

# Bounds on Monopoles Abundance from Acceleration in Cosmic Magnetic Fields



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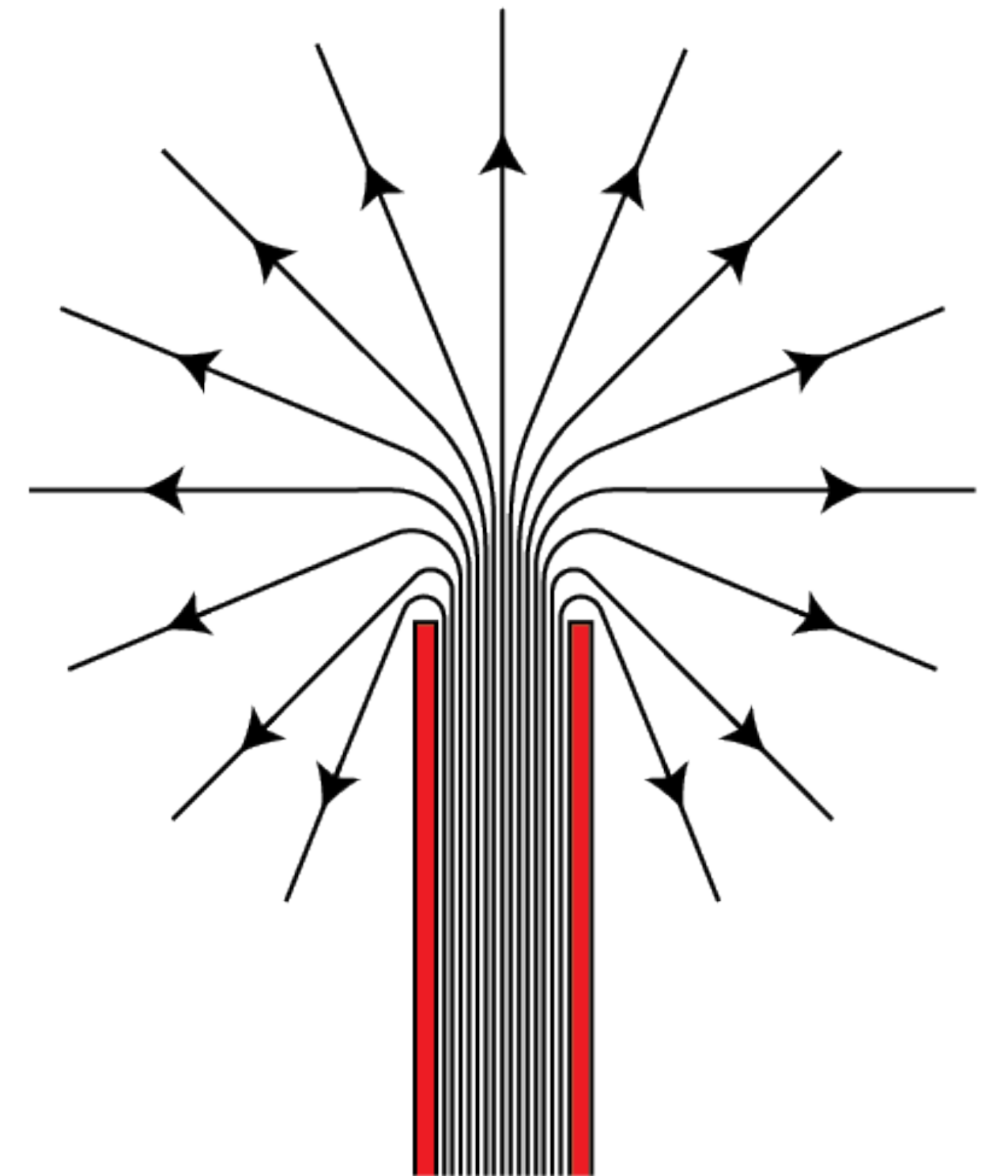
## Dirac Monopoles and the Quantization of the Electric Charge

- Dirac was the first to suppose the existence of magnetic monopoles.
- In 1948 he proposed a model for a monopole made of *one semi-infinite string solenoid*.
- The existence of magnetic monopoles is consistent with quantum theory once imposed the *charge quantization condition*:

$$g = 2\pi n/e = ng_D$$

- Monopoles provide a strong theoretical explanation for the quantization of the electric charge.

$$\vec{B}_{\text{mono}} = g \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3}$$



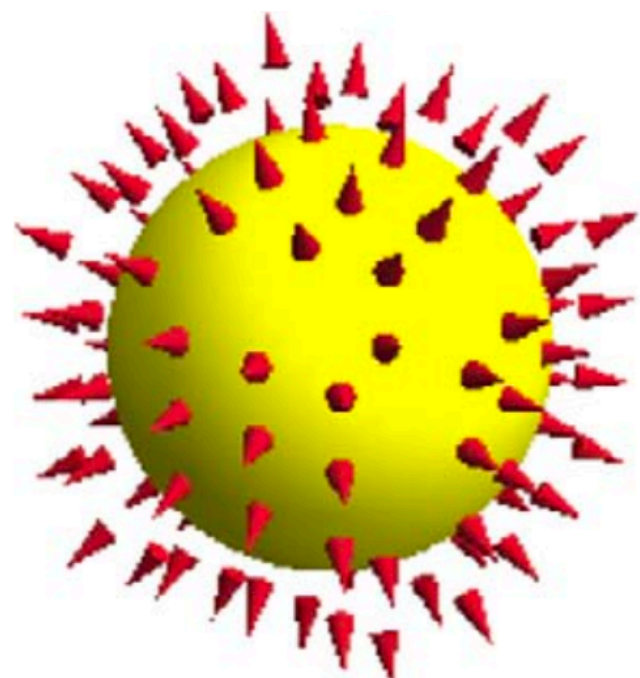
# Can a Monopole Really Exist?

## 'T Hooft-Polyakov Monopoles and Topological Defects

- In 1974 'T Hooft and Polyakov proposed a model of monopoles as *topological defects* linked to non-trivial second homotopy groups of the vacuum manifold:

$$G \rightarrow H, \pi_2(G/H) \neq 1$$

*Each time a simply connected group is broken into a smaller group that contains U(1) there is a production of monopoles.*

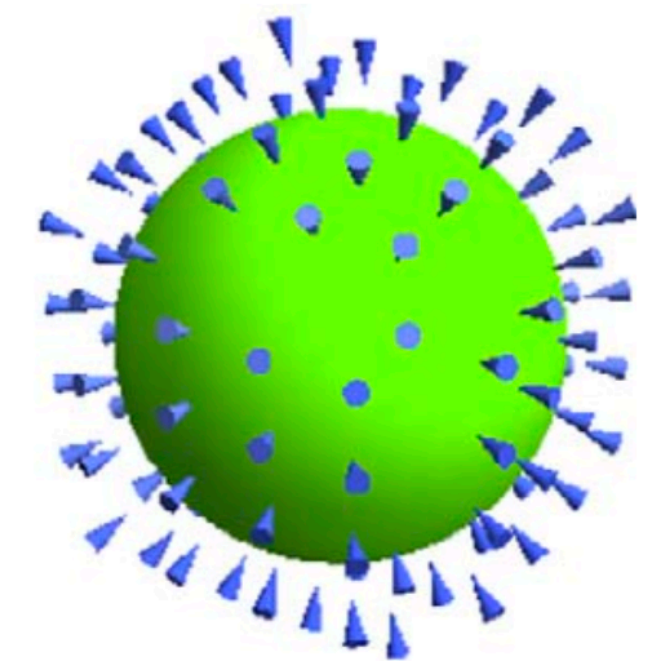


$$Q_m = +1$$



Monopoles are *inevitable predictions* of Grand Unified Theories:

$$SU(5) \rightarrow SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1) \rightarrow SU(3) \times U(1)$$

