

The image shows a desert landscape with a clear blue sky. In the foreground, there are four tall, thin, conical rock formations that resemble human fingers, known as the Fingerprints rock formation. The rocks are light-colored and have a weathered texture. The ground is sandy and flat. In the background, there are low, rolling hills under a clear sky.

# Hunting Immortal Magnetically Charged Exotica in the LHC Particle Desert

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# Limiting Our Exotic Prey to a 15min Hunt

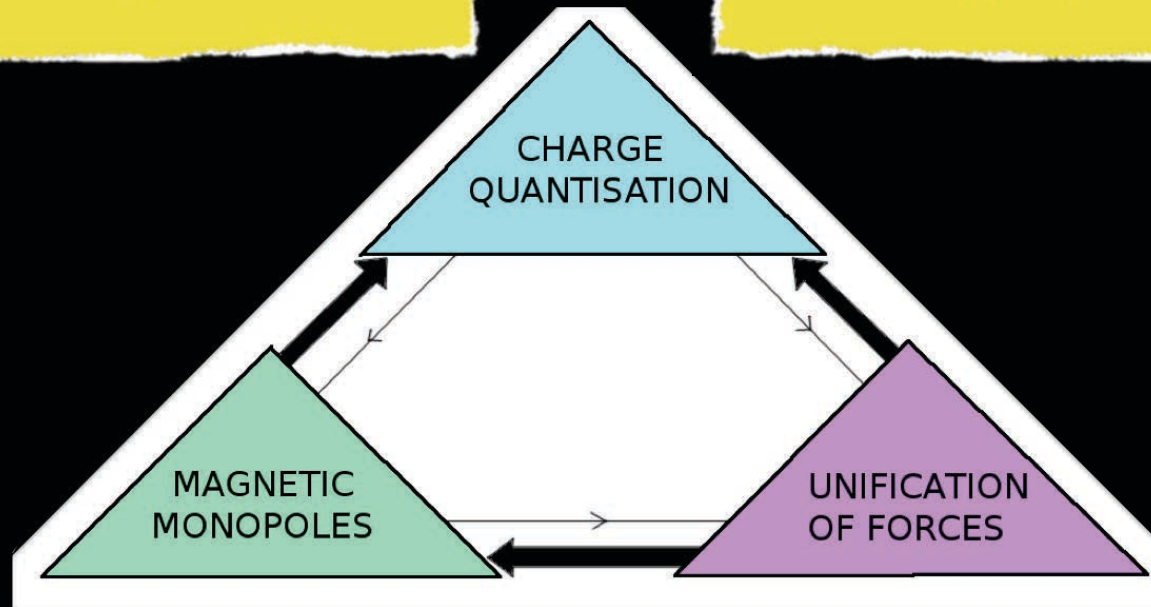
- *Heavy stable charged particles with magnetic charge* ✓
- *Heavy stable charged particles with single or multiple charge* ✗
- *Stable charge particles with fractional charge* ✗
- *Heavy new particles detected by late decays,* ✗
  - *Heavy long-lived particles stopped in in the detector* ✗



# The Importance of the Magnetic Monopole

*They restore symmetry to Maxwell's Equations*

*They explain electric charge quantization*



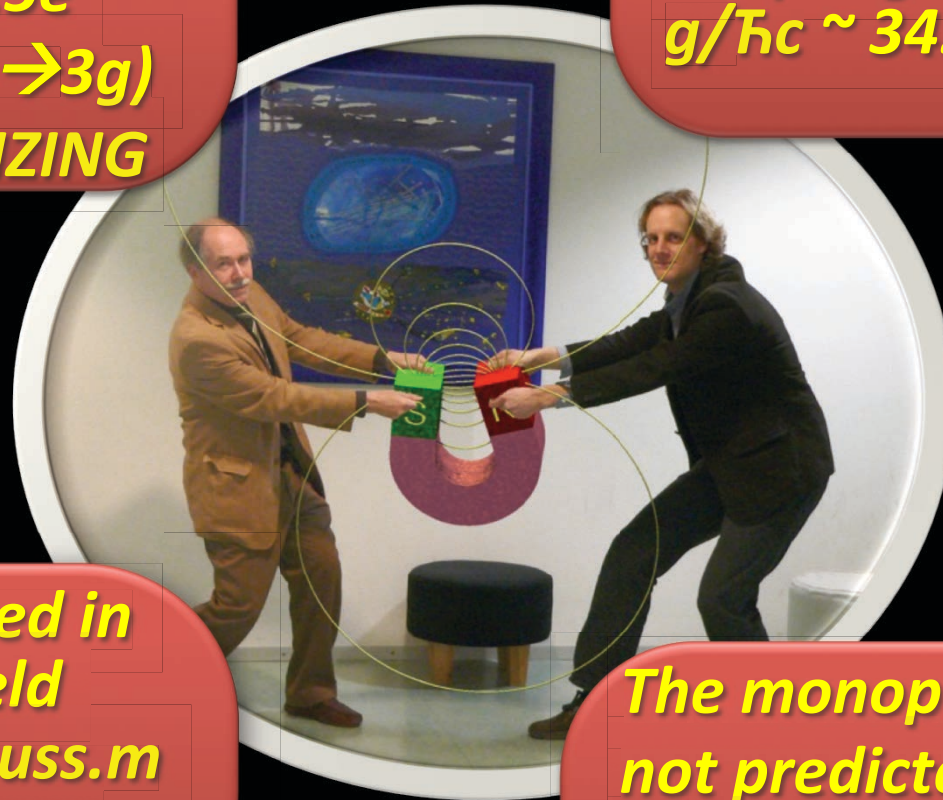
*GUT & EW monopoles are excitations of the Higgs field*

