

Adapting axion dark matter concepts for high-frequency wave detection

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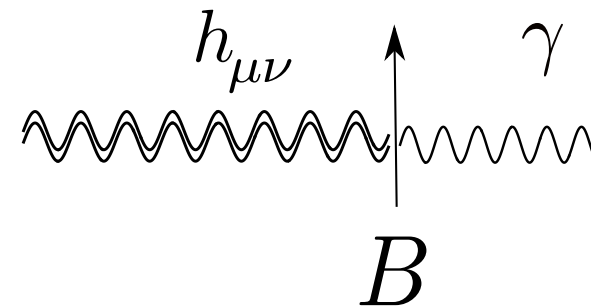
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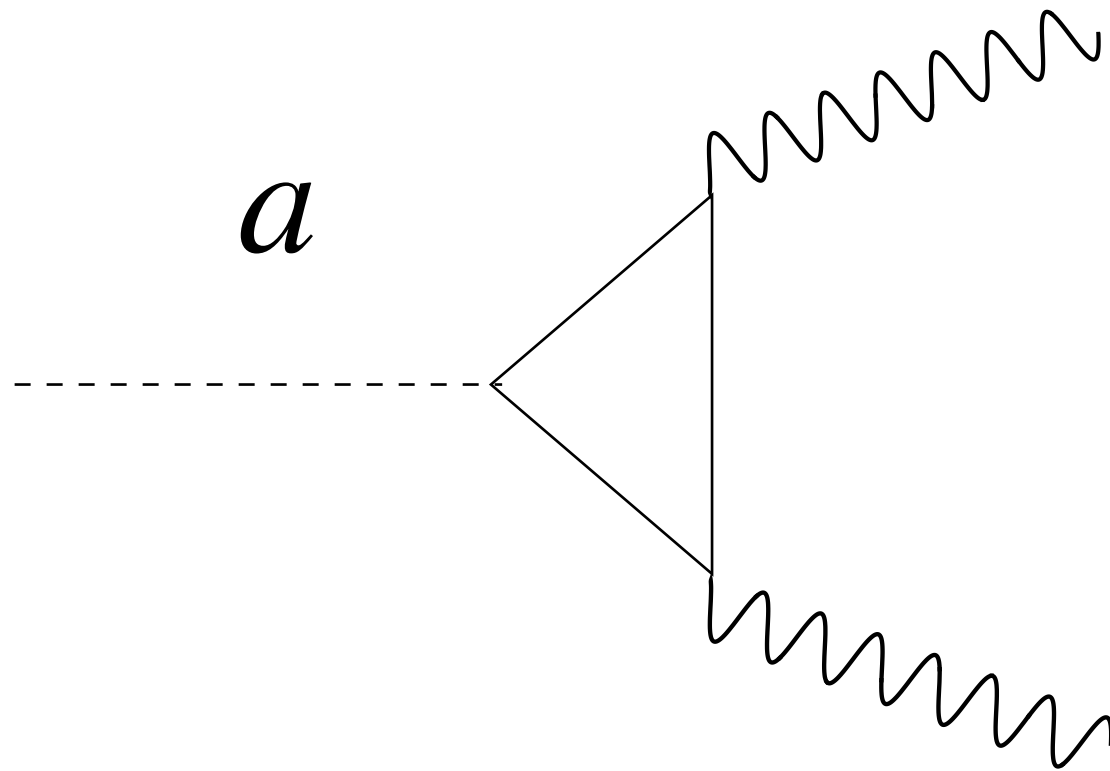
Outline

- Axion electrodynamics
- Haloscopes based on lumped-element detectors
- Impact of the geometry and selection rules
- Novel effects
- Conclusions



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Sikivie, 1983

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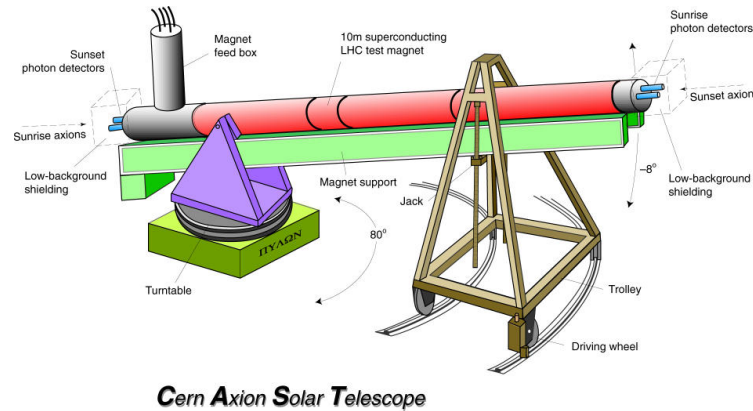
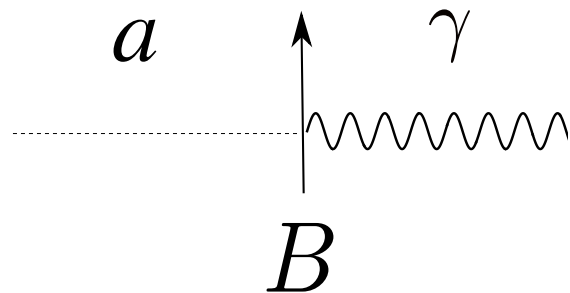
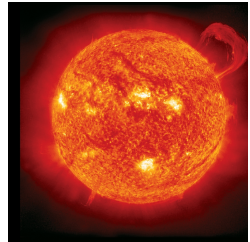
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = j^0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} - \partial_t \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{j}$$

$$j^0 = -g_{a\gamma\gamma} \nabla a \cdot \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{j} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} \left(\nabla a \times \mathbf{E} + \partial_t a \mathbf{B} \right)$$

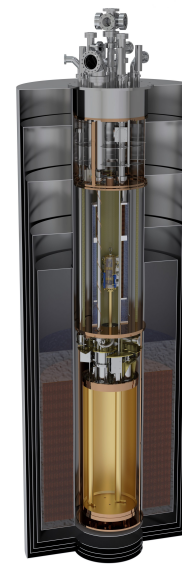
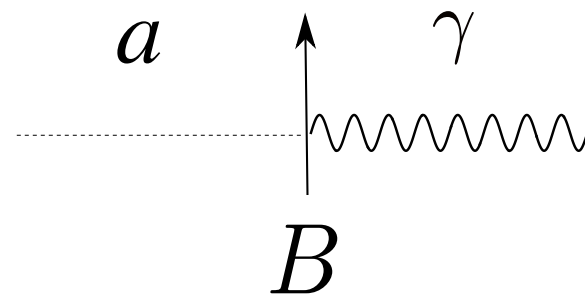
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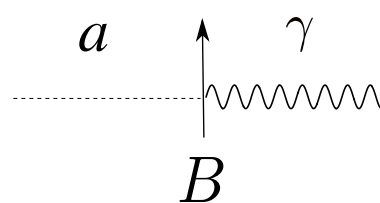
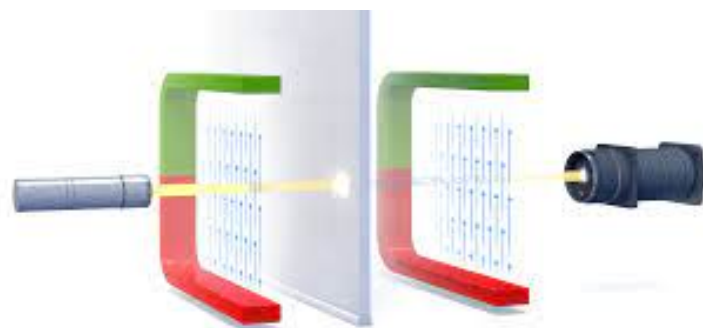
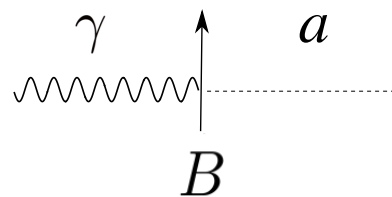
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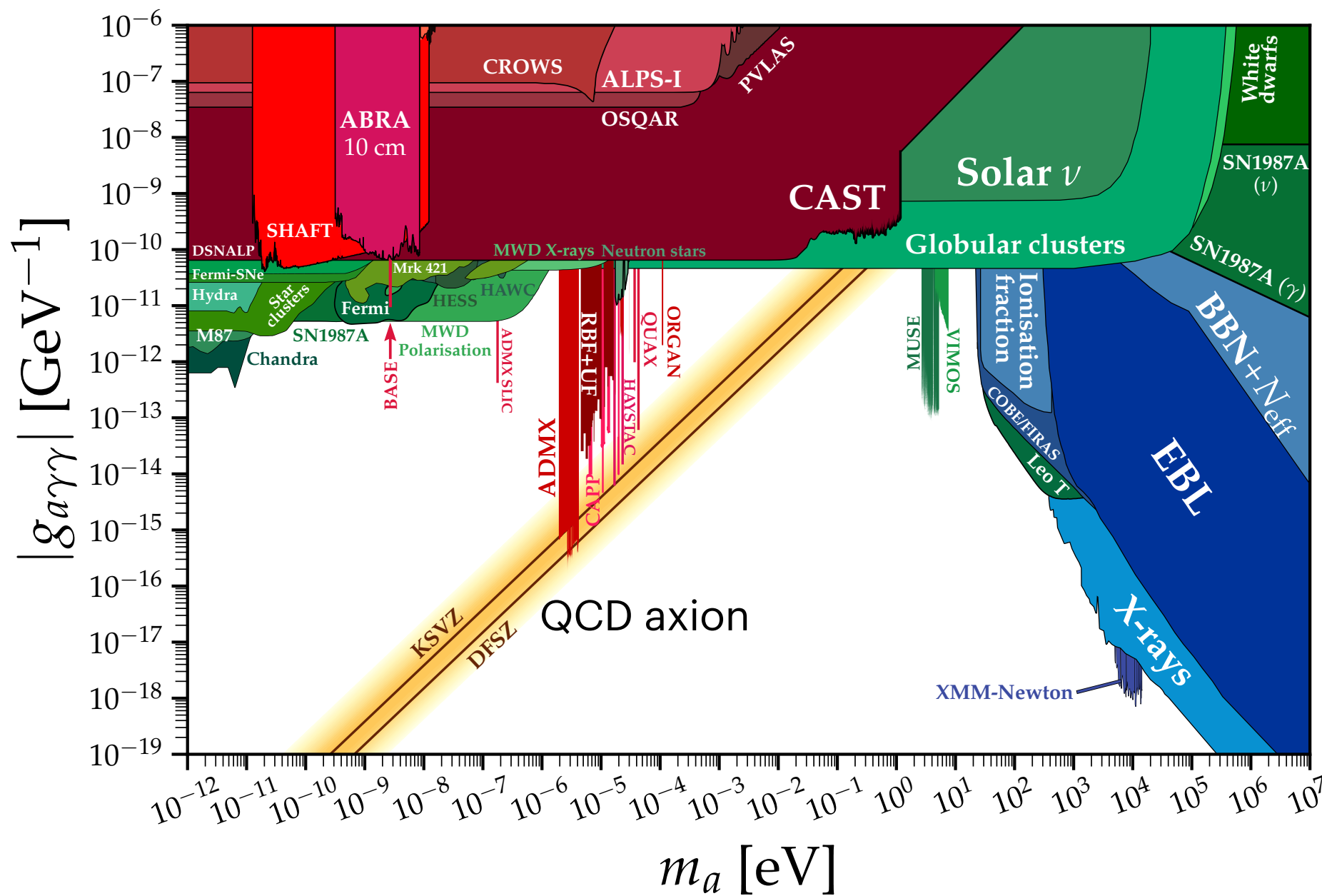
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Talks by van Bibber, Doan, Krieger, Spector and Smith

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<https://github.com/cajohare/AxionLimits>

$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi f_a} \left(\frac{E}{N} - 1.92 \right)$$

DFSZ (Dine, Fischler, Srednicki, Zhitniskii)