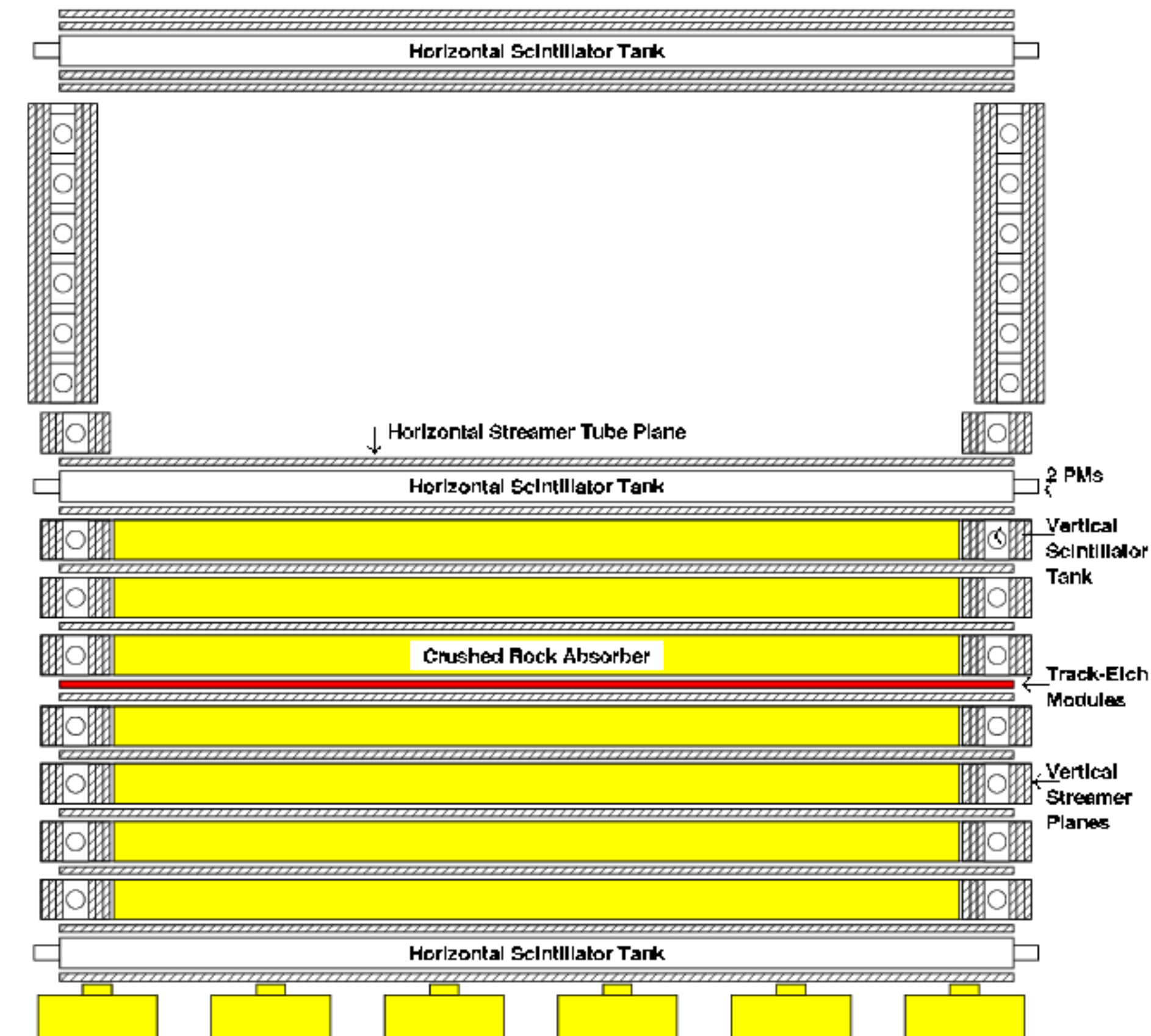
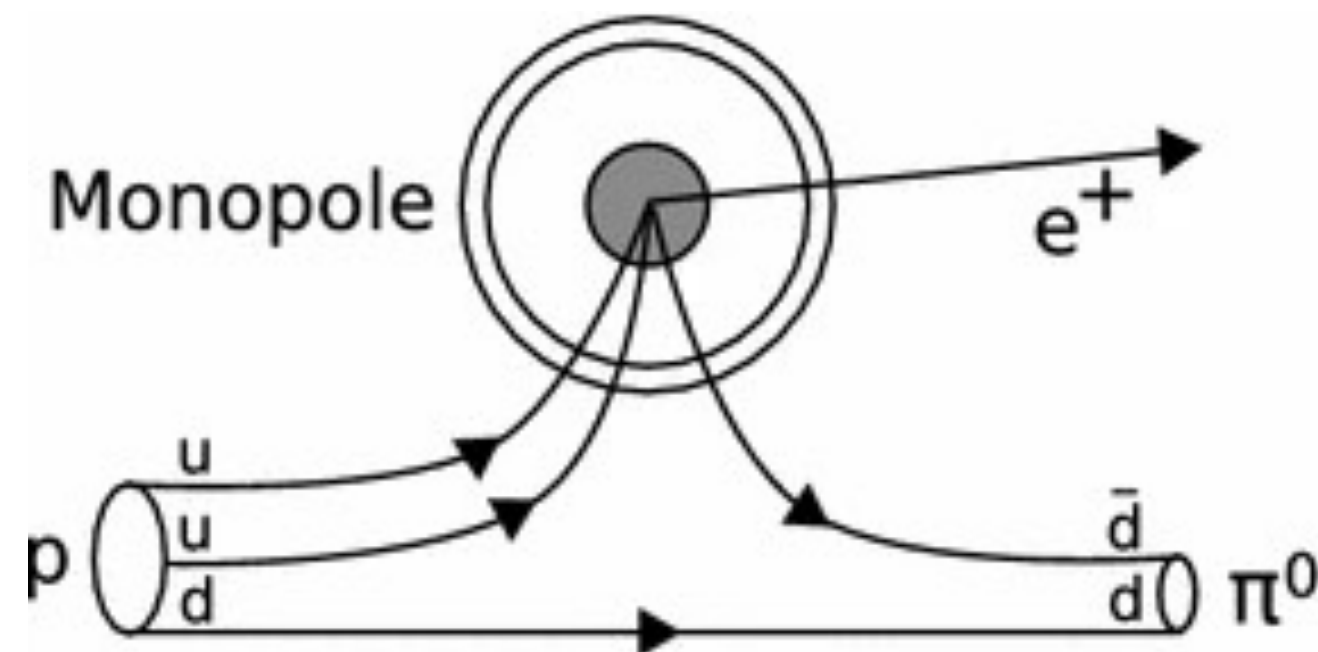


$$Q_m = -1$$

# Direct Observations of Monopoles

There are different strategies for the direct observation of magnetic monopoles:

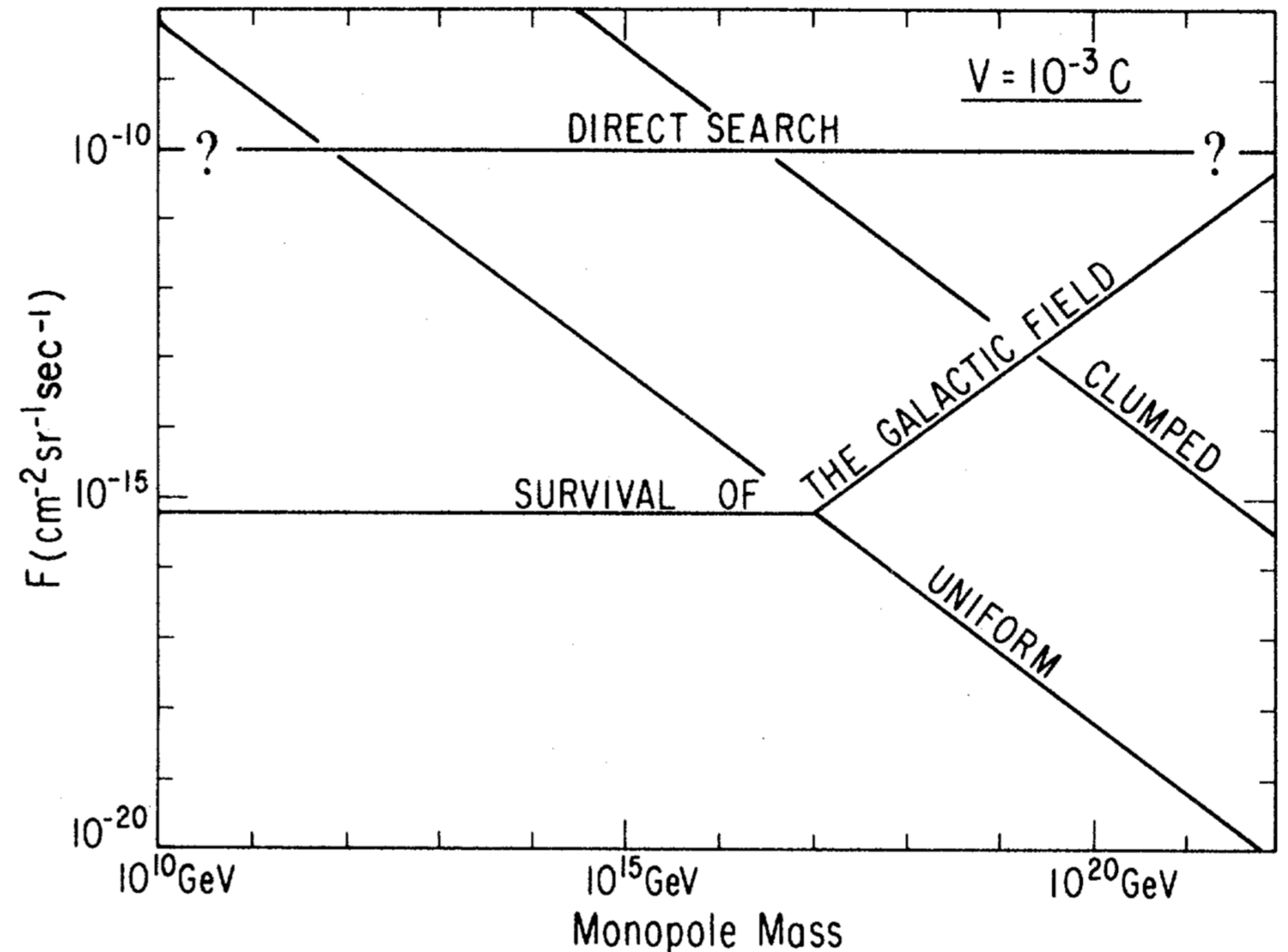
- Induction of electric currents into a coil;
- Energy loss in the medium (Ex. MACRO, IceCube);
- Catalysis of nucleon decays (only for GUT monopoles).



# Parker Bounds on the Monopole Flux

In 1970 Parker proposed a bound on the monopole flux today inside our Galaxy:

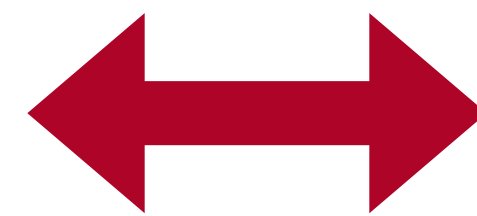
- The Galaxy presents a magnetic field of  $\sim 2 \times 10^{-6}$  G;
- The Galactic magnetic field accelerates the monopoles losing its energy;
- The survival of the field provides a bound on the monopole flux today.



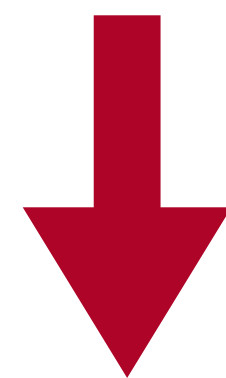
# Magnetic Monopoles and Cosmic Magnetic Fields

*The evolution of magnetic monopoles and cosmic magnetic fields is strictly coupled throughout the universe's history.*

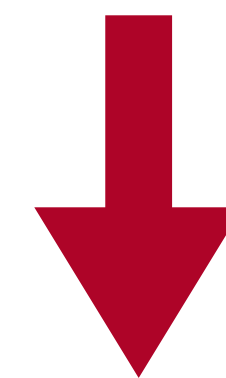
Cosmic magnetic fields  
accelerate the monopoles



Accelerated monopoles  
extract energy from cosmic  
magnetic fields



Monopole bounds are  
affected by the acceleration



The survival of cosmic  
magnetic fields might lead to  
new bounds

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# Acceleration in Primordial Magnetic Fields