*They are required by GUTs string theory & M-theory*

# 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  $1/2$ ?

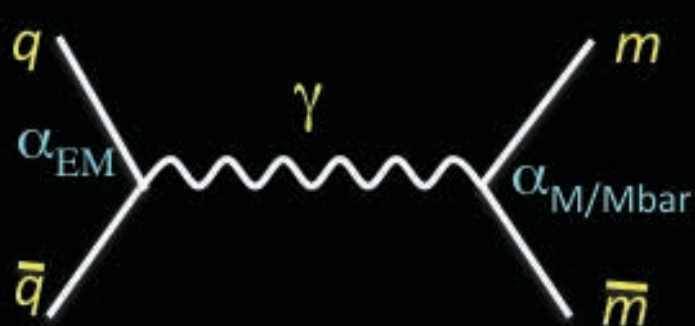


**Energy acquired in**  
**a magnetic field**  
 $= 2.06 \text{ MeV/gauss.m}$   
 $= 2 \text{ TeV}$  in a 10m,  
10T solenoidal field

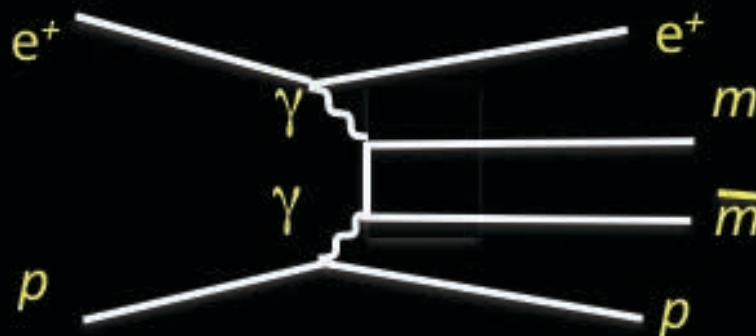
**The monopole mass is**  
**not predicted within**  
**the Dirac's theory,  $\sim$**   
**4-7 TeV EW monopole**

# Monopole Production at Colliders

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow M\bar{M}, pp \rightarrow M\bar{M}, e^+p \rightarrow e^+pM\bar{M}, \text{ etc.}$$

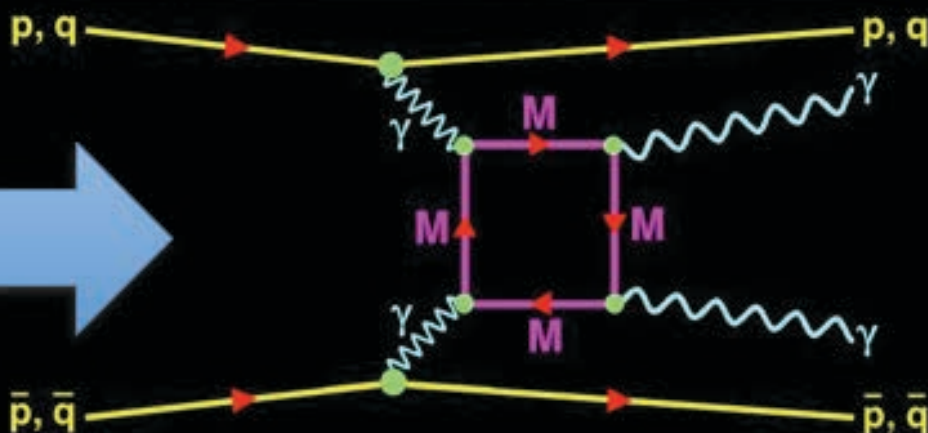


*Drell-Yan Production*



*Two-photon production*

*Indirect search using virtual monopole box diagrams allow – observable two high energy gammas.*



