

# Detection of gravitational waves in axion haloscopes

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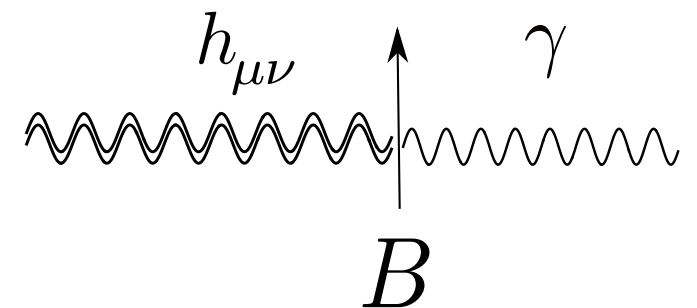


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# Outline

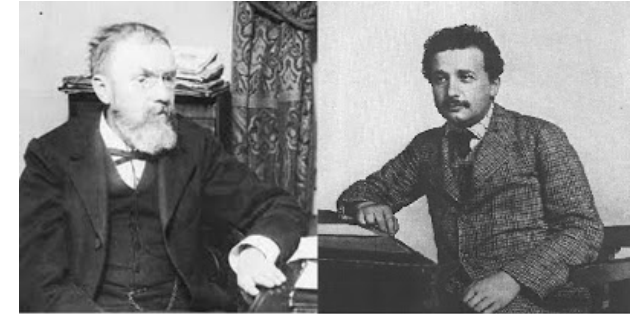
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- Gravitational waves in axion haloscopes
- Recent developments
- Conclusions



# Motivation

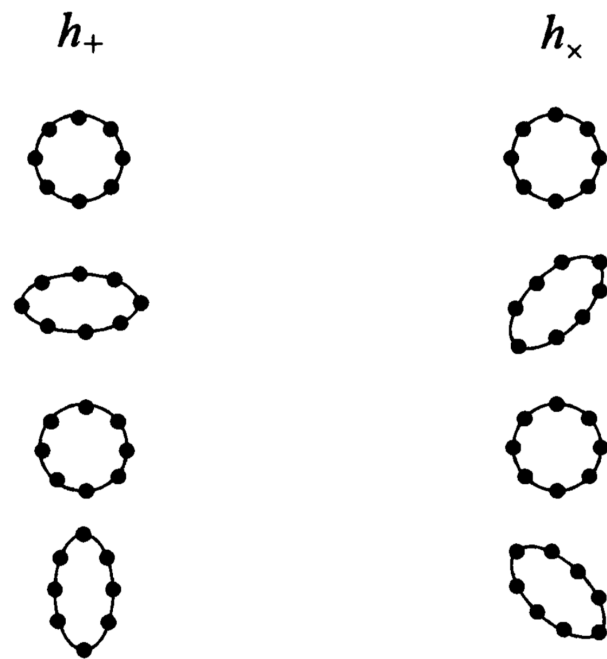
# Gravitational waves

- Speculation by Poincaré (1905)
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$$\square h_{\mu\nu} = -16\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$

