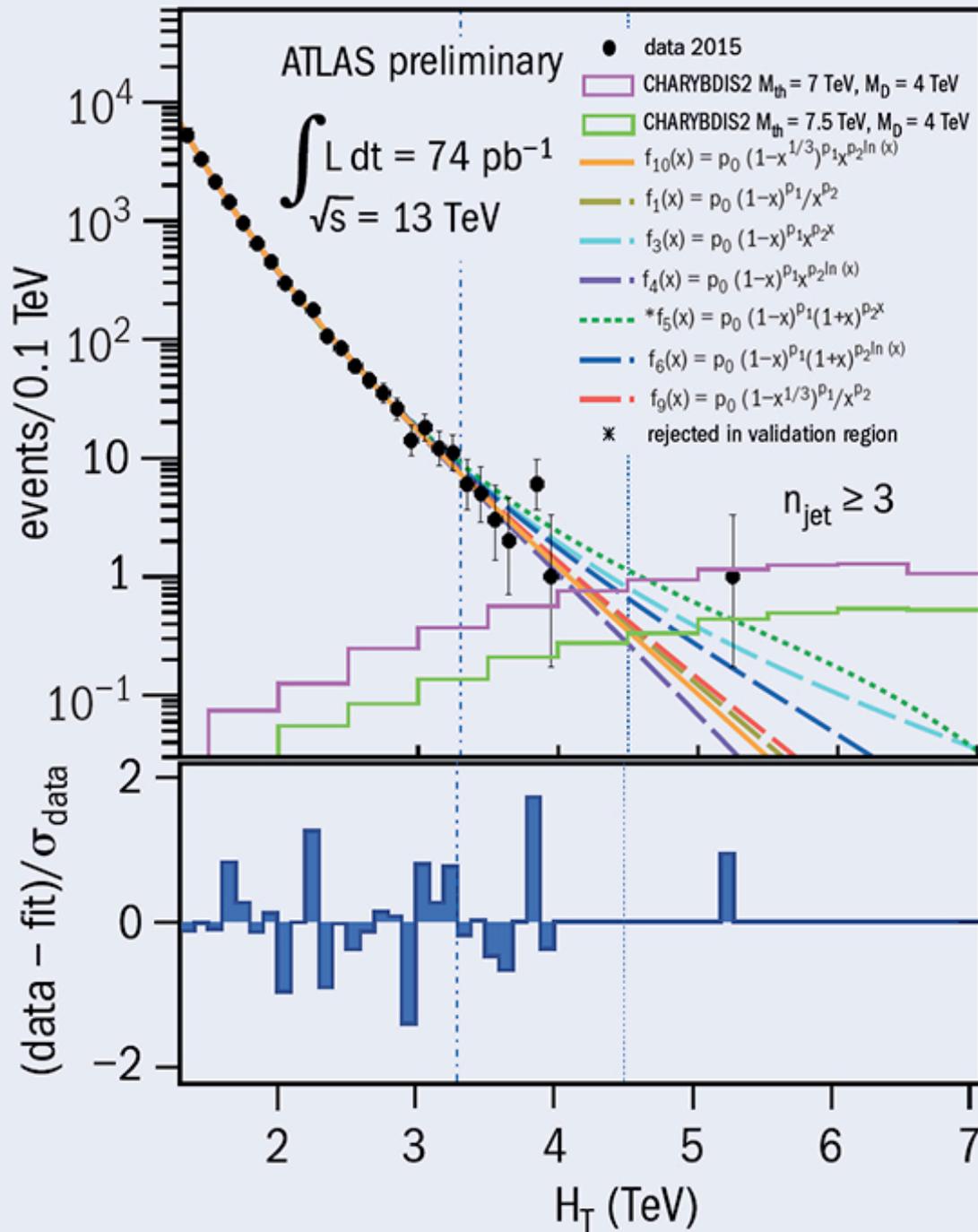


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The dijet mass distribution (filled points) for selected events, together with predictions from BlackMax for two quantum-black-hole signals, normalized to the predicted cross-section.

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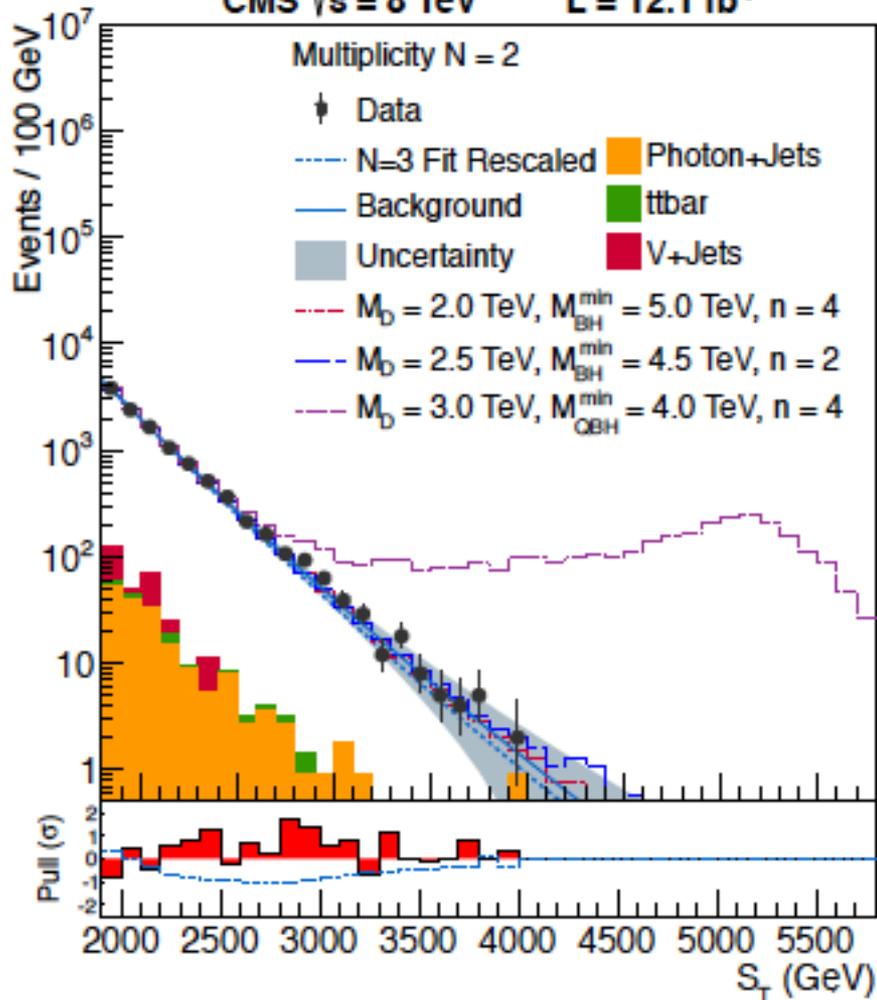
If micro BH exist will **Hawking decay** to a large number of SM particles

Scalar sum of jet transverse momenta (HT) in high-multiplicity events fitted by the baseline function (solid line) and six alternatives (dashed lines). Examples of simulated signals are also shown. The bottom panel shows the bin-by-bin significance of the difference between the data and the fit, where the fit prediction is taken from the baseline function.

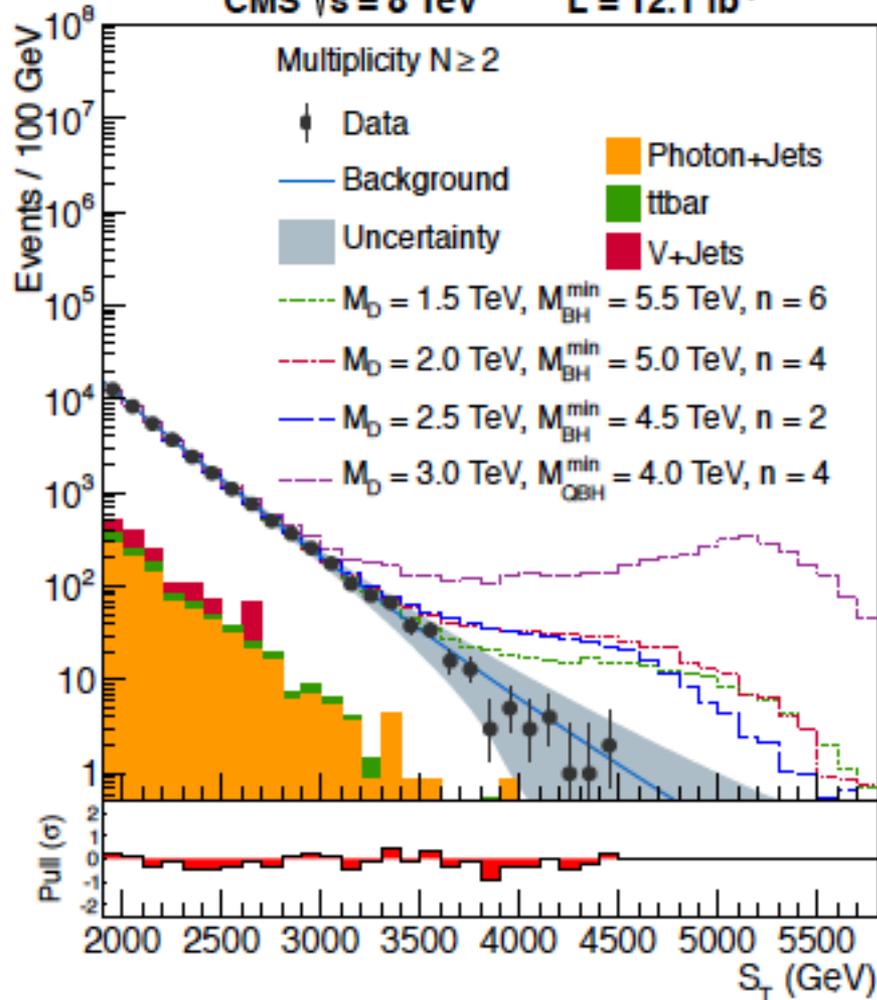
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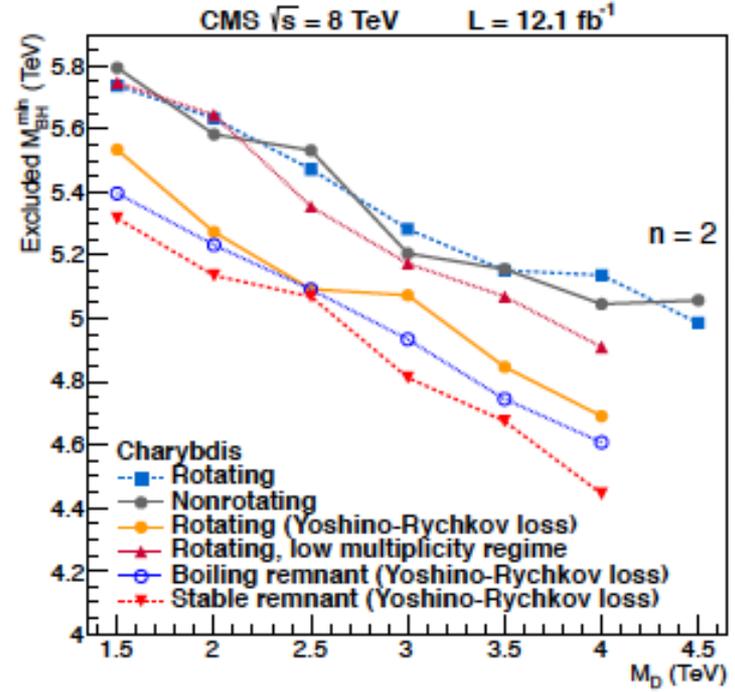
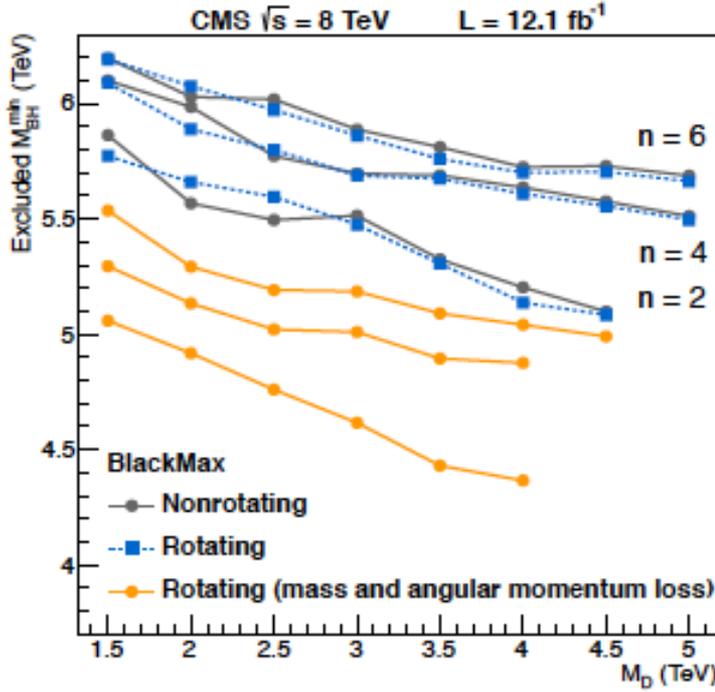
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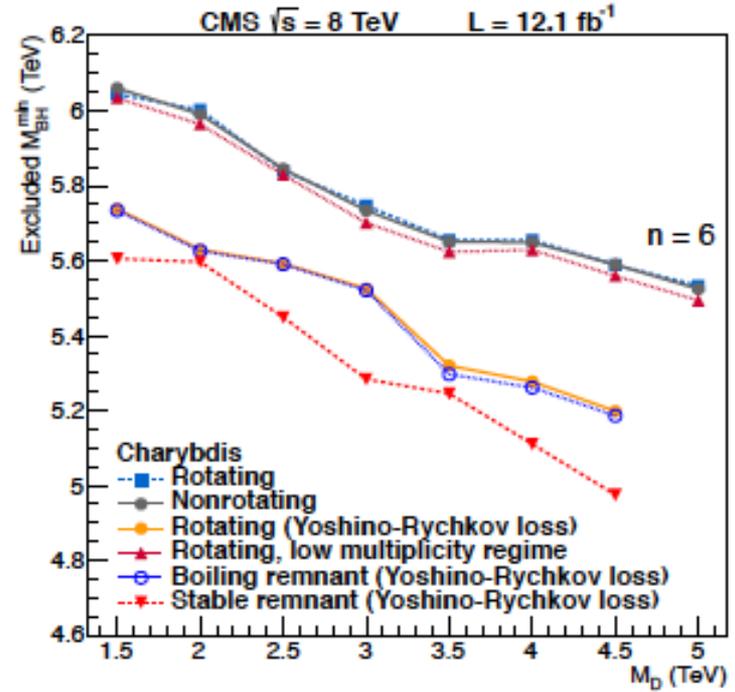
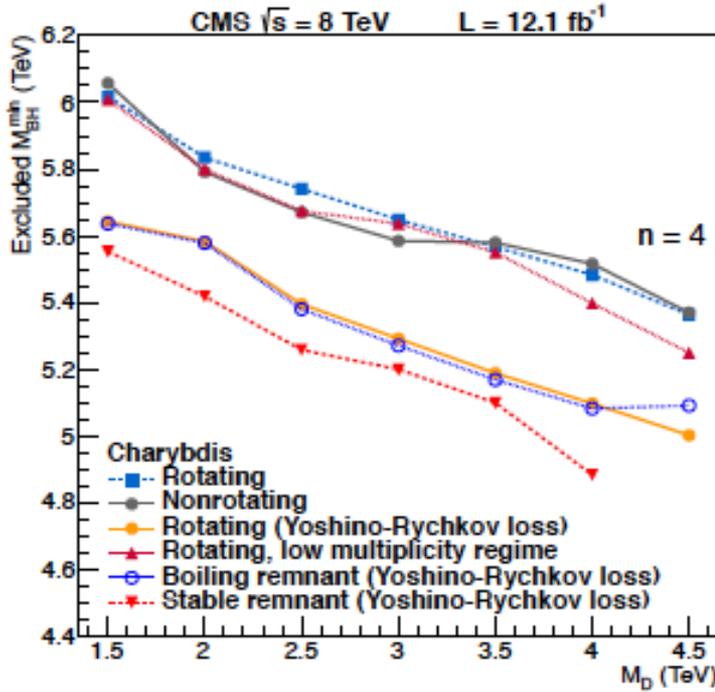
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Distribution of the scalar sum of transverse energy,  $S_T$ , for events with multiplicity:  $N$

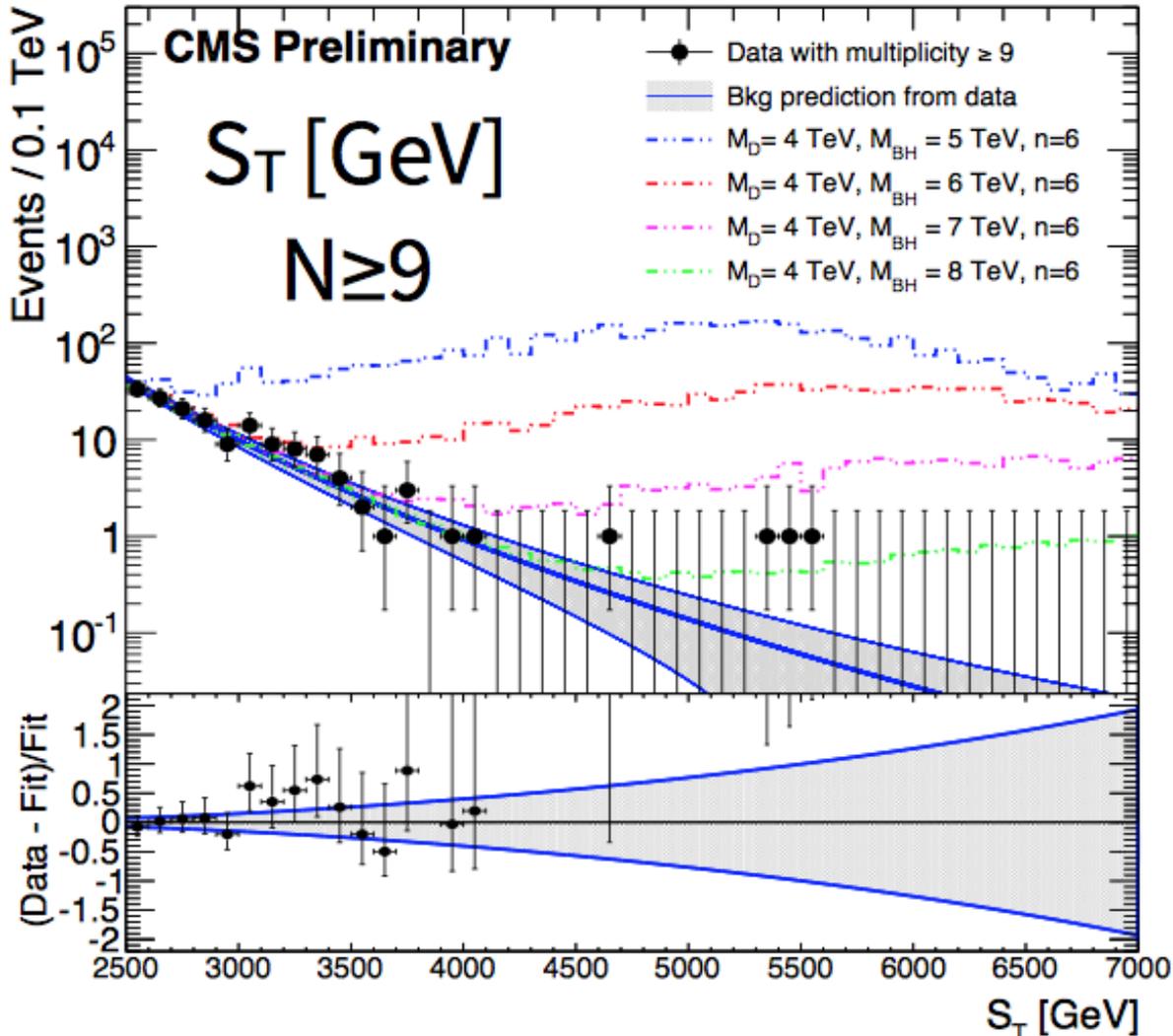


area  
below  
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2.2 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)



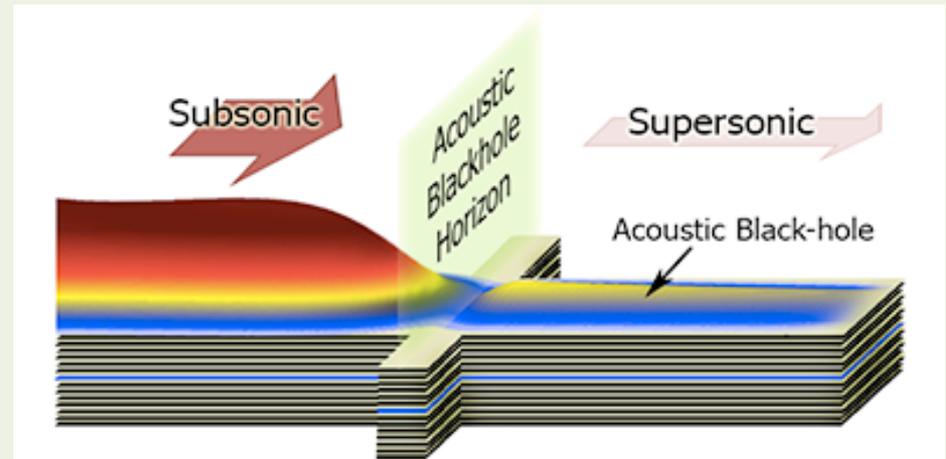
**Black Hole Masses < 8-9 TeV excluded, depending on models and assumptions**

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SUGRA @ 40 (2016)**

## Analogue (Sonic or Acoustic) Black Holes in Condensed matter

**Phonons (sound perturbations) unable to escape from a fluid flowing faster than the speed of sound → analogies with light trapped in BH horizons:** surface of sonic black hole at which the flow speed changes from being greater than the sound speed to being less than then sound speed is called the Horizon analogue (frequency of phonons approaches zero). **Phononic version of Hawking radiation at the horizon** → useful analogues for drawing conclusions on astrophysical black holes?

First predicted by Unruh in 1981 , elaborated further by Visser 1997, demonstrating the existence of Hawking radiation phononic analogue.



First experimental demonstration in **rubidium Bose-Einstein condensate** in 2009 **O. Lahav, A. Itah, A. Blumkin, C. Gordon & J. Steinhauer, [arXiv:0906.1337](https://arxiv.org/abs/0906.1337) (2009).**

First Self-amplifying phononic Hawking radiation (analogue BH laser) observed in 2014 **J. Steinhauer, Nat Phys [doi:10.1038/nphys3104](https://doi.org/10.1038/nphys3104) (2014).**

**SPHALERONS**

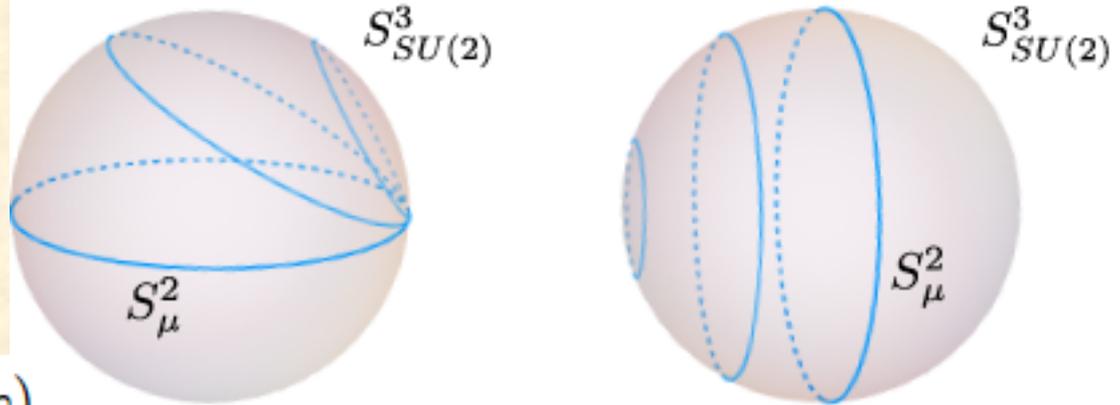
# SPHALERONS:

**Static unstable** solutions of **Electroweak theory** playing an important role for **Baryo/Leptogenesis**

Euclidean instanton solutions imply SU(2) Vacua labelled by  $n \rightarrow$  Minkowski gauge & scalar fields

$$A_i(\mu, r, \theta, \varphi) \quad \Phi(\mu, r, \theta, \varphi)$$

$$0 \leq \mu < \pi$$



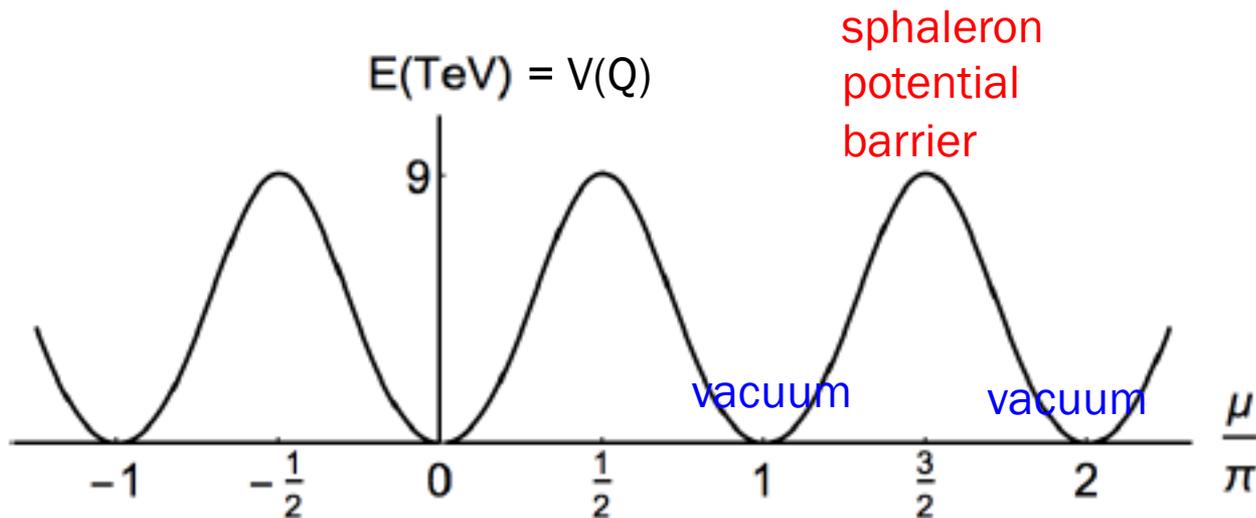
$$\pi_3(SU(2)) = \pi_3(S^3) = \mathbb{Z}.$$

$S^2$  maximum size at  $\mu=\pi/2$  (**sphaleron-unstable**),  $S^2$  shrinks  $\rightarrow 0$  @  $\mu=0, \pi$

A sphaleron may convert baryon to antileptons and antibaryons to leptons  $\rightarrow$   
(i) wipe out any baryon asymmetry generated before the electroweak symmetry breaking (when sphalerons were abundant) (ii) a baryon net excess can be created during the EW breaking but it can be preserved if the breaking is **first order**

They also **preserve B-L** so they can communicate Lepton number violation to Baryonic sector in some theories of Leptogenesis, which is then transformed to Baryogenesis

Manton (1983)



**periodic sphaleron potential in EW theory**

Effective one-dim Schroedinger eq.

$$\left( -\frac{1}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial Q^2} + V(Q) \right) \Psi(Q) = E \Psi(Q)$$

$$Q = \mu/m_W$$

For SM values  $E_{sph} = \max[V(Q)] = V\left(\frac{\pi}{2m_W}\right) = 9.11 \text{ TeV}$

**Tye & Wong (2015)**

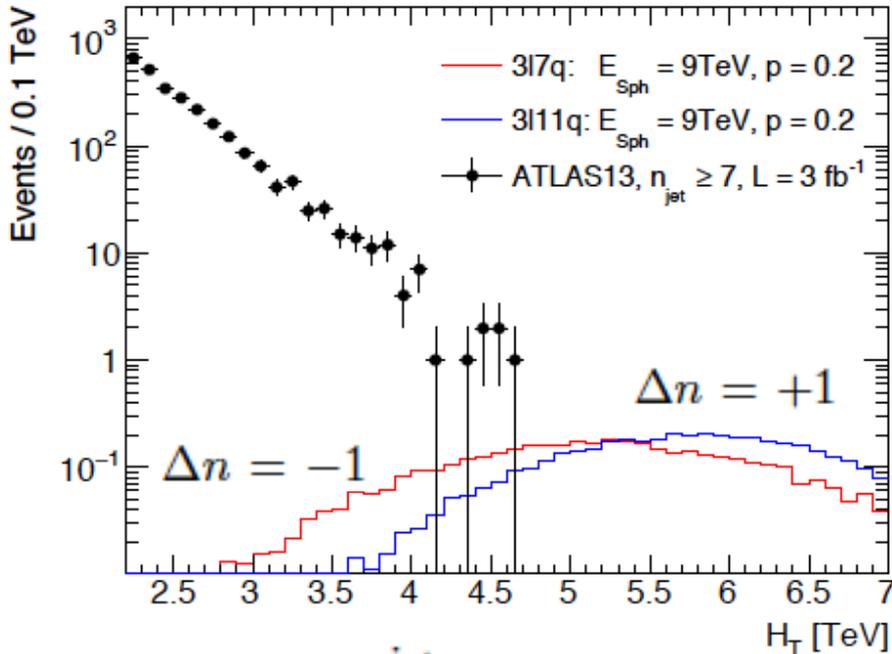
Solution for the Bloch wave function  $\rightarrow$  **baryon-lepton number violating** processes can occur **without tunnelling suppression**