# Anomalous Ionization Signature

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

**VERY HIGH  
IONIZATION**  
 $Z \uparrow \beta (=v/c) \downarrow$

**ELECTRIC CHARGE ( $z$ )**

**VERY LOW  
IONIZATION**  
 $Z (\ll 1) \beta (\sim 1)$

**VERY HIGH  
IONIZATION**  
 $g = n137e/2 = n 68.5e$

**IONIZATION**  
 $(dE/dX)_g \sim n^2 4700 (dE/dX)_{proton}$

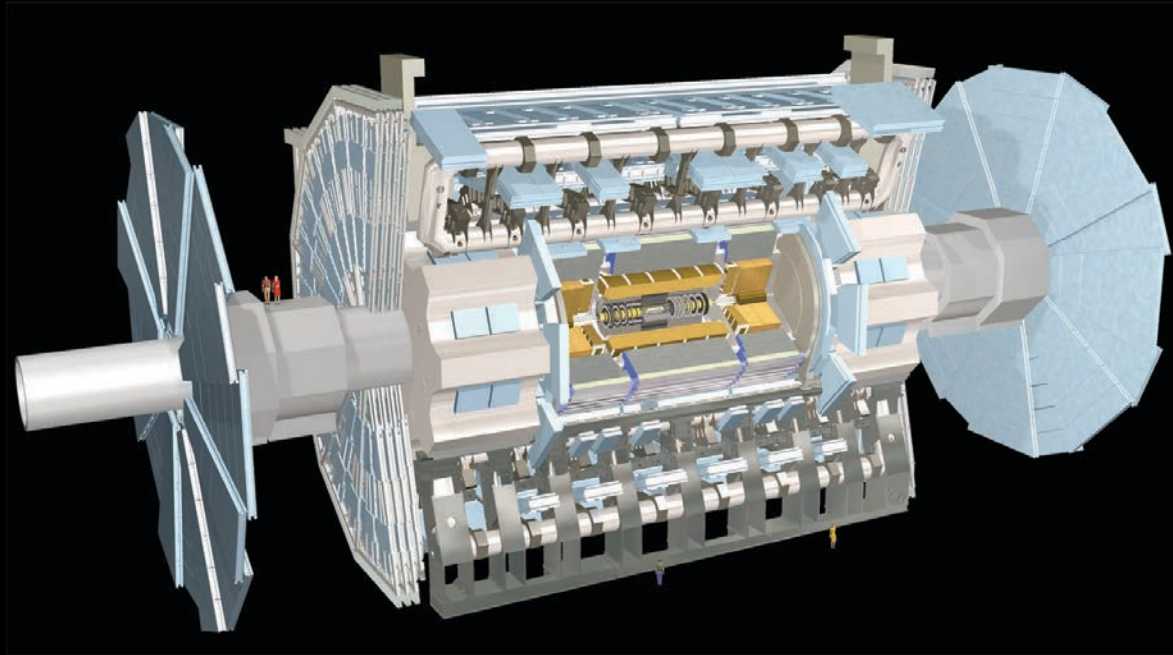
**MAGNETIC CHARGE ( $g$ )**

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

*The velocity dependence of the Lorentz force cancels  $1/\beta^2$  term*

# The LHC Detectors with Results - ATLAS

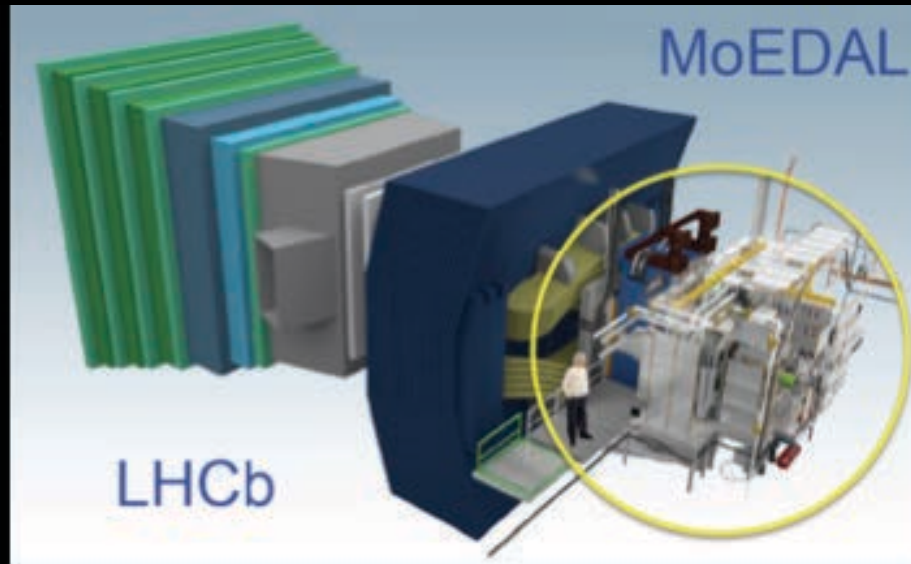
ATLAS Detector 7000 tonnes & 46m x 25m



- *The two general purpose LHC detectors ATLAS and CMS*
  - *Standard collider electronic detectors with magnetic field comprised of: Inner Tracker; EM calorimeter, Hadronic Calorimeter and Muon detectors*
  - *Multi level trigger is required.*

# The LHC Detectors with Results - MoEDAL

**Permanent  
Physical  
record  
of new  
physics**



**No  
Standard  
Model  
Physics  
Backgrnds**

*MoEDAL is largely passive and made up of three detector systems*



**NUCLEAR TRACK DETECTOR**  
*Plastic array (~200 sqm)  
– Like a Giant Camera*



**TRAPPING DETECTOR ARRAY**  
*A tonne of Al to trap Highly  
Ionizing Particles for analysis*



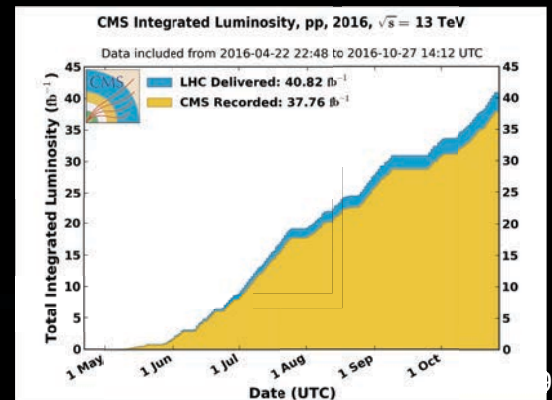
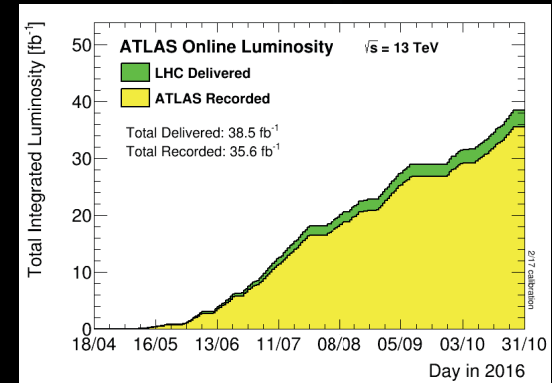
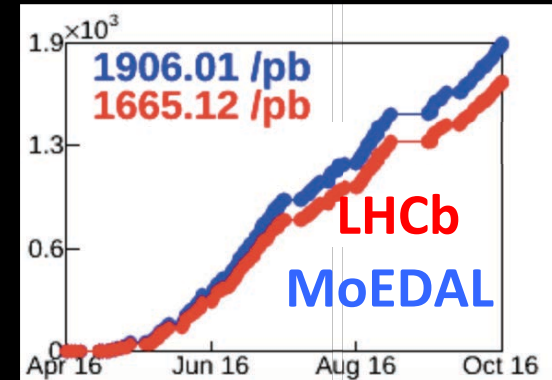
**TIMEPIX Array** *a digital  
Camera for real time  
radiation monitoring*



