

# Ideas to probe gravitational waves with axion haloscopes

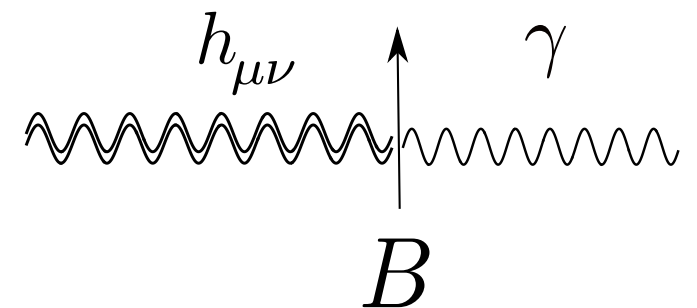
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# Outline

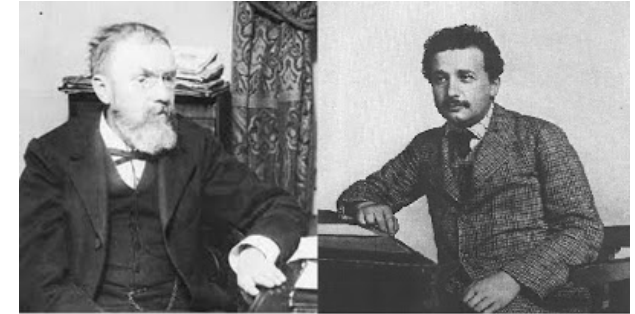
- Why high-frequency gravitational waves?
- Gravitational waves in axion haloscopes
- Experimental efforts at home
- Conclusions



**Why high-frequency  
gravitational waves?**

# Gravitational Waves

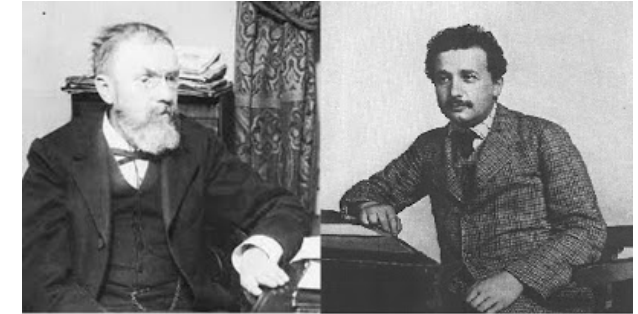
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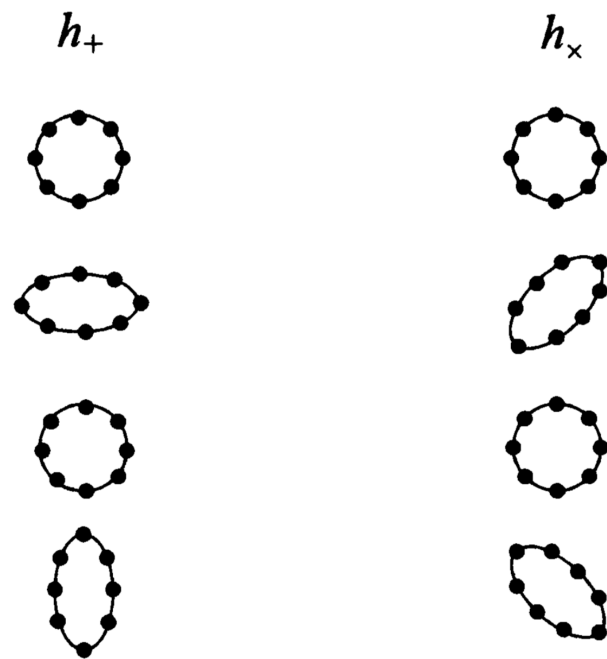
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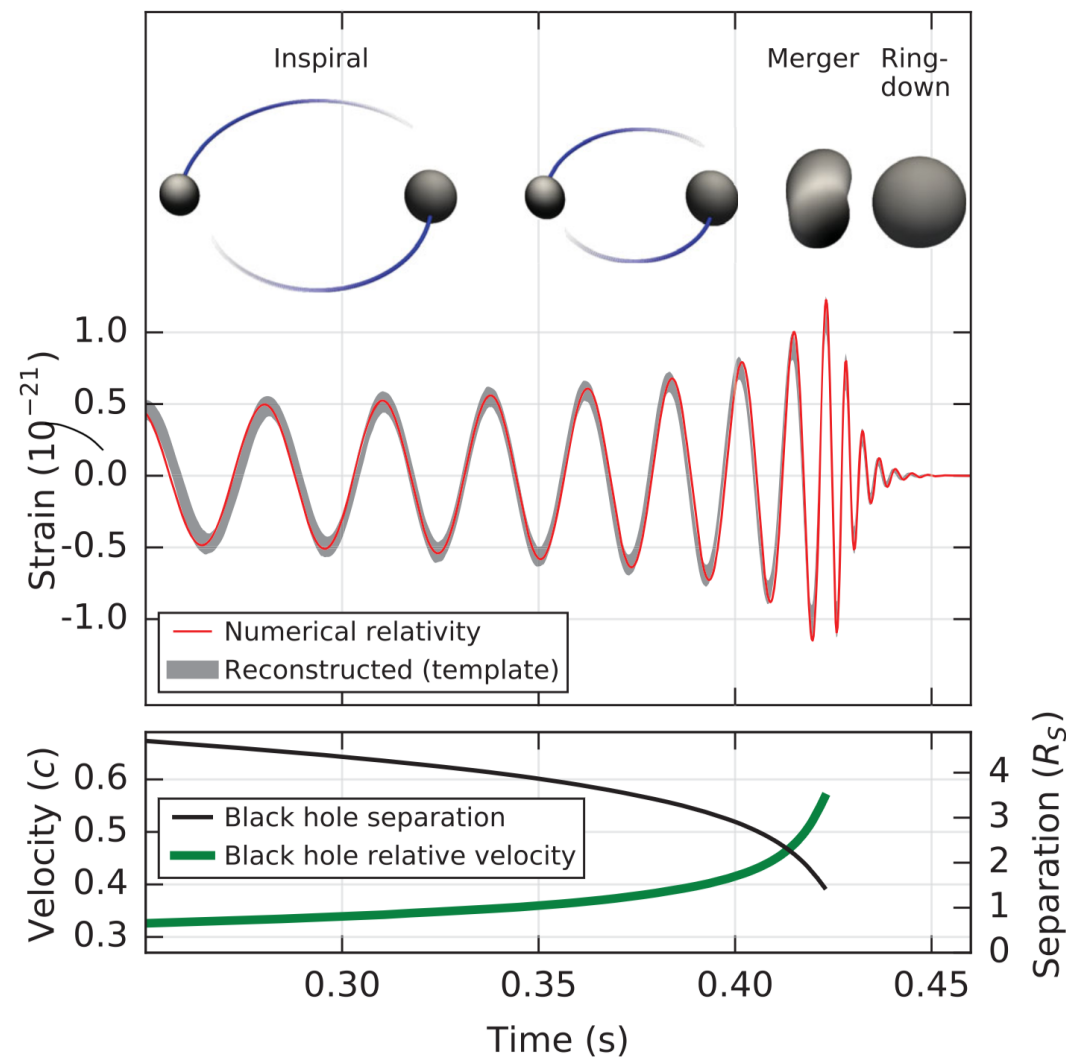
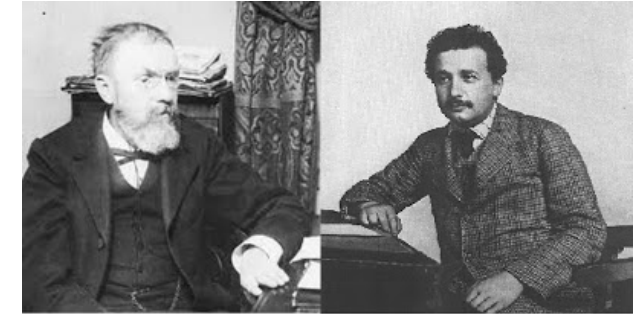
wave equation  
describing two  
polarization modes



The deformation of a ring of test masses  
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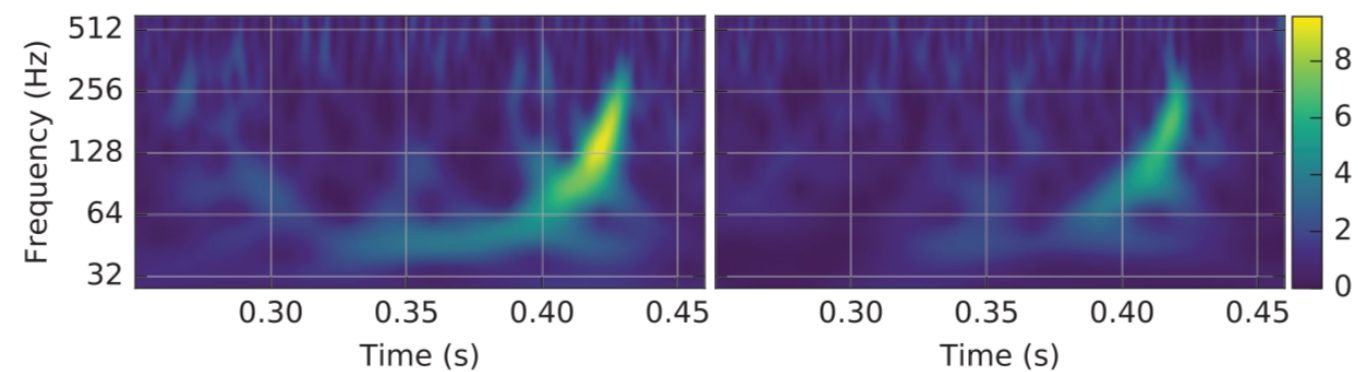
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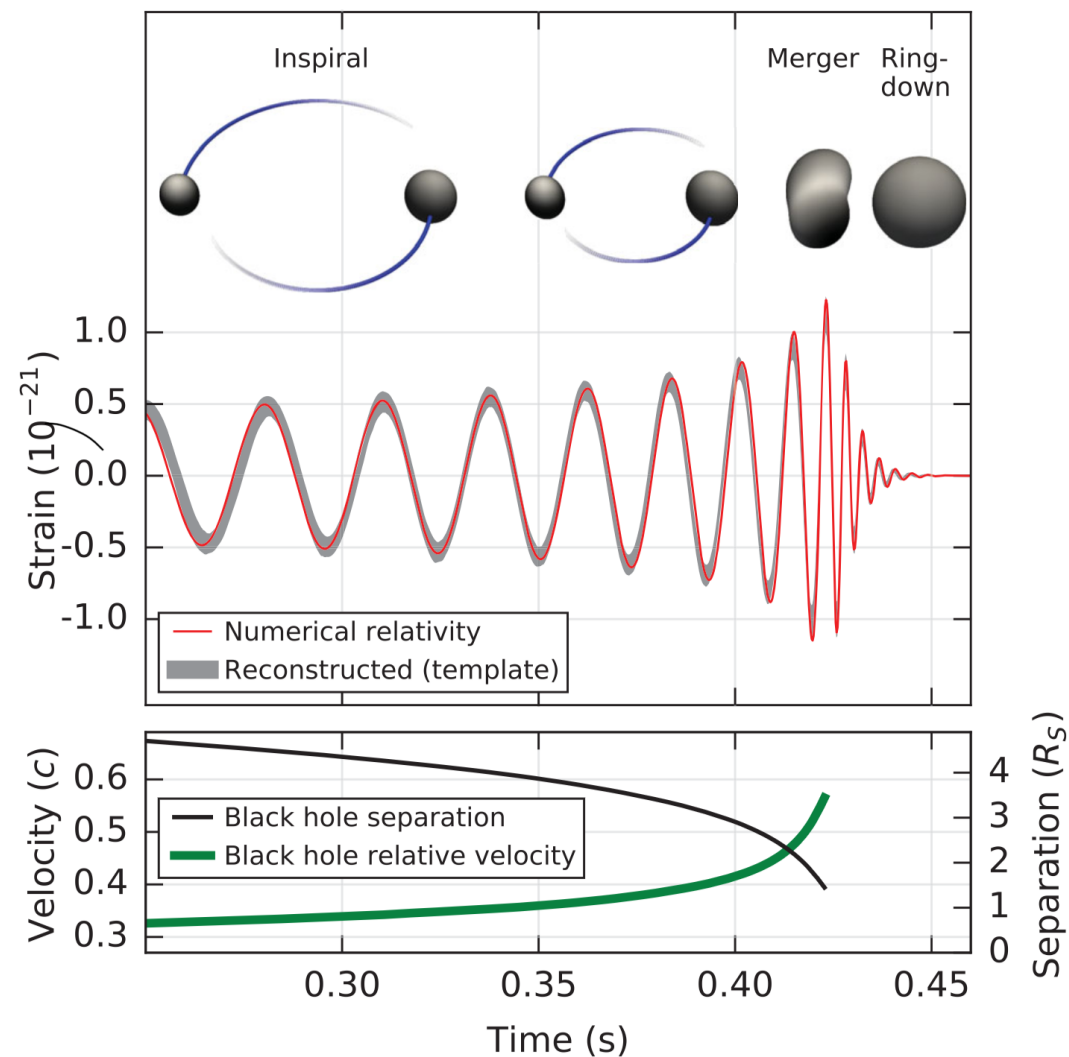
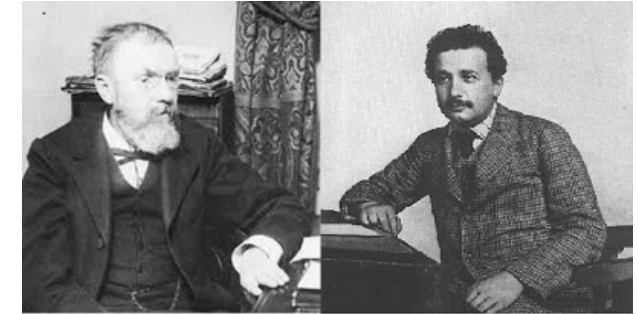


