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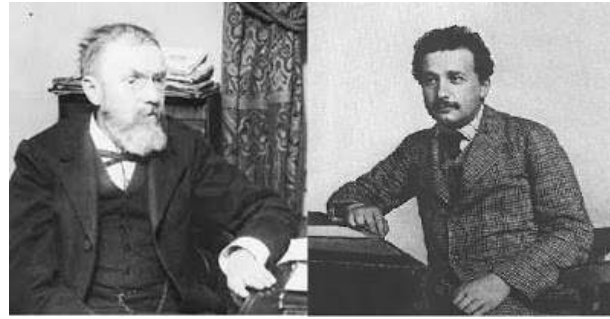
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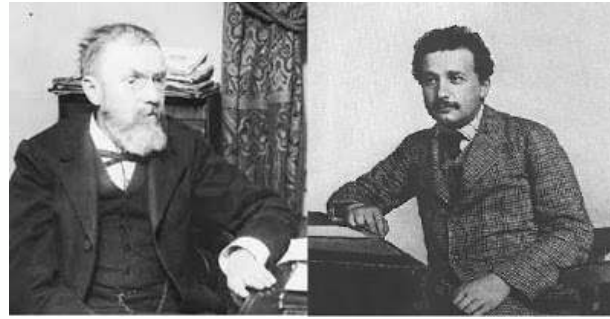
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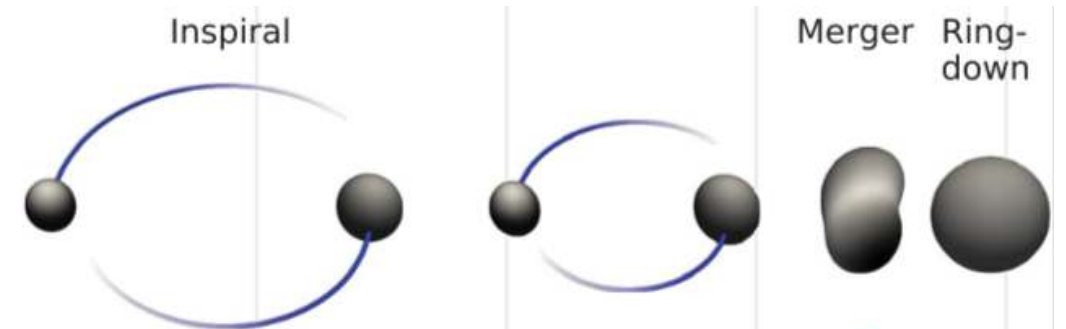
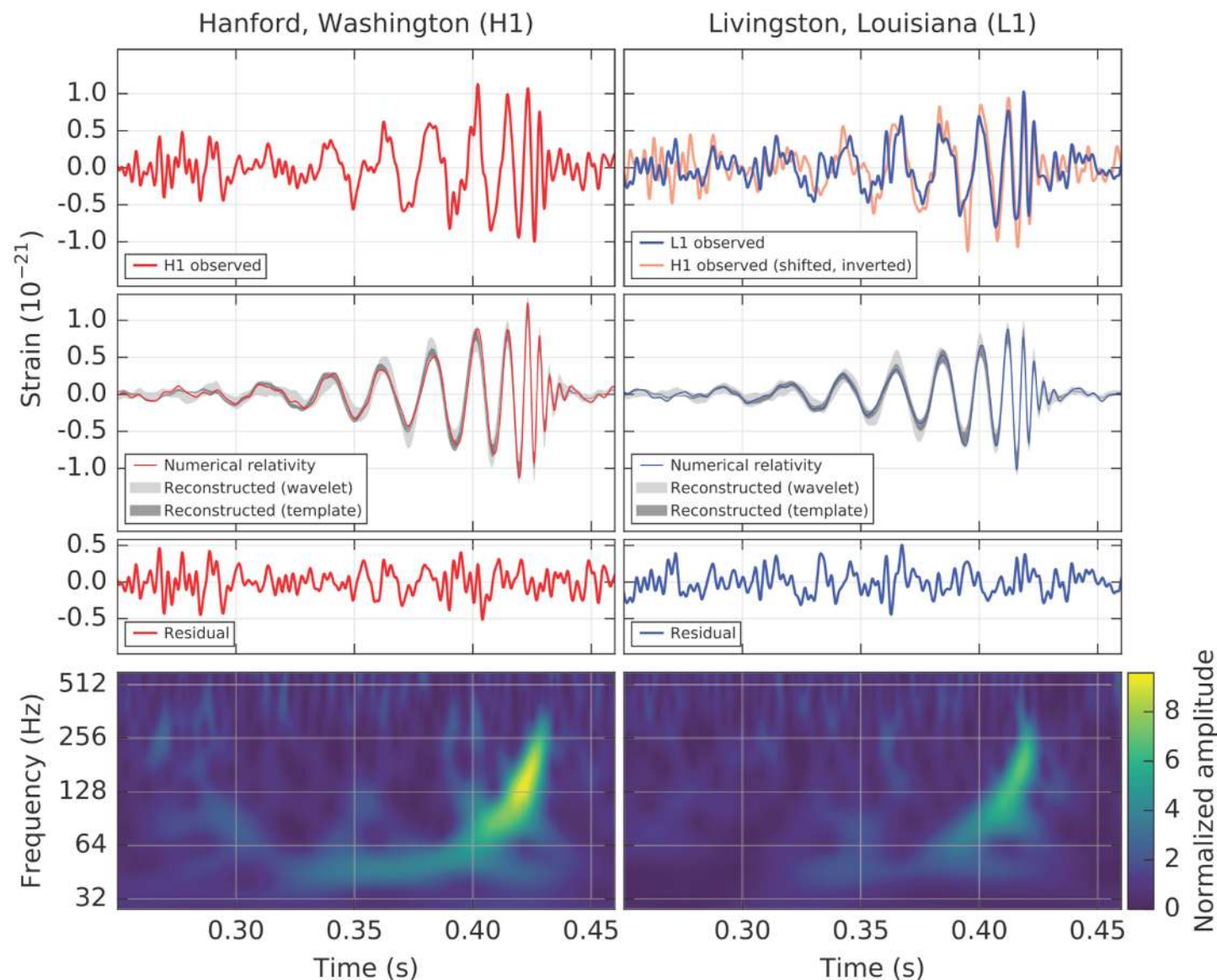
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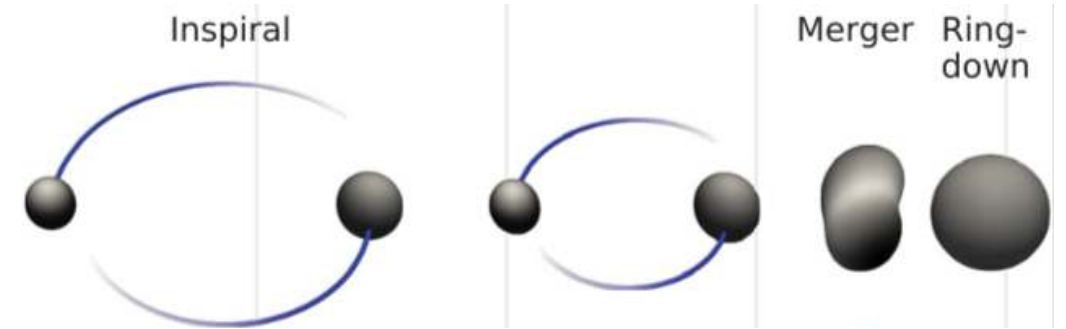
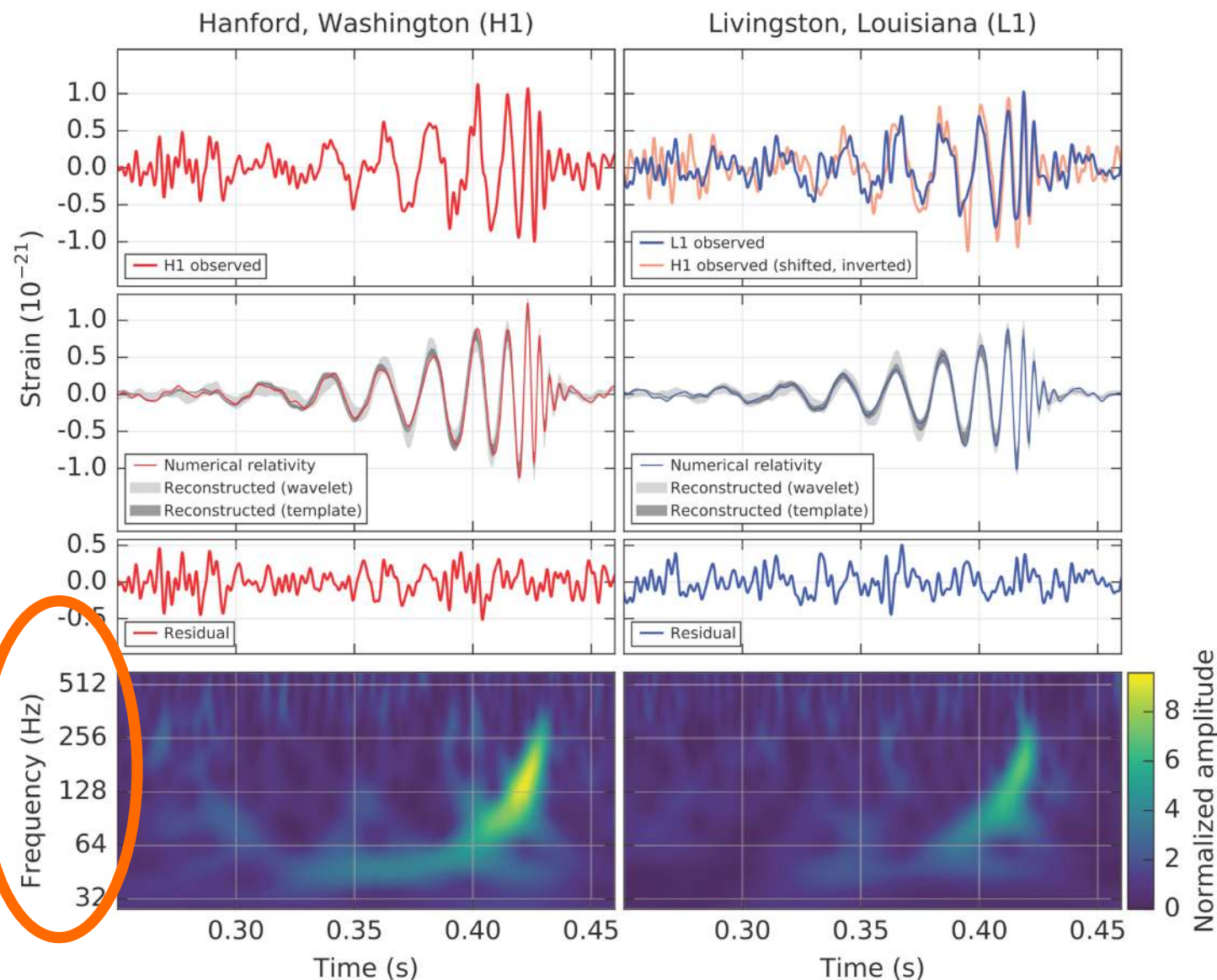
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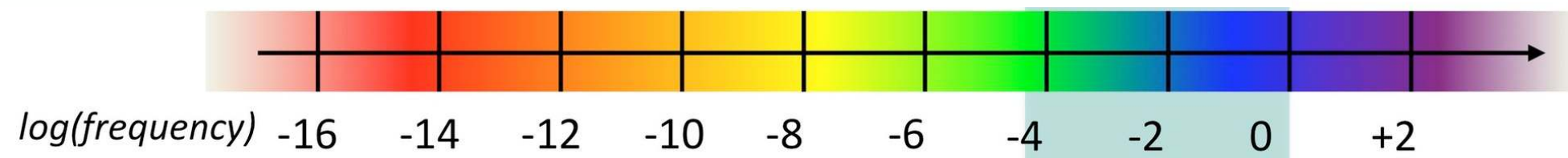


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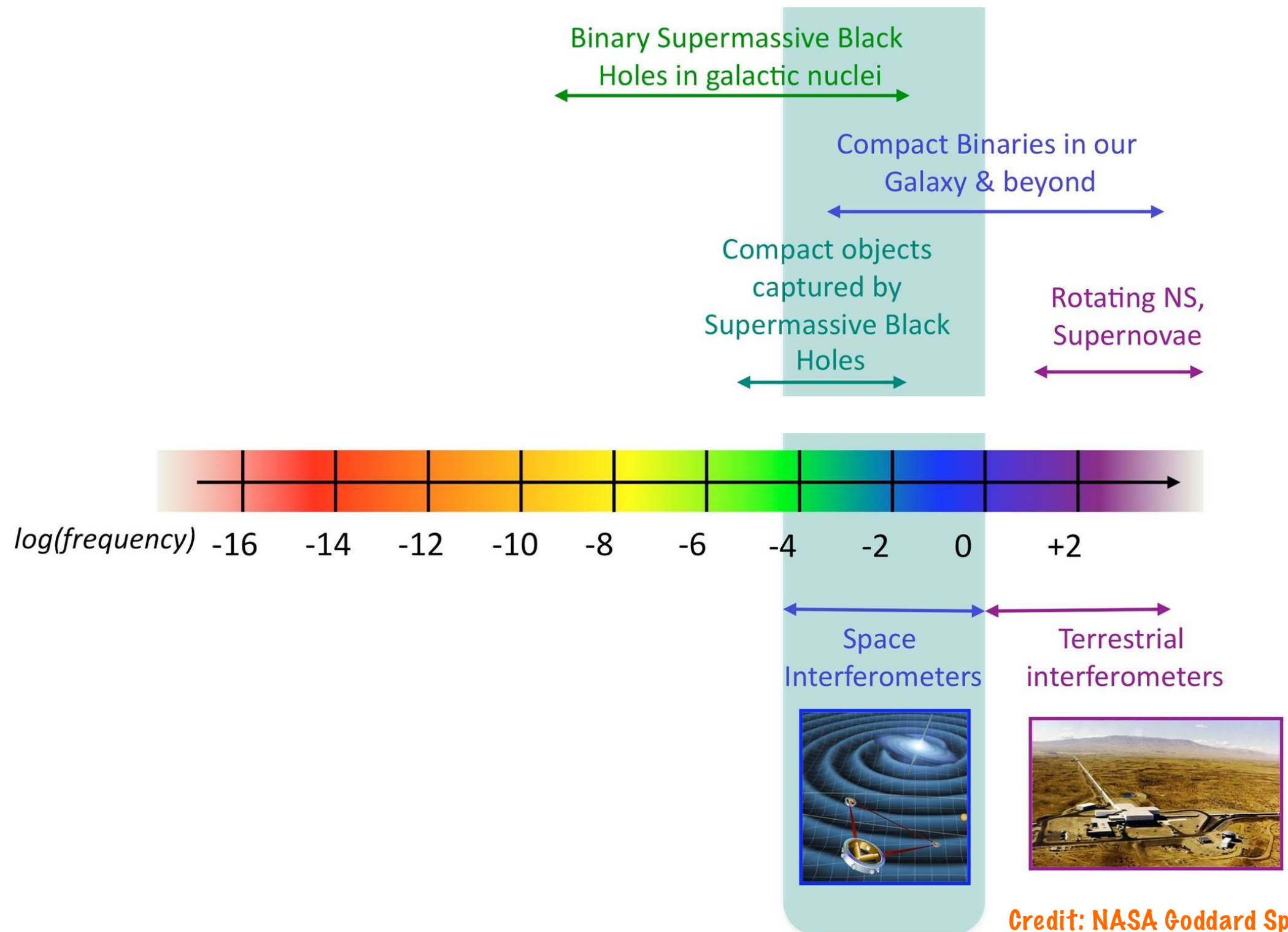
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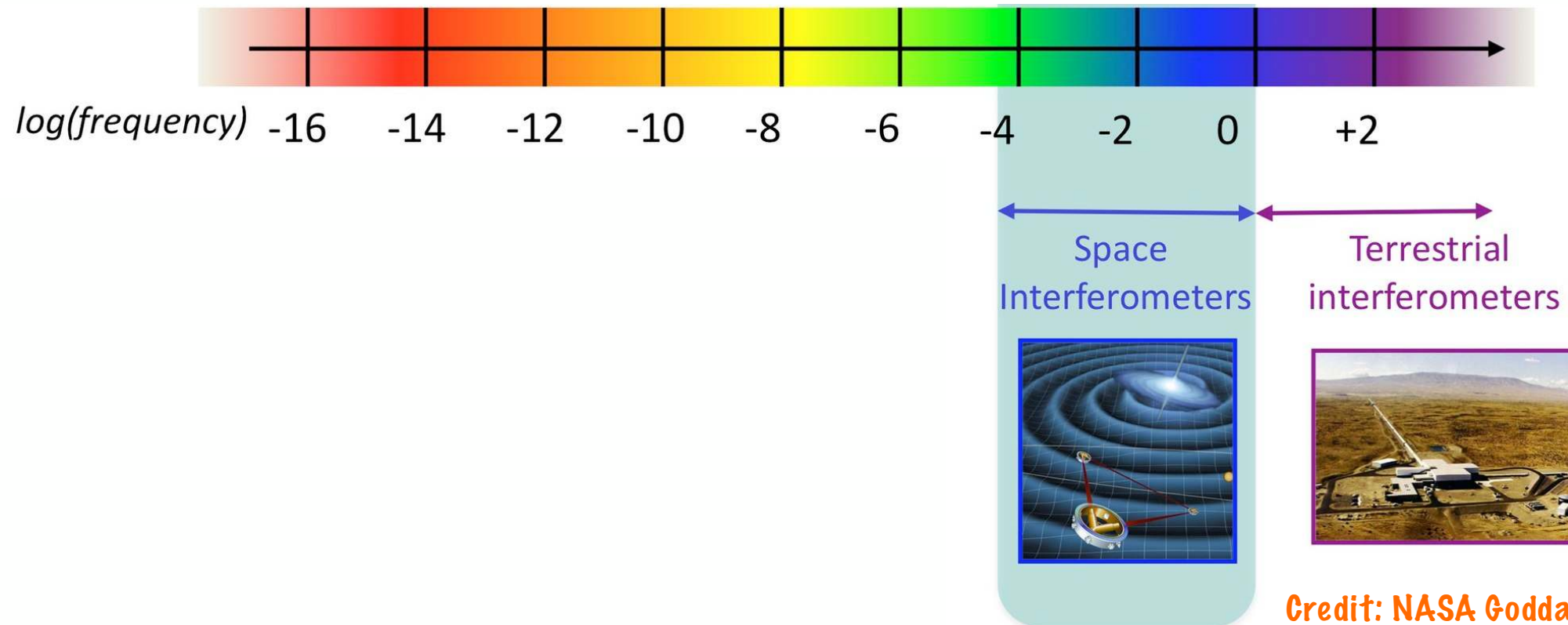
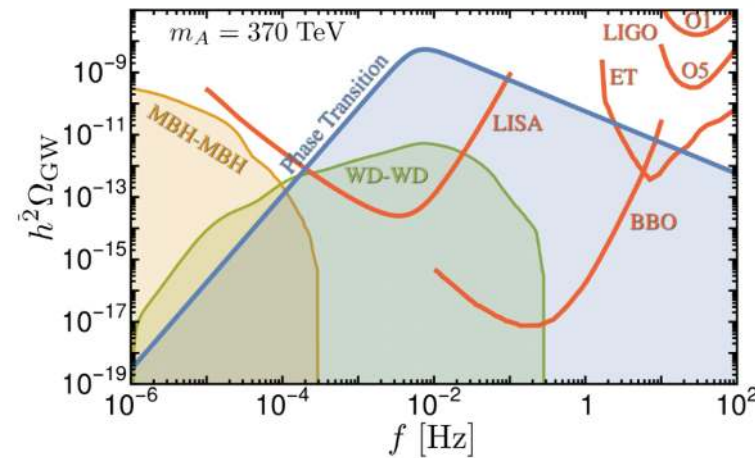
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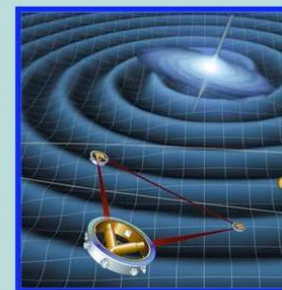
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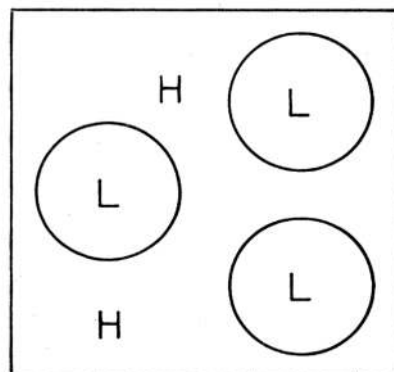
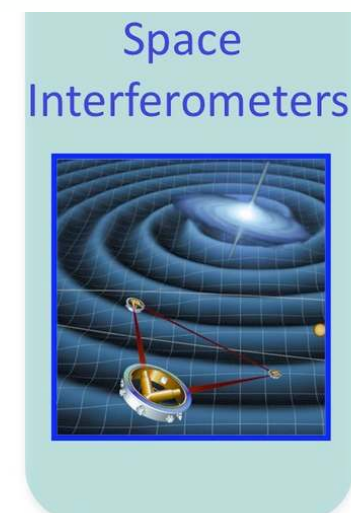


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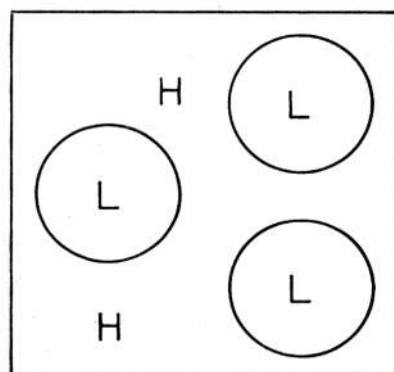
