

Title: Bounding Milli-magnetic charged particles

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Abstract: 

Just like how milli-electric charged particles can exist, so can milli-magnetic charged particles. We review simple ways of evading the standard quantization arguments and why there are no model independent constraints on magnetically charged particles, milli-charged or not. We then provide the first ever model independent bounds coming from magnetar cooling arguments.

# Bounding milli-magnetic charged particles

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# New Particles

- Particle physics has been all about finding new particles
- Particles that make us up (leptons/quarks/Higgs)
- Particles that carry forces (photon/gluon/W/Z/graviton)

# Where are they?

- Heavy
  - They have large masses so we haven't been able to produce them yet
- Light but weakly coupled
  - We can produce them, but they are weakly coupled so hard to produce and hard to see



# How to find them

- Heavy
  - Collide things at higher and higher energies
- Light but weakly coupled
  - High intensity/luminosity (Do experiment many many many times)



# Heavy particles



- At high energies everything interconverts
- Just collide stuff, doesn't matter what it is



# Light particles

- Need high intensity (of what?)
- Converting between particles rarer so what it couples to and how it couples matters
  - Electrons/muons/protons/dark matter/...
  - Gauge charge/dipole moments/Yukawa interactions/...
- Many options = many different experiments

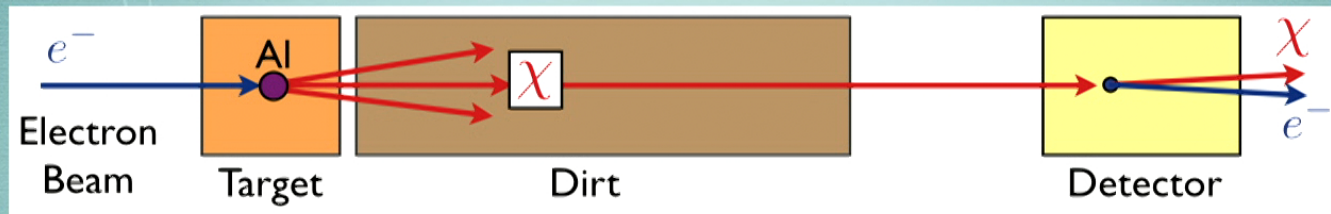


# High intensity colliders



- Standard collider but just run at very high luminosity
- Explores new particles weakly coupled to protons/electrons

# Beam Dump

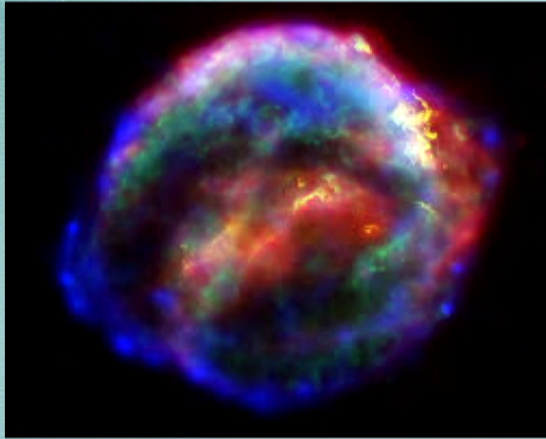


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- Collide a large number of protons or electrons or atoms with atoms
- Explores new particles weakly coupled to protons/electrons/atoms/...



# High density

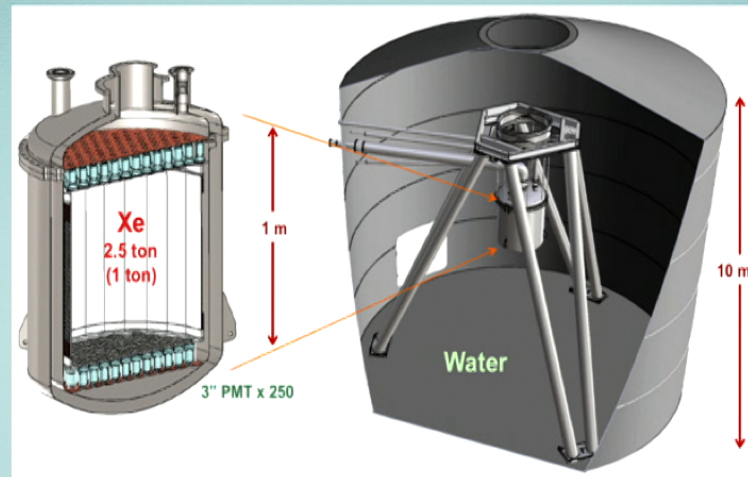


- Neutron stars
- Red Giants
- Supernova

- New particles as new sources of
  - Cooling
  - Energy transport
  - Production mechanism combined with direct detection