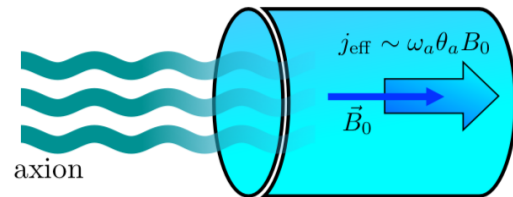
axions couple to fermions

$$E/N = 8/3$$

KSVZ (Kim, Shifman, Vainshtein, Zakharov)

axions couple to exotic heavy quarks only. $E/N = 0$

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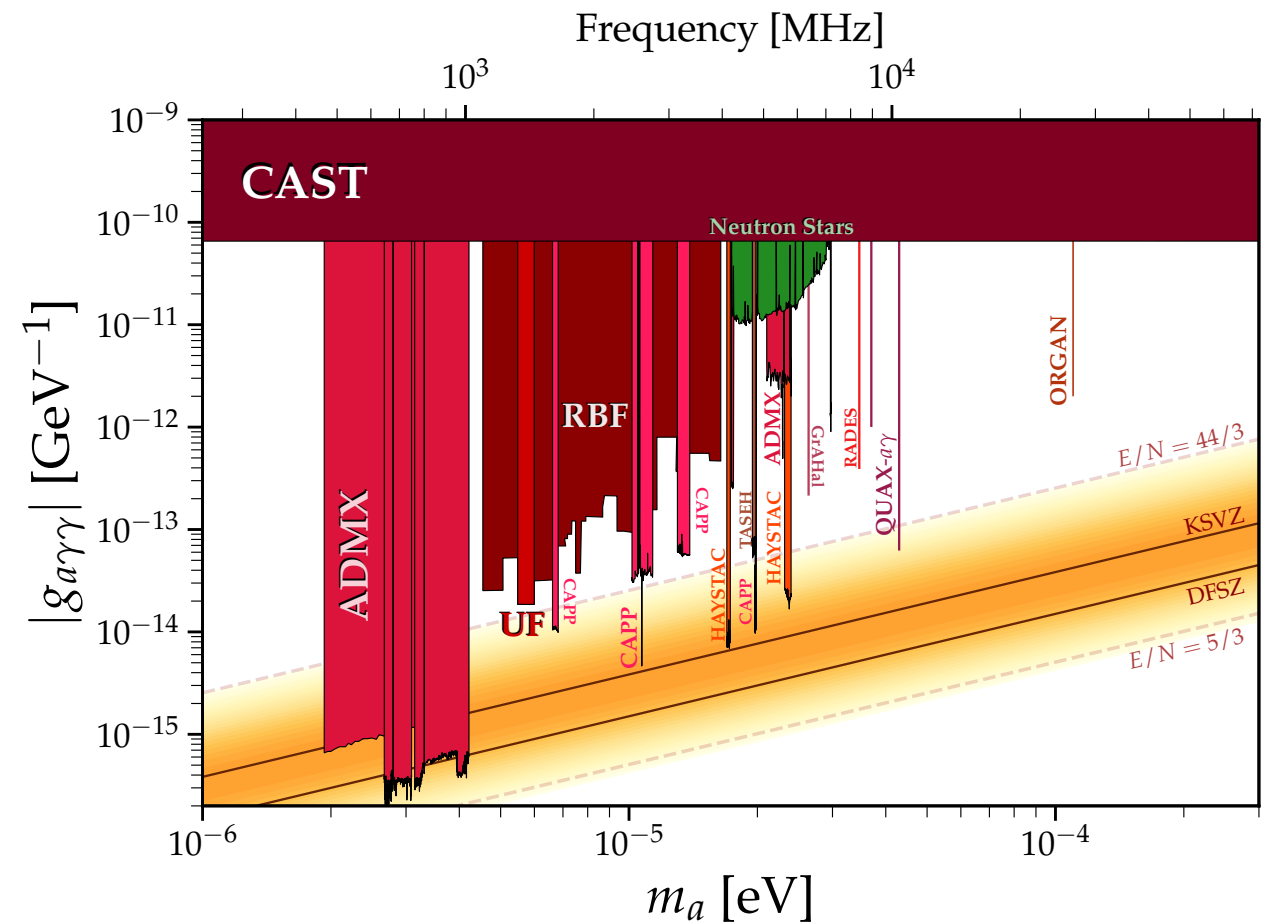
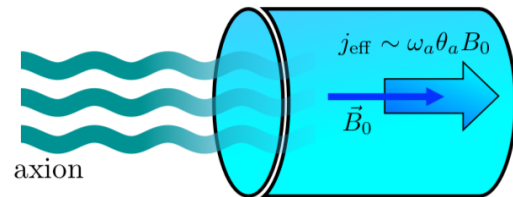


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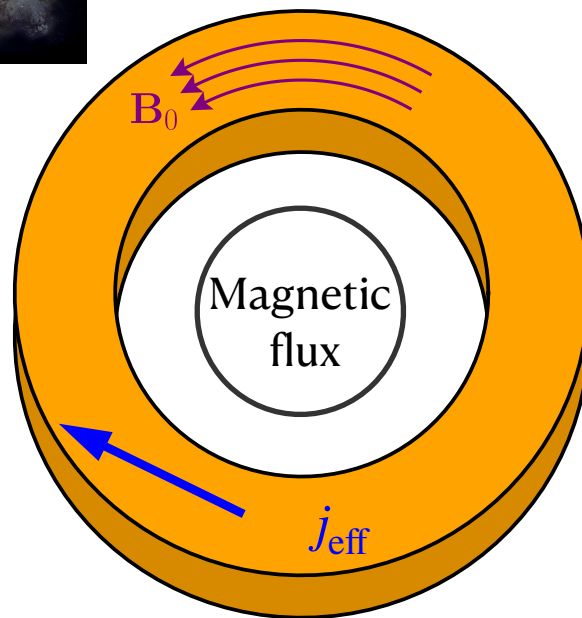
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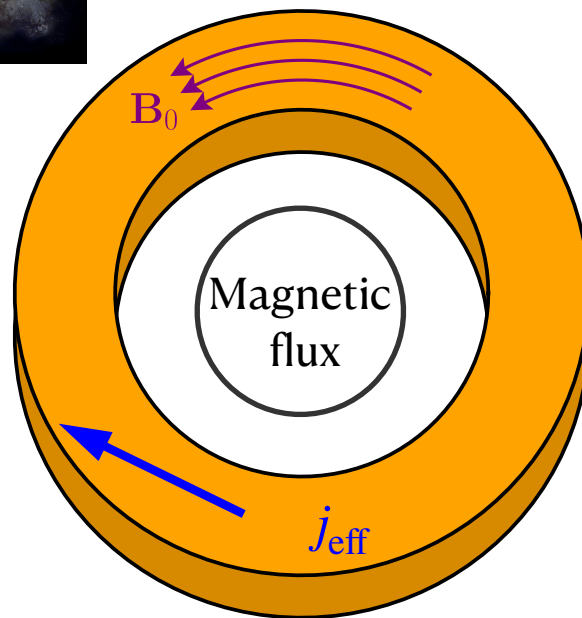


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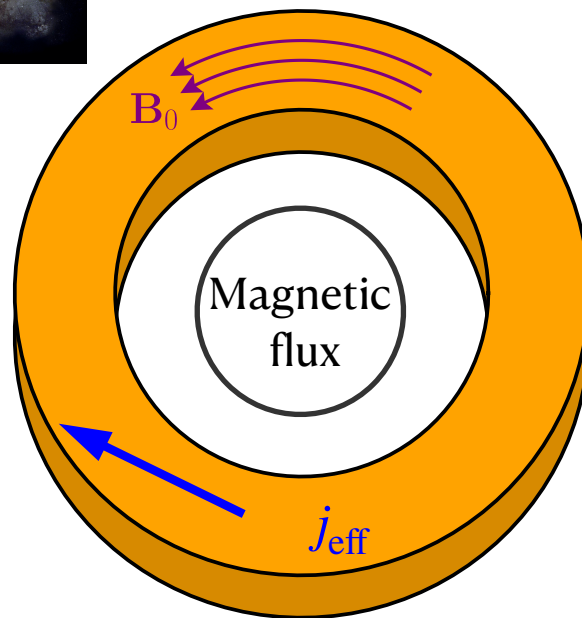
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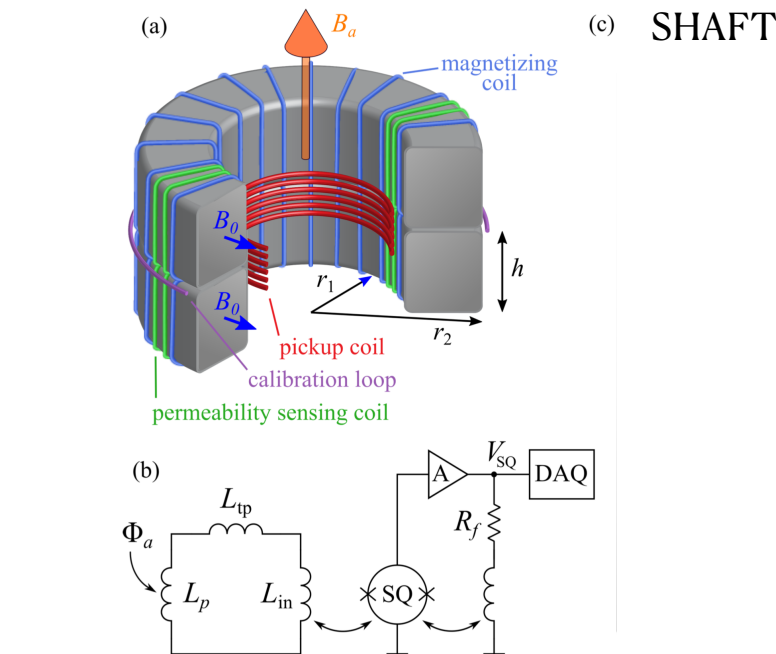
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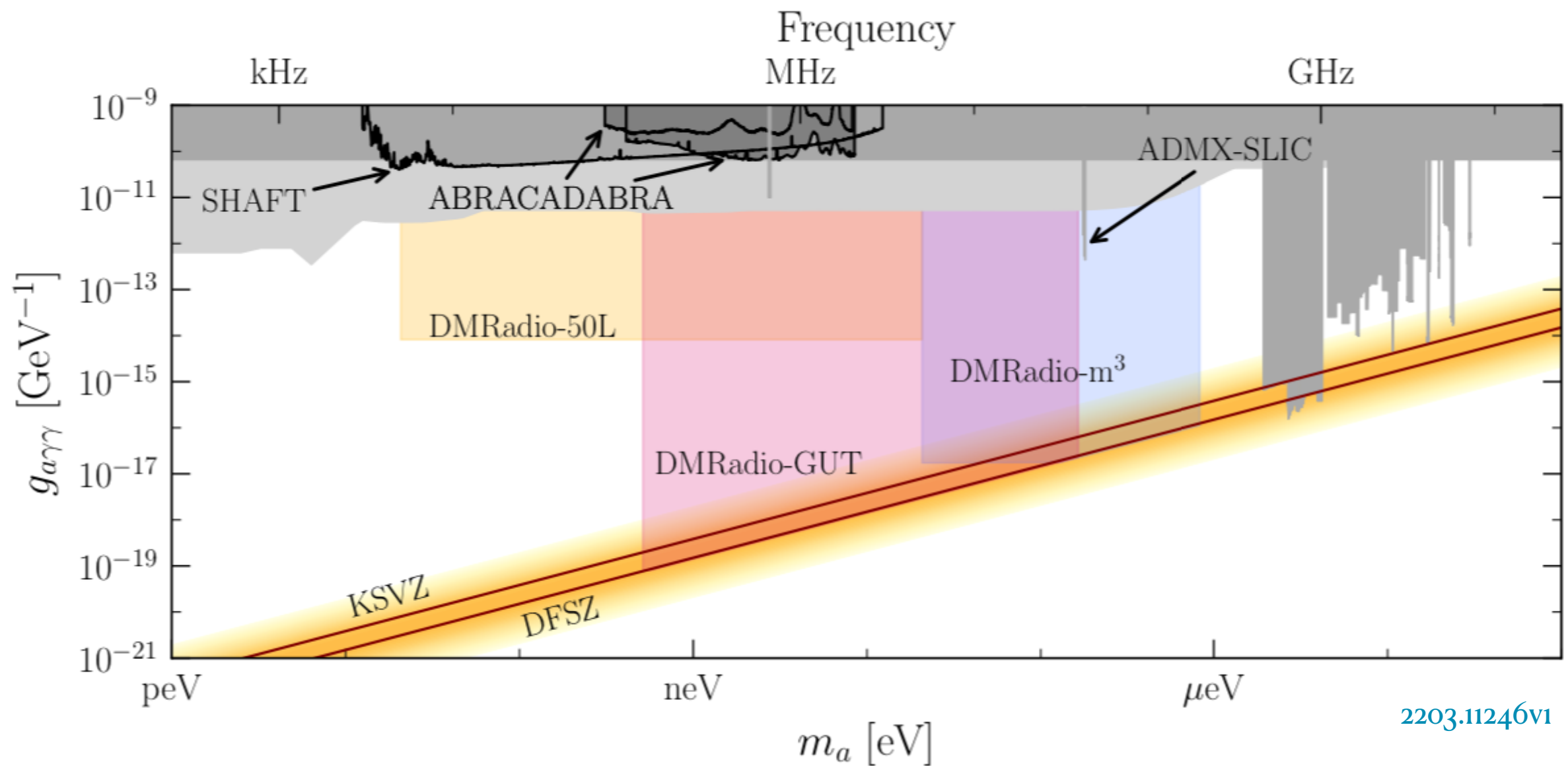
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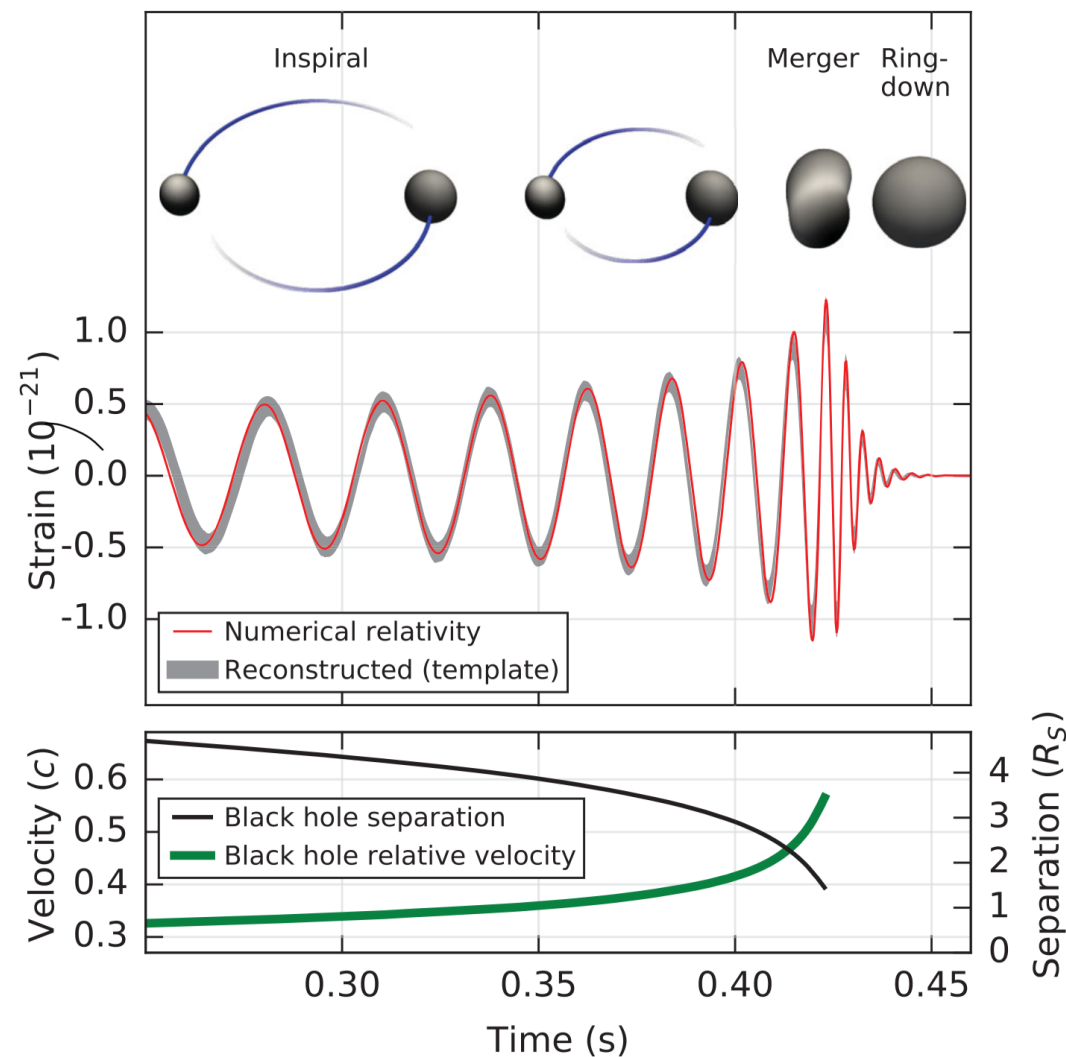
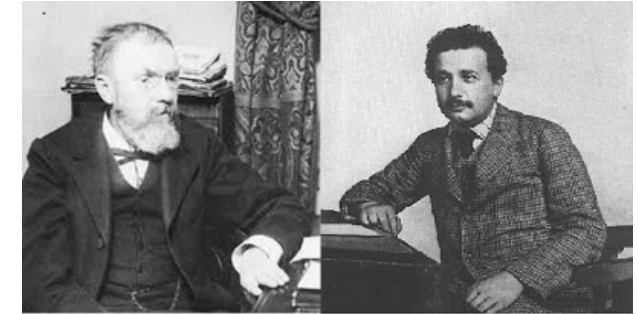
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talk by Nicholas M. Rapidis