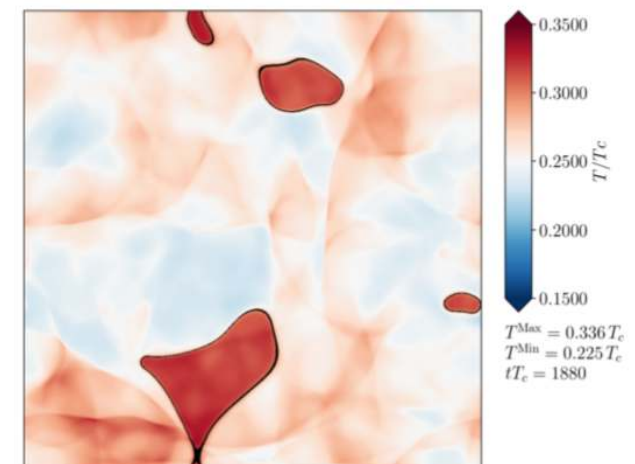
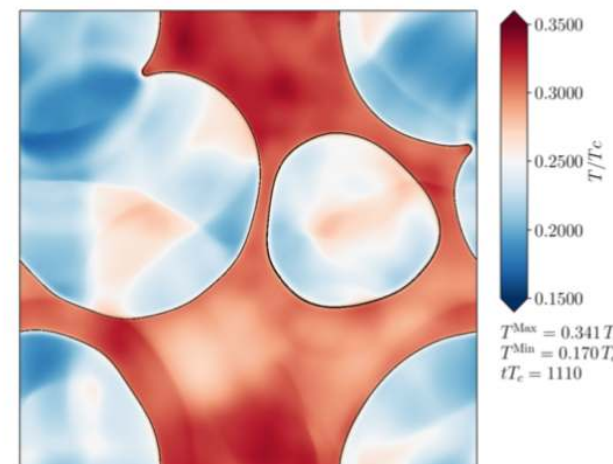
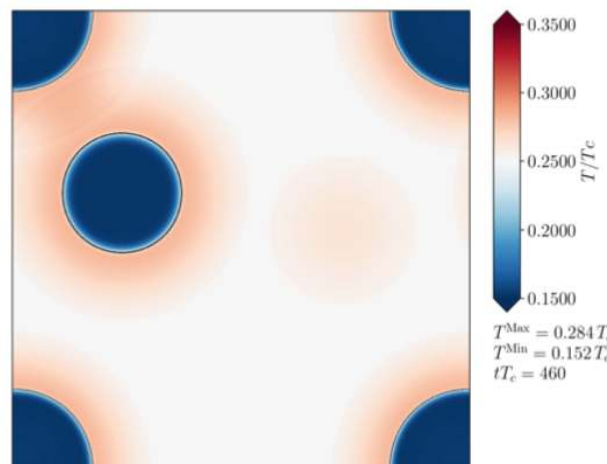
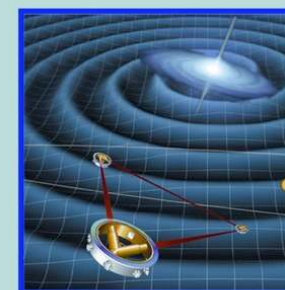


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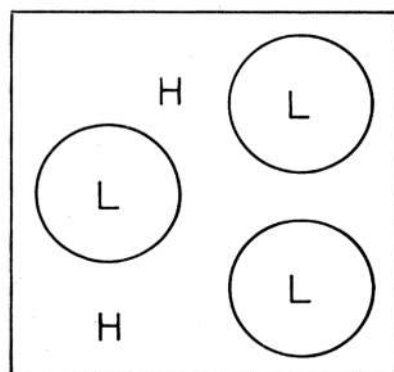
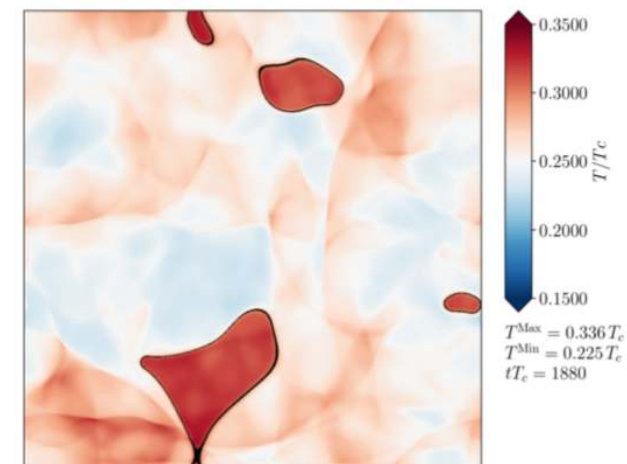
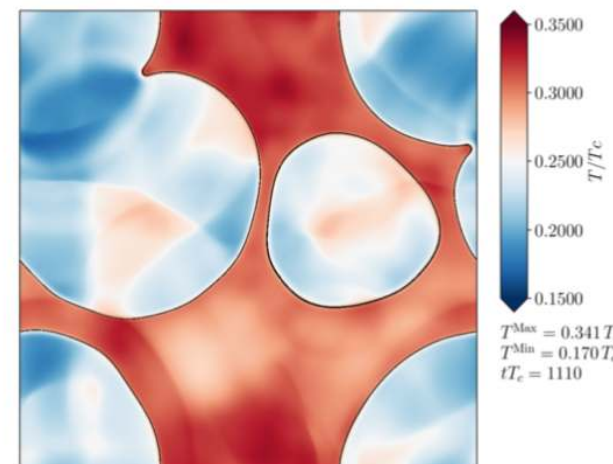
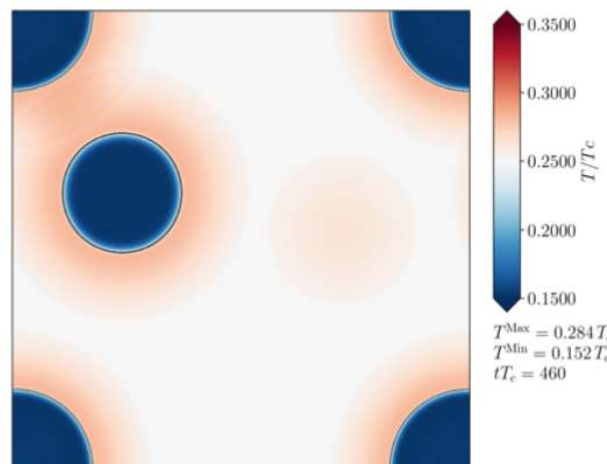


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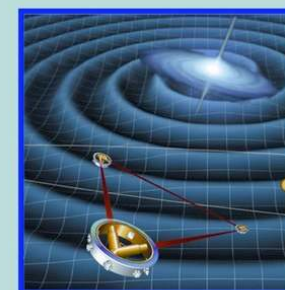
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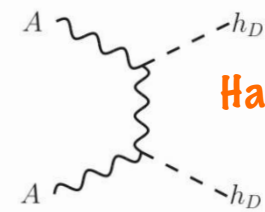
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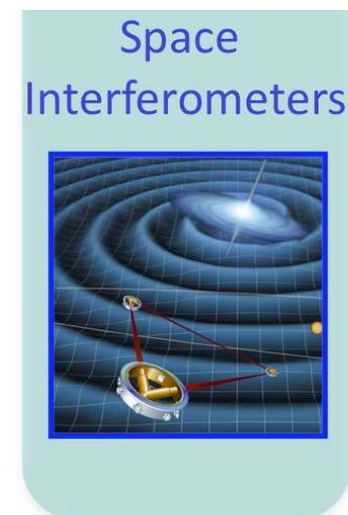
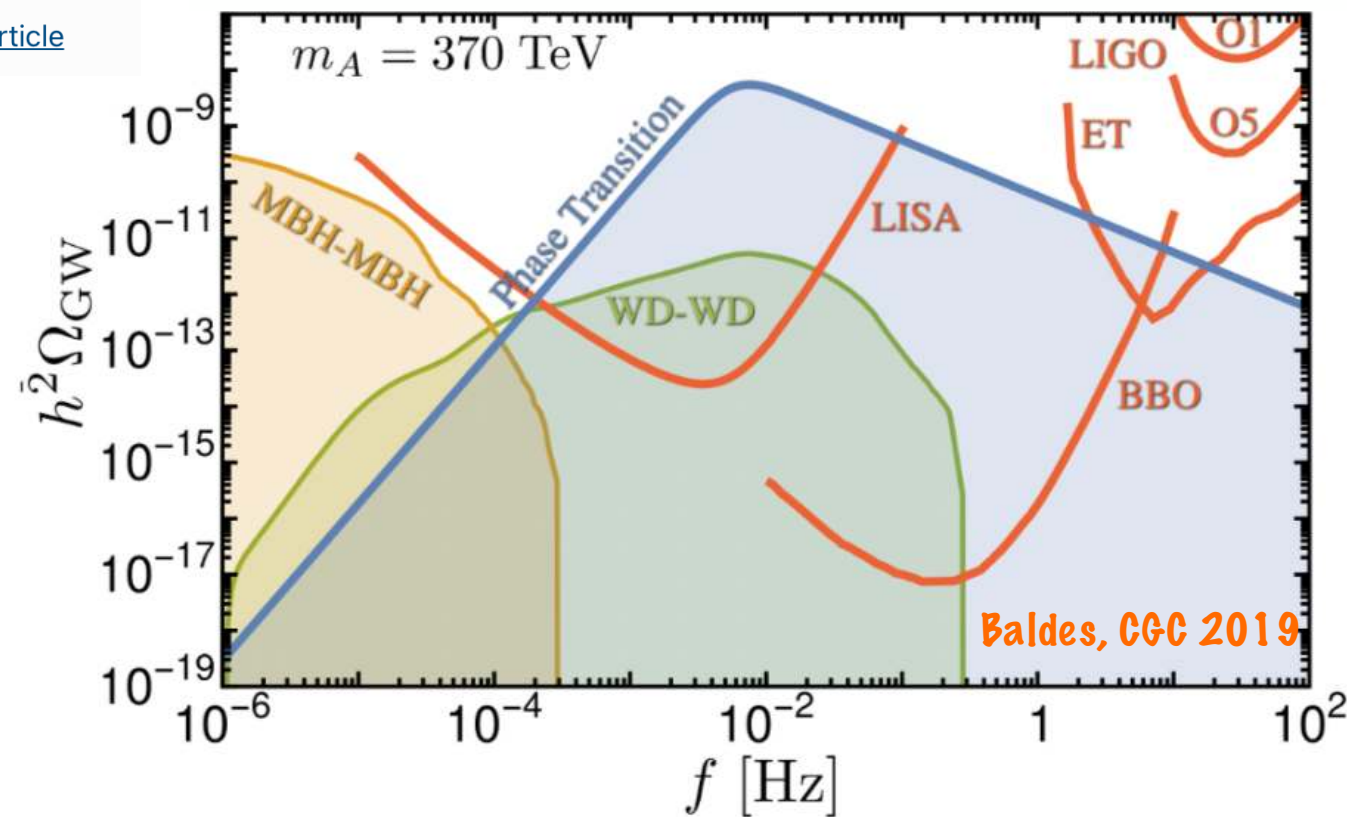
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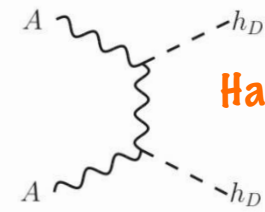
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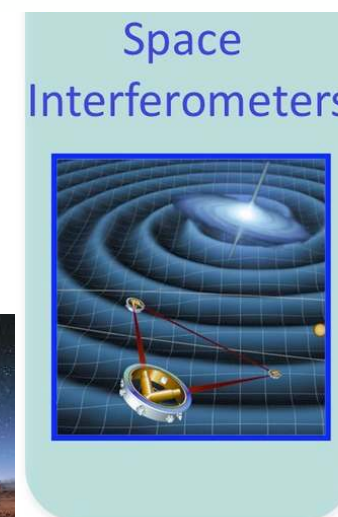
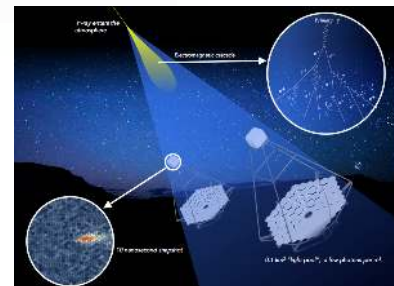
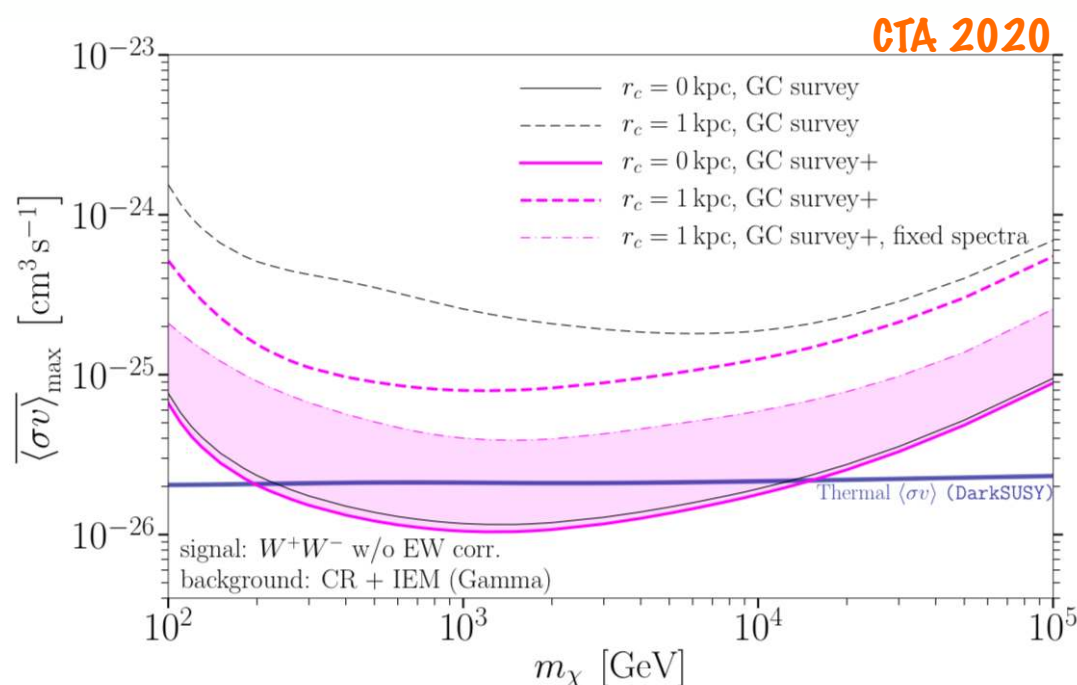
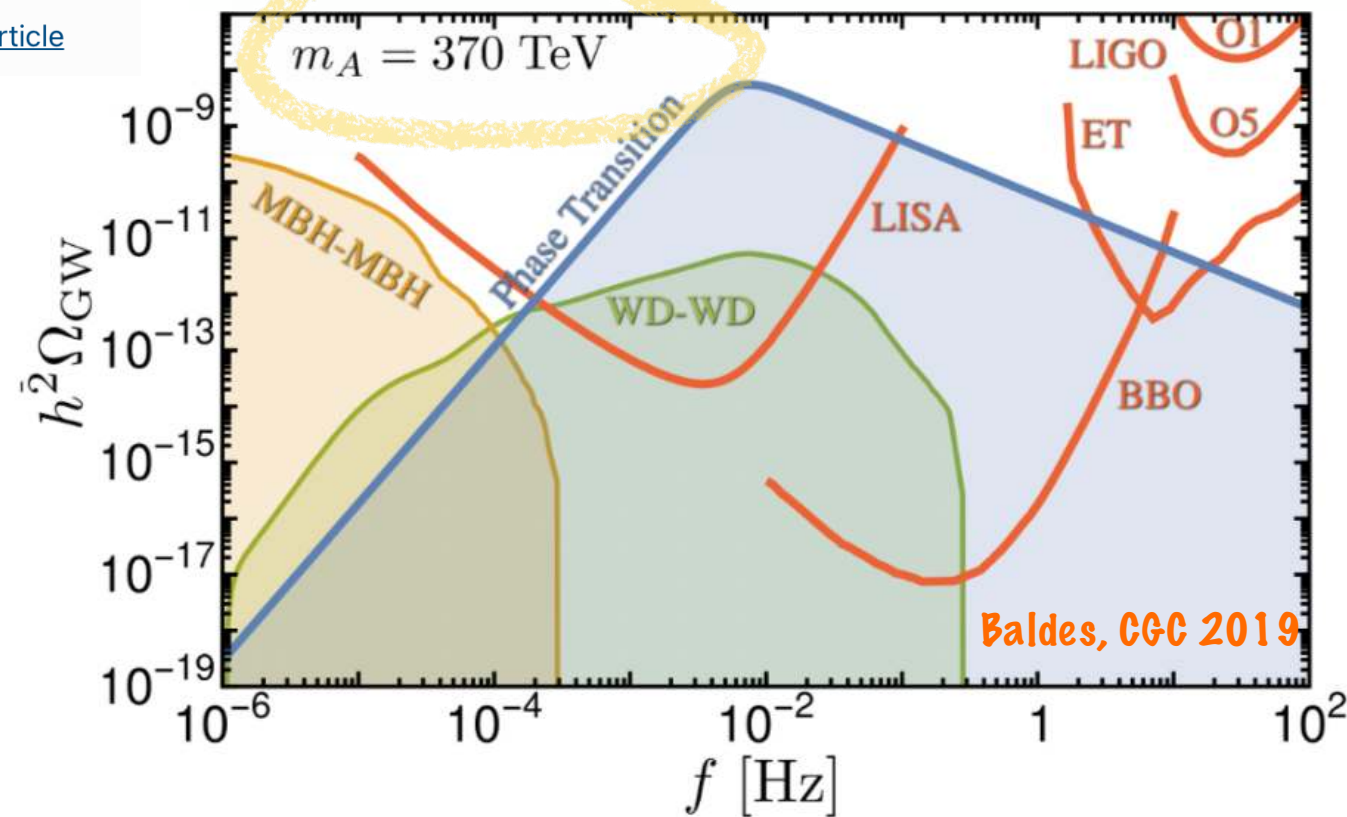