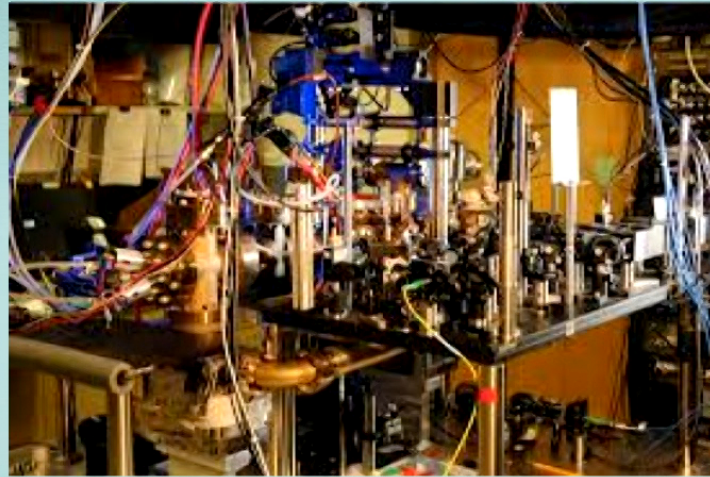


# Direct detection : Dark matter



- Large energy flux of dark matter
- Collision of dark matter with nuclei
  - Nuclear recoils
  - Electron recoils in the future

# Dark Matter



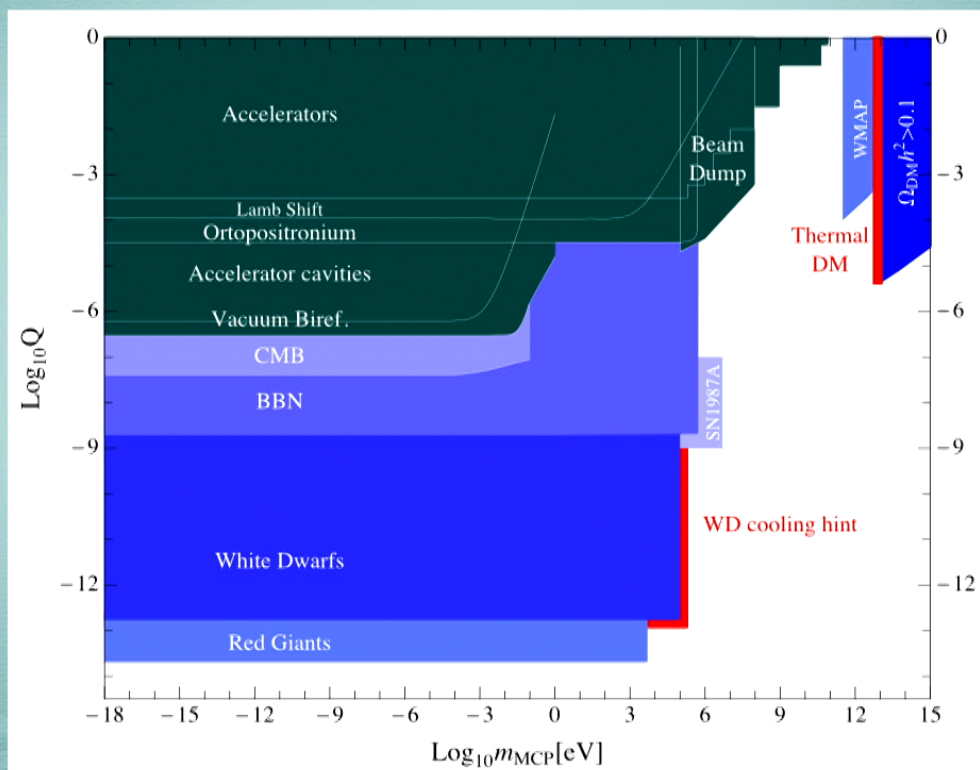
- If dark matter has macroscopic size look for time dependent processes
  - Time dependent dipole moments, charge, mass...



# New light particles

- Many different scenarios
- New particle / old interactions
  - Gravity
  - Electricity and magnetism
- So what about new particles that carry charge and mass?

# Milli-charged particles



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# Milli-charged particles

- Two types of charges under the photon
- Electric and magnetic (hence E+M)
- What about milli-magnetic charged particles?

