

The MoEDAL-Experiment At the LHC



*Searching for the Magnetic Monopole and
other highly ionizing avatars of new physics*

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MoEDAL / LHCb

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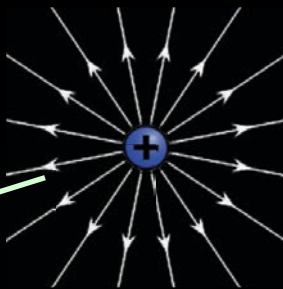


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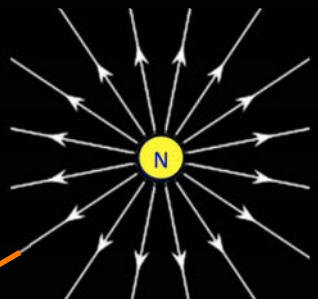


Seeking Magnetic Charge (6 scenarios)



ELECTRIC CHARGE

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} &= \rho_E \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} &= -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} &= \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \vec{j}_E\end{aligned}$$



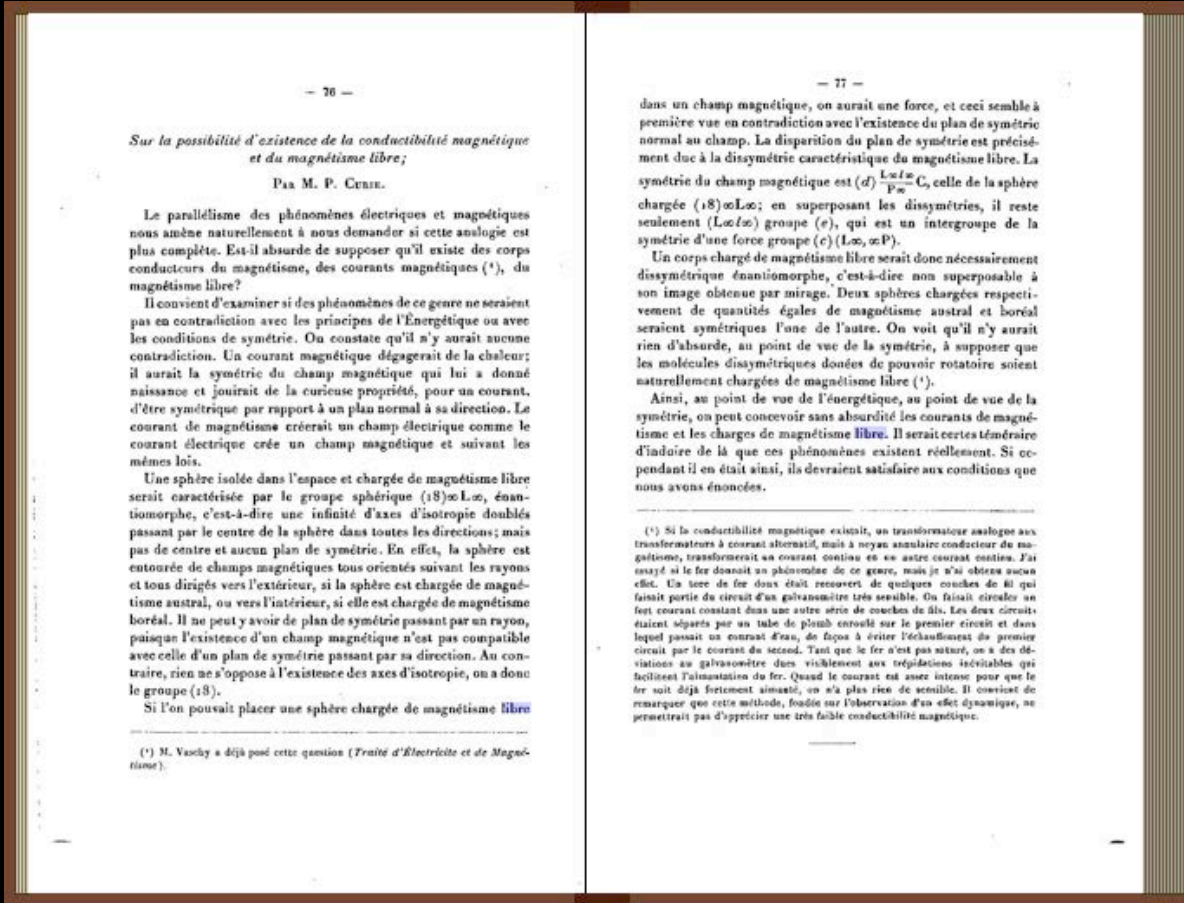
MAGNETIC CHARGE

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} &= \rho_E \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} &= \rho_M \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} &= -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} - \vec{j}_M \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} &= \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \vec{j}_E\end{aligned}$$

- *Magnetic charge would symmetrize to Maxwell's Equation*
- *The symmetrized Maxwell's equations are invariant under rotations in the plane of the electric and magnetic field*
- *This symmetry is called Duality - the distinction between electric and magnetic charge is merely one of definition*



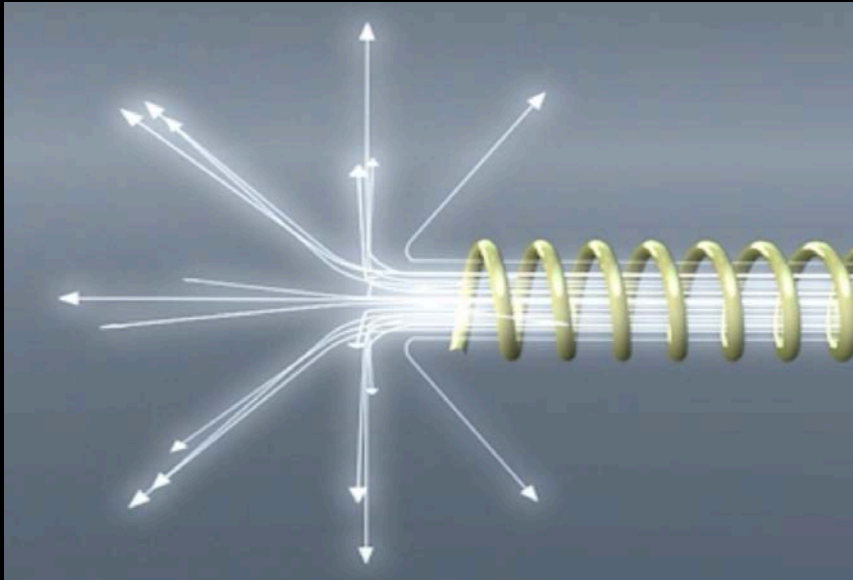
Maxwell's Asymmetric Equations



- Pierre Curie was the first to suggest that Magnetic Monopoles could exist (Seances, Société Française de Physique, 1894)
- We are now at the 120th anniversary of the monopole search!