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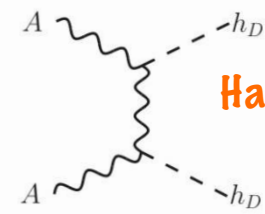
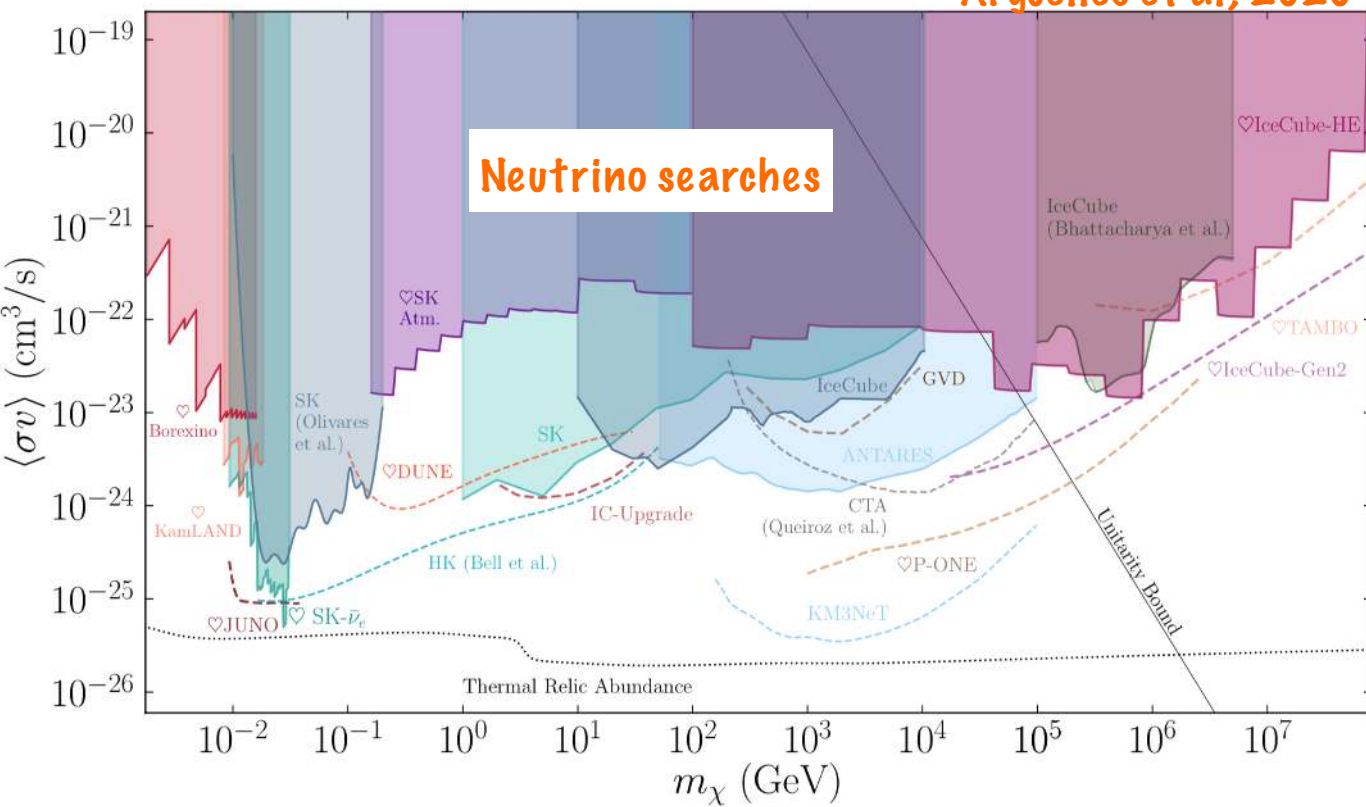
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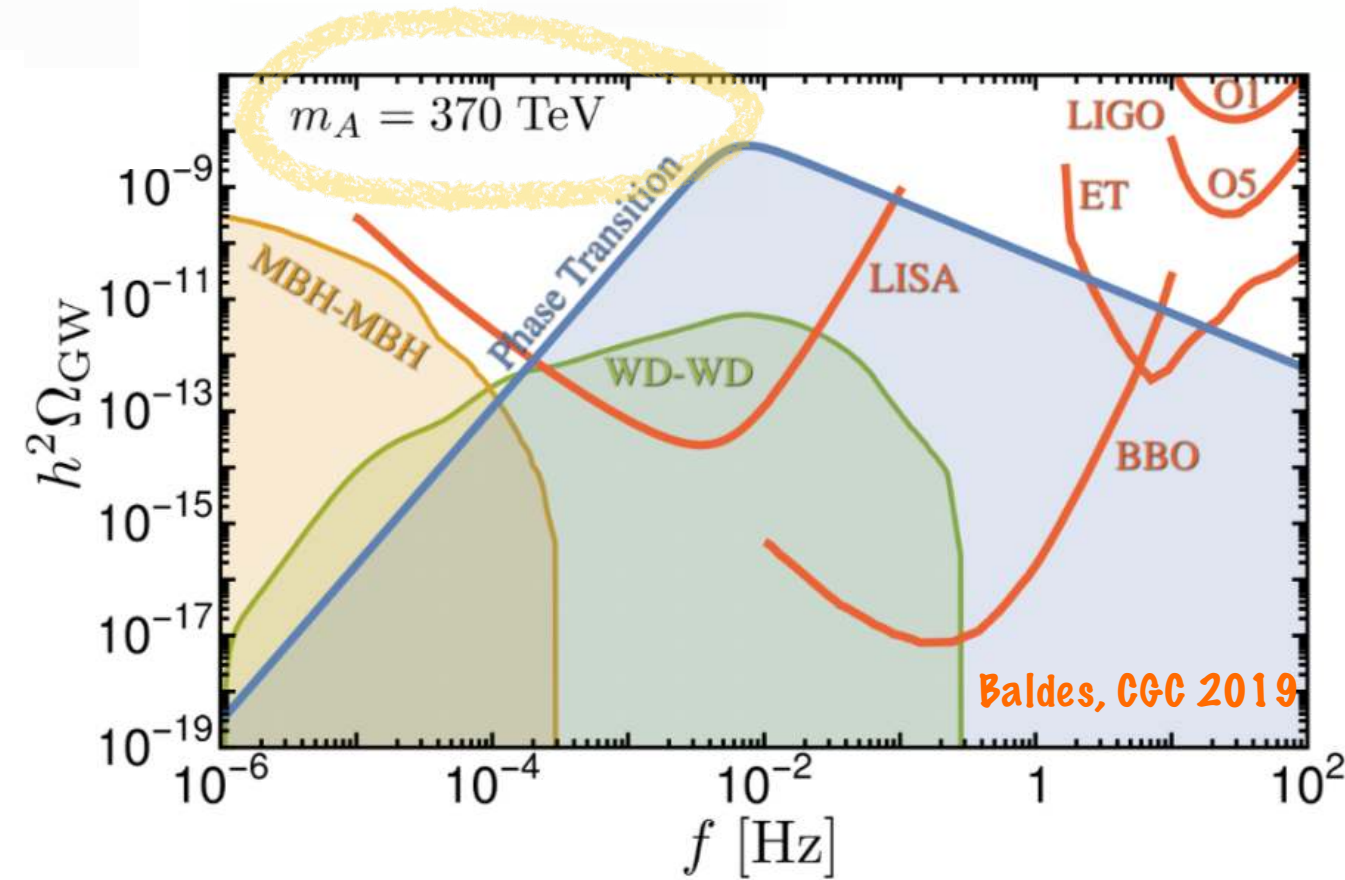
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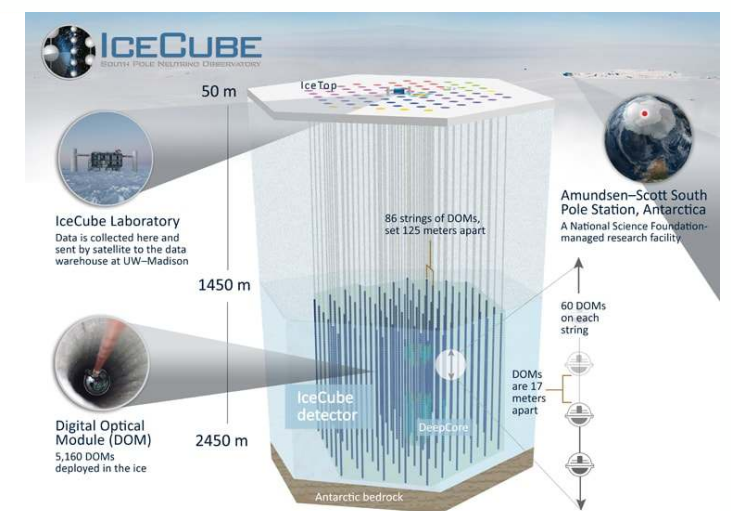
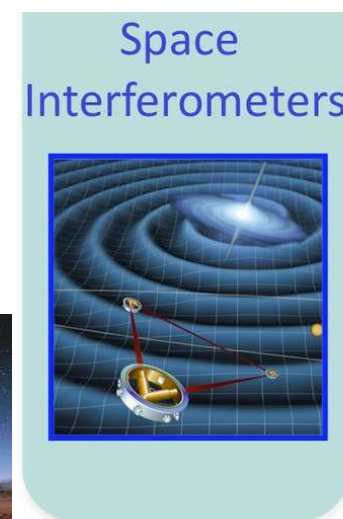
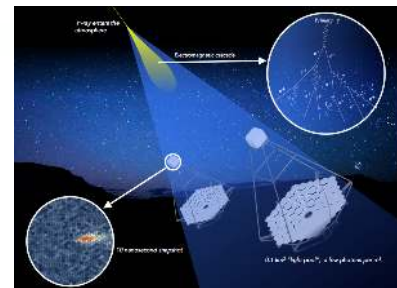
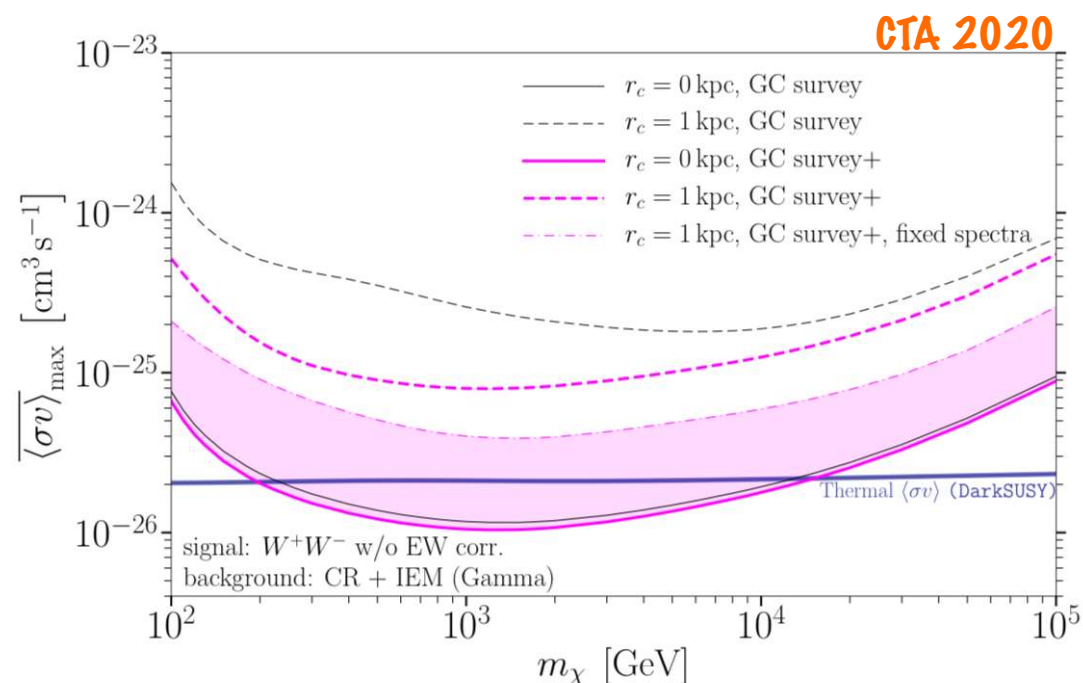
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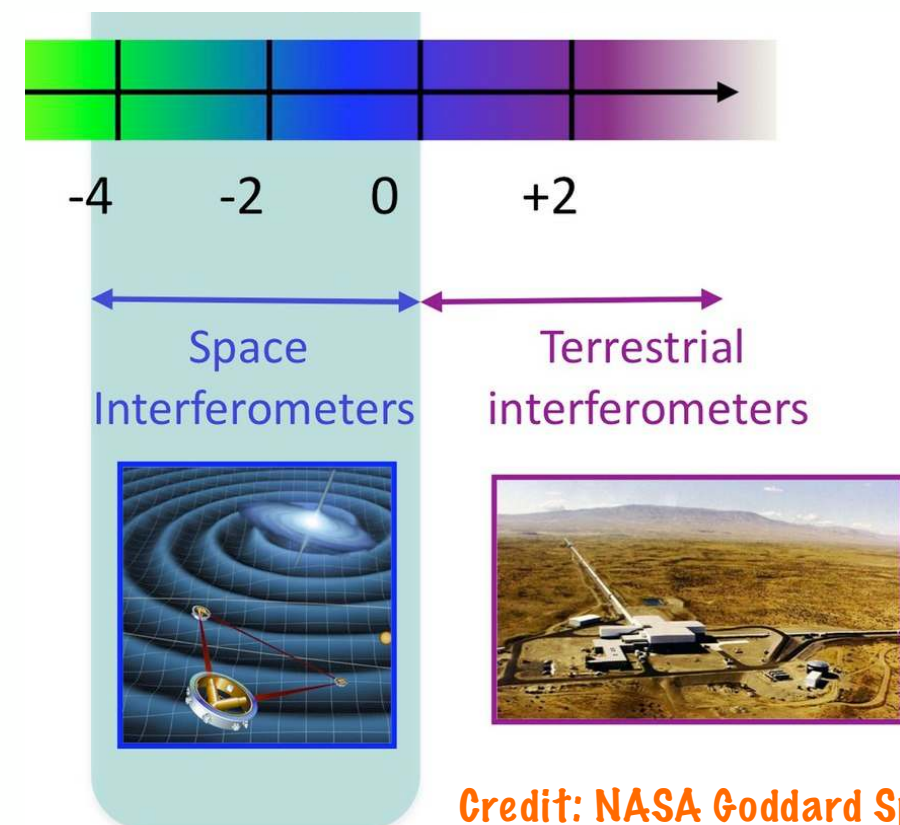


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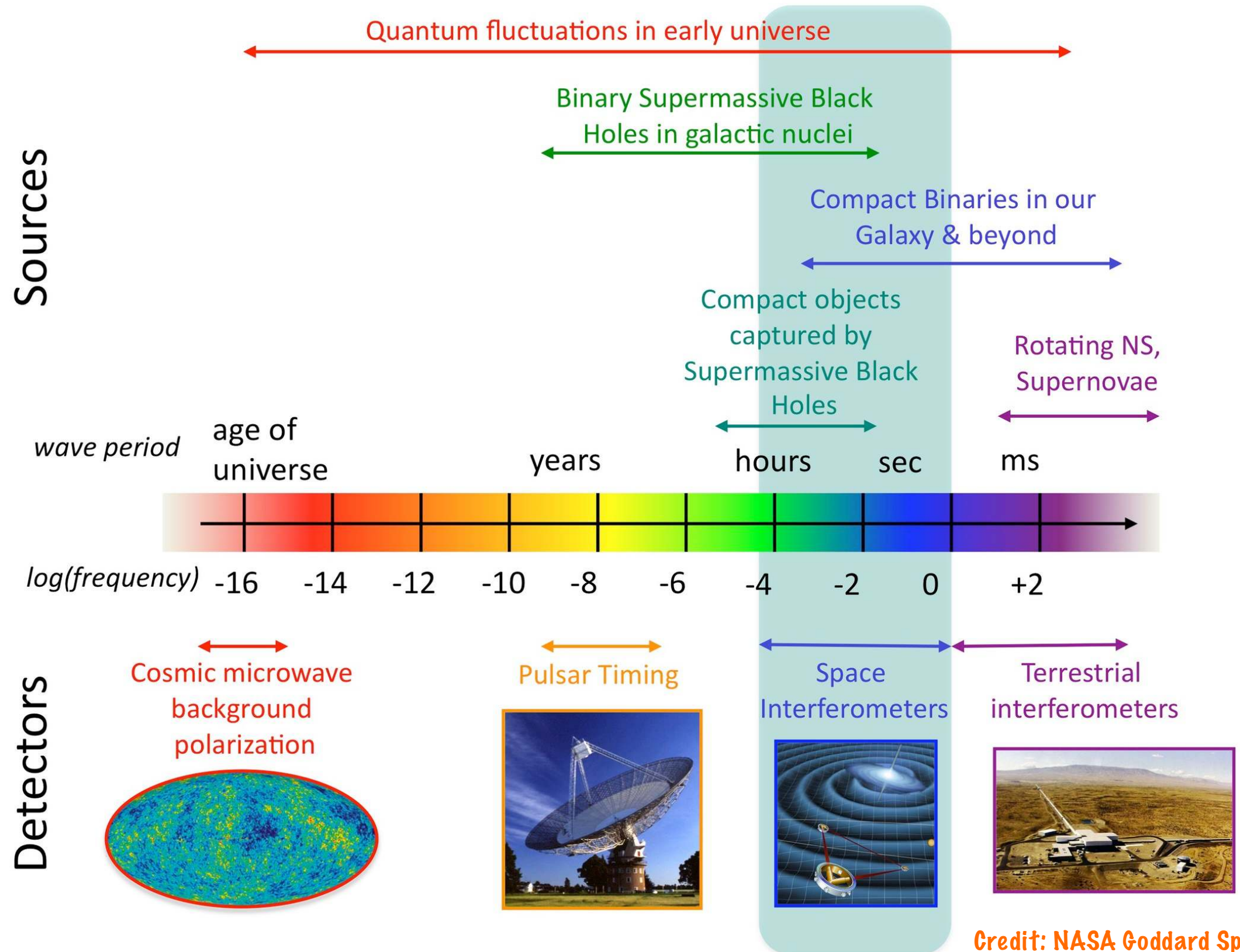
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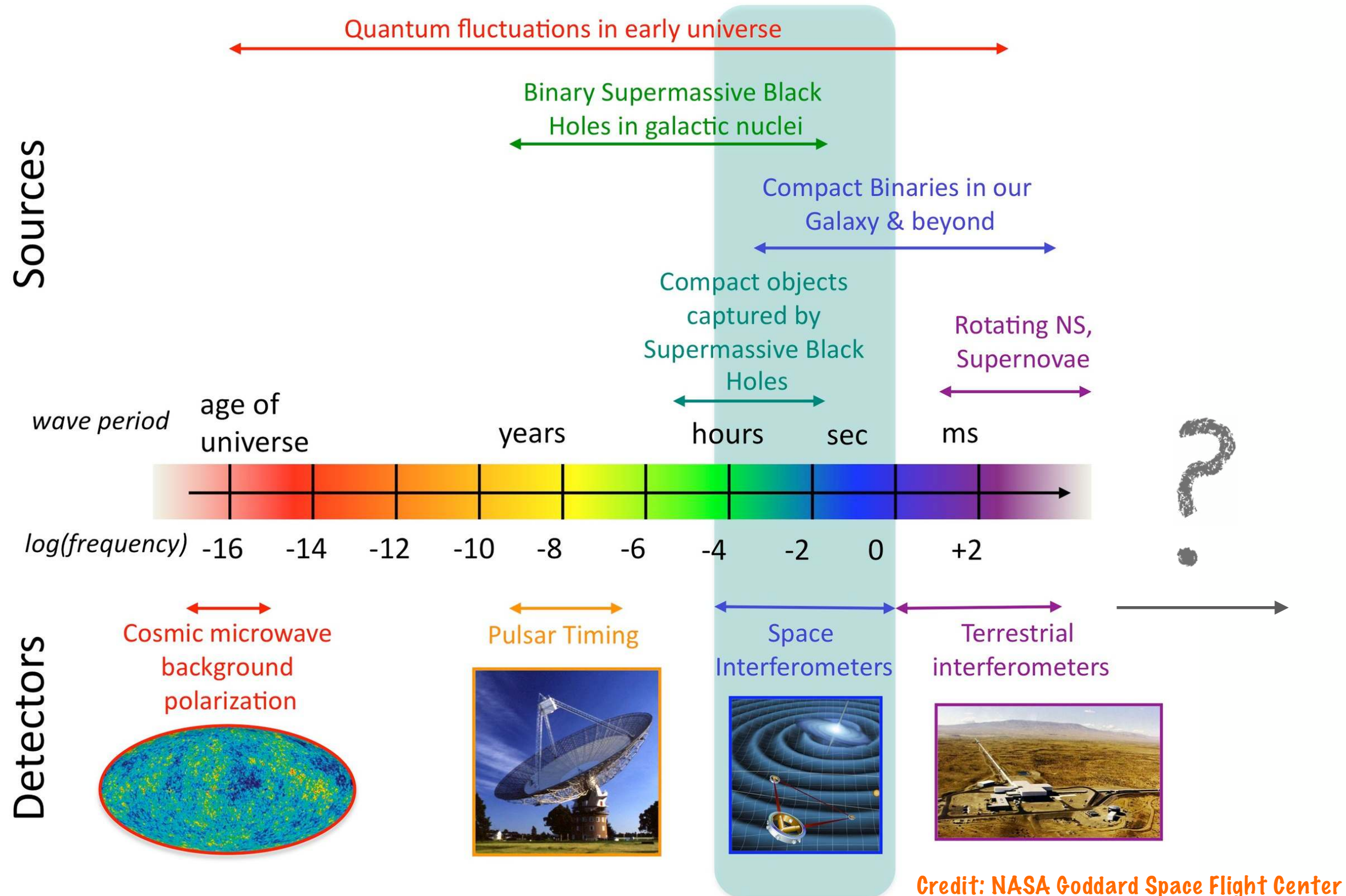
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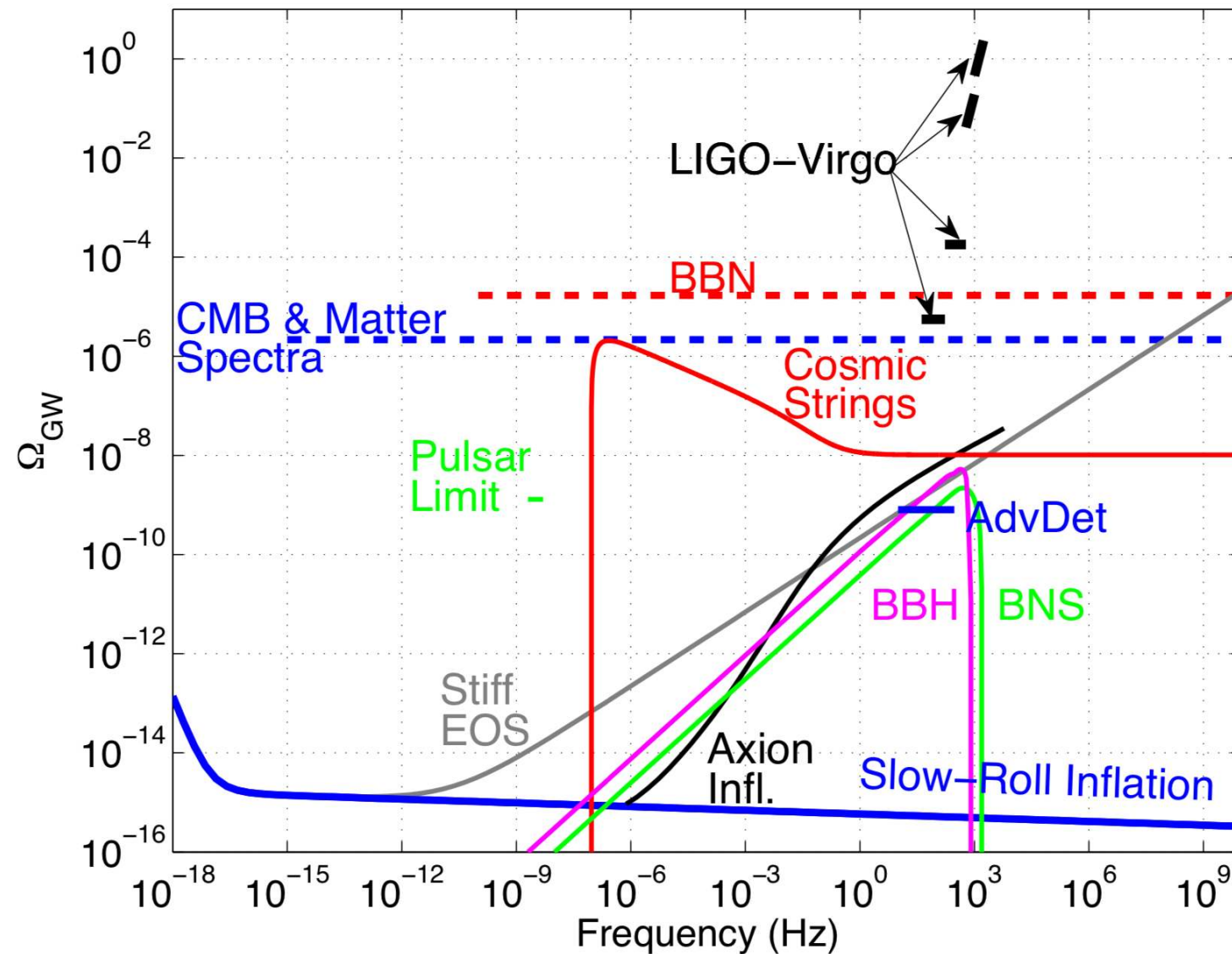


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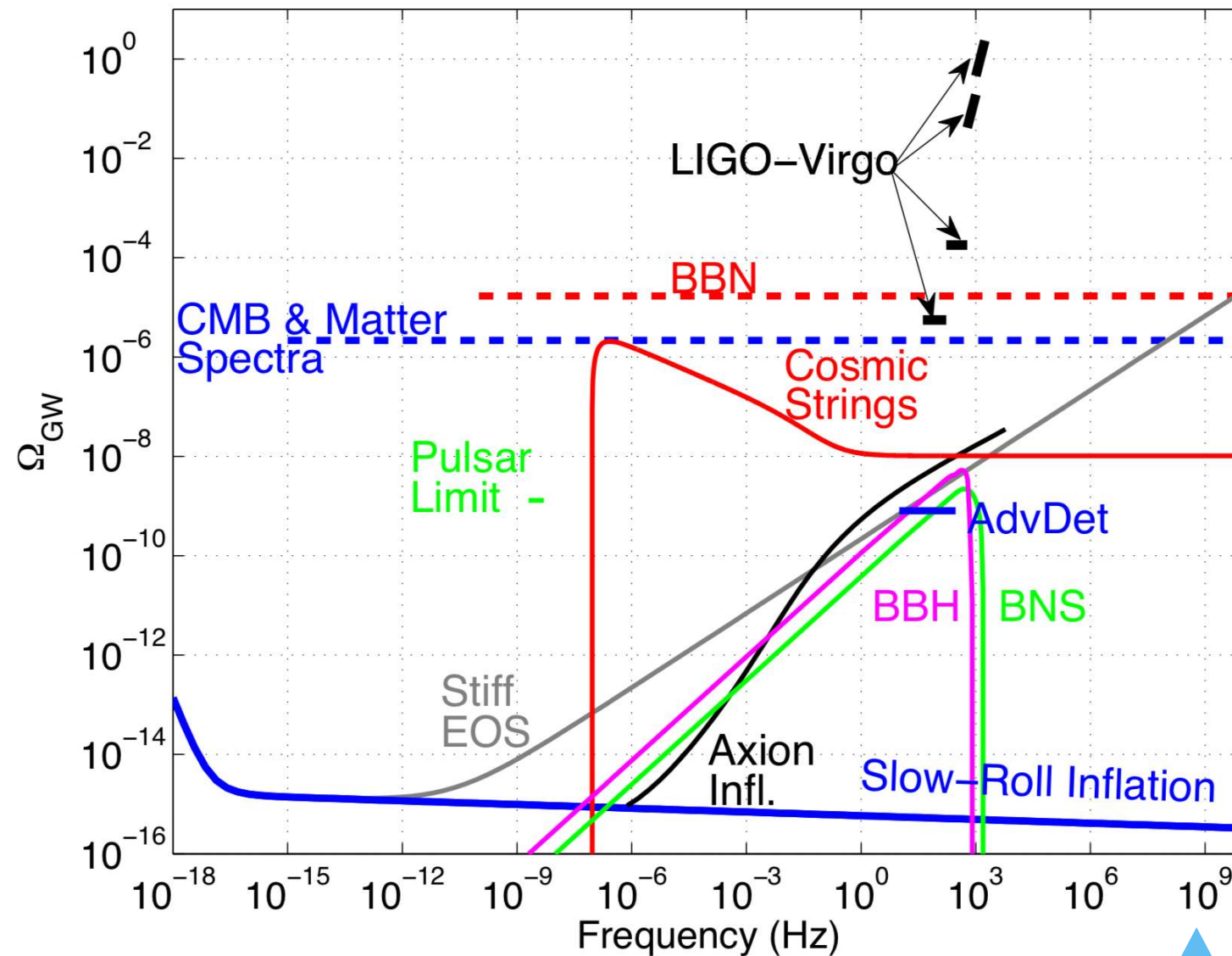
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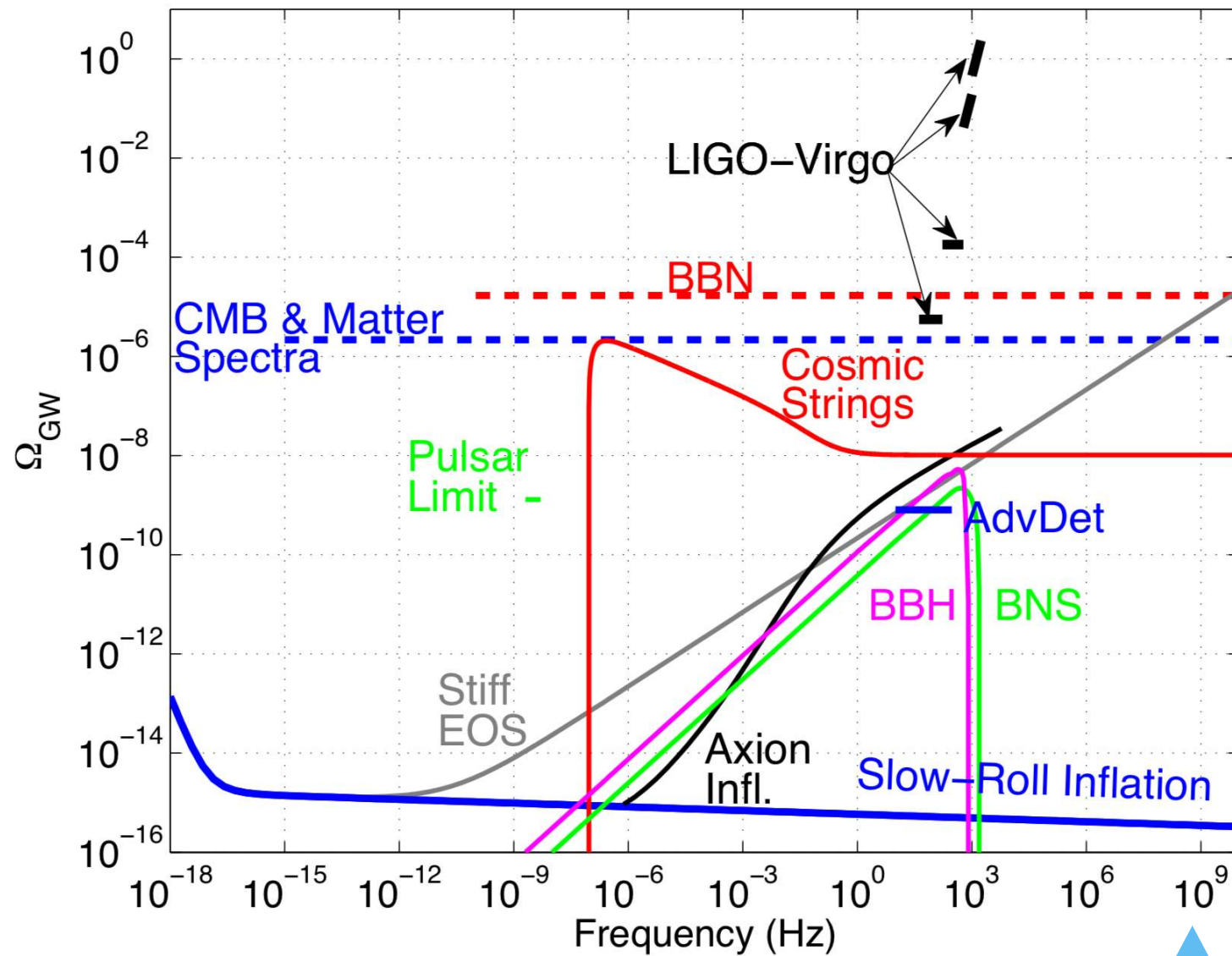
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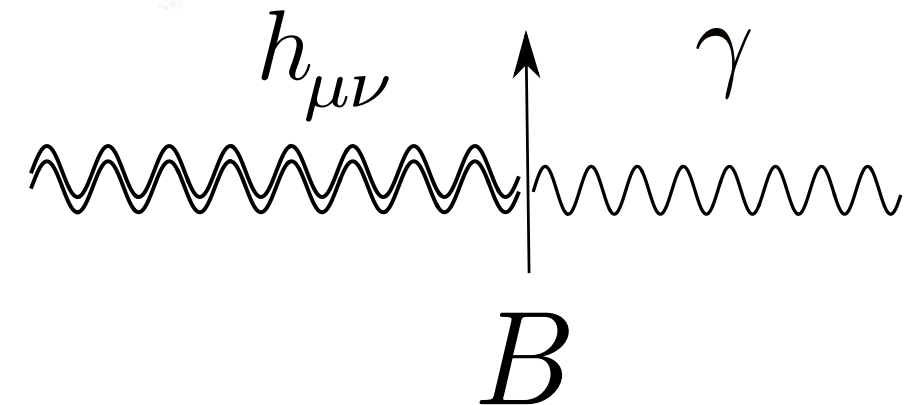