wave equation  
describing two  
polarization modes

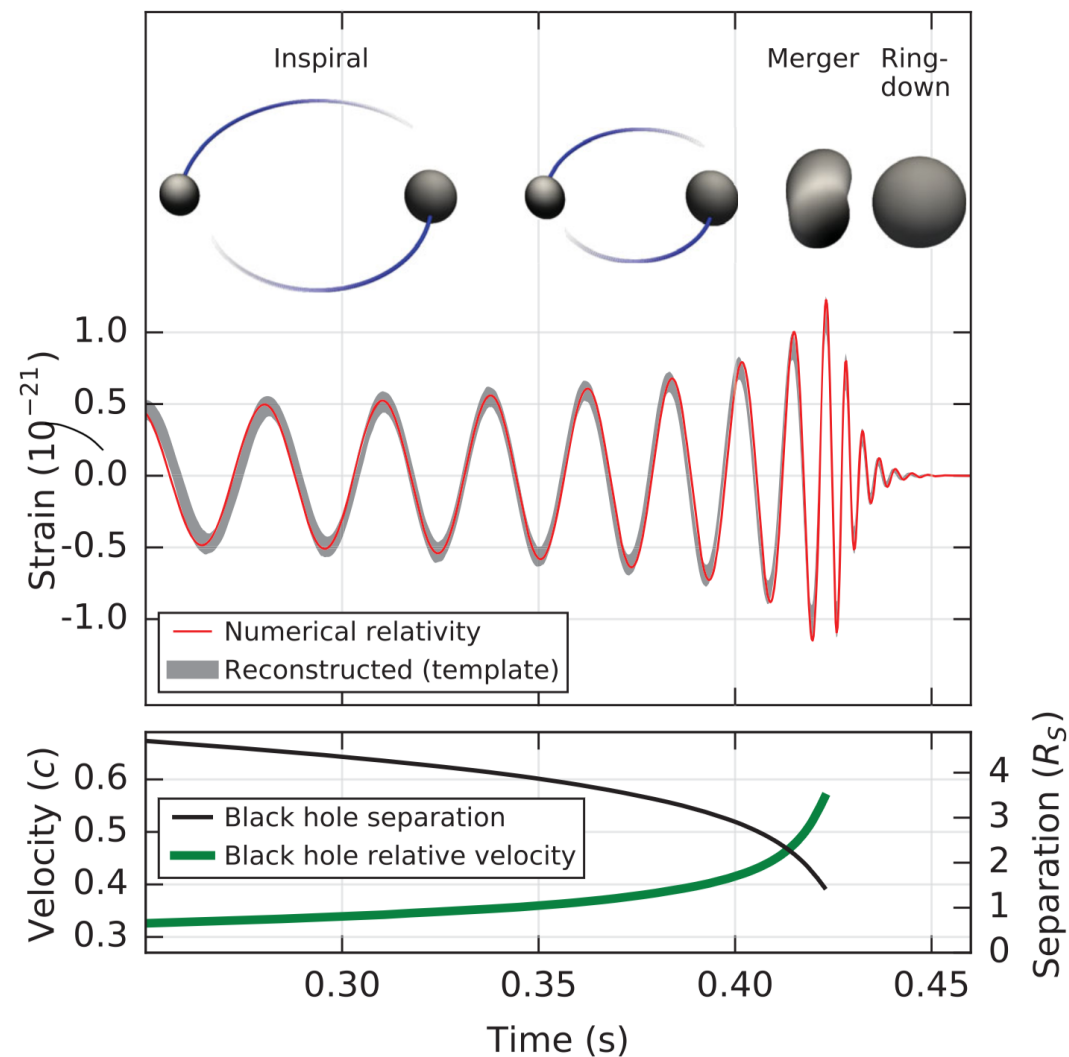
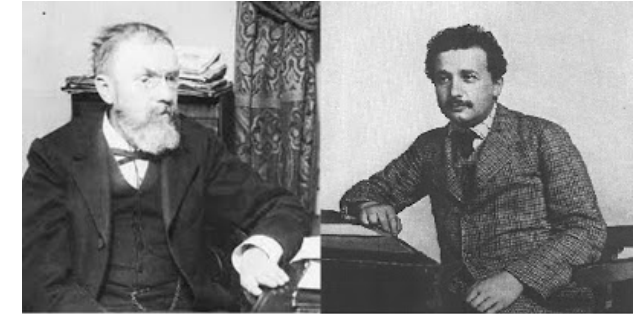