# LHC Run 2 Is a Big Success

LHC experiments are back in business at a new record energy 13 TeV

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015

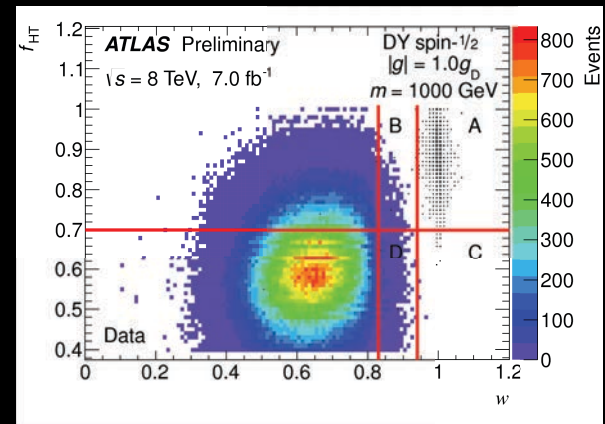
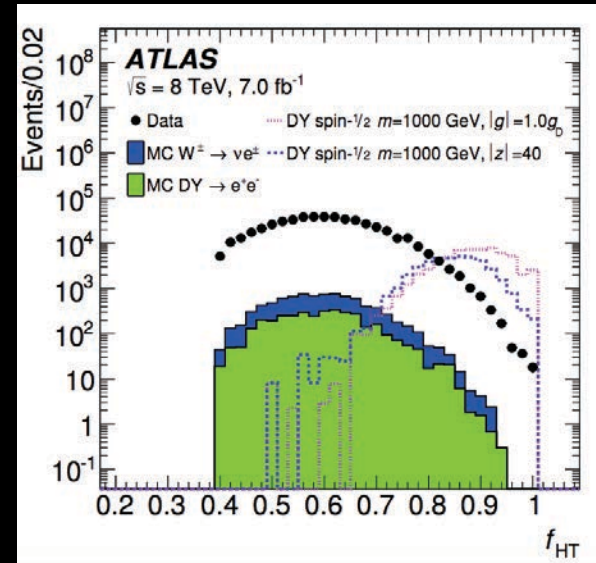


Despite “Sparky” the Beech Marten – LHC is on track

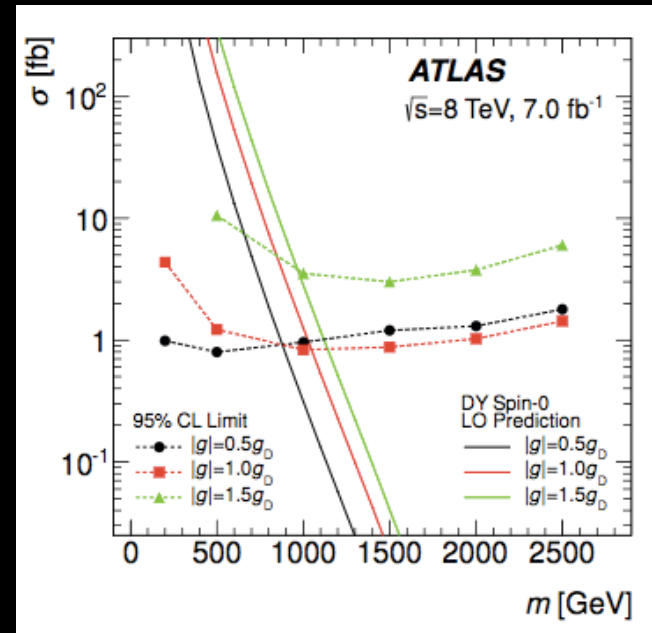
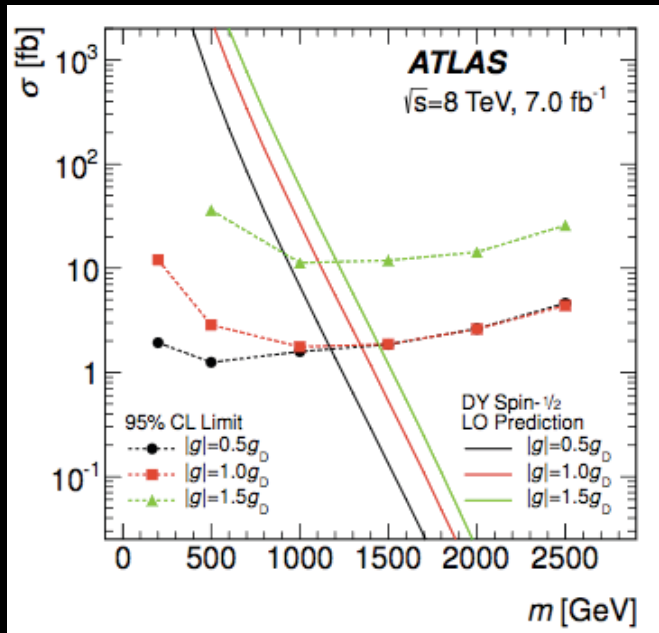
# The ATLAS Search for Monopoles & Stable Highly Charged Particles (Phys Rev. D 93 052009 2016)

- *ATLAS event selection*

- *Level-1: Hardware triggers select events with  $ET > 18 \rightarrow 20$  GeV in the EM calo (ECAL) and  $ET < 1$  GeV in hadronic calo*
- *Level-2: ECAL associated hits in a wedge of  $\phi = \pm 0.015$  rad in  $\phi$ ;*
- *Discriminants: fraction & # HT TRT hits ( $N_{HT}^{trig} > 20$  &  $f_{HT}^{trig} > 0.37$ )*
- *EM energy deposit dispersion (fraction of EM energy contained in most energetic cells,  $w$ )*
- *Background determined from data using ABCD regions*



# The ATLAS $\sqrt{s}=8\text{TeV}$ Monopole Search Results



## Drell-Yan Lower Mass Limits (GeV)

	$ g  = 0.5g_D$	$ g  = 1.0g_D$	$ g  = 1.5g_D$
spin-1/2	1180	1340	1210
spin-0	890	1050	970

- Limits on integer magnetic charge  $g_D=1$



MoEDAL

# THE MAGNIFICENT SEVENTH

**They fought on the high energy frontier**



**MoEDAL is installed and started to take data in p-p and p-A running at ~13 TeV in 2015**

ATLAS  
**STEVE MCQUEEN**  
17-05-06

**JAMES COBURN**  
"BRITT"  
CMS

LHCb  
**HORST BUCHHOLZ**  
"CHICO"