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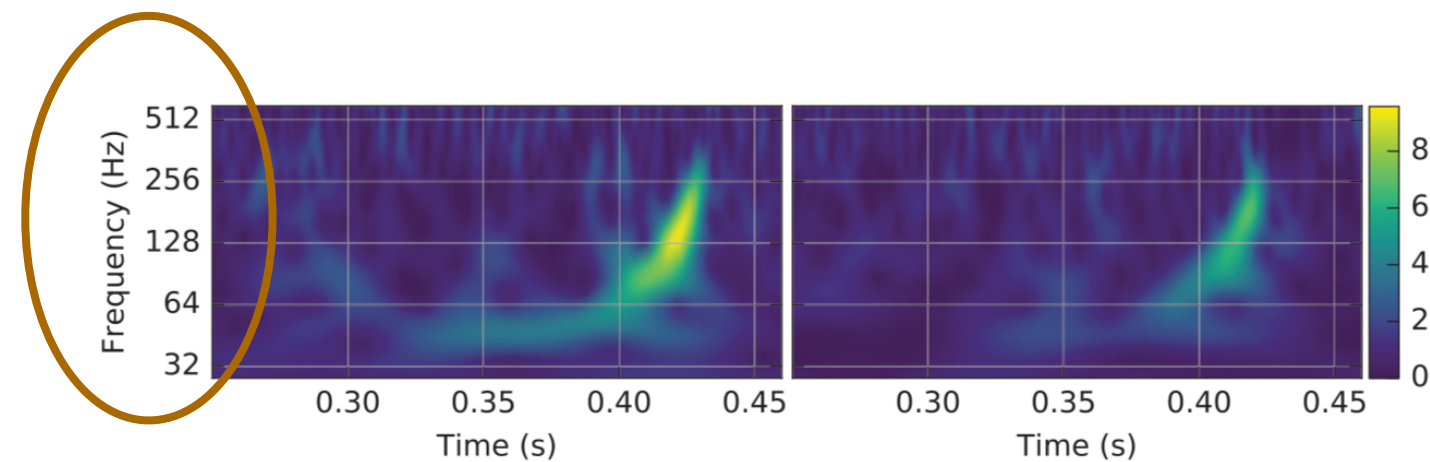
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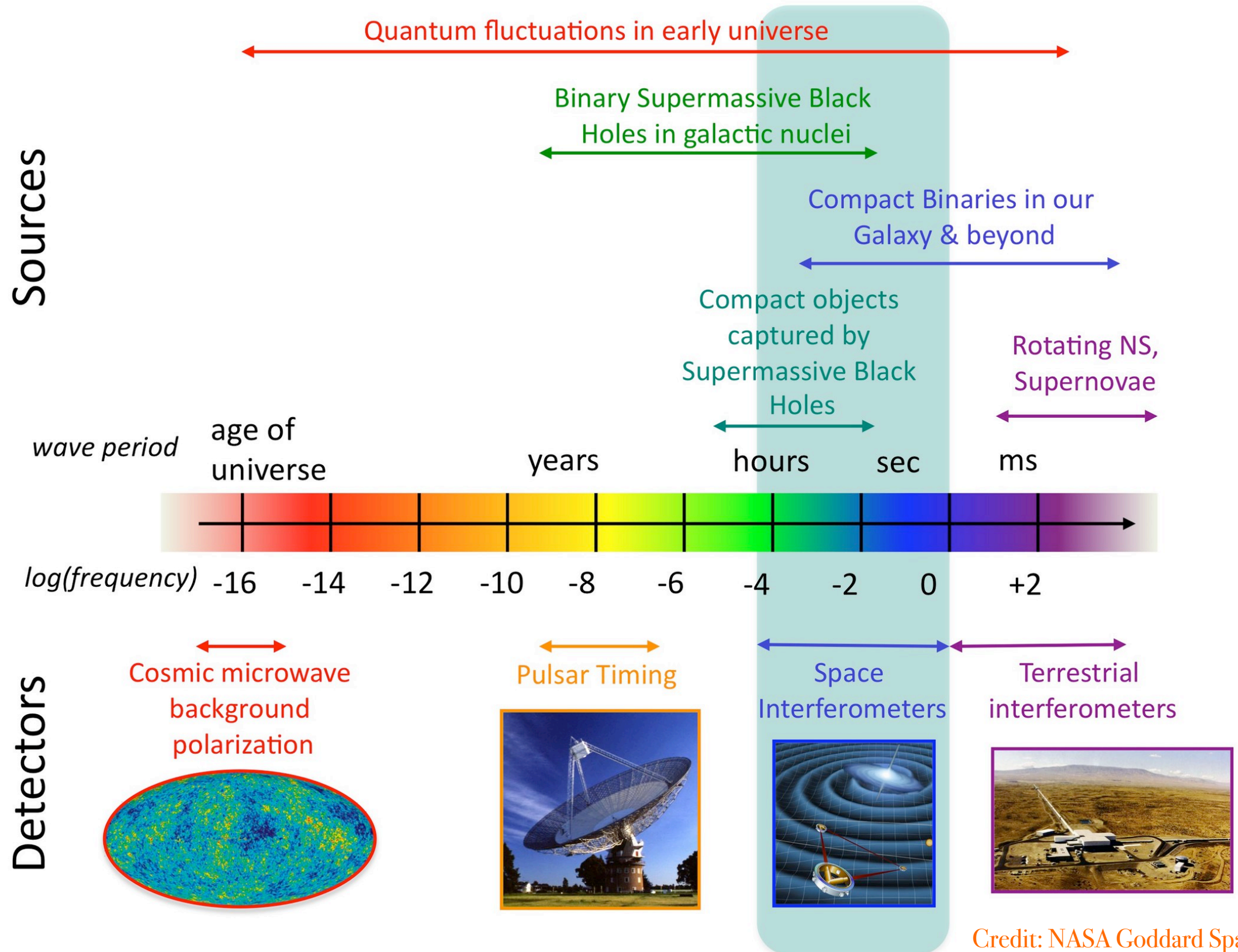


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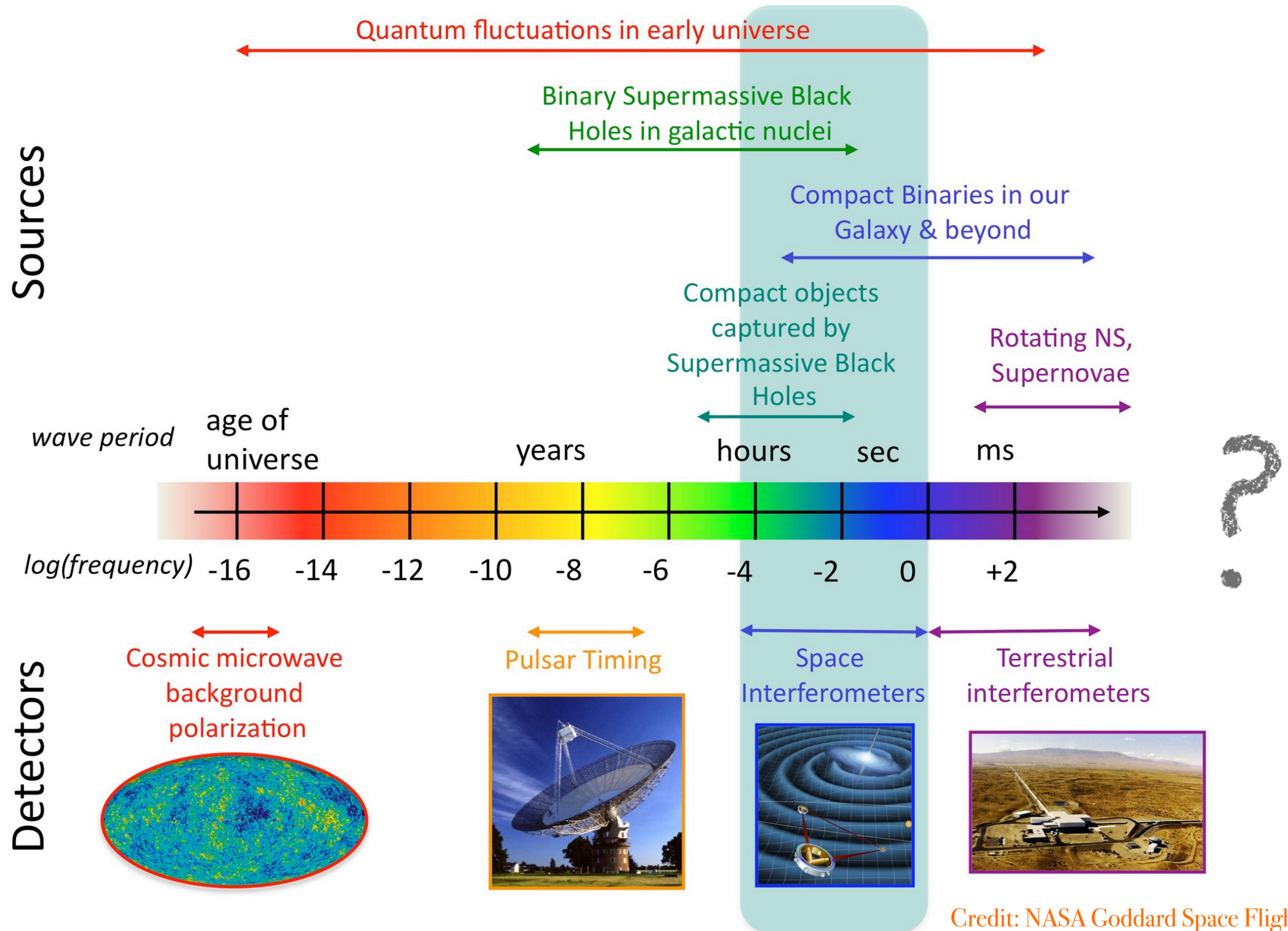


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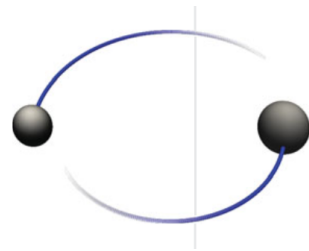
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# Lessons from the two-body problem