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!

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



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
- $(q_{e1}, q_{m1}) - (q_{e2}, q_{m2}) = 2nh/m_0$ (n is an integer)
- Fundamental magnetic charge is now $2g_D$
- 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

Gerard 't Hooft



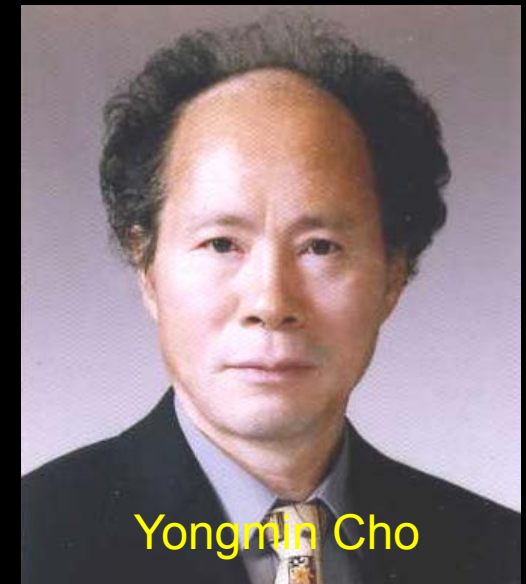
Alexander Polyakov



- In 1974 't Hooft and Polyakov showed that monopoles exist with the framework of Grand Unified Theories
- Such monopoles are topological solitons (stable, non dissipative, finite energy solutions) with a topological charge
- The topology of the soliton's field configuration gives stability EG a knot in a rope fixed at the ends (boundary conditions)



The Cho-Maison Magnetic Monopole



Yongmin Cho

- *Yongmin Cho's pioneering paper in 1986 envisioned a spherically symmetric Electroweak Monopole, with:*
 - *Magnetic charge $2g_D$ & mass estimated to be $4 \rightarrow 7 \text{ GeV}/c^2$*
- *The Cho monopole is a non-trivial hybrid between the abelian Dirac monopole & the non-abelian 't Hooft-Polyakov monopole*
- *The Cho-Maison monopole would be detectable by MoEDAL*



The Ways to get High Ionization

- **Electric charge** - ionization increases with increasing charge and falling velocity β ($\beta=v/c$):

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

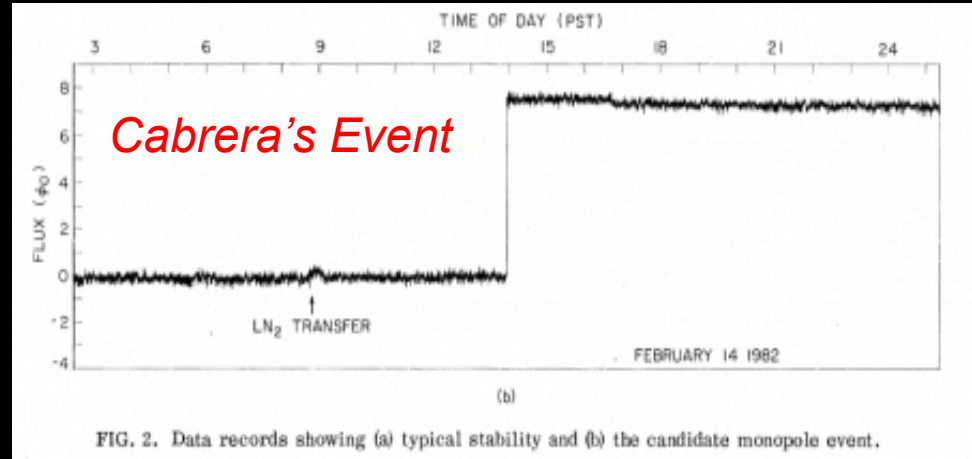
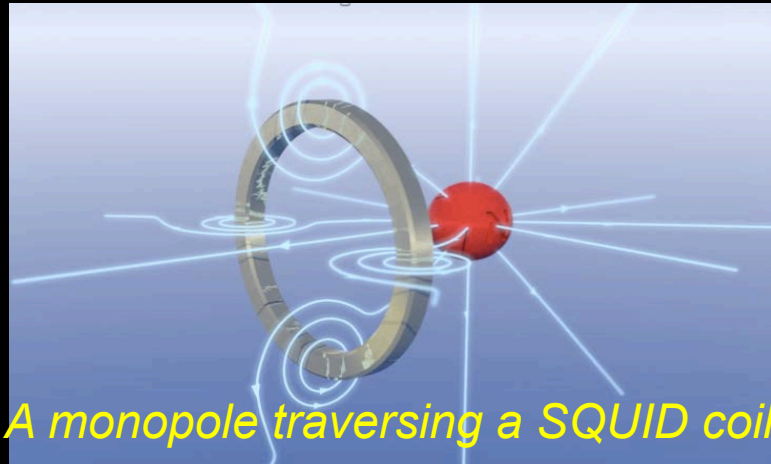
- **Magnetic charge** - ionization increases with magnetic charge and decreases with velocity β - a unique signature

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

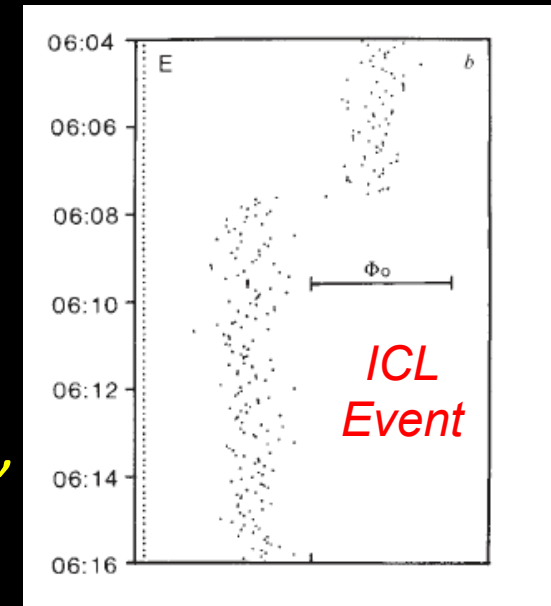
- The velocity dependence of the Lorentz force cancels $1/\beta^2$ term
- The ionization of a relativistic monopole is $(ng)^2$ times that of a relativistic proton i.e $4700n^2!!$ ($n=1,2,3...$)



Induction Experiments - Evidence?