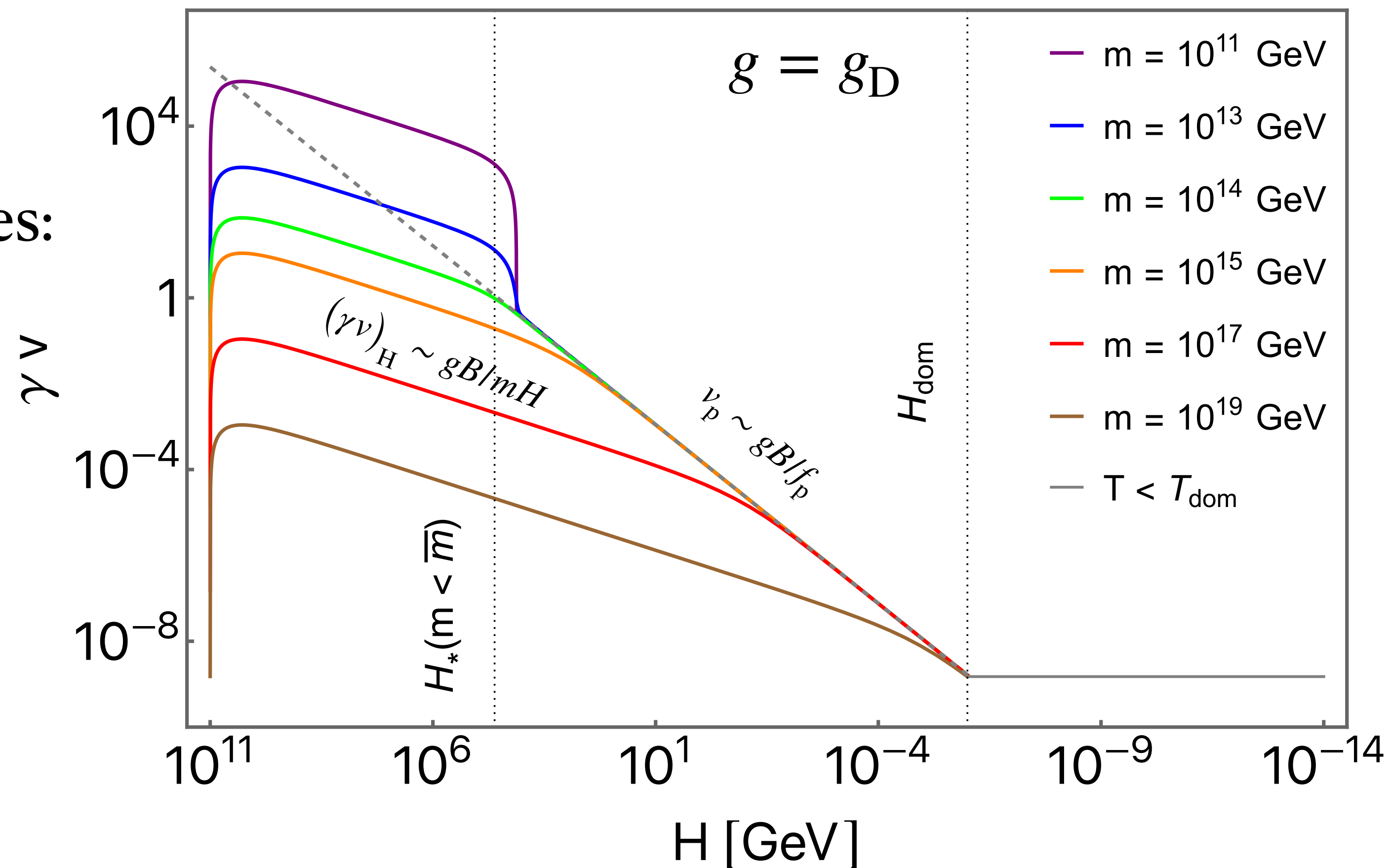
We now have strong evidence for intergalactic magnetic fields  $\gtrsim 10^{-15}$  G with *primordial origin*.

$$m \frac{d}{dt}(\gamma v) = gB - (f_p + mH\gamma) v$$

Two external forces act on the monopoles:

- $gB$ , the *magnetic force* that accelerates the monopoles;
- $-f_p v$ , the *frictional force* due to the interaction with the particles of the primordial plasma.

$$f_p \sim \frac{e^2 g^2 \mathcal{N}_c}{16\pi^2} T^2$$



# New Bounds from Primordial Magnetic Fields

*An analogous of the Parker bound can be derived from primordial magnetic fields.*

Long, Vachaspati (2015)  
[arXiv:1504.03319](https://arxiv.org/abs/1504.03319)

- The evolution of the *magnetic field energy density* in the presence of monopoles is described by the equation:

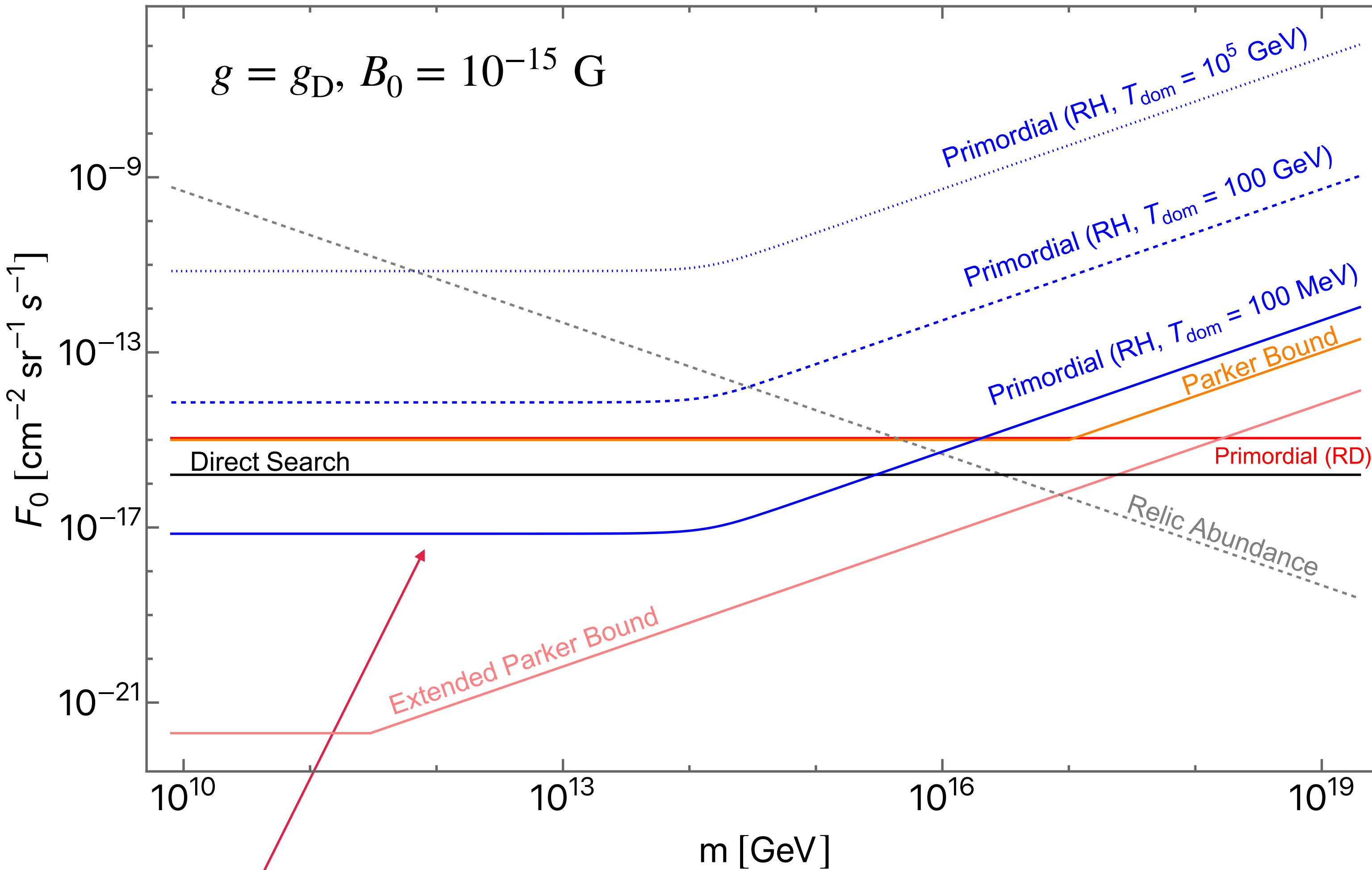
$$\frac{\dot{\rho}_B}{\rho_B} = -\Pi_{\text{red}} - \Pi_{\text{acc}}$$

$$\Pi_{\text{red}}(t) = 4H(t) \qquad \Pi_{\text{acc}}(t) = \frac{4g}{B(t)} v(t)n(t)$$

- The magnetic fields survive under the condition  $\Pi_{\text{acc}}/\Pi_{\text{red}} \lesssim 1$ .