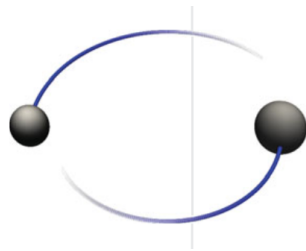
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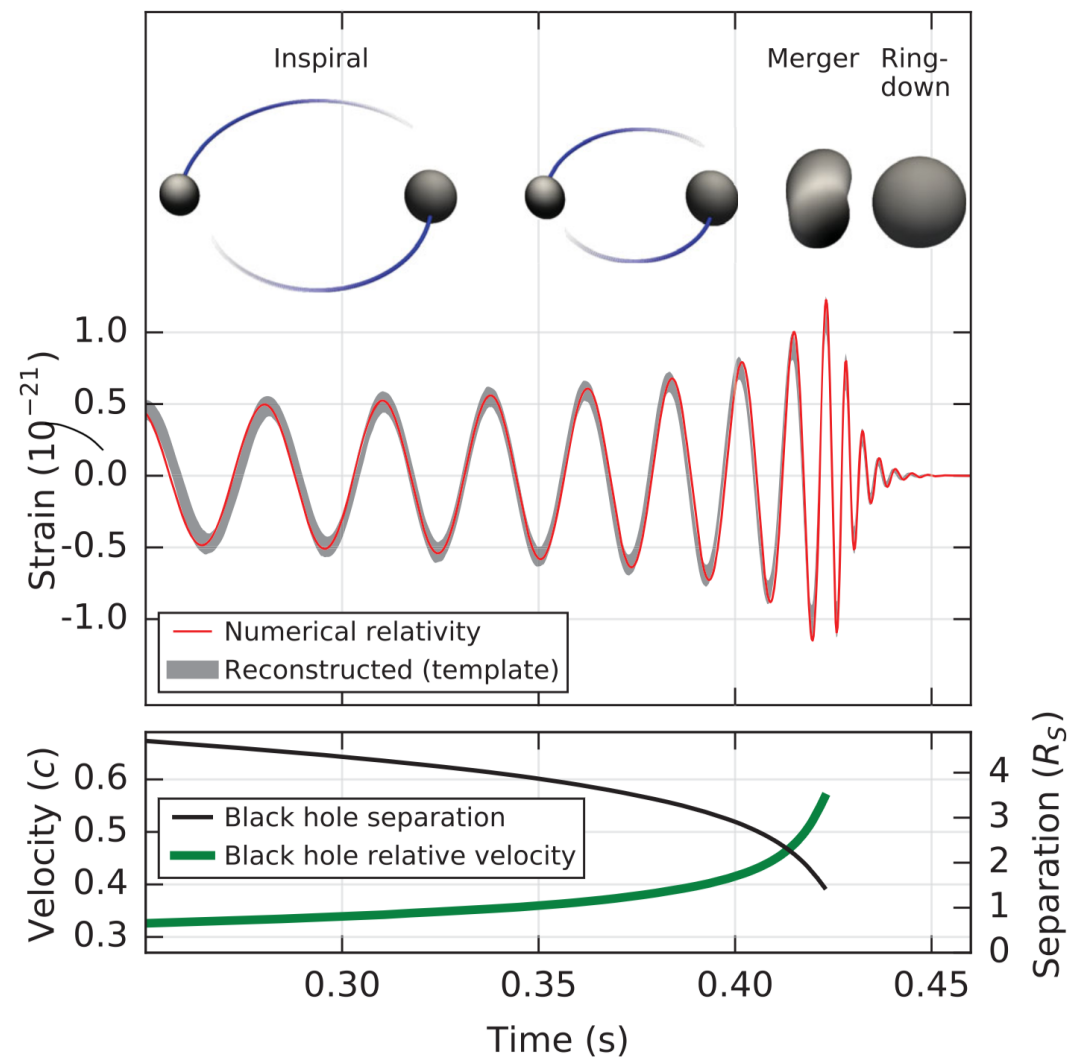
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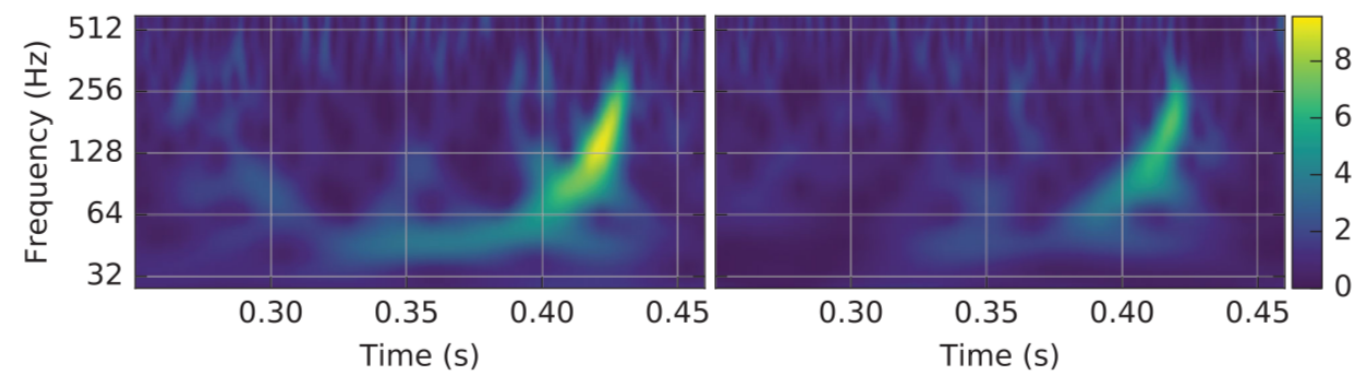
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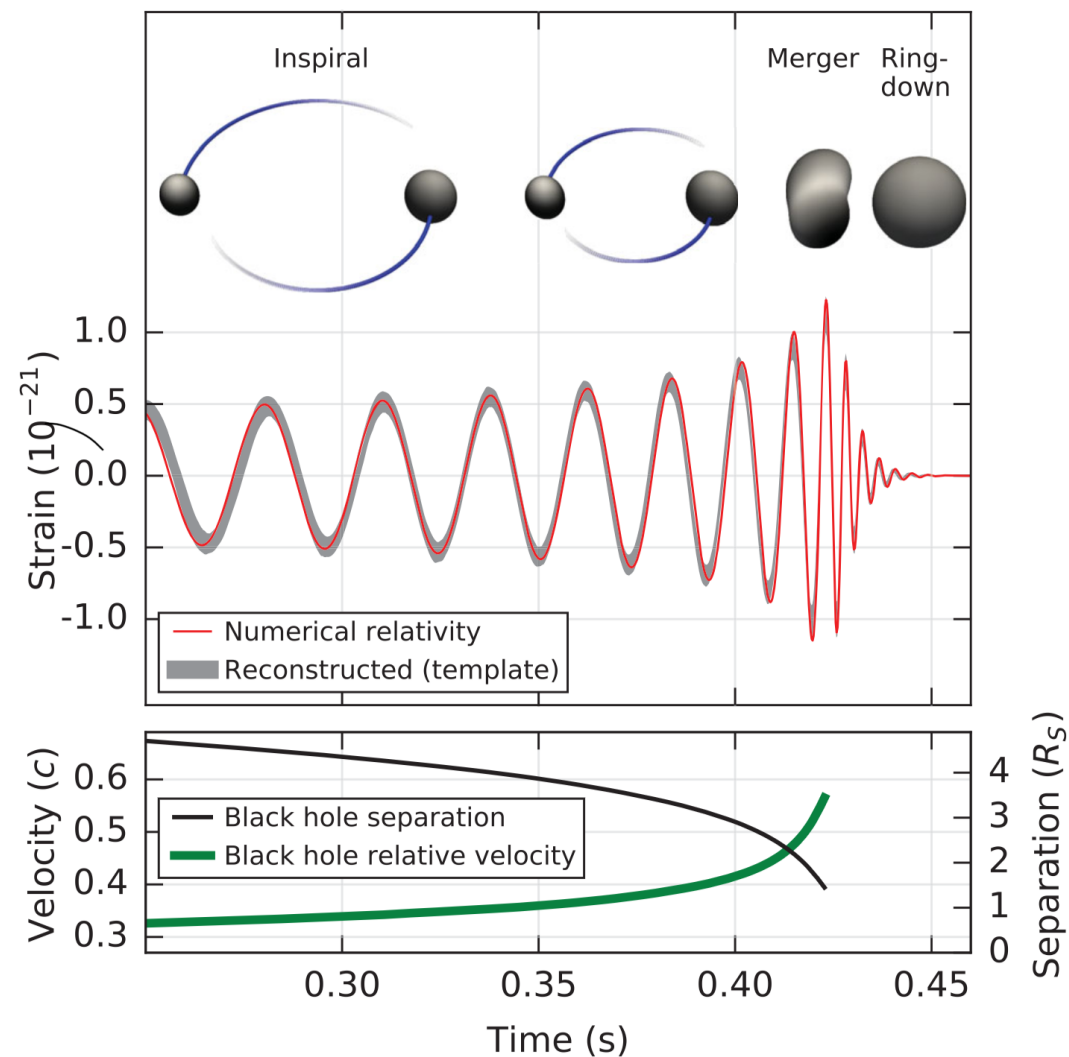
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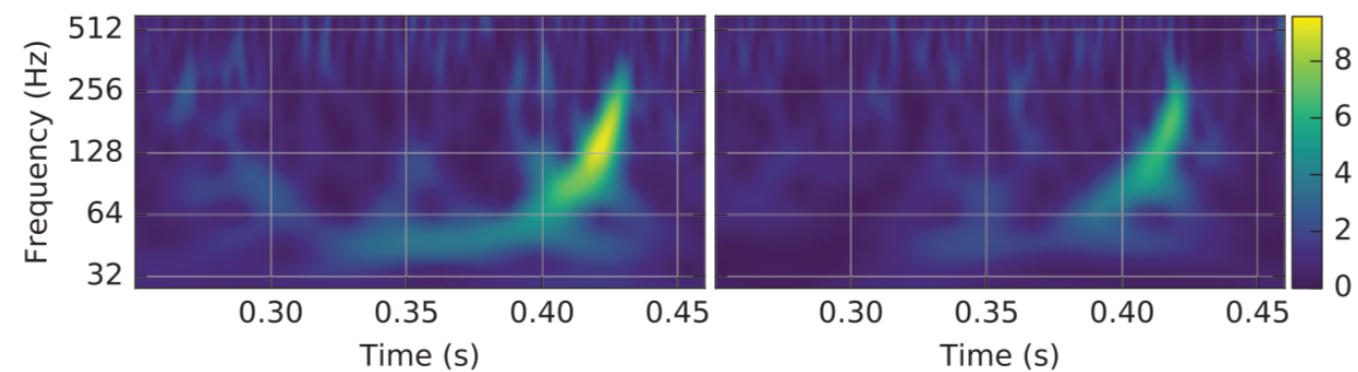
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# High-frequency gravitational waves

No known astrophysical objects are small and dense enough to produce gravitational waves beyond 10 kHz

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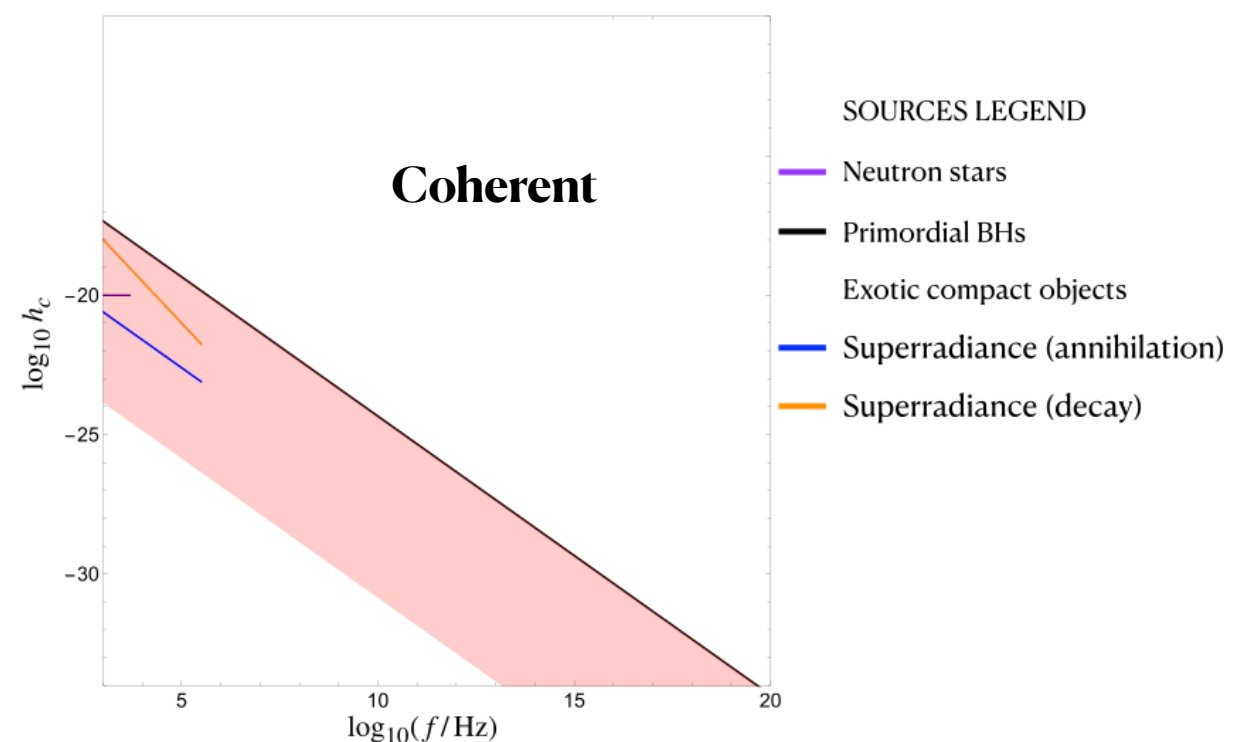
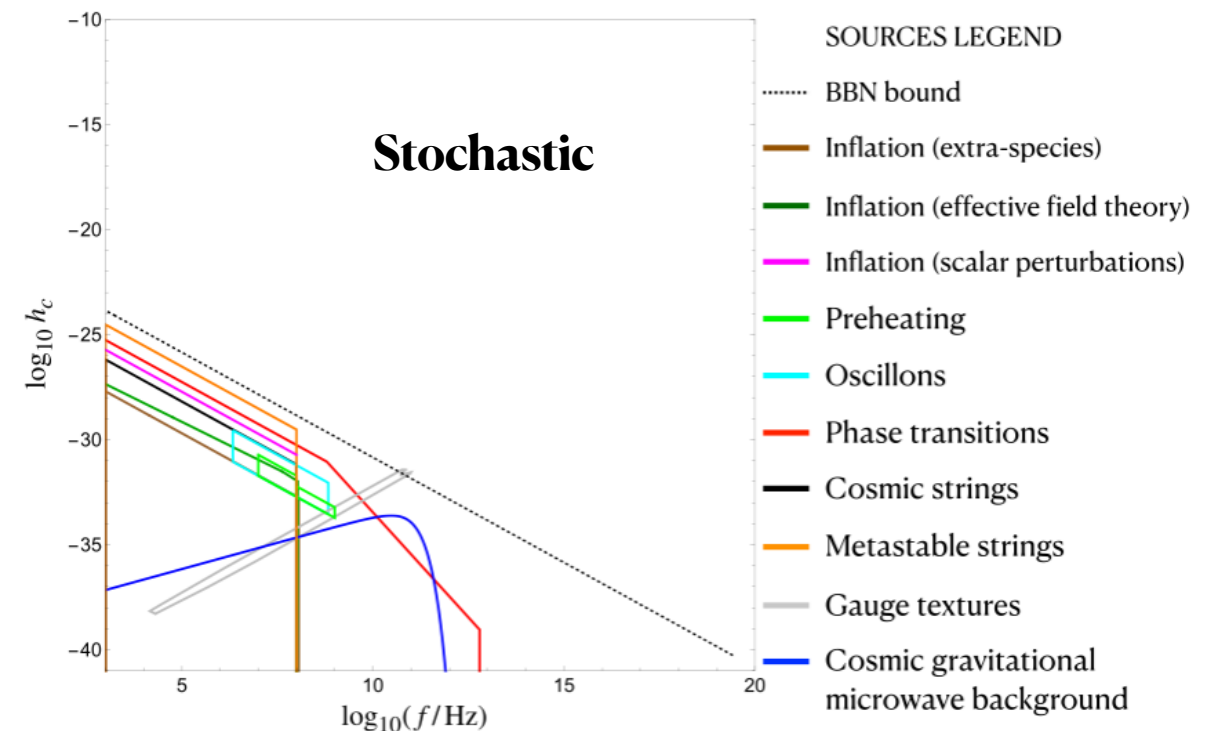
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## Challenges and opportunities of gravitational-wave searches at MHz to GHz frequencies

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



# Revisiting Gertsenhstein's ideas

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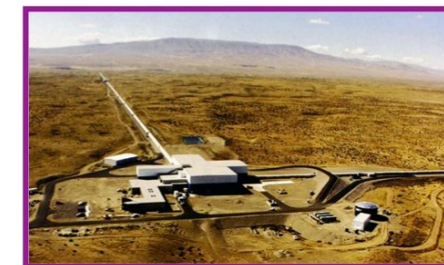
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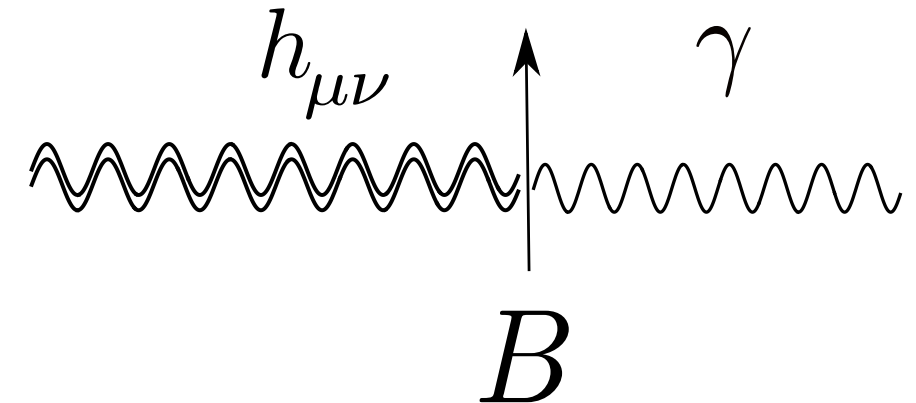
## WAVE RESONANCE OF LIGHT AND GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

M. E. GERTSENSHTEIN

Submitted to JETP editor July 29, 1960

J. Exptl. Theoret. Phys. (U.S.S.R.) **41**, 113-114 (July, 1961)

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



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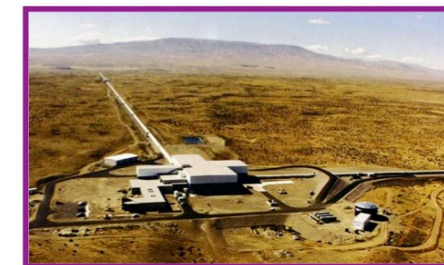
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- The process is strictly analogous to axion dark matter conversion.