The deformation of a ring of test masses  
due to the different polarization



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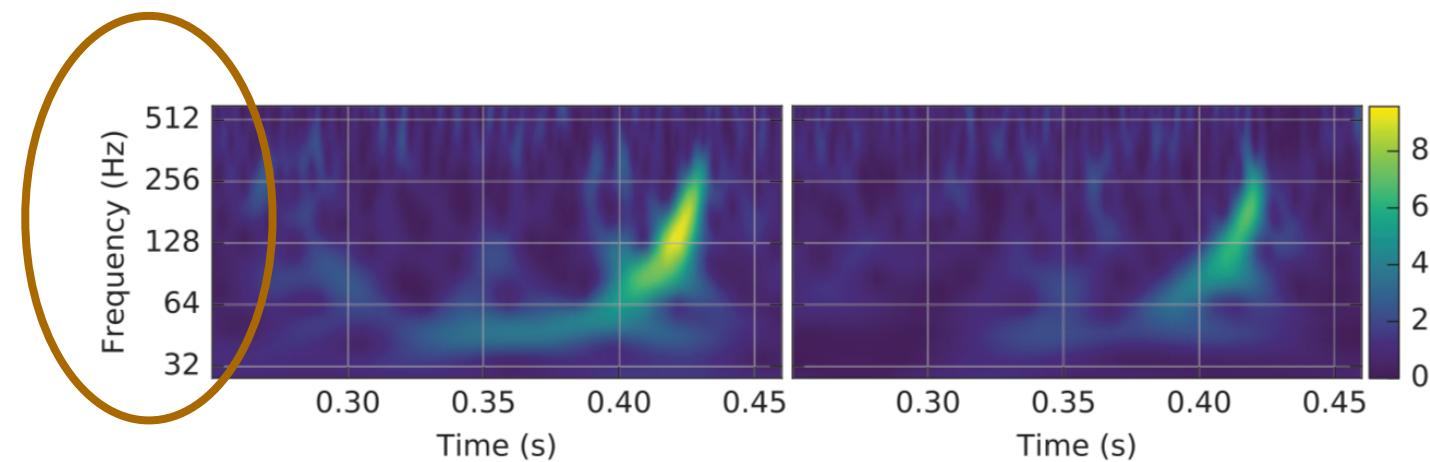
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