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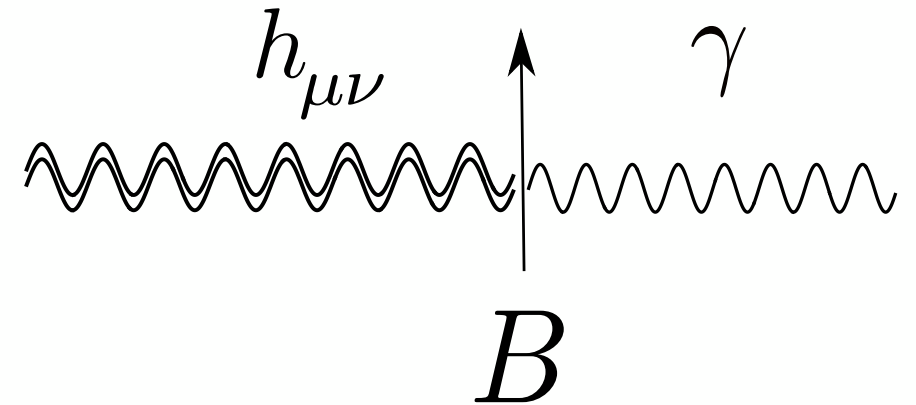
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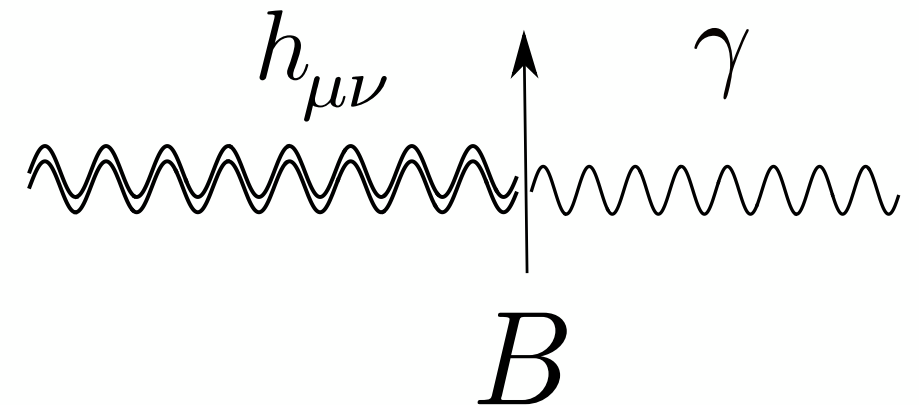
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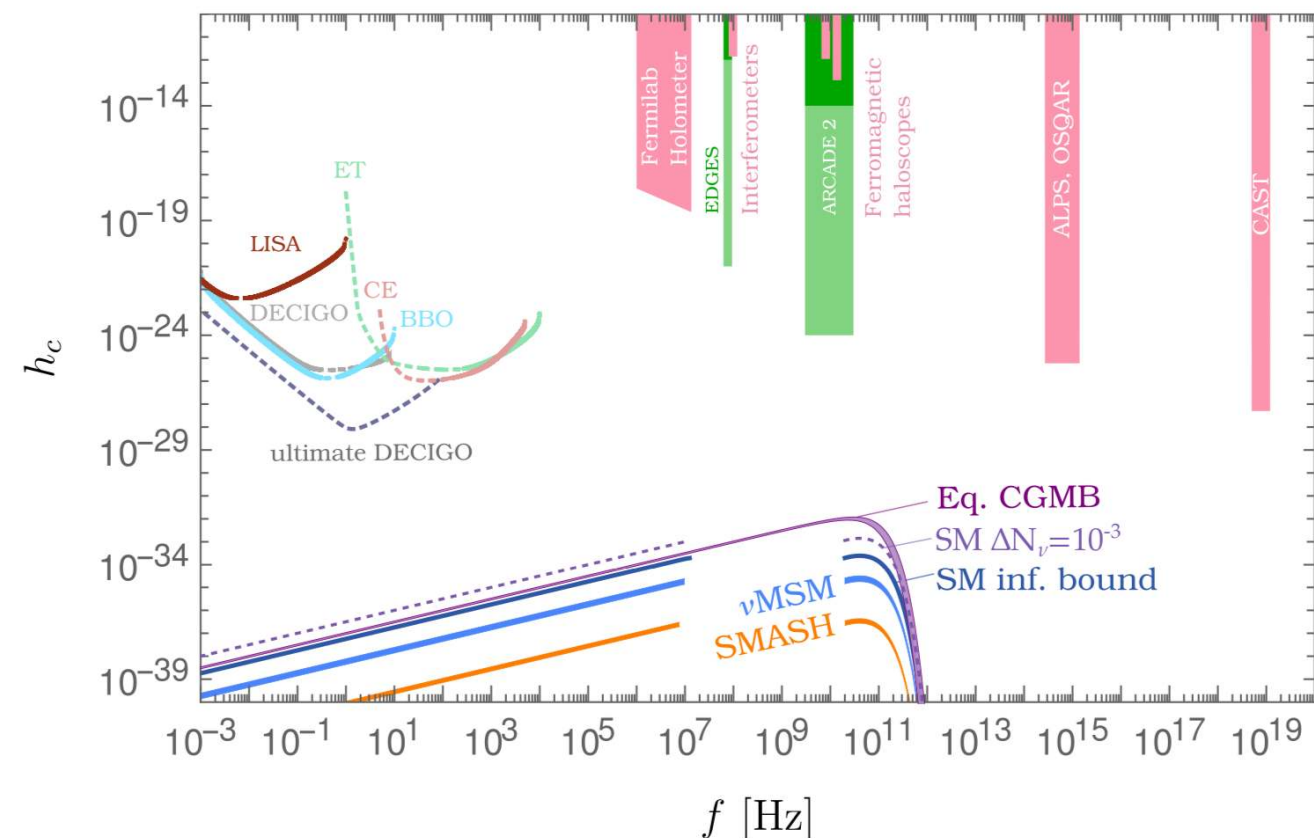
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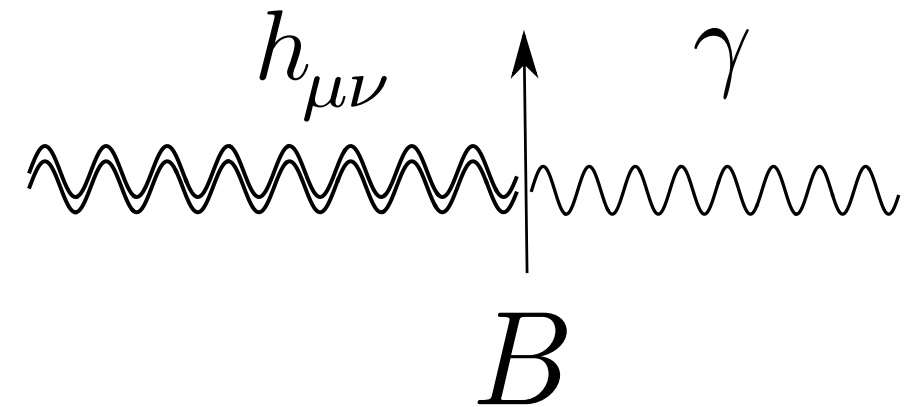
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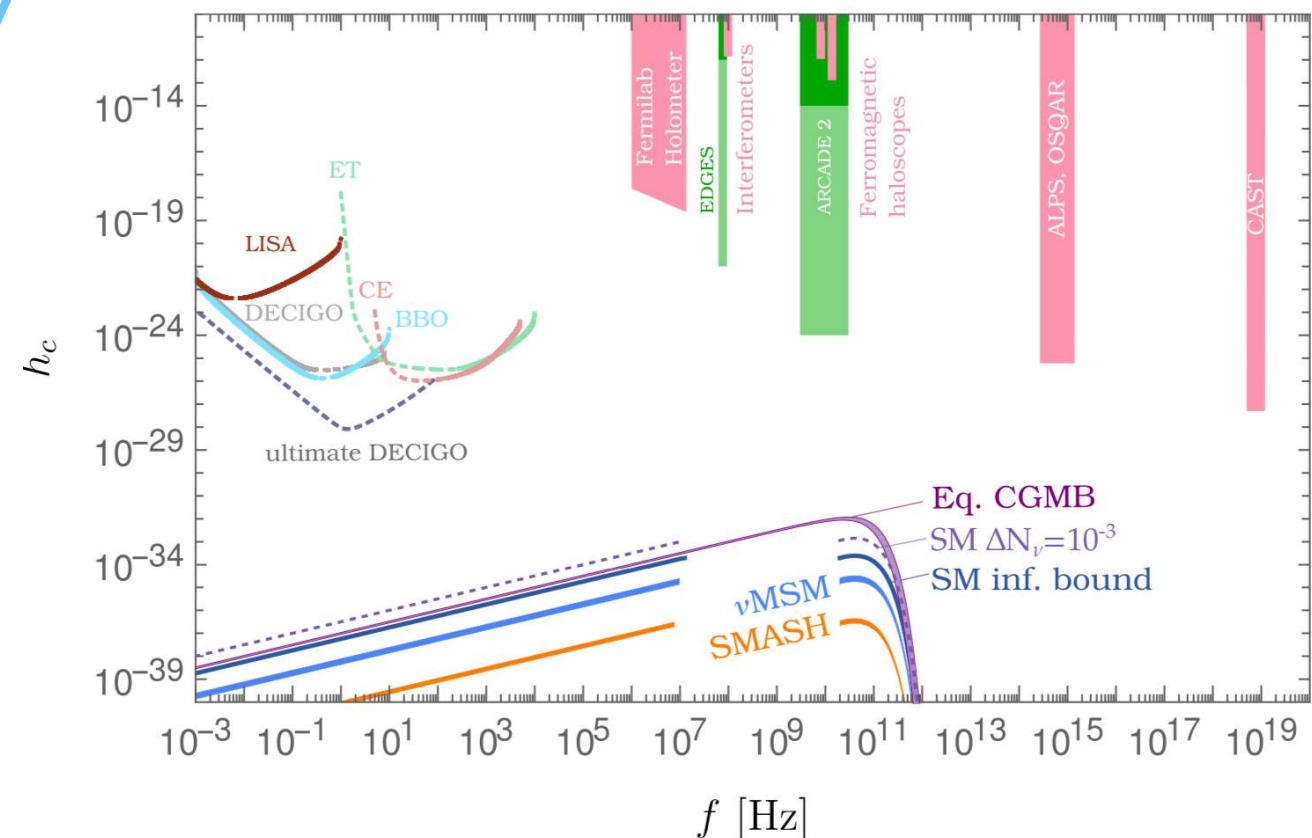
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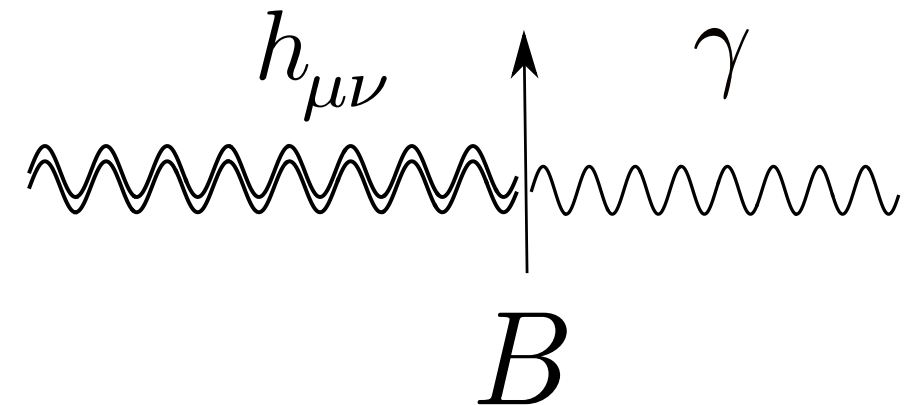
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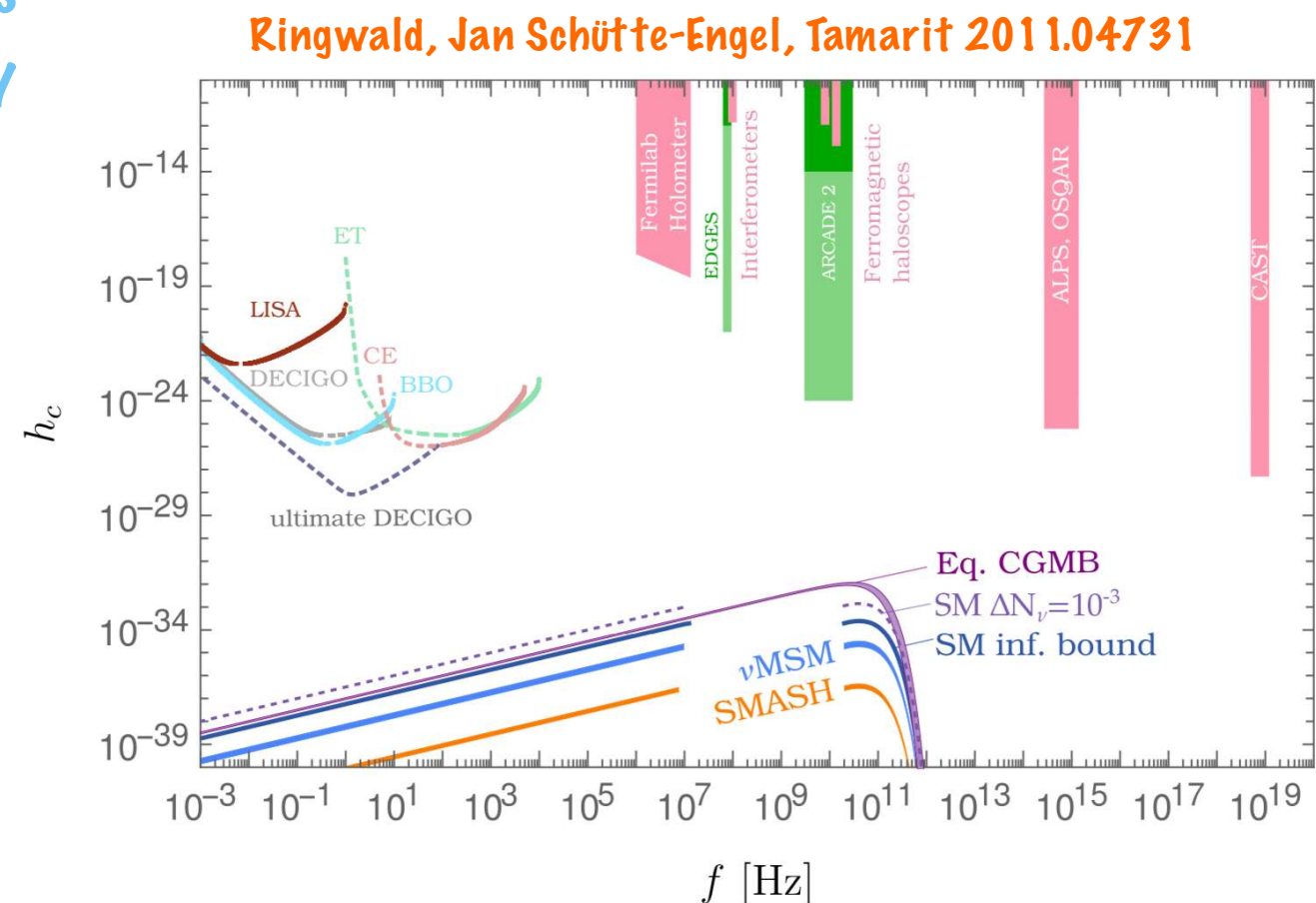
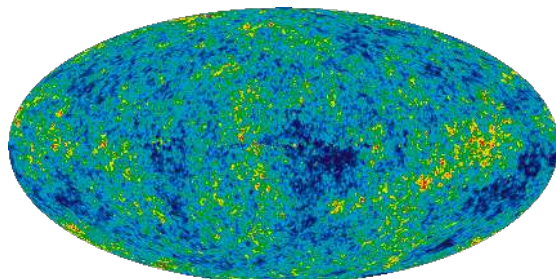
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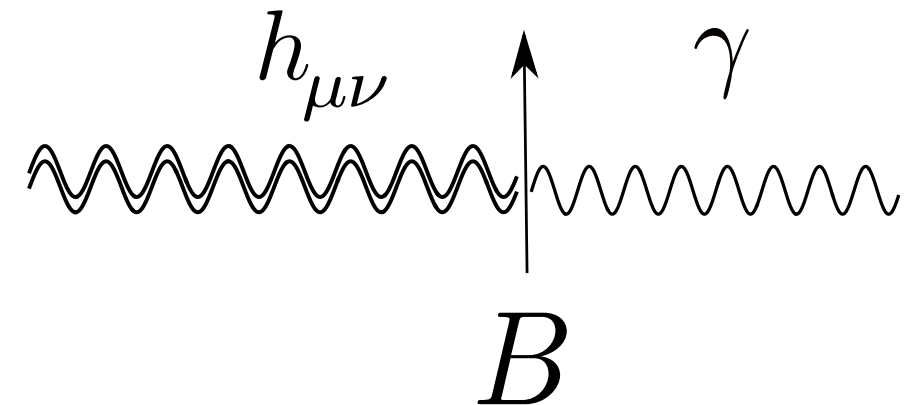
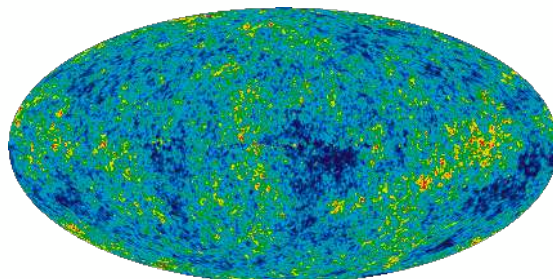
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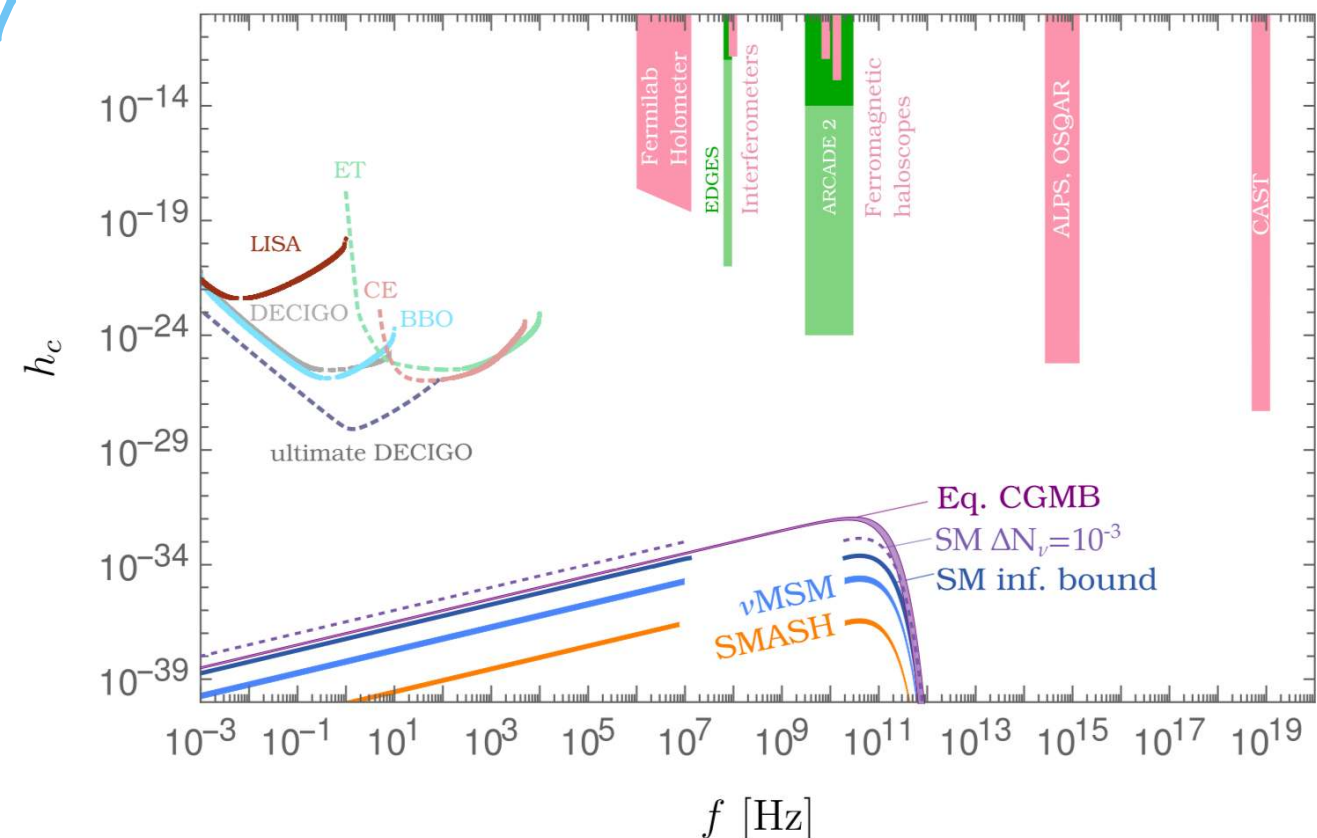
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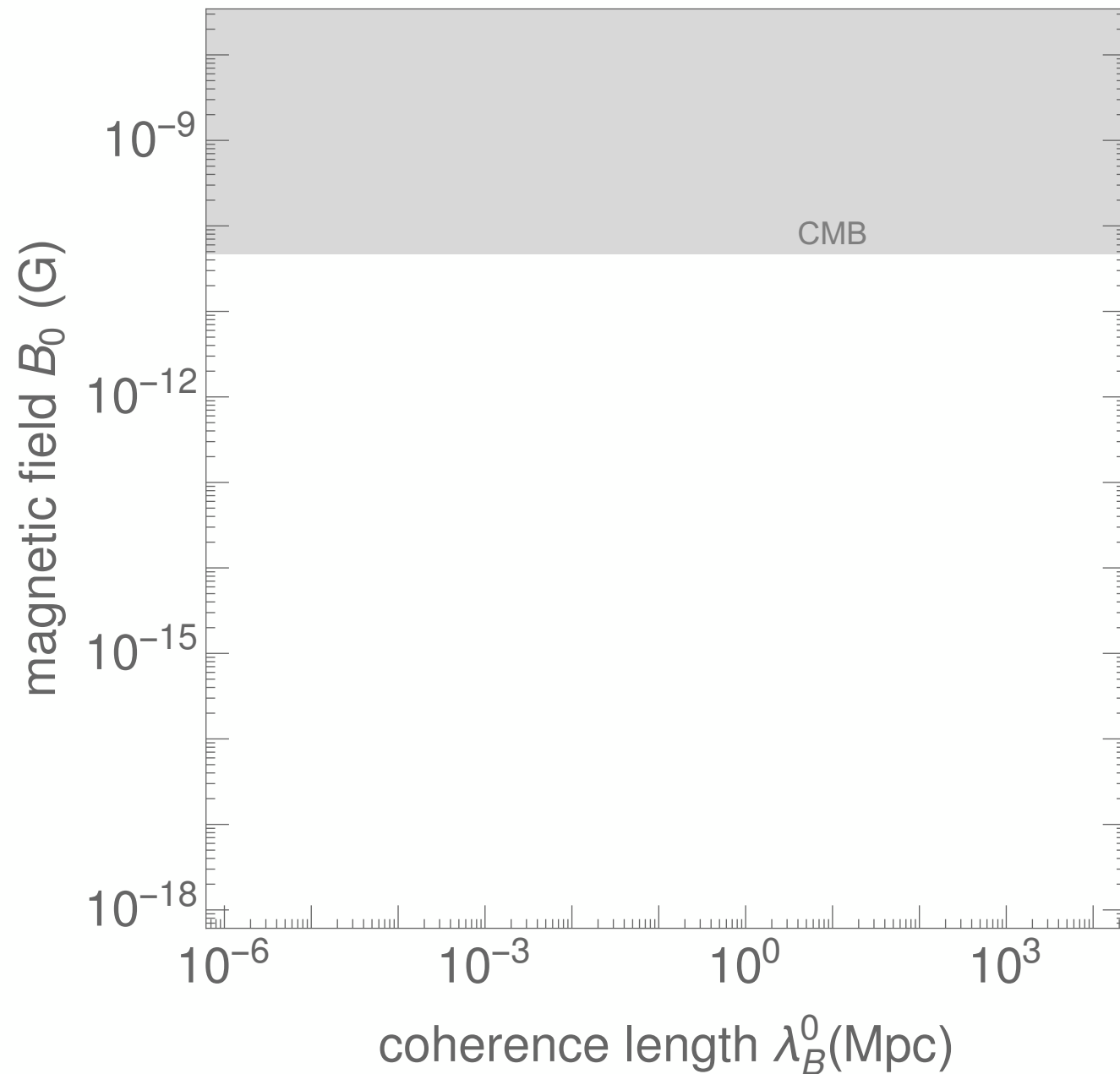


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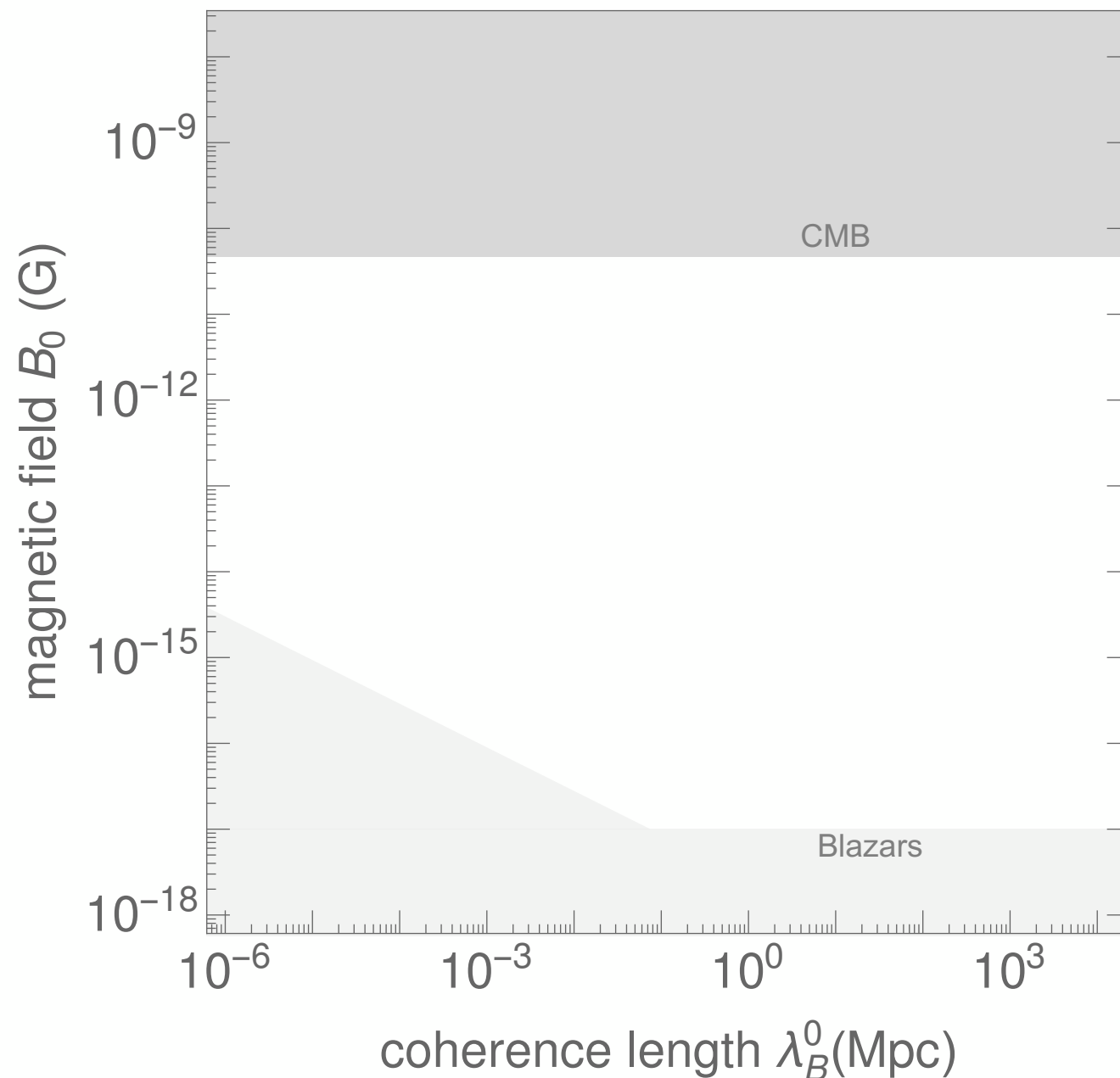