- *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 - by 8 units 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 ($A= 0.18 \text{ m}^2$)*

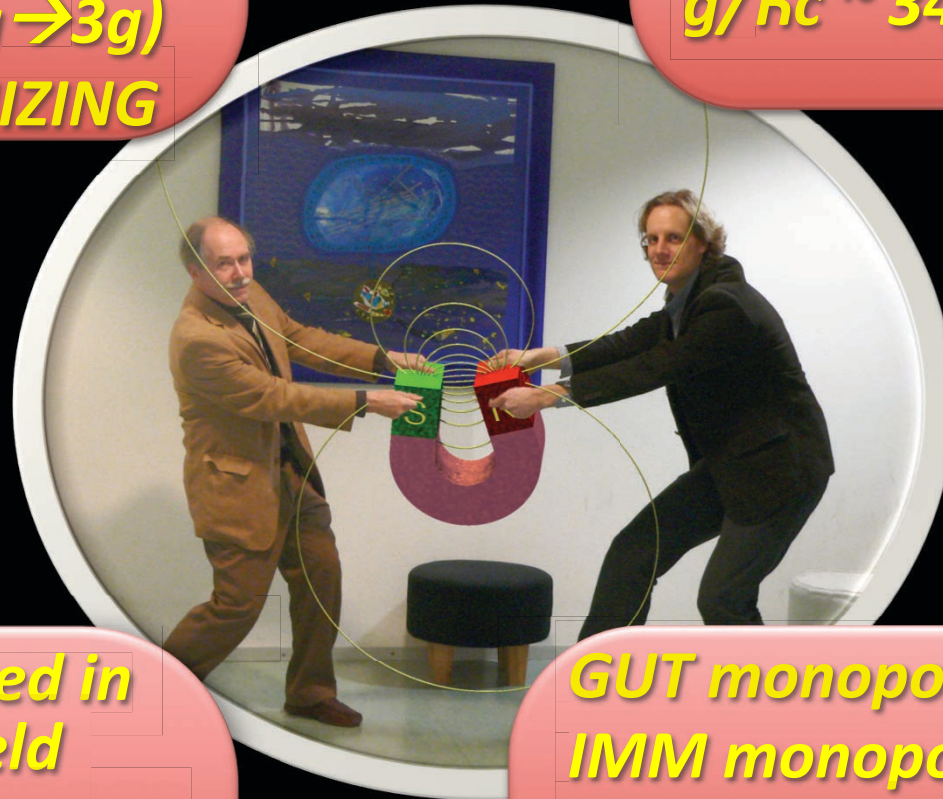




Magnetic Monopole Properties

Magnetic charge
 $= ng = n68.5e$
(if $e \rightarrow 1/3e; g \rightarrow 3g$)
HIGHLY IONIZING

Coupling constant =
 $g/\hbar c \sim 34$. Spin $1/2$?



Energy acquired in
a magnetic field
 $= 2.06 \text{ MeV/gauss.m}$
 $= 2 \text{ TeV in a } 10 \text{ m,}$
10T LHC magnet

GUT monopoles $\sim 10^{17} \text{ GeV}$
IMM monopoles mass as
low as 10^7 GeV
4-7 TeV EW monopole



Physics Program (34 Scenarios)

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arXiv.org > hep-ph > arXiv:1405.7662

High Energy Physics – Phenomenology

The Physics Programme Of The MoEDAL Experiment At The LHC

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- **Magnetic Charge:** 6 scenarios, EW Monopole, D particles, etc.
- **SUSY:** 9 scenarios, metastable stop quarks and sleptons, etc
- **Extra Dimensions:** 5 scenarios: eg BH remnants, KK particles etc.
- **“Other Scenarios”** involving singly electrically charged particles: 6 scenarios: long lived massive quarks, 4th generation fermions, etc
- **Multiply charged particles:** 8 scenarios: doubly charged Higgs, doubly charged leptons, Q-balls, strangelets, quirks, etc

MoEDAL Addresses Fundamental Questions:



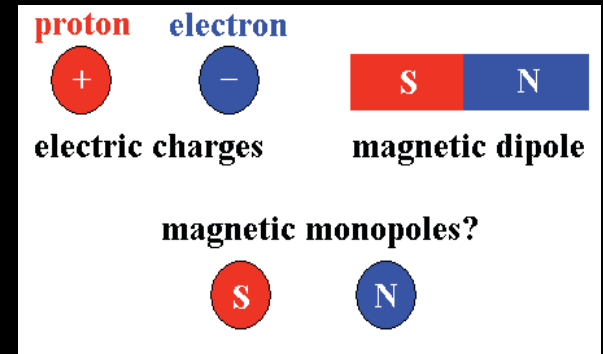
Are there extra dimensions?



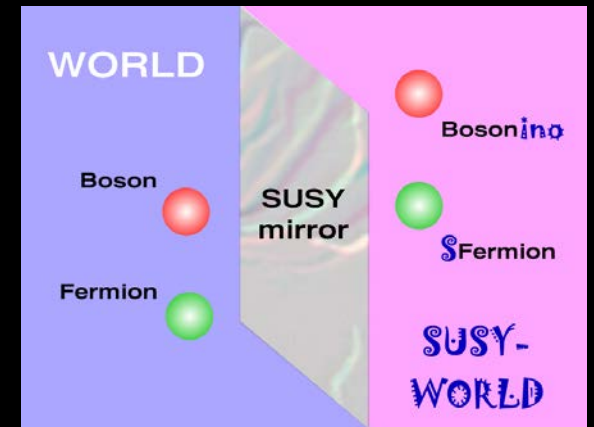
What is the nature of Dark matter?



What happened just after the big bang?



Does magnetic charge exist?



Are there new symmetries of nature?