Raffelt, Stodolski'89



# Dark Matter

The dark matter hypothesis is remarkably simple and explain observations at many other scales

## Velocity measurements

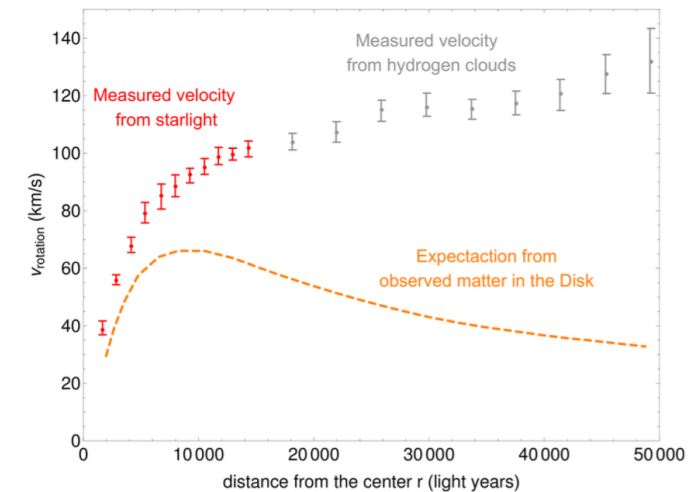
- Flat rotation curves of spiral galaxies
- Velocity dispersion of stars in giant elliptical and dwarf spheroidal galaxies
- Velocity dispersion of galaxies in clusters

## Lensing

- Weak lensing by large-scale structure and cluster mergers
- Strong lensing by individual galaxies and clusters

## Universe at large scales

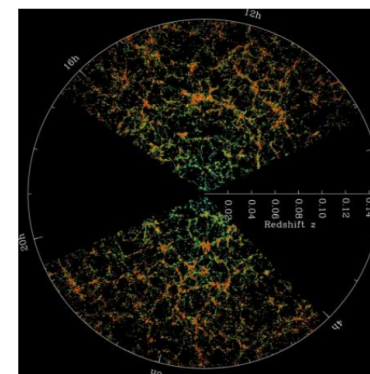
- Abundance of clusters
- Large-scale distribution of galaxies
- Power spectrum of CMB anisotropies



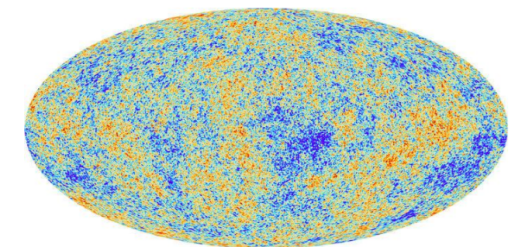
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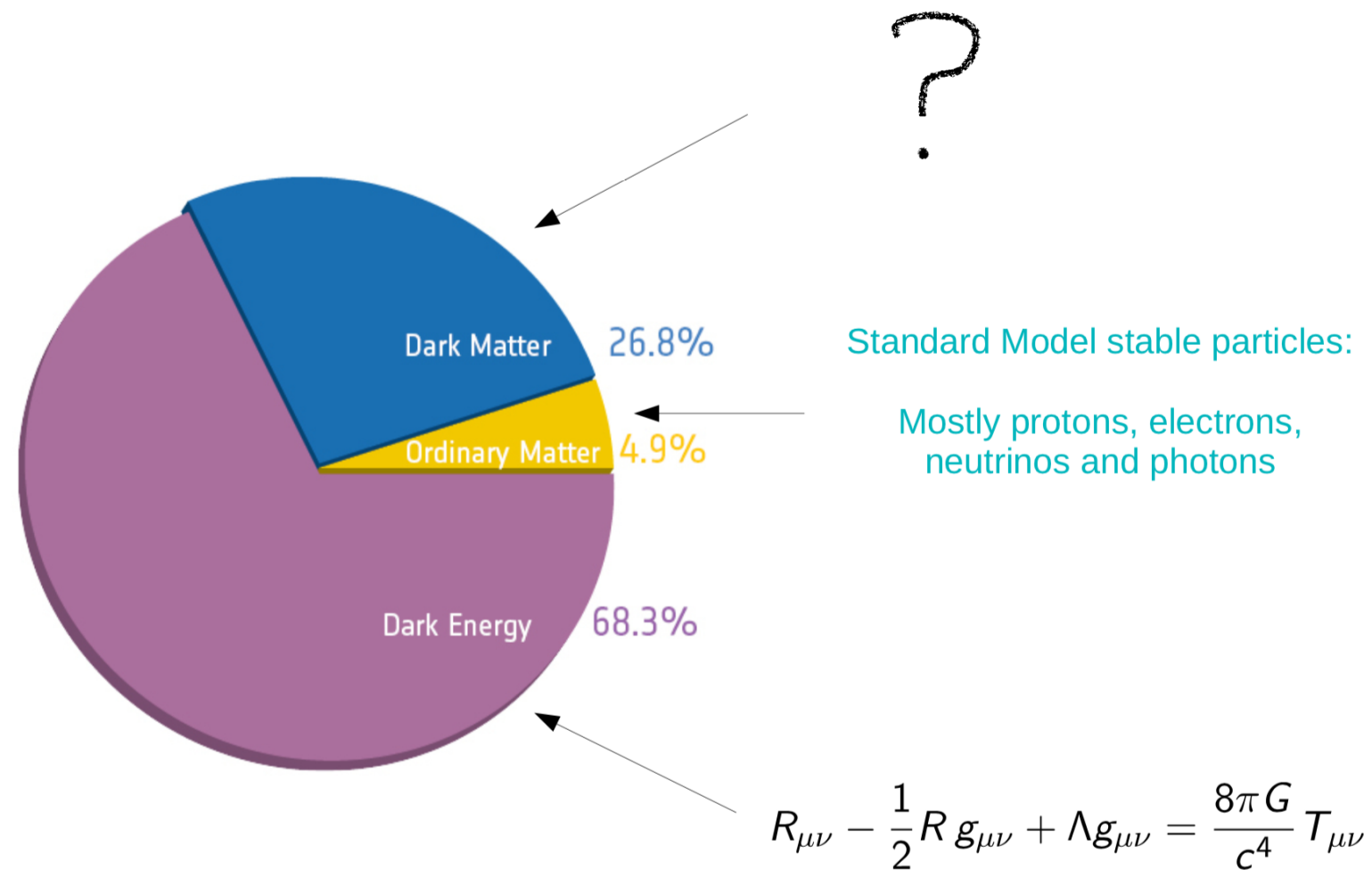
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# Dark Matter



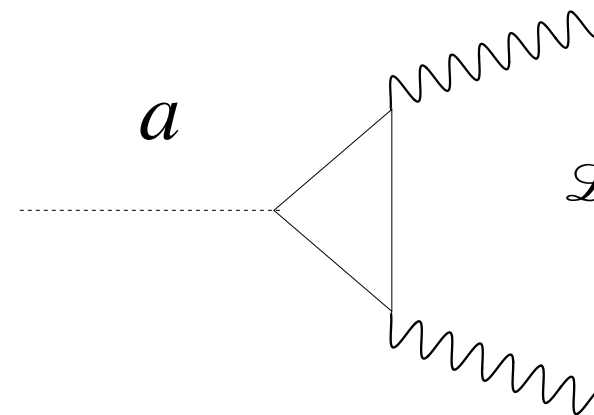
# Dark Matter



Bertone Tait, 2018

# QCD axion as dark matter

- Pseudoscalar field



A Feynman diagram illustrating the coupling of an axion field  $a$  to two photons. On the left, a horizontal dashed line labeled  $a$  enters a triangular loop. The two vertices of the loop are connected by solid lines. From each vertex, a wavy line representing a photon extends to the right.

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}g_{a\gamma\gamma}aF_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

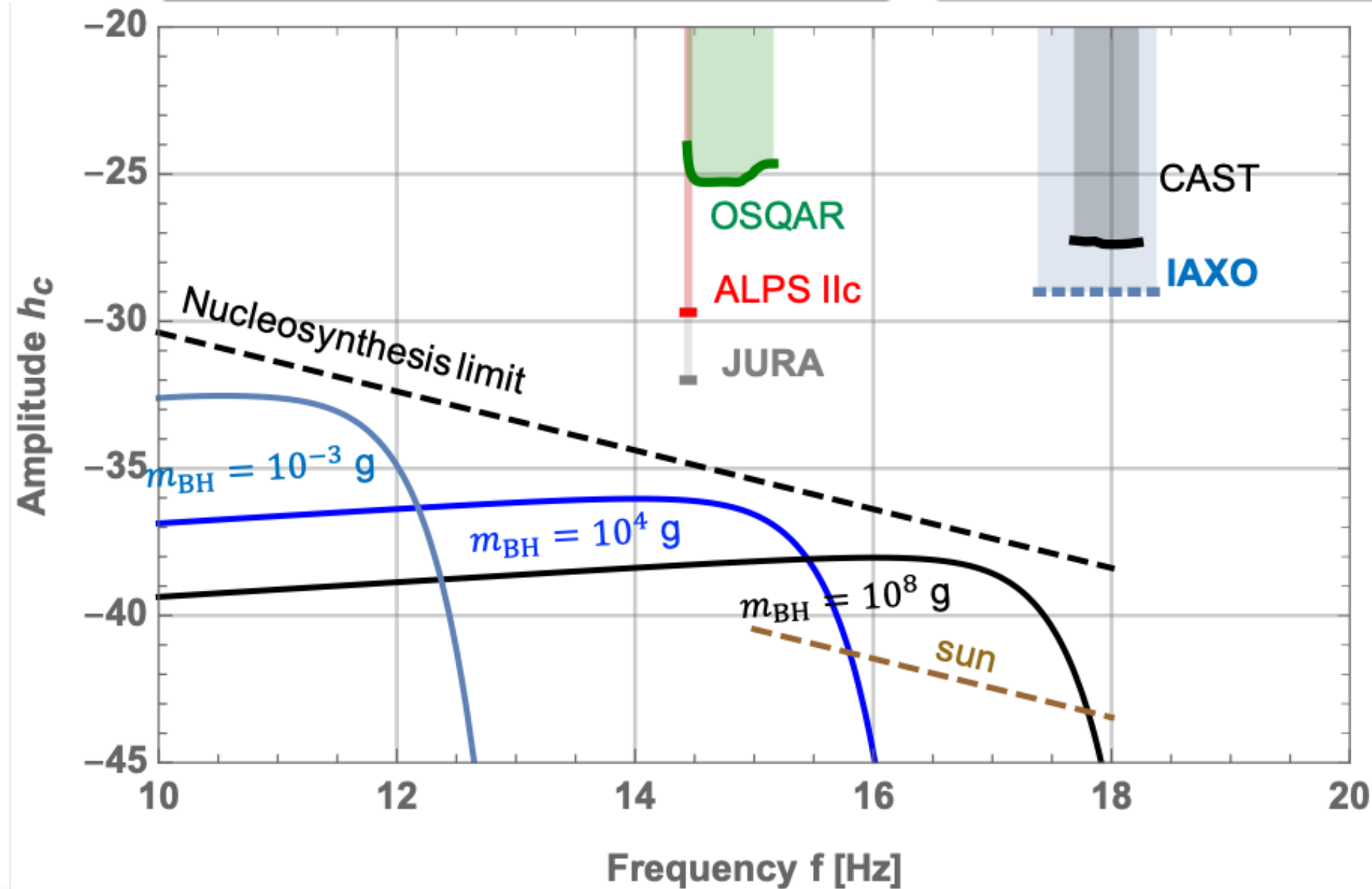
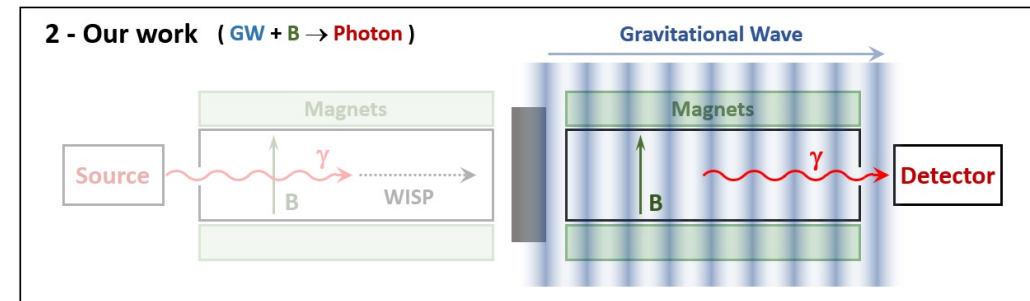
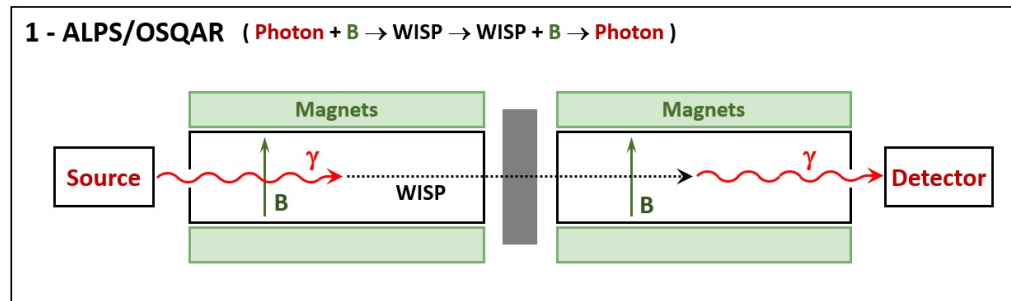
- Solution to the strong CP problem