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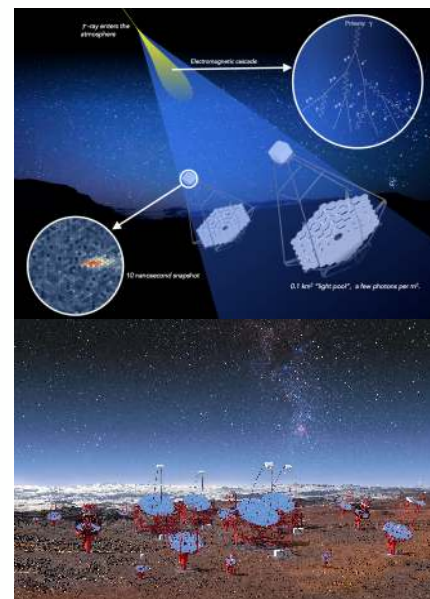
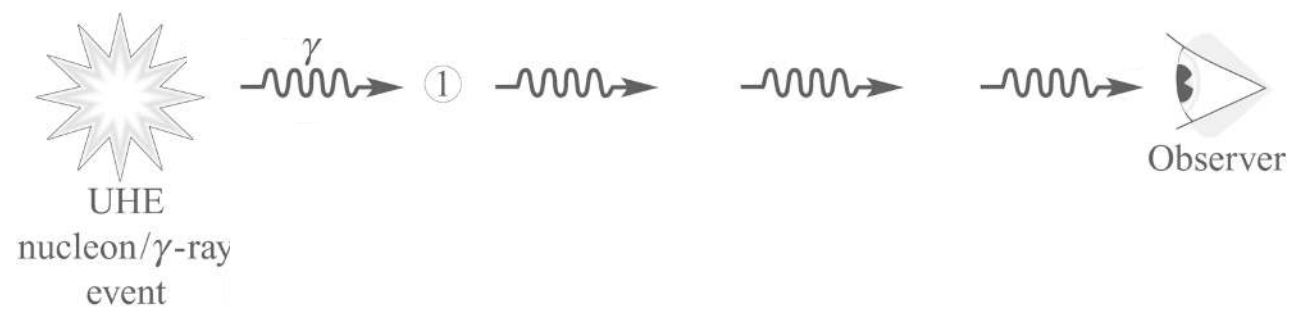
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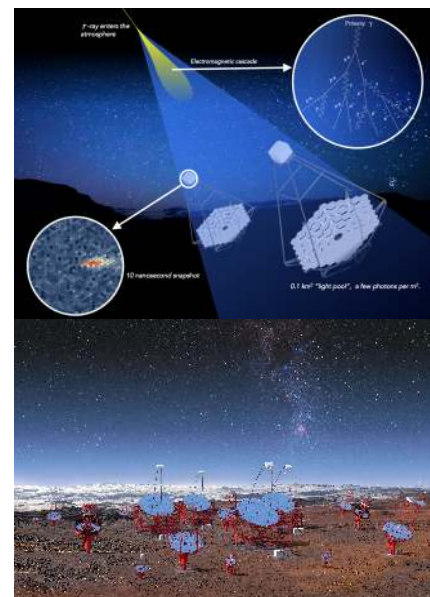
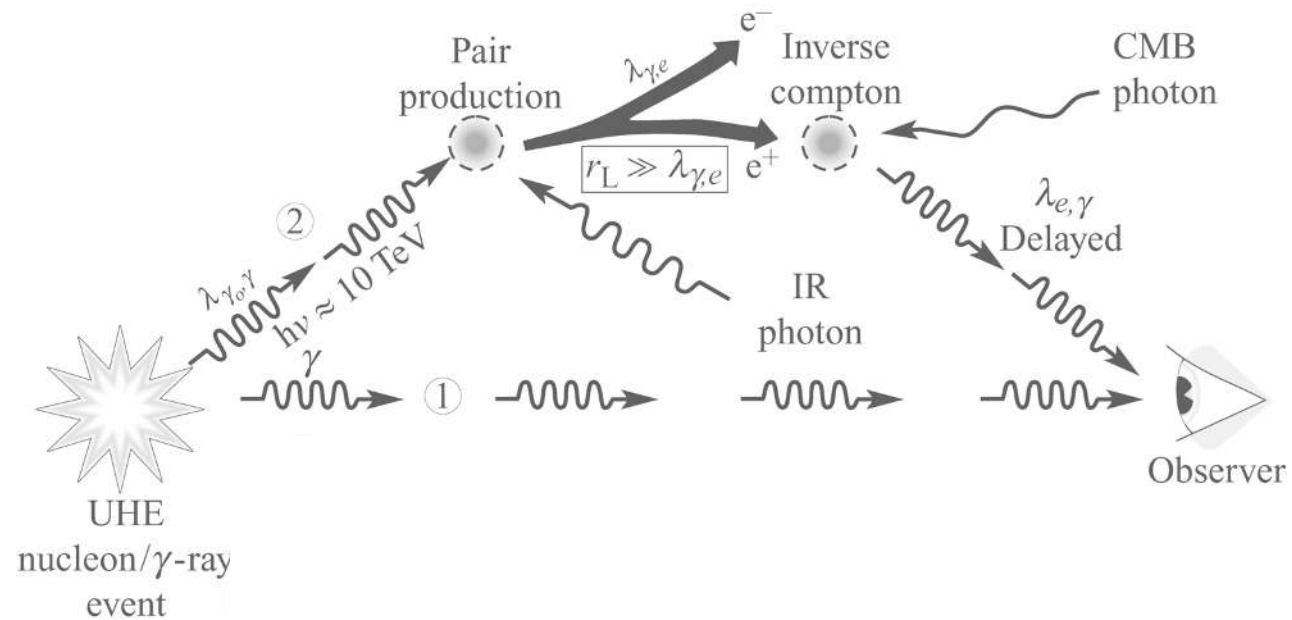
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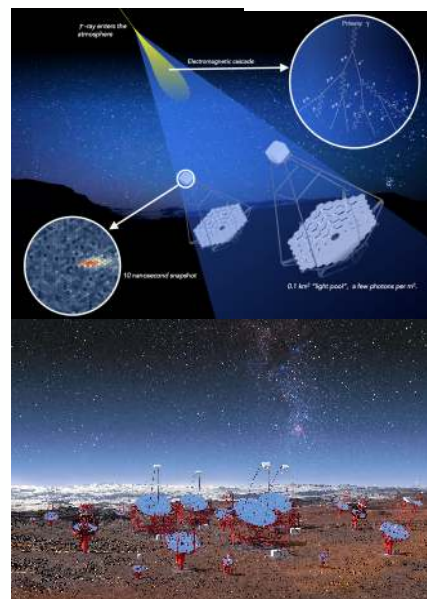
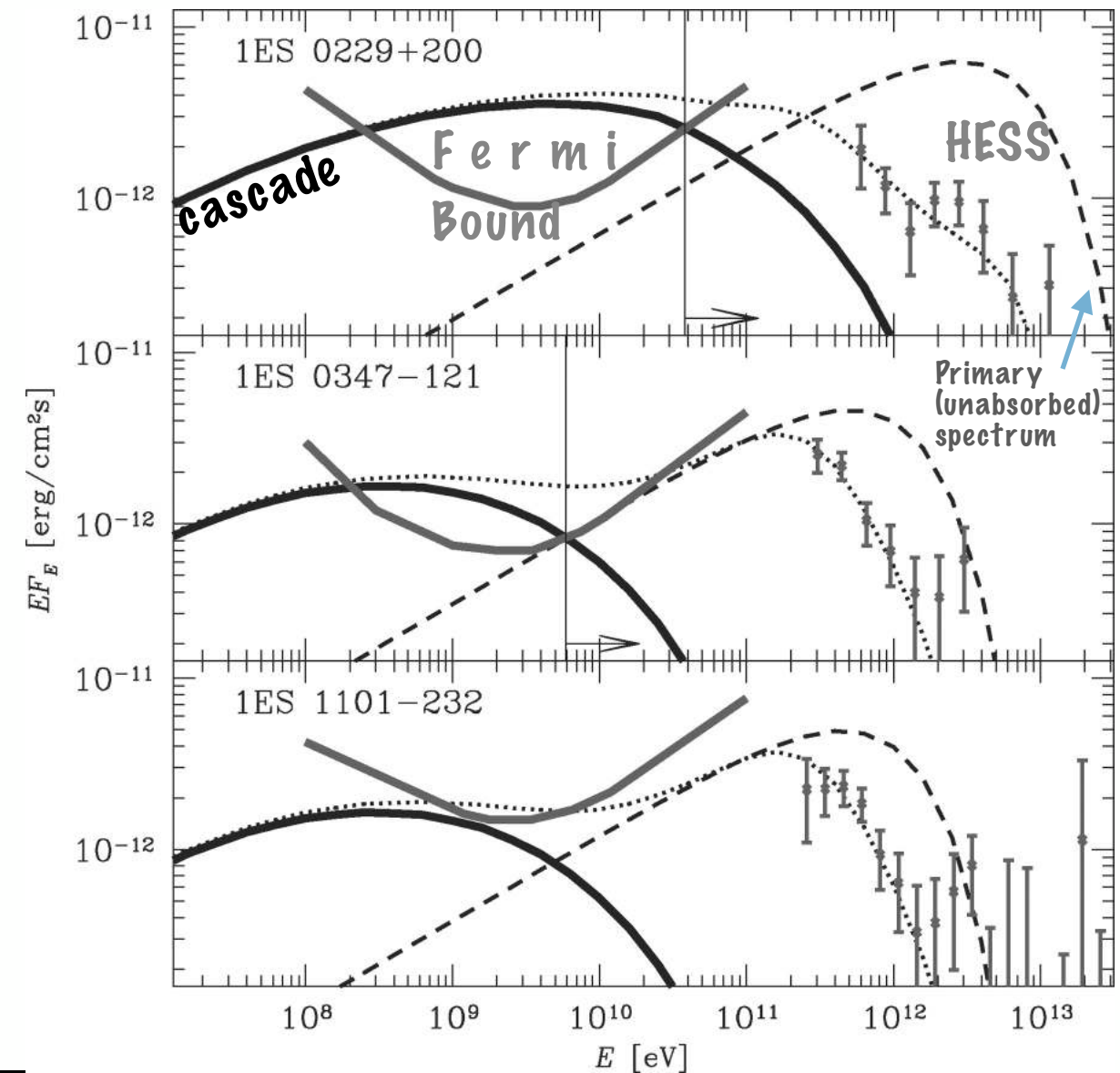
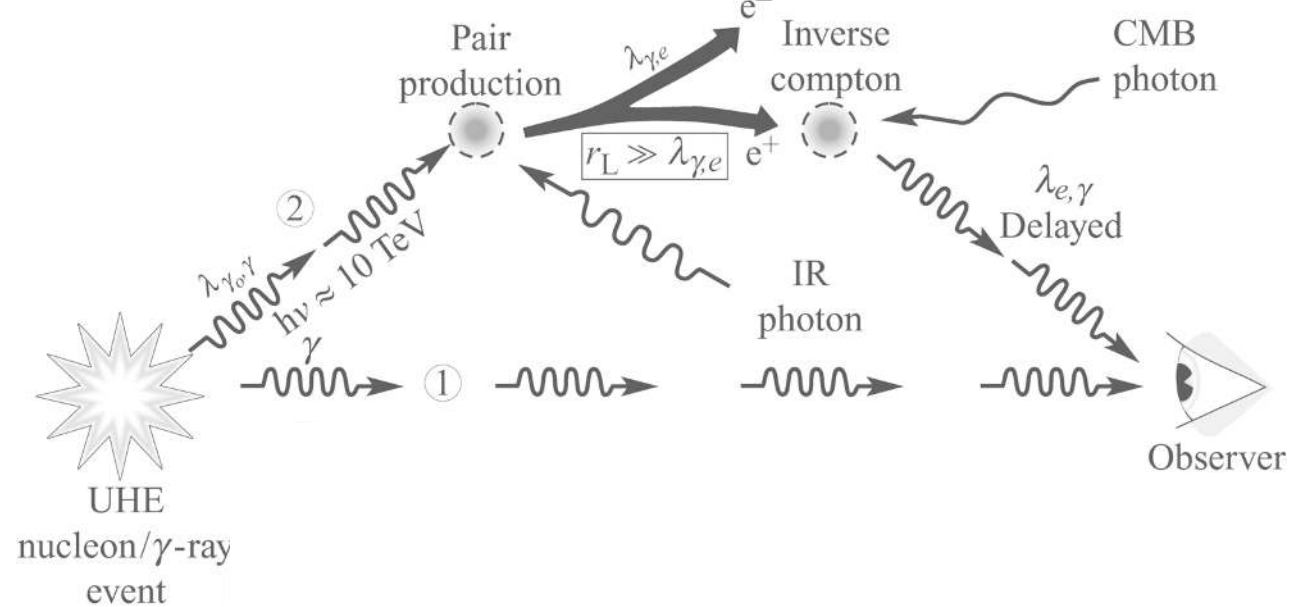
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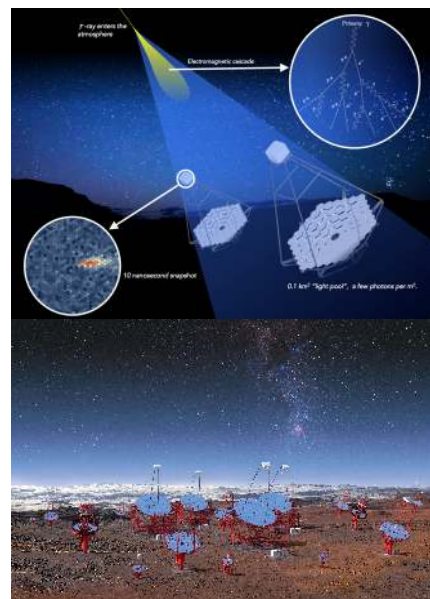
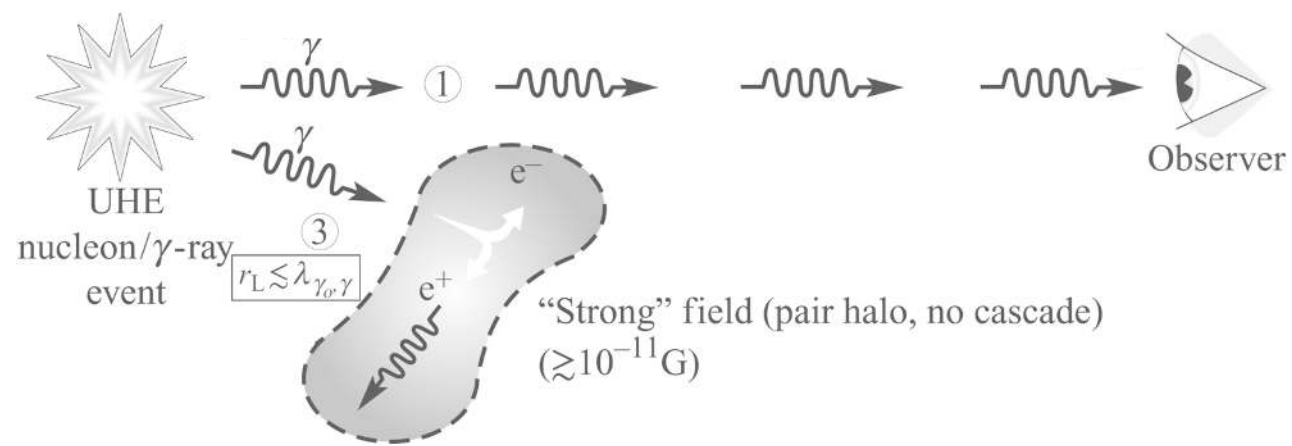
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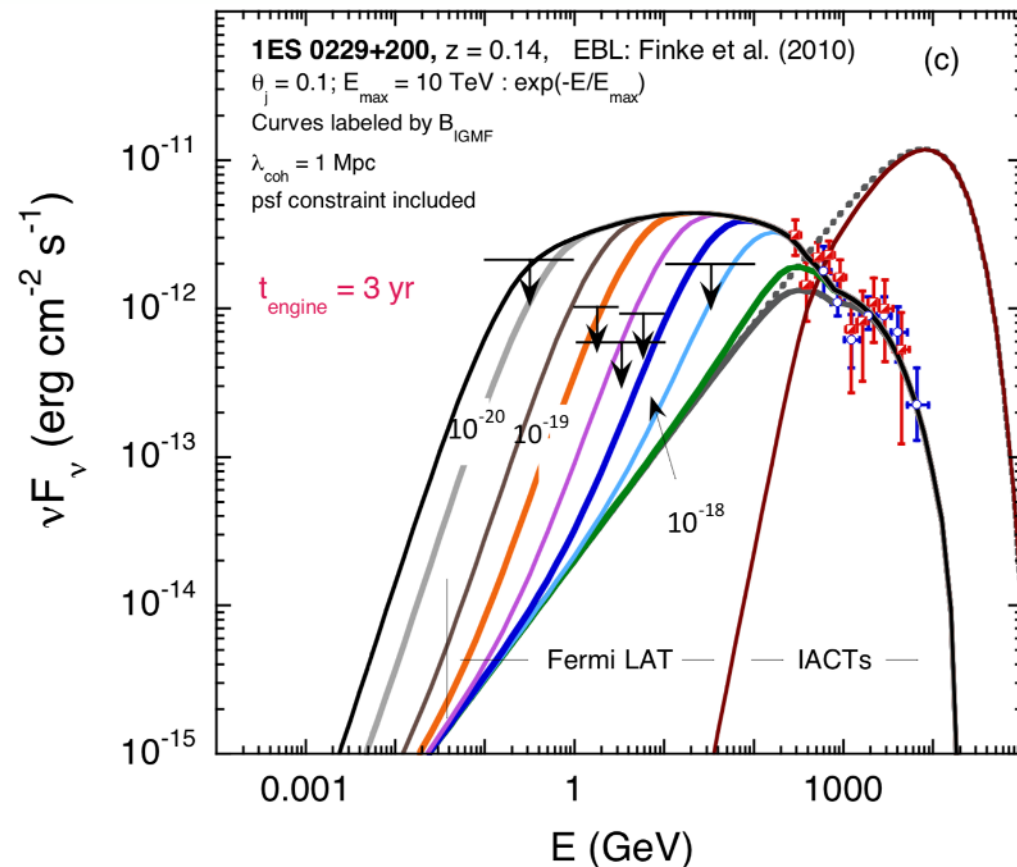
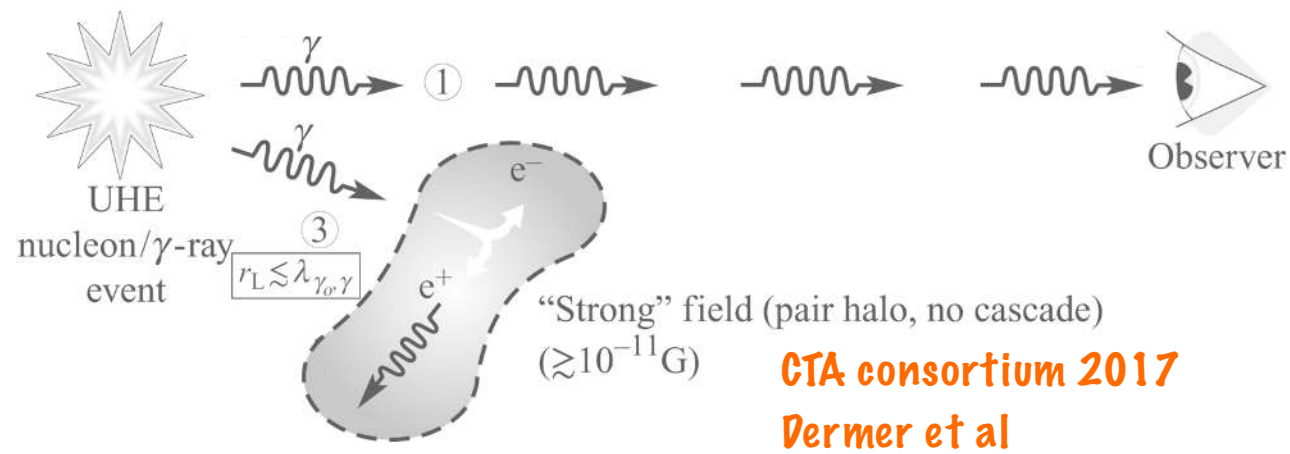
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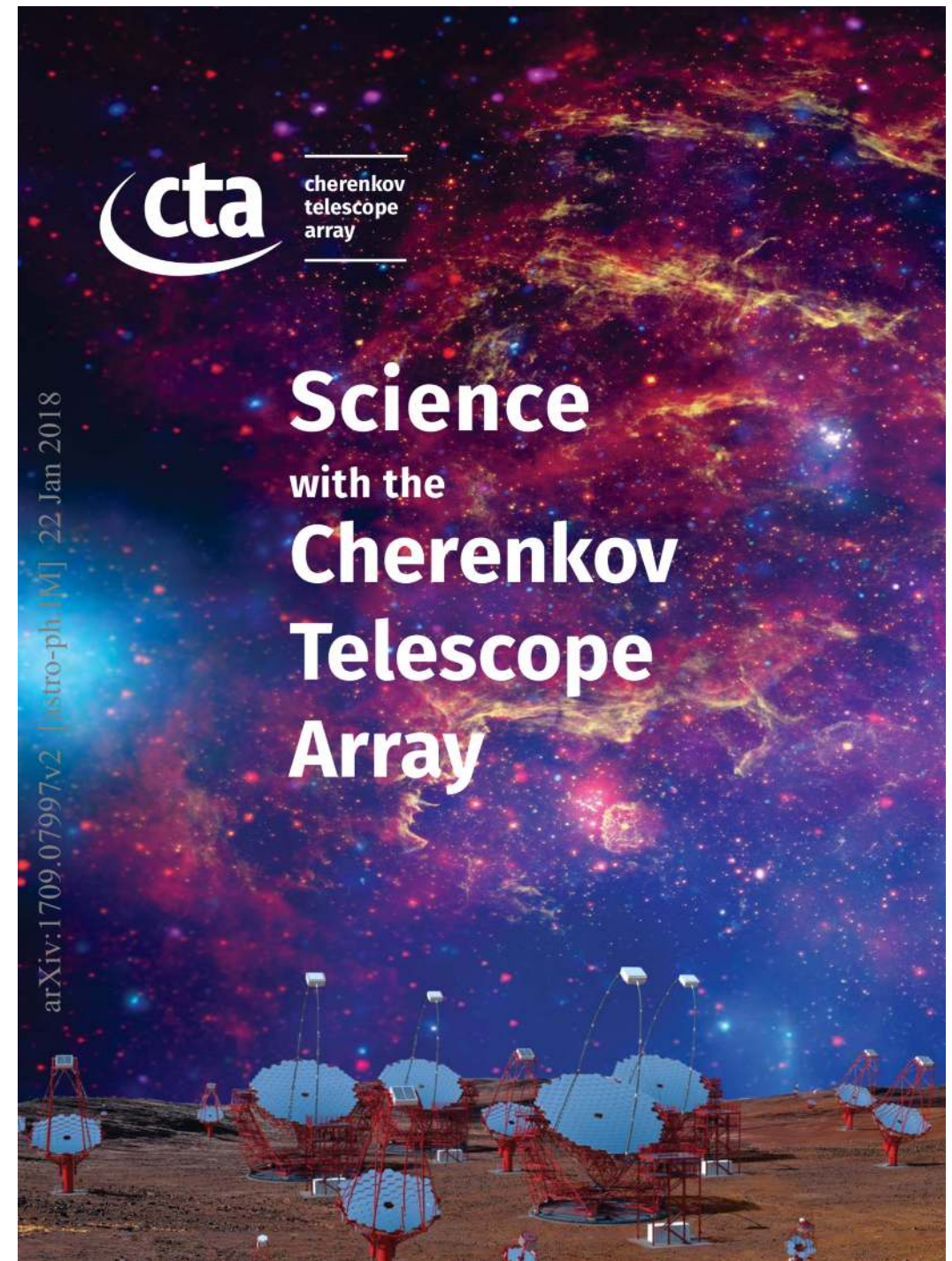
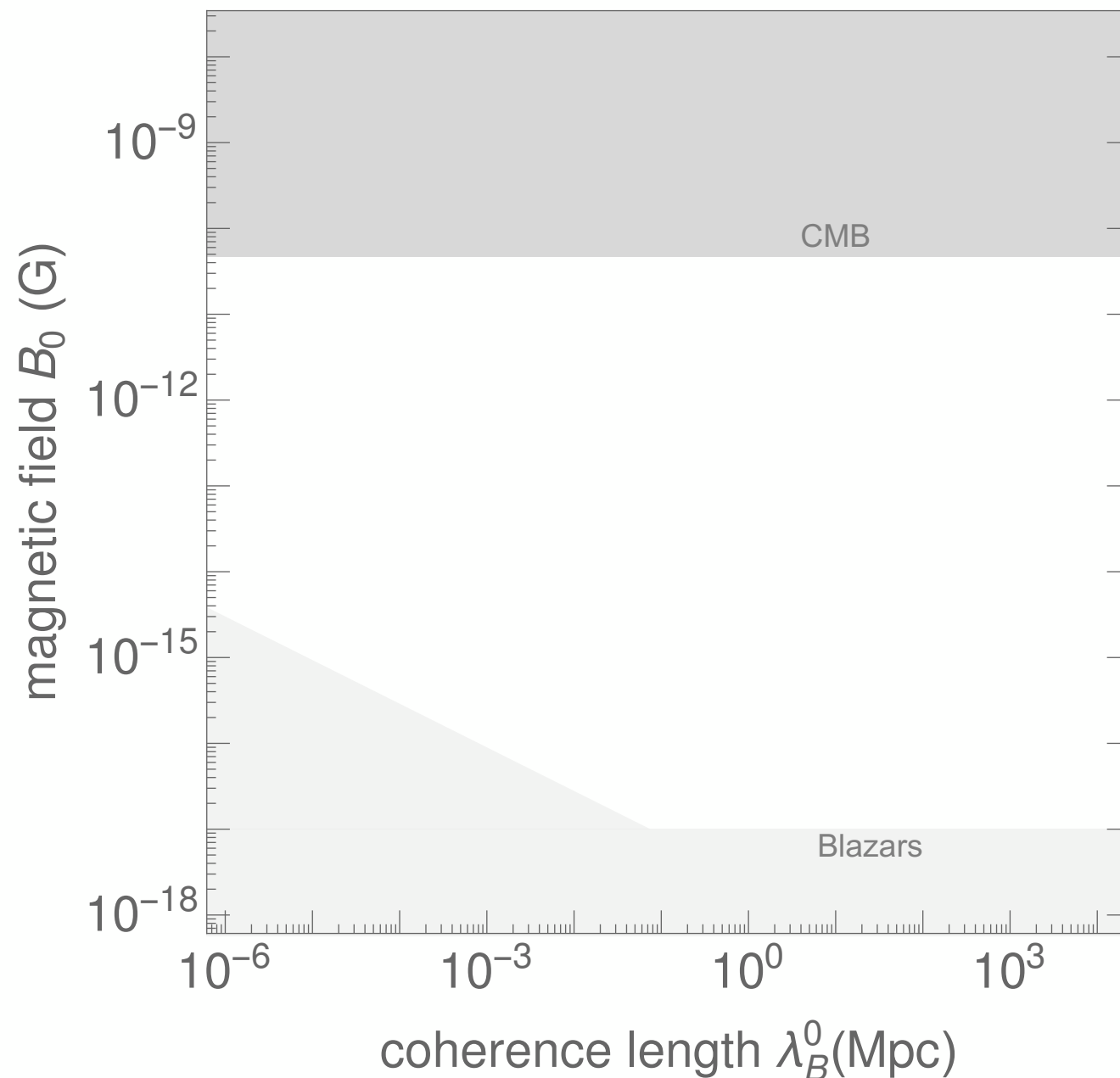
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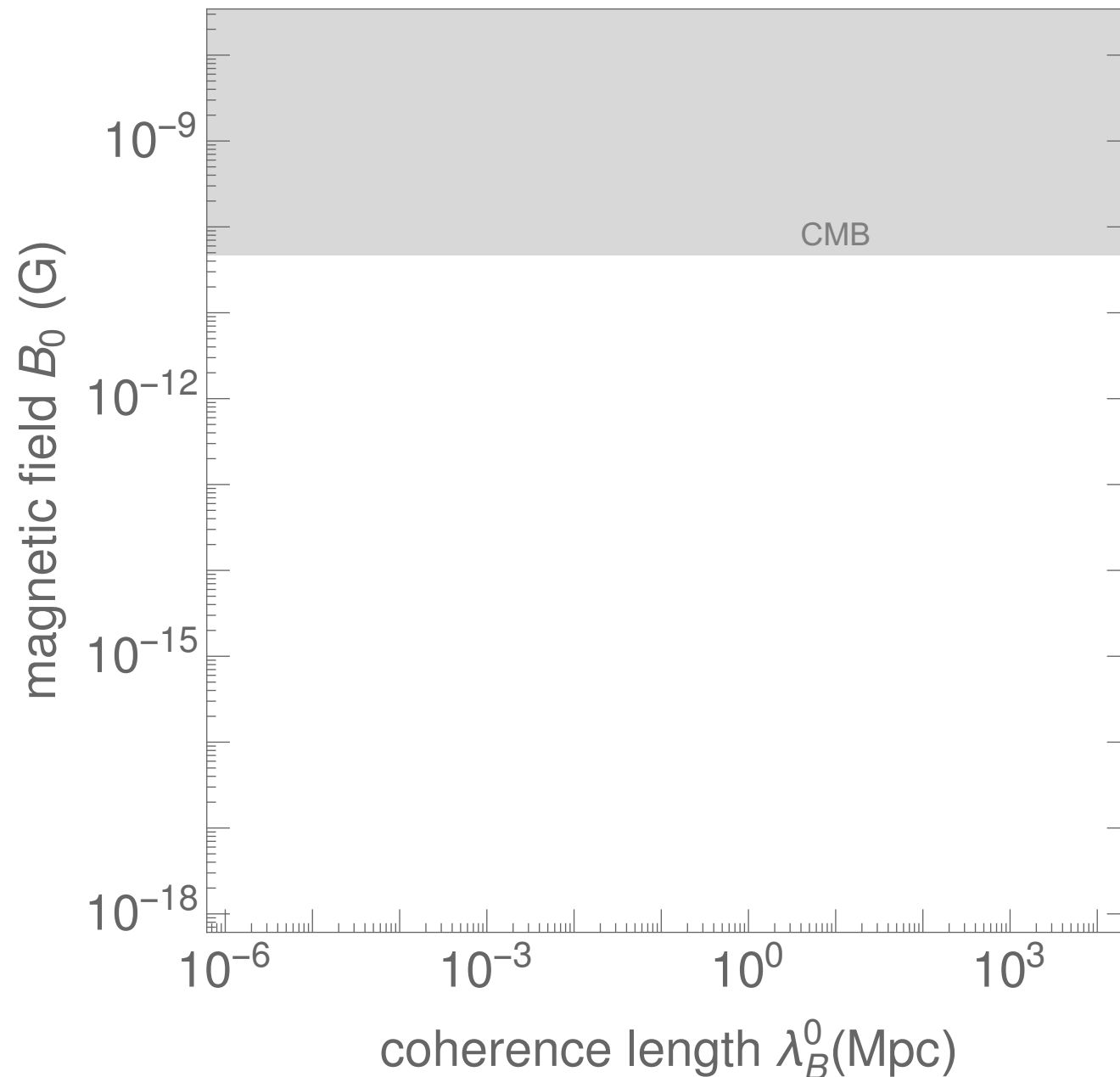
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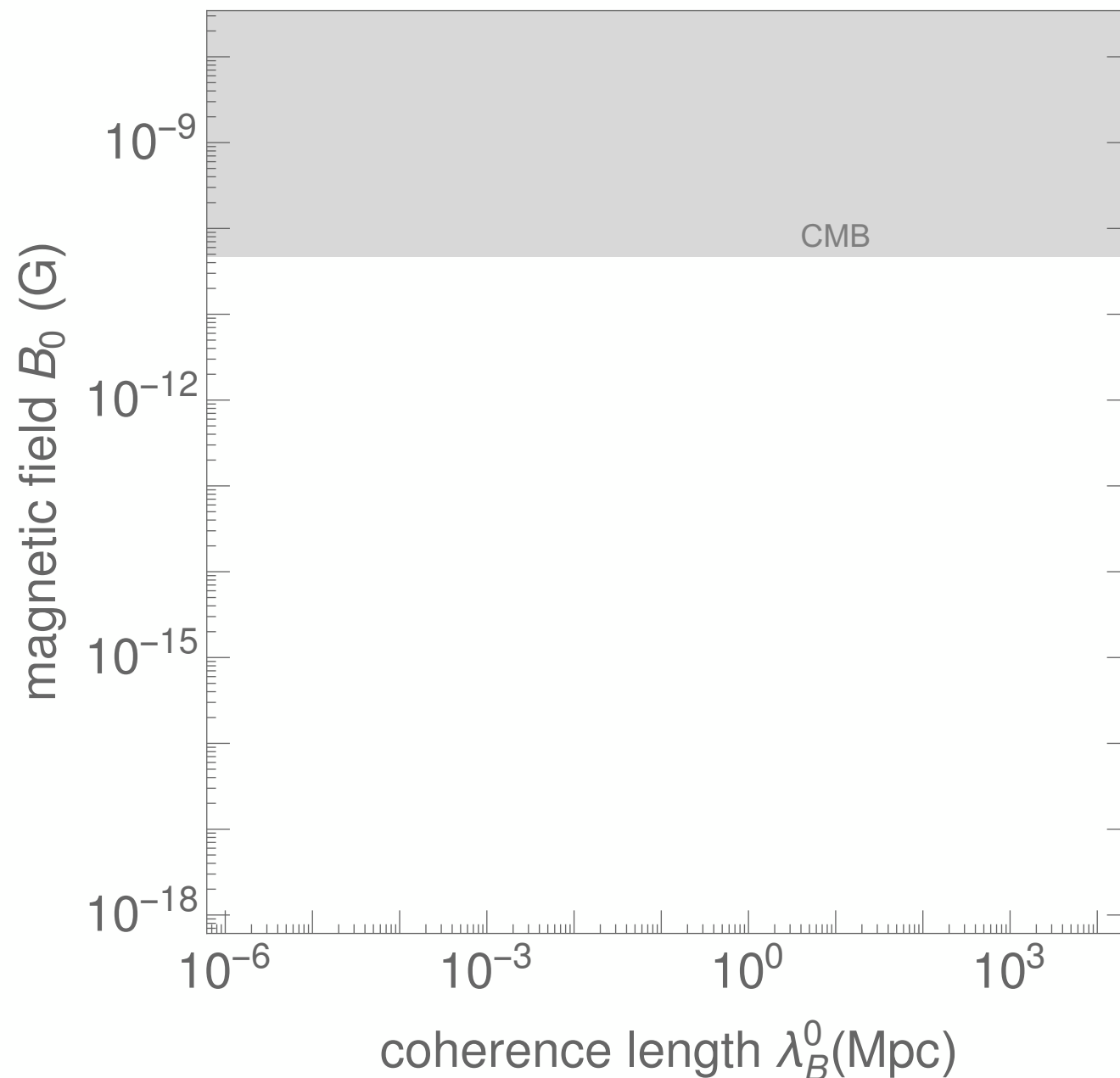