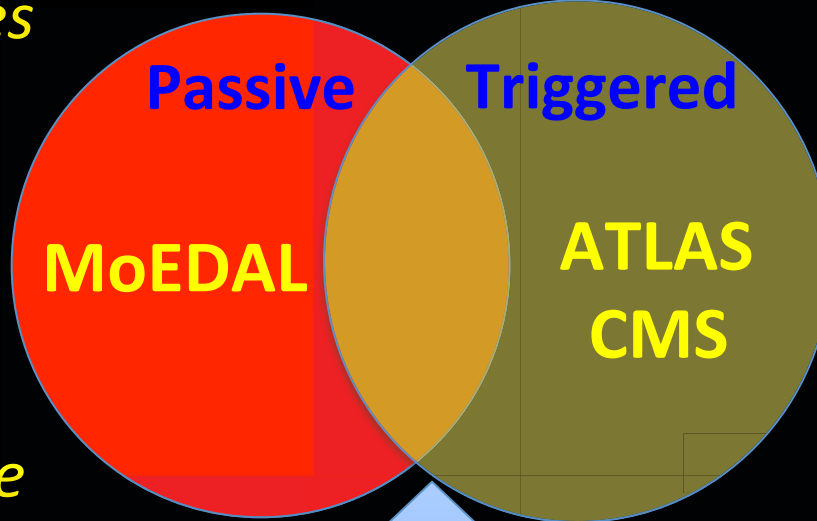
MoEDAL's Complementarity

Optimized for highly ionizing particles

Insensitive to SM particles

Can directly detect & trap magnetic charge

Calibrated by heavy-ions



Optimized for SM relativistic MIPs & photons

Cannot directly detect magnetic charge

Cannot be directly calibrated for highly ionizing particles

The totally different systematics and mode of detection of MoEDAL compared to the ATLAS/CMS experiments will yield important validation and insights into a joint observation of new physics that we hope to see starting in 2015



MoEDAL the 7th LHC Experiment

AIM: The search for the highly ionizing particle avatars of New Physics with magnetic and/or electric charge

CERN COURIER

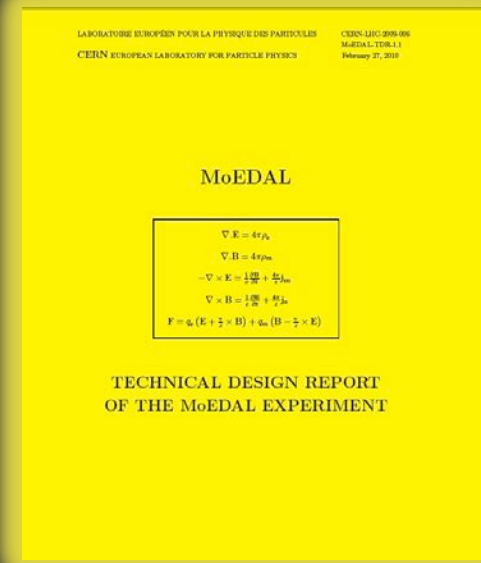
May 5, 2010

MoEDAL becomes the LHC's magnificent seventh

A new experiment is set to join the LHC fold. As James Pinfold explains, MoEDAL will conduct the search for magnetic monopoles.

Résumé

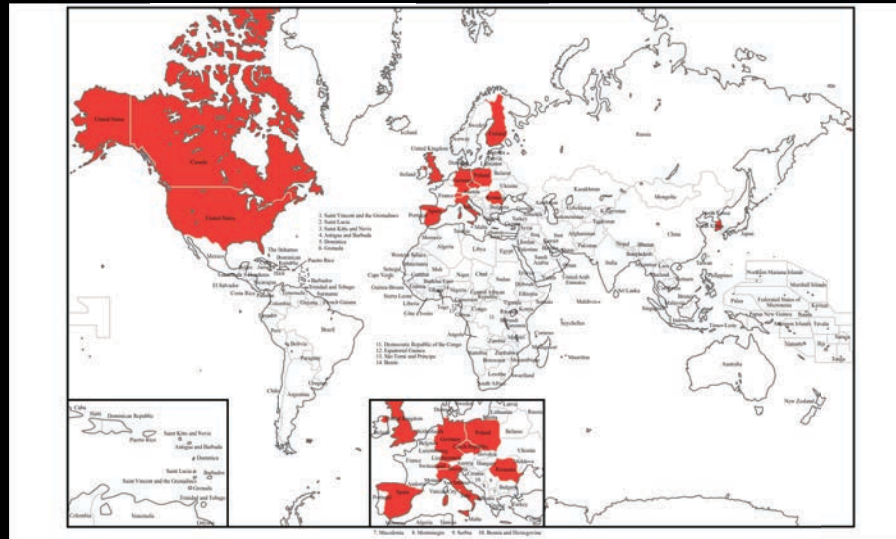
MoEDAL devient la septième expérience du LHC



- In September 2009 the Large Hadron Collider Committee (LHCC), accepted the MoEDAL Technical Design Report.
- The CERN Research Board (CRB) unanimously approved the MoEDAL during their 190th meeting on December 3rd 2009. Official data taking starts in the Spring of 2015. Test data has already been taken.



The Collaboration

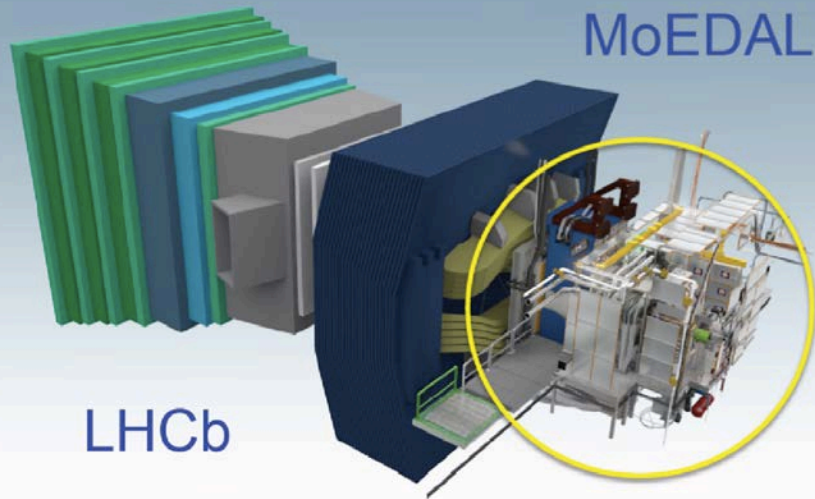


● **Now 64 physicists from 12 countries and 23 institutions:**

U. Alberta, UBC, INFN Bologna, U. Bologna, U. Cincinnatti, Concordia U., CSIC Valencia, DESY, Gangneung-Wonju Nat. U., U. Geneva, U. Helsinki, ICTP Trieste, IEAP/CTU Prague, IFIC Valencia, Imperial College London, INP/PAS Cracow, ISS Bucharest, King's College London, Konkuk U., Muenster U., Northeastern U., Simon Langton School UK, Tuft's.