Peccei, Quinn 1977

- Excellent dark matter candidate

Weinberg, Wilczek 1978

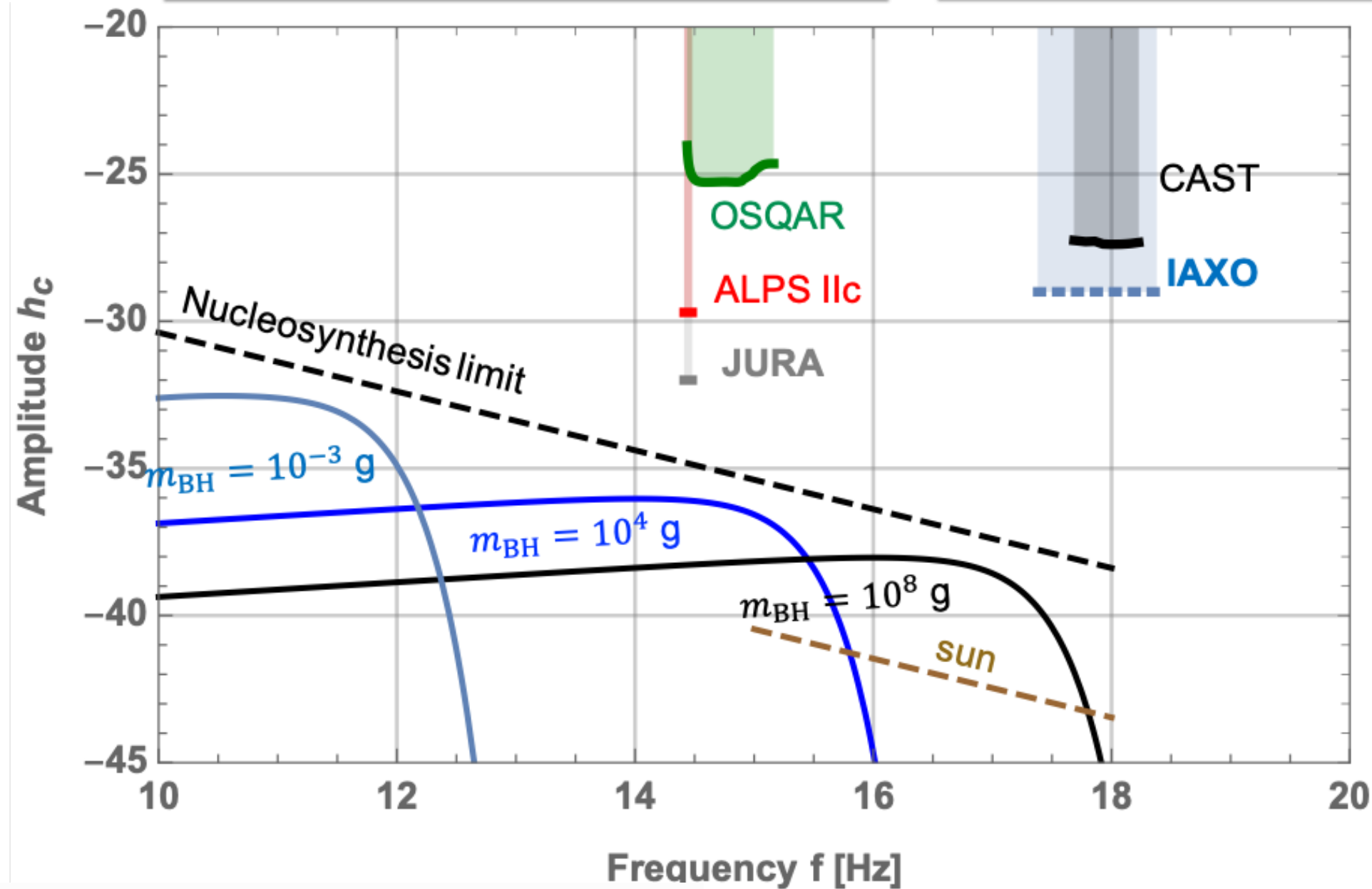
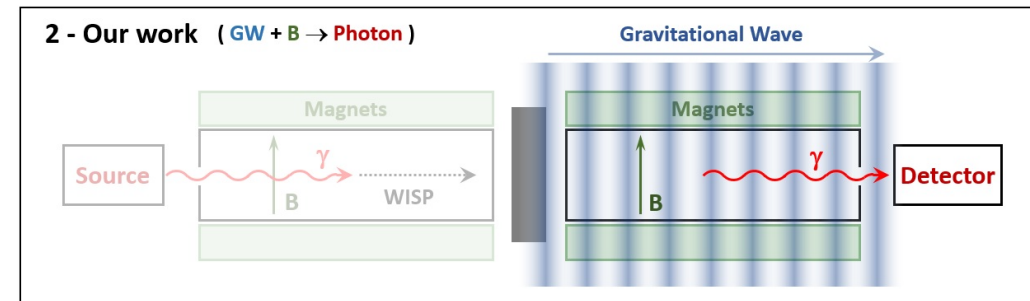
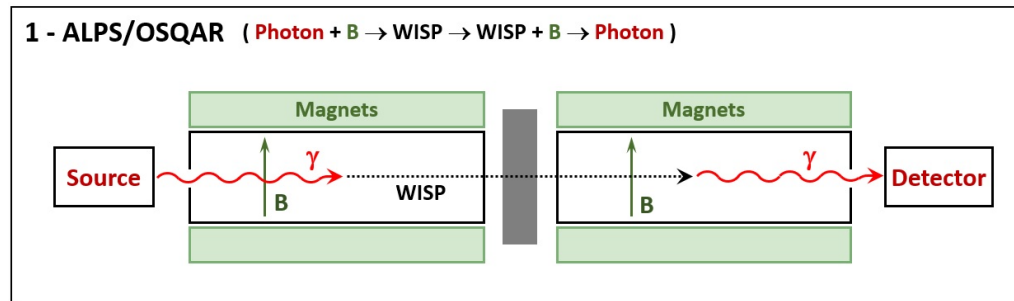
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*The European Physical Journal C* **79**, Article number: 1032 (2019)

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Still far from  
testing Early  
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# Gravitational waves in axion haloscopes

Novel Search for High-Frequency Gravitational  
Waves with Low-Mass Axion Haloscopes

Valerie Domcke, Camilo Garcia-Cely, and Nicholas L. Rodd  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **129**, 041101 – Published 20 July 2022

**Symmetries and Selection Rules: Optimising Axion Haloscopes  
for Gravitational Wave Searches**

[Valerie Domcke \(CERN\)](#), [Camilo Garcia-Cely \(Valencia U., IFIC\)](#), [Sung Mook Lee](#), [Nicholas L. Rodd \(CERN\)](#)

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# Axion electrodynamics

Axions act as a source term to Maxwell's equations, **effectively inducing an electromagnetic current.**

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0 && \text{Sikivie, 1983} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \partial_t \mathbf{B} &= 0 \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= j^0 \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{B} - \partial_t \mathbf{E} &= \mathbf{j}\end{aligned}$$

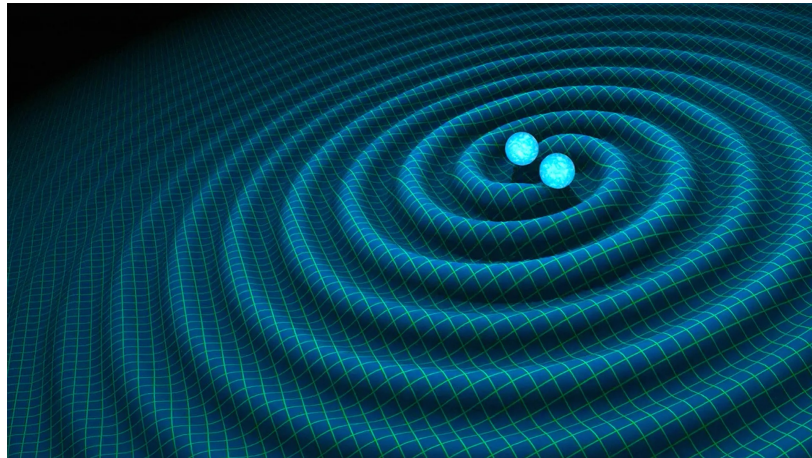
$$j^0 = -g_{a\gamma\gamma} \nabla a \cdot \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{j} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} \left( \nabla a \times \mathbf{E} + \partial_t a \mathbf{B} \right)$$



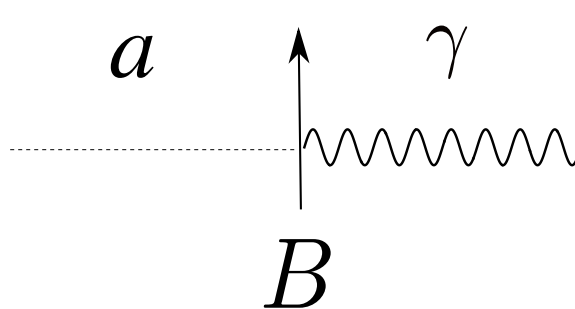
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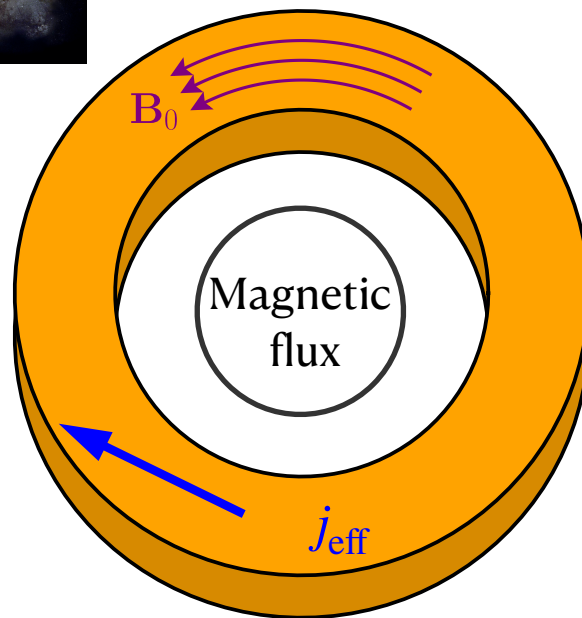
$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu} \quad |h_{\mu\nu}| \ll 1$$



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

	Axion electrodynamics	Gravitational wave electrodynamics
An example		Gertsenshtein effect
Effective current $j_{\text{eff}}^\mu = (-\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}, \nabla \times \mathbf{M} + \partial_t \mathbf{P})$	$\mathbf{P} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \mathbf{B}, \quad \mathbf{M} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \mathbf{E}$ <a href="#">McAllister et al, 1803.07755</a> <a href="#">Tobar et al, 1809.01654</a> <a href="#">Ouellet et al, 1809.10709</a>	$P_i = -h_{ij} E_j \quad M_i = -h_{ij} B_j$ ( in the TT gauge) <a href="#">Domcke, CGC, Rodd, 2202.00695</a>
Benchmark	QCD axion	$h \sim 10^{-22}$

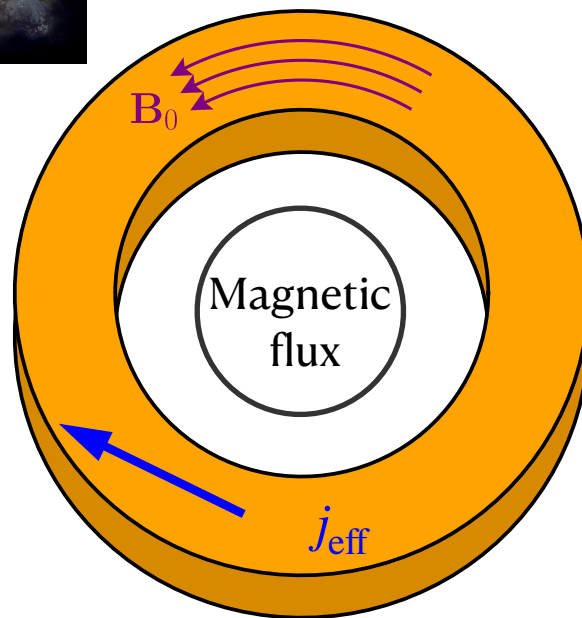
# Low mass axion haloscopes



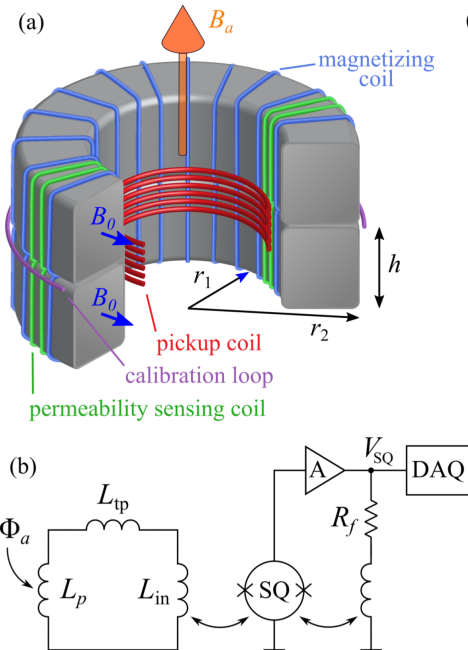
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## Search for axion-like dark matter with ferromagnets

Alexander V. Gramolin<sup>1</sup>, Deniz Aybas<sup>1,2</sup>, Dorian Johnson<sup>1</sup>, Janos Adam<sup>1</sup> and Alexander O. Sushkov<sup>1,2,3</sup>

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## Broadband and Resonant Approaches to Axion Dark Matter Detection

Yonatan Kahn,<sup>1,\*</sup> Benjamin R. Safdi,<sup>2,†</sup> and Jesse Thaler<sup>2,‡</sup>

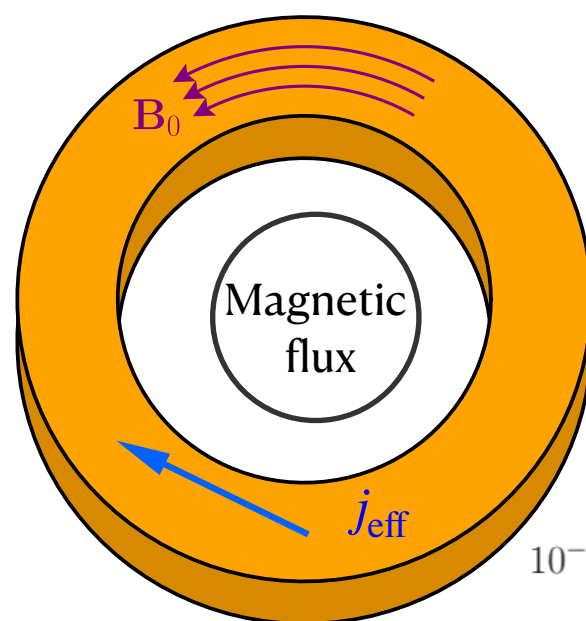
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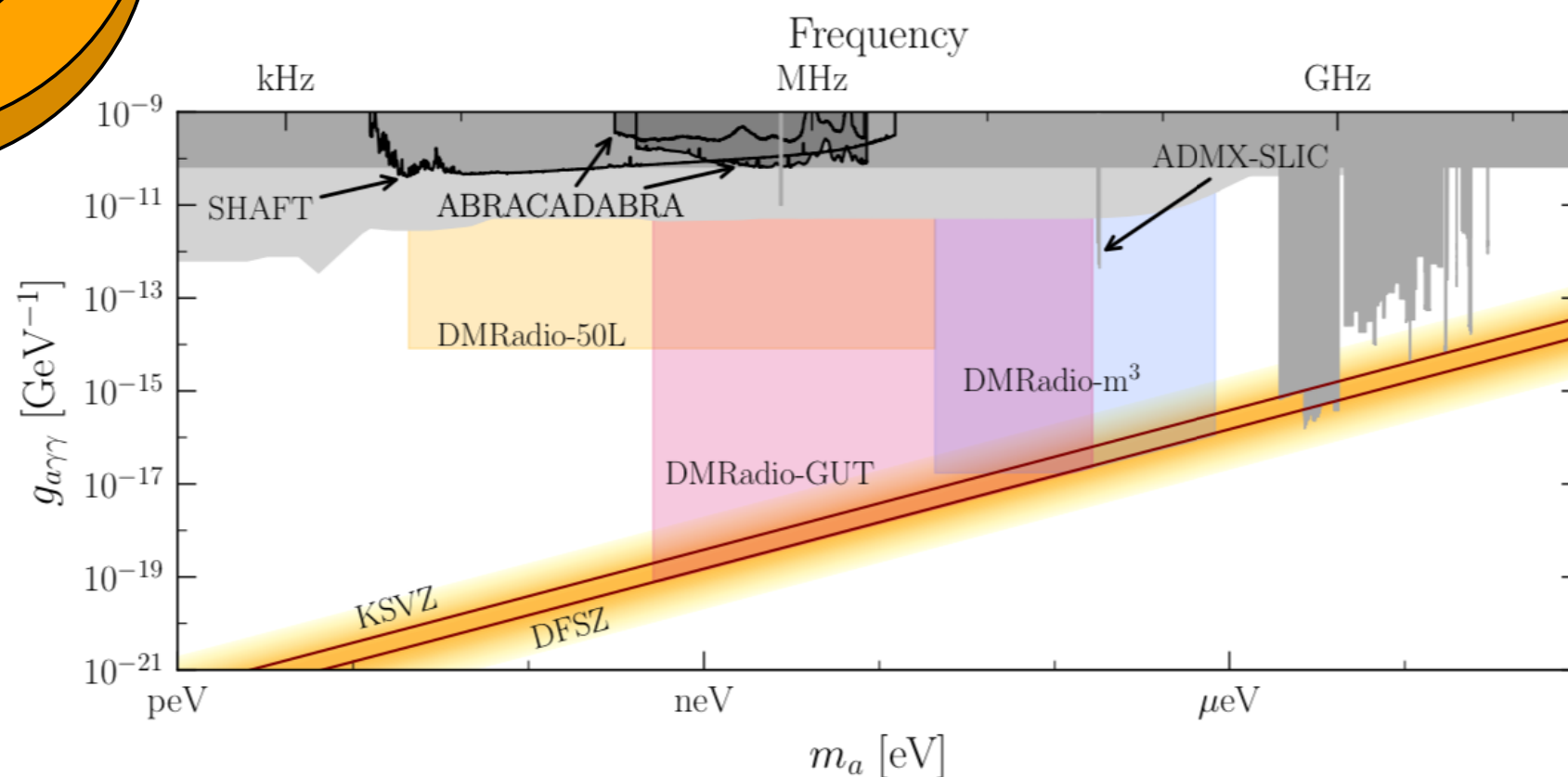
# Haloscopes based on lumped-element detectors