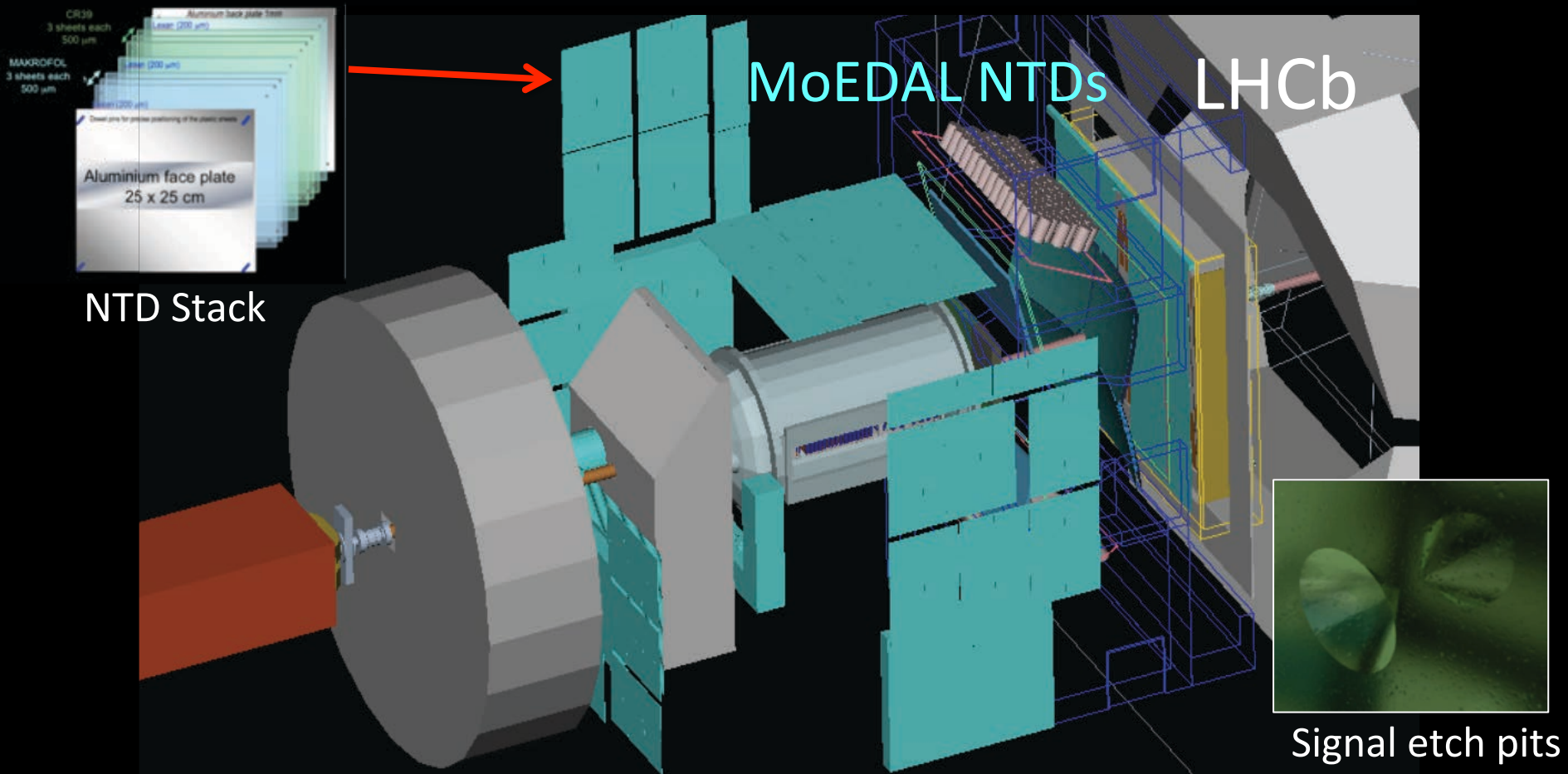
**YUL BRYNNER**  
"CHRIS ADAMS"  
ALICE

TOTEM  
**BRAD DEXTER**  
"HARRY LUCK"

**ROBERT VAUGHN**  
"LEE"  
ICE

MoEDAL  
**CHARLES BRONSON**  
"BERNARDO O'KELLY"

# Full NTD Deployment in 2015/16



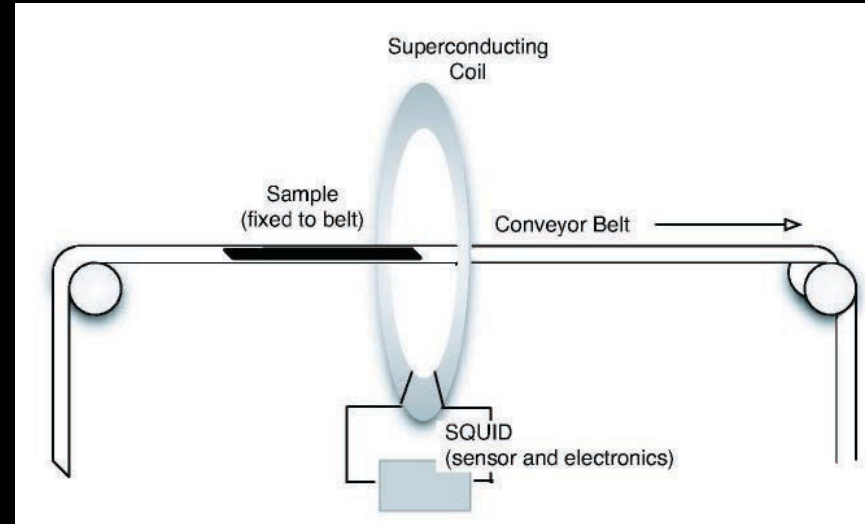
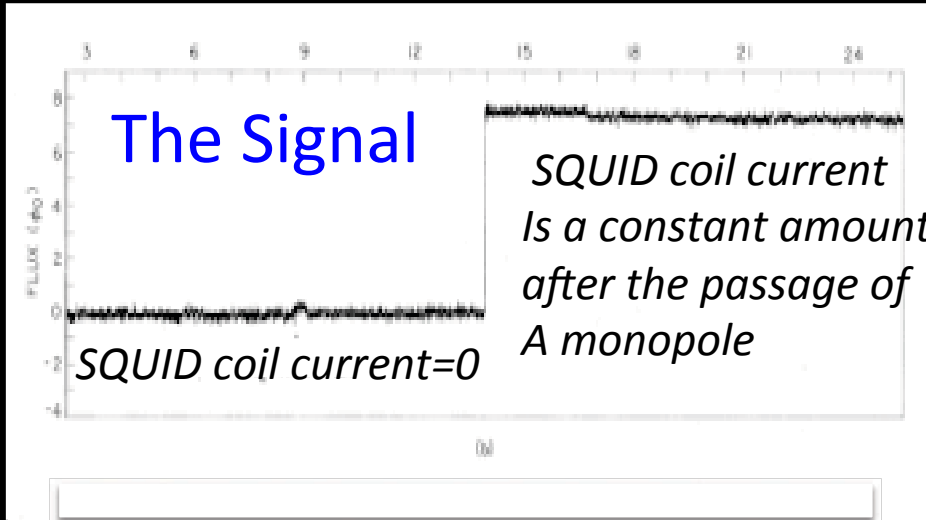
- *Acceptance for at least one monopole from monopole pair production to hit NTDs  $\sim 70\%$  (over  $150 \text{ m}^2$  of plastic)*
  - *Detection efficiency  $\sim 100\%$  ( $\theta > 45^\circ$ ) + measurement accuracy of  $0.1e$*
  - *Detection threshold  $Z/\beta \geq 5$  (CR39) and 50 (MAKROFOL)*