**Interesting Phenomenology @ colliders: B+L violating processes**



$$q_L + q_L \rightarrow \bar{l}_e \bar{l}_\mu \bar{l}_\tau \bar{q} \bar{q} \bar{q} \bar{q} \bar{q} \bar{q} \bar{q} + X \quad \leftarrow \text{any number of } W^\pm, Z$$

$$q_L + q_L \rightarrow e^- \mu^- \tau^- b b b c c c d d d u u + X \quad E_1 + E_2 \geq E_{sph} \text{ NO SUPPRESSION}$$



$$H_T \equiv \sum p_T^{\text{jet}}$$

**DATA POINTS** : number of events with  $n_{\text{jet}} \geq 3$   
**RED histogram**:  $\Delta n = -1$  sphaleron process  
 (3 antileptons, 7 antiquarks in final state)  
**BLUE histogram**:  $\Delta n = +1$  process  
 (3 leptons, 11 quarks in final state)

**parametrize cross section  
of parton-parton collisions**

$$\sigma(\Delta n = \pm 1) = \frac{p}{m_W^2} \sum_{ab} \int dE \frac{d\mathcal{L}_{ab}}{dE} \exp\left(c \frac{4\pi}{\alpha_W} S(E)\right)$$

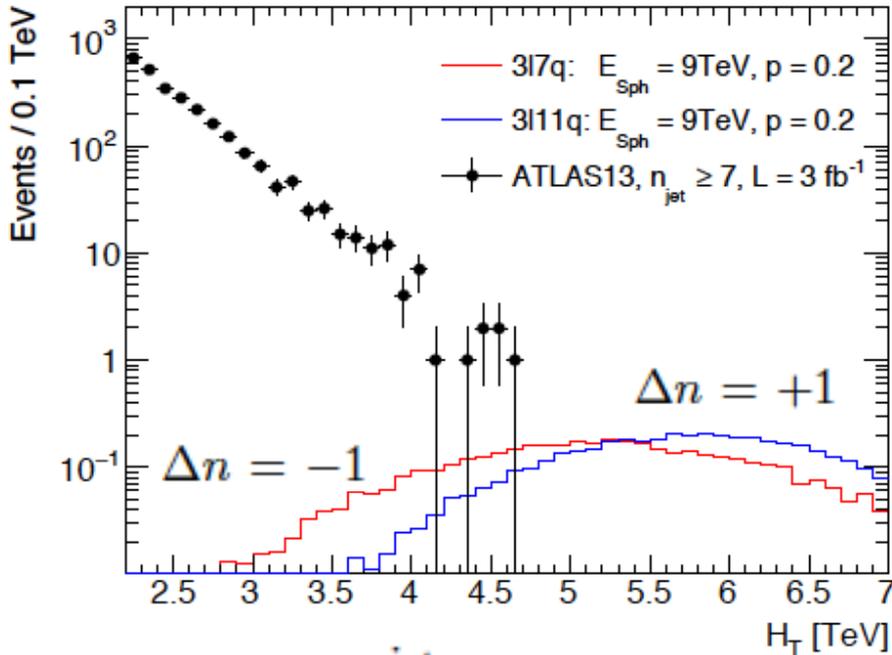
parton luminosity function of colliding quarks a and b

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}_{ab}}{dE} = \frac{2E}{E_{\text{CM}}^2} \int_{\ln \sqrt{\tau}}^{-\ln \sqrt{\tau}} dy f_a(\sqrt{\tau} e^y) f_b(\sqrt{\tau} e^{-y})$$

$$\tau = E^2 / E_{\text{CM}}^2$$

centre of mass  
energy of pp collision

# Searches @ LHC

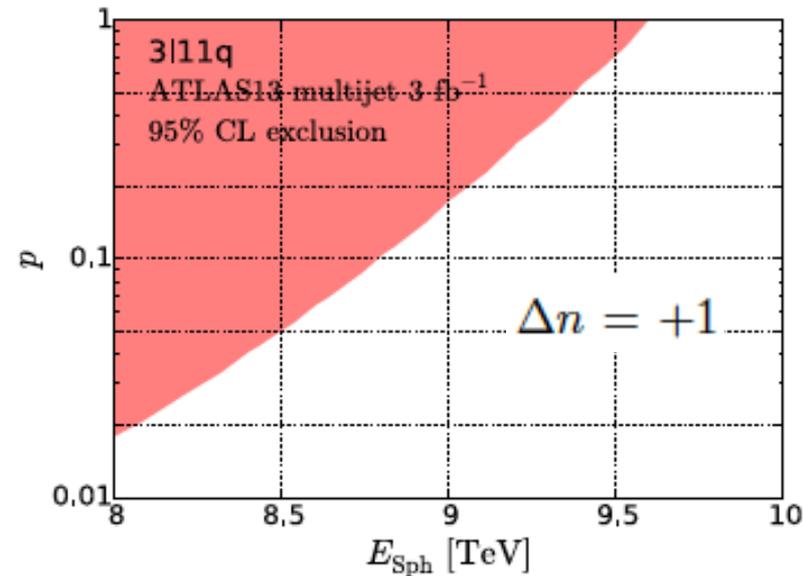
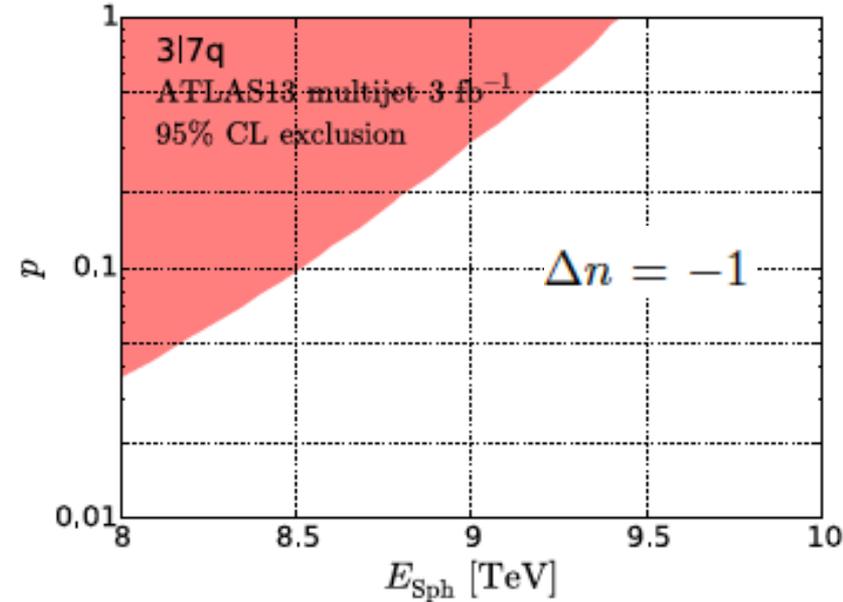


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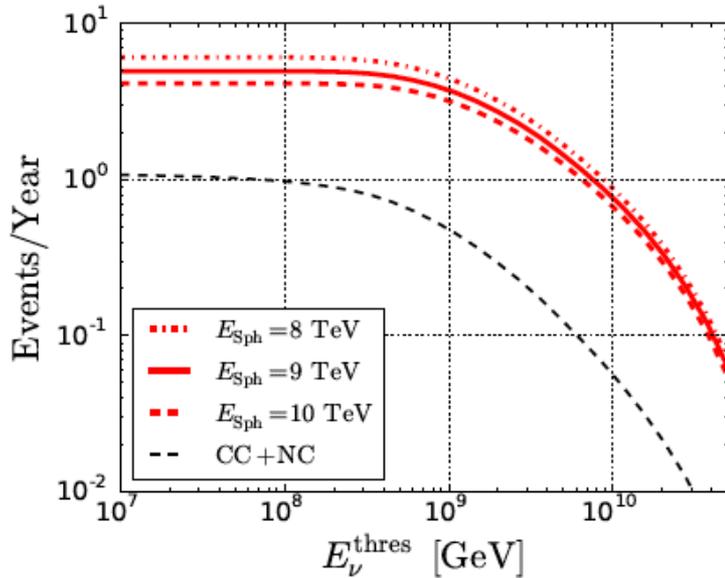
**exclusion region**: recast 13 TeV ATLAS data for microscopic BH at  $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

# Ellis, Sakurai



# Searches in ICECUBE

Ellis, Sakurai, Spannowsky  
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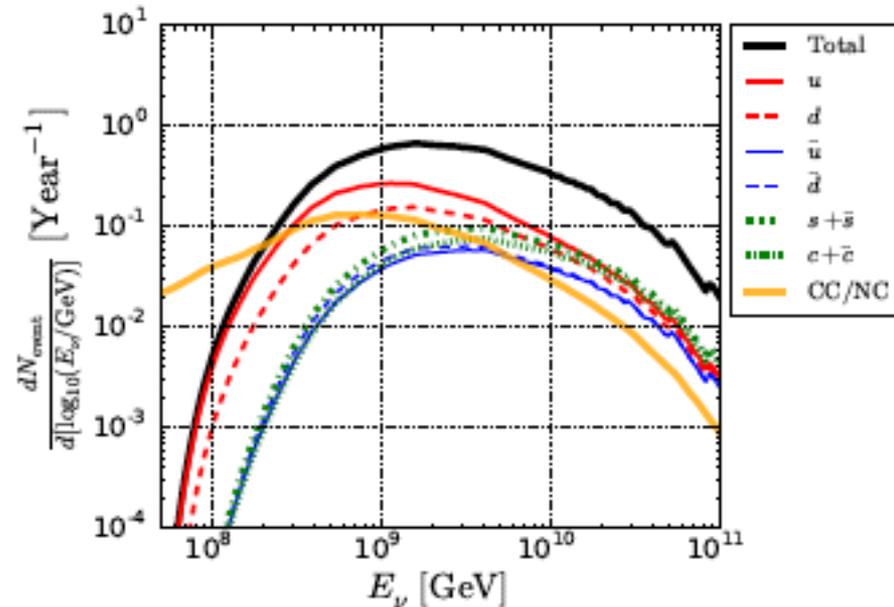
parametrize  
sphaleron-induced  
neutrino-quark  
collision

$$\hat{\sigma}_{q\nu}(\hat{s}) = \frac{p}{m_W^2}$$

$$\sigma_{\nu N}(E_\nu) = \sum_a \int_0^1 dx f_q(x, \mu) \hat{\sigma}_{q\nu}(2xm_N E_\nu)$$

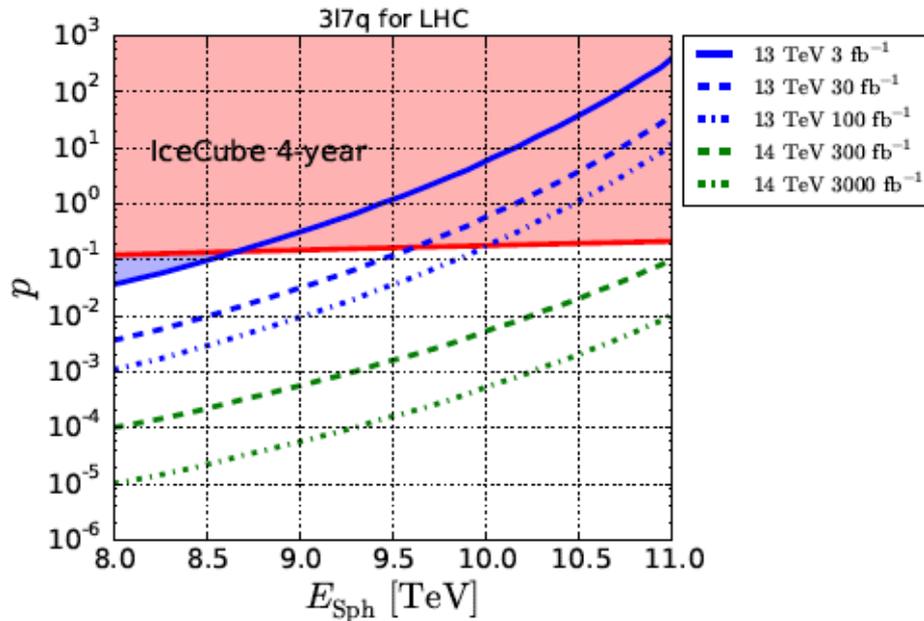
sphaleron-event rate in ICECUBE

$$\frac{dN_{\text{Sph}}}{dt} = \int_{E_\nu^{\text{thres}}} dE_\nu \int d\Omega \frac{\sigma_{\nu N}^{\text{Sph}}(E_\nu)}{\sigma_{\nu N}^{\text{CC/NC}}(E_\nu)} A_{\text{eff}}(E_\nu) \frac{d^2\Phi}{dE_\nu dt d\Omega}$$



# COMPARISON ICECUBE-LHC

Ellis, Sakurai, Spannowsky  
1603.06573



$\Delta n = -1$  sphaleron transitions

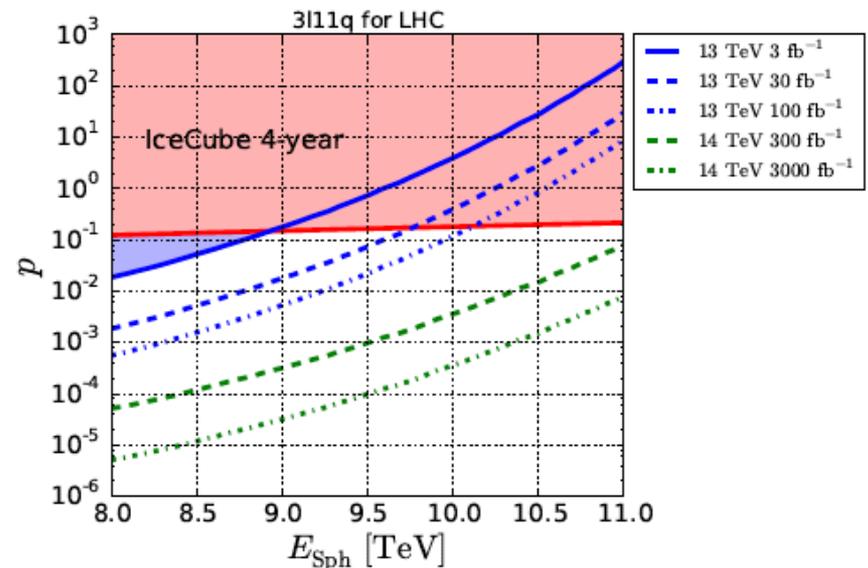
## Conclusion: ICECUBE

advantageous for **high** sphaleron energies  $E_{\text{sph}}$ ,

**LHC** for **small**  $E_{\text{sph}}$

**solid blue:** recast of an ATLAS search for microscopic Back holes at 3  $\text{fb}^{-1}$

$\Delta n = +1$  transitions

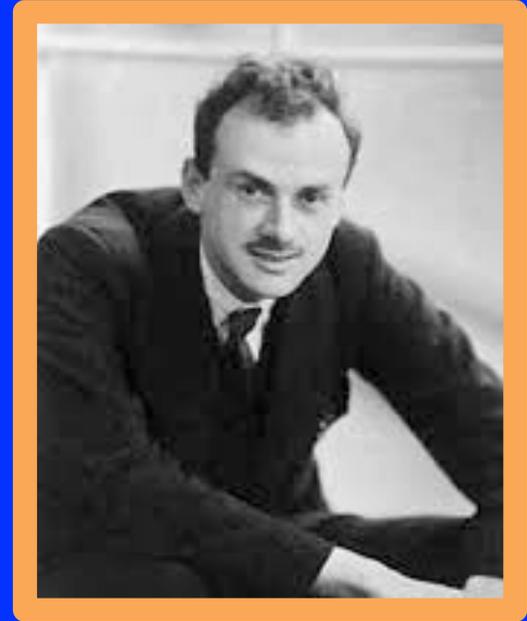
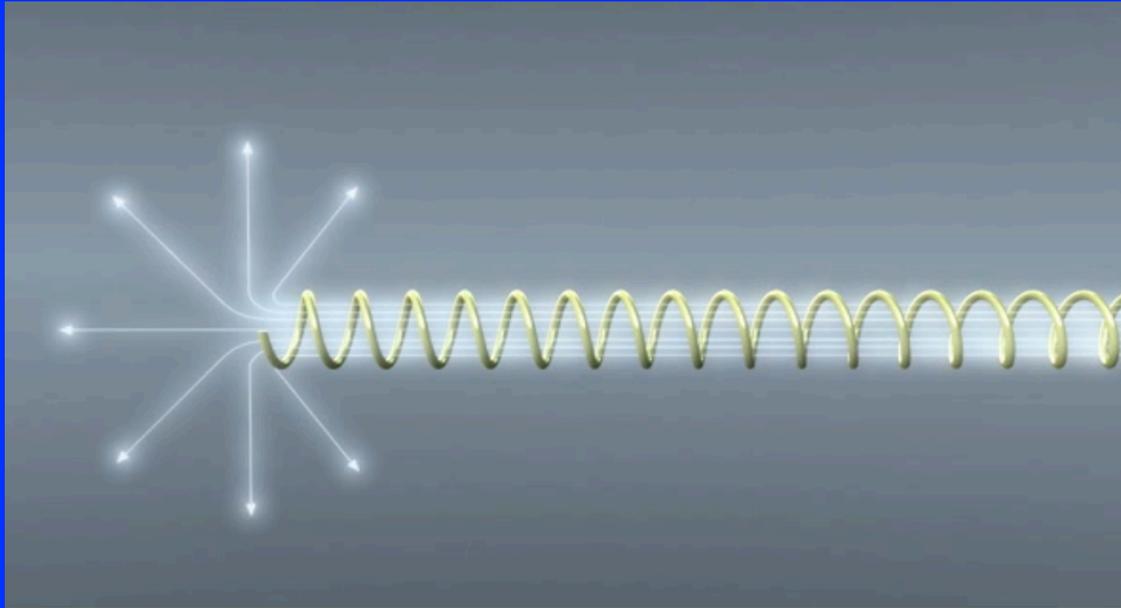


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**POLES**



# Dirac's Monopole

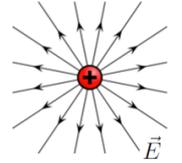
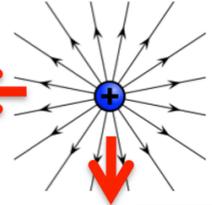
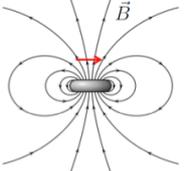


- *In 1931 Dirac hypothesized that the Monopole exists as the end of an infinitely long and thin solenoid - the “Dirac String”*
- *Requiring that the string is not seen gives us the Dirac Quantization Condition & explains the quantization of charge!*

$$ge = \left[ \frac{\hbar c}{2} \right] n \quad \text{OR} \quad g = \frac{n}{2\alpha} e \quad \left( \text{from } \frac{4\pi e g}{\hbar c} = 2\pi n \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \right)$$



# Dirac's Monopole symmetrizes Equations

Name	Without Magnetic Monopoles	With Magnetic Monopoles
Gauss's law:	 $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 4\pi\rho_e$	$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 4\pi\rho_e$
Gauss' law for magnetism:	$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$	$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 4\pi\rho_m$ 
Faraday's law of induction:	$-\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$	$-\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} + 4\pi\vec{J}_m$
Ampère's law (with Maxwell's extension):	 $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + 4\pi\vec{J}_e$	$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + 4\pi\vec{J}_e$
<b>Lorentz force law</b>	$\mathbf{F} = q_e \left( \mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \times \mathbf{B} \right)$	$\mathbf{F} = q_e \left( \mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \times \mathbf{B} \right) + q_m \left( \mathbf{B} - \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \times \mathbf{E} \right)$

For Dirac monopole

$$\mathbf{E} = 0, \quad \mathbf{B} = g \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r^3}$$



# Schwinger's Dyon

22 August 1969, Volume 165, Number 3895

## SCIENCE

### A Magnetic Model of Matter

A speculation probes deep within the structure of nuclear particles and predicts a new form of matter.

Julian Schwinger

*And now we might add something concerning a certain most subtle Spirit, which pervades and lies hid in all gross bodies.*

—Newton

and hypercharge, which serve also to specify the electric charge of the particle. What is the dynamical meaning of these properties that are related to but distinct from electric charge? In

never seriously doubted that here was the missing general principle referred to in 2). And Dirac himself noted the basis for the reconciliation called for in 1). The law of reciprocal electric and magnetic charge quantization is such that the unit of magnetic charge, deduced from the known unit of electric charge, is quite large. It should be very difficult to separate opposite magnetic charges in what is normally magnetically neutral matter. Thus, through the unquestioned quantitative asymmetry between electric and magnetic charge, their qualitative relationship might be upheld.

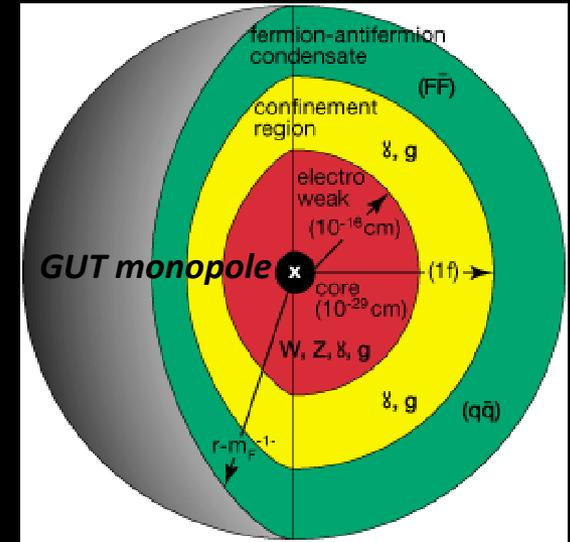
What is new is the proposed contact with the mysteries noted under 3) and



- Postulated a “dyon” that carries electric & magnetic charge
- Quantisation of angular momentum with two dyons  $(q_{e1}, q_{m1})$  and  $(q_{e2}, q_{m2})$  yields
 
$$(q_{e1}, q_{m1}) - (q_{e2}, q_{m2}) = 2nh/m_0 \quad (n \text{ is an integer})$$
- Fundamental magnetic charge is now  $2g_D$  ( $g_D = \text{Dirac's magn. charge}$ )
  - If the fundamental charge is  $1/3$  (d-quark) as the fundamental electric charge then the fundamental magnetic charge becomes  $6g_D$



# The 't Hooft-Polyakov Monopole



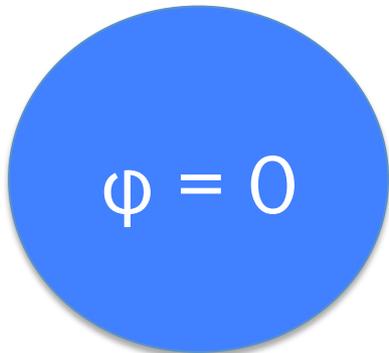
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**Important Connection** of 't Hooft-Polyakov Monopole with spontaneous symmetry breaking → **Higgs-like excitations**



$$\mathcal{L}(t, \vec{x}) = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} (D_\mu \phi^a) (D^\mu \phi^a) - \frac{1}{4} \lambda (\phi^a \phi^a - \eta^2)^2$$

Assume appropriate GUT non-abelian group (eg SU(5)) admitting monopoles → spontaneously broken



**$\phi = \eta \neq 0$  ( $r \rightarrow \infty$ )**  
**symmetry**  
**broken**

Assume mass concentrate inside **the core** of **size L**

Outside the core  
 $f \approx 1 \rightarrow \chi^\alpha \chi^\alpha \rightarrow \eta^2$

$V \rightarrow 0$  (non trivial minimum)



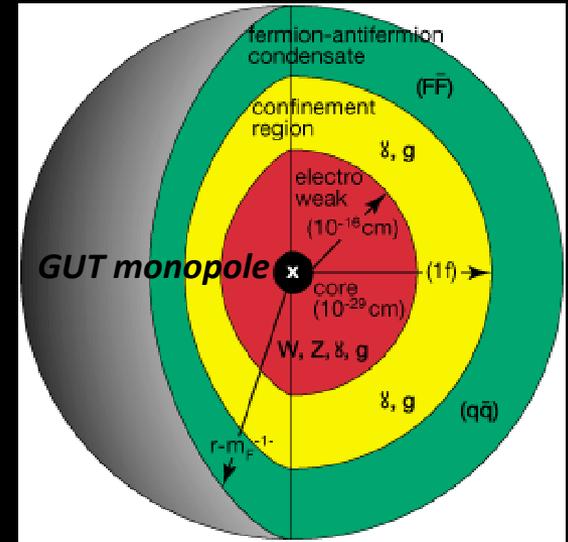
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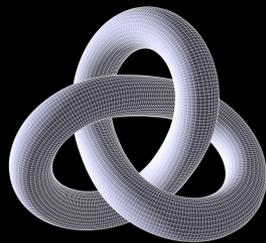


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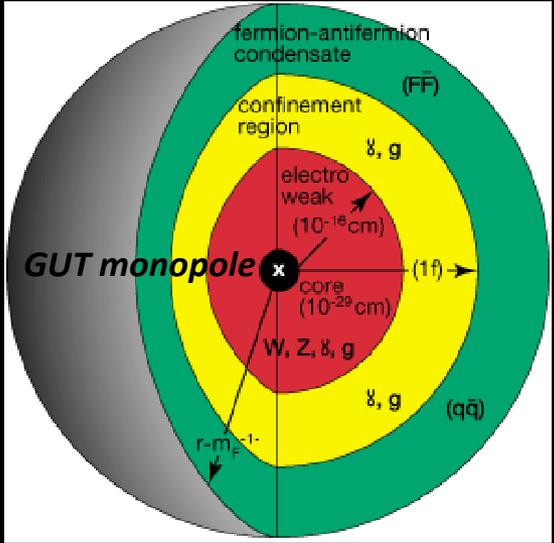
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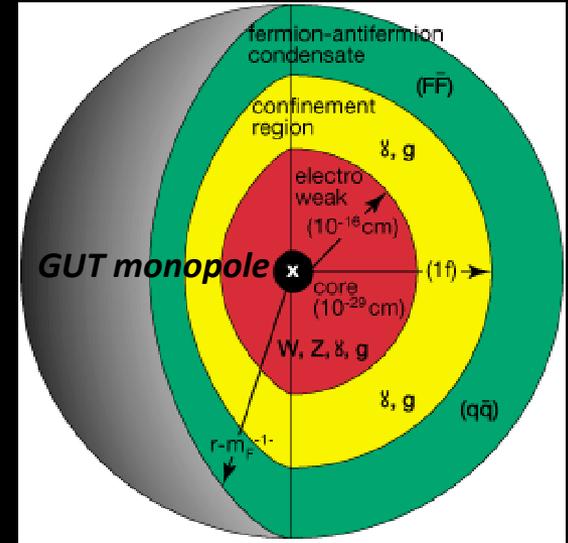
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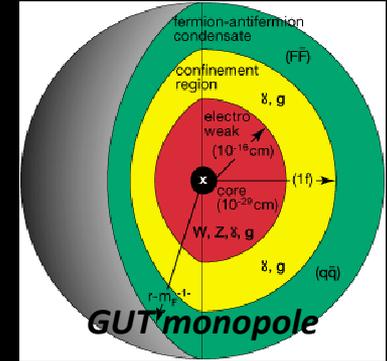
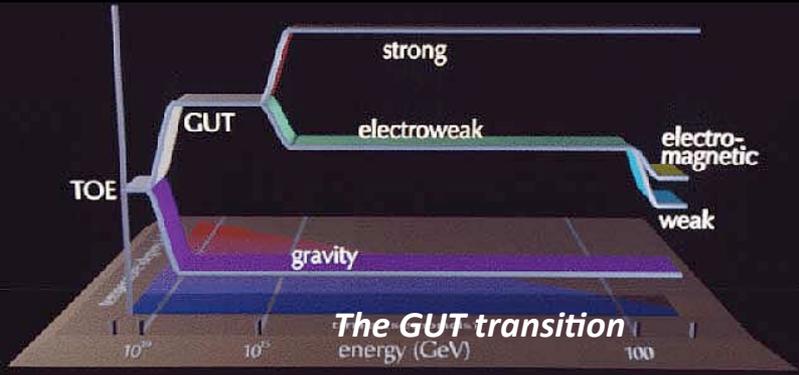
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**10<sup>15-16</sup> GeV**

# The GUT Monopole (GUM)



- A symmetry-breaking phase transition caused the creation of topological defects as the universe froze out at the GUT trans.
  - The GUM is a tiny replica of the Big Bang with mass  $\sim 0.02 \mu\text{g}$  ( $10^{16} \text{ GeV}$ )
  - GUT monopoles should comprise  $10^{11} \times \rho_{\text{critical}}$  of the Universe !!
  - Guth introduced the inflationary scenario to dilute the monopoles to an acceptable level and also solve the horizon and flatness problems.
- Lighter “Intermediate Mass Monopoles” can be produced at later Phase Transitions – mass  $10^{10} \text{ GeV}$  or lower

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 SO(10) & \xrightarrow{10^{15} \text{ GeV}} & SU(4) \times SU(2) \times SU(2) & \xrightarrow{10^9 \text{ GeV}} & SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1) \\
 & & 10^{-35} \text{ g} & & 10^{-23} \text{ g}
 \end{array}$$