## Proposal for a definitive search for GUT-scale QCD axions

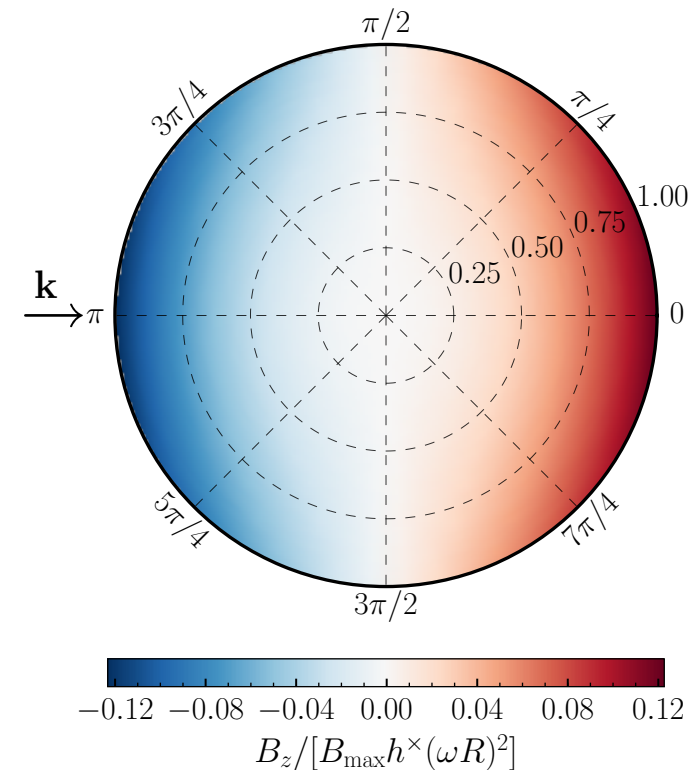
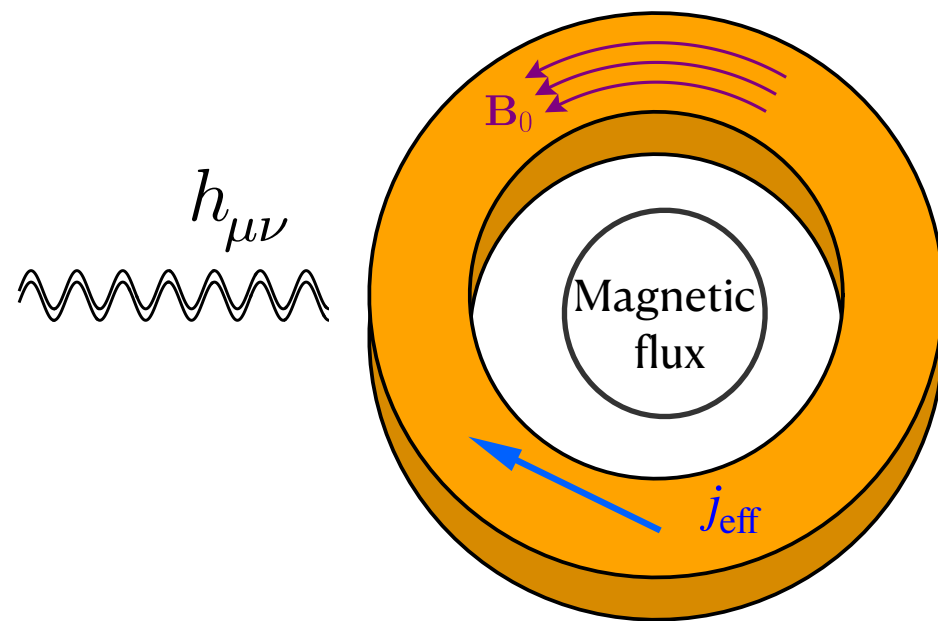
L. Brouwer *et al.* (DMRadio Collaboration)

Phys. Rev. D **106**, 112003 – Published 12 December 2022



# Gravitational waves in low mass axion haloscopes

Domcke, CGC, Rodd, 2202.00695



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

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

Only one polarization

Suppression at small frequencies

The sensitivity scaling with the volume is faster than for axions

# Selection rules

Domcke, CGC, Lee, Rodd, 2023

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  $(\omega L)$ .

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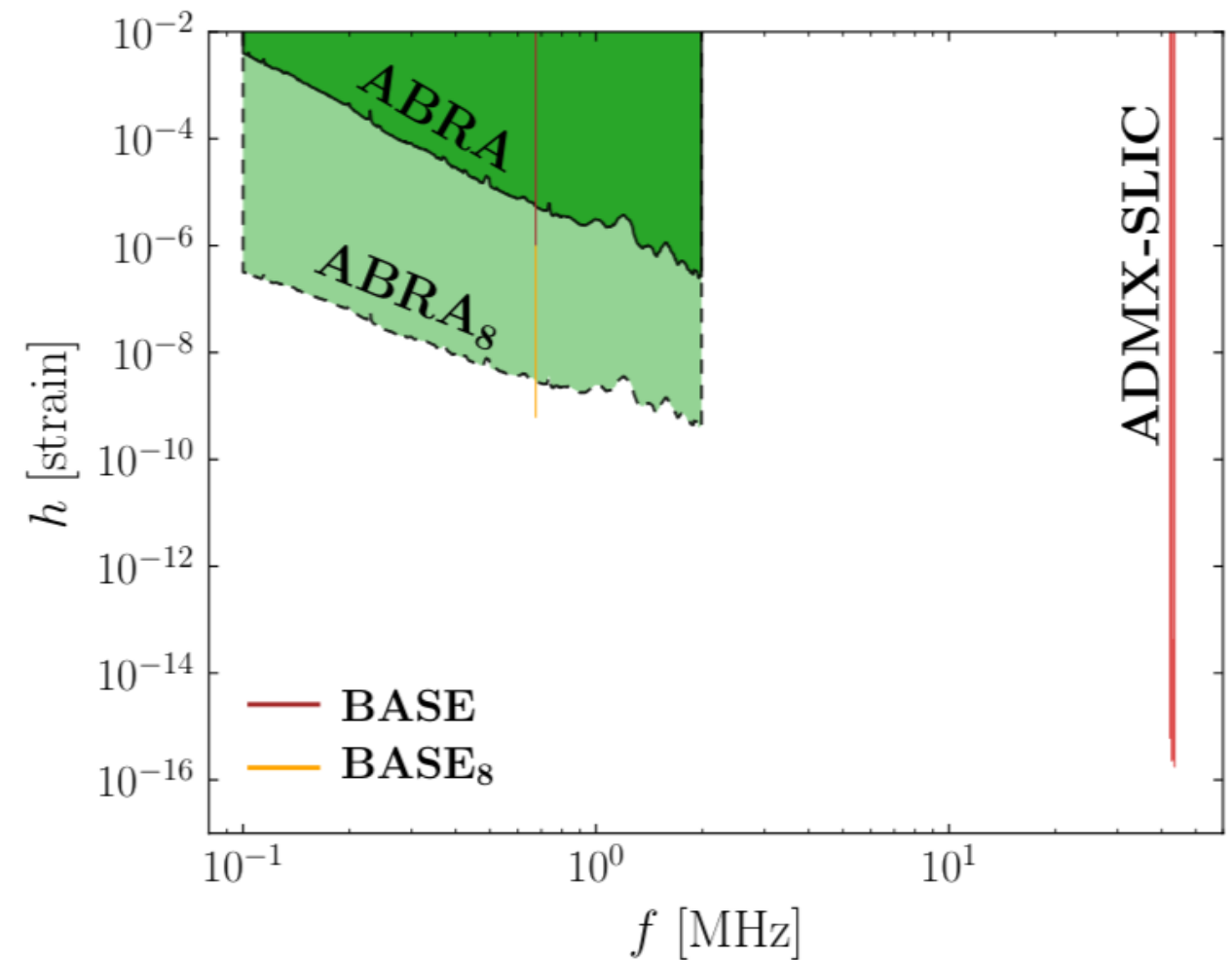
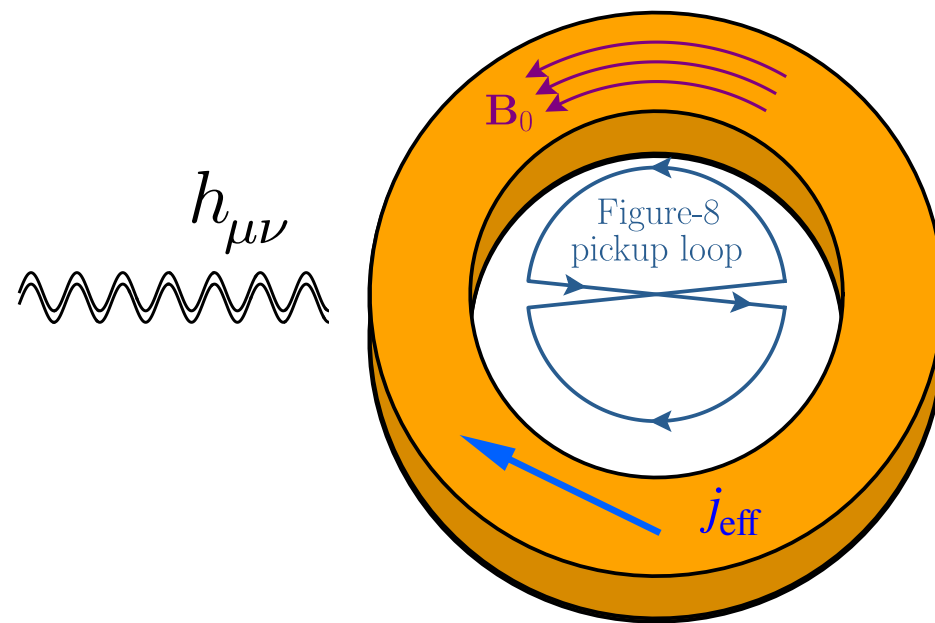