# Outline

- Milli-magnetic charged particles
- Constraints
- Conclusion

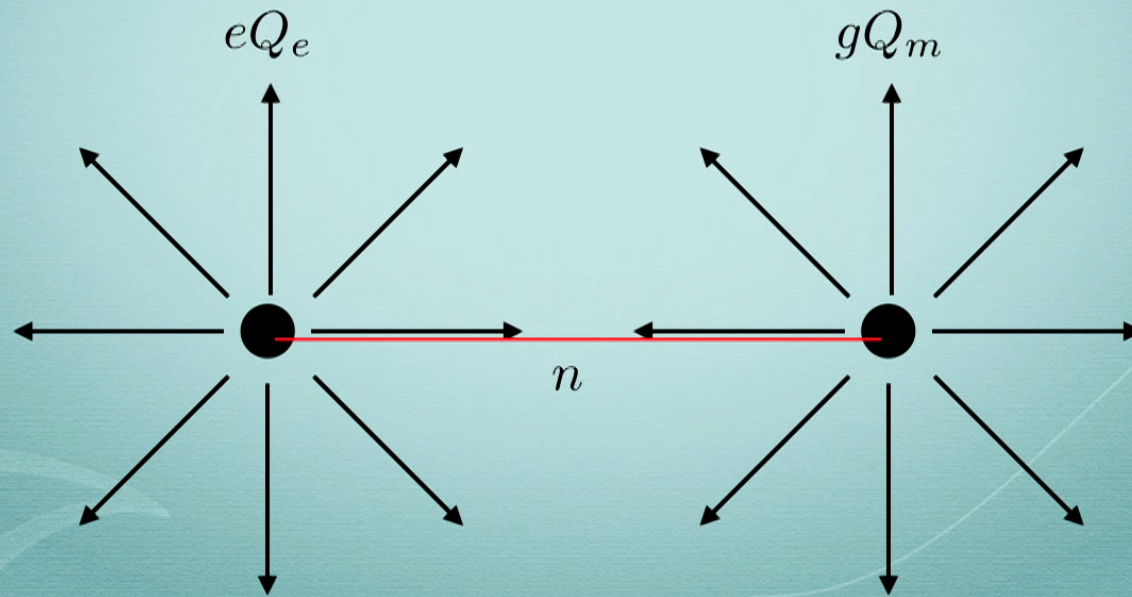


# Milli-magnetic charge

- Monopoles : Yes
- Milli-magnetic charges : ???
- Why don't people look for this?
- Quantization of angular momentum

# Angular momentum

$$L = \int d^3x \, x \times (E \times B) = \frac{eg}{4\pi} Q_e Q_m \hat{n}$$





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$$g = \frac{2\pi}{e} \quad L = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2} \quad Q_e Q_m = \mathbb{Z}$$

- Given that electrons exist, there exists a minimum magnetic charge
- Most work directed towards this minimum charge

# Example

	$E$	$B$	$E'$	$B'$
$e$	1	0	$\epsilon$	0
$m$	0	$-\epsilon$	0	1

- Angular momentum in  $U(1)$  canceled by angular momentum in  $U(1)'$



# Plausible?

- Milli-magnetic charged particles are possible but are they plausible?
- Claim - Just as plausible as any other scenario with dark photons
  - Fractional charges?
  - Monopoles at low energy?

# Kinetic Mixing

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F^2 - \frac{1}{4}F_D^2 + 2\epsilon F_D F + \frac{1}{2}m_D^2 A_D^2$$

- Dark photon with kinetic mixing
- Electron has milli charge under dark U(1)

$$A \rightarrow A + \epsilon A_D$$



# Kinetic Mixing

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \epsilon F F_D$$

$$E \leftrightarrow E_D$$

$$B \leftrightarrow B_D$$

- Dark Monopoles pick up milli-magnetic charge
  - Result required by consistency
  - Can be seen explicitly for 't Hooft Polyakov monopoles

	$E$	$B$	$E'$	$B'$
$e$	1	0	$\epsilon$	0
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# Magnetic transformation

$$\mathcal{L} \supset F^2 + F\tilde{G}$$

- Integrate out G
  - Theory of the photon
- Integrate out F
  - Theory of the dual photon



# Magnetic transformation

$$\mathcal{L} \supset F^2 + F_D^2 + \epsilon F_D F + F \tilde{G} + F_D \tilde{G}_D$$

- Remove kinetic mixing by field redefinition

$$A \rightarrow A + \epsilon A_D$$

$$B_D \rightarrow B_D - \epsilon B$$

- Their monopoles become charged under our E+M

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# Light monopoles?

- Strong theory bias against light monopoles
- Due to the original discovery of monopoles in grand unified theories

## Light monopoles?

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4}F^2 - \frac{1}{4}F_D^2 + 2\epsilon F \tilde{F}_D + \frac{1}{2}m_D^2 B_D^2$$

- Perform E+M duality on the previous example
- Electron now : perfectly reasonable for it to be light!