# The MoEDAL Trapping Detector System



- *Only 1/3 of the trapping array used for  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV search*
  - *The full sensitivity includes results from all of the trapping and NTD detectors – so much improved results in the future*
- *Total mass of trapping detectors  $\sim 800$  kg of Al ( $\sim 2400$  bars)*
  - *Read out by a SQUID magnetometer calibrated with special solenoids*
  - *First time a purpose built trapping detector has ever been deployed*

# The SQUID Detector



*Laboratory of Natural Magnetism, ETH Zurich*

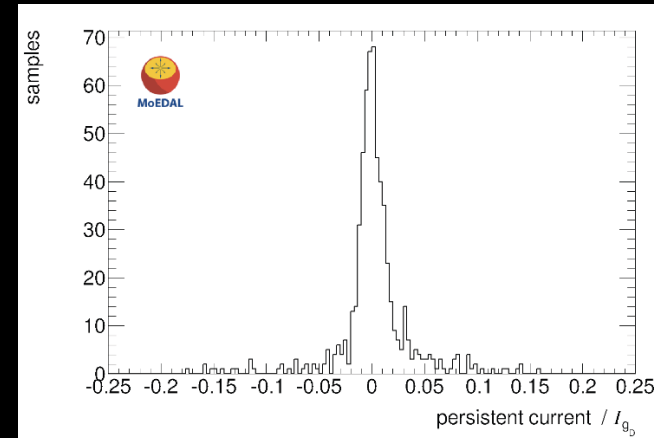
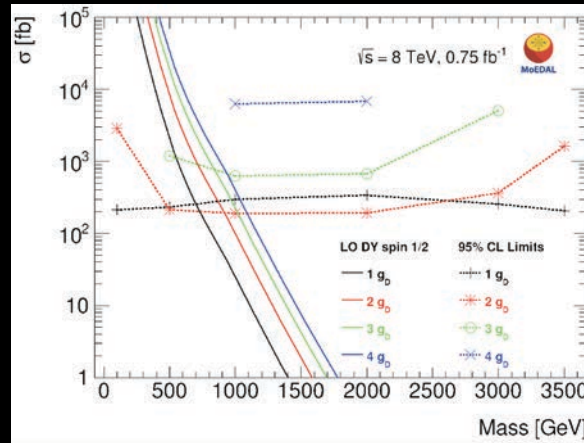
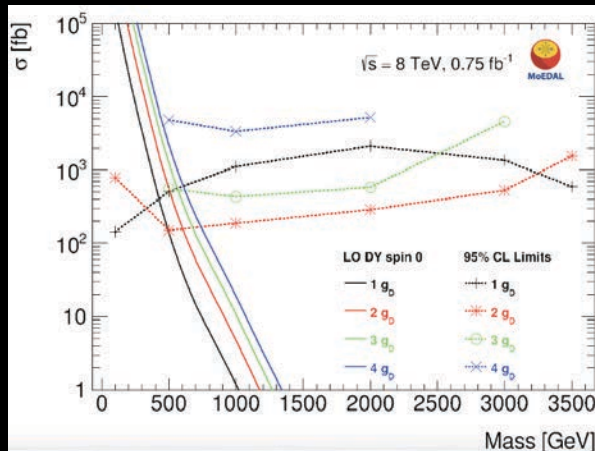


*Magnetically shielded room*



*DC-SQUID magnetometer*

# The MoEDAL Monopole Search at $s = 8 \text{ TeV}$ - JHEP 1608 (2016) 067



DY Lower Mass Limits [GeV]	$ g  = g_D$	$ g  = 2g_D$	$ g  = 3g_D$
spin-1/2	700	920	840
spin-0	420	600	560