# Toroidal magnetic fields

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Break cylindrical symmetry

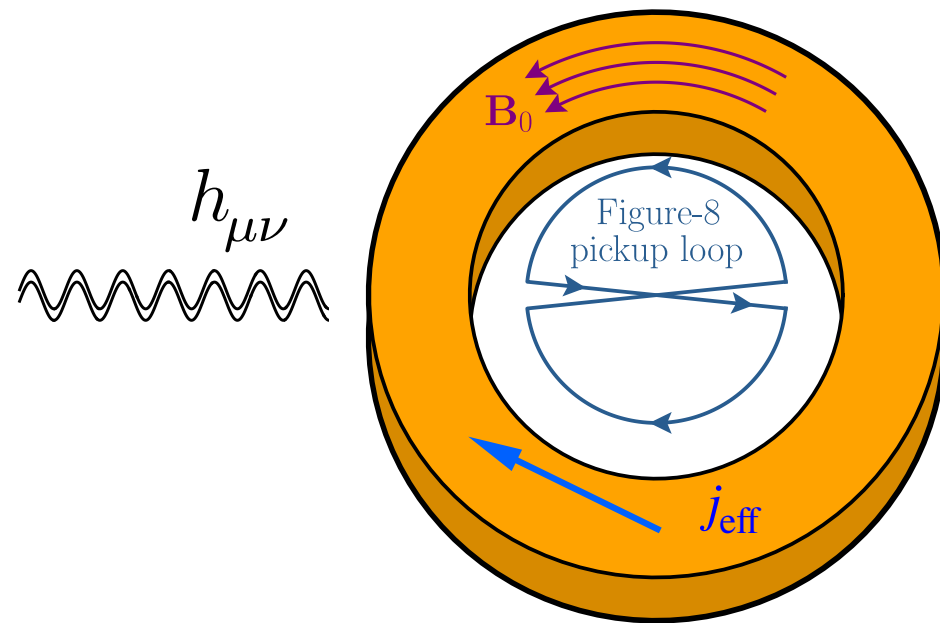
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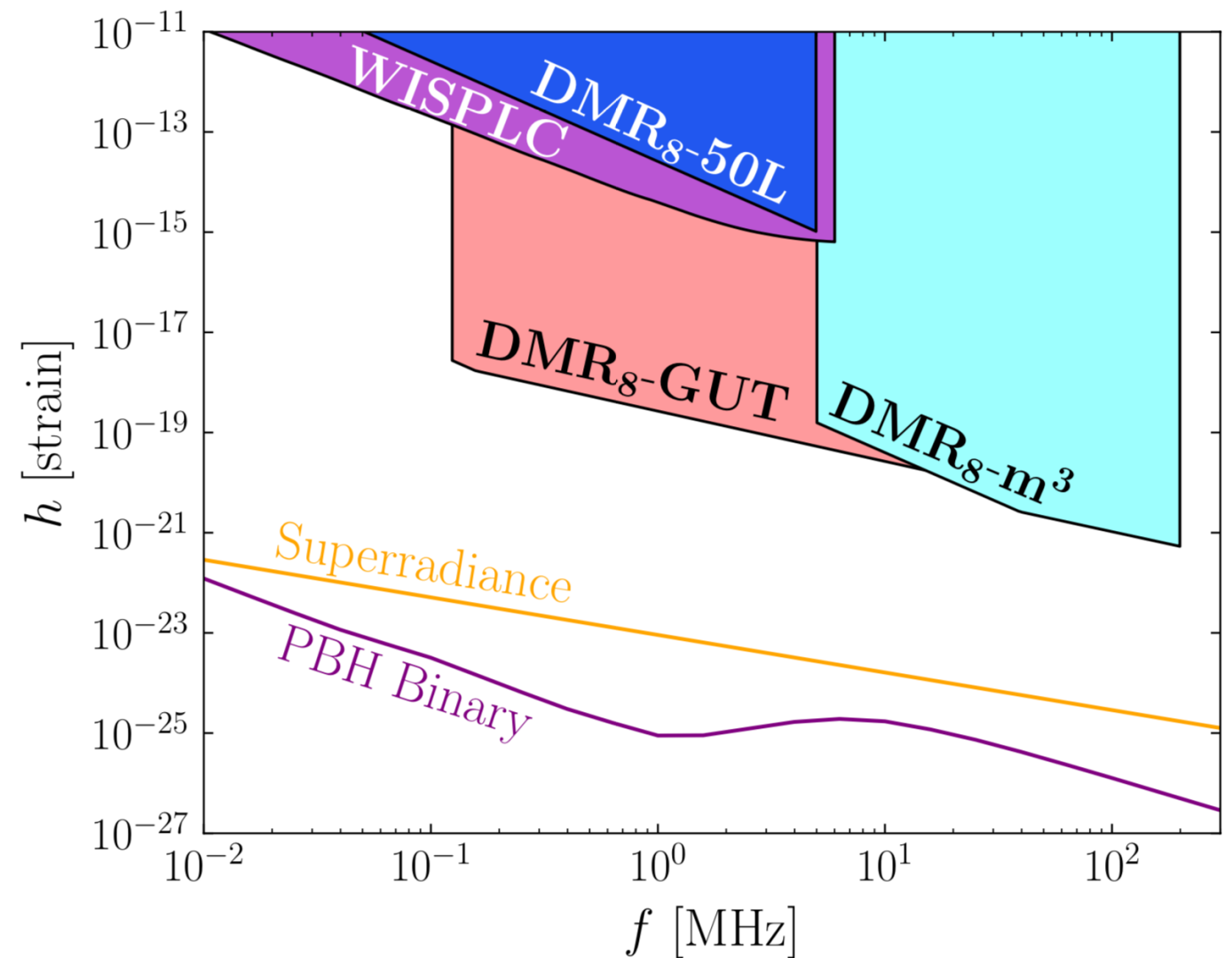


# Haloscopes based on lumped-element detectors

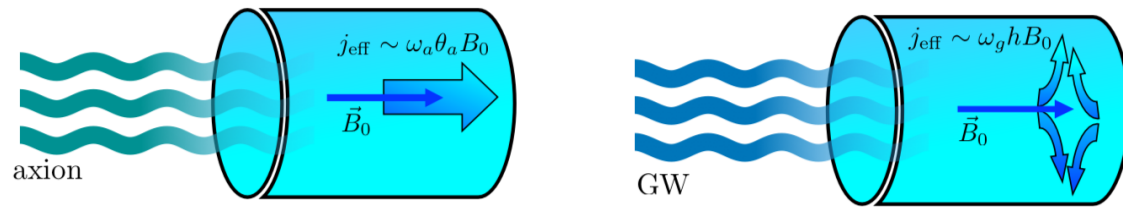
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Recast of axion searches to establish GW sensitivity, taking into account the different time scales involved in the signals and detectors.



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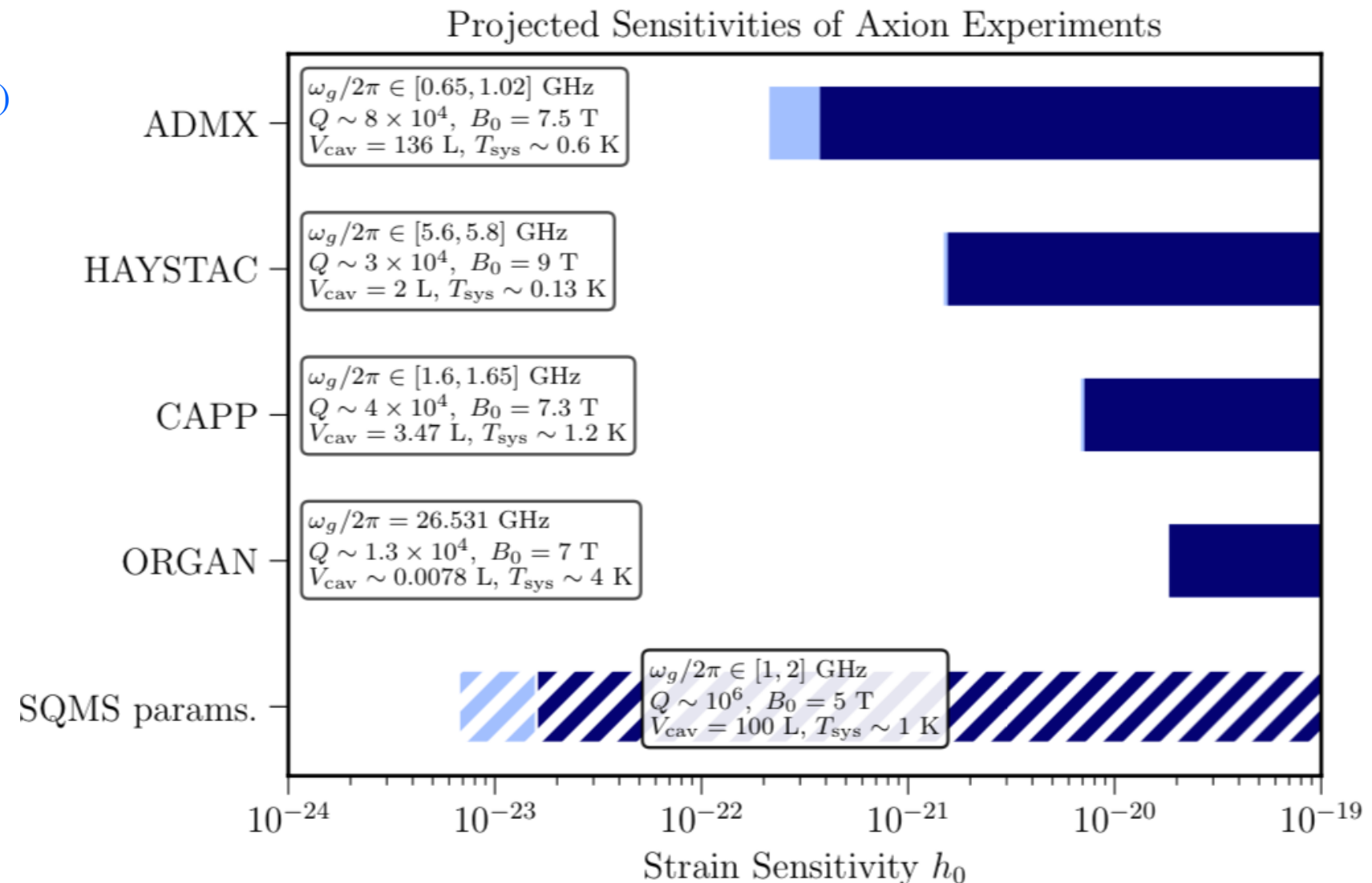
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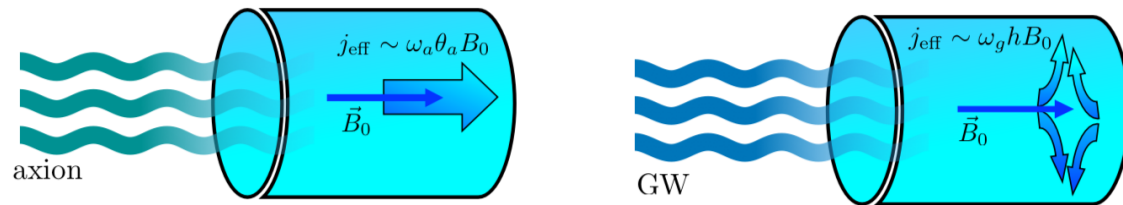
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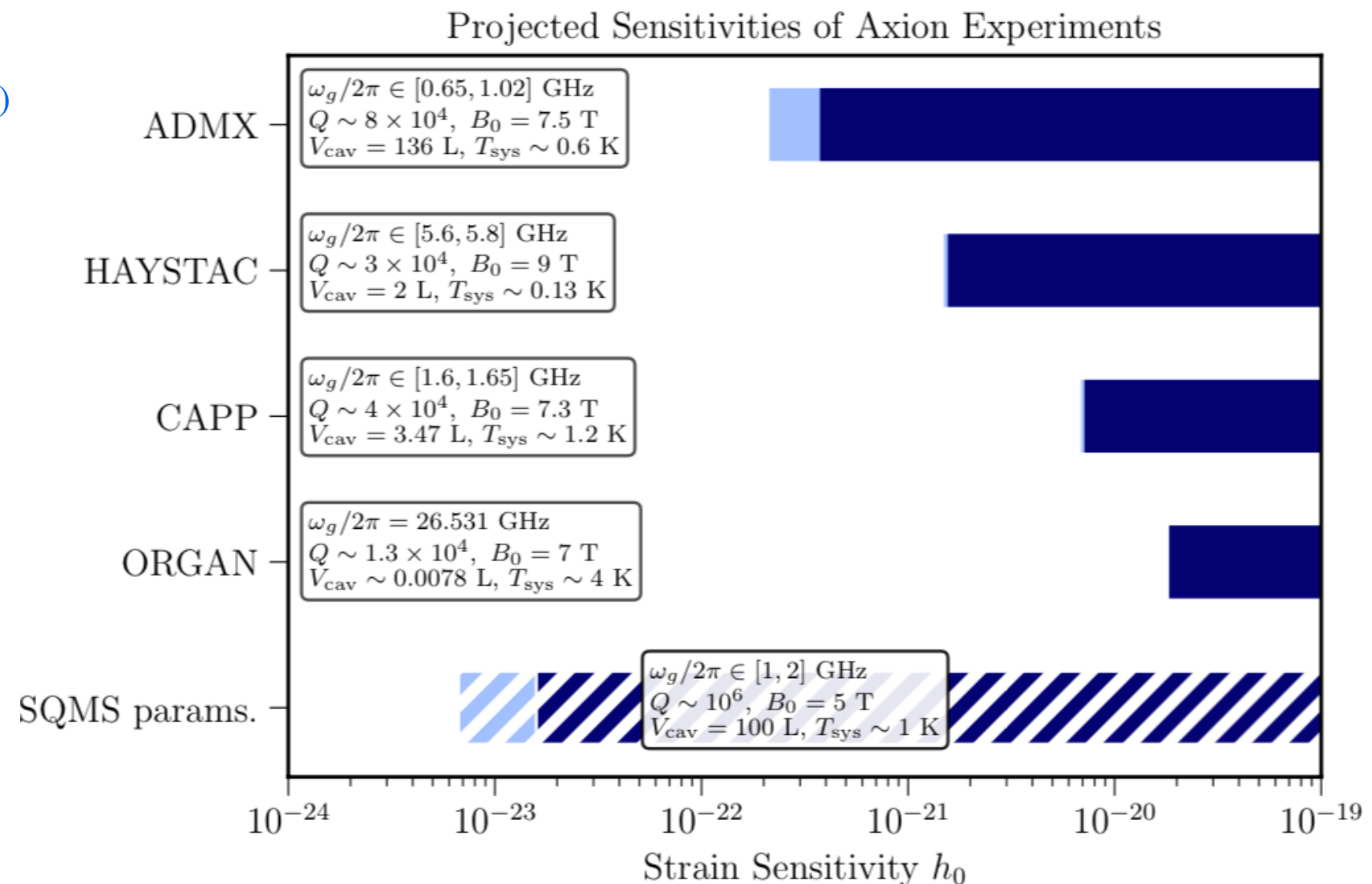
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The coupling of the mechanical modes can play an important role  
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# **Experimental efforts at home**

# Study of a cubic cavity resonator for gravitational waves detection in the microwave frequency range

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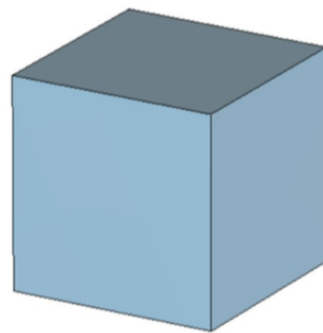
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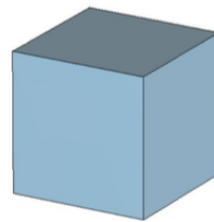
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- Objective: study of a microwave cubic cavity for Gravitational Waves (GWs) detection based on the inverse Gertsenhstein effect.
- The magnetostatic field  $B$  is oriented in the  $z$  axis.



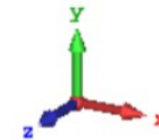
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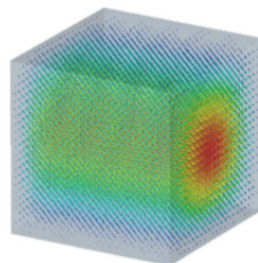
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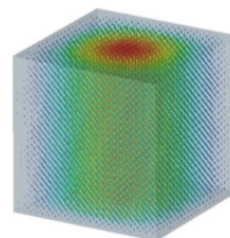
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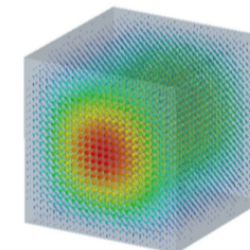
- 3 coaxial probes (antennas) in orthogonal directions.