Gravitational-wave electrodynamics

Gravitational Waves

- Speculation by Poincaré (1905)
- Einstein provided a firm theoretical background for them (1916)



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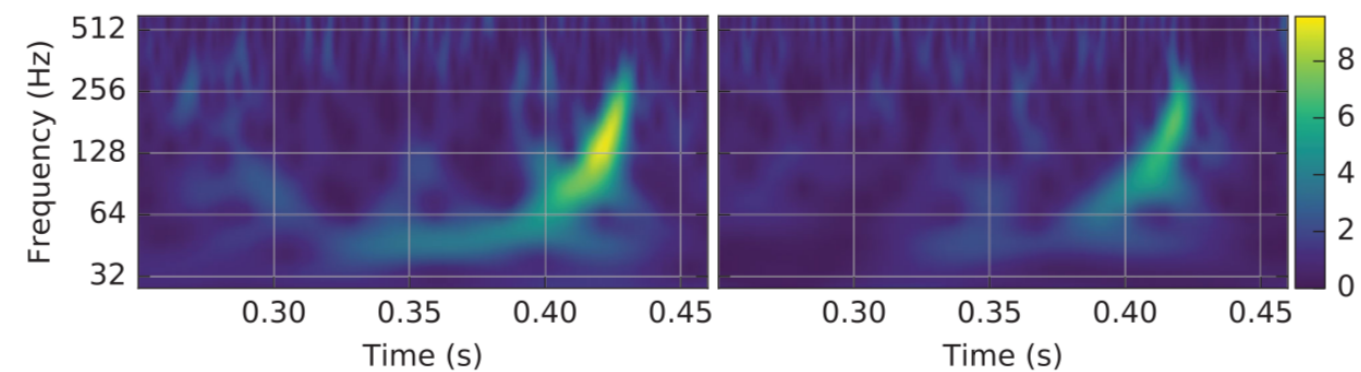
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Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Black Hole Merger

B. P. Abbott *et al.**

(LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration)



interferometers



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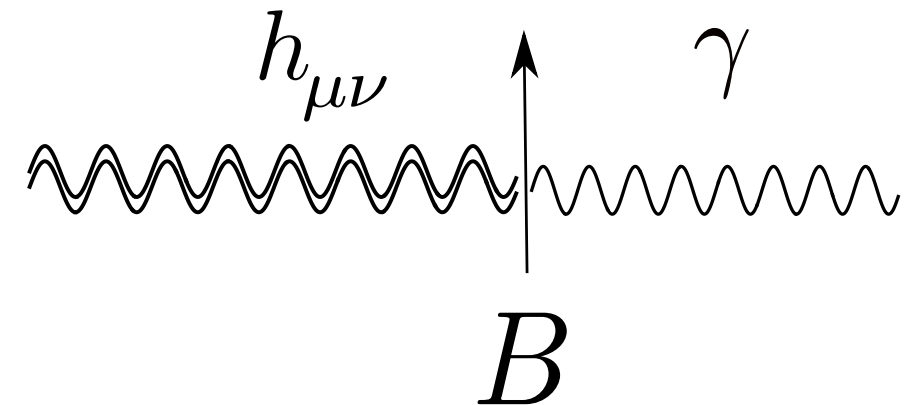
WAVE RESONANCE OF LIGHT AND GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

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The energy of gravitational waves excited during the propagation of light in a constant magnetic or electric field is estimated.



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The (inverse) Gertsenhstein Effect

- The conversion of gravitational waves into electromagnetic waves is a classical process. Its rate does not involve \hbar

$$P \sim GB^2L^2$$

- Cosmological conversion

Potential of Radio Telescopes as High-Frequency Gravitational Wave Detectors

Valerie Domcke and Camilo Garcia-Cely
Phys. Rev. Lett. **126**, 021104 – Published 14 January 2021



- The process is strictly analogous to axion dark matter conversion.

Raffelt, Stodolski'89

High-frequency gravitational waves

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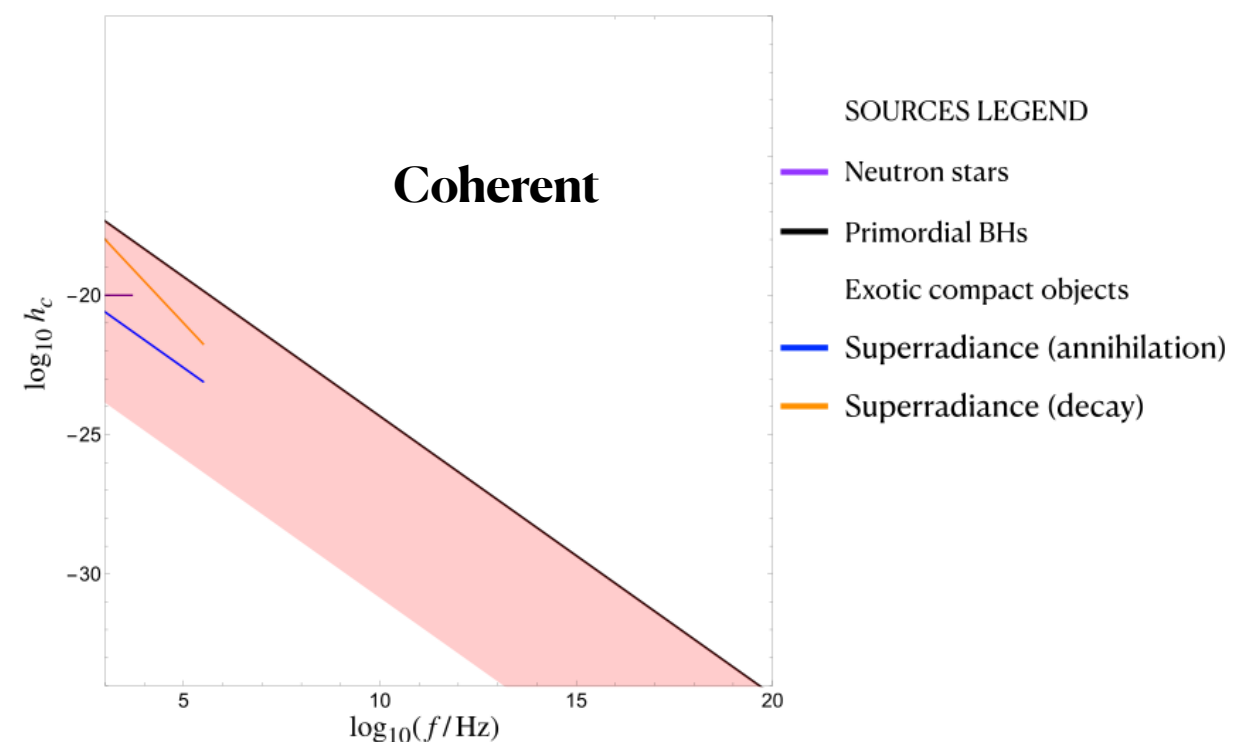
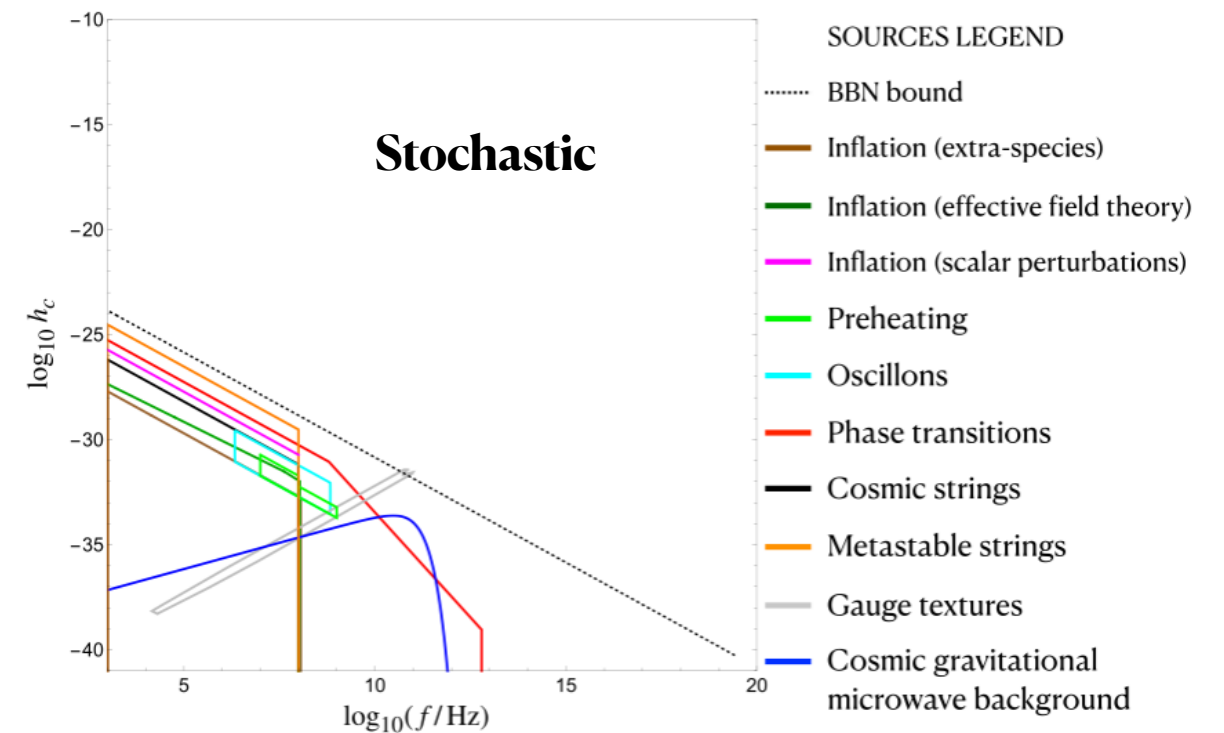
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Challenges and opportunities of gravitational-wave searches at MHz to GHz frequencies