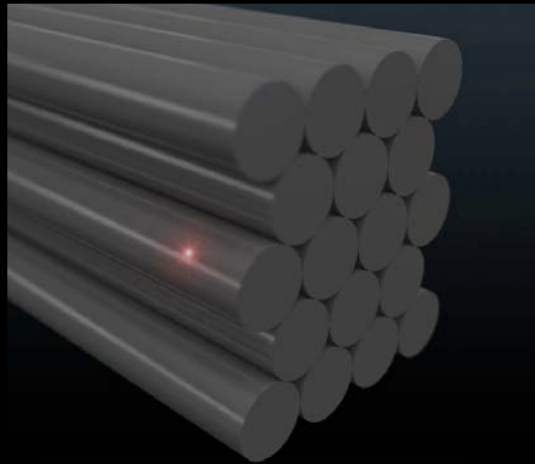
The MoEDAL Experiment



- *The MoEDAL detector design consists of 4 subdetectors, the:*
 - *Low Threshold ($\geq 5xMIP$) Nuclear Track Detector (LT-NTD) system*
 - *High Charge Catcher (HCC) NTD array ($\geq 50 xMIP$)*
 - *Magnetic Monopole/Exotics Trapper (MMT) Al trapping volumes*
 - *TimePix pixel device (TMPX) array online radiation monitoring system*



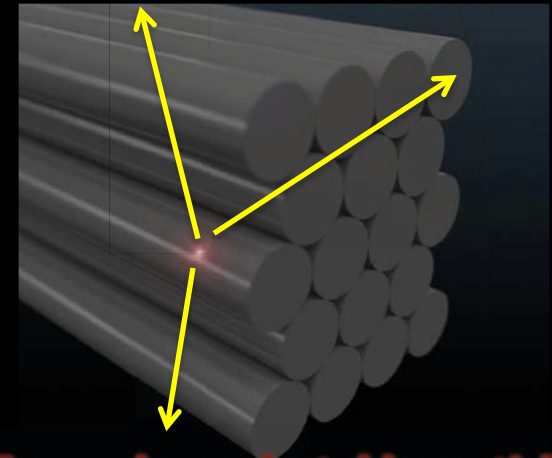
The Trapping Detector System



Trapped monopole



SQUID magnetometer (ETH Zurich)

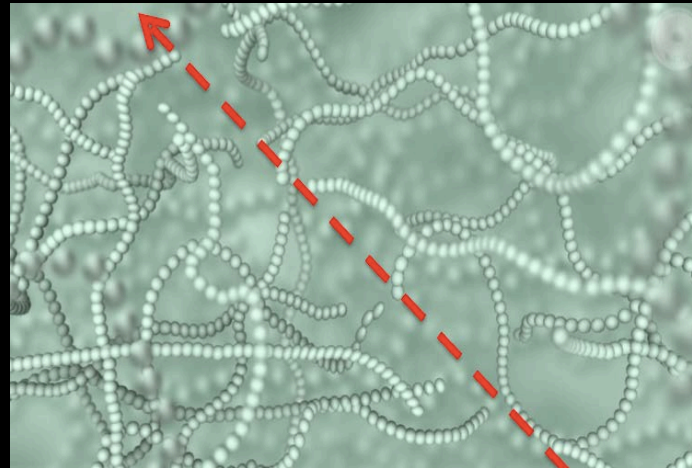
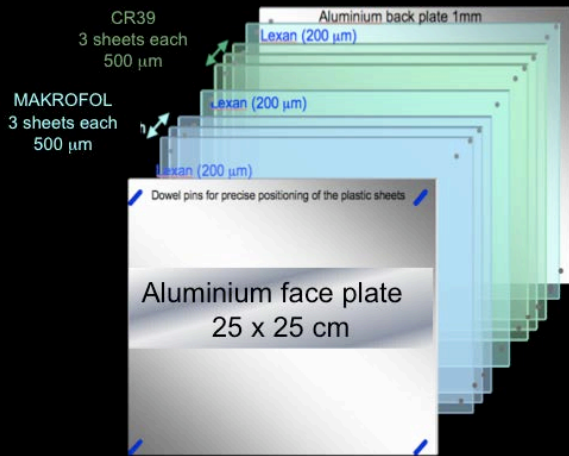


Trapped pseudostable particle decaying to charged particles

- *We will deploy trapping volumes (~1 tonne) 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*
 - *Underground lab to detect decays of MSPs*