# Light monopoles?

	$E$	$B$	$E'$	$B'$
$e$	1	0	0	$-\epsilon$
$e_D$	0	$-\epsilon$	1	0

- Just a dark electron with magnetic mixing
- Magnetic Stuckleberg mass

# Physical Picture

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F^2 - \frac{1}{4}F_D^2 + 2\epsilon F_D F + \frac{1}{2}m_D^2 A_D^2$$

- What is the physical picture of this Lagrangian?



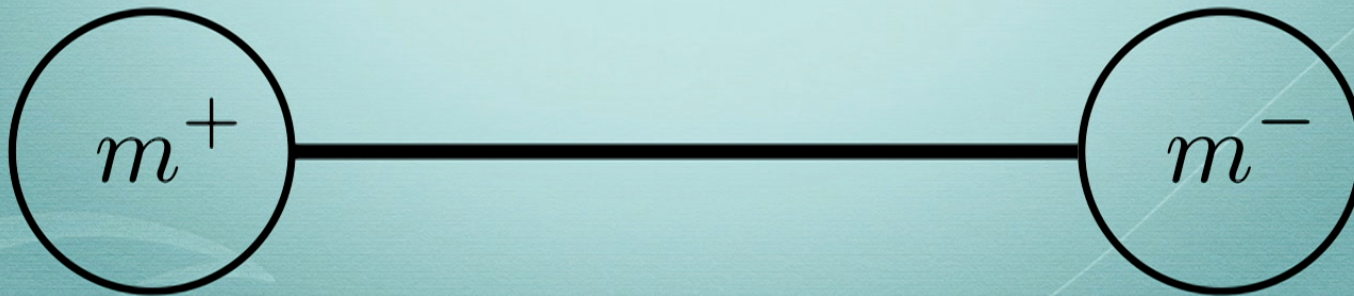
# Physical Picture

	$E$	$B$	$E'$	$B'$
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- Milli-magnetic charge
- Dark U(1) Higgsed so monopoles are confined
  - Like QCD, strings connecting monopole with anti-monopole

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If dark photon mass is irrelevant

- Electron generates a field  $E, B, E' = \epsilon E, B' = \epsilon B$
- Monopole feels a field  $E_{\text{eff}} = -\epsilon E + E' = 0$   
 $B_{\text{eff}} = -\epsilon B + B' = 0$

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$$B' = \epsilon B e^{-m_{A'} r}$$

- Electron generates a field
- Monopole feels a field
- As long as distance long enough that dark magnetic field is screened, then electron and monopole can interact

$$B_{\text{eff}} = \epsilon B (e^{-m_{A'} r} - 1)$$



# Outline

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# Constraints

- If magnetic charges already exist around us
  - Astrophysical constraints/experimental constraints/...
- If they are not surrounding us
  1. No constraints if they are non-perturbative ('t Hooft Polyakov monopoles)
  2. Weak constraints if fundamental

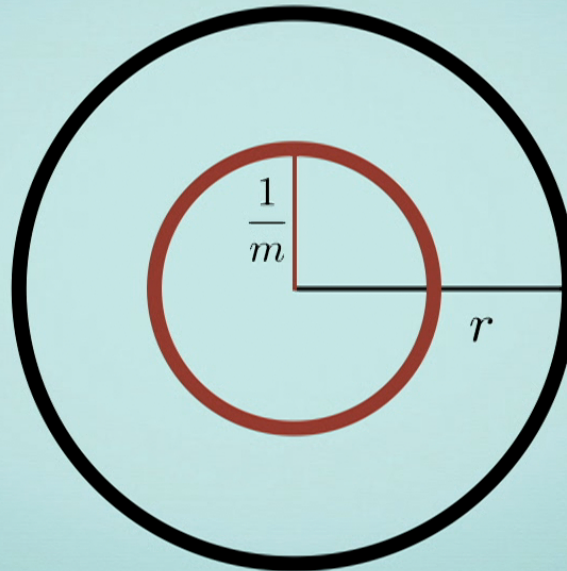


# Parker bound

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{Parker}} = 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$$

- Magnetic fields accelerate monopoles
  - Energy in monopoles comes from B field
  - If too much energy is taken, then B field of Milky Way neutralized
  - Usually applied to some cosmological abundance

# Non-perturbative monopoles



- 't Hooft Polyakov monopoles have size larger than Compton wavelength



# Non-perturbative monopoles

- Magnetic charge conserved so pair produce monopoles
- De Broglie wavelength of colliding particles much smaller than physical size of monopoles
- Cross section for producing particles is exponentially suppressed due to decoupling

# Goal

- Obtain model independent bounds on milli-magnetic charged particles
- Perturbative production can be exponentially suppressed
- Need non-perturbative production
- Exponentially large number of initial states (photons)
- Extremely large electric and magnetic fields