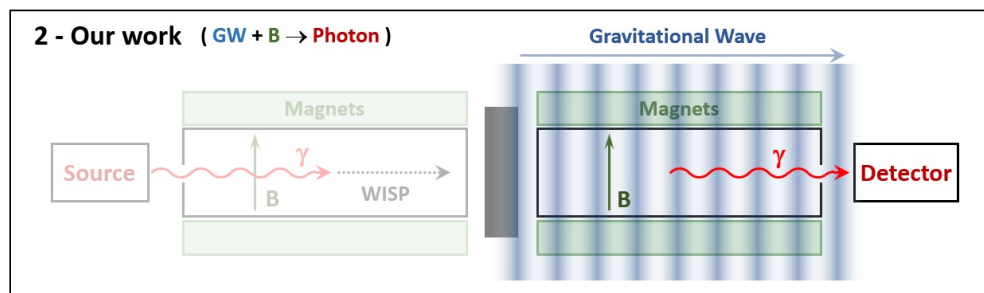
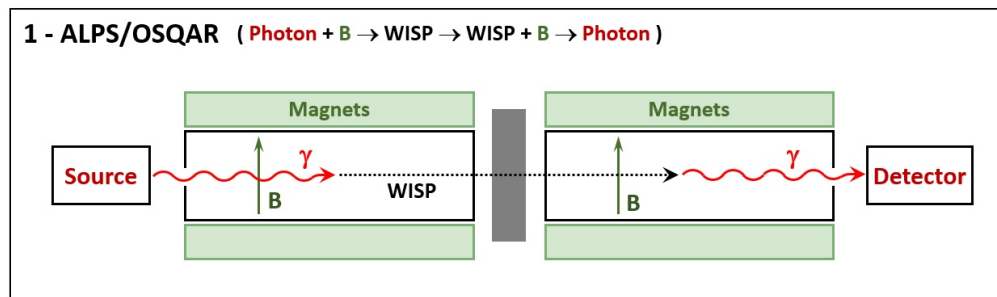
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A growing community is seriously considering the search of high frequency gravitational waves



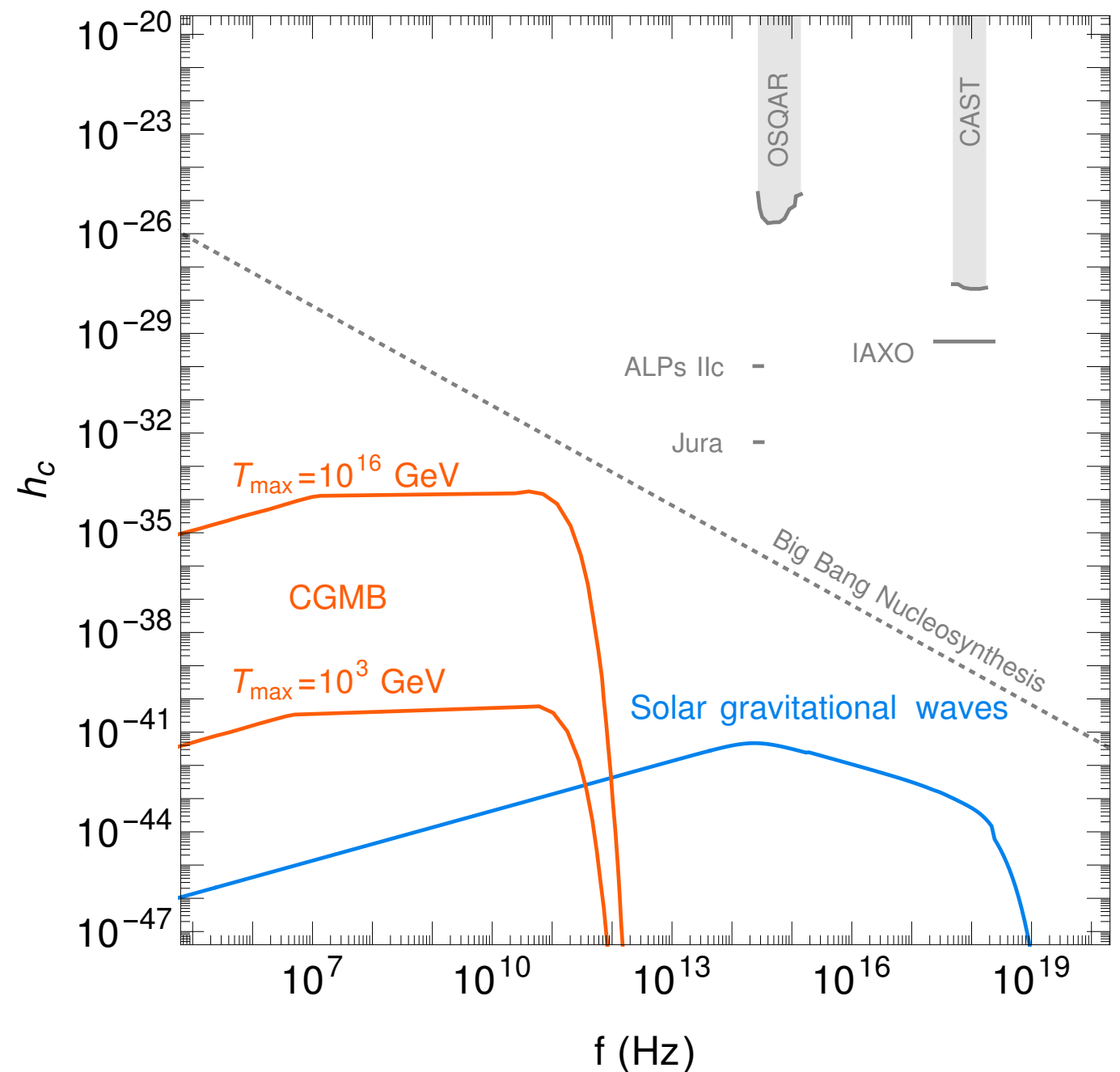
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Ejlli et al, 2019

The solar spectrum is similar to that of sub-keV spin-2 particles

CGC, Ringwald **PRELIMINARY**



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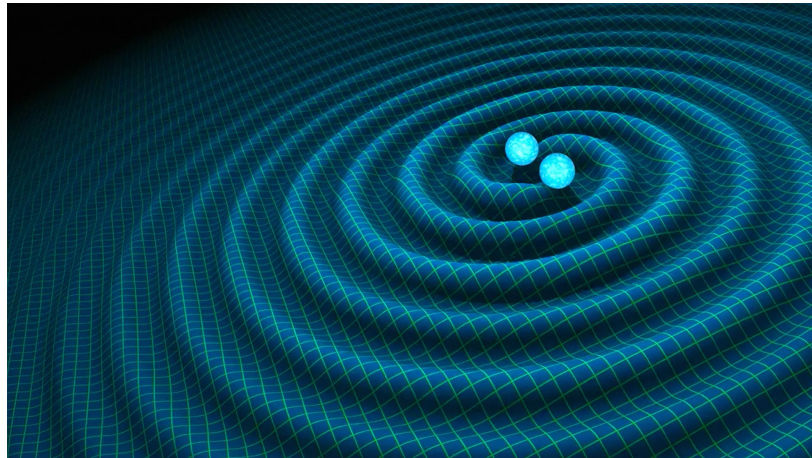
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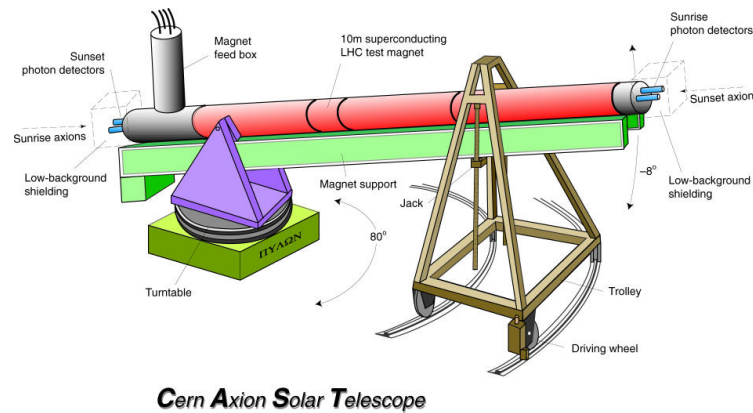
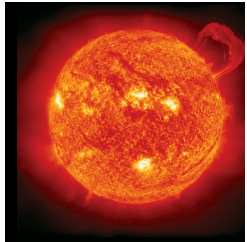
$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu} \quad |h_{\mu\nu}| \ll 1$$



$$j_{\text{eff}}^{\mu} = \partial_{\nu} \left(-\frac{1}{2} h F^{\mu\nu} + F^{\mu\alpha} h^{\nu}_{\alpha} - F^{\nu\alpha} h^{\mu}_{\alpha} \right)$$