# GUT Monopole Catalysis of $p$ -Decay

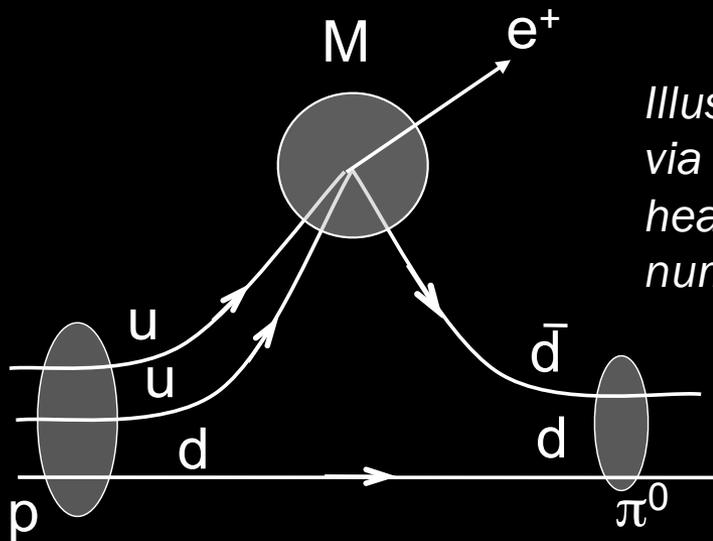


Illustration of monopole catalysis of proton decay via the Rubakov-Callan Mechanism via super heavy gauge bosons that mediate baryon number violation

- The central core of the GUT retains the original symmetry containing the field of the superheavy “X” all quarks and leptons are here essentially indistinguishable
- Protons can be induced to decay with x-section of  $\sigma_B \beta \sim 10^{-27} \text{ cm}^2$ - giving a line of catalyzed proton decays on the trail of the monopole
- One can search for non relativistic monopoles at water/ice detectors (IceCube, KamioKande, etc.) using catalysis

# But... GUT monopoles not alone in market

Other monopole states predicted in theories beyond the standard model, like strings (Wen & Witten) may have sufficiently low-masses (if string scale is low @ TeV) to be falsifiable at LHC energies





# Vacuum instabilities & light GUT monopoles?

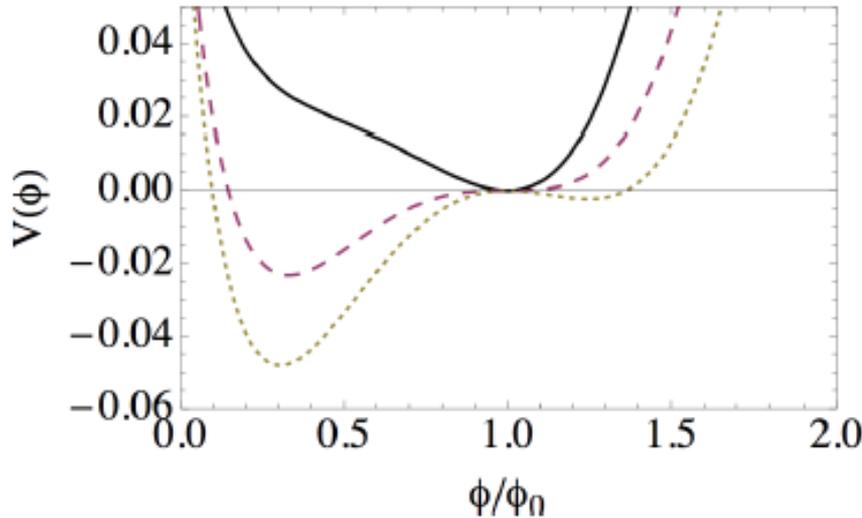
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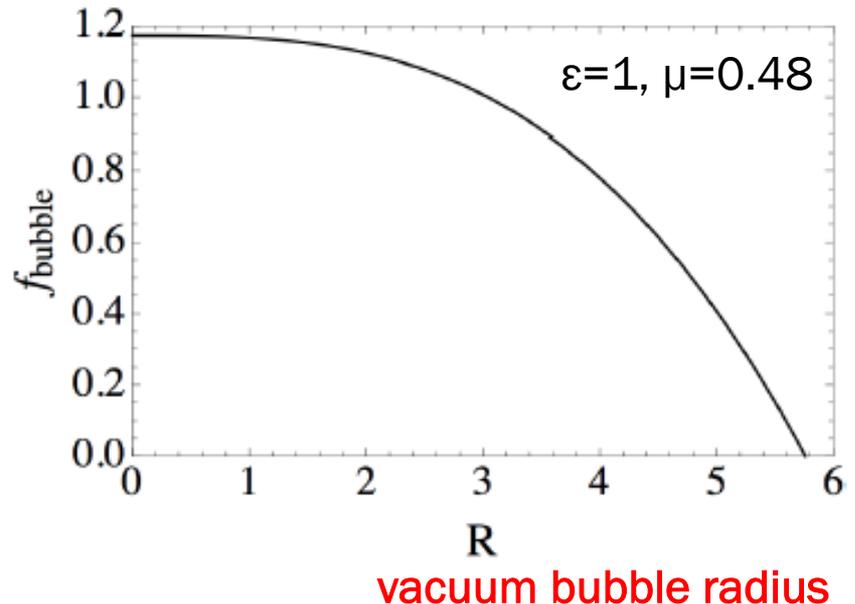
## Monopole Energy density

$$E(\epsilon, \mu) = \frac{M_W}{\alpha_{em}} f(\epsilon, \mu),$$

@ GUT scales



Original Higgs vacuum decays to a new true vacuum via **bubble formation** : true vacuum inside bubble of radius  $R$  (new scale) containing monopole, bubble surrounded by false vacua. **Monopole decays**



vacuum bubble radius



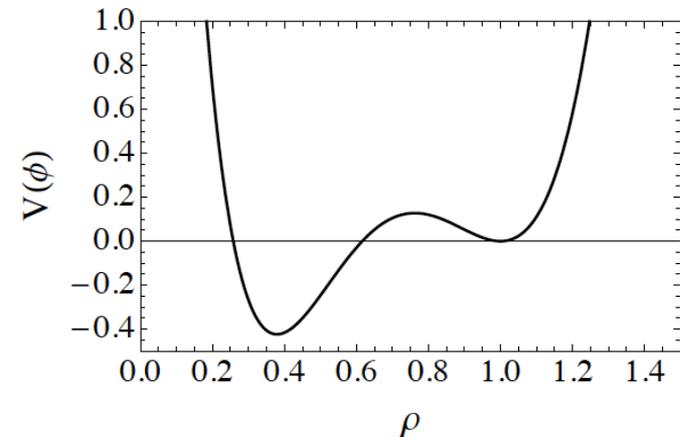
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Courtesy: Vicente Vento (Valencia)

Work in progress on description of monopole structure & study of possible consequences.

## Modifications of Georgi-Glashow (MGG) model

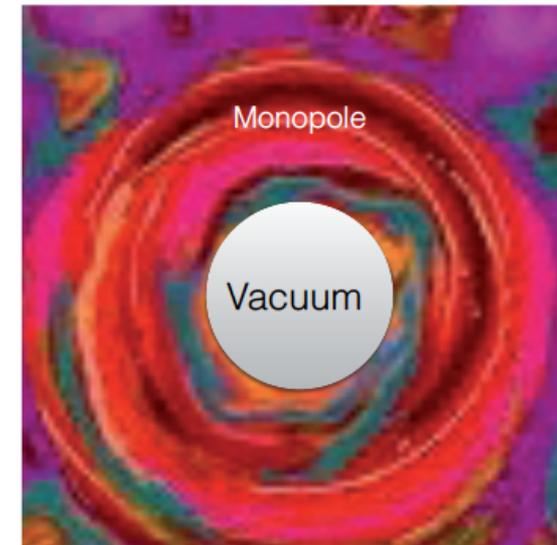
- towards **smaller** monopole masses **BUT ALSO stable monopoles**
- **relevance to MoEDAL**



Monopole structure in MGG model:

Bag model: **core:** true quasi empty vacuum  
**outside:** a monopole tail

The bigger the core  
the smaller the mass



But ...there may already be...  
several, light monopolies in the ...air

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Champagne and Prosecco – Why not share a bottle  
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# Electroweak Magnetic Monopole?

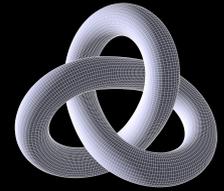
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Important role of  $U_Y(1)$  for SM admitting monopole solutions



$SU(2) \times U_Y(1) / U_{em}(1) \rightarrow CP^1$  structure

$\rightarrow \pi_2(CP^1) = \mathbb{Z}$ , Higgs doublet as  $CP^1$  field

$\rightarrow$  **non trivial topology (knot - like soliton)**



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## SOLUTION

NB: apparent string-like singularity in  $\xi$ ,  $B$  is gauge artefact, can be removed by making U(1) non-trivial  $\rightarrow$  e/w Dyon

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\rho(r)\xi(\theta, \varphi), \quad \xi = i \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\theta/2) e^{-i\varphi} \\ -\cos(\theta/2) \end{pmatrix},$$
$$\hat{\phi} = \xi^\dagger \vec{\tau} \xi = -\hat{r},$$
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**BUT... POINT-SINGULARITY OF CHO-MAISON MONOPOLE MAKES ESTIMATE OF MASS CLASSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE →**  
**Need to find FINITE-ENERGY SOLUTIONS**



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hypercharge ``photon''

weak interactions  
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$$\epsilon(|\phi|^2) \rightarrow 1$$
$$r \rightarrow \infty$$

Assume Higgs field affects  $U_Y(1)$  permittivity of vacuum  
e.g. due to quantum (loop) corrections

$U(1)_Y$  gauge coupling  $\rightarrow$  "running"

$$g' \rightarrow \bar{g}' = g' / \sqrt{\epsilon}.$$



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For finite energy of Cho-Maison Dyon we need

$$\epsilon \simeq \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^n, \quad n > 4 + 2\sqrt{3} \simeq 7.46.$$

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \rho \xi, \quad (\xi^\dagger \xi = 1),$$

$$\epsilon \simeq \left(\rho/\rho_0\right)^n \propto \left(\frac{\phi\phi^\dagger}{\rho_0^2}\right)^{n/2}$$

$$n > 4 + 2\sqrt{3} \simeq 7.46$$

**Theoretical** requirement for finiteness of energy

**OPEN ISSUES:** Examine potential effects of Higgs-dependent 'dielectric constant' modification  $\epsilon(\varphi)$  of  $U_Y(1)$  vacuum in **electroweak data**

→ **Bounds on n**

Ellis, NEM, You PLB 756, 25 (2016)

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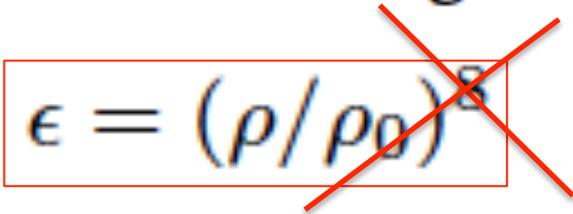
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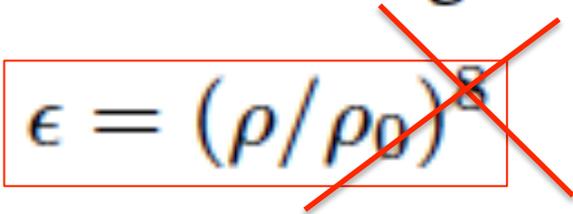


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Dim 6 operators  
complete EFT analysis

**Ellis, Sanz, You JHEP 1503 (2015)**

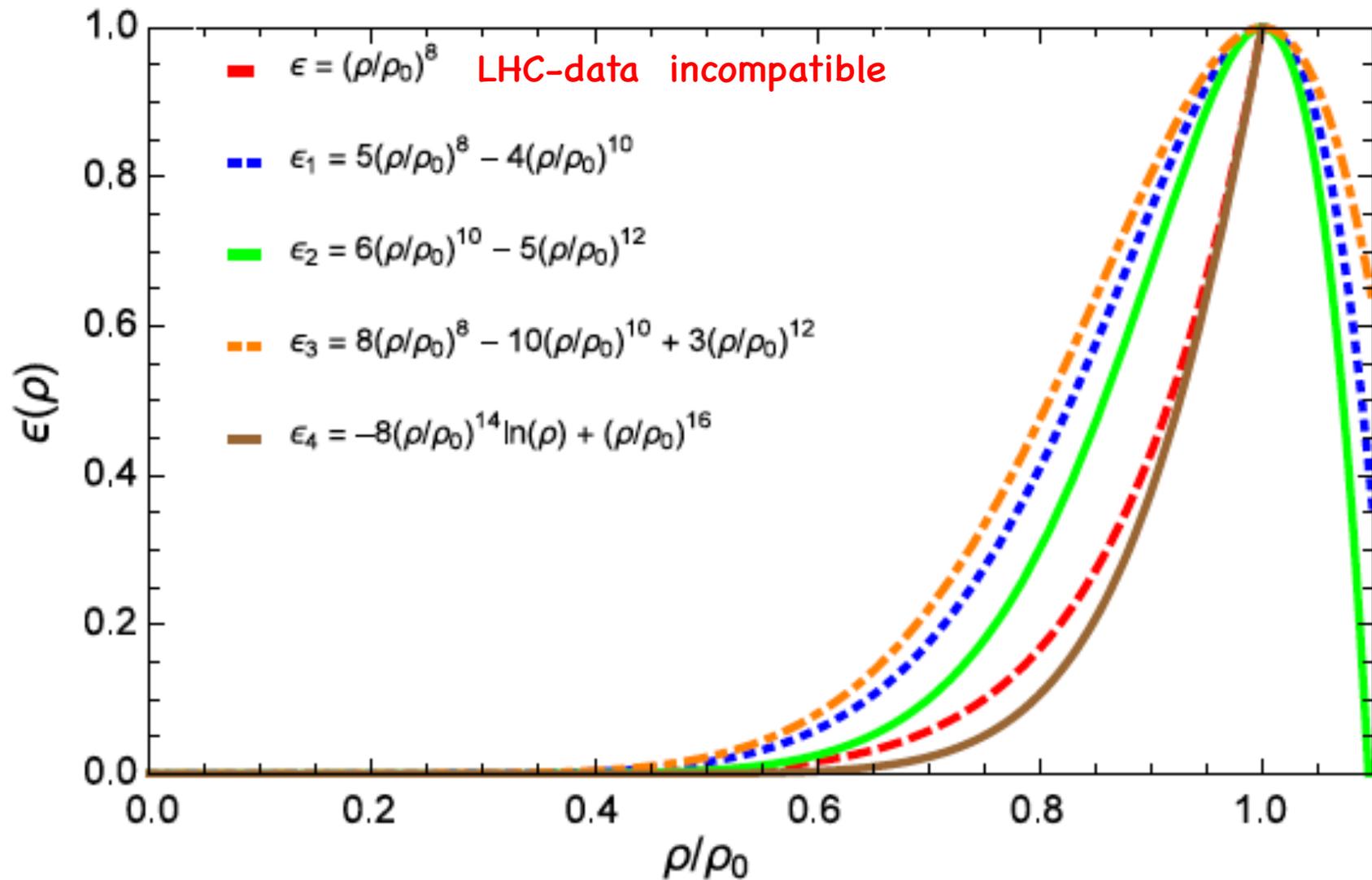
$$\frac{c_\gamma}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_\gamma \equiv \frac{\bar{c}_\gamma}{M_W^2} g'^2 |H|^2 B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$$

**Global fit to LHC data**

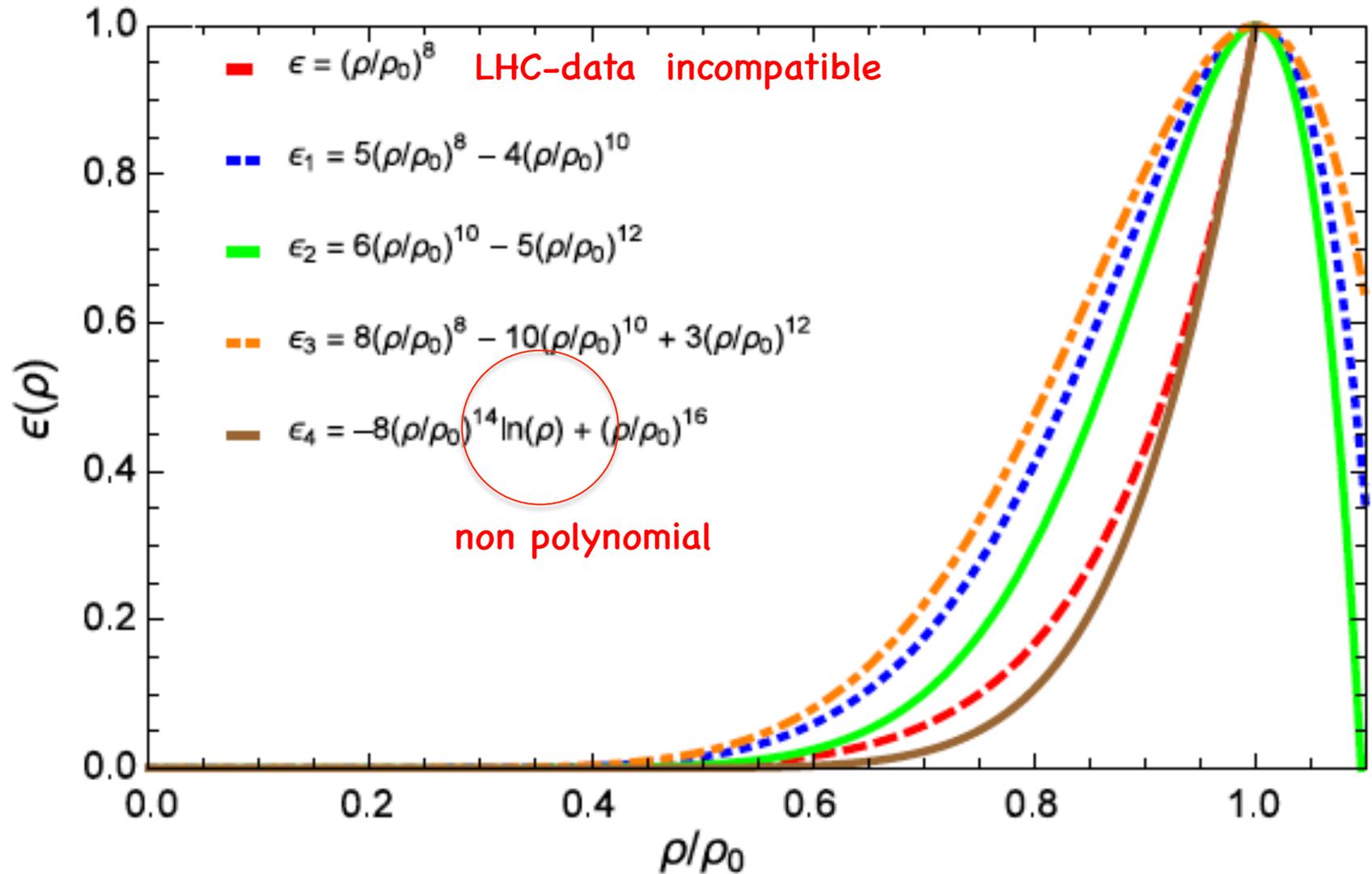
$$\bar{c}_\gamma = O(10^{-3}) < 0$$

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$6\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^{10} - 5\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^{12}$	6.2
$8\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^8 - 10\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^{10} + 3\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^{12}$	6.8
$8\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^{14} - 7\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^{16}$	5.7
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Ellis, NEM, You PLB 756, 25 (2016)

Gravitation can reduce the mass further

Cho, Kim, Yoon , arXiv:1605.08129



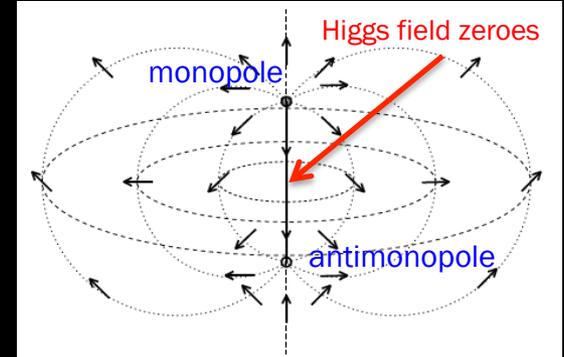
# Other Monopole-like EW structures

Review:  
Achucarro & Vachaspati  
Phys Repts 327 (2000)

- Electroweak Strings (Nambu's Dumb-bell configurations)

$$M_N \simeq \frac{4\pi}{3e} \sin^{5/2} \theta_W \sqrt{\frac{m_H}{m_W}} \mu$$

$$\mu = m_W / g \quad M_N \simeq 689 \text{ GeV}$$



- Yang's singular monopole in electroweak SU(2) Yang-Mills

**NB:** Yang's monopole has IR infinities → regularised if embedded in gravity in even space-time dimensions:

Cebeci, Sarioglu, Tekin  
Phys.Rev. D78 (2008) 125016

$$ds^2 = -f^2(r) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f^2(r)} + r^2 d\Omega_{n-2}^2$$

$$f^2(r) = 1 - \frac{2m}{r^{n-3}} - \frac{\mu^2}{r^2} - \frac{2\Lambda r^2}{(n-2)(n-1)}$$

Reissner-Nordstrom  
Black Hole (BH)

$$\mu^2 = \frac{8\pi(n-3)}{(n-5)\sigma^2} \quad E = \frac{1}{4\Omega_{n-2}} \Omega_{n-2} (2(n-2)m) = \frac{m(n-2)}{2}$$

If TeV BH produced @ LHC → could have TeV mass Yang monopoles as well?



# Other Monopole-like EW structures

Rosy They, Ban-Loong Ng & Khai-Ming Wong  
arXiv: 1406.0978

- Half Monopole **AXISYMMETRIC** Solution in Weinberg-Salam Model:  
electromagnetic potential is singular along, say, z axis  
with half the magnetic charge of Cho-Maison monopole,  $g = 2\pi/e$

In U(1) magnetic field: solution is a finite-length line magnetic charge from  $r=0$

In SU(2) 't Hooft's magnetic field: is a point magnetic charge located at  $r=0$

has magnetic dipole moment that decreases exponentially with increasing Higgs self-coupling  $\lambda^{1/2}$  @  $\sin^2\theta_W = 0.23$

**IMPORTANT: FINITE TOTAL ENERGY** proportional to  $(1/2) \text{Log } \lambda$

$\lambda$	0	0.1	0.5	1	2	4	8	10	20	30	40
$E$	0.563	0.590	0.612	0.625	0.639	0.656	0.674	0.680	0.700	0.711	0.720
$\mu_m$	1.028	0.958	0.916	0.897	0.877	0.858	0.840	0.834	0.816	0.806	0.799

Table 2: Values of total energy  $E$  in units of  $\frac{1}{4\pi}$  and magnetic dipole moment  $\mu_m$  of the one-half monopole for various values of  $\lambda$  when  $\theta_W = 28.74^\circ$  and  $\zeta = 1$ .



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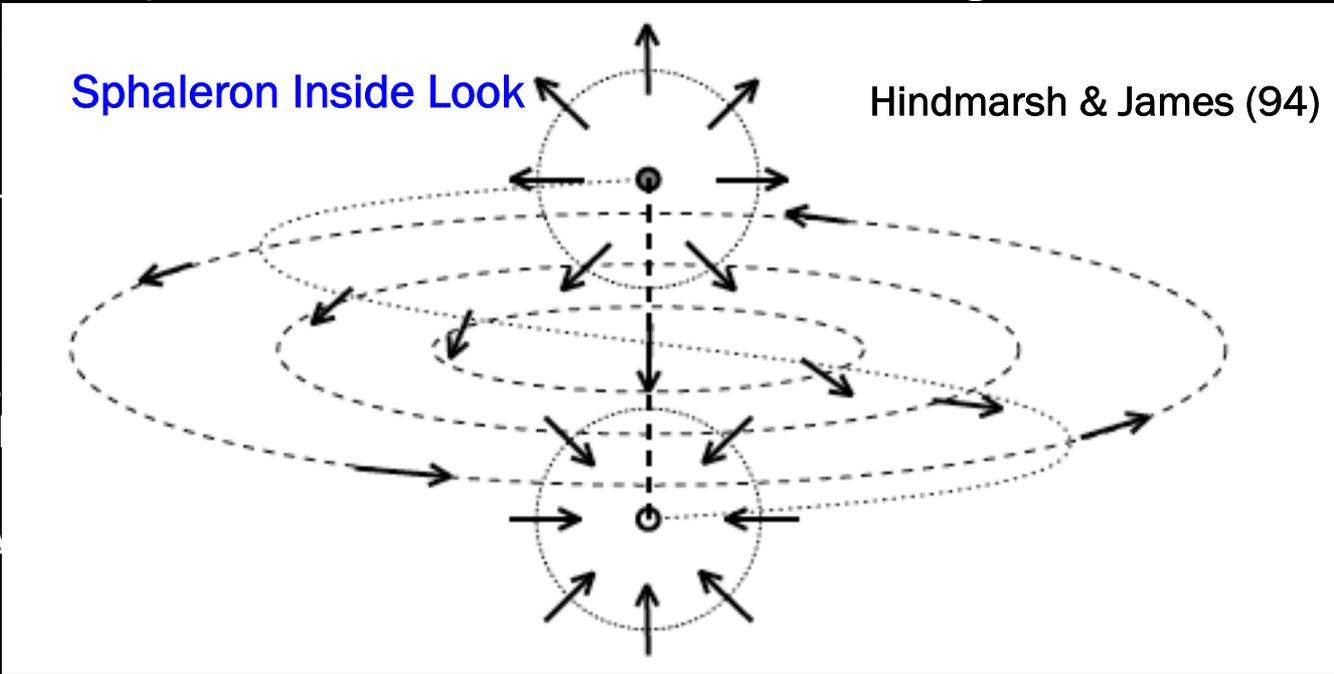
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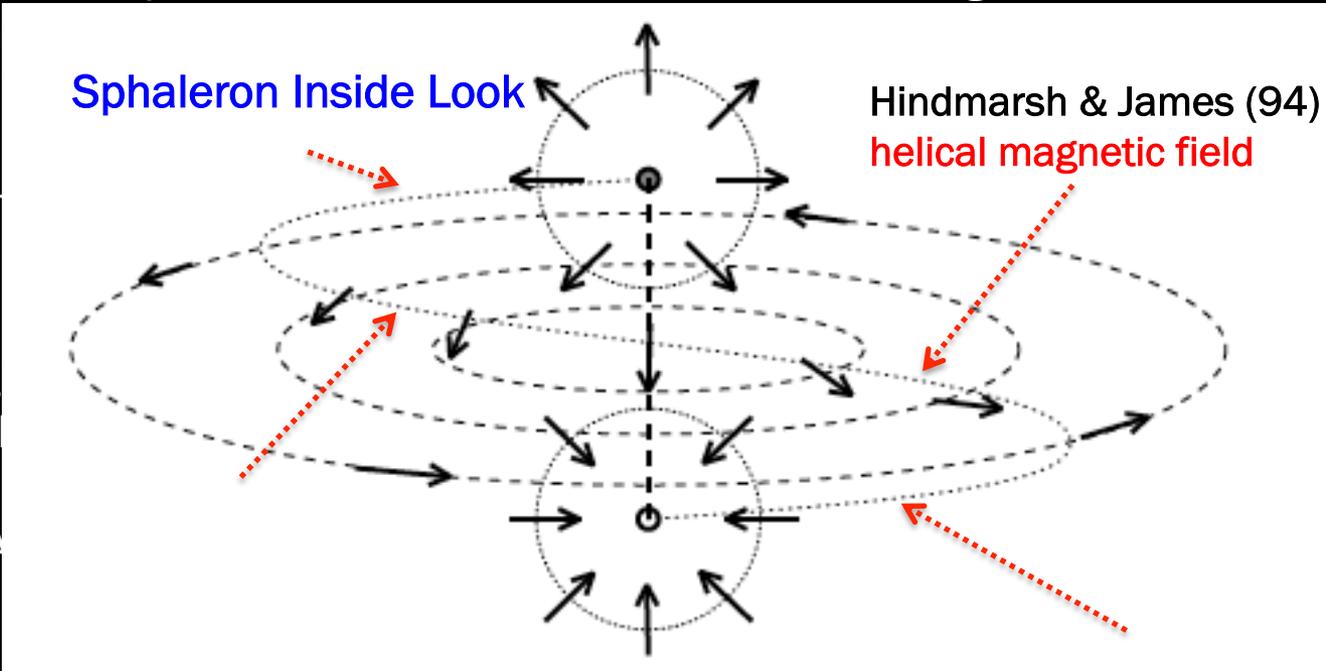
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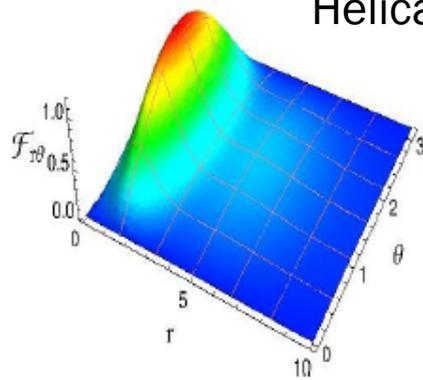


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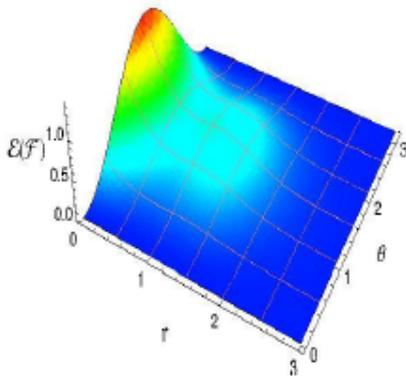


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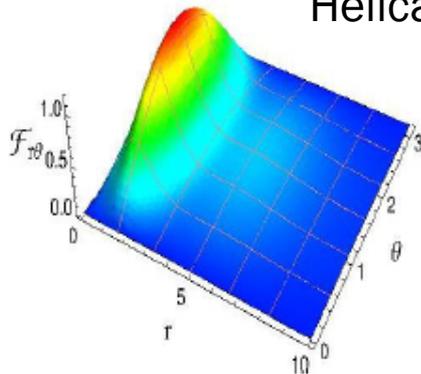


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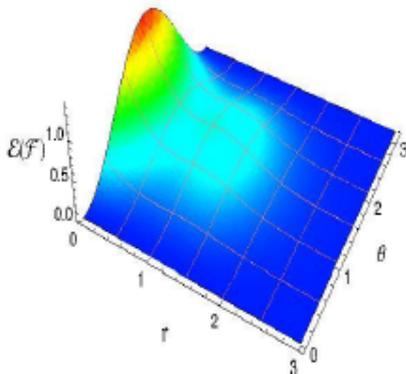


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But such sphaleron related solutions are *unstable*.... could they be stabilised? → relevant @ LHC & MoeDAL?