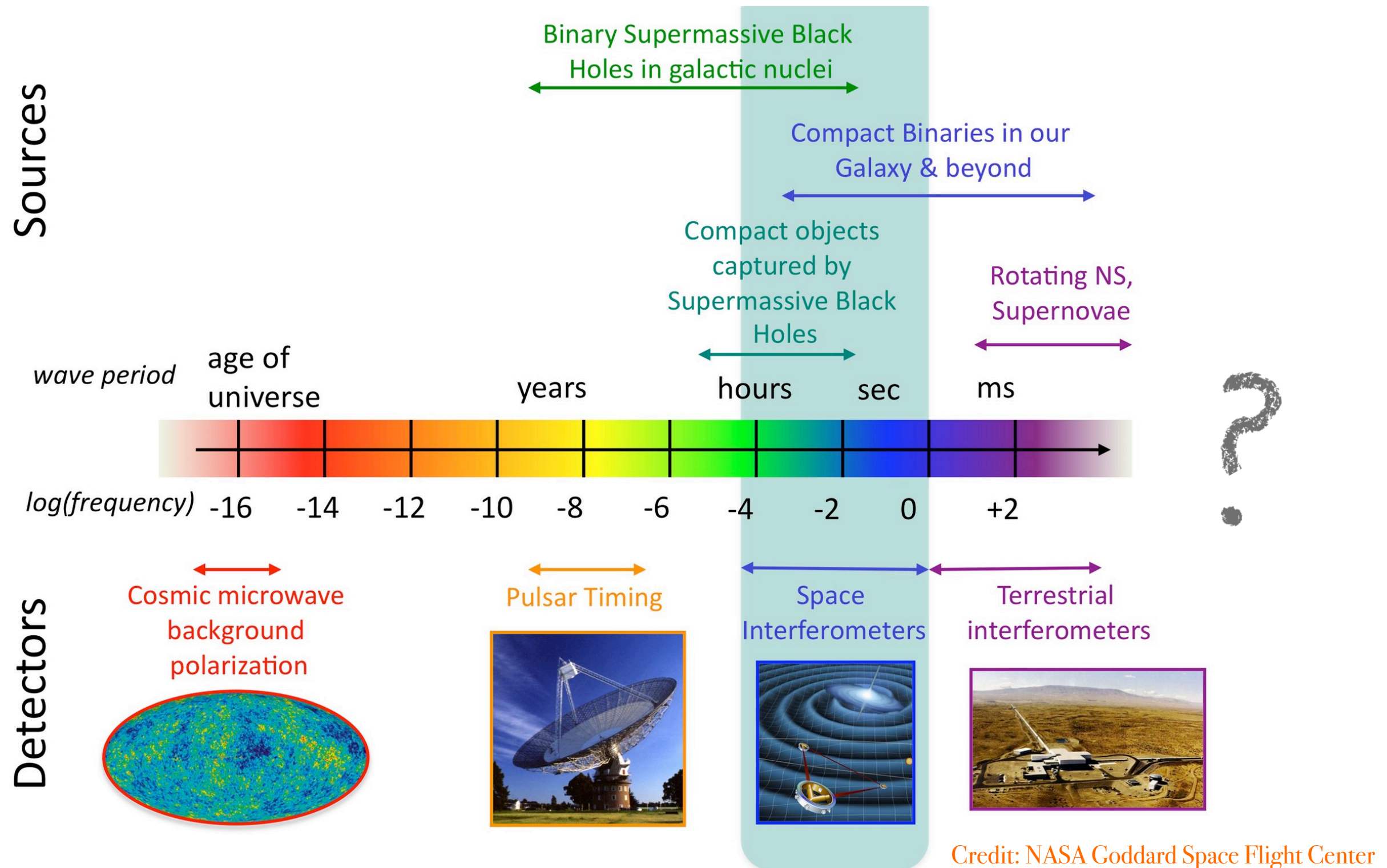
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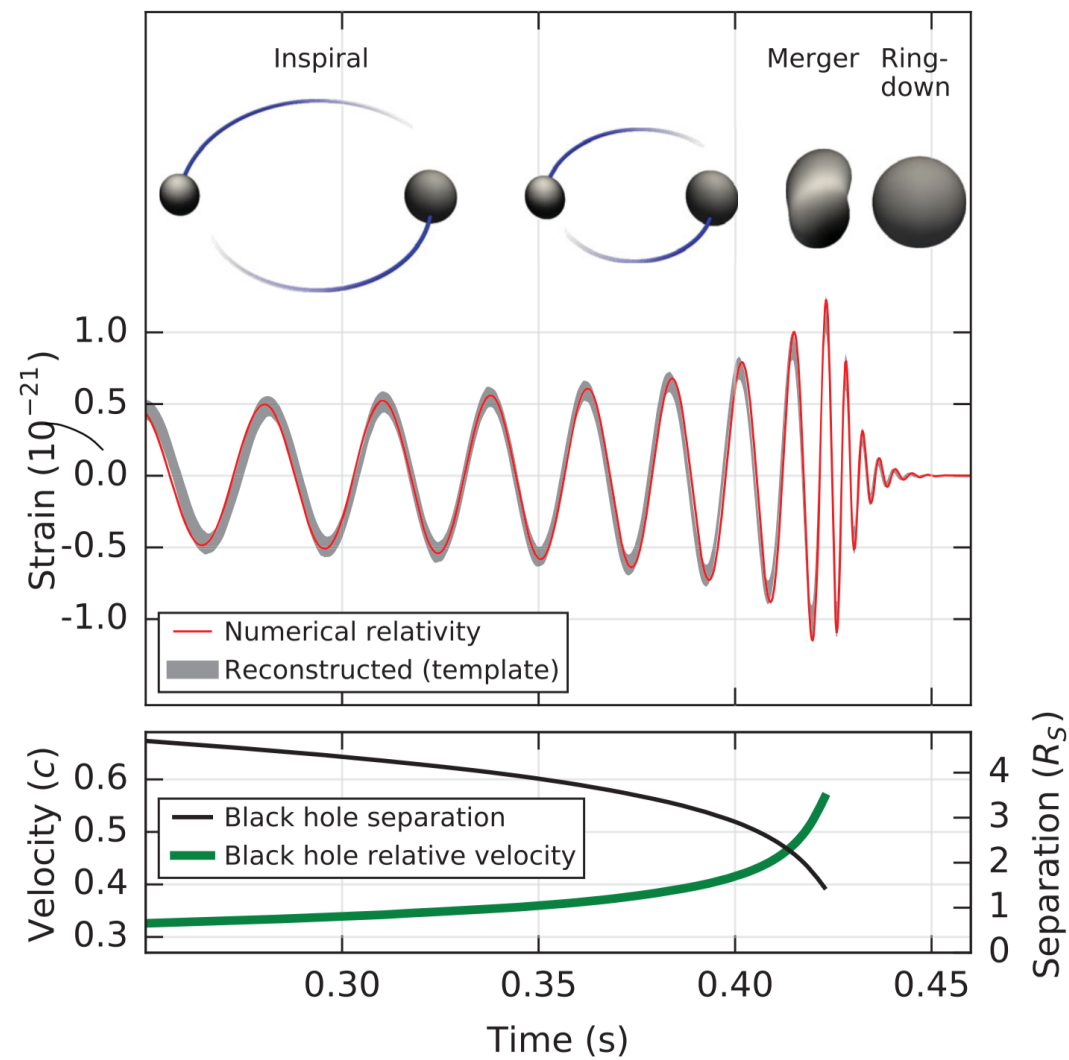
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# GW spectrum