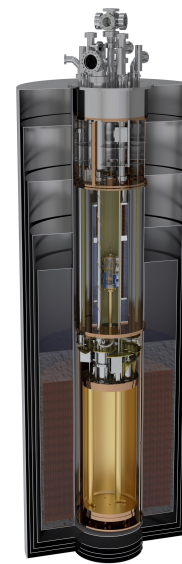
Many possibilities

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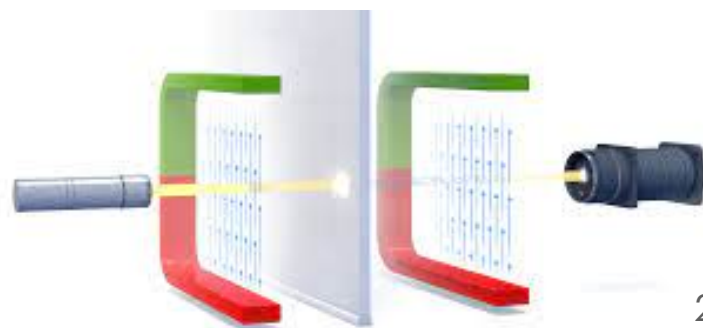
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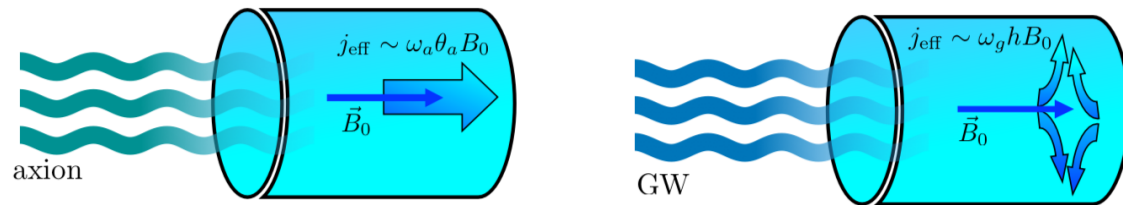
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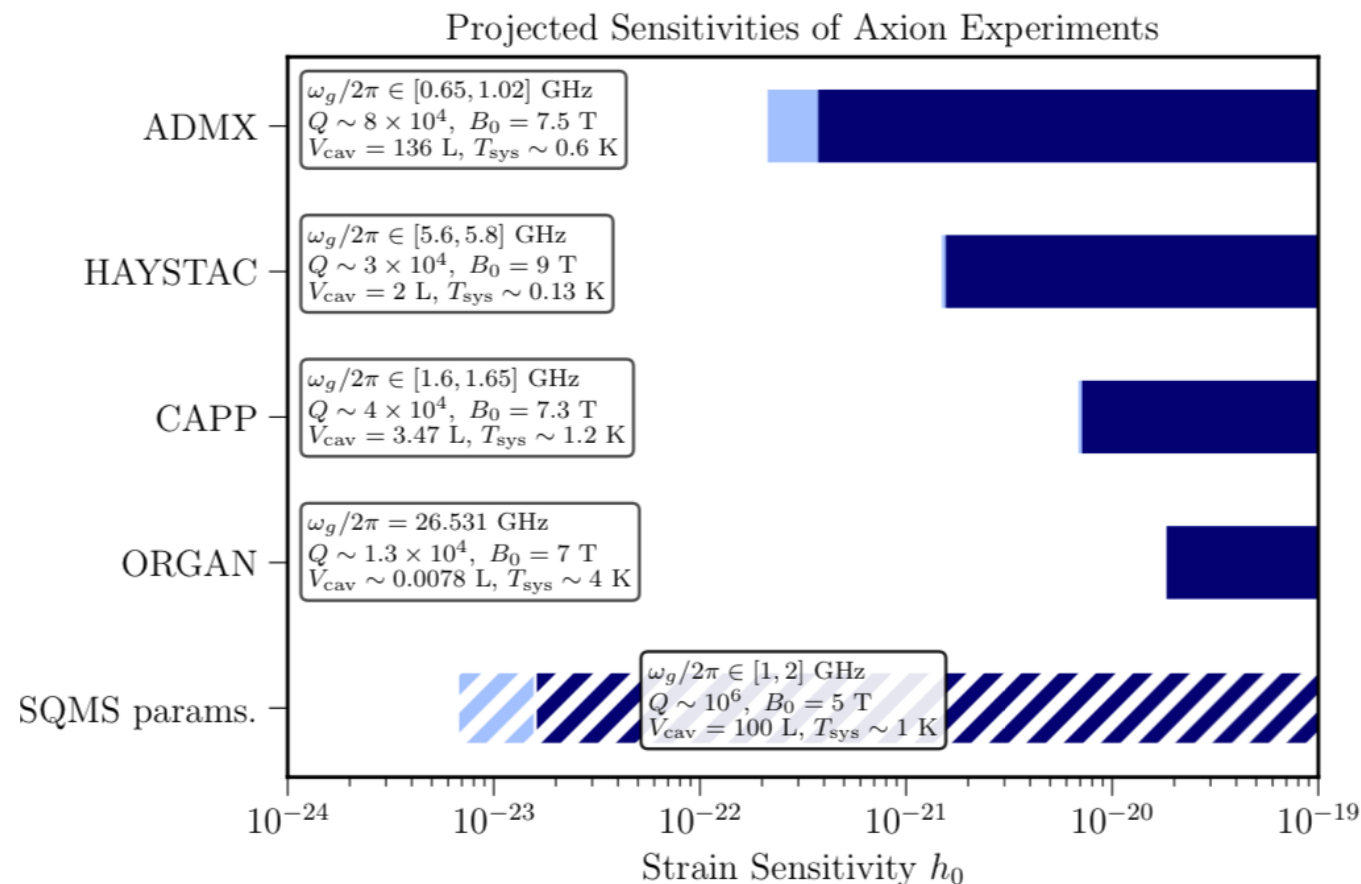
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Manasse and Misner, 1963

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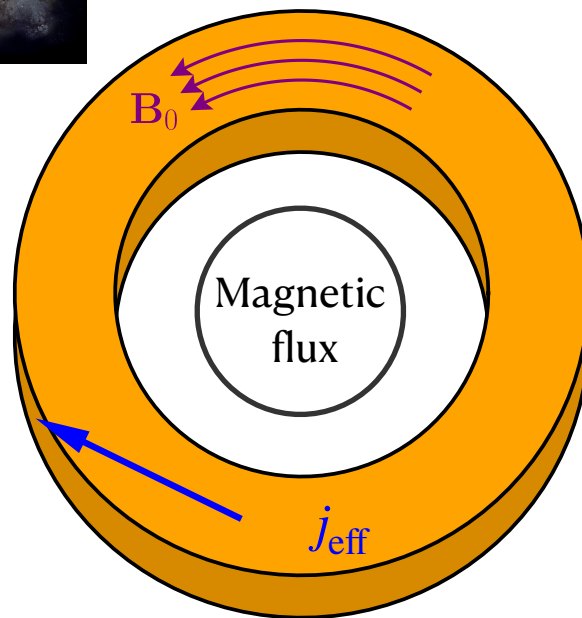
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- Crucial for haloscopes

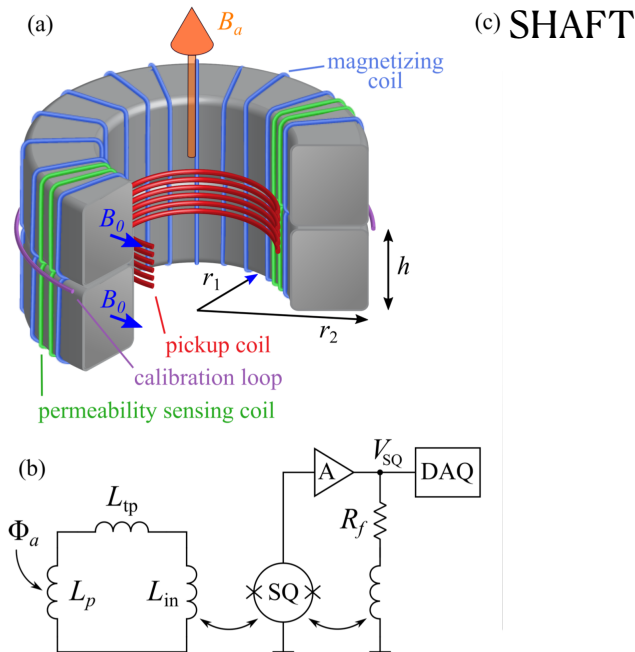
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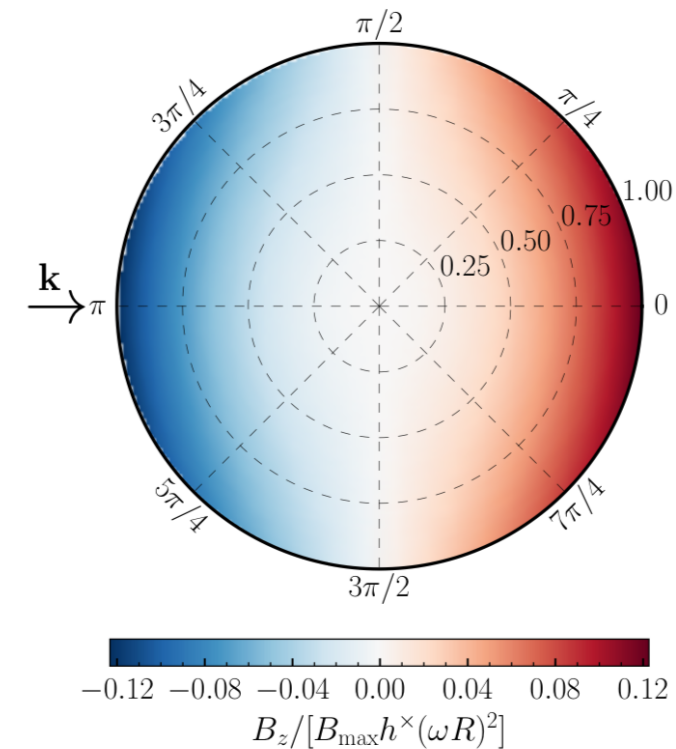
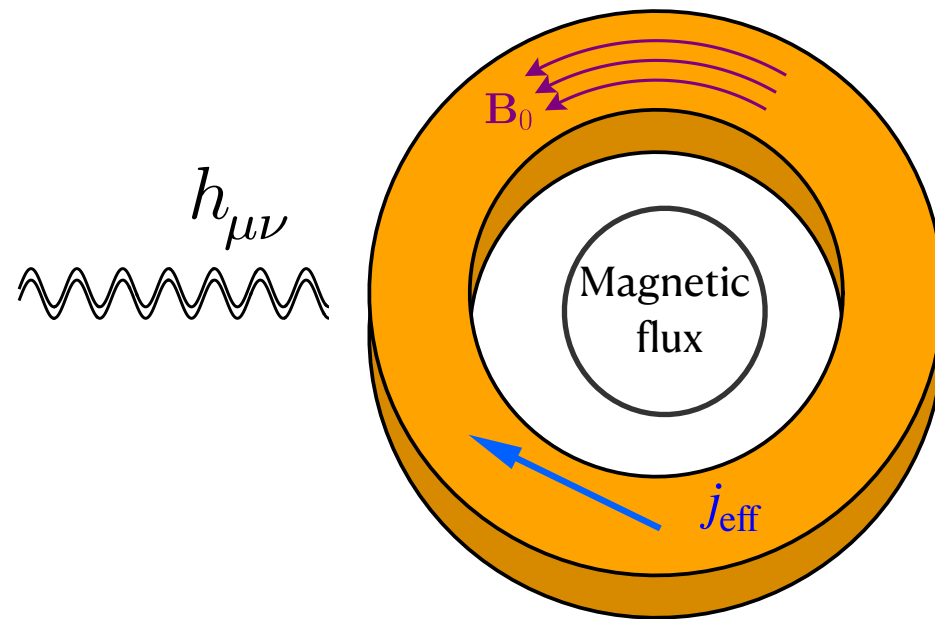
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$$\Phi \approx \frac{i e^{-i\omega t}}{16\sqrt{2}} h^{\times} \omega^3 B_{\max} \pi r^2 R a (a + 2R) s_{\theta_h}^2$$

$$\Phi_{\text{axions}} \approx e^{-i\omega t} g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sqrt{2\rho_{\text{DM}}} B_{\max} \pi r^2 R$$