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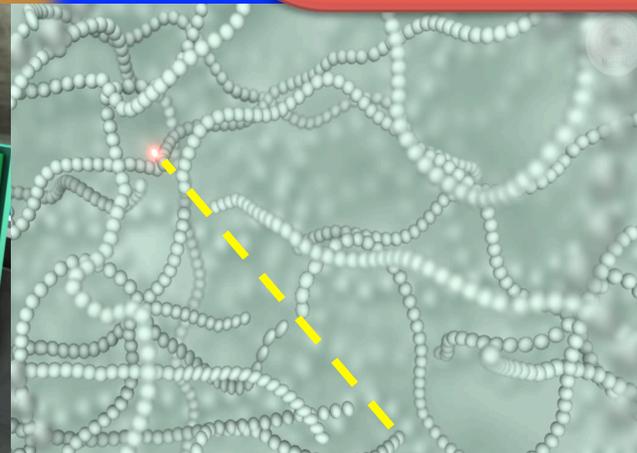
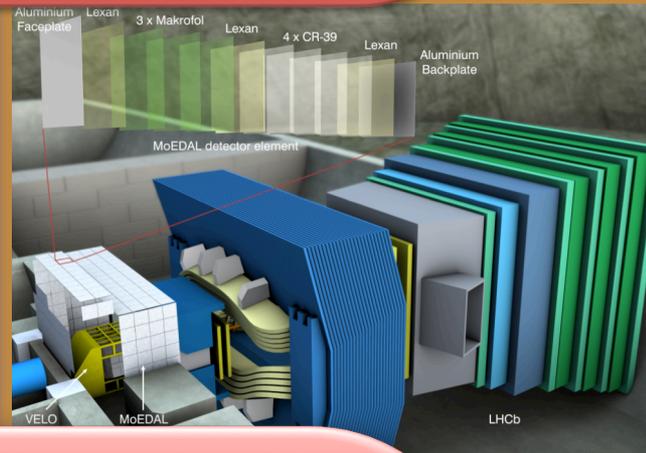
# **Magnetic Monopole Properties – behaviour in matter**



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*(if  $e \rightarrow 1/3e$ ;  $g \rightarrow 3g$ )*  
**HIGHLY IONIZING**

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Breaks chemical bonds eg in Plastics of Nuclear Track detectors

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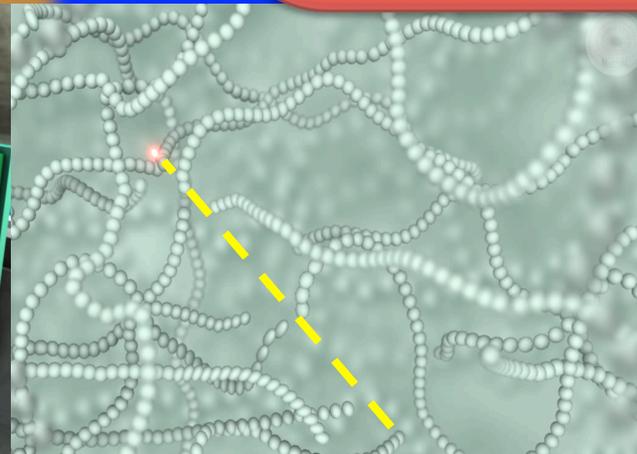
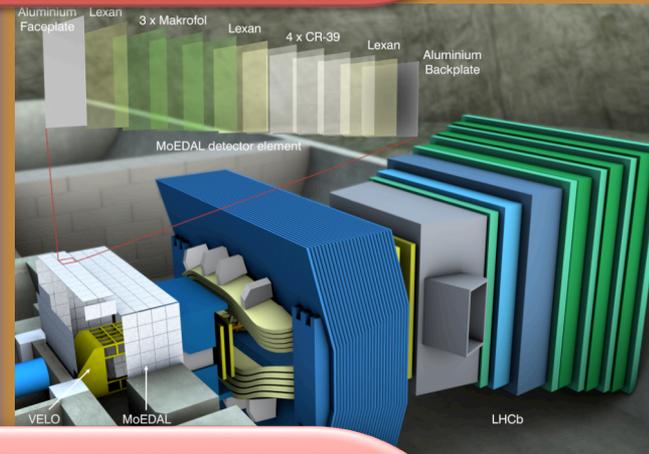
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Dirac Monopole is singular  
 Mass cannot be predicted classically  
**needs regularization**

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# The Ways to get High Ionization

- **Electric charge** - ionization increases with increasing charge & falling velocity  $\beta$  ( $\beta=v/c$ ) - use  $z/\beta$  as an indicator of ionization

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = K z^2 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2 T_{\max}}{I^2} - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta}{2} \right]$$

- **Magnetic charge** - ionization increases with magnetic charge and decreases with velocity  $\beta$  - a unique signature

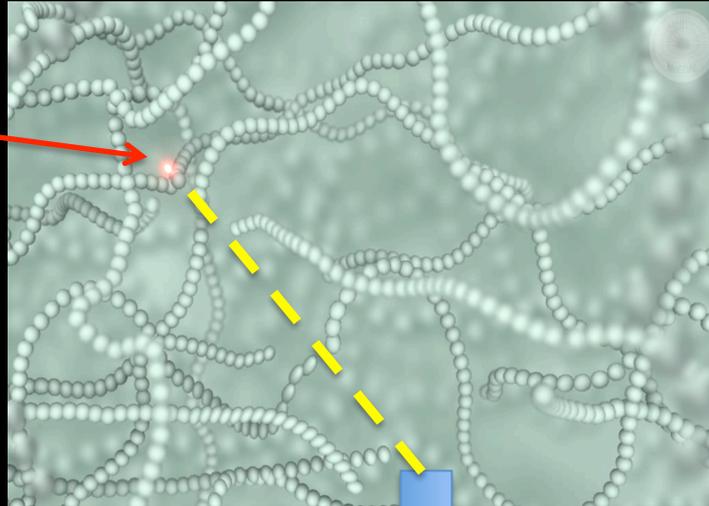
$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = K \frac{Z}{A} g^2 \left[ \ln \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2}{I_m} + \frac{K |g|}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - B(g) \right]$$

- The velocity dependence of the Lorentz force cancels  $1/\beta^2$  term
- The ionization of a relativistic monopole is  $(ng)^2$  times that of a relativistic proton i.e  $4700n^2!!$  ( $n=1,2,3\dots$ )

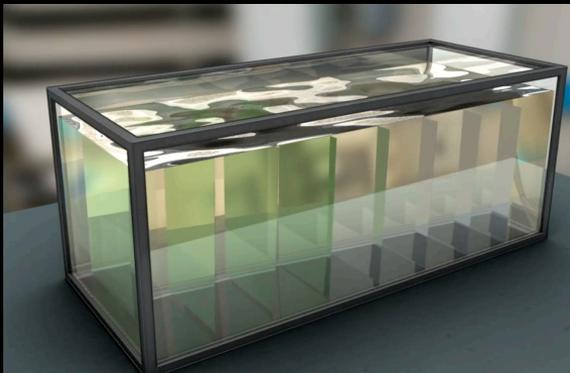


# Monopoles in Nuclear Track Detectors (NTDs)

*The highly ionizing particle leaves a cylindrical trail of damage in the plastic NTDs*

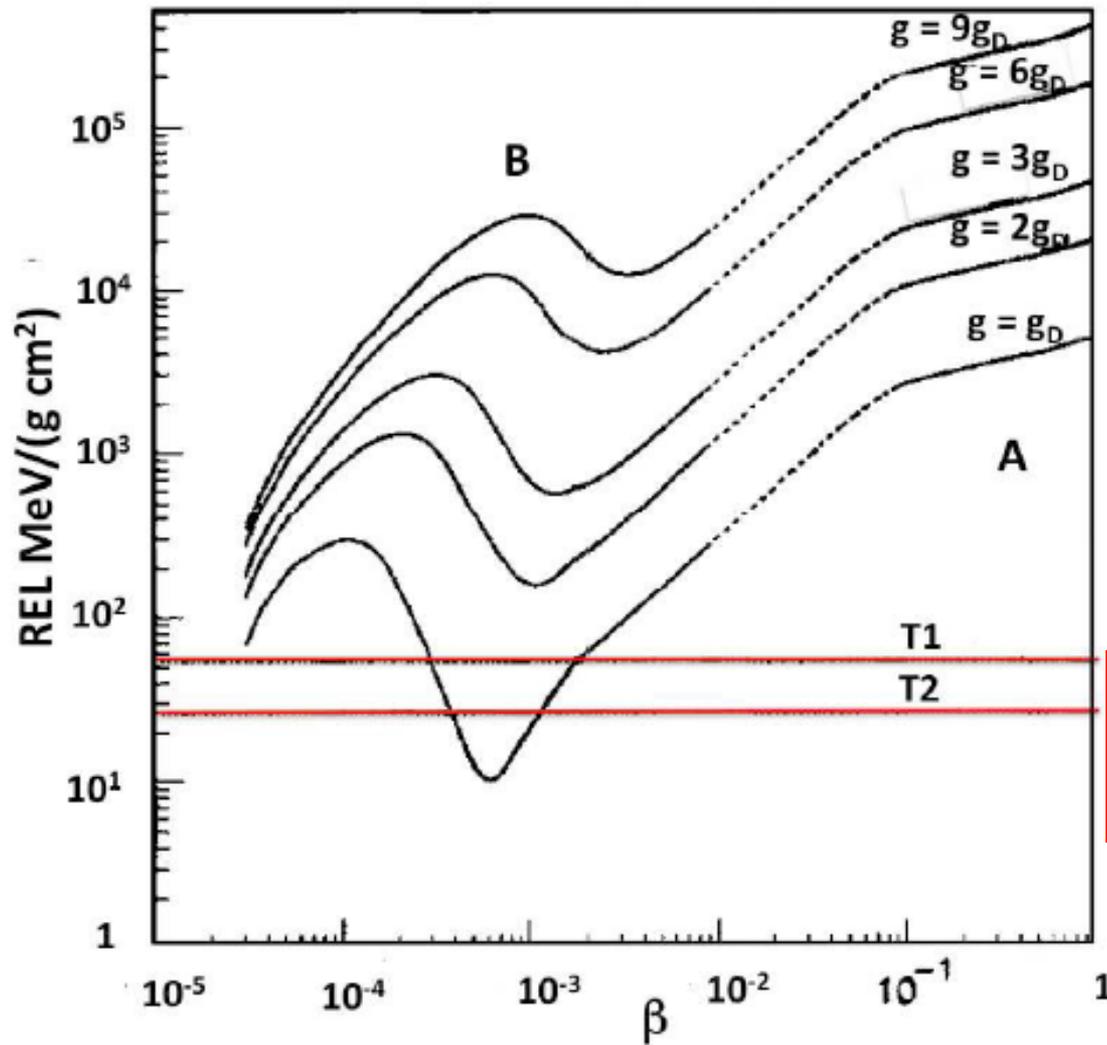


ETCHING PROCESS:



*Tracks are revealed as conical etch pits . Charge resolution  $\sim 0.05e$  .  
Spatial resolution  $\sim 10$  microns/pit  
– pointing to the IP*

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Detection thresholds of CR39 used in MACRO Expt



# Induction Experiments

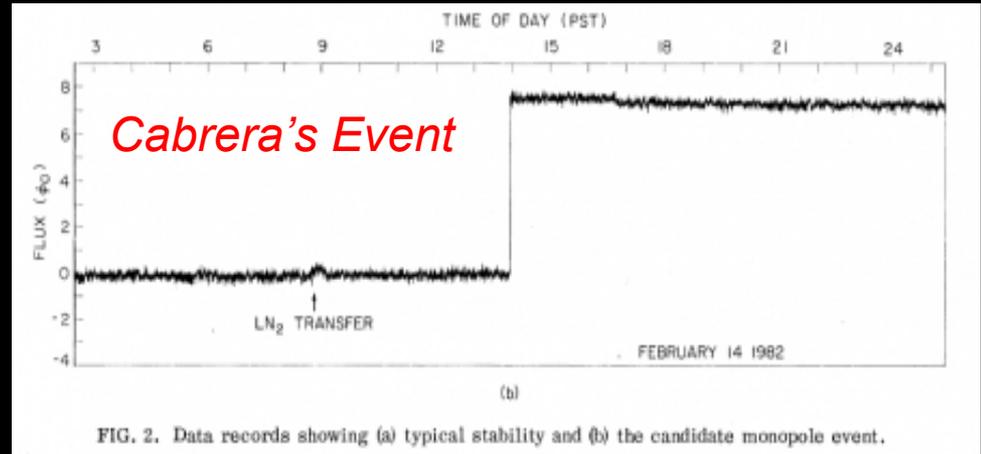
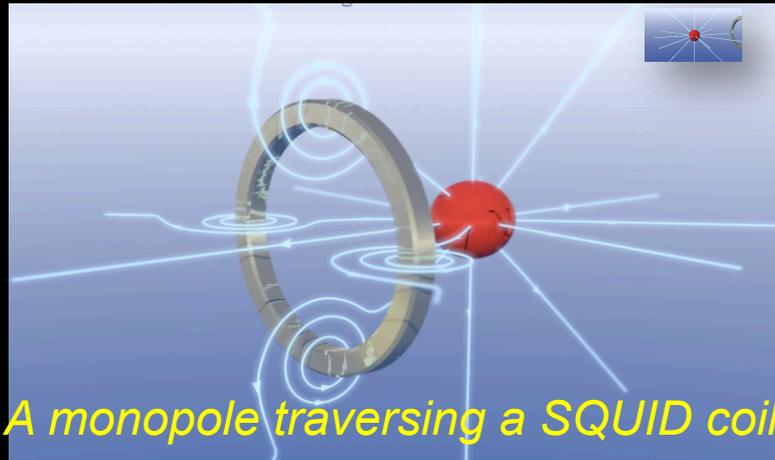
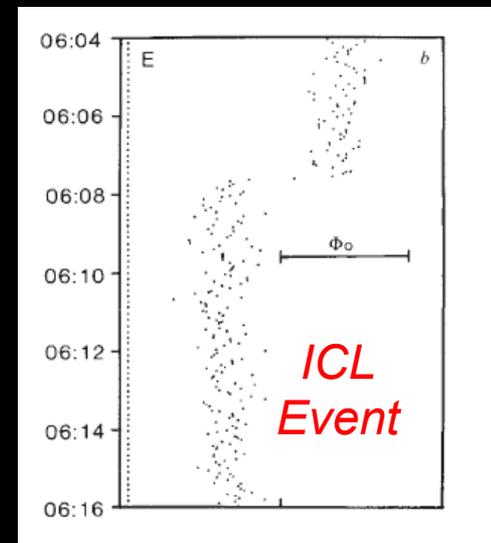


FIG. 2. Data records showing (a) typical stability and (b) the candidate monopole event.

- *Data from Cabrera's apparatus taken on St Valentine's day in 1982 ( $A=20 \text{ cm}^2$ ).*
- *The trace shows a jump – just before 2pm - that one would expect from a monopole traversing the coil.*
- *In August 1985 a groups at ICL reported the: "observation of an unexplained event" compatible with a monopole traversing the detector ( $A= 0.18 \text{ m}^2$ )*
- *SAME TECHNOLOGY IS UTILIZED BY MoEDAL*

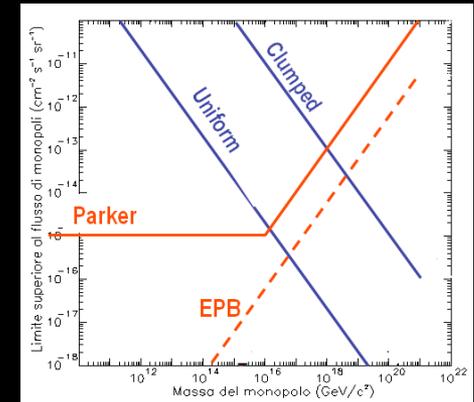


**Searching for  
High Mass ( $> 10$  TeV)  
(primordial) Magnetic Monopoles**

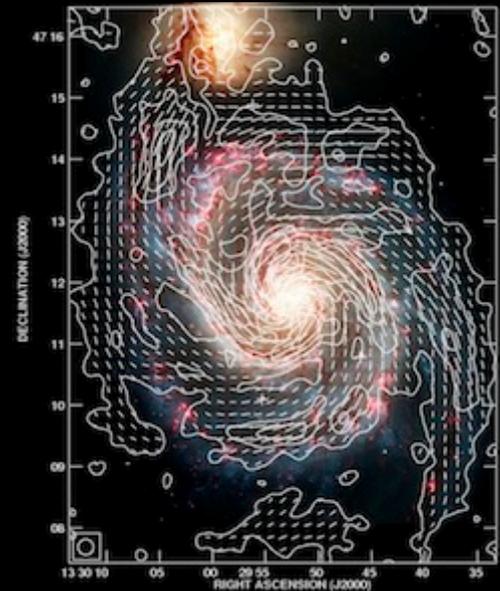


# Primordial Monopoles

- **Primordial Monopoles:**
  - GUT monopoles -  $m \sim 10^{17}$  GeV
  - IM Monopoles – made in later phase transitions of early universe  $m \sim 10^9$  GeV
- **Monopoles accelerate to relativistic speeds in galactic B-fields  $\rightarrow \sim 10^{20}$  eV**
- **Parker Bound is an upper limit on the density of magnetic monopoles based on the existence of a galactic B-field.**
  - This bound can be evaded if monopole anti-monopoles pairs are bound
- **Extended Parker Bound - a more stringent limit.**
  - Based on the survival of the small seed field of the protogalaxy



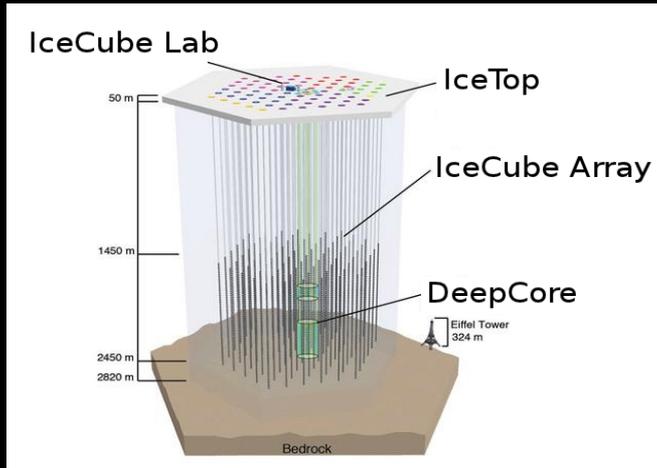
$$F < 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1} \text{ for } \beta < 3 \times 10^4$$



B-field in spiral galaxies is of order  $10 \mu\text{G}$  (microGauss) (Earth's field of  $0.1\text{G}$ )



# Major Cosmic Monopole Searches



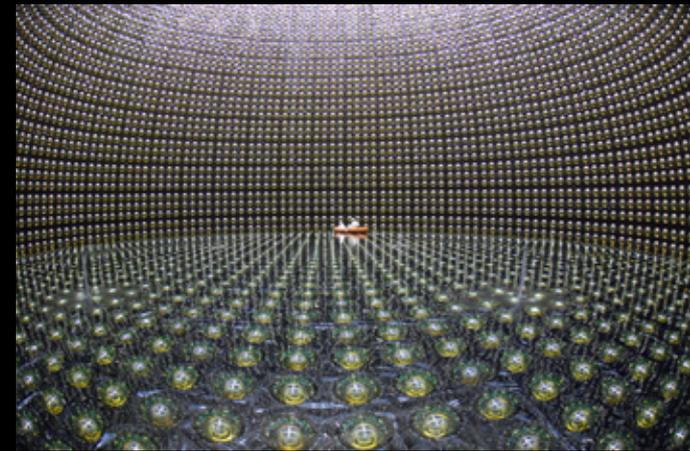
*IceCube (Antarctica: -2.4km) -  
Cerenkov emission & catalyzed p-decay*



*MACRO (Gran Sasso: -1400m) -  
high ionization*



*SLIM (Chacaltaya: +5200m) -  
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*Super-K (Kamioka: -1000m) -  
catalyzed p-decay*

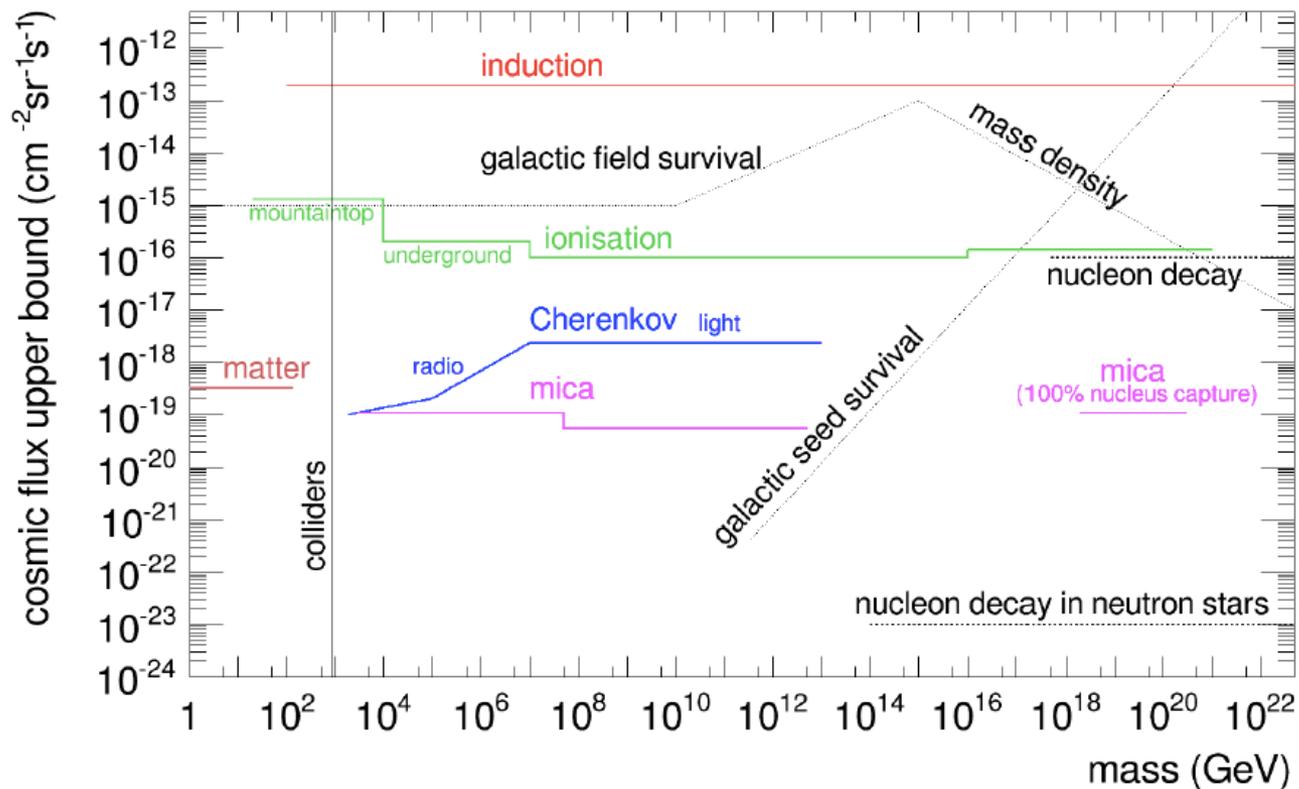


# Cosmic Monopole Flux Limits

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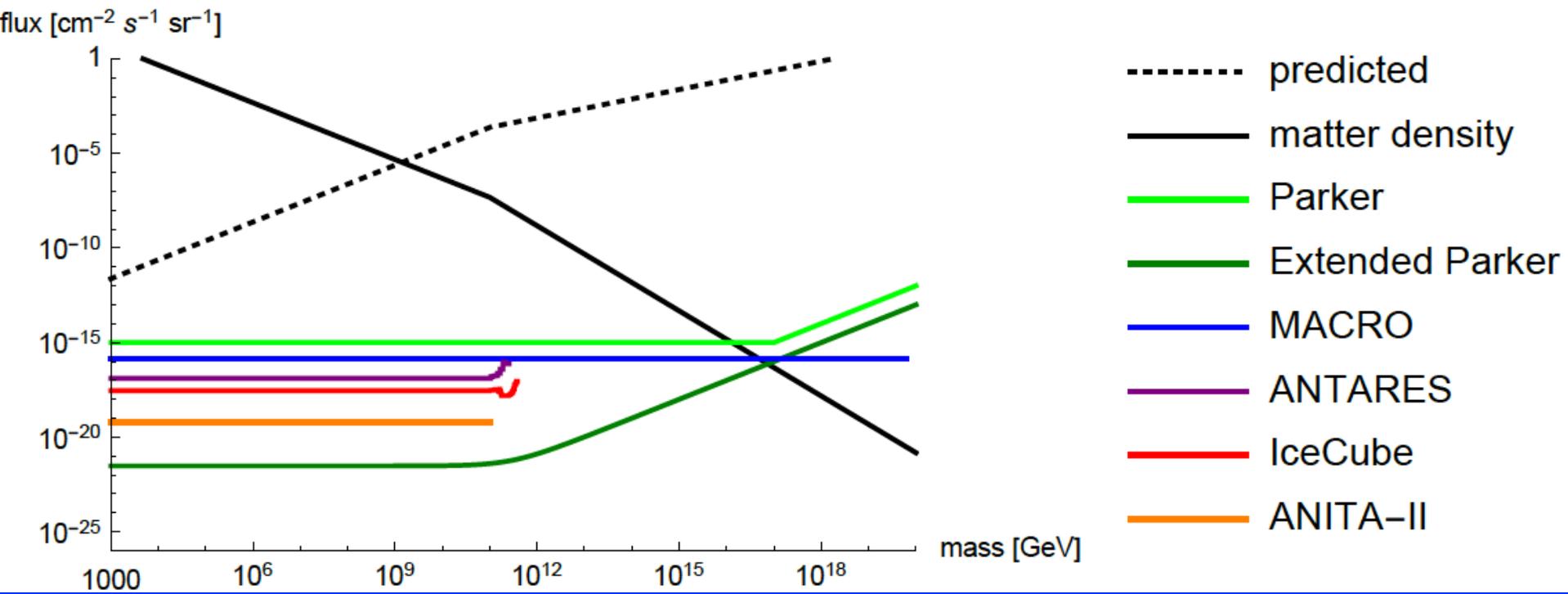
## Cosmic monopole flux limits

assuming  $E_{\text{kin}} = 10^{13}$  GeV, expected from acceleration  
in galactic magnetic fields



# Cosmic Bounds

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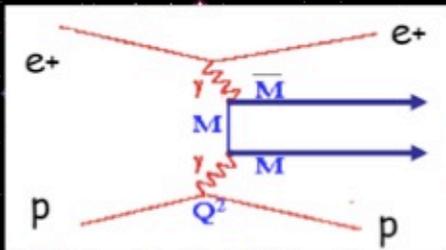
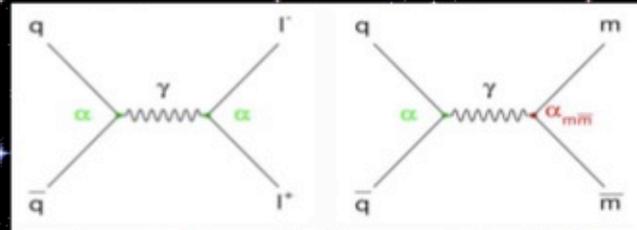
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# Monopole Production at Colliders

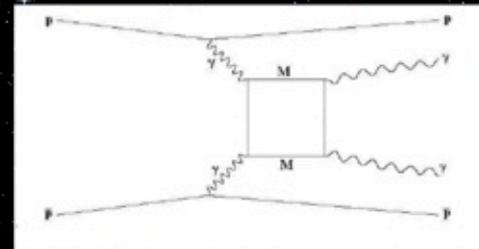
$$e^+e^- \rightarrow M M, \quad \bar{p}p \rightarrow M \bar{M}, \quad pp \rightarrow pp M \bar{M}$$

Drell-Yan mechanism (Direct)