# Schwinger pair production

- Production of electric (magnetic) particles in a strong electric (magnetic) field

$$\frac{P}{Vt} = \frac{e^2 E^2}{4\pi^3} e^{-\frac{\pi m^2}{eE}}$$

$$\frac{P}{Vt} = \frac{\epsilon^2 g^2 B^2}{8\pi^3} e^{-\frac{\pi m^2}{\epsilon g B} + \frac{g^2}{4}} \quad g = \frac{4\pi}{e}$$

# Schwinger pair production

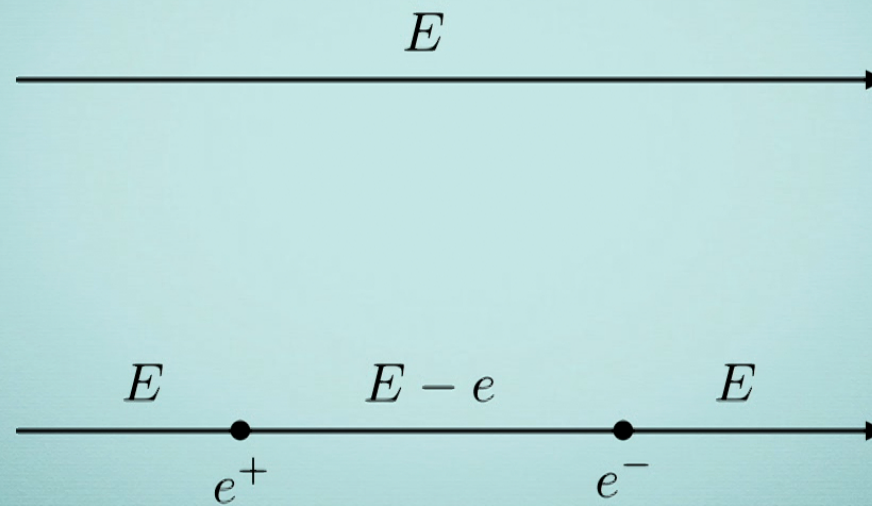
$$\frac{P}{Vt} = \frac{e^2 E^2}{4\pi^3} e^{-\frac{\pi m^2}{eE}}$$

- If electric field larger than mass of fermion, then unsuppressed production of fermions
- As mentioned before, everything can always be understood physically



# 2D example

- Two equal energy configurations



$$eEd = 2m_e$$

## 2D example

- As mentioned before, things are exponentially suppressed if length scales don't match

- Creating a pair of electrons a distance  $d = \frac{2m_e}{eE}$  apart

- Quantum mechanical size associated with an electron is  $1/m_e$

- Process is no longer exponentially suppressed if  $d < \frac{1}{m_e}$



# Schwinger pair production

$$\frac{P}{Vt} = \frac{e^2 E^2}{4\pi^3} e^{-\frac{\pi m^2}{eE}}$$

- Intuitive understanding of formula in terms of distance scales
- Milli-magnetic charged particles have strings attached



## 2D example

- Energetically string energy is

$$E_{\text{string}} = m_A^2 d$$

- Unsuppressed production occurs when

$$d \sim 1/m$$

- String irrelevant to pair production when

$$E_{\text{string}} = m_A^2/m < E_{\text{else}} = 2m$$

$$m_A < m$$



# Schwinger pair production

- Unsuppressed production of milli-magnetic charged particles if there is a large magnetic field
- Largest magnetic fields in the universe are at magnetars
- Production of magnetic particles neutralizes magnetic field
  - Require that it is not neutralized over the lifetime of magnetar

# Magnetars

- Neutron stars with extremely large magnetic fields
  - Size ~ 10 km
  - $B \sim 10^{13-16}$  gauss ~ MeV<sup>2</sup>
  - Age ~  $10^{3-5}$  years
  - Luminosity (persistent x-rays) ~  $10^{33-36}$  ergs/s ~  $B^2 V/t$
  - ~ 20 observed, ~ kiloparsec away
  - Not much known about them