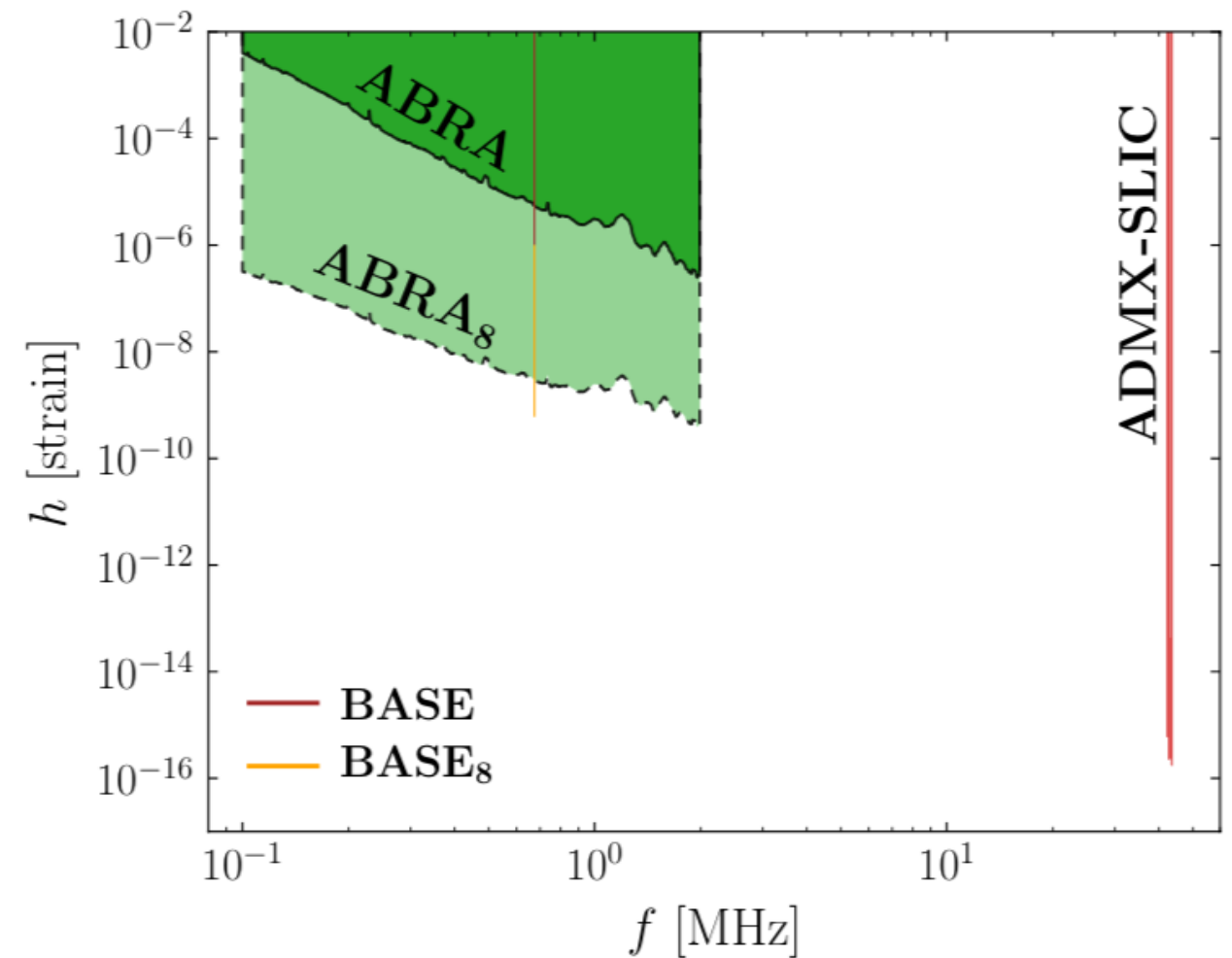
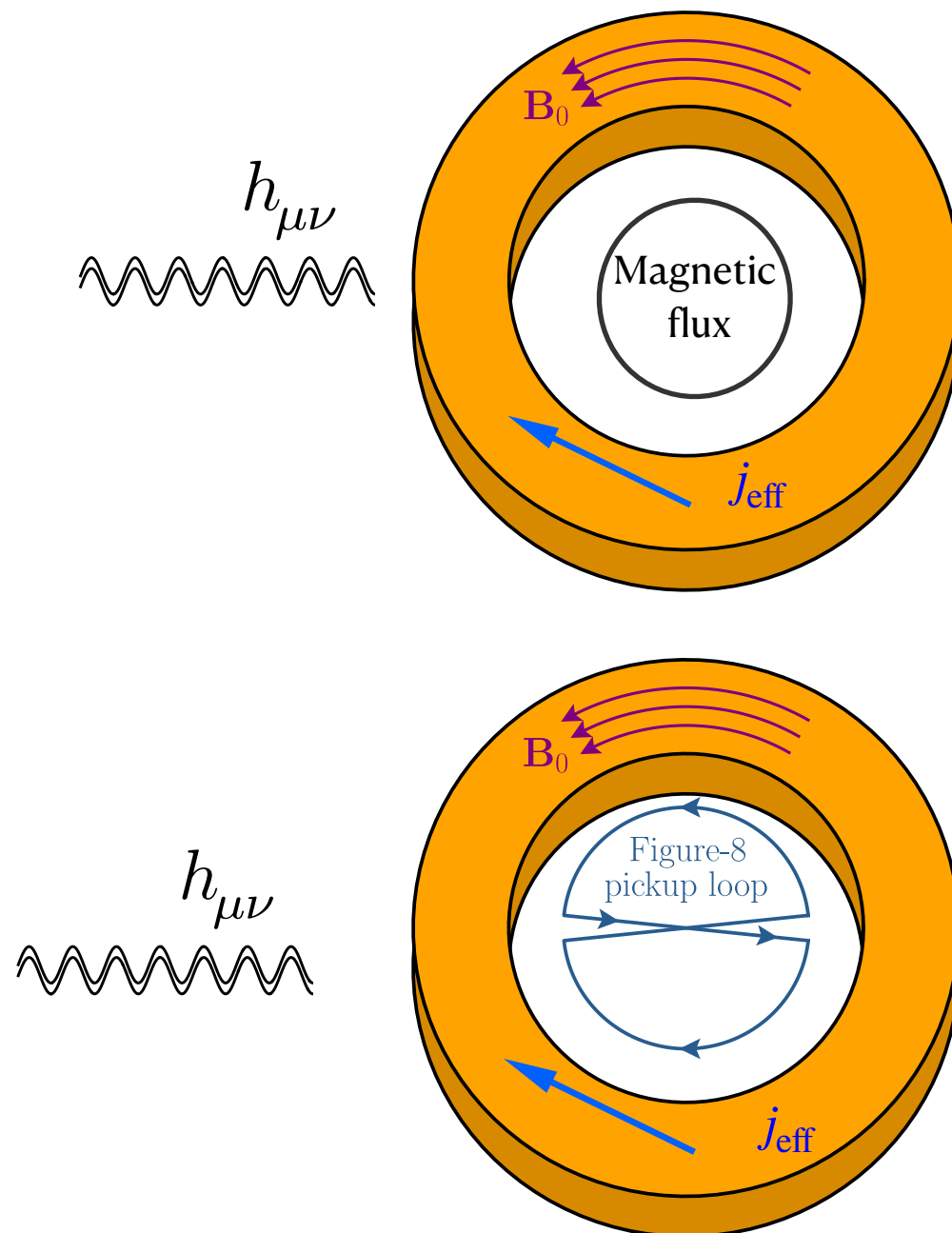
Only one polarization