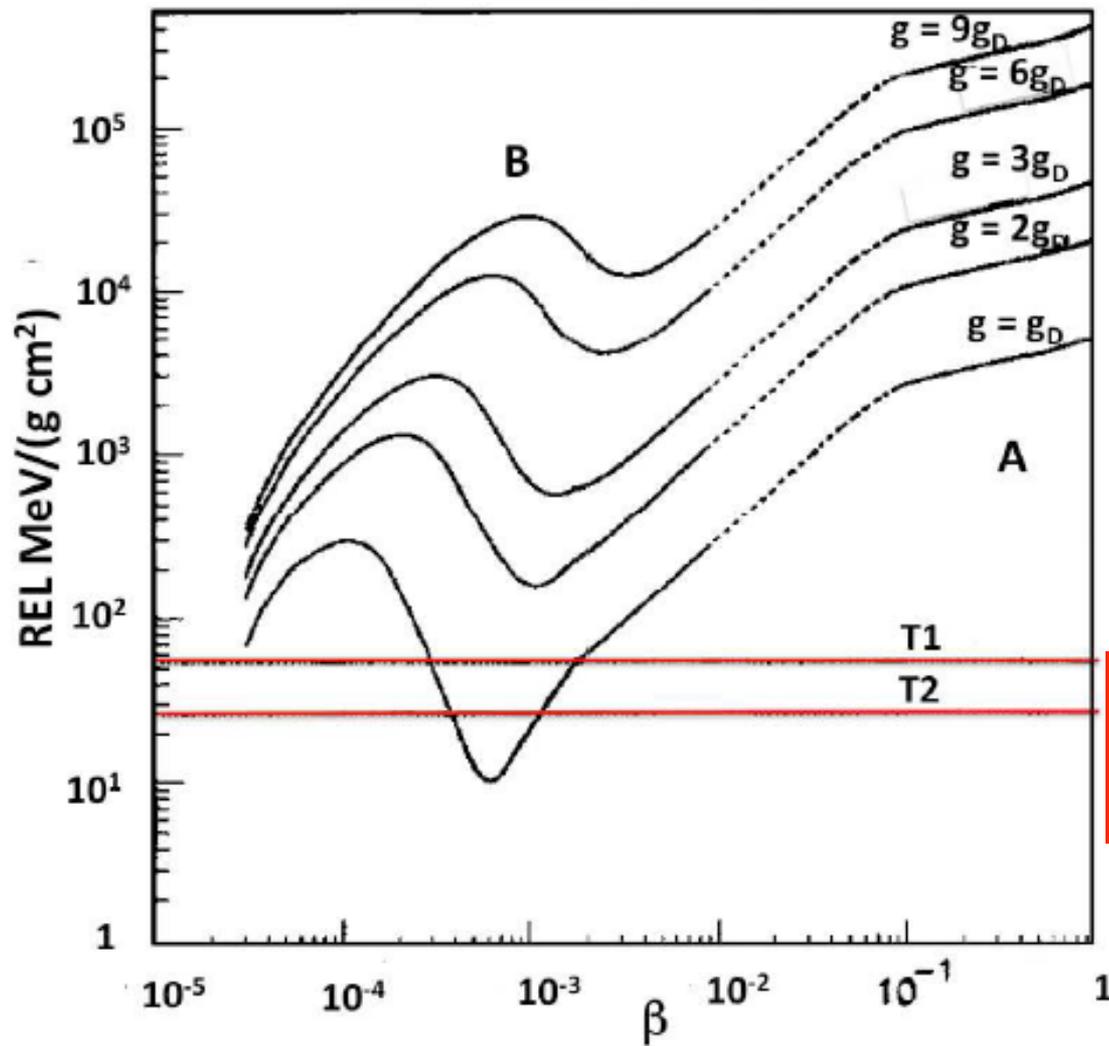
"Monopole-box" diagram  
(Indirect)

Two-photon interactions  
(Direct)



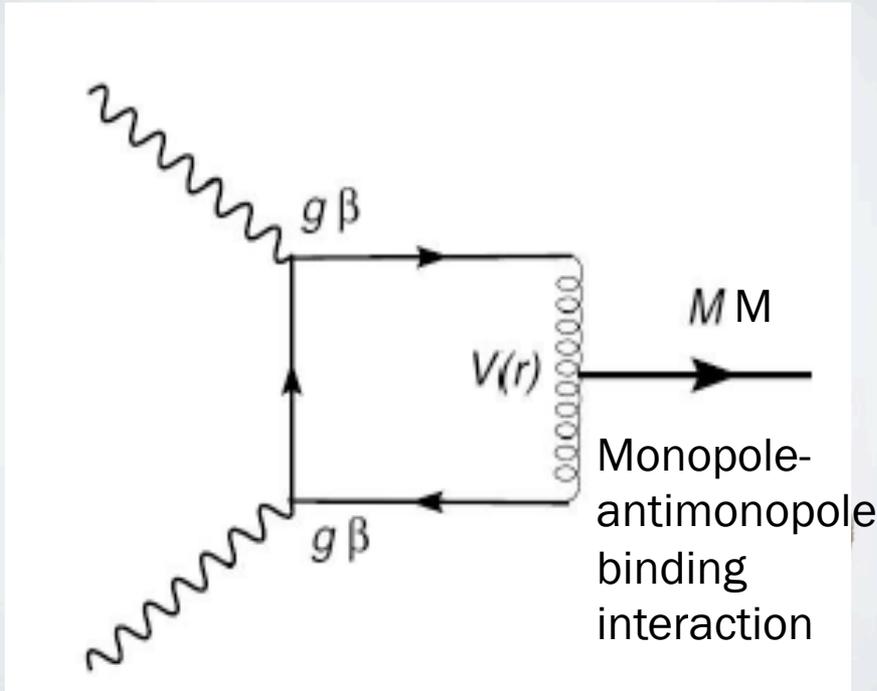
- CDF excluded MM pair production at the 95% CL for cross-section  $< 0.2$  pb and monopole masses  $200 < m_M < 700$  GeV/c<sup>2</sup>

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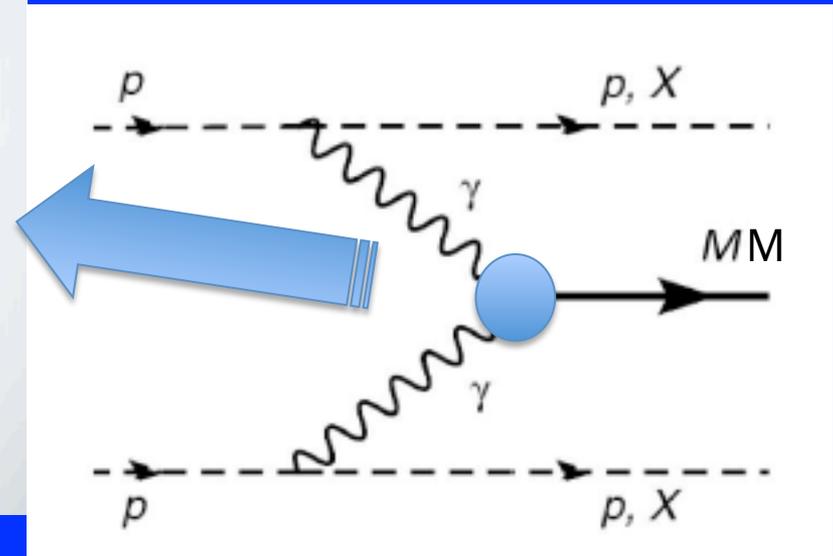


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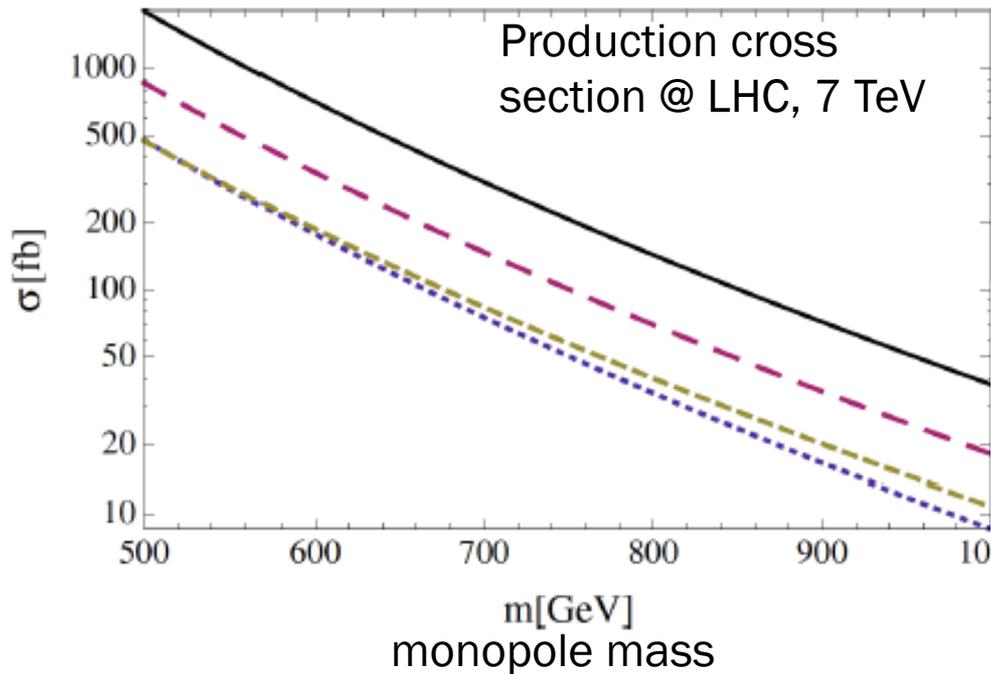


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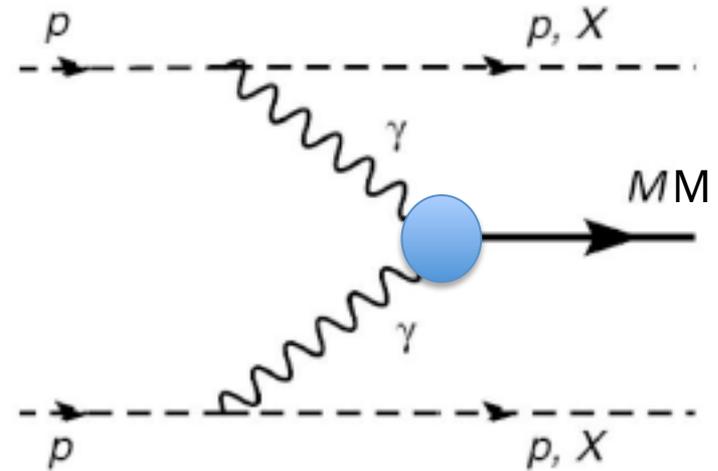
$$\Gamma(M) = 0.$$

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Binding energy fixed  $BE = 2m/15$ , e.g.  
for  $m=750$  GeV, binding energy = 100 GeV  
→ monopolium mass  $M= 1400$  GeV

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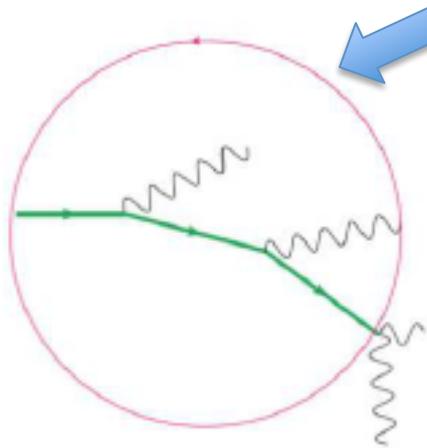
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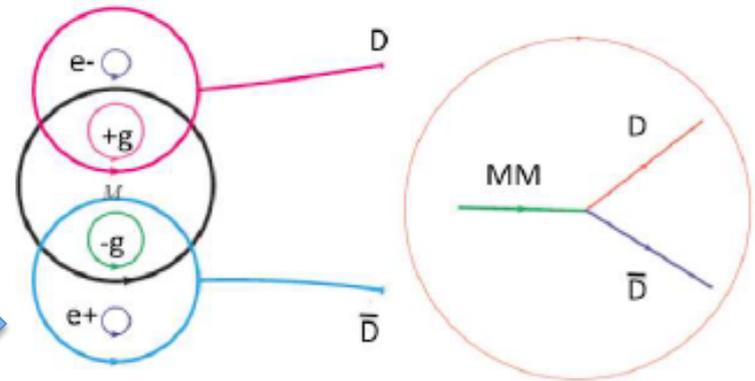
# Relevance to LHC & MoEDAL Expts

Monopolium is neutral in its ground state & thus if produced in such a state is difficult, probably impossible, to detect in LHC (ATLAS, CMS) or MoEDAL (since damage to plastics from SM background could be higher )

**BUT**...it may be produced in an excited state, which could be a magnetic multiple  $\rightarrow$  highly ionizing. Its decay via photon emission will produce a **peculiar trajectory**, if the decaying states are also magnetic multipoles, the process will generate a peculiar trajectory in the medium.



Monopolium might break up in the medium of MoEDAL into highly-ionizing Dyons



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Moreover, In presence of magnetic fields huge polarizability

$$d \sim r_M^3 B \sim (\alpha E_{\text{binding}})^{-3} B$$

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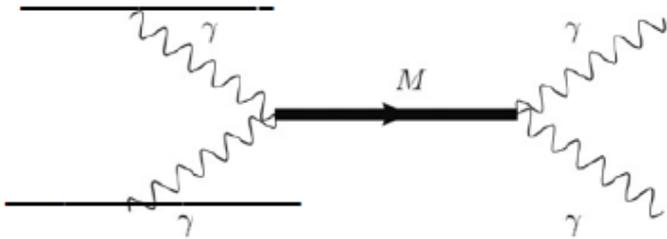


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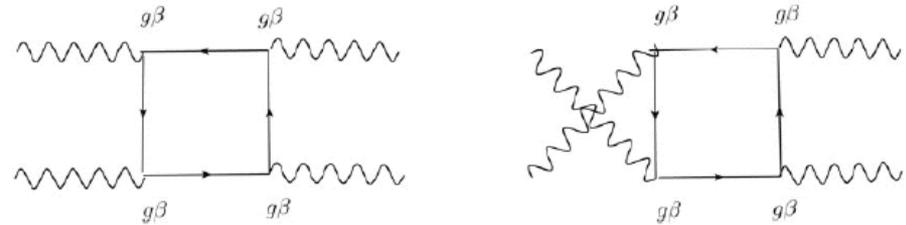
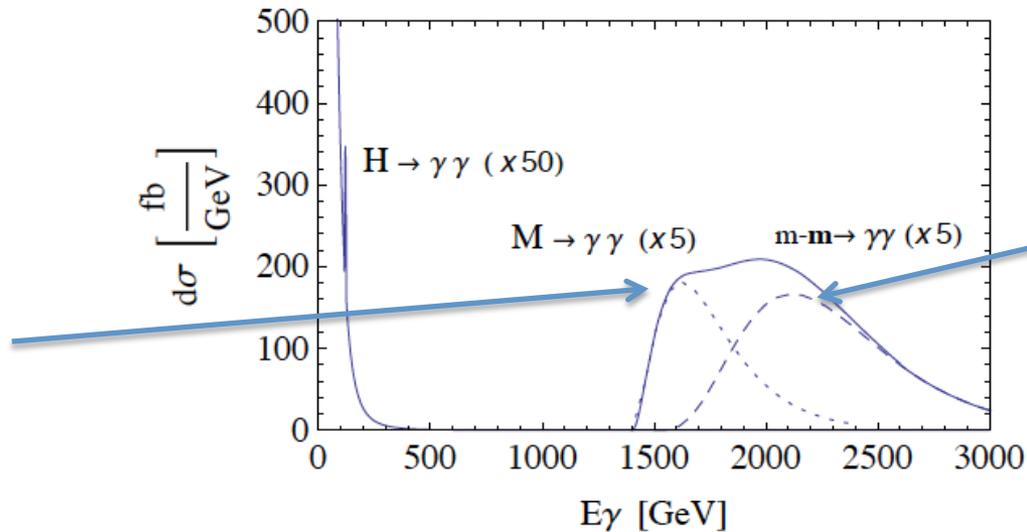


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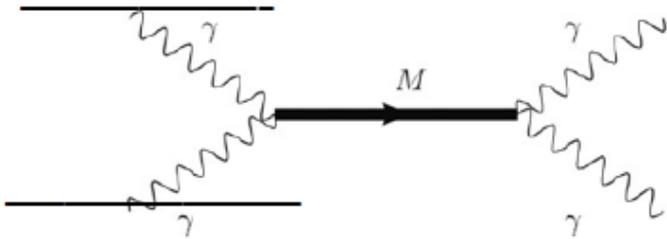


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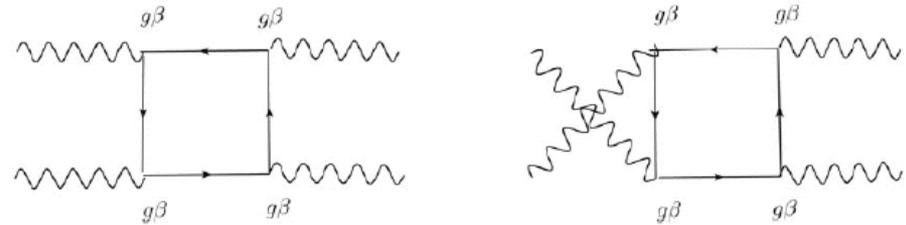
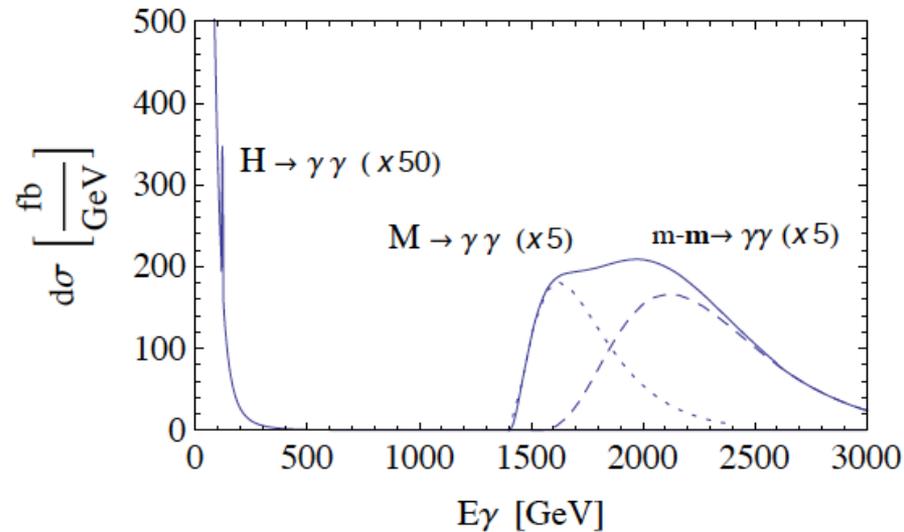


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# ATLAS-LHC Search @ 8 TeV $pp$ collisions



$$\int L = 7.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

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**Search for magnetic monopoles as highly ionizing particles (HIP):**  
particle produces high ionization region in Transition Radiation Tracker (TRT),  
slows down and stops in e/m calorimeter

Negligible bremsstrahlung for HIP  $\rightarrow$  narrower energy deposit in e/m calorimeter  
than electrons, protons which induce e/m shower

**No events** found in the signal region  $\rightarrow$  **exclude**

masses  $200 \text{ GeV} \leq m \leq 2500 \text{ GeV}$  for magnetic charge  $0.5g_D < |g| < 2.0g_D$

$$\frac{g_D}{e} = \frac{1}{2\alpha_e} \approx 68.5$$

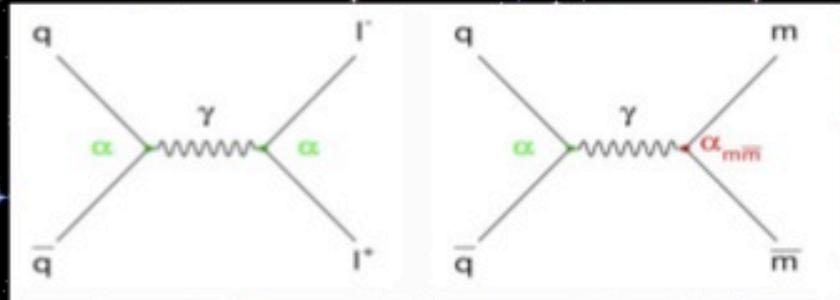
# Interpretation of Results-Monopole Simulations

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Model-dependent and model-independent interpretation of results require magnetic monopole simulation using Drell-Yan & single monopole production

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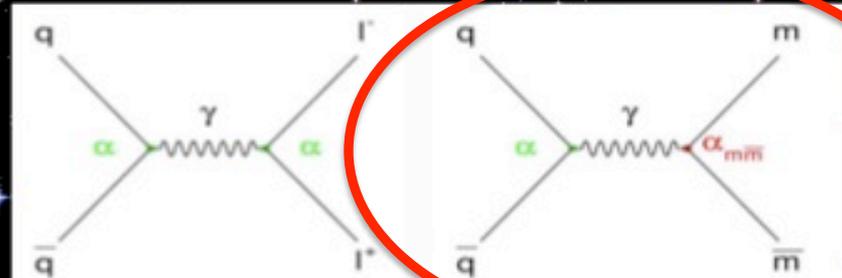
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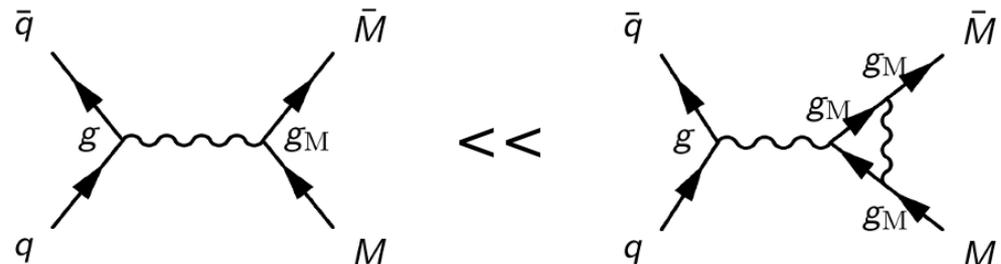
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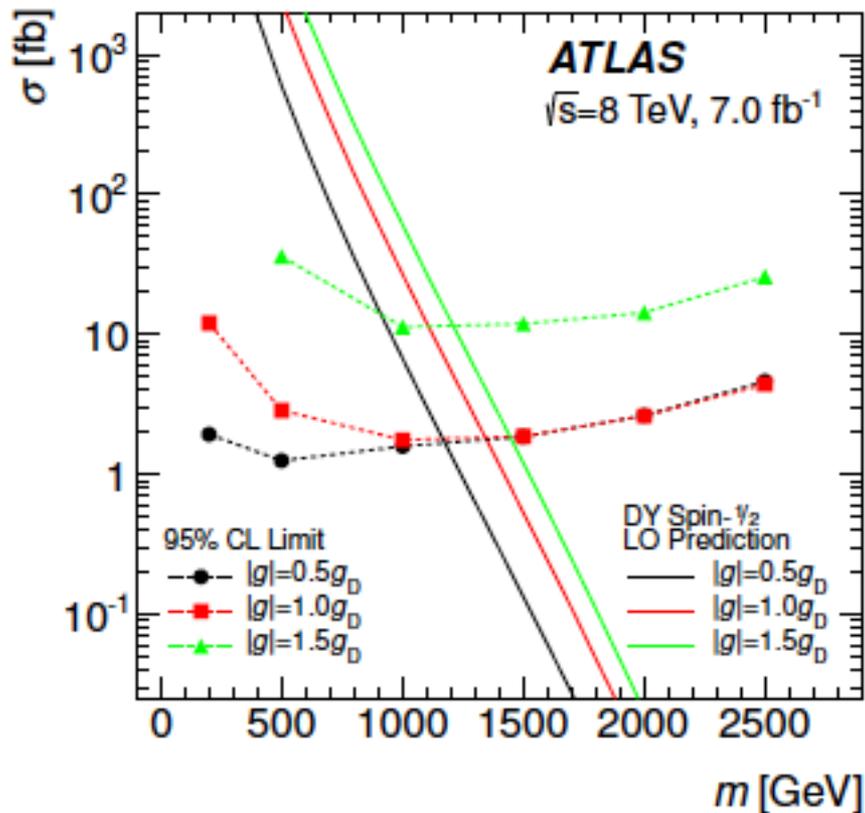
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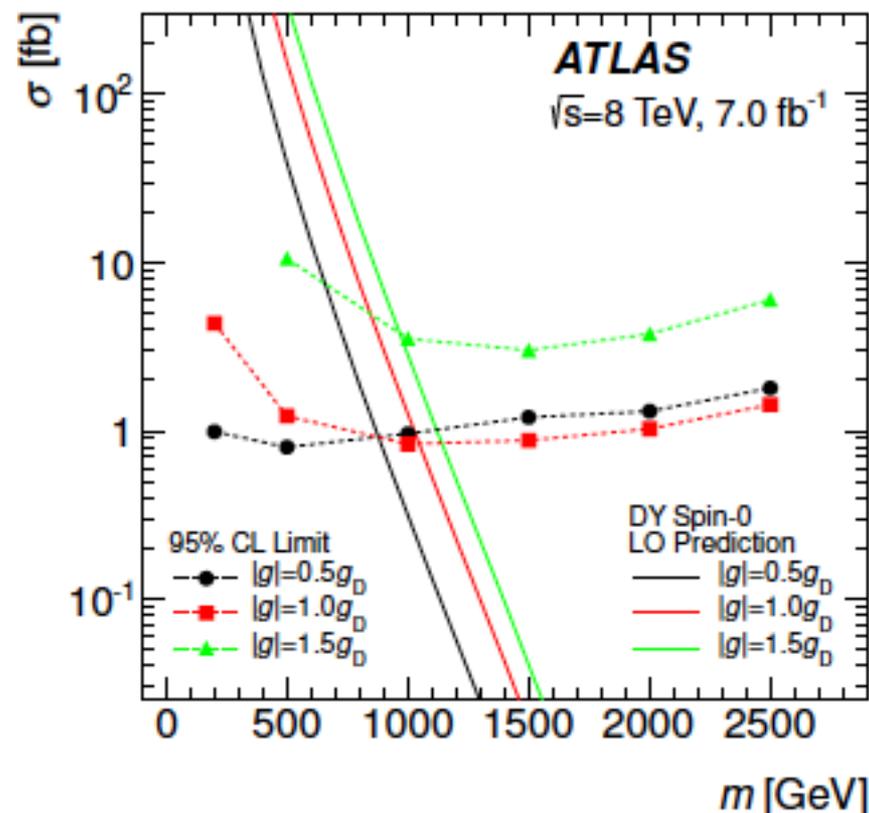


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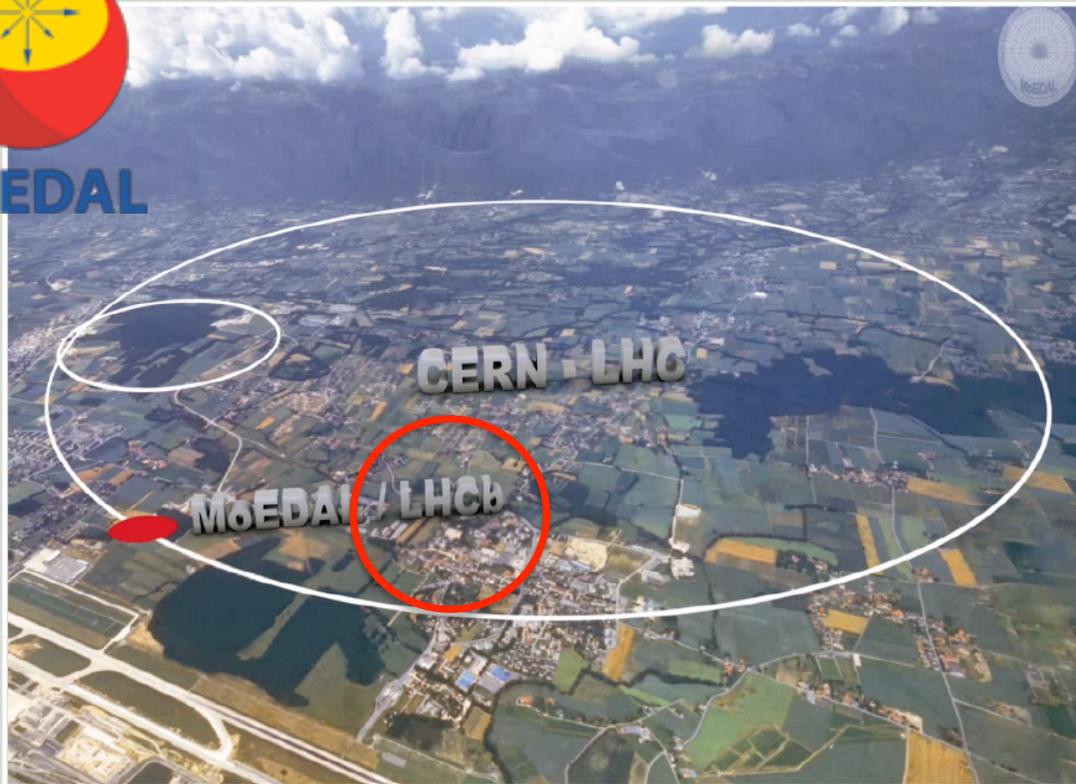
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spin-1/2	1180	1340	1210	780	1050	1160	1070
spin-0	890	1050	970	490	780	920	880

# MoEDAL

The 7th LHC Experiment

DESIGNED TO SEARCH FOR HIGHLY-IONIZING PARTICLES PRODUCED IN P-P COLLISIONS AT THE LHC. SUCH PARTICLES ARE HARBINGERS OF REVOLUTIONARY NEW PHYSICS

International Collaboration  
> 65 Physicists from  
21 Participating Institutions