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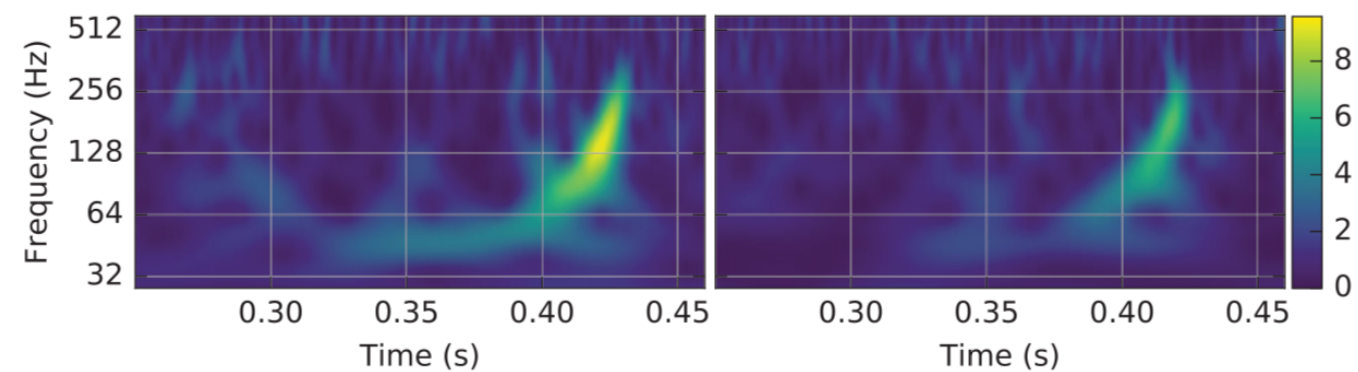
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$$f \approx \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{GM}{R^3}} \ll 10 \text{ kHz}$$