Suppression at small frequencies

The sensitivity scaling with the volume is faster than for axions

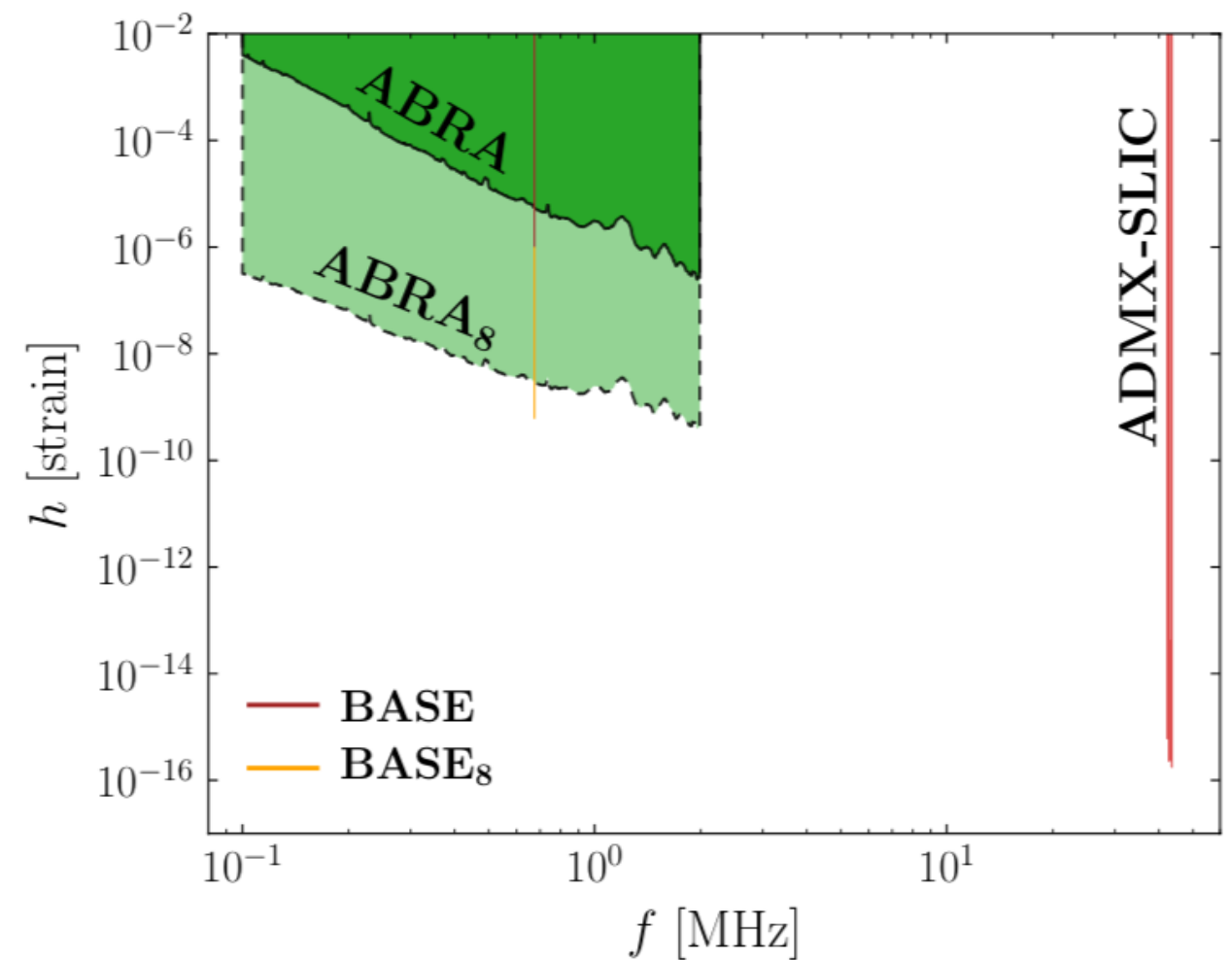
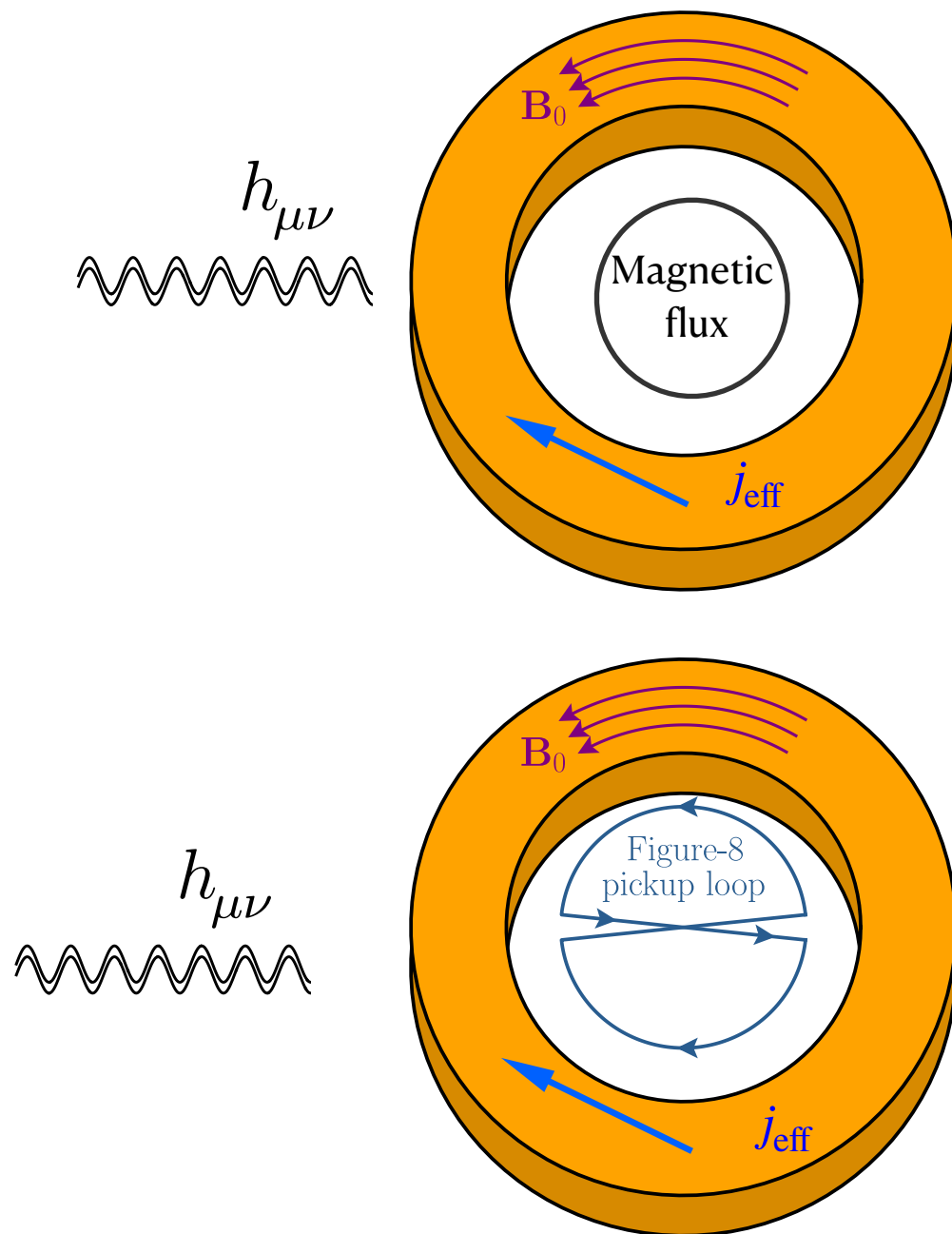
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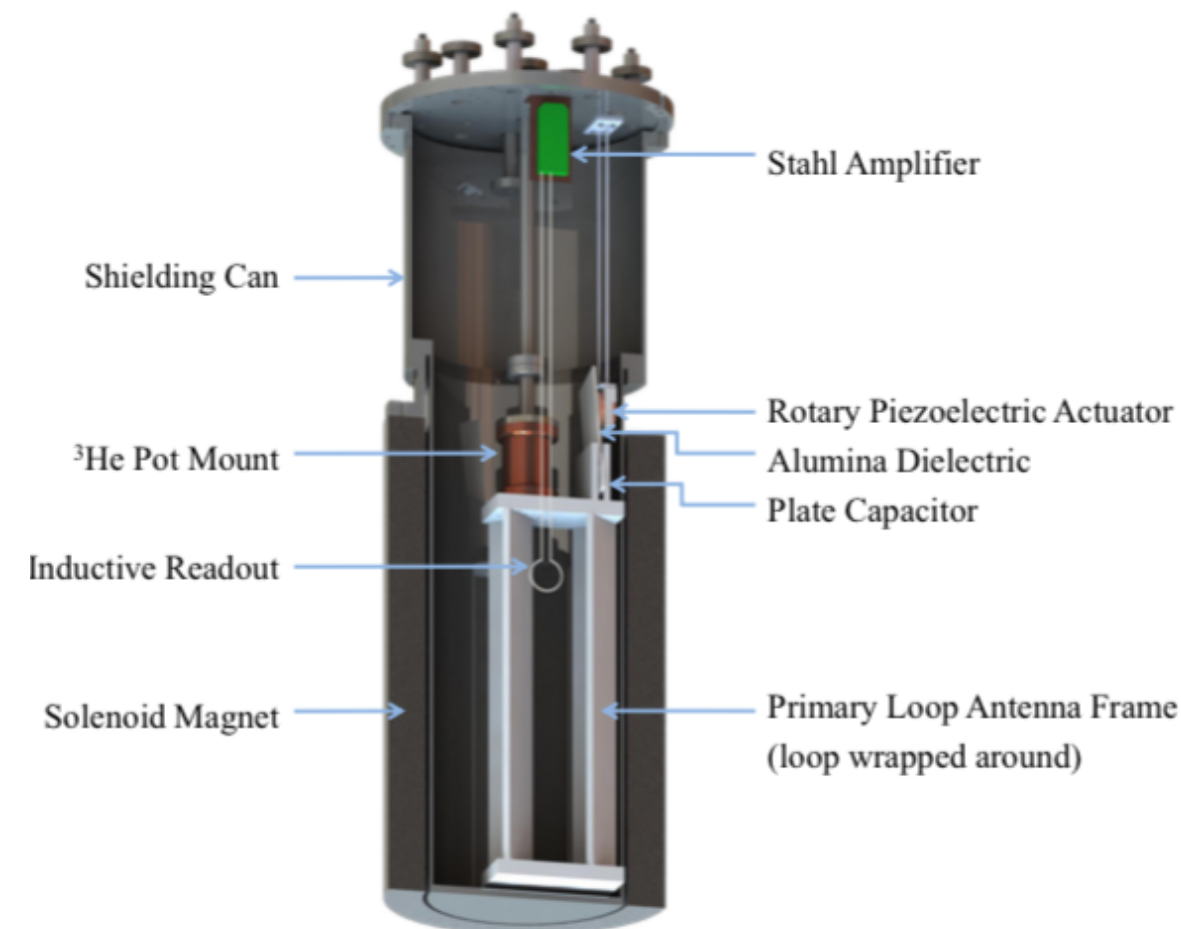
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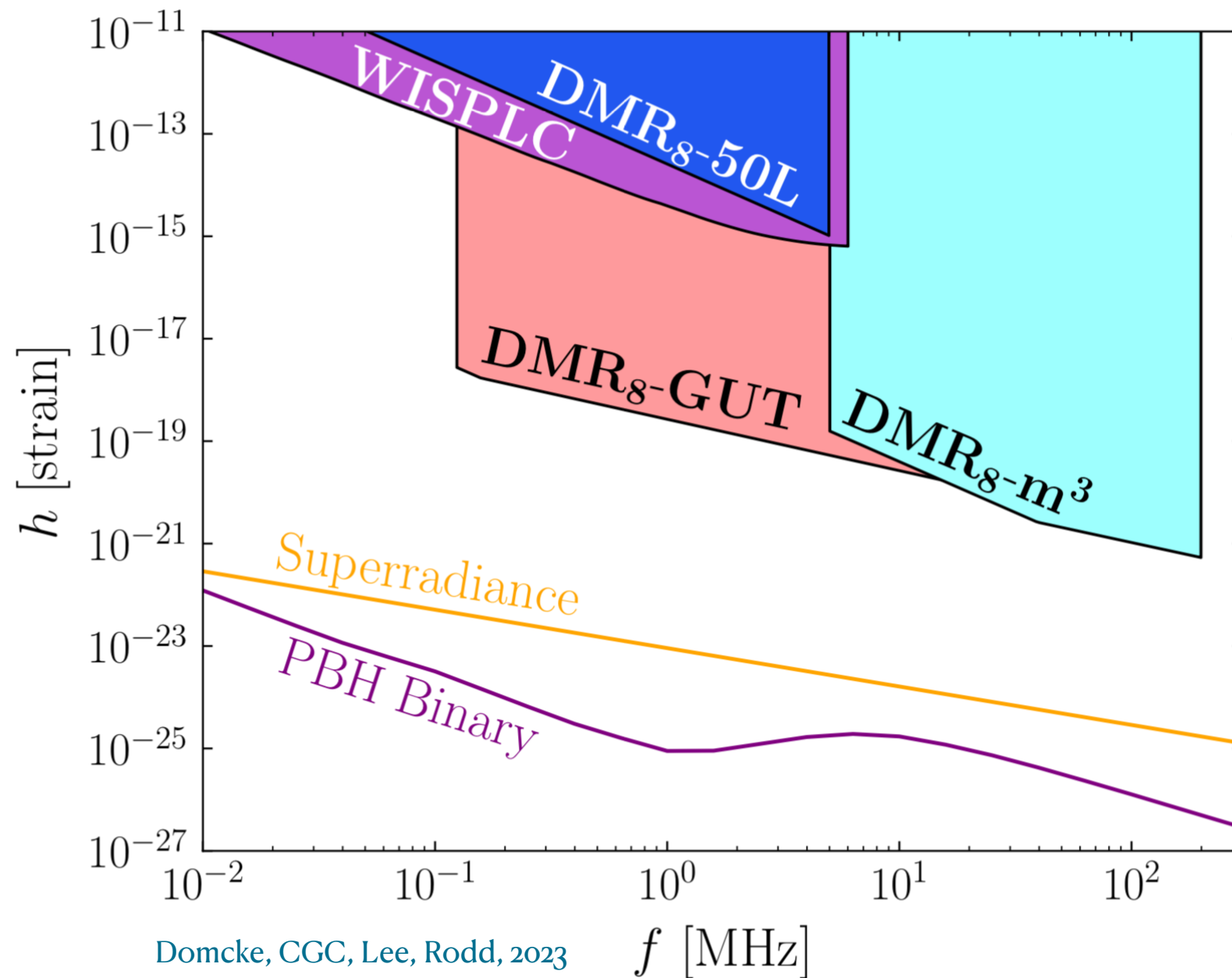
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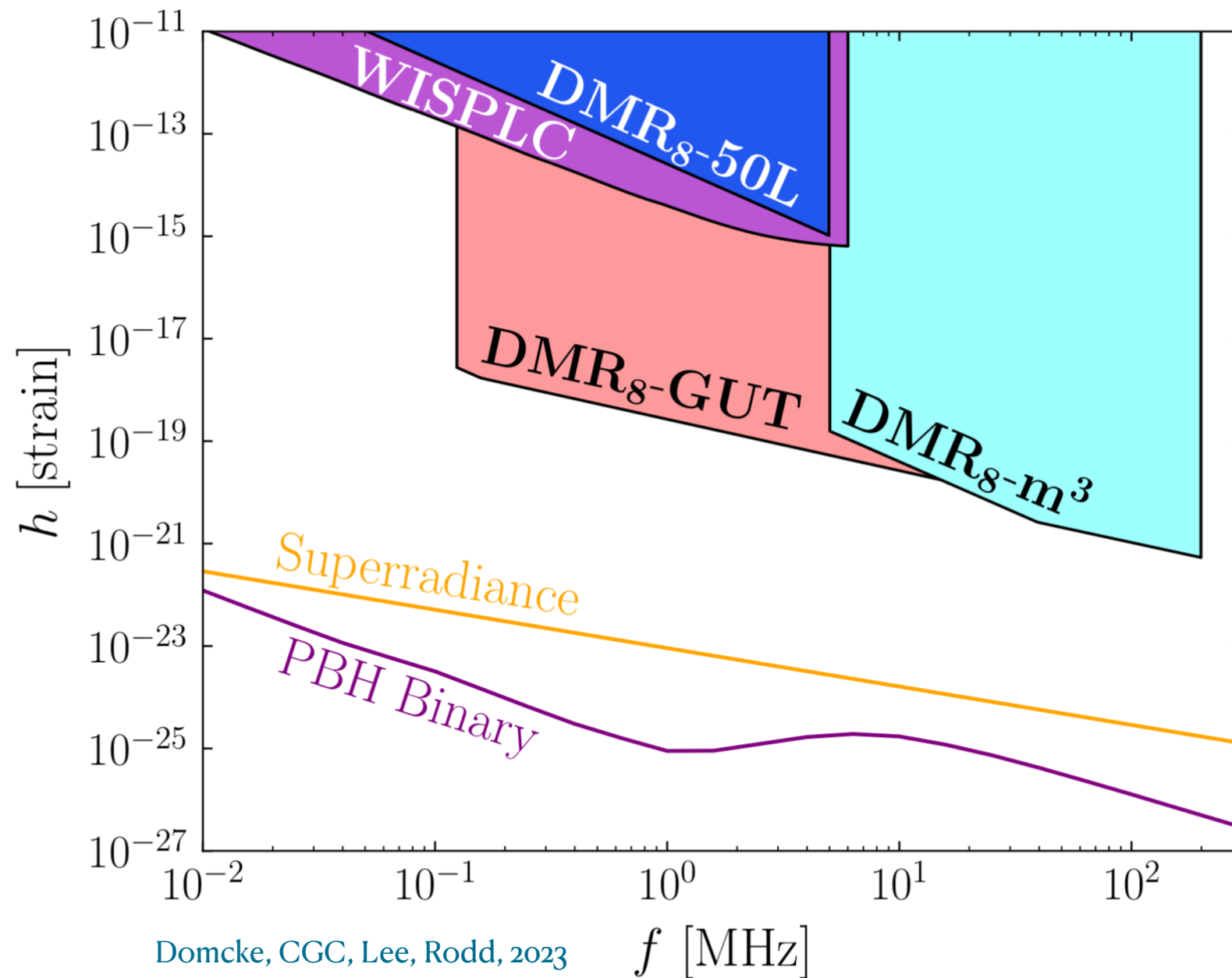
Search for dark matter with an LC circuit

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Haloscopes based on lumped-element detectors



How should we compare signals?