*Necessary to study the equation of motion of the monopoles!!*

# New Bounds from Primordial Magnetic Fields



1) During radiation domination:

$$n_0 \lesssim \max \left\{ 10^{-21} \text{ cm}^{-3}, 10^{-21} \text{ cm}^{-3} \left( \frac{m}{10^{19} \text{ GeV}} \right) \left( \frac{g_D}{g} \right)^2 \right\}$$

2) During reheating:

$$n_0 \lesssim \max \left\{ 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^{-3} \left( \frac{B_0}{10^{-15} \text{ G}} \right)^{3/5} \left( \frac{T_{\text{dom}}}{10^6 \text{ GeV}} \right) \left( \frac{g_D}{g} \right)^{3/5}, \right. \\ \left. 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^{-3} \left( \frac{m}{10^{14} \text{ GeV}} \right) \left( \frac{T_{\text{dom}}}{10^6 \text{ GeV}} \right) \left( \frac{g_D}{g} \right)^2 \right\}$$

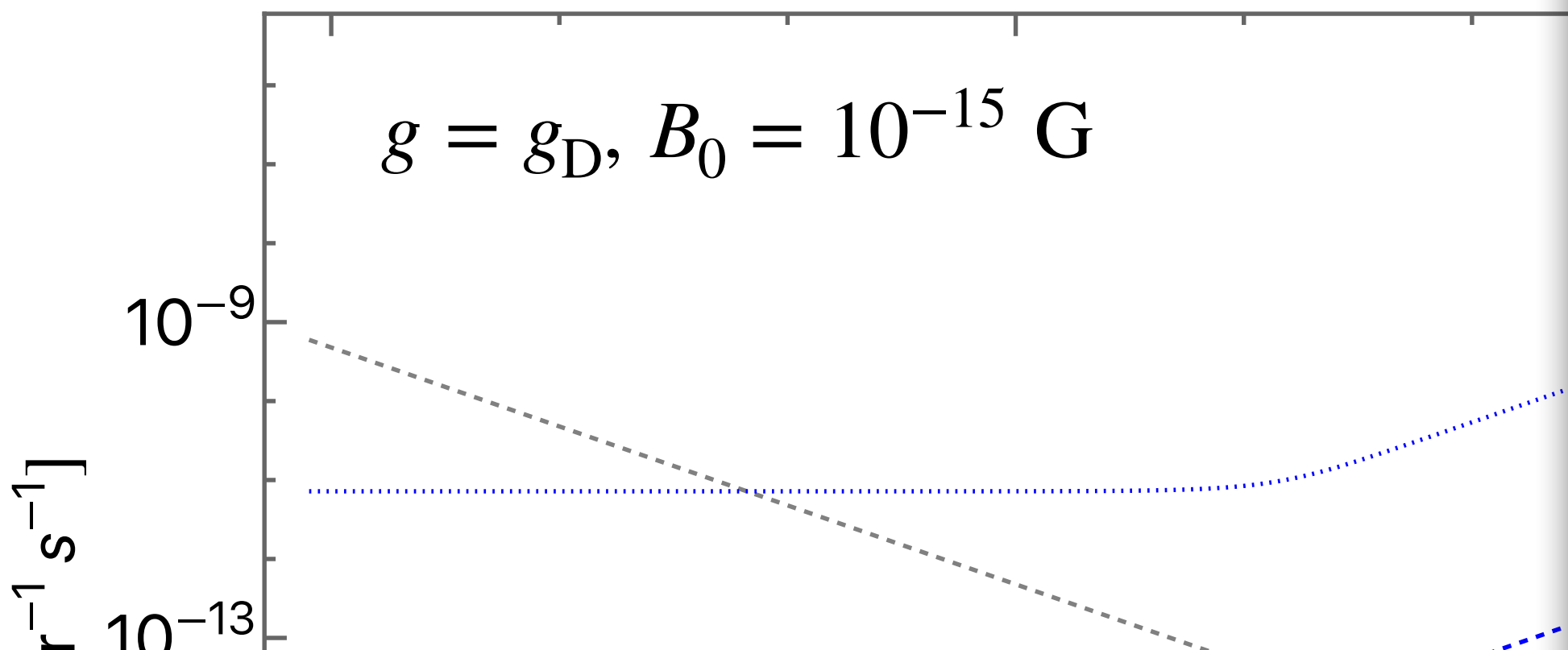
Stronger than direct search for  $T_{\text{dom}} \lesssim 1 \text{ GeV} !!$

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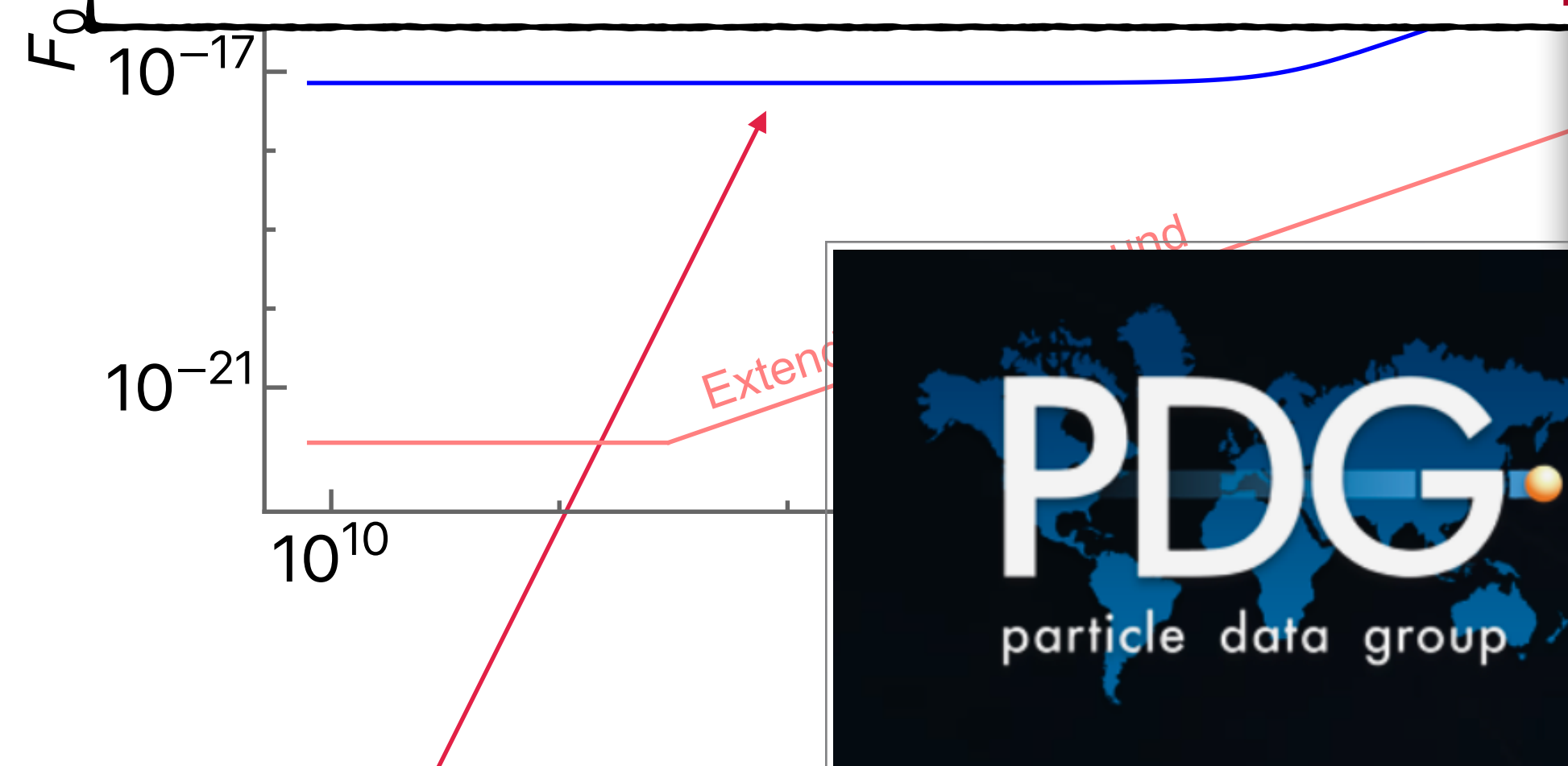
## Monopole Flux — Astrophysics