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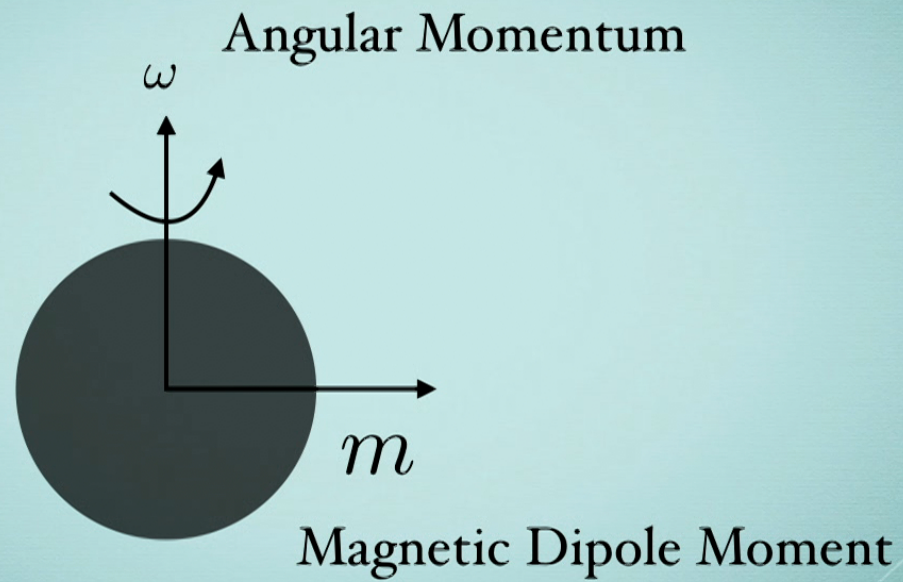
- Anomalous x-ray pulsars
  - Emit soft x rays
  - Anomalous because not powered by standard means
- Soft gamma-ray repeaters
  - Peak luminosity larger than Eddington limit

# Magnetic Field

- Evidence for magnetic field is from soft gamma-ray bursts
  - Strong magnetic fields allow for super Eddington luminosity emissions
  - Fall off of burst depends on magnetic instabilities of the magnetar
- Crude estimate of the magnetic field can be made via loss of angular momentum



# Magnetic Field



# Magnetic Field

$$B \approx 3 \times 10^{19} \sqrt{\frac{P}{\text{second}}} \dot{P} \text{ Gauss}$$

- Observed periods of a few seconds
- $dP/dt \sim 10^{-11}$
- $B \sim 10^{15} \text{ gauss} \sim \text{MeV}^2$
- More refined estimates change results by only  $O(1)$  factors



# Magnetars

- Given huge uncertainties, we will take the following values
  - Radius = 10 km
  - $B = 10^{15}$  gauss
  - Age =  $10^4$  years

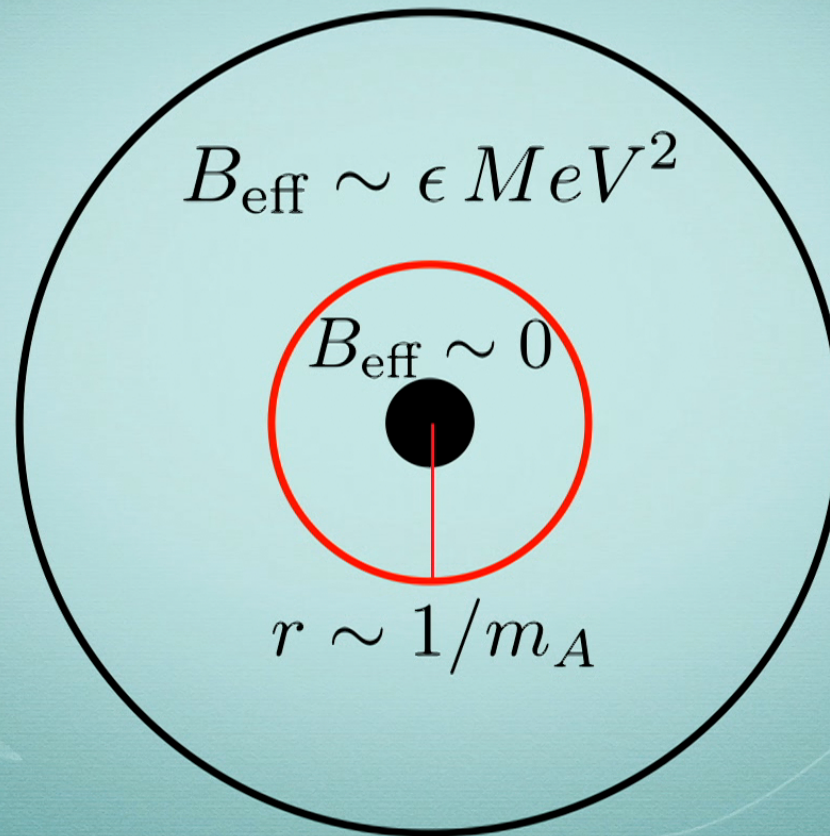
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$$B \sim \text{MeV}^2$$