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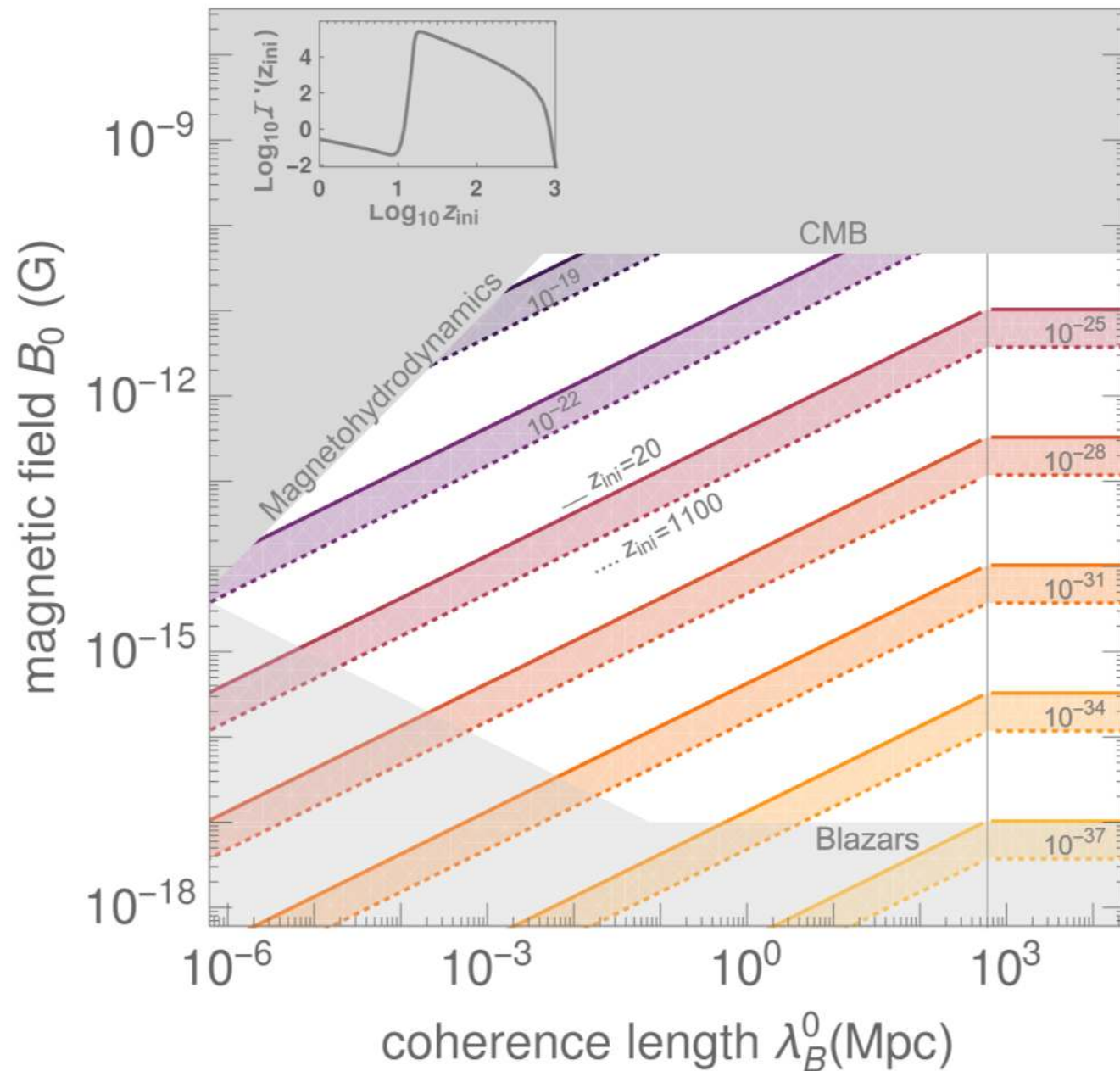
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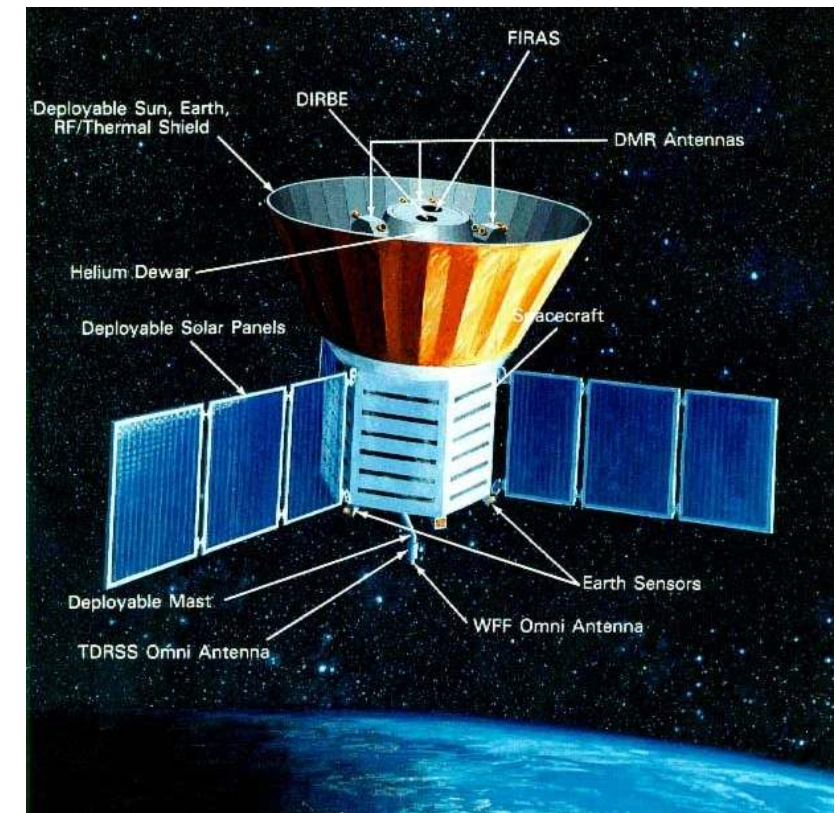
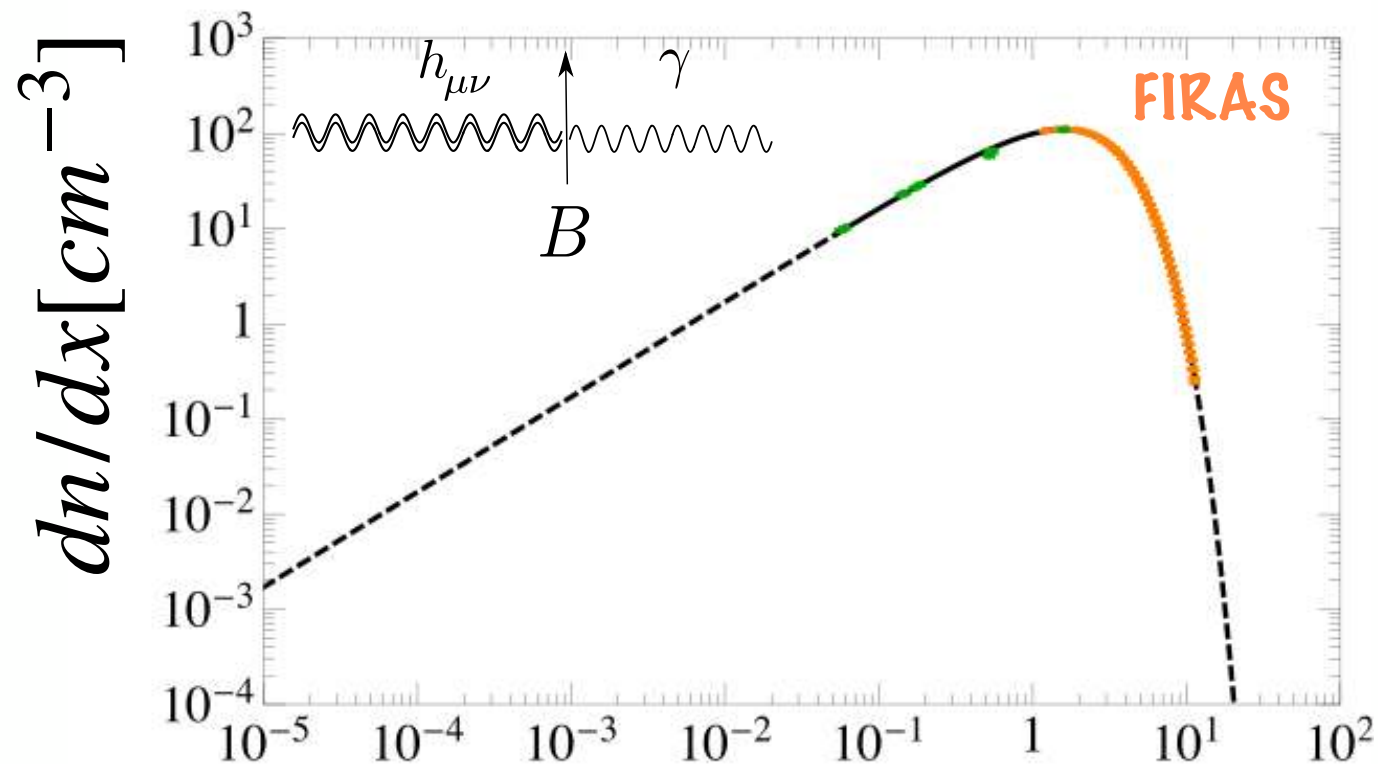
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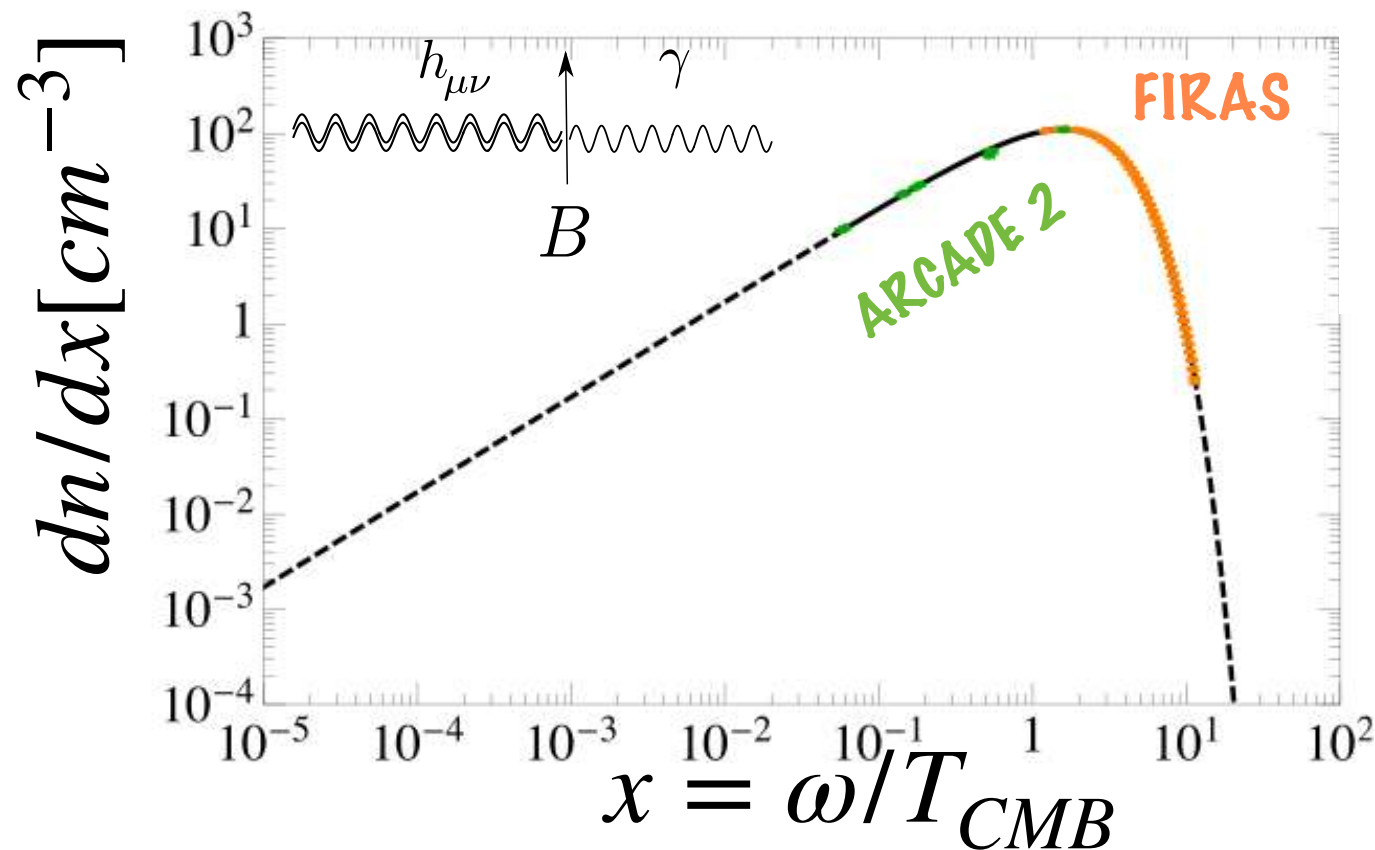
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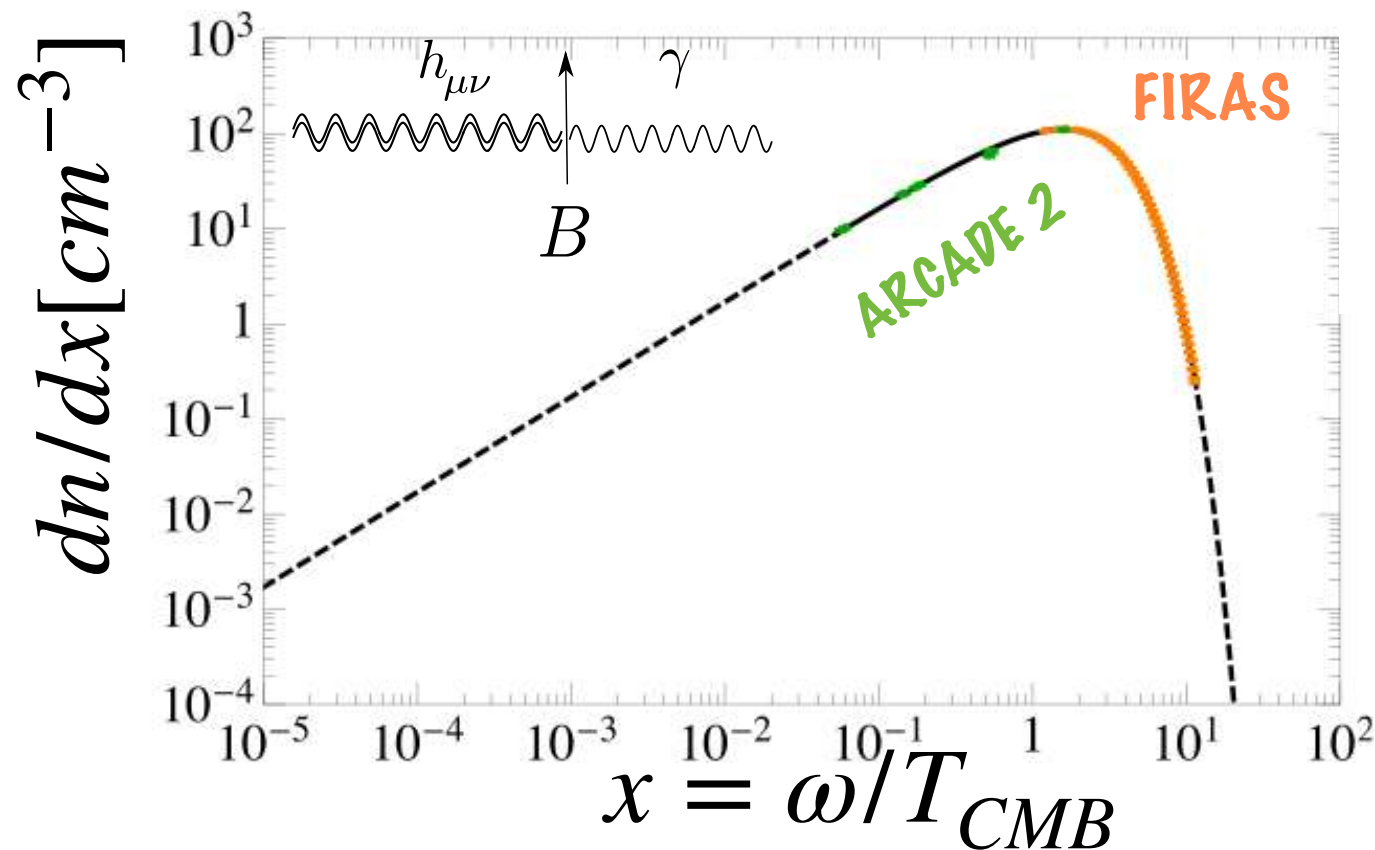
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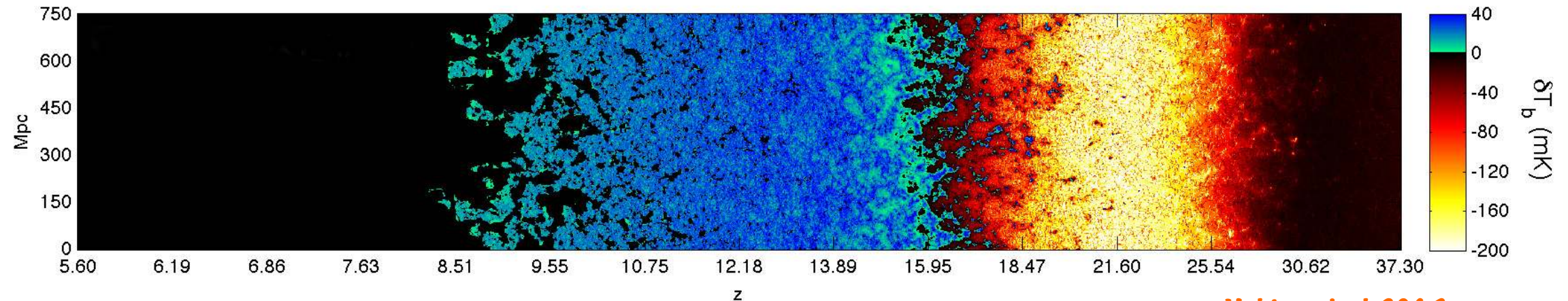
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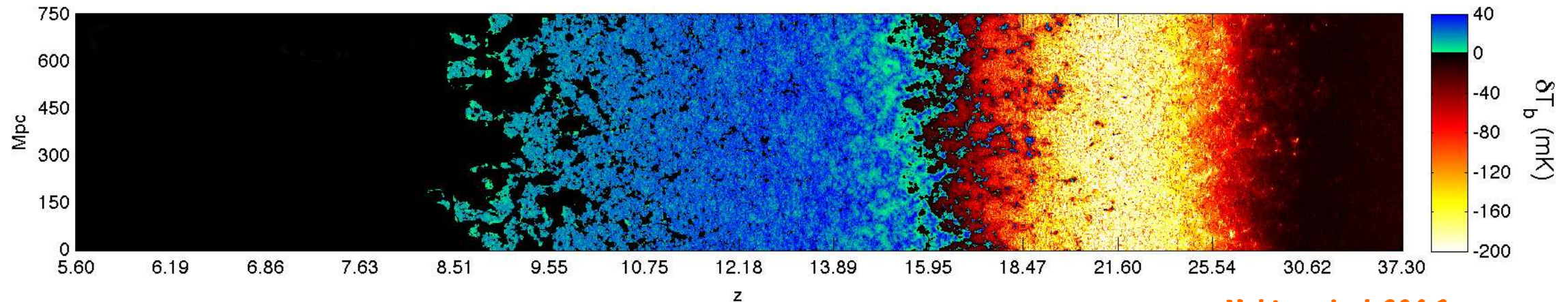
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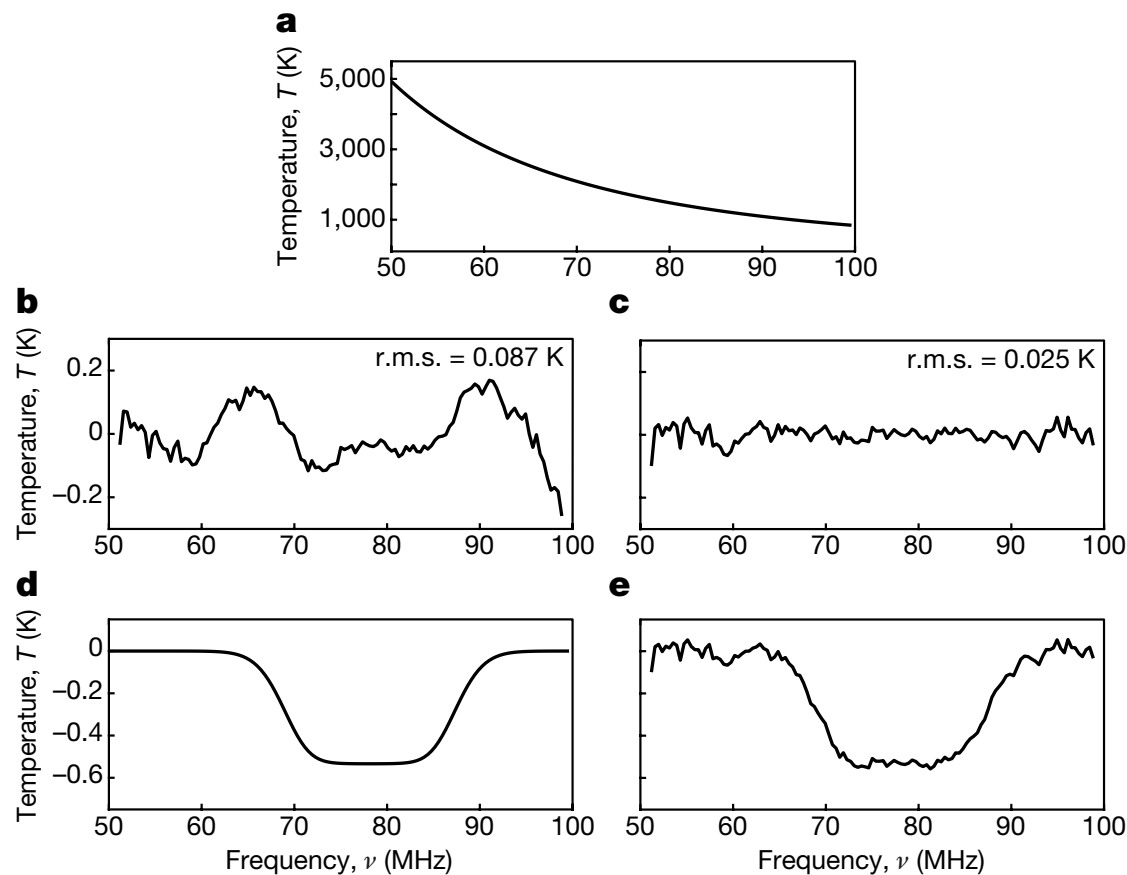



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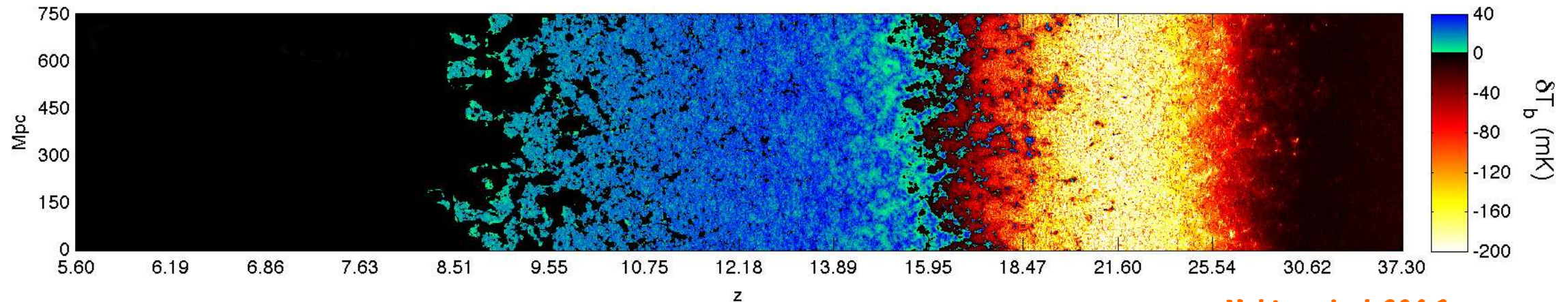
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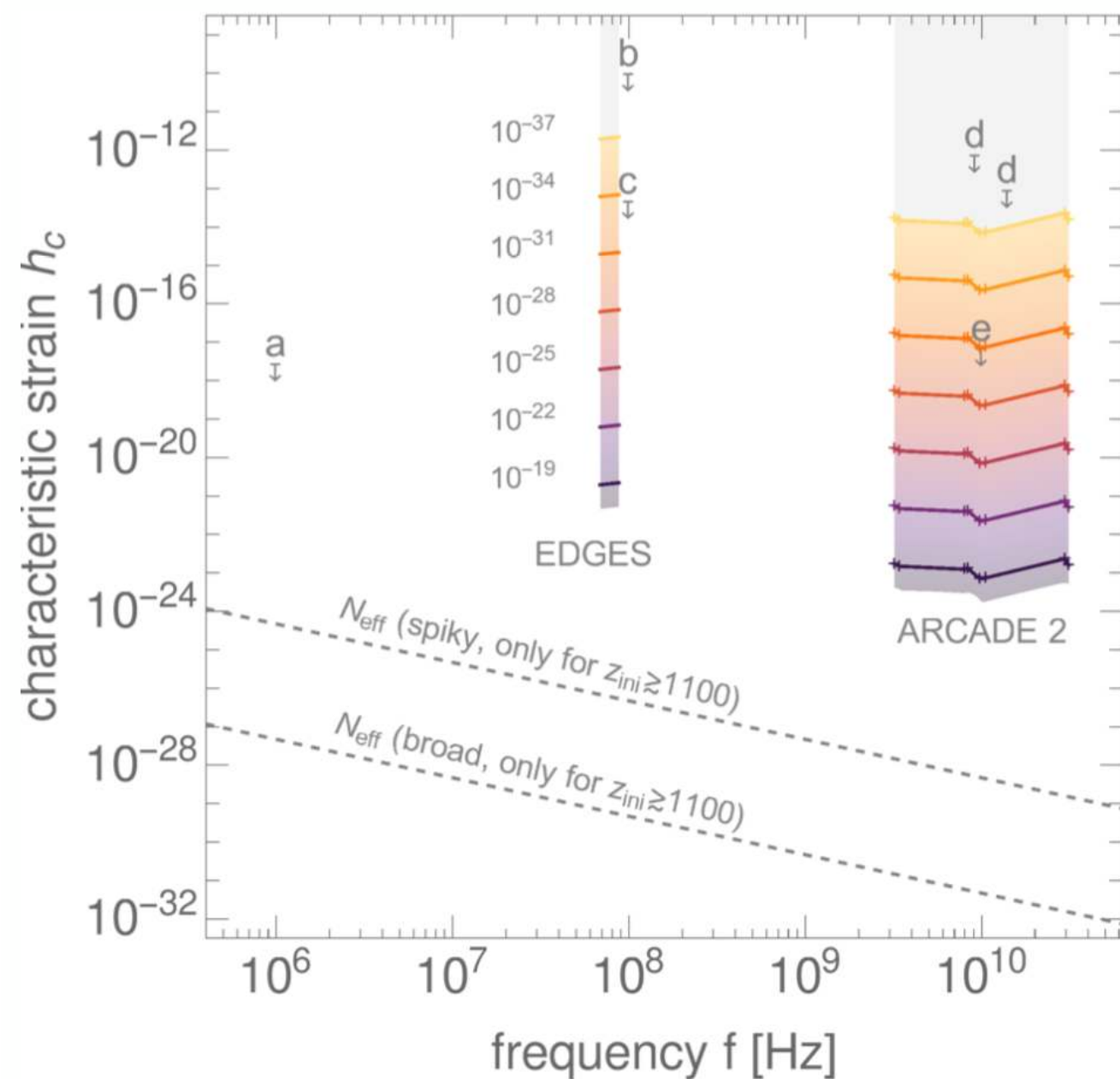
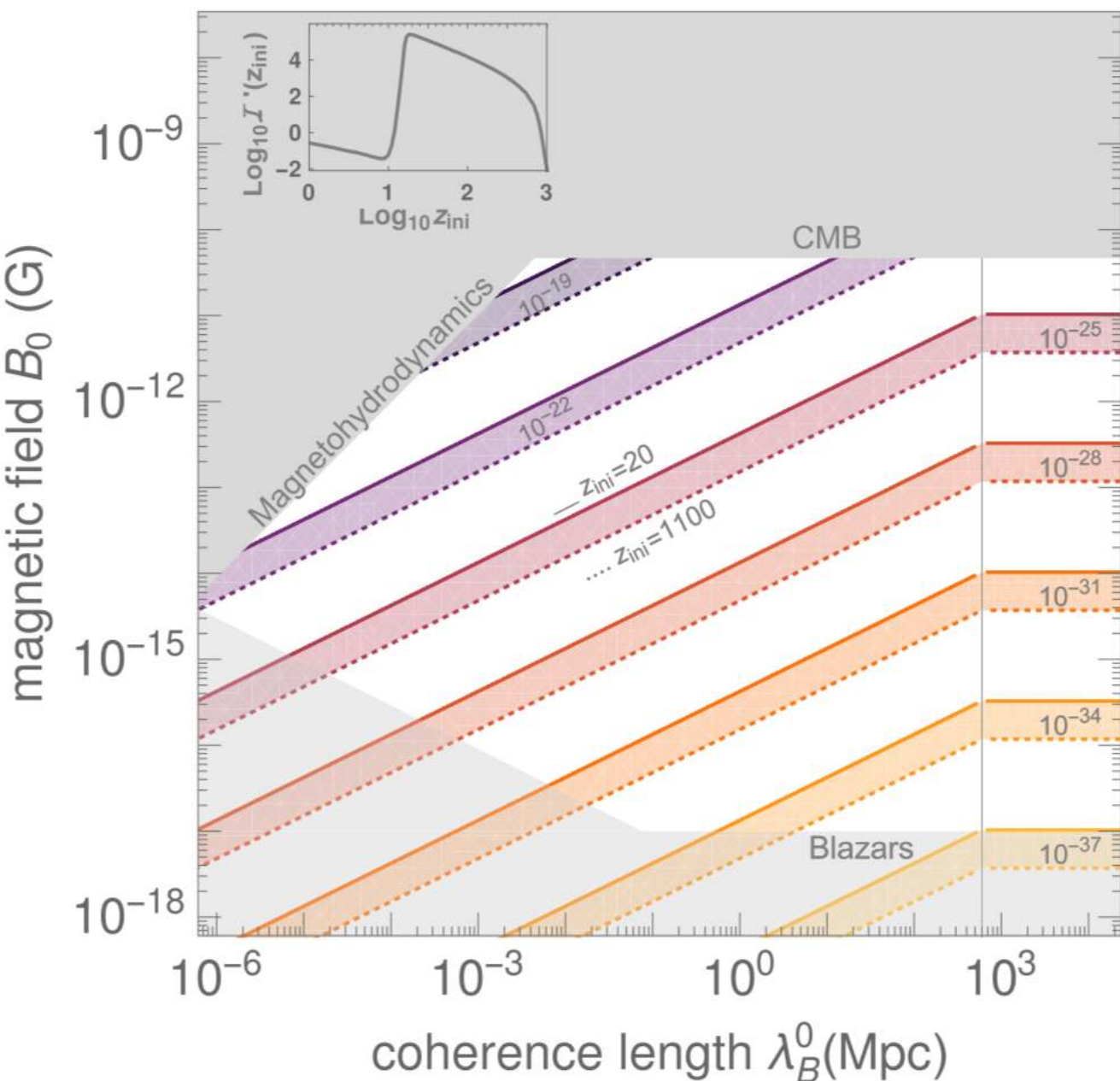
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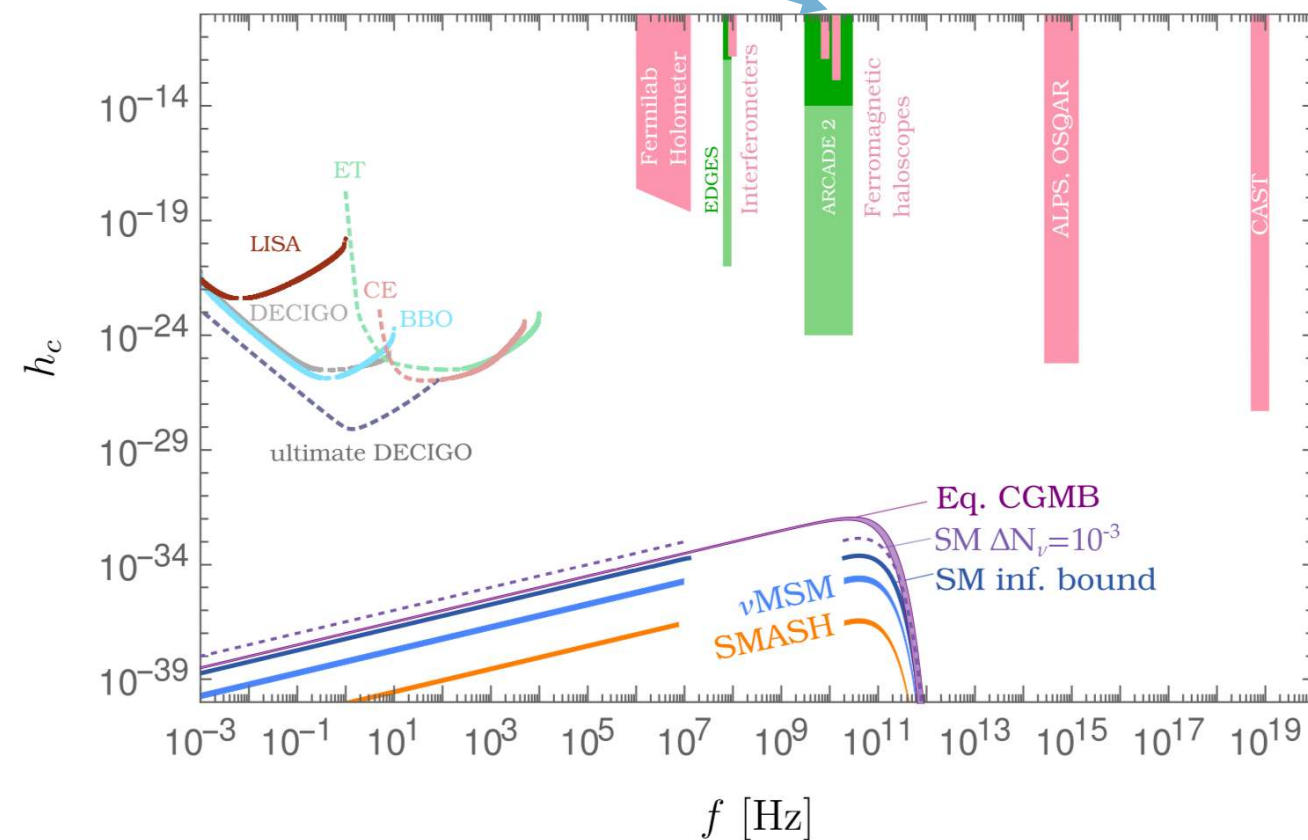
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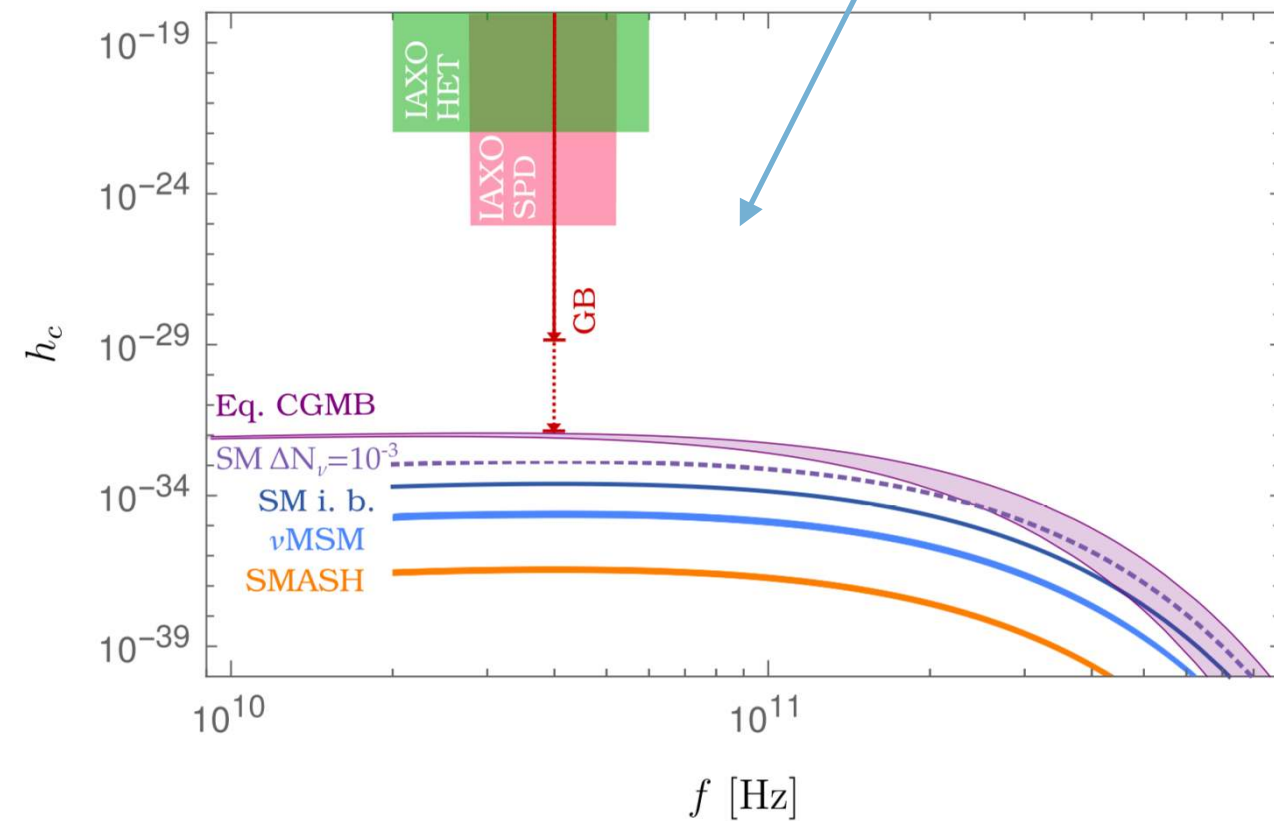