FLUX ( $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{sr}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ )	MASS (GeV)	CHG (g)	COMMENTS ( $\beta = v/c$ )	DOCUMENT ID	TECN
$< 1.2 \times 10^{-21}$	$> 10^4$	1	Parker	1 KOBAYASHI 23A	COSM
$< 1.3 \times 10^{-20}$			faint white dwarf	2 FREESE 99	ASTR
$< 1 \times 10^{-16}$	$10^{17}$	1	galactic field	3 ADAMS 93	COSM
$< 1 \times 10^{-23}$			Jovian planets	2 ARAFUNE 85	ASTR
$< 1 \times 10^{-16}$	$10^{15}$		solar trapping	BRACCI 85B	ASTR
$< 1 \times 10^{-18}$		1		2 HARVEY 84	COSM
$< 3 \times 10^{-23}$			neutron stars	KOLB 84	ASTR
$< 7 \times 10^{-22}$			pulsars	2 FREESE 83B	ASTR
$< 1 \times 10^{-18}$	$< 10^{18}$	1	intergalactic field	2 REPHAELI 83	COSM
$< 1 \times 10^{-23}$			neutron stars	2 DIMOPOUL... 82	COSM
			neutron stars	2 KOLB 82	COSM
			galactic halo	SALPETER 82	COSM
		1	$\beta=3 \times 10^{-3}$	4 TURNER 82	COSM
		1	galactic field	PARKER 70	COSM

$$g = g_D, B_0 = 10^{-15} \text{ G}$$



**FIRST UPDATE IN THE PARTICLE DATA GROUP  
ASTROPHYSICS BOUNDS IN 24 YEARS!!**



<sup>1</sup> KOBAYASHI 23A found Parker-type bounds on magnetic monopoles with arbitrary magnetic charge based on the survival of galactic, seed, and primordial magnetic fields. Bounds are between  $10^{-21}$  and  $10^{-5} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{sr}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$  for masses between  $10^4$  and  $10^{18}$  GeV. Reported bound is the most stringent one.

<sup>2</sup> Catalysis of nucleon decay.

<sup>3</sup> ADAMS 93 limit based on “survival and growth of a small galactic seed field” is  $10^{-16} (m/10^{17} \text{ GeV}) \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$ . Above  $10^{17}$  GeV, limit  $10^{-16} (10^{17} \text{ GeV}/m) \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$  (from requirement that monopole density does not overclose the universe) is more stringent.

<sup>4</sup> Re-evaluates PARKER 70 limit for GUT monopoles.

$$\left(\frac{g_D}{g}\right)^2$$

$$\left(\frac{g_D}{g}\right)^{3/5}$$

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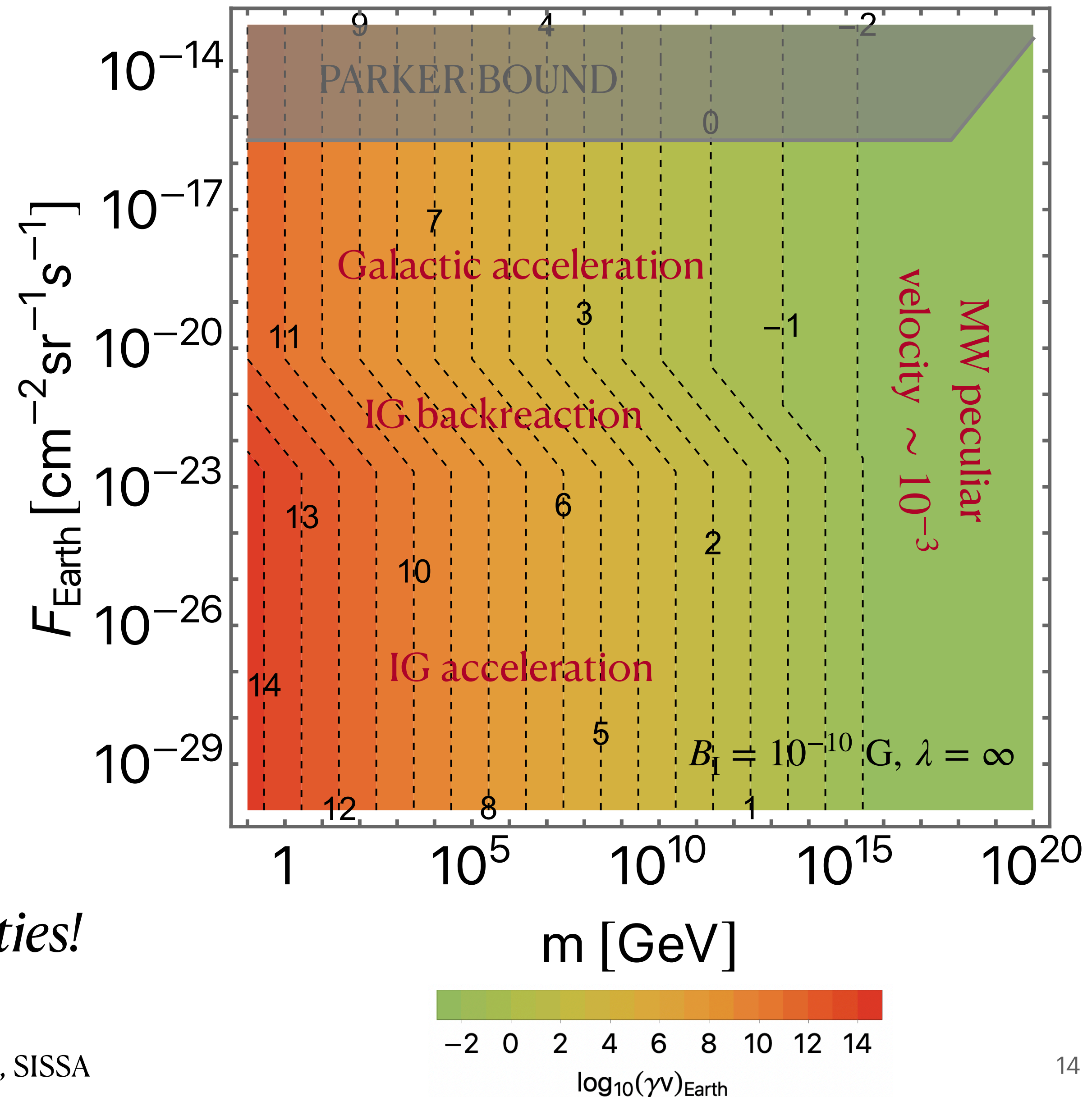
In literature, monopole velocity on Earth is usually assumed to be comparable to the MW peculiar velocity  $\sim 10^{-3} c$ .