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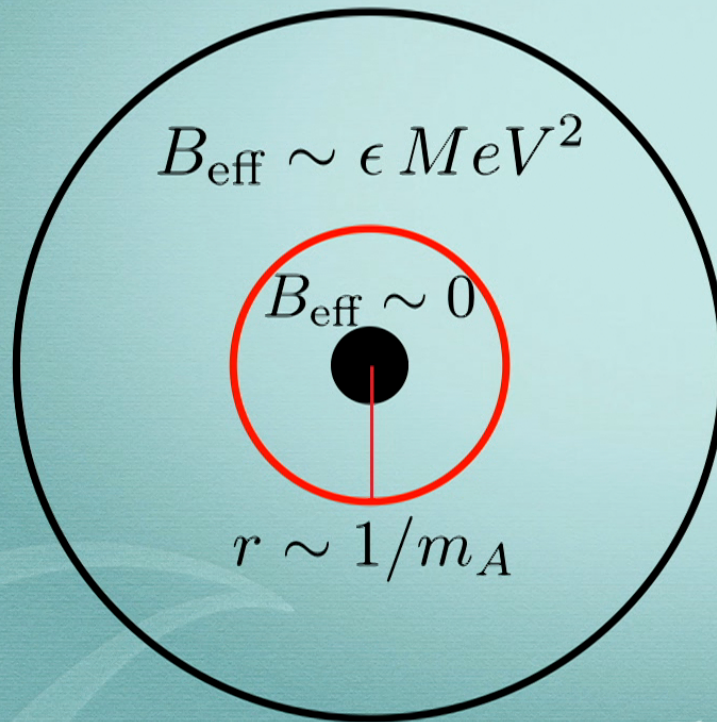


# Magnetars



# Magnetars

$$10 \text{ km} = r > 1/m_A > 1/m$$



Magnetic field needs to extend more than  $1/m_A$  away so that milli-magnetic charged particle feels B field and can screen it



# Bound

$$E_{\text{loss}} = 2Q_m g B r$$

- Energy loss due to production of monopoles
- After pair production, monopoles carry away energy

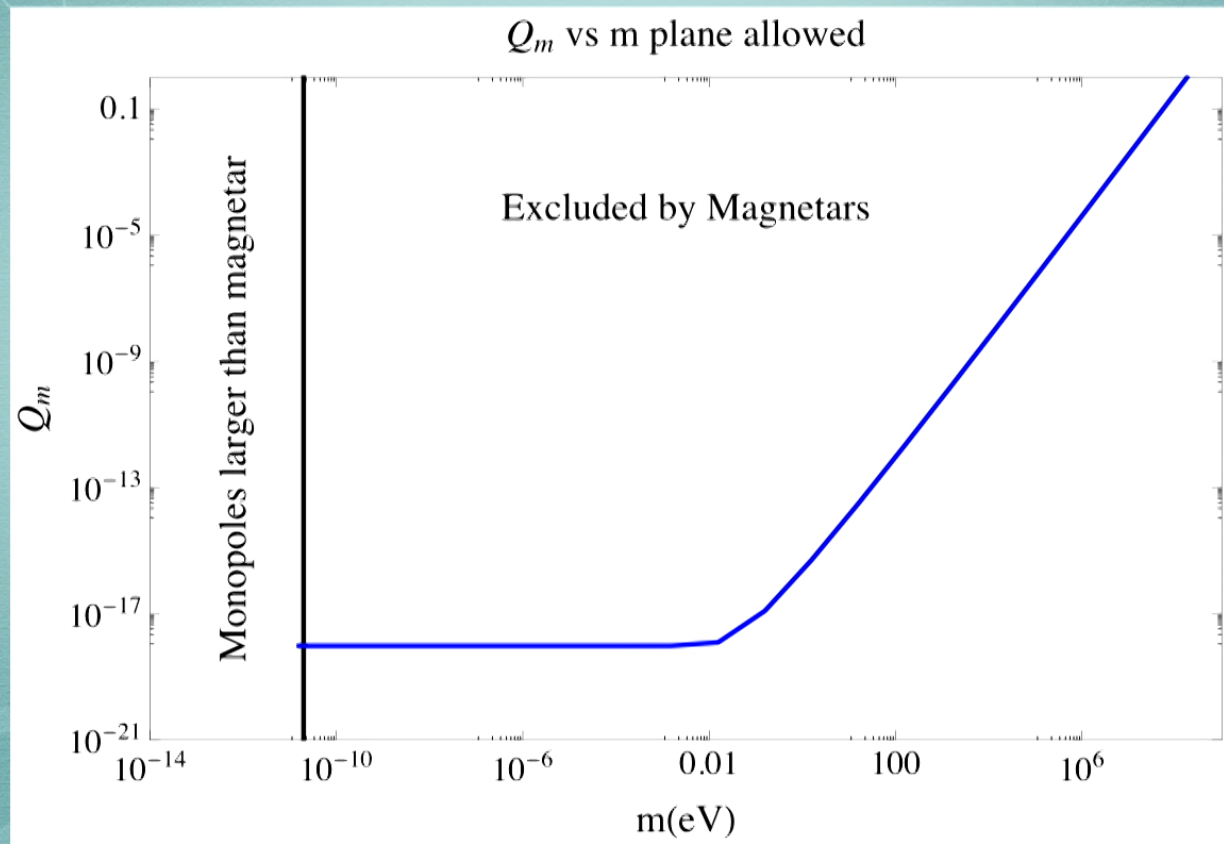
# Bound

$$\frac{dE}{dV dt} = \frac{Q_m^2 g^2 B^2}{4\pi^3} e^{-\frac{\pi m^2}{Q_m g B}} E_{\text{loss}} < \frac{B^2}{2t_{\text{lifetime}}}$$