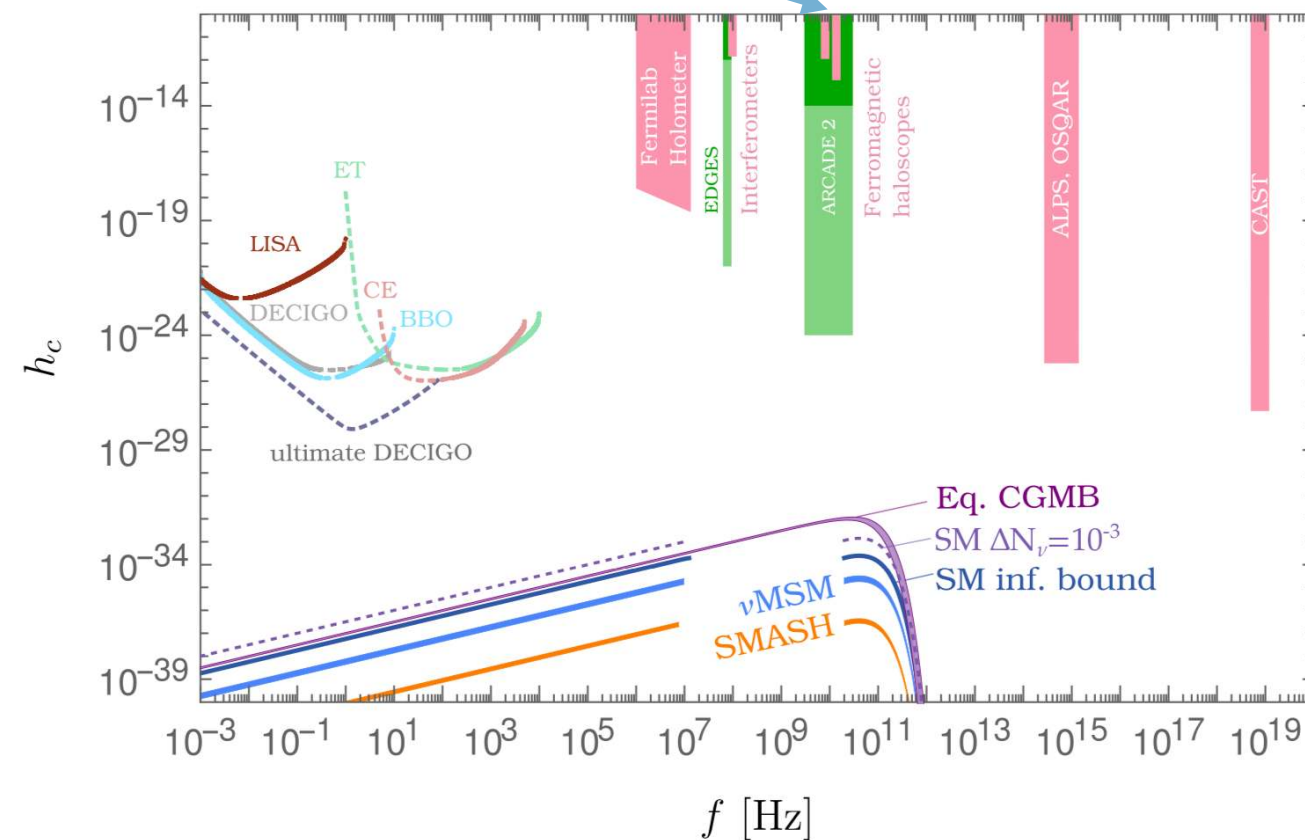
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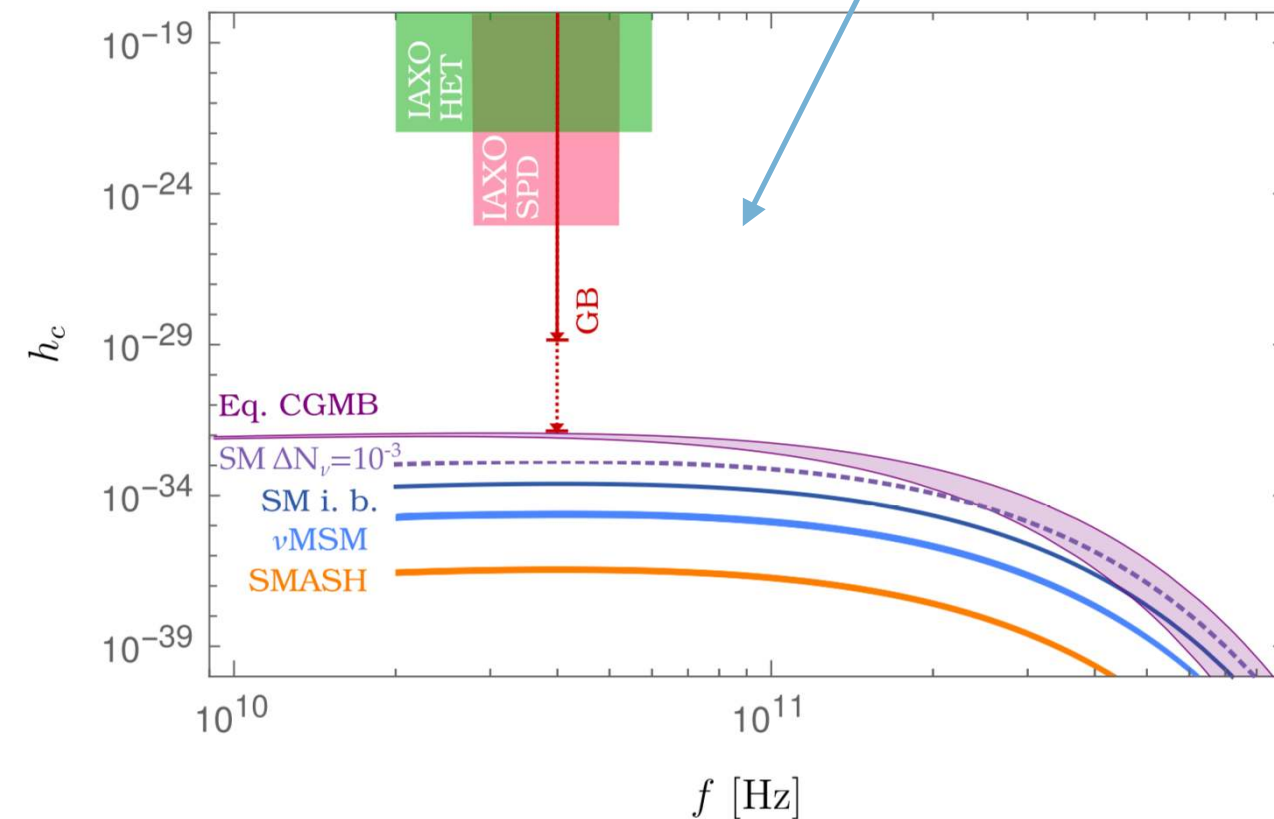
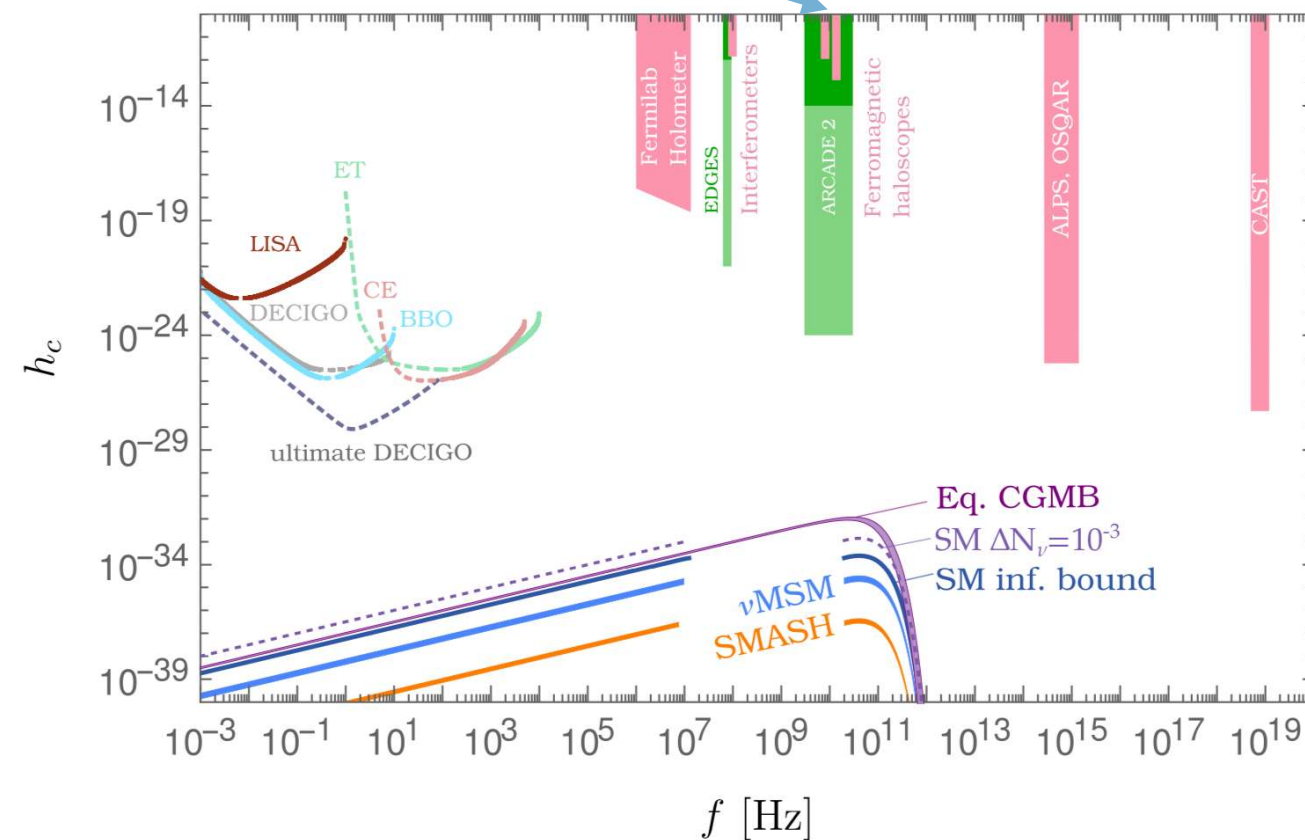
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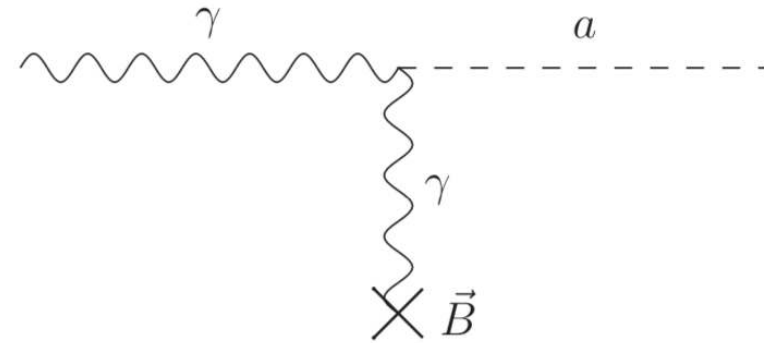
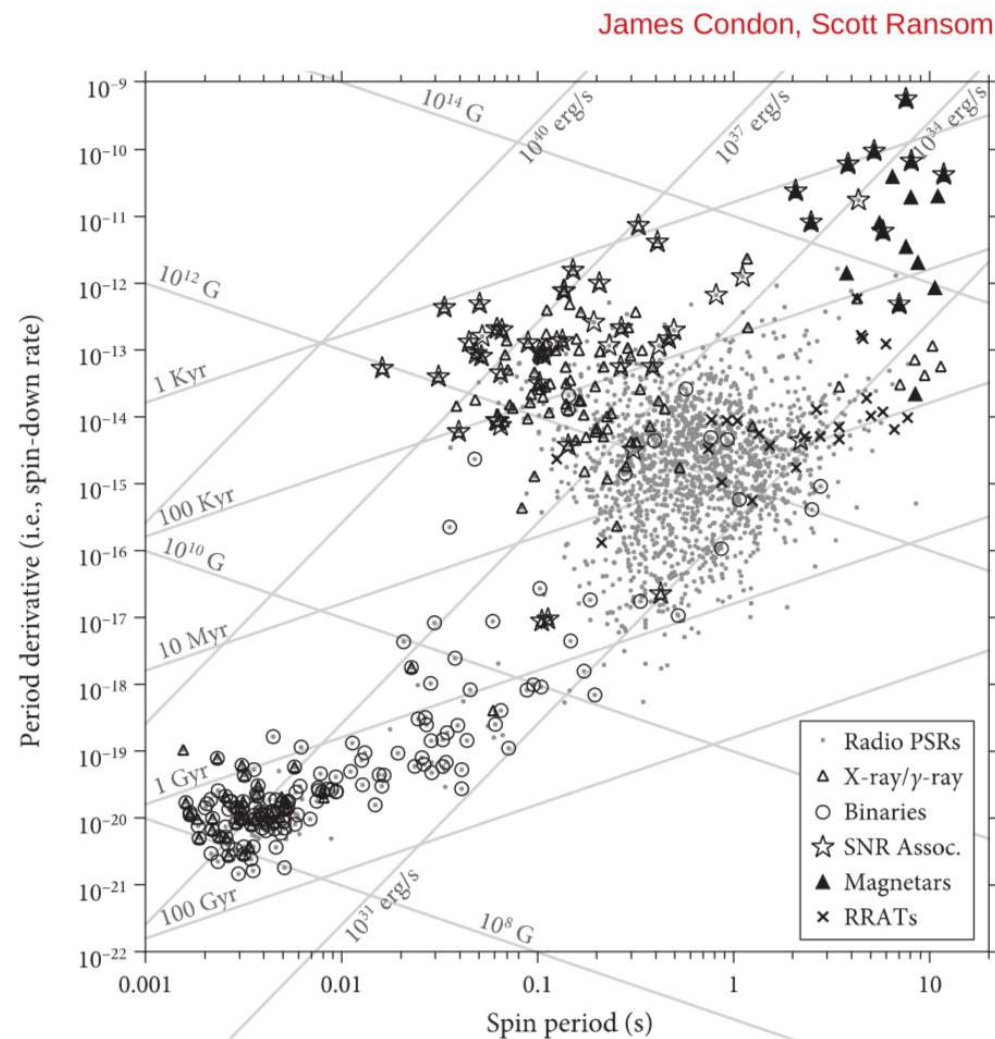
The first direct measurement of gravitational waves by the LIGO and Virgo collaborations has opened up new avenues to explore our Universe. This white paper outlines the challenges and gains expected in gravitational wave searches at frequencies above the LIGO/Virgo band, with a particular focus on the MHz and GHz range. The absence of known astrophysical sources in this frequency range provides a unique opportunity to discover physics beyond the Standard Model operating both in the early and late Universe, and we highlight some of the most promising gravitational sources. We review several detector concepts which have been proposed to take up this challenge, and compare their expected sensitivity with the signal strength