$ g  = g_D$
1340
1050

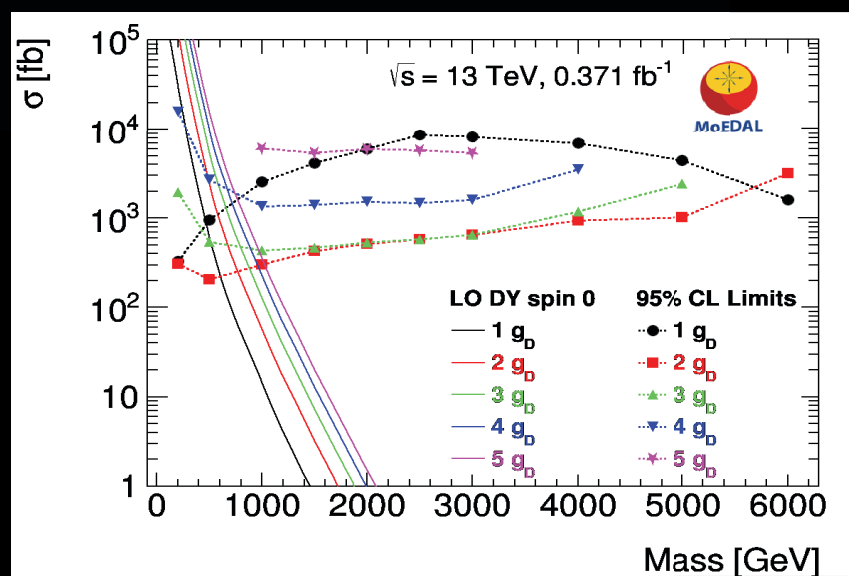
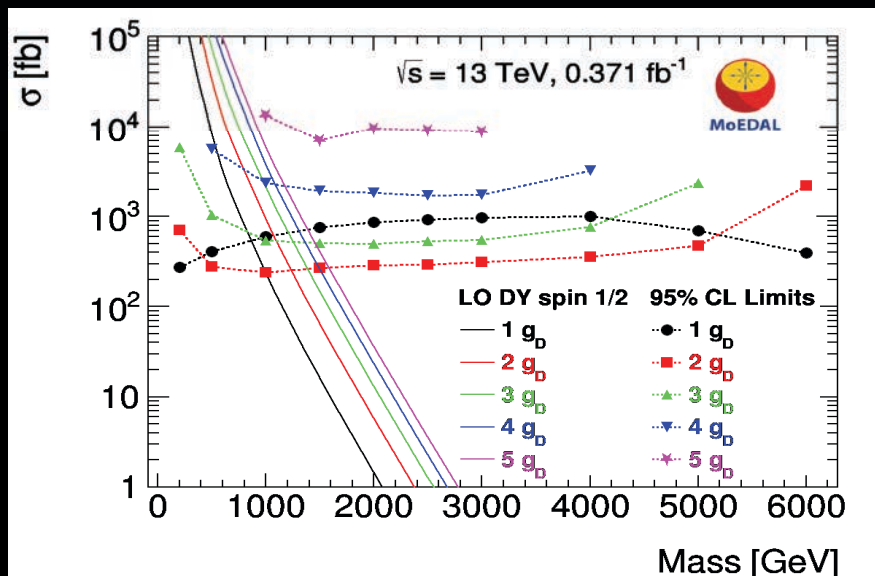
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ATLAS

World best limits for  $|g| > g_D$   
(previously  $\sim 400 \text{ GeV}$  at the Tevatron)



# MoEDAL Monopole Search Results at- $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV - PRL 118 061811 (2017)



- **First monopole constraints in 13 TeV pp collisions**
  - Probe TeV masses for up to  $5g_D$  for the 1st time at the LHC
  - Exclude monopole with  $|g|=4g_D$  for the 1st time at the LHC

mass limits [GeV]	$1g_D$	$2g_D$	$3g_D$	$4g_D$
MoEDAL 13 TeV (this result)				
DY spin-1/2	890	1250	1260	1100
DY spin-0	460	760	800	650
MoEDAL 8 TeV				
DY spin-1/2	700	920	840	—
DY spin-0	420	600	560	—
ATLAS 8 TeV				
DY spin-1/2	1340	—	—	—
DY spin-0	1050	—	—	—

# Beampipe Searches for Very Highly Ionizing Particles – Now in Play

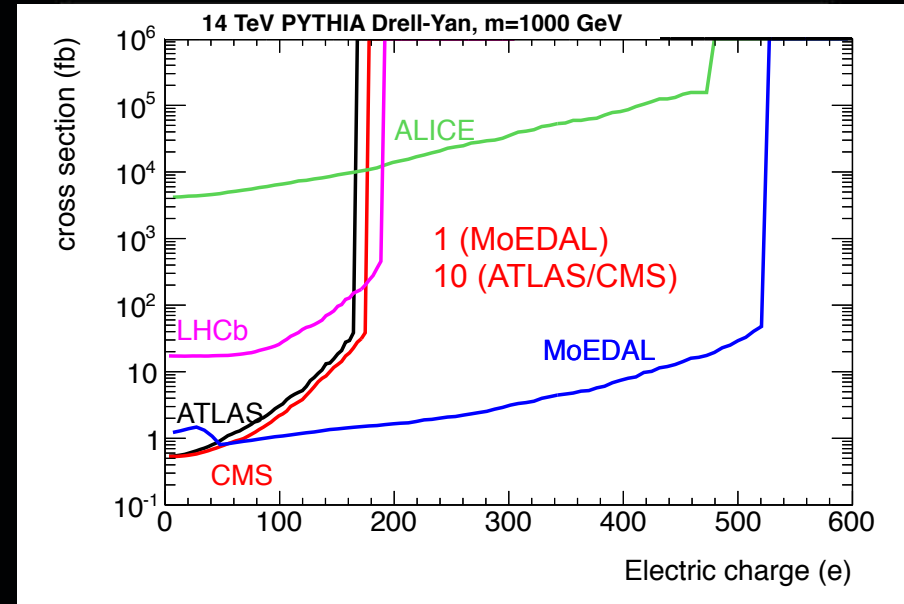
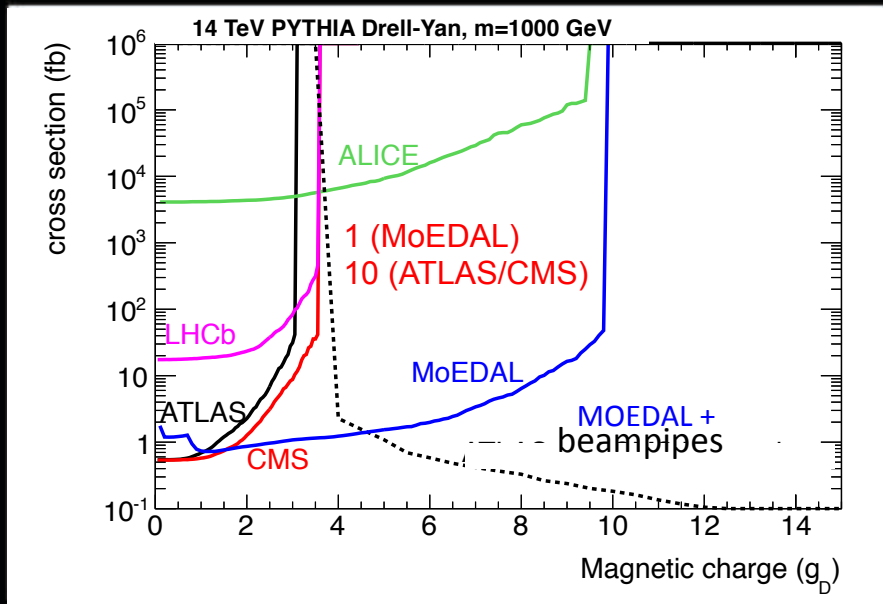
CMS Beryllium beampipe