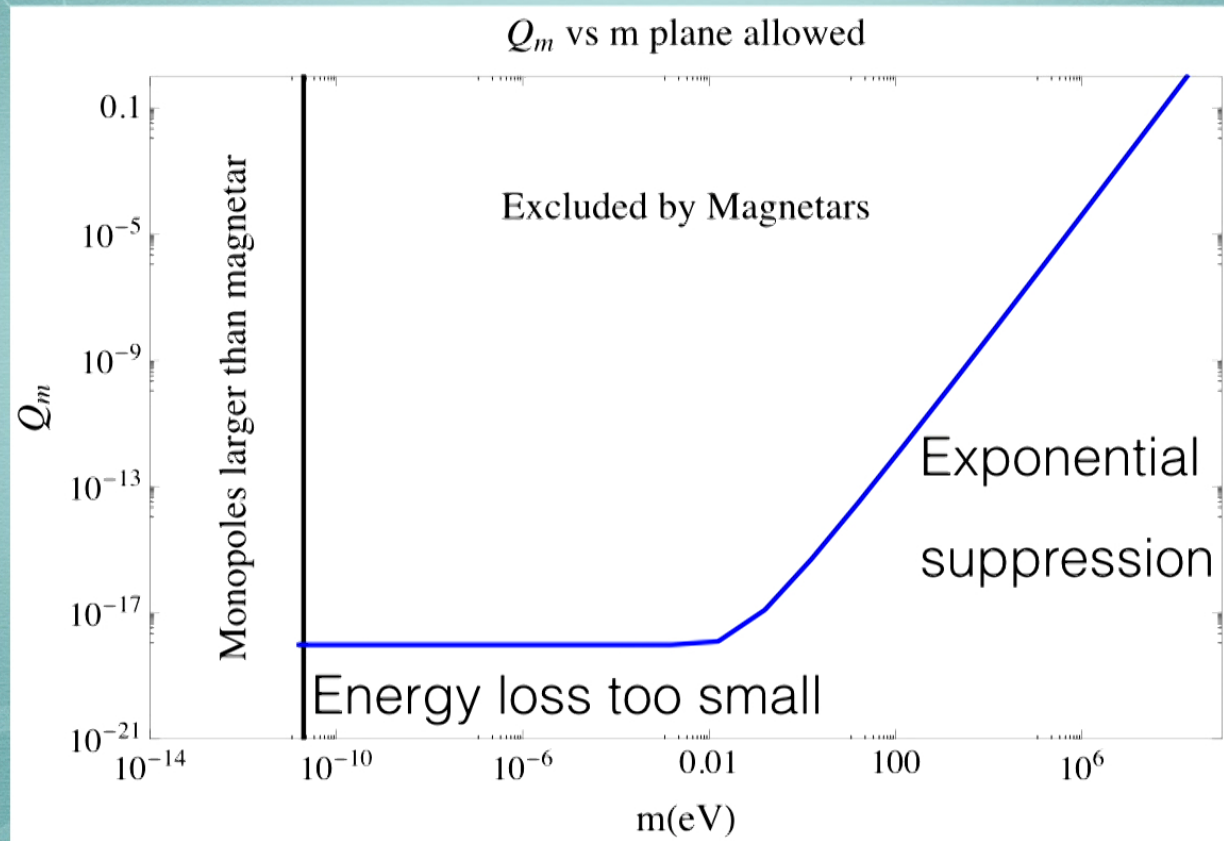
- Magnetic field is not neutralized by pair production during the lifetime of magnetar
- Equivalent to saying that total energy loss must be smaller than observed energy loss



# Bound



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# Conclusion

- Just like there can be milli-electric charged particles, there can be milli-magnetic charged particles
- Currently NO model independent bounds
  - Model dependent bounds are weak and often come from cosmology
- Magnetars have large magnetic fields that let one place new very strong model independent bounds



$$S = (D - A)^2 + (\delta A)^2 + (D - B)^2$$

$\frac{dS}{dA} = -2(D - A) + 2\delta A = 0$

$$B = \bar{B} - \delta A$$