predicted in various models. This report is the summary of the workshop "Challenges and opportunities of high-frequency gravitational wave detection" held at ICTP Trieste, Italy in October 2019.

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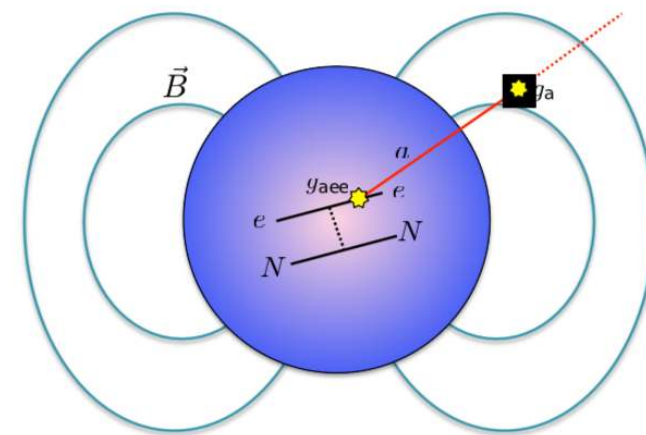
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What about neutron stars?

Domcke, CGC, Blas. Work in progress



Neutron stars have the strongest known magnetic fields



Dessert et al, PRL 2019

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Conclusions

- The Gertsenshtein effect during the dark ages provides a powerful way to probe gravitational waves in the MHz-GHz range from distortions of the Rayleigh-Jeans CMB tail.
- With upcoming advances in 21cm astronomy targeting precisely this frequency range with increasing accuracy, it becomes conceivable to push the limits derived from radio telescopes below the cosmological bound constraining the total energy in gravitational waves.
- This highlights the interesting prospects associated with multi-messenger astronomy.