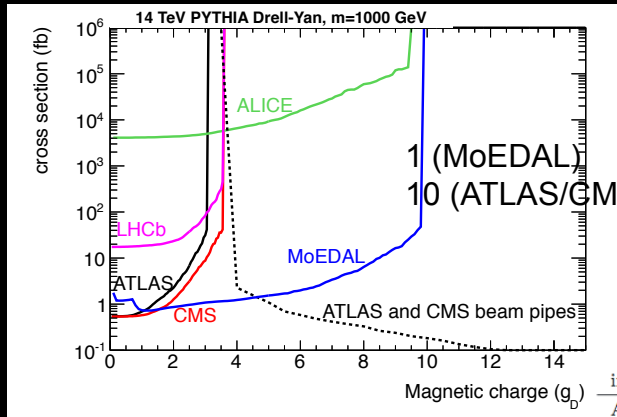
The Nuclear Track Detector System



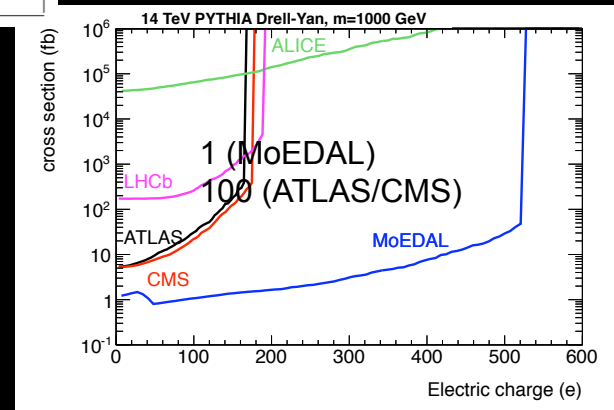
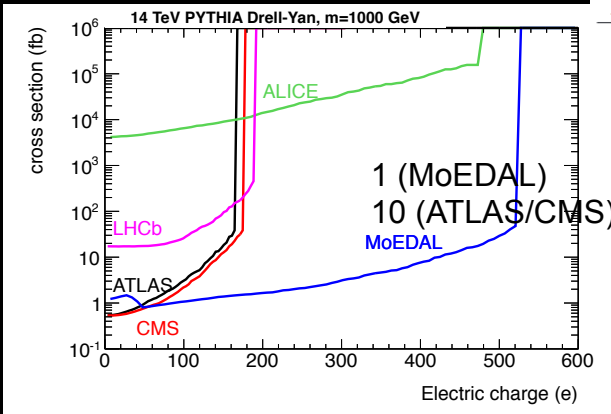
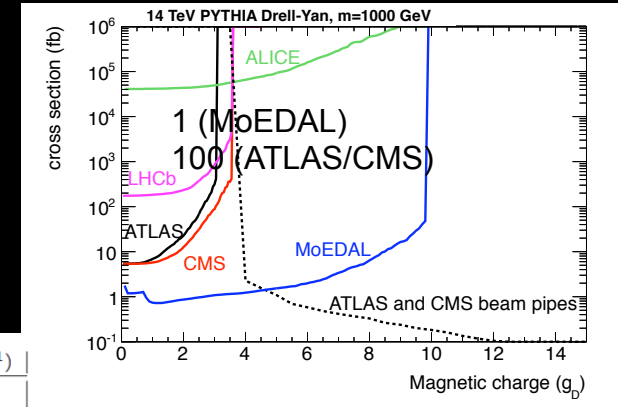
- **Largest array (150 m² of NTDs every deployed at an accelerator**
 - Plastic BTM stacks consist of CR39 (threshold 5 MiPs) and Makrofol (50 MiPs) – that are “damaged” by the highly ionizing particle
 - The damage is revealed by controlled etching in a hot Sodium Hydroxide solution – etch pits are formed
 - Charge resolution is $\sim 0.1 |e|$, where $|e|$ is the electron charge
- **NTD system acts like a giant camera that is only sensitive to new physics - no known SM backgrounds**



Sensitivity to Highly Ionizing Particles



interaction point	L ($\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$)	$\int L dt$ (fb^{-1})
ATLAS	$5 \cdot 10^{33}$	20
CMS	$5 \cdot 10^{33}$	20
LHCb/MoEDAL	$5 \cdot 10^{32}$	2
ALICE	10^{30}	0.004

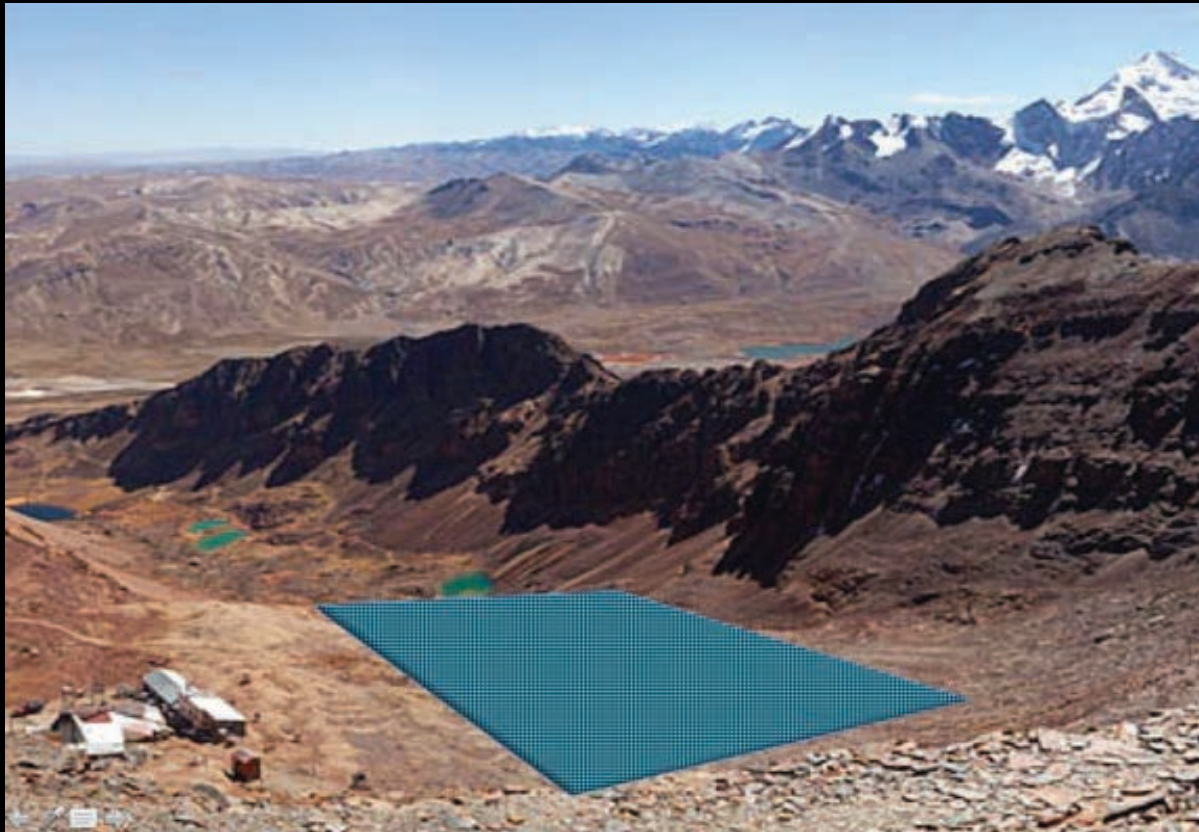


● Cross-section limits for magnetic (LEFT) and electric charge (RIGHT) (from [arXiv:1112.2999V2 \[hep-ph\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1112.2999v2)) assuming:

- Only one MoEDAL event is required for discovery and 10 (left) – 100 (right) events in the other (active) LHC detector