*MoEDAL- Beampipe Consortium have submitted a proposal to CMS to utilize their replaced surplus-to-requirement IP region beam pipe in order to scan them for the presence of very highly ionizing monopoles trapped in the beam pipe walls*

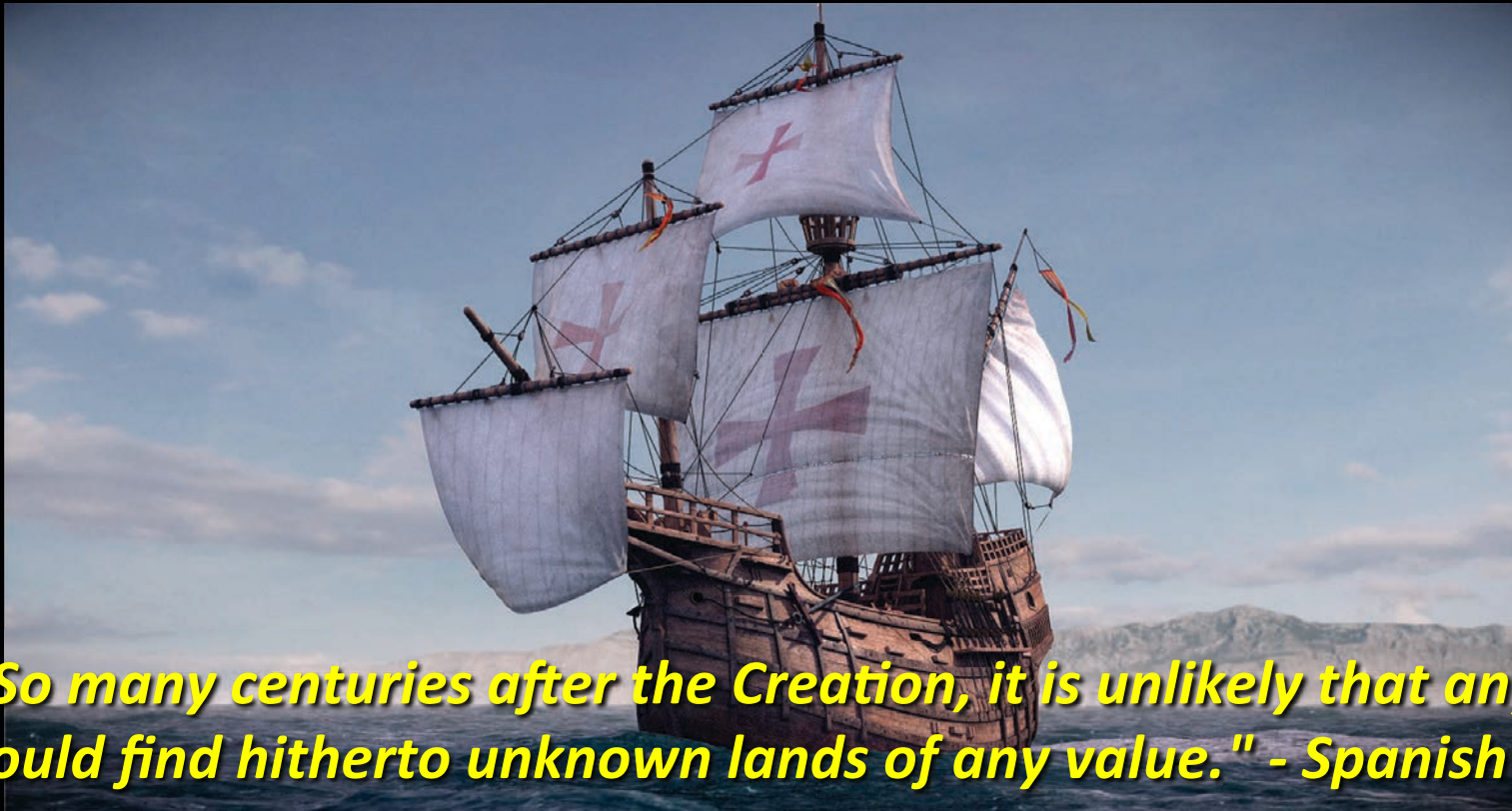
# LHC Sensitivity to Monopoles

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 (LEFT) and electric charge (RIGHT) (from [arXiv:1112.2999V2](https://arxiv.org/abs/1112.2999v2) [hep-ph])
- MoEDAL COMPLEMENTS the physics reach of the existing LHC experiments

# The LHC's Voyage of Discovery



*"So many centuries after the Creation, it is unlikely that anyone could find hitherto unknown lands of any value." - Spanish Royal Commission, rejecting Christopher Columbus' proposal to sail west.*

*In 2015 the LHC experiments – now including MoEDAL - set sail out on a voyage of discovery at the new LHC high energy frontier of 13TeV - stay tuned for the report of new worlds*