# High-frequency gravitational waves

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

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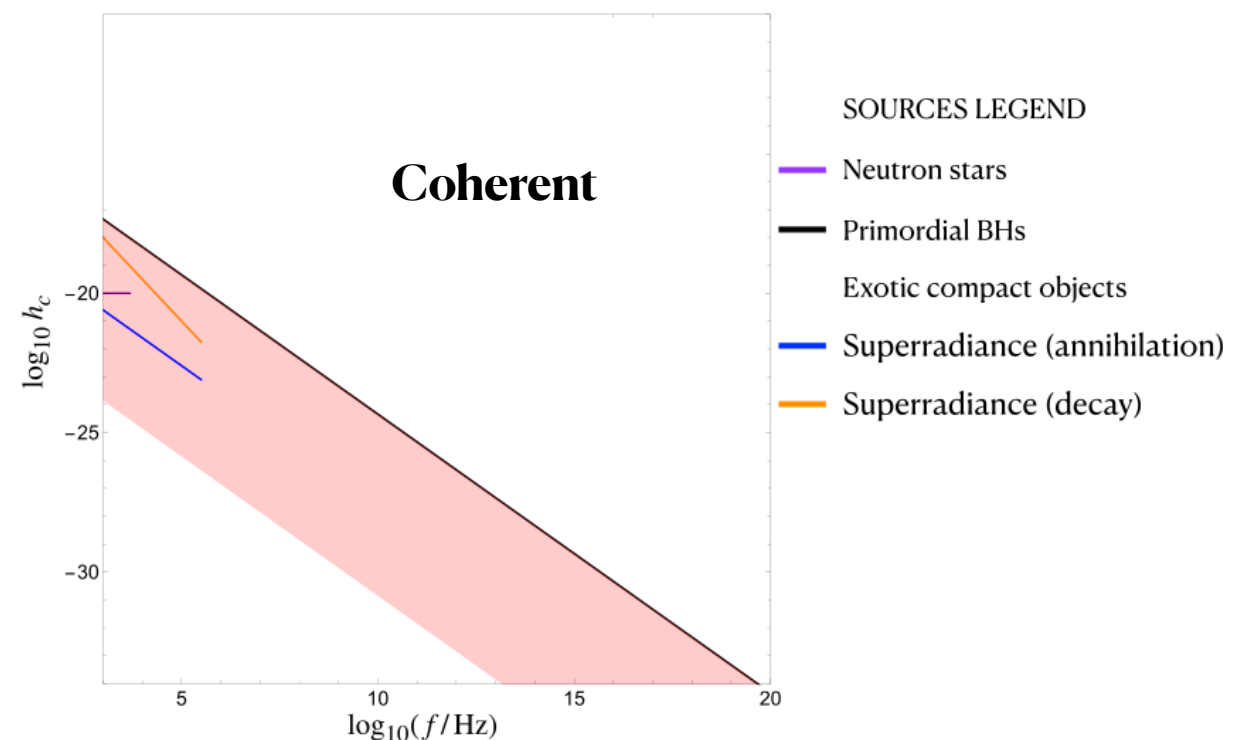
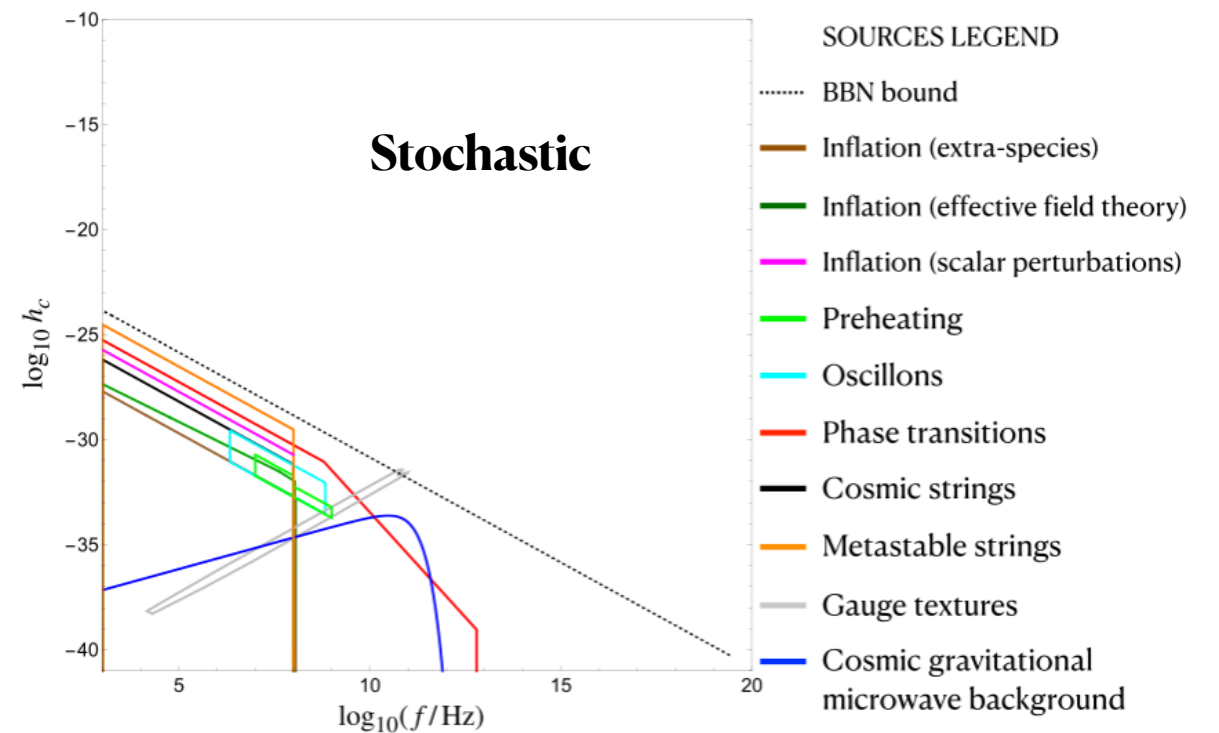
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## Challenges and opportunities of gravitational-wave searches at MHz to GHz frequencies