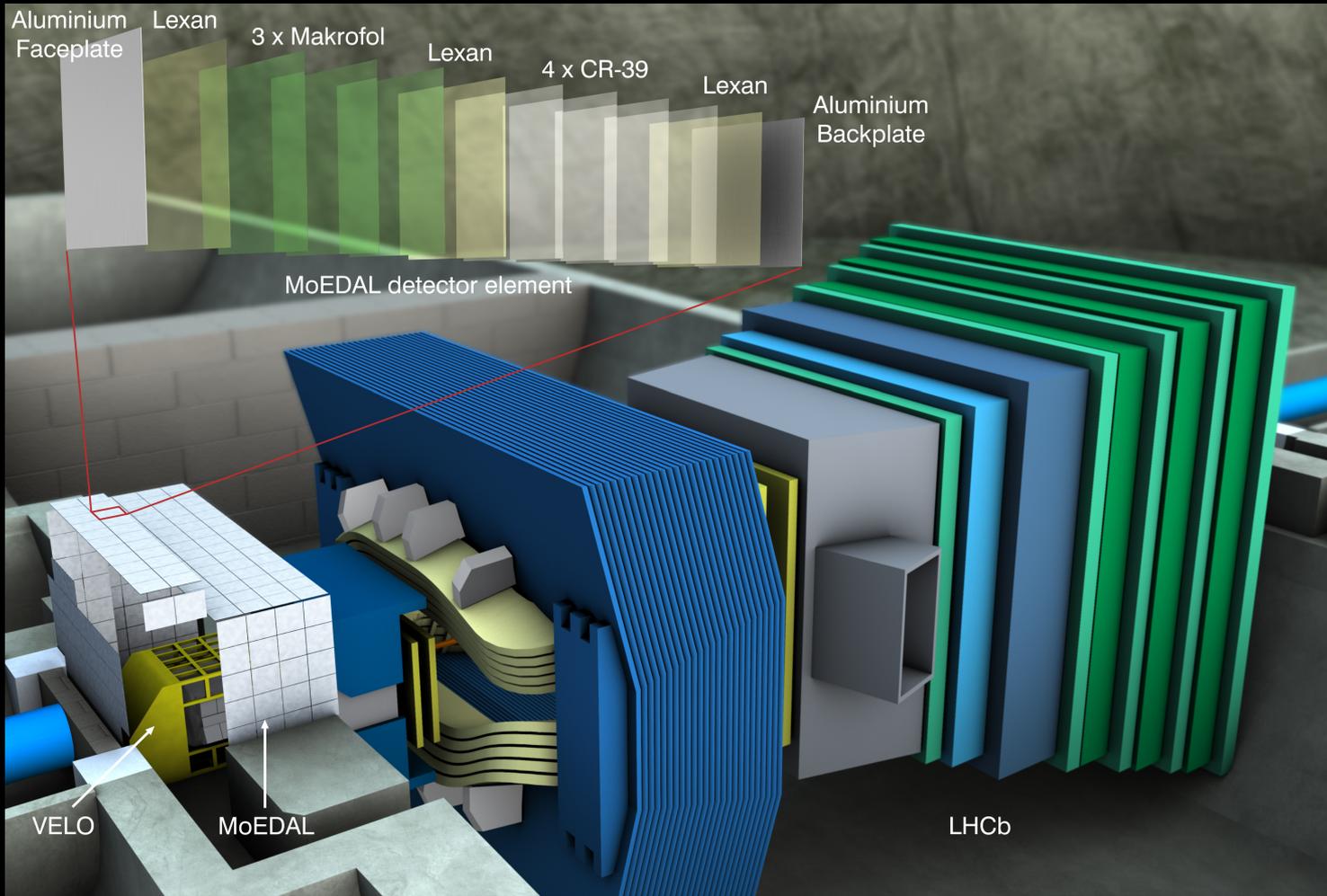


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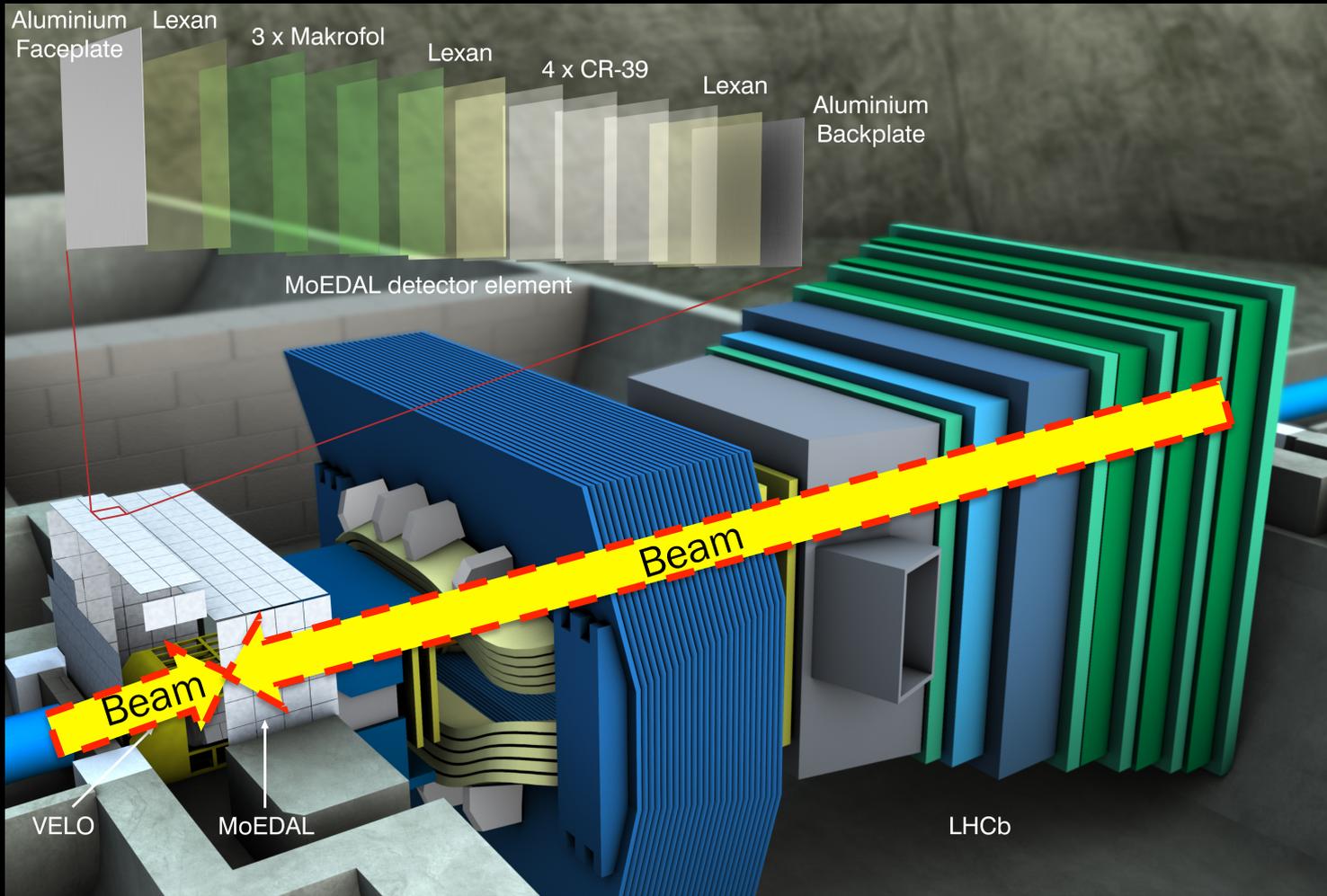


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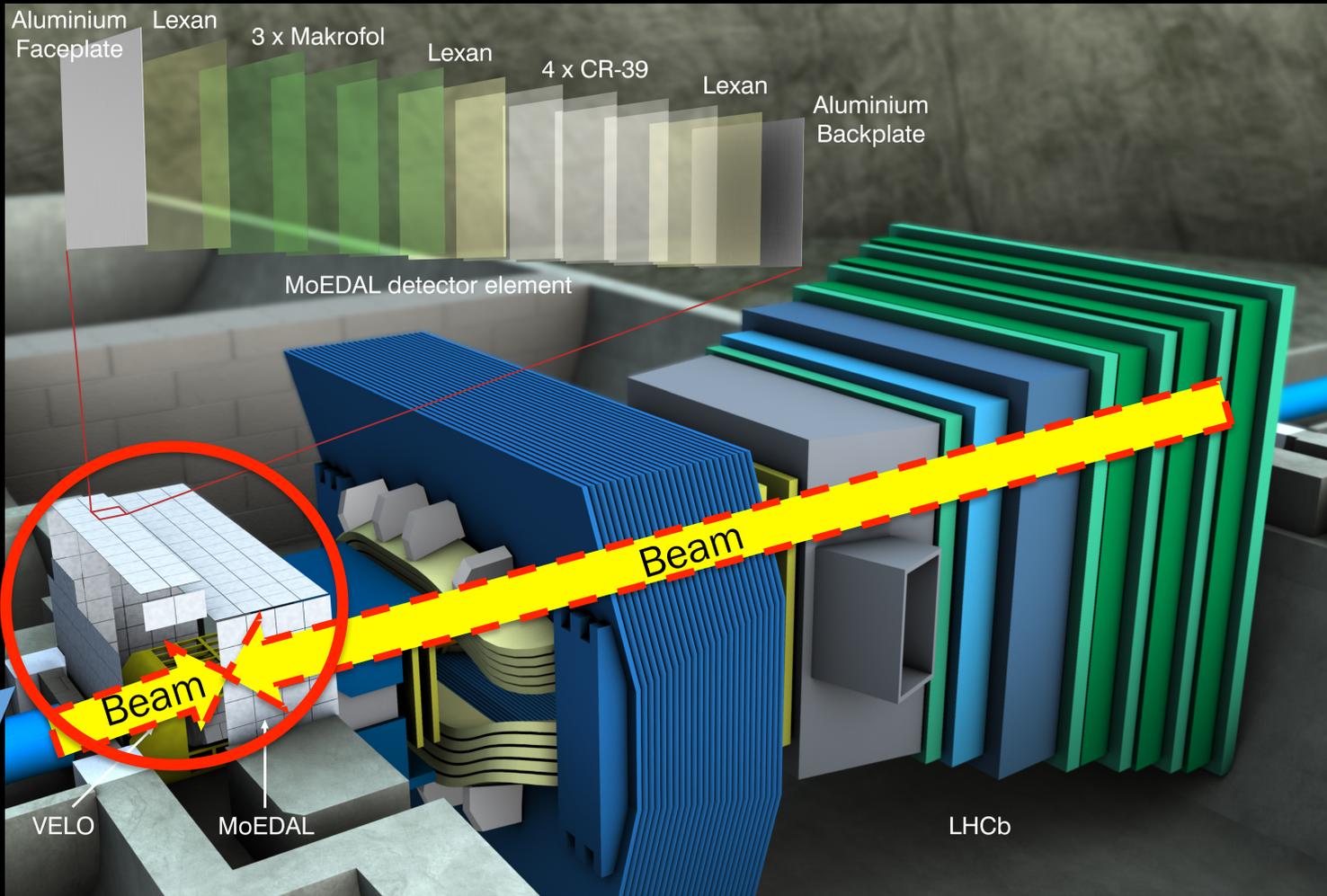


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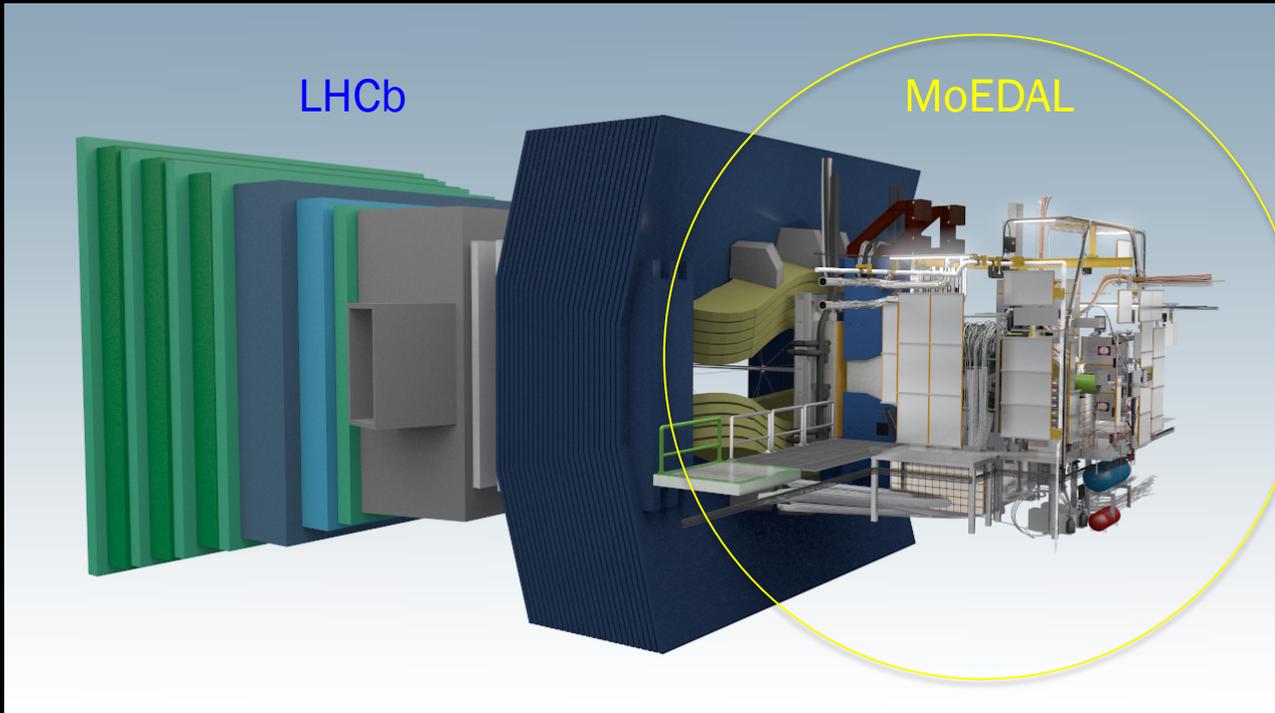


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# The MoEDAL Detector – a Tour



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1) The TDR NTD array  
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Trapping detector

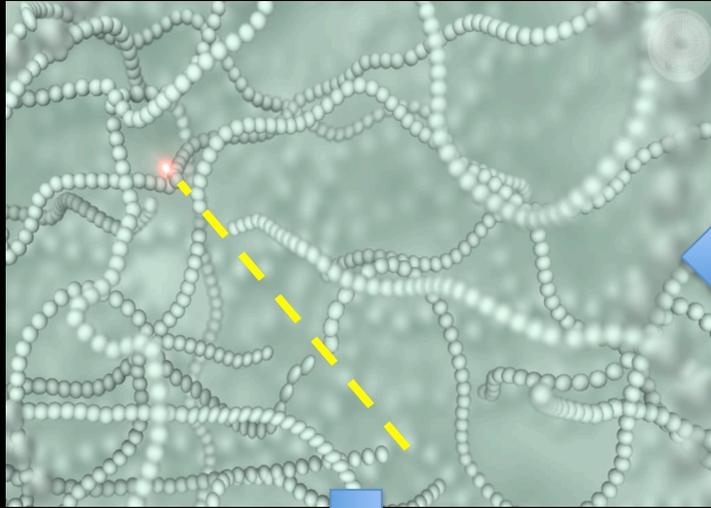
4) The TimePix radiation  
background monitor

- **MoEDAL is unlike any other LHC experiment:**
  - The largest deployment of passive Nuclear Track Detectors (NTDs) at an accelerator
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> time trapping detectors will be deployed as a detector



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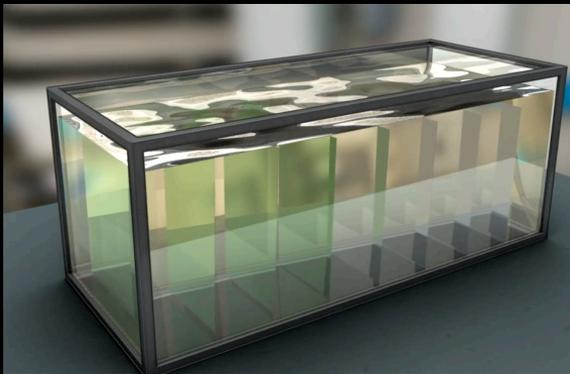
*The highly ionizing particle leaves a cylindrical trail of damage in the plastic NTDs*



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ETCHING PROCESS:



*Tracks are revealed as conical etch pits . Charge resolution  $\sim 0.05e$  . Spatial resolution  $\sim 10$  microns/pit – pointing to the IP*

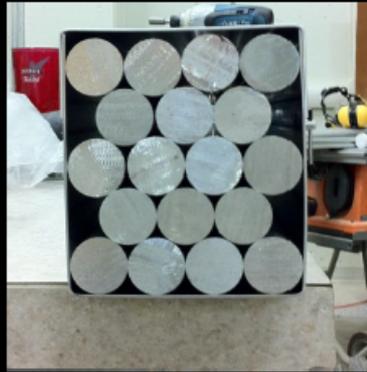


# The MoEDAL Detector – a Tour

## Prototype - MMT

- The Magnetic Monopole Trapper consists of a mass of aluminum
- Prototype consisted of 1" diameter aluminum rods located in front of the VELO below the beampipe

Aluminium good trapping material with its large magnetic moment



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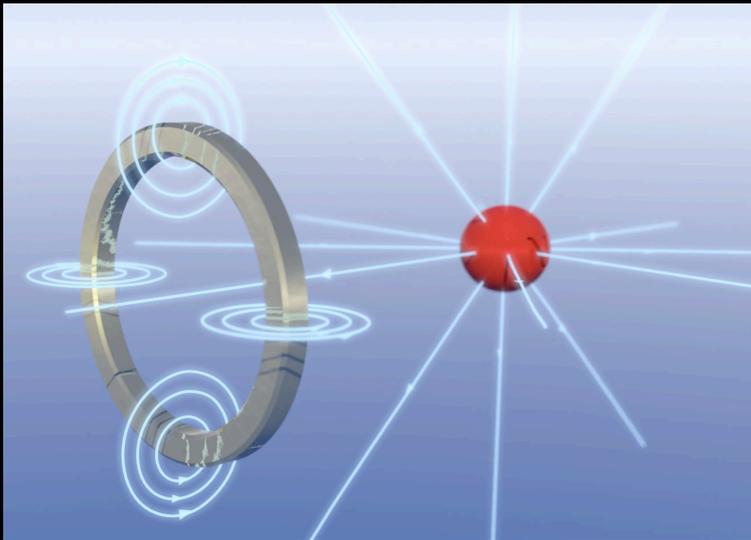
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# The Physics Principle of MMTs



SQUID magnetometer (ETH- Zuerich)

- *We deployed (~ 1 ton) trapping volumes in the MoEDAL/VELO Cavern to trap highly ionizing particles*
  - *The binding energies of monopoles in nuclei with finite magnetic dipole moments are estimated to be hundreds of keV*
- *After exposure the traps are removed and sent to:*
  - *The SQUID magnetometer at ETH Zurich for Monopole detection*
  - *SNOLAB (2km underground) to detect decays of MSPs*



# Complementarity of MoEDAL

## ATLAS+CMS

- The main LHC detectors are optimized for the detection of singly (electrically) charged (or neutral) particles ( $Z/\beta \sim 1$ ) moving near to the speed of light ( $\beta > 0.5$ )
- Typically a largish statistical sample is needed to establish a signal

## MoEDAL

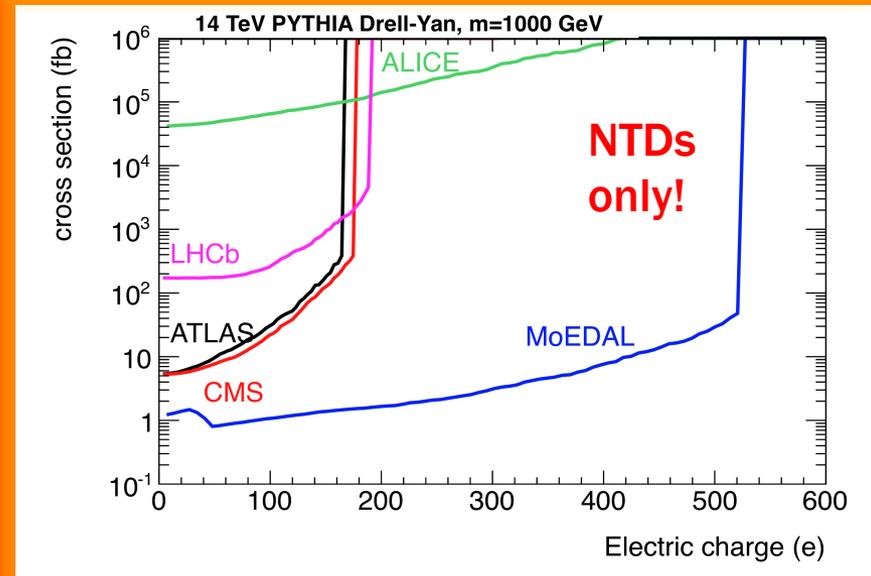
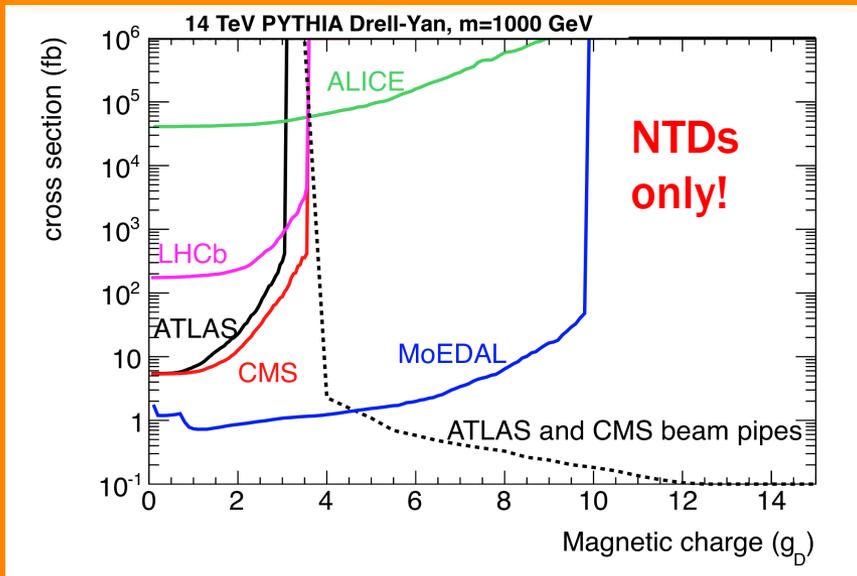
- MoEDAL is designed to detect charged particles, with effective or actual  $Z/\beta > 5$ .
- As it has no trigger/ electronics slowly moving ( $\beta < \sim 5$ ) particles are no problem
- One candidate event is enough to establish the signal (no Standard Model backgrounds)

MoEDAL is complementary to the main LHC experiments and expands the physics reach of LHC



# MoEDAL Sensitivity

detector	energy threshold	angular coverage	luminosity	robust against timing	robust efficiency
ATLAS	medium	central	high	no	no
CMS	relatively low	central	high	no	no
ALICE	very low	very central	low	yes	no
LHCb	medium	forward	medium	no	no
MoEDAL	low ✓	full ✓	medium ✓	yes ✓	yes ✓



- Cross-section limits for magnetic (L) and electric charge (R) (from [arXiv:1112.2999V2 \[hep-ph\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1112.2999v2)) assuming:
  - Only one MoEDAL event is required for discovery and  $\sim 100$  events in the other (active) LHC detectors

@ 20 fb<sup>-1</sup> (assumed)



# The MoEDAL Physics Program

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- Mirror fermions**
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# THE PHYSICS of MoEDAL on paper

Review paper: the Physics of MoEDAL

arXiv: 1405.7662 - Int.J.Mod.Phys. A29 (2014) 1430050

FIRST PAPER ON BOUNDS OF MONOPOLE MASSES FOR THE 2012 LHC RUN @ 8 TeV, in integrated luminosity  $0.75 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , [arXiv:1604.06645](https://arxiv.org/abs/1604.06645) **JHEP 1608 (2016) 067**

No magnetic charge is detected in any of the samples and the results are interpreted for monopoles in the mass range  $100 \text{ GeV} \leq m \leq 3500 \text{ GeV}$  and in the charge range  $1g_D \leq |g| \leq 6g_D$ , where  $g_D$  is the Dirac charge in quantization condition

$$\frac{q_m}{e} = \frac{n}{2\alpha_e} = n \cdot g_D \approx n \cdot 68.5$$



Stay tuned for 13 TeV run data bounds

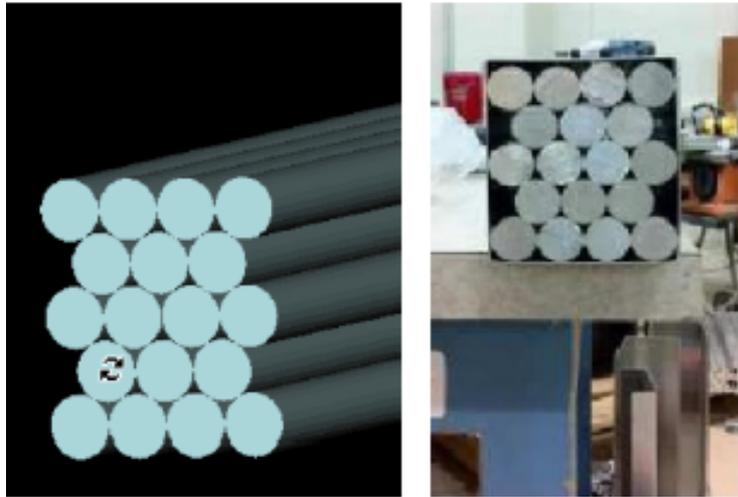
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## Test Monopole Trapping Detector (MTD)

The MoEDAL Coll, arXiv:1604.06645

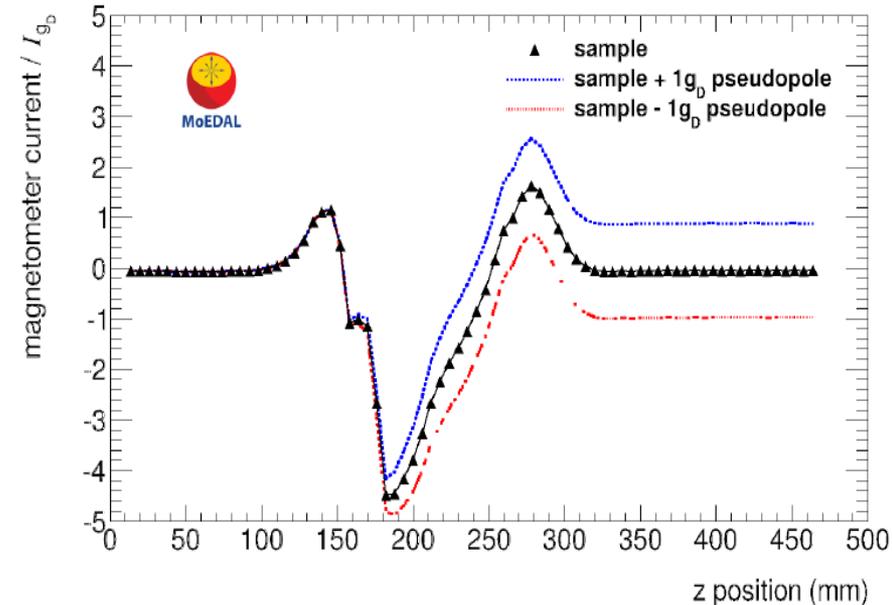
The 2012 MoEDAL trapping detector prototype was an aluminium volume comprising 11 boxes each containing 18 cylindrical rods of 60 cm length and 2.5 cm diameter.