We propose a **coherence ratio** to recast axion searches taking into account the different time scales involved in the signals and detectors.

$$\Phi_h(h^+, h^\times; \phi_h, \theta_h) = \mathcal{R}_c \Phi_a(g_{a\gamma\gamma}),$$

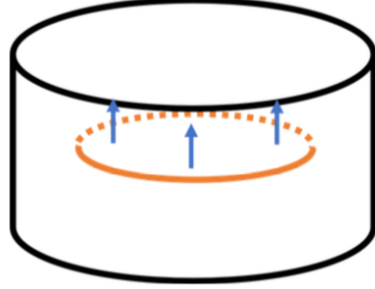
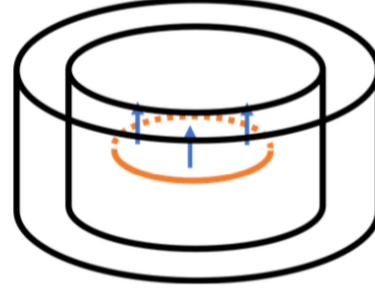
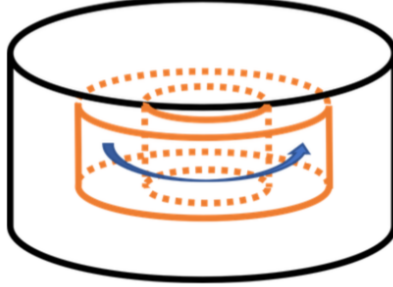
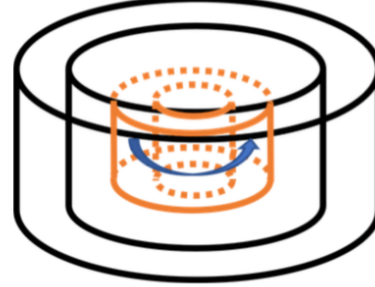
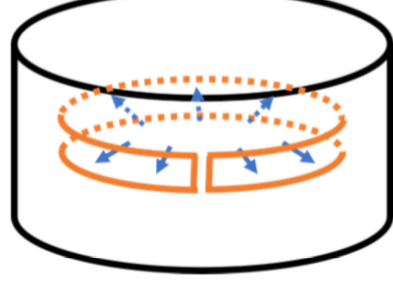
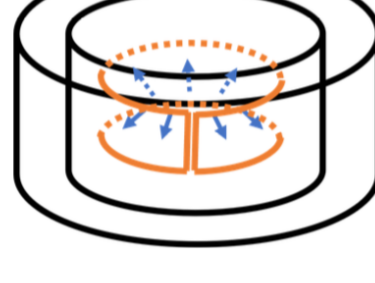
Impact of the geometry and selection rules

Impact of the geometry

Type of external field

Domcke, CGC, Lee, Rodd, 2023

Pickup loop orientation

	Solenoid: $\mathbf{B}_0 \propto \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z$	Toroid: $\mathbf{B}_0 \propto \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi$
$\hat{\mathbf{n}}' \propto \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z$	$h^+, n \text{ even} \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}[(\omega L)^2]$ $\Phi_h = \frac{e^{-i\omega t}}{48\sqrt{2}} h^+ \omega^2 B_0 s_{\theta_h}^2 \pi r^2 (11r^2 + 14R^2 + 16R^2 \ln \frac{R}{H})$ 	$h^\times, n \text{ odd} \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}[(\omega L)^3]$ $\Phi_h = \frac{ie^{-i\omega t}}{48\sqrt{2}} h^\times \omega^3 B_{\max} \pi r^2 a R (a + 2R) s_{\theta_h}^2$ 
$\hat{\mathbf{n}}' \propto \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi$	$h^\times, n \text{ odd} \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}[(\omega L)^3]$ $\Phi_h = \frac{ie^{-i\omega t}}{96\sqrt{2}} h^\times \omega^3 B_0 \pi r^2 l (12R^2 - 5r^2) s_{\theta_h}^2$ 	$h^+, n \text{ even} \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}[(\omega L)^2]$ $\Phi_h = \frac{3e^{-i\omega t}}{4\sqrt{2}} h^+ \omega^2 B_{\max} \frac{\pi r^2 a R l (a + 2R)}{H^2} s_{\theta_h}^2$ 
$\hat{\mathbf{n}}' \propto \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho$	$h^+, n \text{ odd} \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}[(\omega L)^3]$ $\Phi_h = \frac{ie^{-i\omega t}}{96\sqrt{2}} h^+ B_0 \omega^3 c_{\theta_h} s_{\theta_h}^2 \times \pi r^2 l (3l^2 - 22(r^2 + 2R^2) - 36R^2 \ln \frac{R}{H})$ 	$h^\times, n \text{ even} \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}[(\omega L)^4]$ $\Phi_h = \frac{e^{-i\omega t}}{32\sqrt{2}} h^\times \omega^4 B_{\max} \pi r^2 a R l (a + 2R) c_{\theta_h} s_{\theta_h}^2$ 

Selection rules

In the proper detector frame the coordinate system closely matches the intuitive description of an Earth-based laboratory

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$$h_{00} = \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} f(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}) r_m r_n \sum_{A=+, \times} h_A e_{mn}^A(\hat{\mathbf{k}}),$$

$$h_{0i} = \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} [f(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}) - i f'(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})] [\hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{r} r_m \delta_{ni} - r_m r_n \hat{k}_i] \sum_{A=+, \times} h_A e_{mn}^A(\hat{\mathbf{k}}),$$

$$h_{ij} = -i \omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} f'(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}) [|\mathbf{r}|^2 \delta_{im} \delta_{jn} + r_m r_n \delta_{ij} - r_n r_j \delta_{im} - r_m r_j \delta_{in}] \sum_{A=+, \times} h_A e_{mn}^A(\hat{\mathbf{k}}),$$

$$f(\xi) = [e^{i\xi} - 1 - i\xi] / \xi^2$$

The ω^2 dependence is unavoidable

Selection rules

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Write down the detector response matrix for a wave coming from an arbitrary direction, and impose **cylindrical symmetry** for both external magnetic field and loop:

Selection Rule 1: For an instrument with azimuthal symmetry, $\Phi_h \propto h^+$ at $\mathcal{O}[(\omega L)^2]$

Selection Rule 2: For an instrument with azimuthal symmetry, the flux is proportional to either h^+ or h^\times , but not both. This holds to all orders in (ωL) .

Selection Rule 3: For an instrument with full cylindrical symmetry, Φ_h will contain only even or odd powers of ω .

Novel effects

Effective magnetization and polarization

$$j_{\text{eff}}^{\mu} = \left(-\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}, \nabla \times \mathbf{M} + \partial_t \mathbf{P} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \mathbf{B}, \quad \mathbf{M} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \mathbf{E}$$

$$P_i = -h_{ij}E_j + \frac{1}{2}hE_i + h_{00}E_i - \epsilon_{ijk}h_{0j}B_k$$
$$M_i = -h_{ij}B_j - \frac{1}{2}hB_i + h_{jj}B_i + \epsilon_{ijk}h_{0j}E_k$$

McAllister et al, 1803.07755

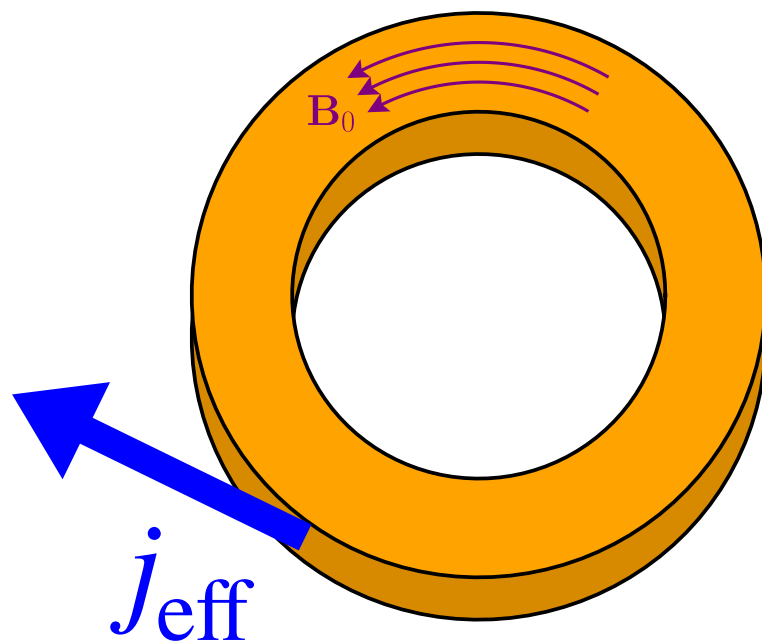
Tobar et al, 1809.01654

Ouellet et al, 1809.10709

Domcke, CGC, Rodd, 2202.00695

Non-zero *effective* surface currents

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At the interface of two bodies with different values of the magnetisation vector M , Maxwell's equations predict a **surface current** proportional to $\mathbf{n} \times \Delta M$

**For axions this happens to vanish,
but that is not the case of GWs**

Sizeable effects. This should also be relevant for cavities

Excitation of mechanical modes

The proper detector frame closely matches the intuitive description of an Earth-based laboratory

Fermi, 1922

Manasse and Misner, 1963

Ni and Zimmermann, 1978

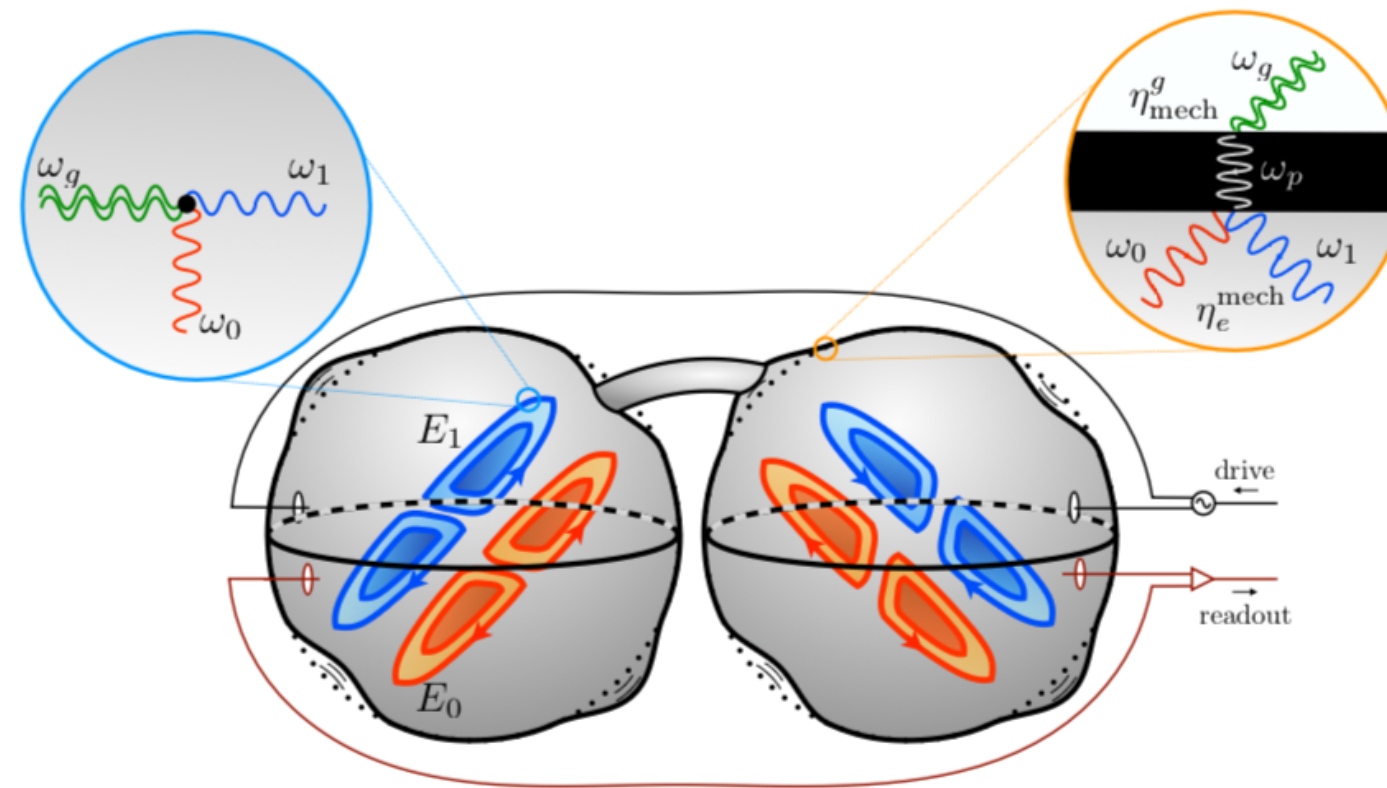
- Coordinates given by ideal rigid rulers

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu = \eta_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu \text{ for } dx^\mu = (0, dr \hat{\mathbf{r}})$$

- The gravitational wave acts as a Newtonian force.
If negligible, the static fields applied in experiments remain static in the presence of GWs.

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Excitation of mechanical modes



- The gravitational wave acts as a Newtonian force.
If not negligible, coupling of the mechanical modes can play an important role (this is certainly the case at frequencies above the first mechanical resonance)
- This can enhance the sensitivity

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Conclusions

The techniques developed for detecting **axion dark matter** could potentially be used to discover new sources of **gravitational waves**.

Different experimental proposals have coalesced on a **strain sensitivity of 10^{-22} for MHz GWs**, still orders of magnitude away from signals of the early Universe.

Lots of room for improvement because experiments are not optimized for gravitational wave searches.

Indeed, theoretical studies indicate that **selection rules** limit the detectability of gravitational waves in highly symmetric detectors.

Simple modifications of readout (such as the figure-8 pickup loop) can overcome this limitation