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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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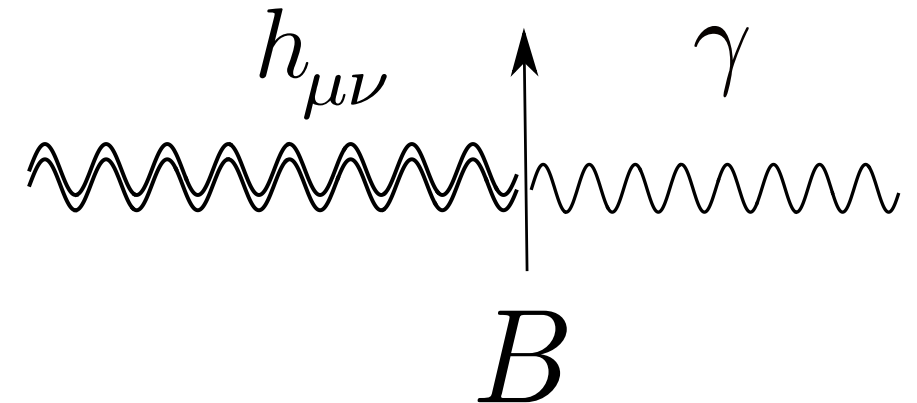
## WAVE RESONANCE OF LIGHT AND GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

M. E. GERTSENSHTEĬN

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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## ON THE DETECTION OF LOW FREQUENCY GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

M. E. GERTSENSHTEĬN and V. I. PUSTOVOĬT

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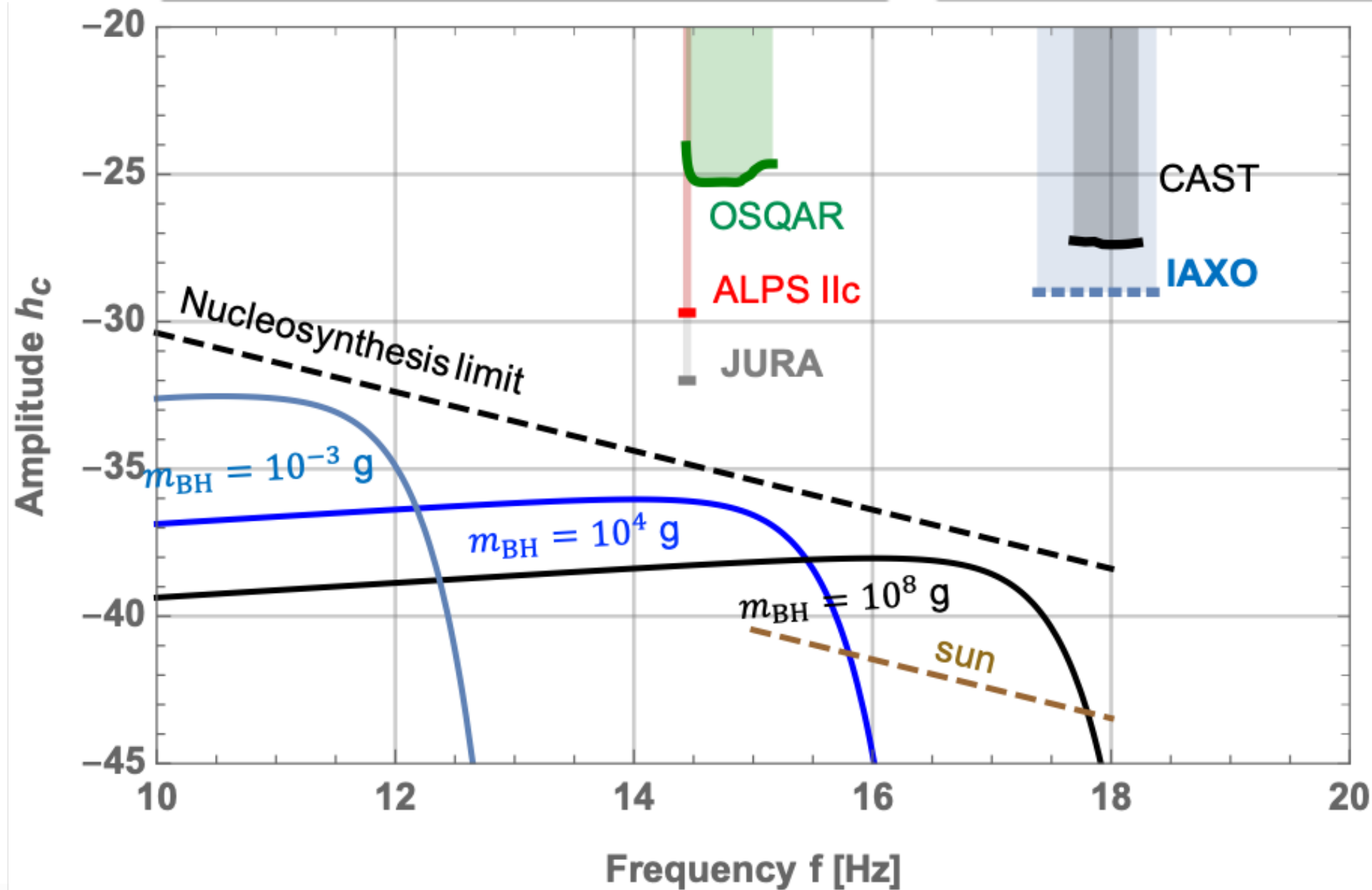
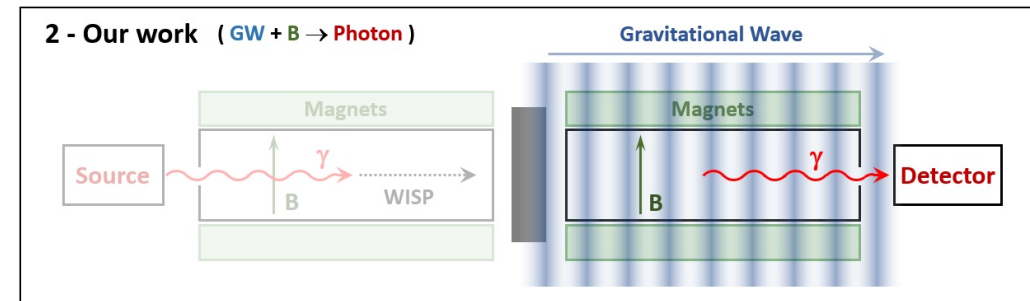
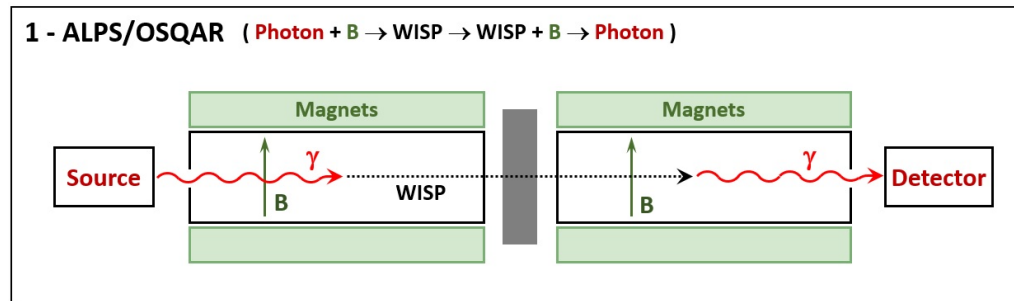
J. Exptl. Theoret. Phys. (U.S.S.R.) **43**, 605-607 (August, 1962)