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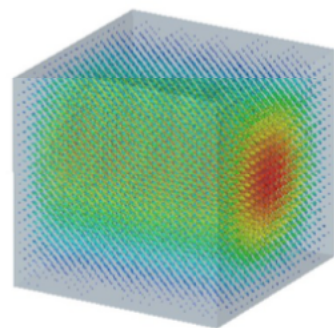
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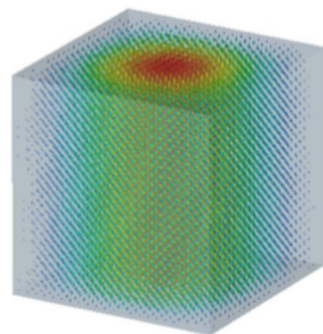
$$\eta_n \equiv \frac{\left| \int_{V_{\text{cav}}} d^3\mathbf{x} \mathbf{E}_n^* \cdot \hat{\mathbf{j}}_{+, \times} \right|}{V_{\text{cav}}^{1/2} \left( \int_{V_{\text{cav}}} d^3\mathbf{x} |\mathbf{E}_n|^2 \right)^{1/2}}$$

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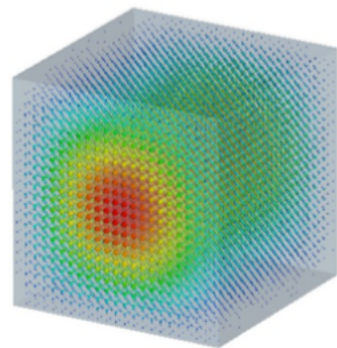
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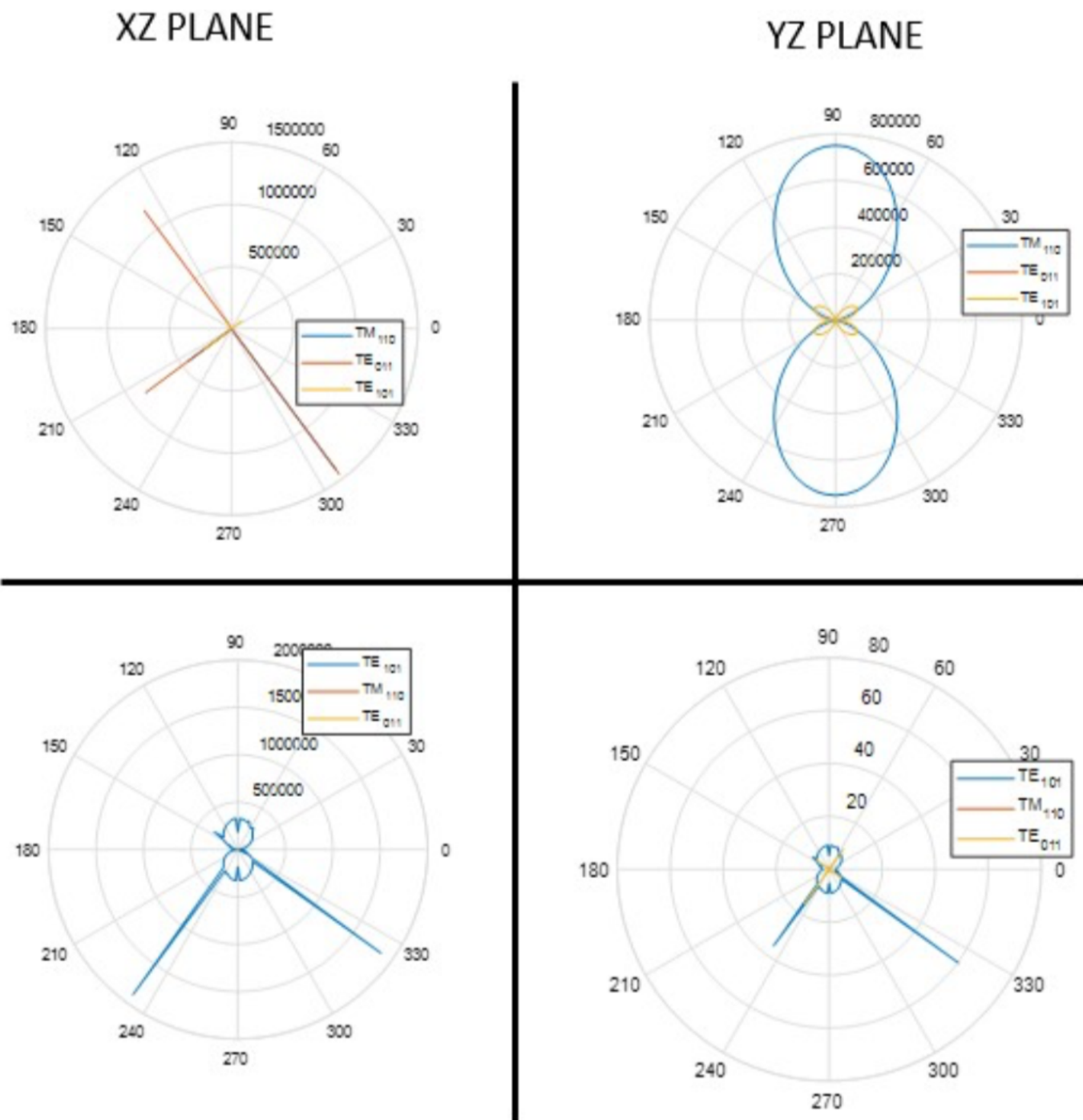


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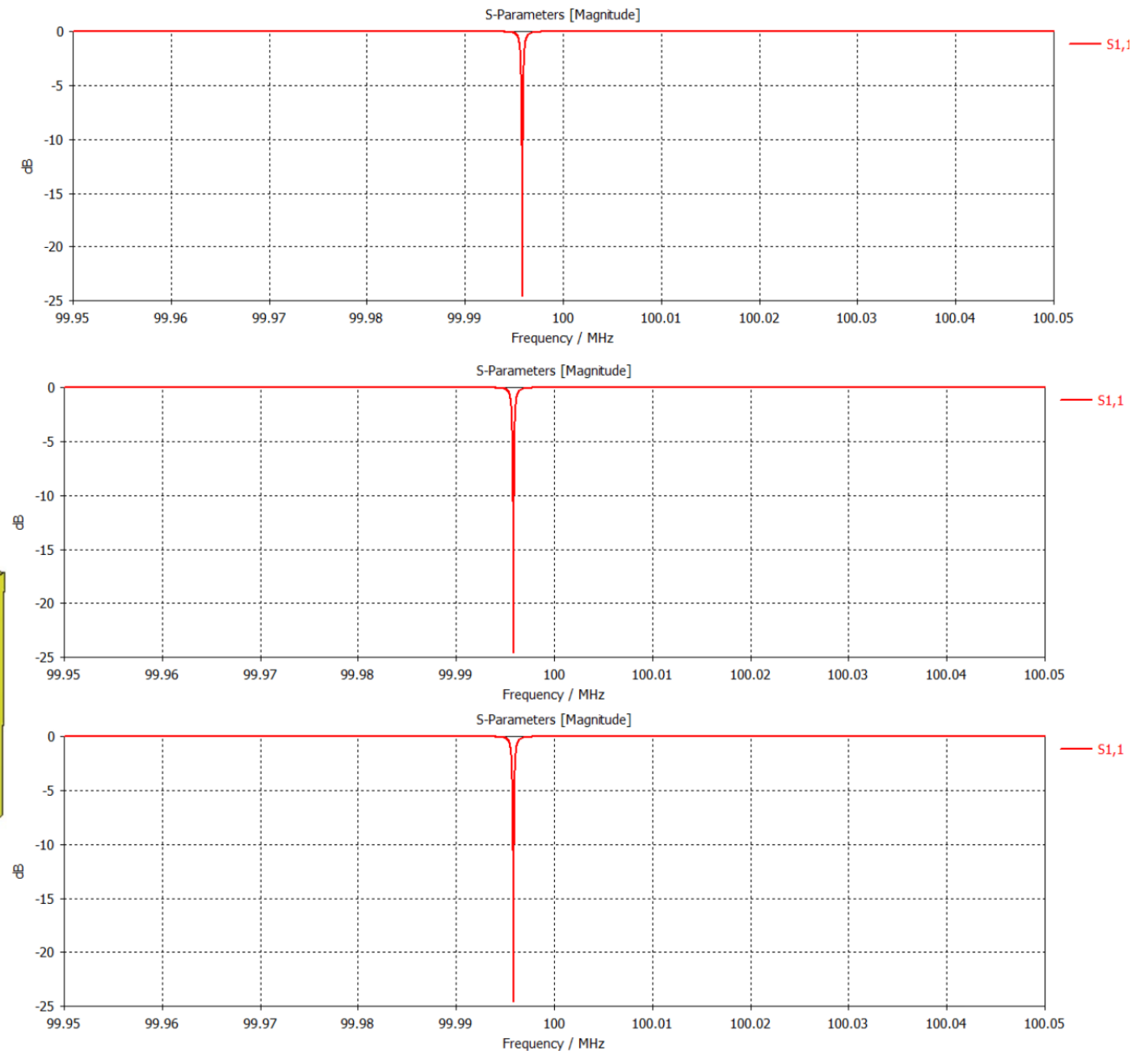
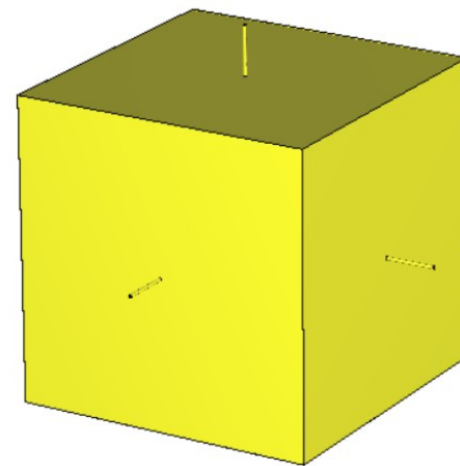
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3 coupling ports for each resonant mode (critical coupling regime)



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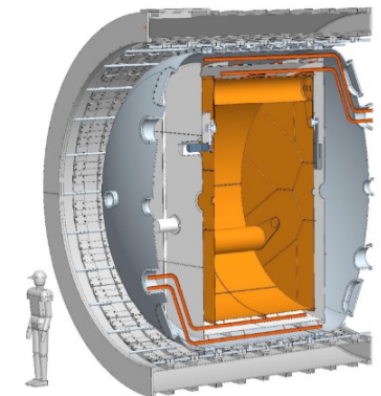
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For instance, we use a sensitivity value of a spectrum analyzer  $S = -160$  dBW with a two stage amplifier with total gain  $G = 50$  dB  $\Rightarrow P_{\min} = 10^{-21}$  W

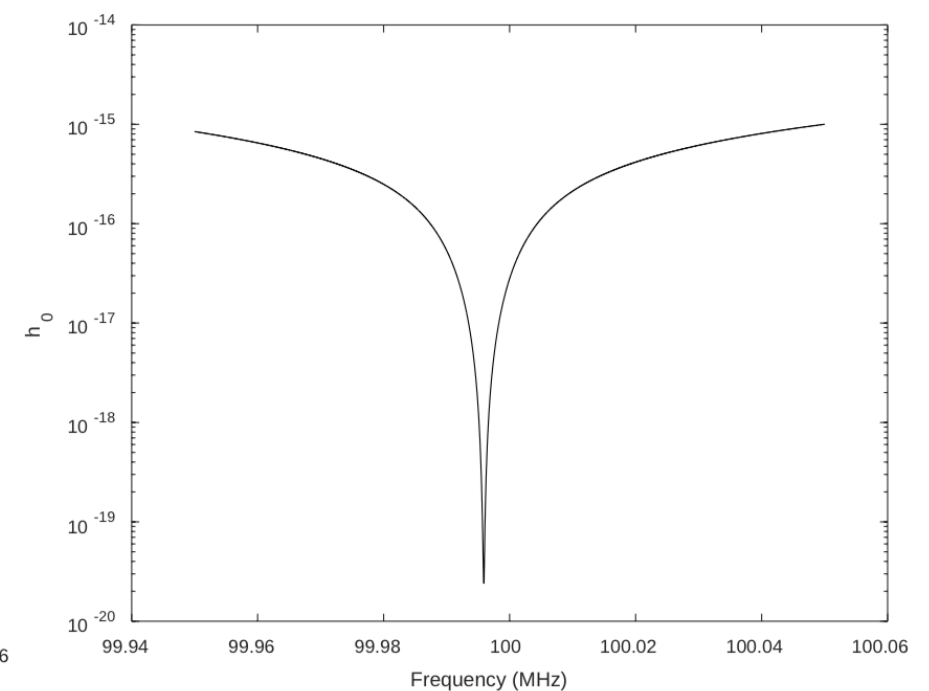
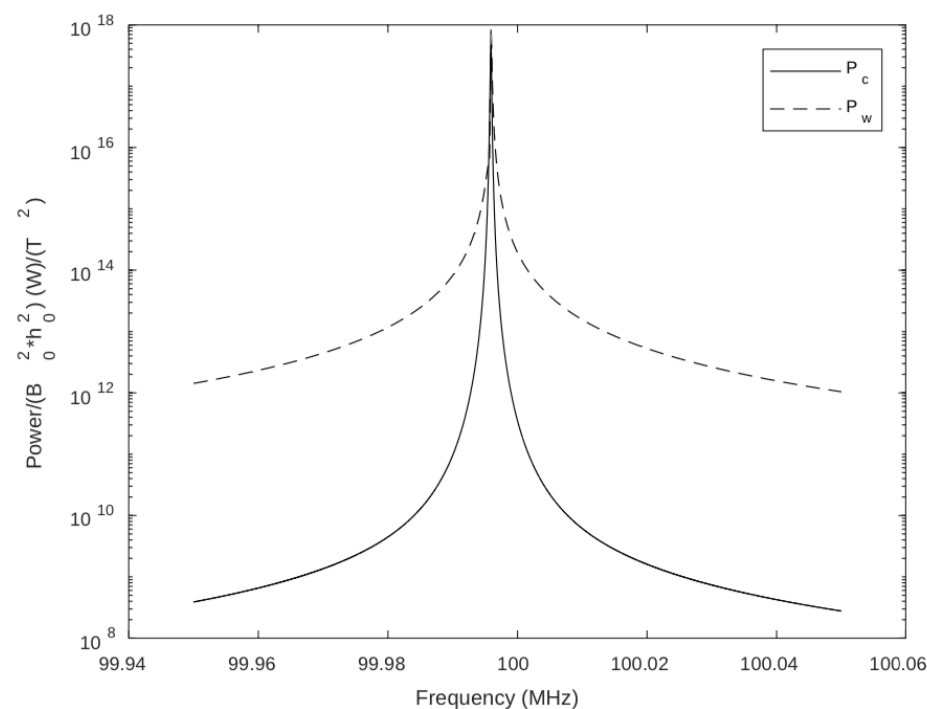
$$P_w (W) = \frac{P_w}{B^2 h_0^2} B^2 h_0^2 = 10^{-21} W$$

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$B = 0.6T$



CAVITY 100 MHZ



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# Conclusions

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

**Selection rules** in detectors exhibiting cylindrical symmetry enforce cancellations in the flux associated to gravitational waves.

These cancellations can be avoided by **changing the geometry of the pickup loop**. We demonstrate this for different detector geometries, obtaining a parametric increase of sensitivity.

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**. Whether we can hope to probe such strain sensitivities remains to be determined.