### The physics principle of Monopole Detection:

if monopole is present in MTD then **persistent current** exist: difference (jump) in current before and after passage of the sample through sensing coil

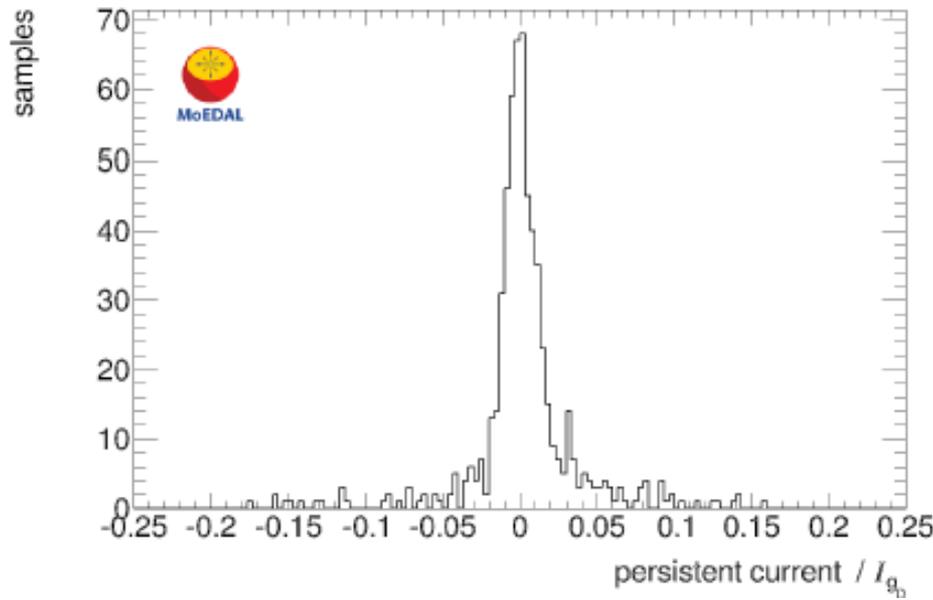
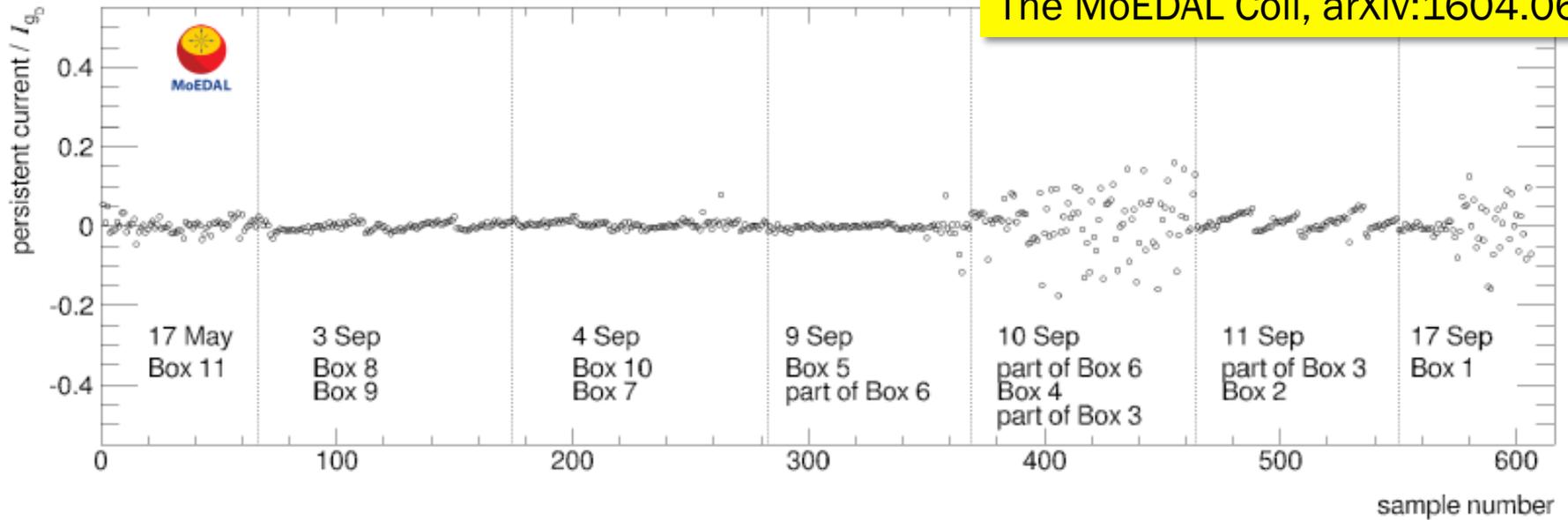
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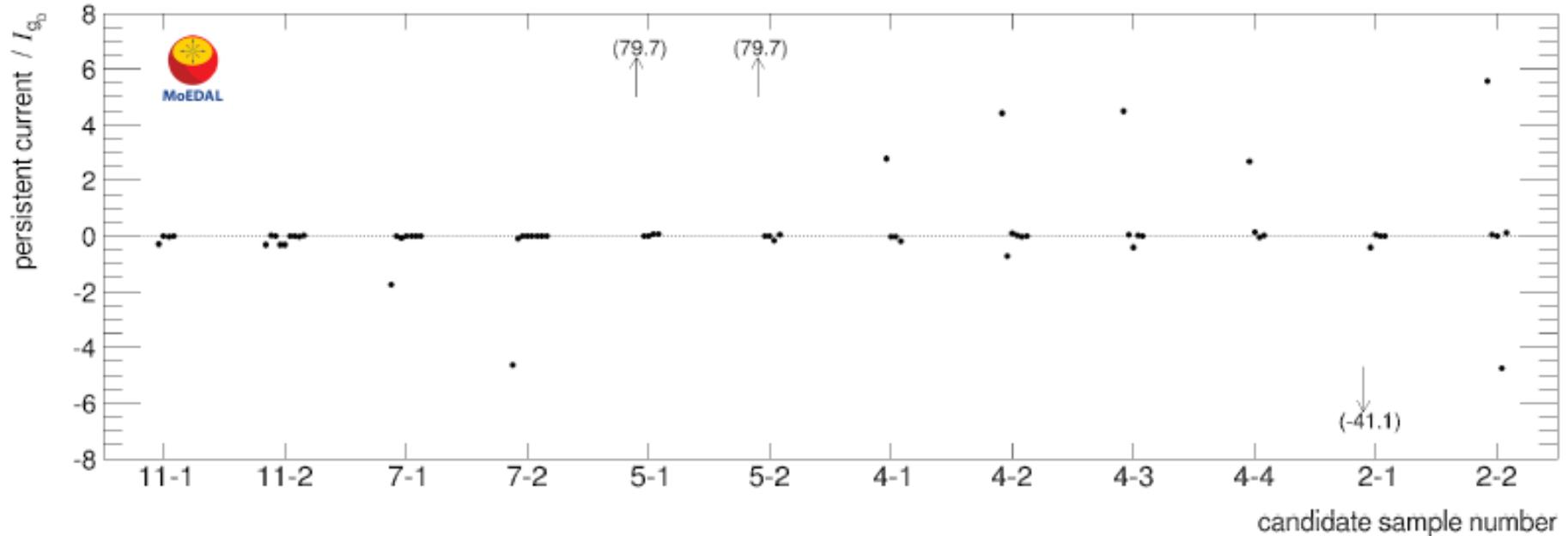
Magnetometer response profile for a typical aluminium sample of the MTD

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**No non-trivial result  
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**Figure 3.** Results of multiple persistent current measurements (in units of the Dirac charge) for the 12 samples which yielded large ( $|g| > 0.25 g_D$ ) values for the first measurement. Repeated measured values consistent with zero magnetic charge show that the first measurement was affected by a spurious jump. The arrows indicate values which lie off the scale of the plot.

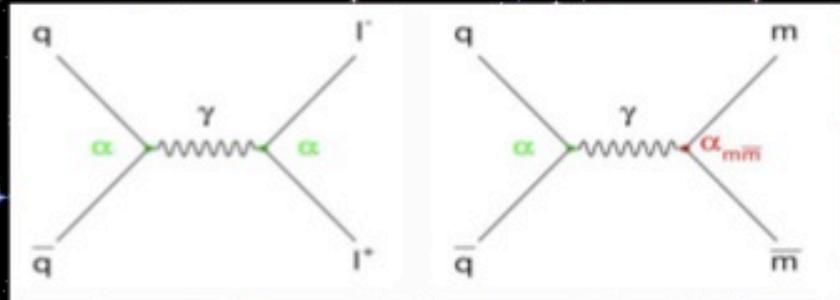
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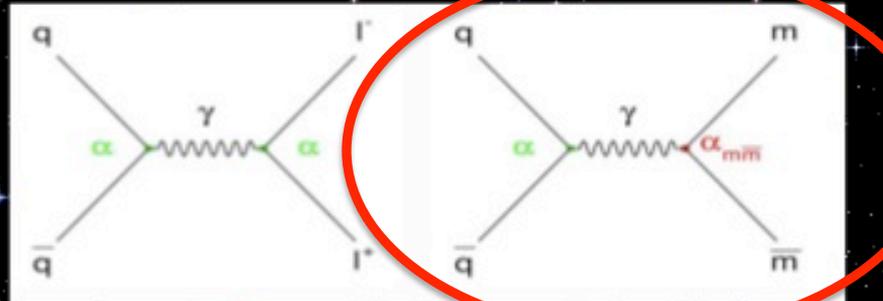
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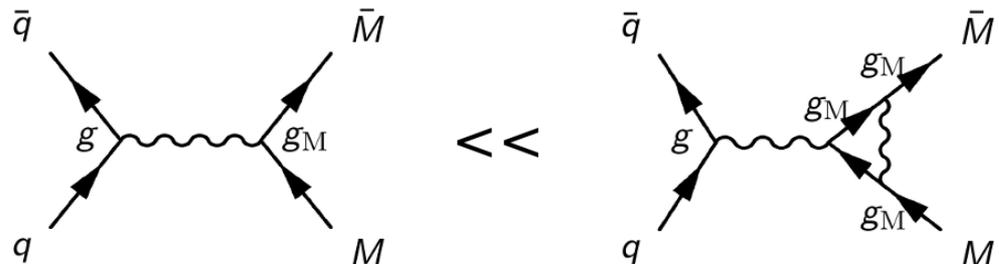
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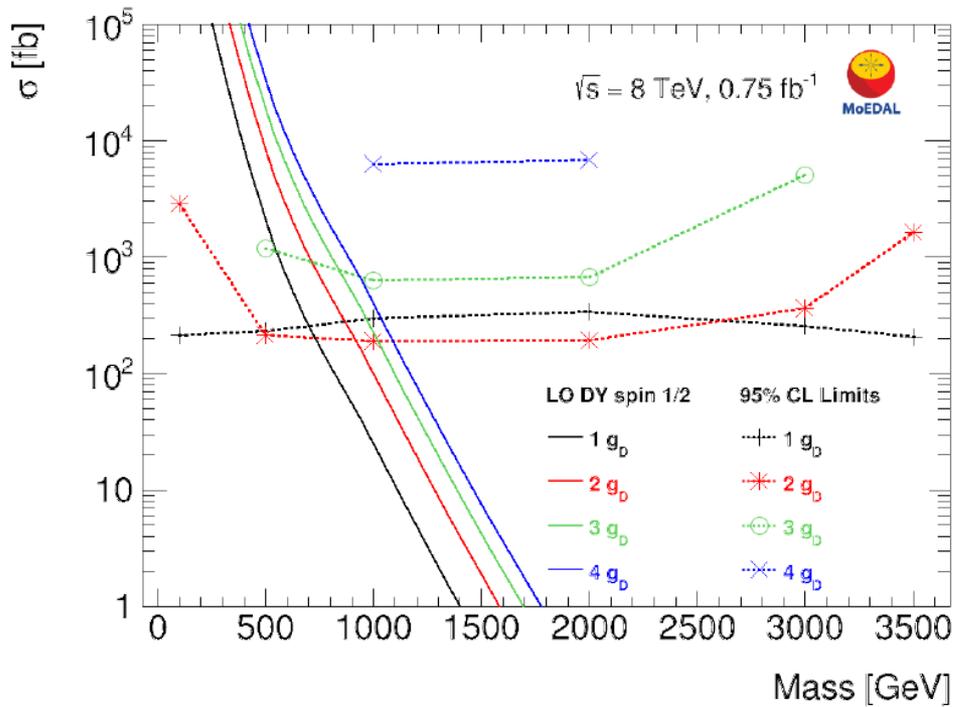


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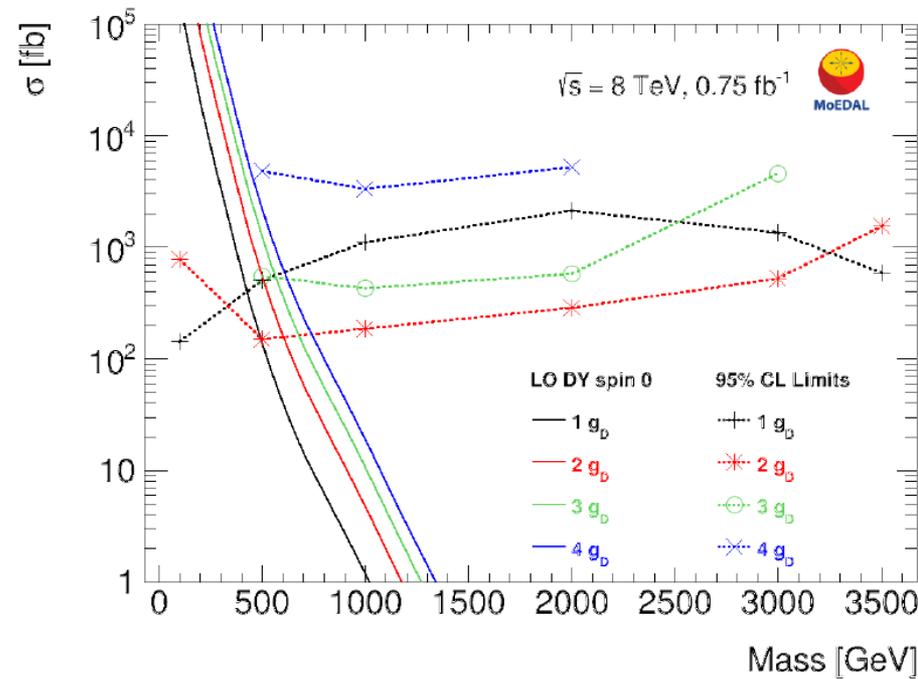
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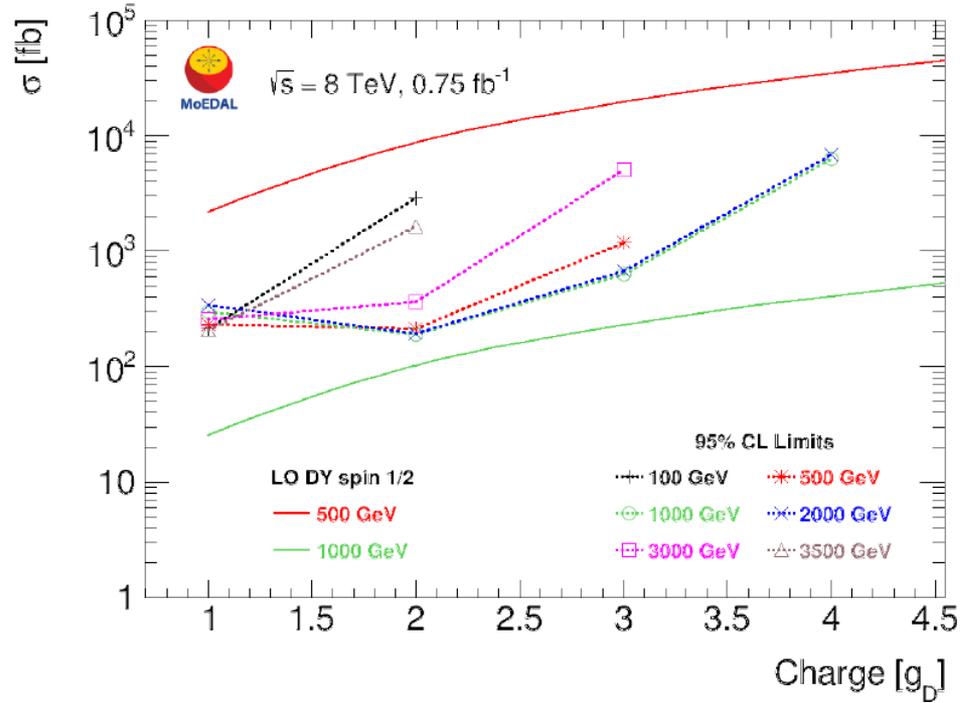
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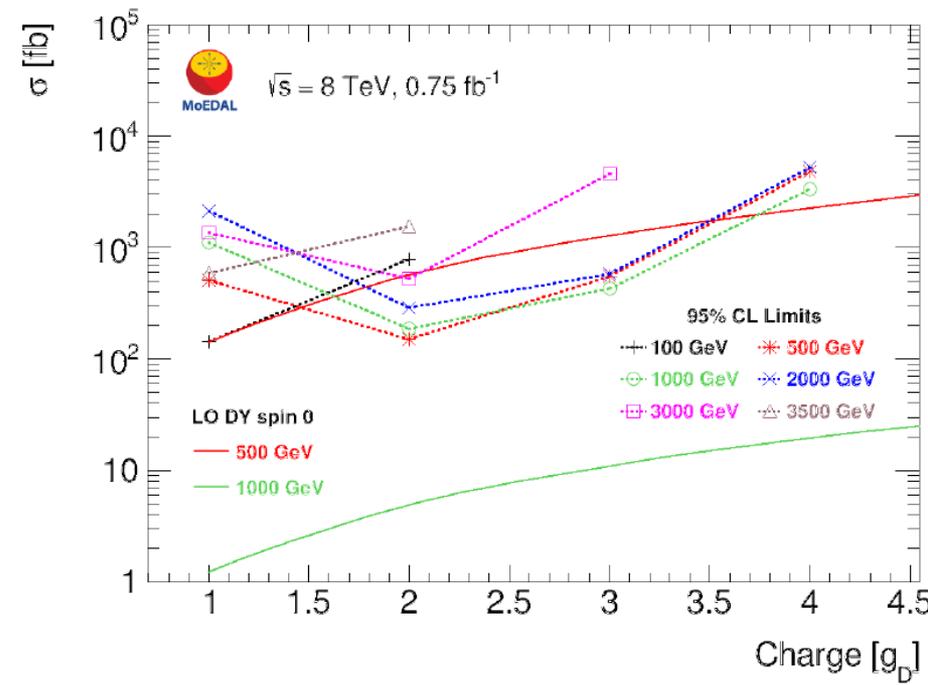
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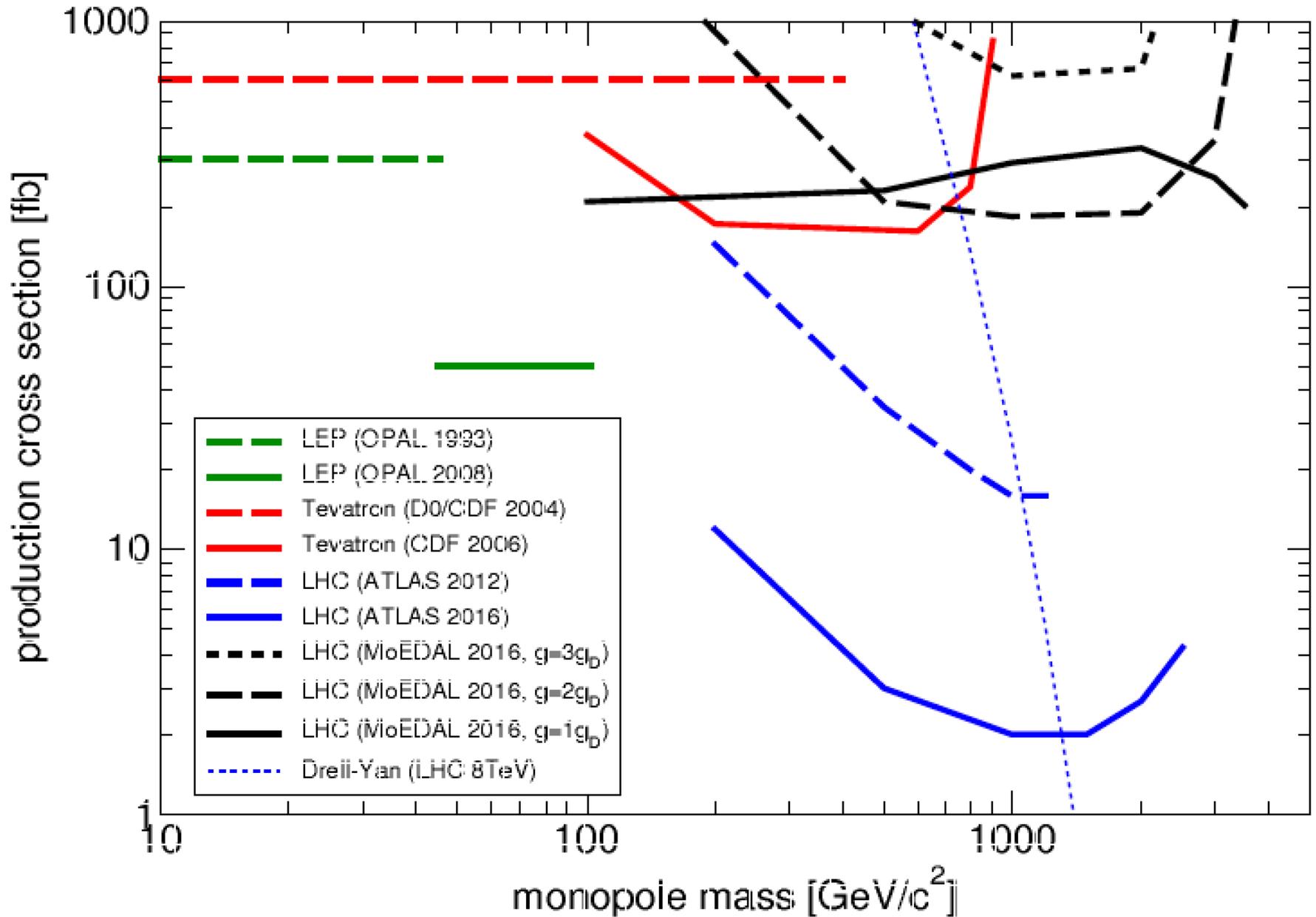


**MoEDAL**



# Summary for Production Cross sections @ Colliders

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Phys. Today





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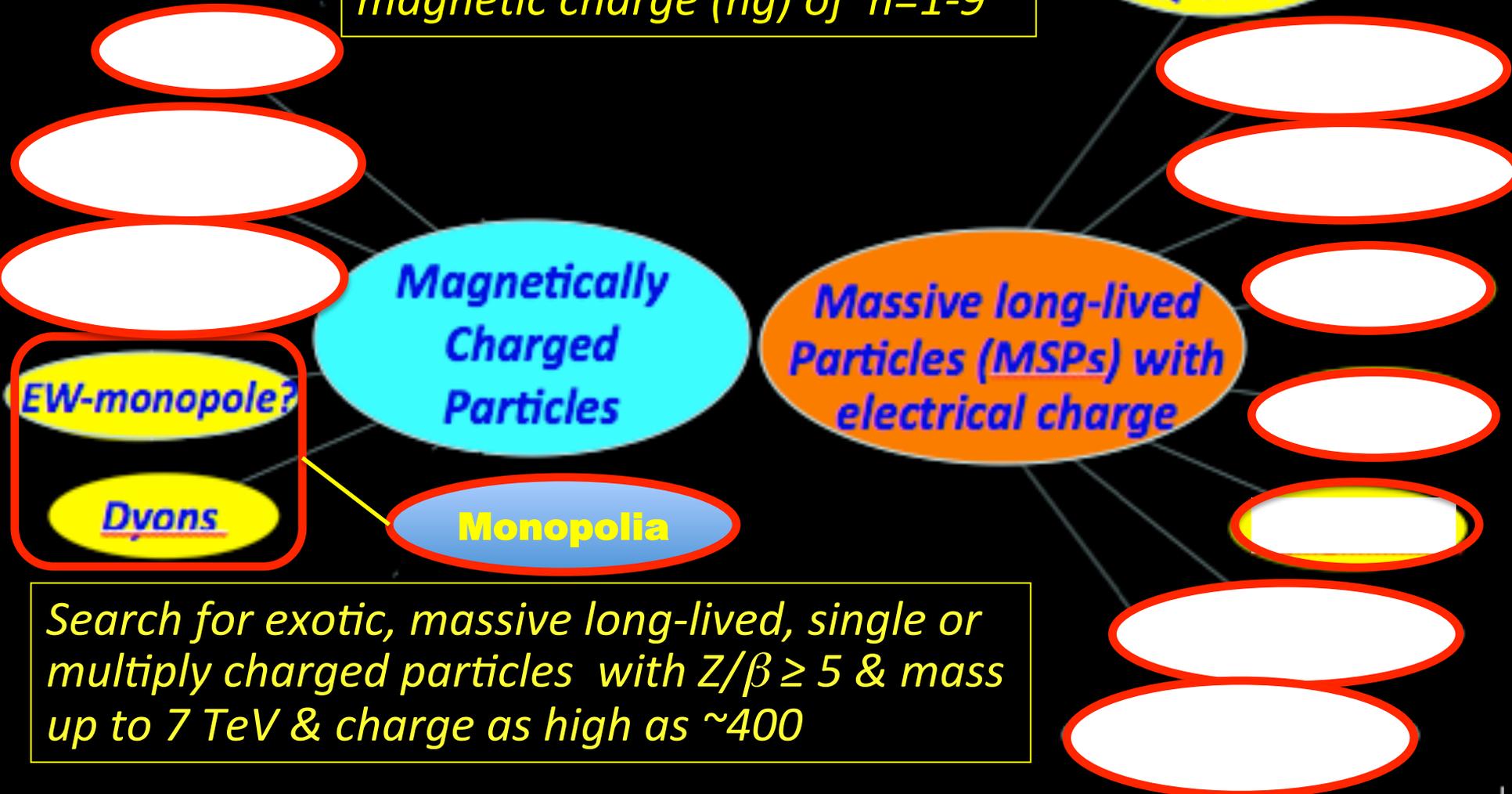
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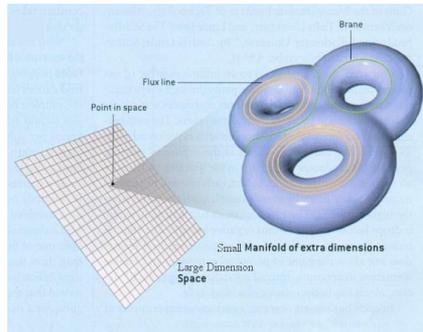
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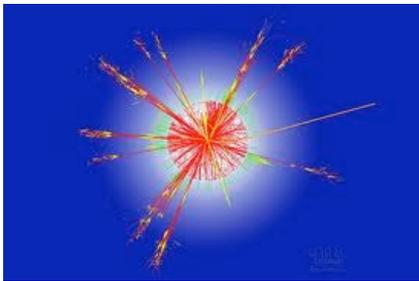
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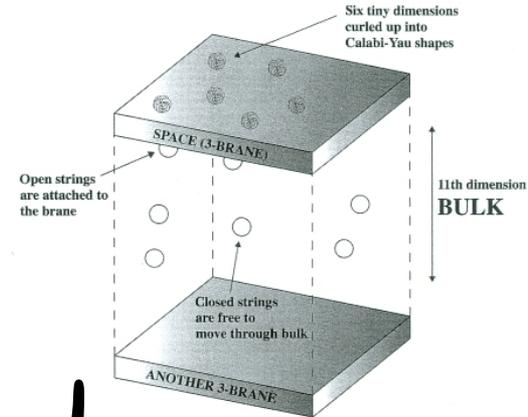


Stringy effects @ low scales (TeV ) possible



Both relevant for providing resolution of the hierarchy problem in field theory

Randall Sundrum  
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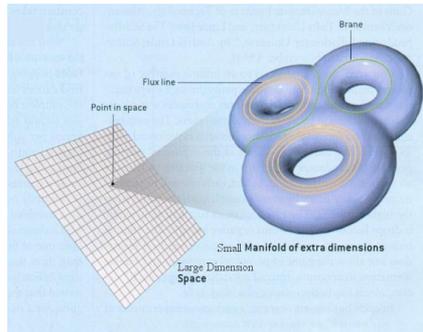
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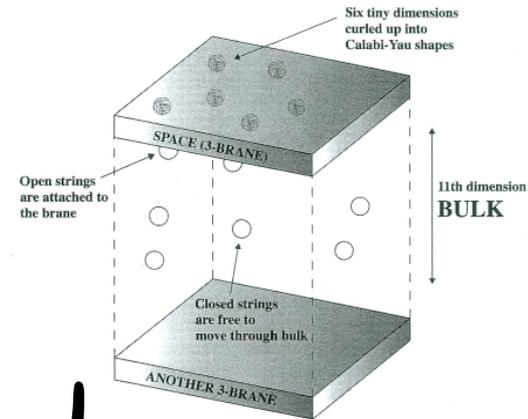
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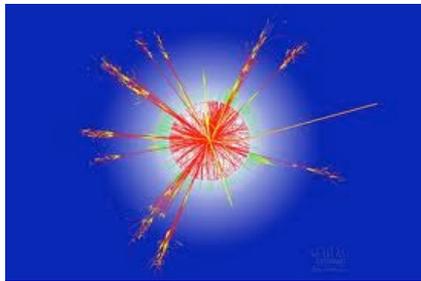
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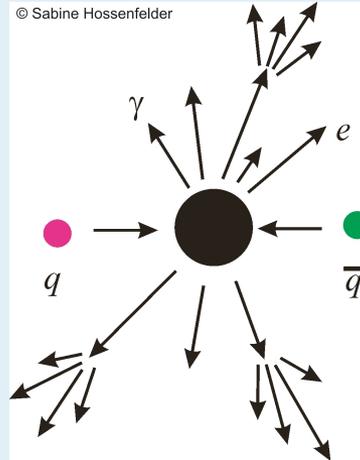


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BH formed from proton-proton collisions are formed from interactions of valence quarks (carry largest available momenta of partonic system) → BH average charge  $4/3$  → after evaporation to stable remnants, some accumulated net charge



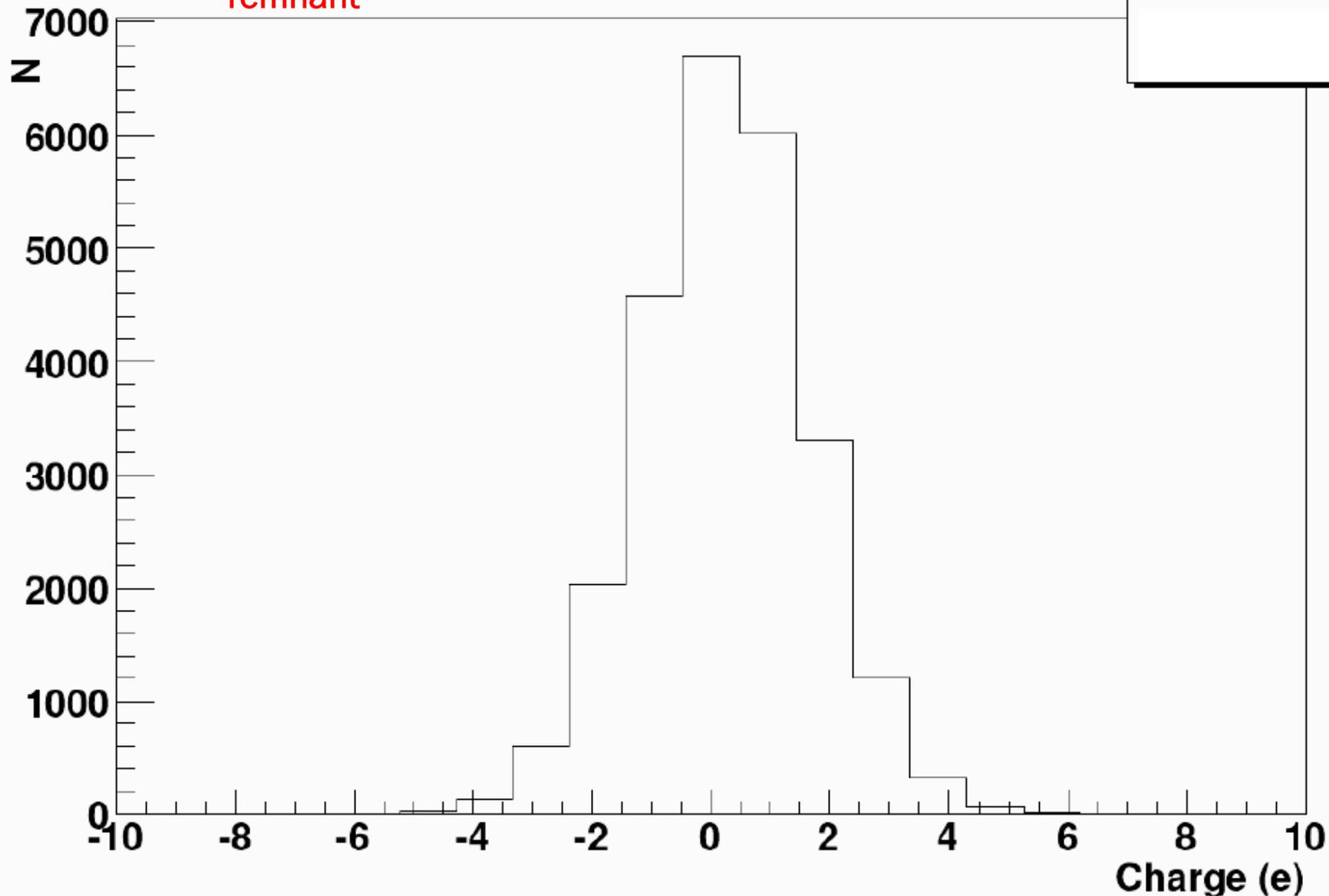
Most of BH remnants carry charge zero or one (in units of electron charge) smaller but non negligible fraction carry multiple charges → **highly ionizing, relevant to MoEDAL**