However intergalactic and Galactic magnetic fields free accelerate the monopoles:

$$m \frac{d}{dt}(\gamma v) = gB$$



*Monopoles can be accelerated to relativistic velocities!*

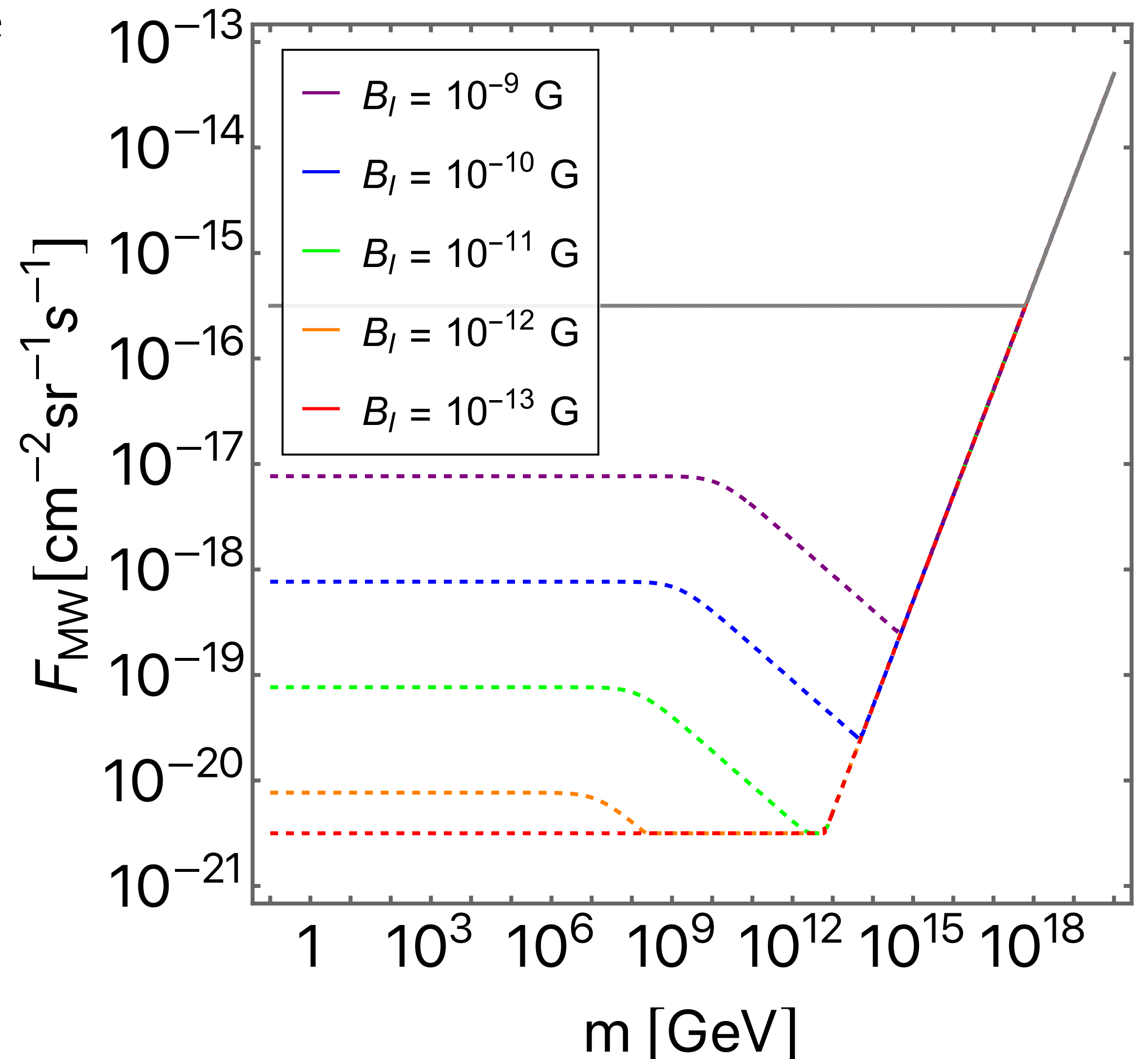


# Modification of Galactic Parker bounds

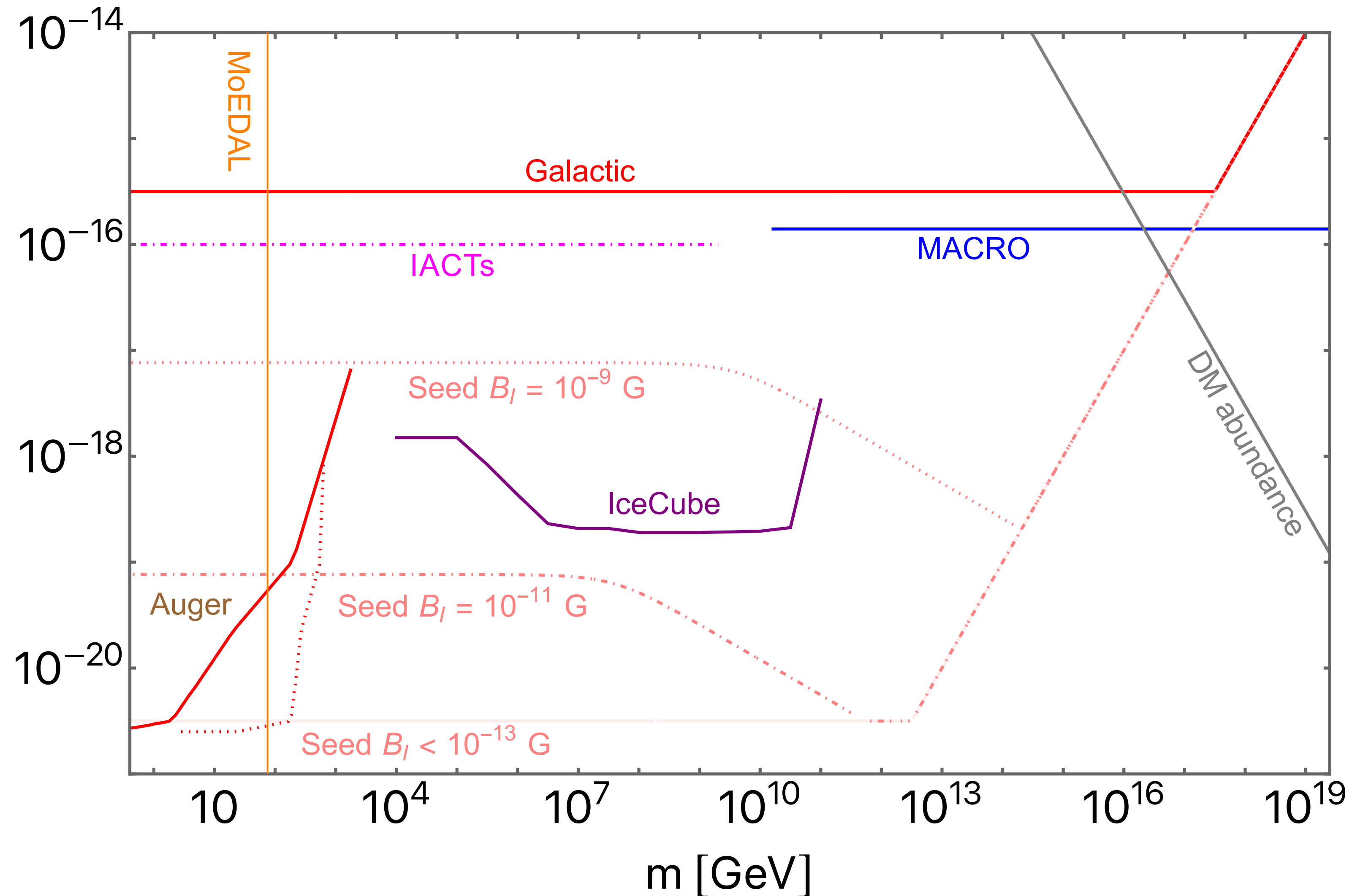
Galactic Parker bounds depend on the monopole incident velocity on the Milky Way (intergalactic acceleration).