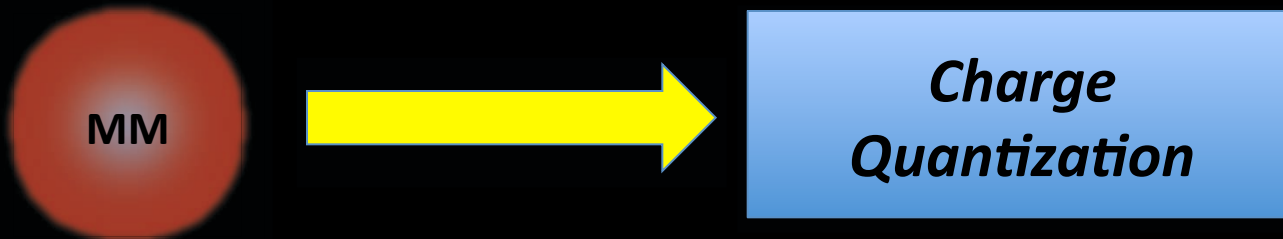
The Future – Cosmic-MoEDAL



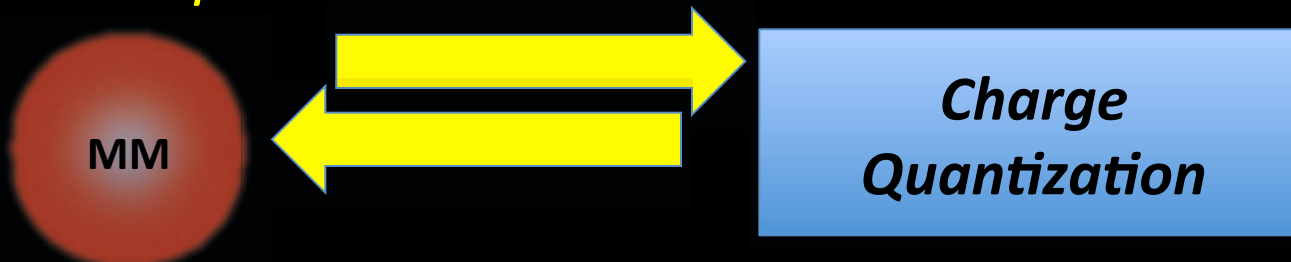
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 - *To detect monopoles from late phase transition & GUT scenarios with mass from $\sim 10^5 \rightarrow 10^{18}$ GeV with fluxes below the Parker Bound*

The Polchinski Conjecture

- *Dirac showed that the existence of at least one magnetic monopole would explain charge quantization*



- *Thus, the leading string theorist Joseph Polchinski conjectured, any theory requiring charge quantization must have a monopole*



- *He also maintains that in any fully unified theory, for every gauge field there will exist electric and magnetic sources.*



On the Existence of the Monopole

- *The existence of magnetic monopoles is suggested by Electromagnetic theory. But, Grand unified and superstring theories, predict the existence of the monopole.*
- *Dirac felt that he "would be surprised if Nature had made no use of it". It, being the Magnetic Monopole.*
- *Ed Witten once asserted in his Loeb Lecture at Harvard, "almost all theoretical physicists believe in the existence of magnetic monopoles, or at least hope that there is one."*





Closing Remarks

I would like to express my strong support for the MoEDAL experiment. Although monopoles do not get as much press as dark energy and other hot topics, in fact they are the most certain prediction of theory beyond the Standard Model - more so than supersymmetry, strings, extra dimensions, modified gravity, or many other widely discussed ideas. As I have discussed in my Dirac Centenary Talk, their existence seems inevitable in any framework that explains the quantization of electric charge. Of course their mass scale and abundance are highly uncertain, but the same can be said for almost any other form of new physics

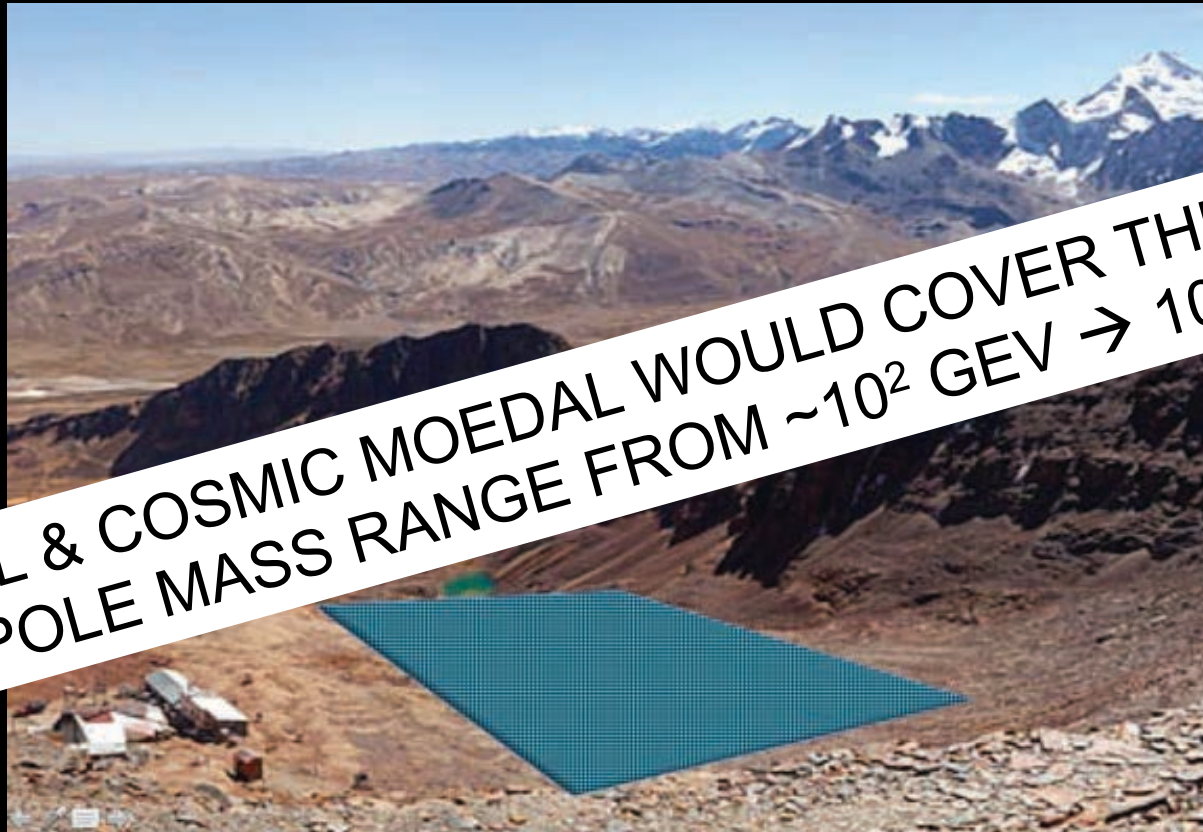
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EXTRA SLIDES