Estimated number of BH remnants vs charge using PYTHIA event generator & CHARIBDIS program for BH decay

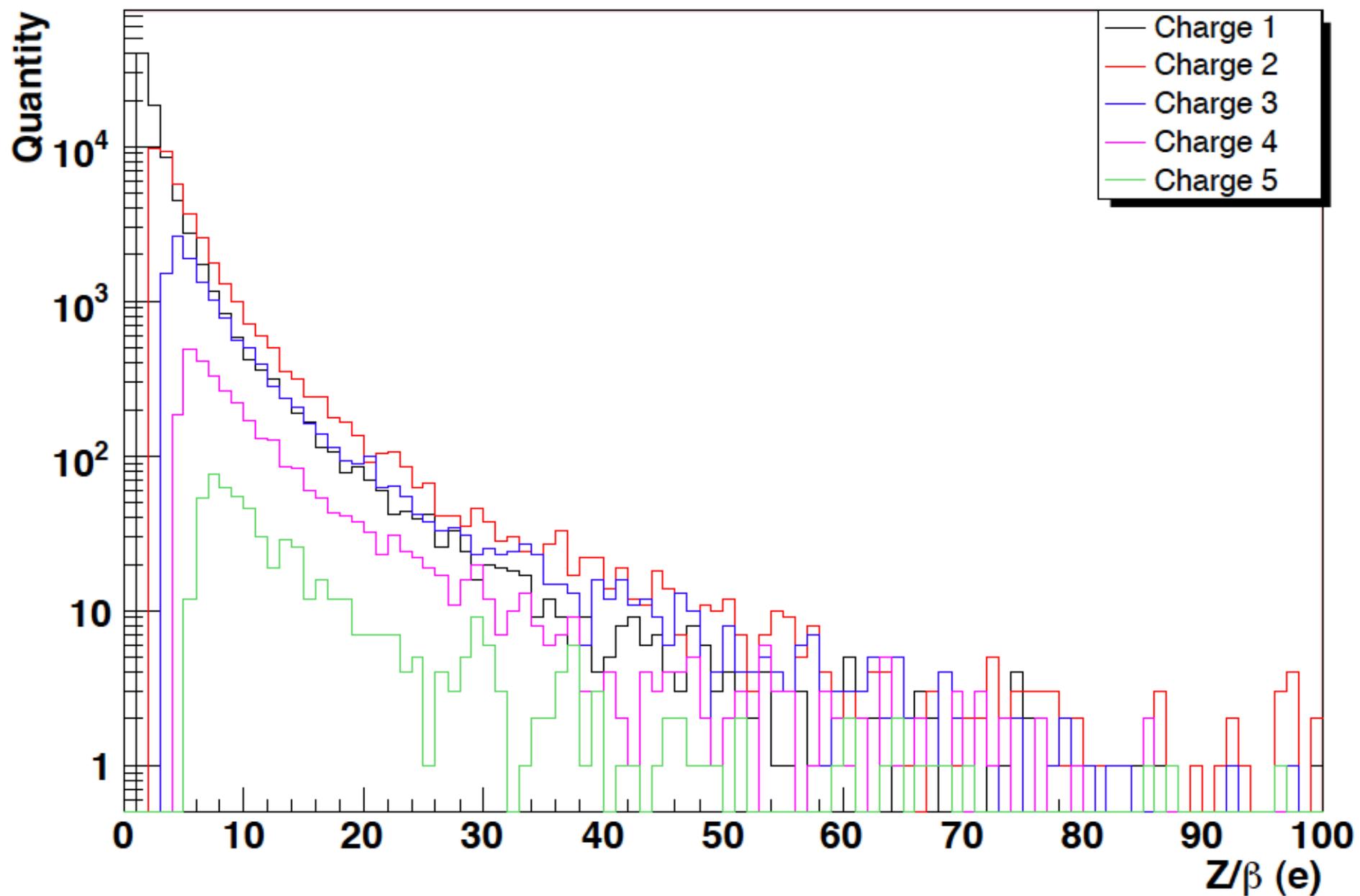
TOTDIM=6,  $M^*=1$ ,  $M_{\min}=2\text{TeV}$

remnant

Entries	25000
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$Z/\beta$  for all produced remnants.  $M^*=1\text{TeV}$ ,  $M_{\text{min}}=2\text{TeV}$ , 6 total dimensions



# Conclusions - Outlook

- **PROSPECTS LOOK GREAT FOR LHC Expts**

HIGGS(like) Discovery in 2012, → more measurements to come during > 2015 RUN II may unveil the nature of the Boson & possibly New Physics – machine operates fine @ 13 TeV collisions

- **We discussed Black Holes (BH), both astrophysical and mini (in extra dimensional theories) and their searches in space and at colliders.**

Large Astrophysical BHs: plethora of evidence (including GW) they exist .

Mini BHs (extra dimensions): producible @ colliders ...no current evidence @ LHC

- **We discussed prospects of Sphaleron-induced processes @ ICE CUBE & LHC: unsuppressed tunneling processes for  $\geq 9$  TeV ( $= E_{\text{sph}}$ ) total quark collision energies**

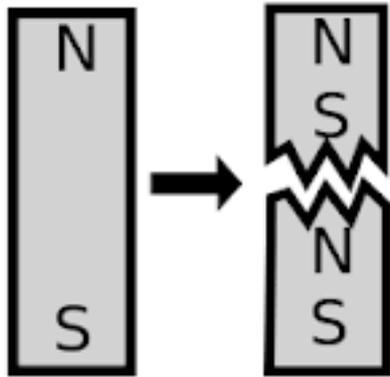
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- **FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT FOR MoEDAL – ROLE AS A PROBE OF THE TOPOLOGICAL AVATARS BEYOND THE SM .... MAY DETECT NOT ONLY MONOPOLES BUT OTHER EXOTICS AS WELL (INCLUDING BRANE/STRING THEORY HIP DEFECTS) probably exclusively ...**

...Surprises may be around the corner...

**EVEN FOR THEORISTS**

...Carry on Searching ...



**Cannot be the property of ordinary matter**

**If magnetic monopole exists should be a *NEW* elementary particle !**

**This is what Particle Physics Experiments at LHC such as MoeDAL are currently searching**



**U. Alberta-IC-KCL-Langdon School Collaboration**

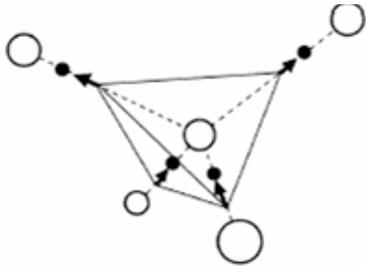
# Conclusions - Outlook

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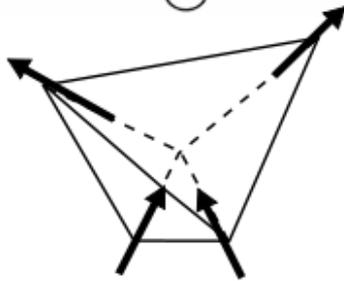


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# Spin Ice Monopole-like Quasiparticles



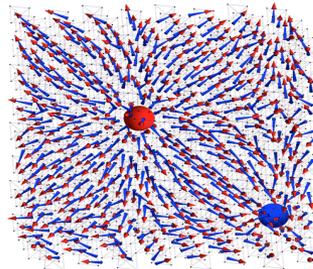
The arrangement of hydrogen atoms (black circles) about oxygen atoms (open circles) in **ice**



The arrangement of spins (black arrows) in a **spin ice – material tetrahedra of ions with non-zero spin**

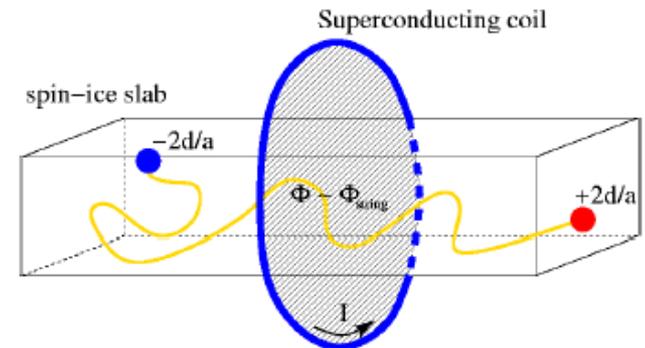
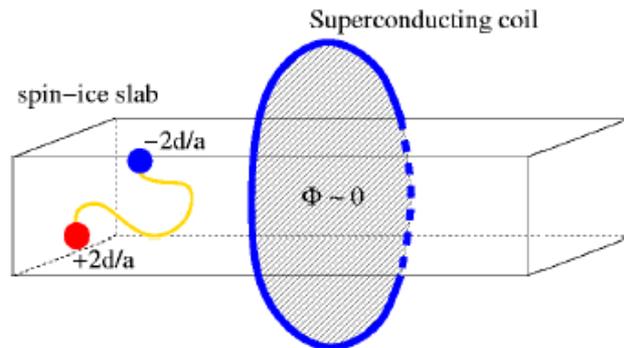
## Monopole-like quasiparticles (excitations):

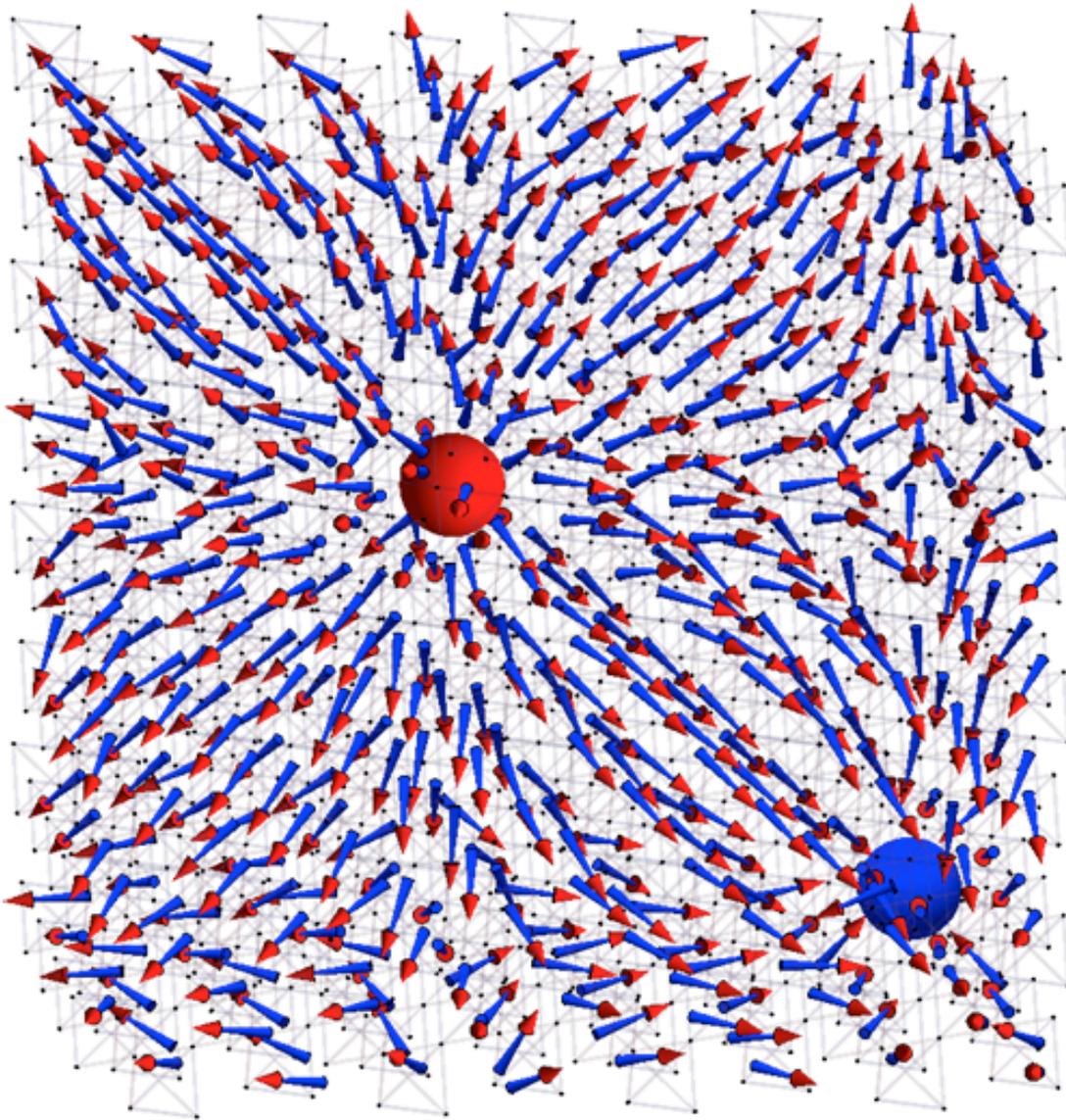
These excitations are **NOT** describing a fundamental particle unlike the real monopole.



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They account for phase transition of spin ice in a magnetic field



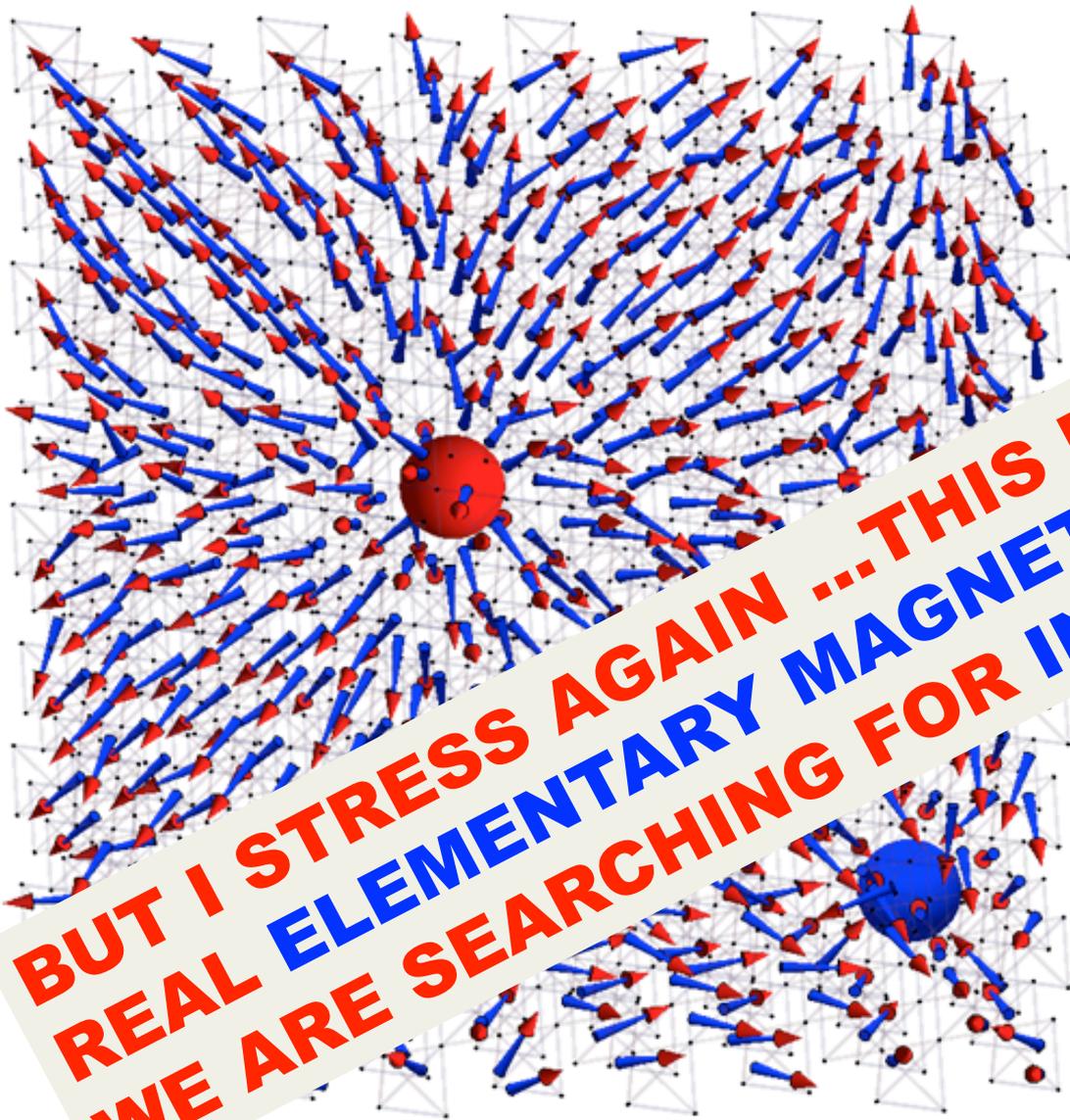


Magnetic frustration leads to “monopole-like” quasiparticle excitations in spin ice :  
sp[in d.o.f. magnetic dipoles fractionalise into deconfined pairs of magnetic monopole-like configurations

The **magnetic moments** were shown to **align** in the spin ice into interwoven **tube-like bundles** resembling **Dirac strings**. At the **defect formed by the end of each tube**, the magnetic field looks like that of a **monopole**. Use of applied magnetic field (break the symmetry of the system) can control the density and orientation of these strings

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**BUT I STRESS AGAIN ... THIS IS NOT THE REAL ELEMENTARY MAGNETIC MONOPOLE WE ARE SEARCHING FOR IN PARTICLE PHYSICS**

Magnetic frustration leads to  $\sim$  monopole-like quasiparticle excitations in spin ice: spin dipoles from frustrated tetrahedra like  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  molecules. The magnetic moments are known to align in the spin ice into interwoven tube-like bundles resembling Dirac strings. At the defect formed by the end of each tube, the magnetic field looks like that of a monopole. Use of applied magnetic field (break the symmetry of the system) can control the density and orientation of these strings

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## Expand around the Higgs v.e.v

$$\rho = \rho_0 + \tilde{\rho}, \quad \tilde{\rho}/\rho_0 \ll 1$$

$$\rho_0 \equiv \sqrt{2}\mu/\sqrt{\lambda}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -|\mathcal{D}_\mu\phi|^2 - \frac{\lambda}{2} \left( \phi^2 - \frac{\mu^2}{\lambda} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \vec{F}_{\mu\nu}^2$$

$$- \frac{1}{4} \epsilon(|\phi|^2) B_{\mu\nu}^2$$

$$\epsilon \simeq \left( \rho/\rho_0 \right)^n \propto \left( \frac{\phi\phi^\dagger}{\rho_0^2} \right)^{n/2}$$

$$- \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^2 B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} \supset - \frac{n}{4} \frac{\tilde{\rho}}{\rho_0} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu},$$

observed

$$\bar{c}_\gamma \gtrsim 10^{-3}$$

$$n \geq 8 \Rightarrow \bar{c}_\gamma \lesssim -0.8$$

$$\bar{c}_\gamma = - \frac{1}{32} \left( \frac{g}{g'} \right)^2 n \simeq -0.1n.$$

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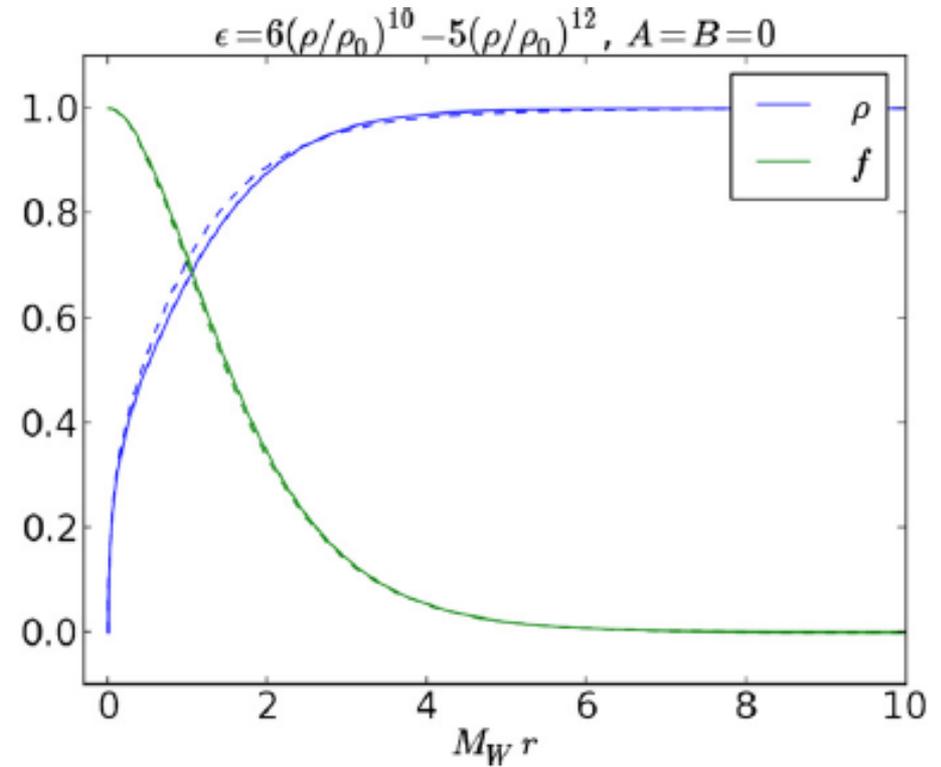
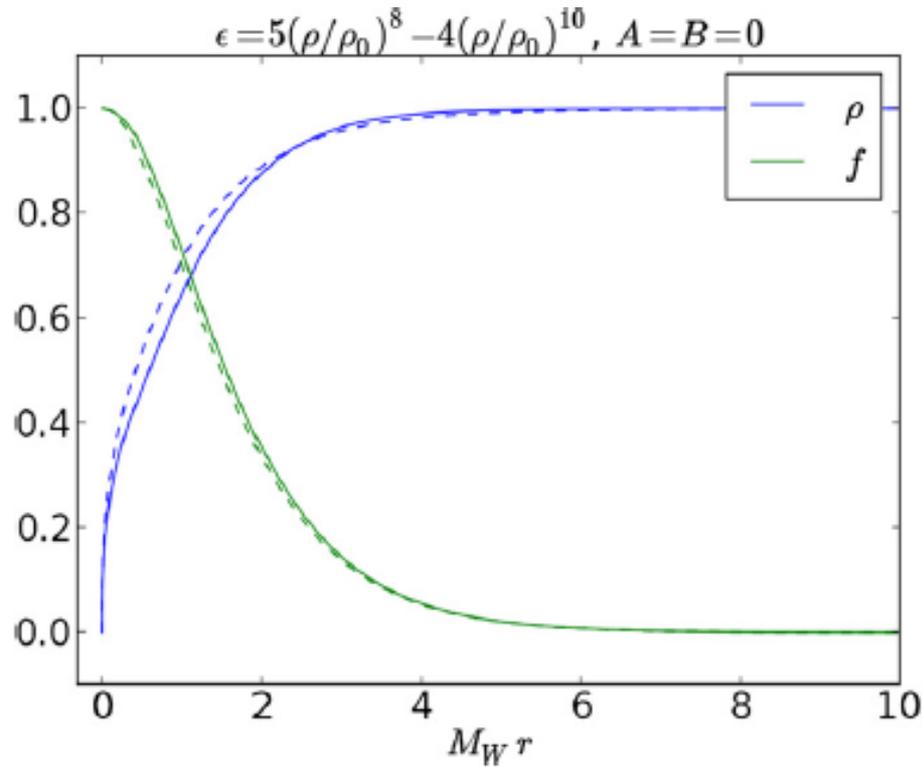
# Implementing the $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ constraint

Try more general (phenomenological) function of  $\epsilon(\phi, \phi^\dagger)$

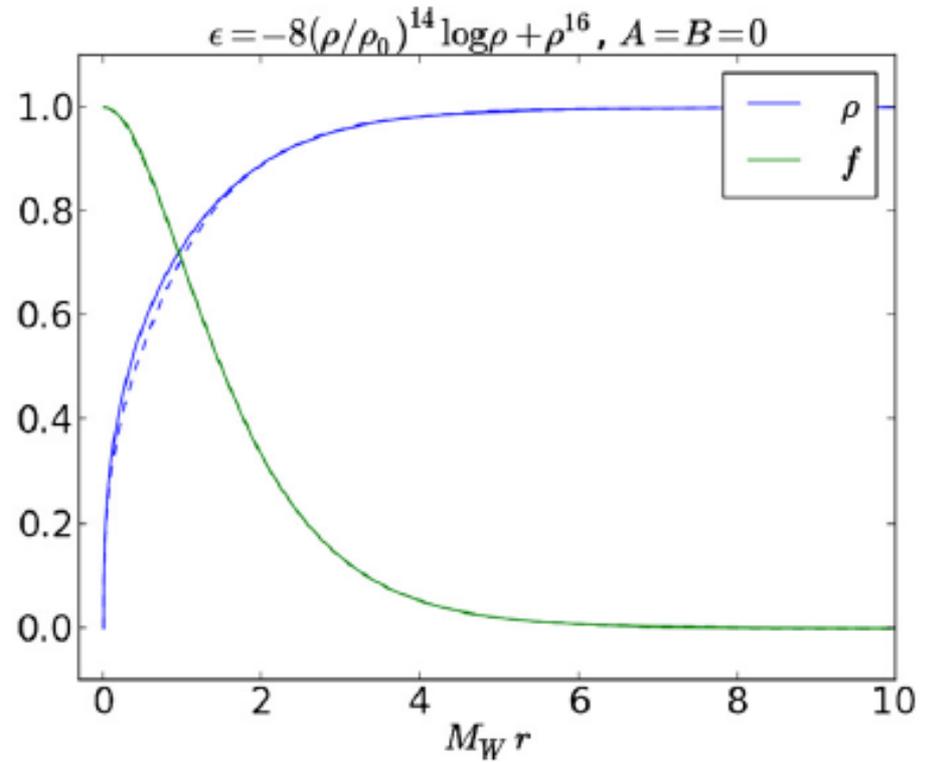
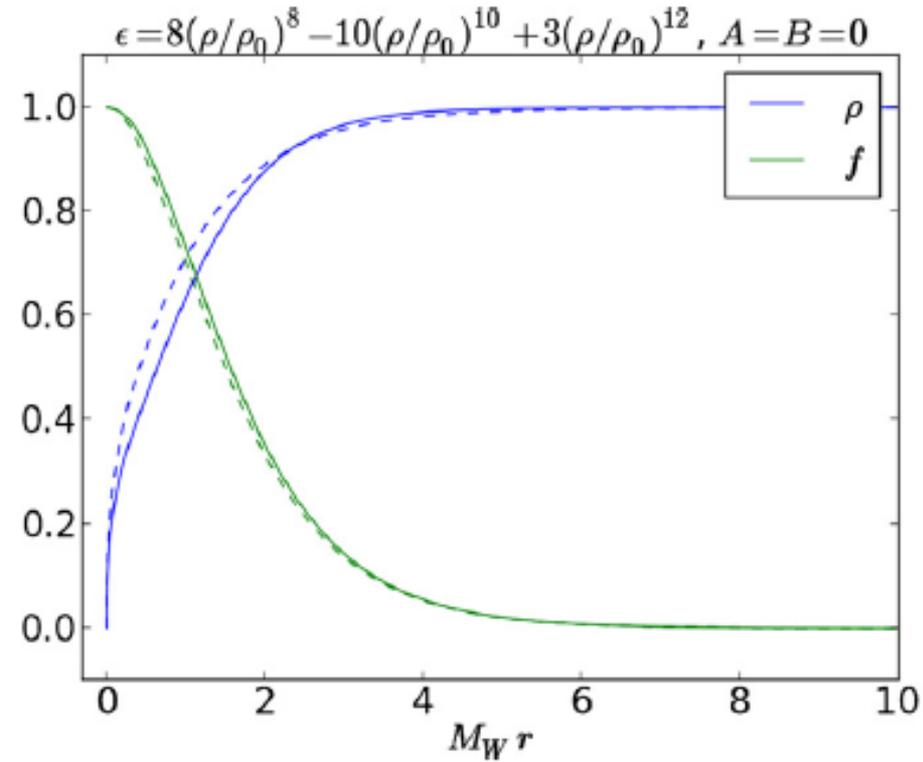
e.g. 
$$\epsilon_n(\rho) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} C_n \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{8+2n}$$

**Require Maximal Entropy**

$$S = - \int_0^1 dx \epsilon(x) \ln(\epsilon(x)), \quad x \equiv \frac{\rho}{\rho_0}$$



**Modified Finite-Energy Electroweak Monopole**



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