The bounds are weakened for large values of the monopole velocity:

1. *The Galactic bound is not affected by acceleration in intergalactic magnetic fields.*
2. *The seed Galactic bound is strongly affected by the acceleration.*



# Modification of Direct Search Bounds



- Many experiments (ex. IceCube, Auger) put bounds in terms of the velocity at the detector.
- The bounds can be recasted in terms of the mass once an acceleration mechanism is fixed.

*Monopole acceleration drastically changes the scenario of the bounds (search with cosmic rays detectors!)*



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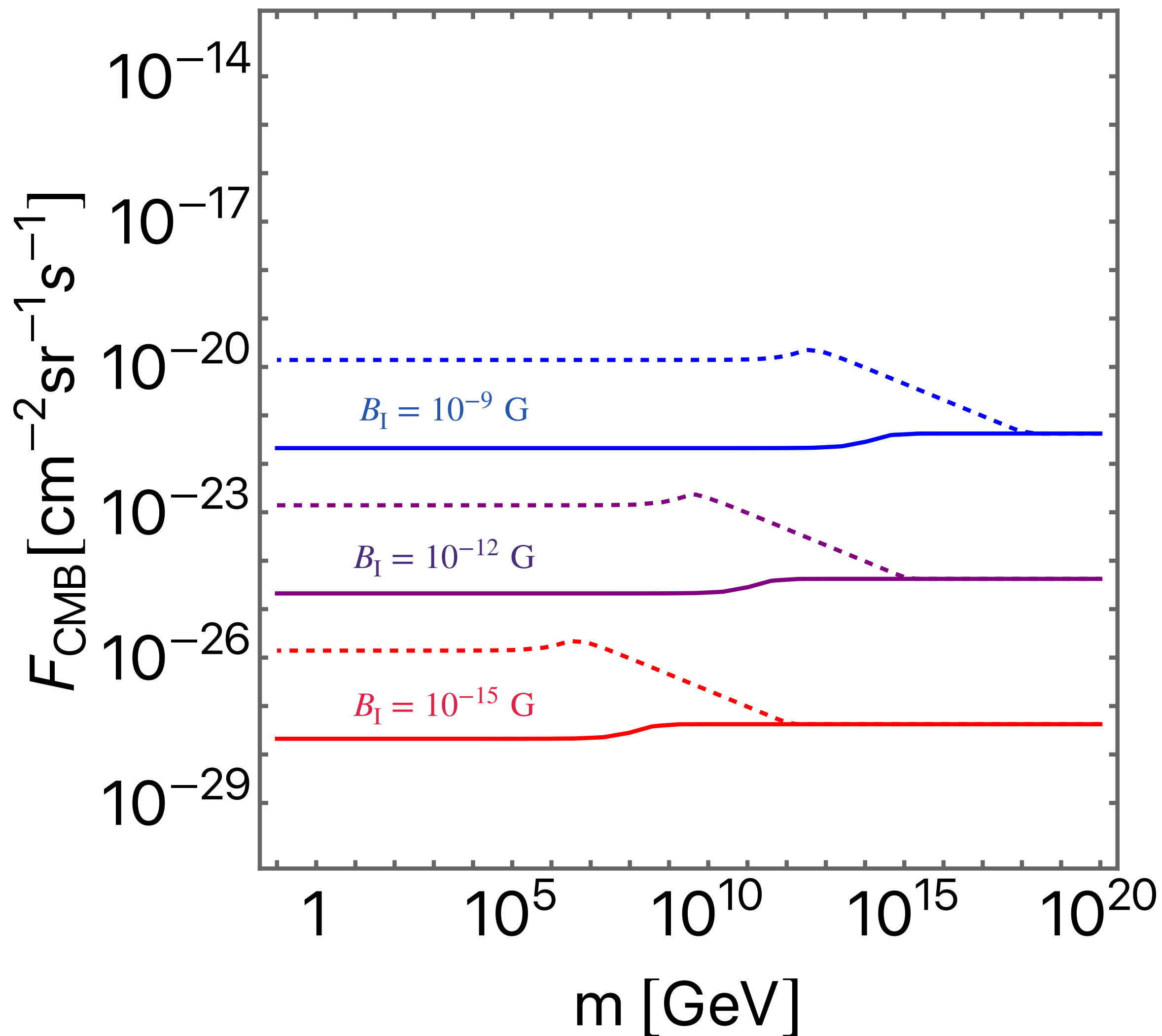
# Conclusion

- ▶ The evolution of magnetic monopoles and cosmic magnetic fields is *strictly coupled* throughout the universe's history.
- ▶ We derived *new competitive bounds on the magnetic monopole abundance* by generalizing the Parker bound to the survival of primordial magnetic fields.
- ▶ Cosmic magnetic fields can accelerate the cosmic population of monopoles to *relativistic velocities*.
- ▶ Considering monopole acceleration in cosmic magnetic fields drastically affects the bounds on the abundance (*direct search with cosmic rays detectors!*).

# Thank You!!



# Acceleration in Intergalactic Magnetic Fields



In the presence of enough monopoles, the acceleration can cause backreaction on the intergalactic fields which oscillate on cosmological scales.

$$\gamma_{\text{max}} - 1 = \frac{B_I^2 v_{\text{max}}}{8\pi m F_{\text{CMB}}}$$

*In the presence of backreaction, the velocity shows a flux dependence:*

$$(\gamma v)_{\text{CMB}} \sim \min \left( \frac{gB}{mH_0}, \frac{B^2}{4\pi m F_{\text{CMB}}} \right)$$

(homogeneous fields)