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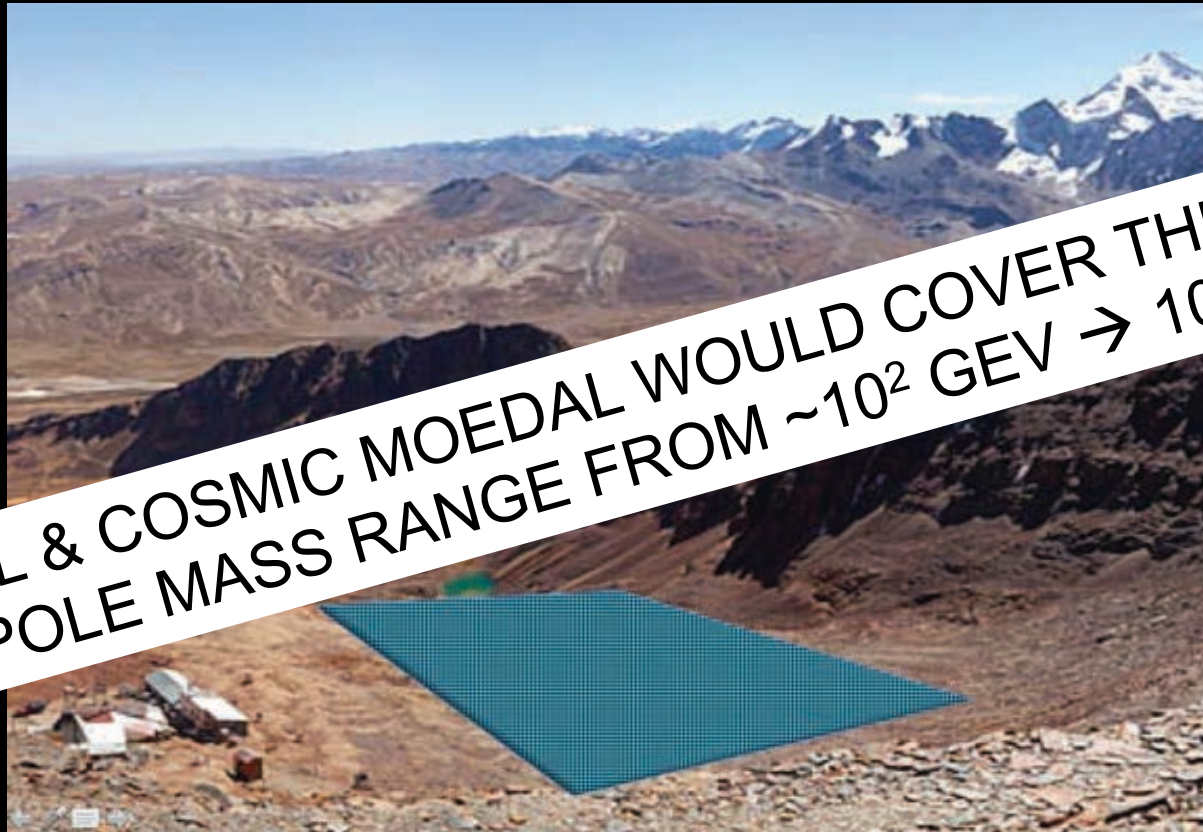


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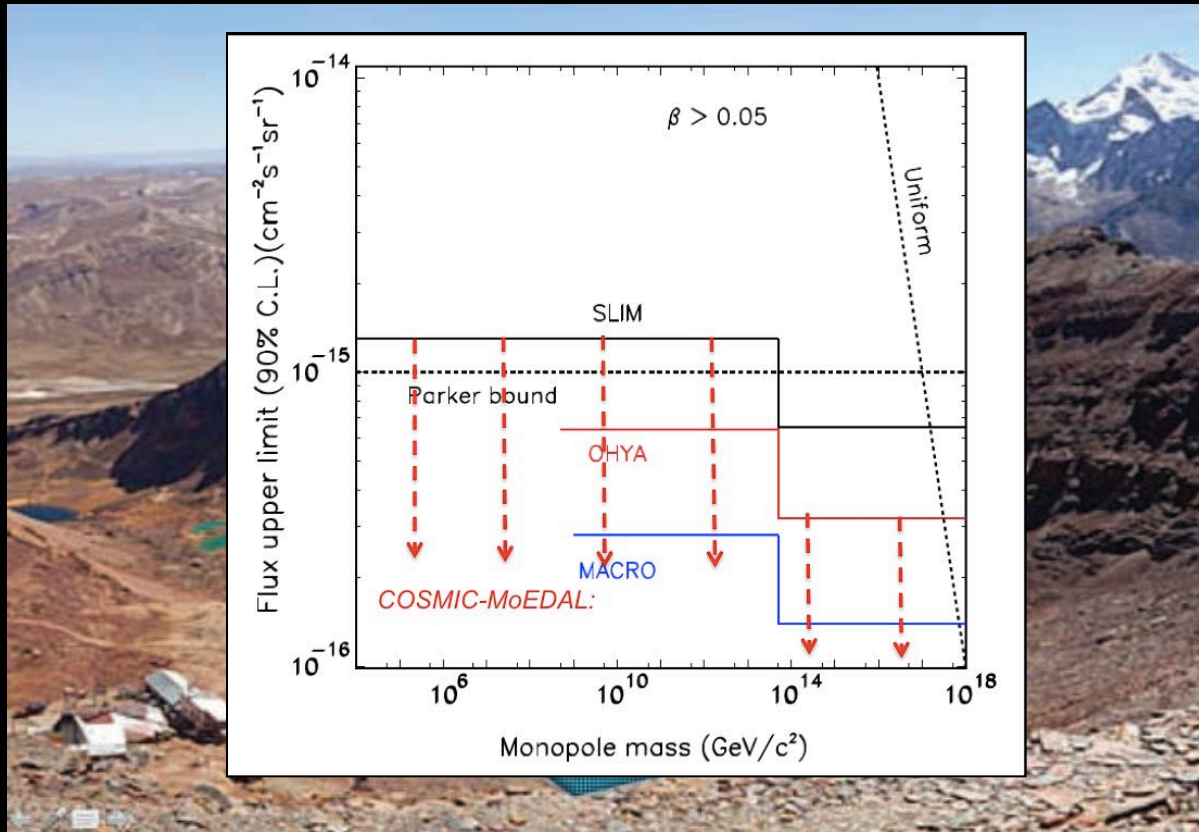
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Cosmic-MoEDAL – Pushing the Limits



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