It is shown that the sensitivity of the electromechanical experiments for detecting gravitational waves by means of piezocrystals is ten orders of magnitude worse than that estimated by Weber.<sup>[1]</sup> In the low frequency range it should be possible to detect gravitational waves by the shift of the bands in an optical interferometer. The sensitivity of this method is investigated.

Terrestrial  
interferometers



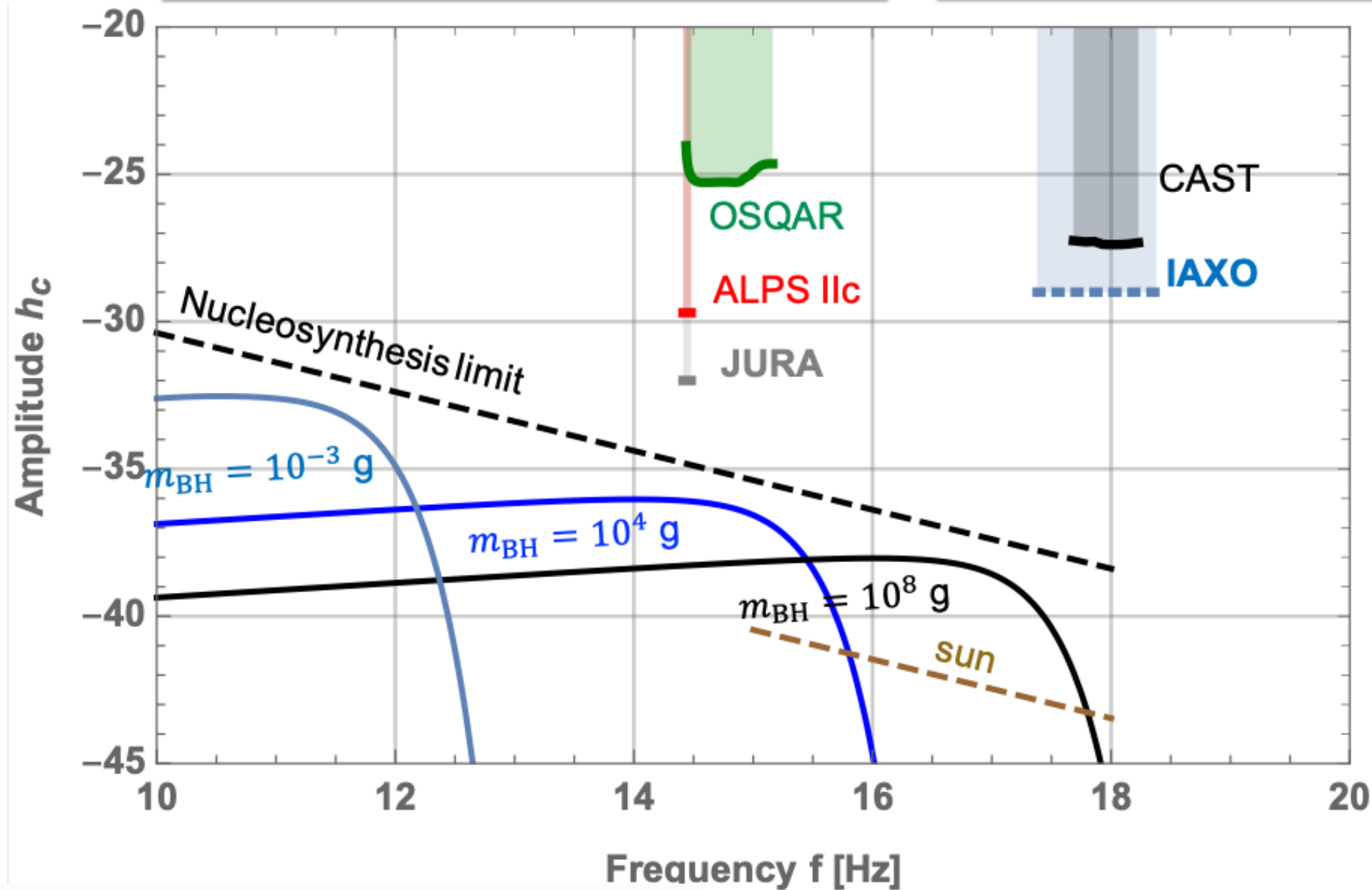
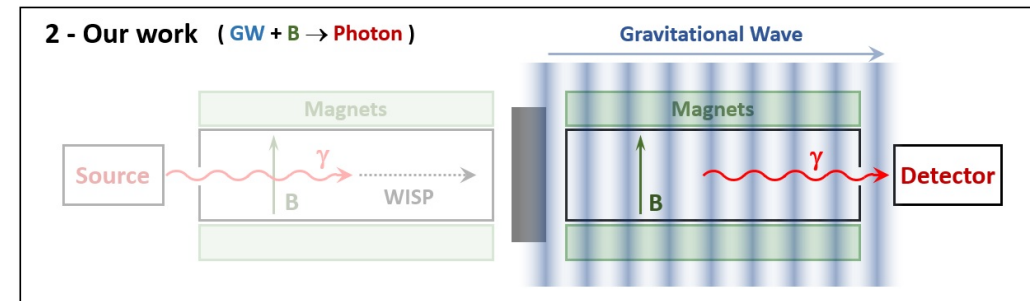
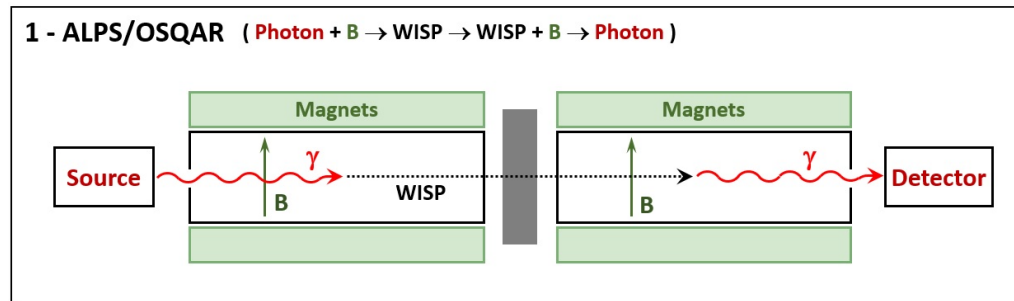
# The (inverse) Gertsenhstein Effect



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# The (inverse) Gertsenhstein Effect



Still far from  
testing Early  
Universe  
signals



# The (inverse) Gertsenhstein Effect

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

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

- Involving gravity the conversion probabilities are small. It may be compensated by a ‘detector’ of cosmological size.

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](#)



# Gravitational waves in axion haloscopes

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

Valerie Domcke<sup>1,2</sup>, Camilo Garcia-Cely<sup>3</sup>, and Nicholas L. Rodd<sup>1</sup>

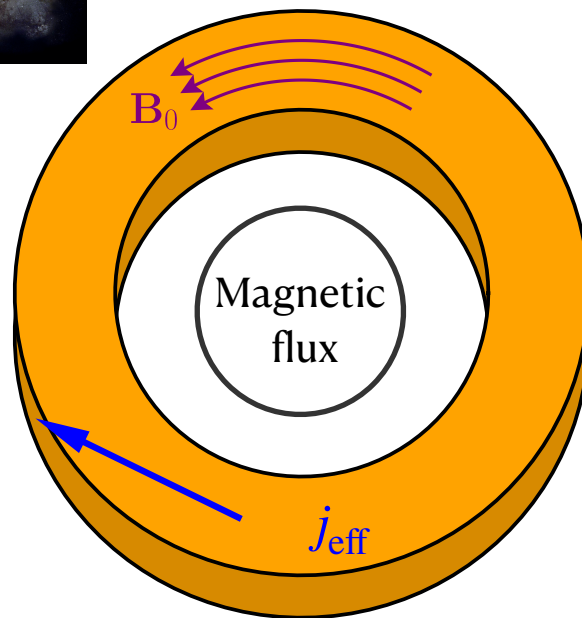
**Symmetries and Selection Rules: Optimising Axion Haloscopes  
for Gravitational Wave Searches**

Valerie Domcke (CERN), Camilo Garcia-Cely (Valencia U., IFIC), Sung Mook Lee (CERN and  
IPAP, Seoul), Nicholas L. Rodd (CERN)

Jun 5, 2023

	<b>Axion electrodynamics</b>	<b>Gravitational wave electrodynamics</b>
For example	Axion-Photon conversion	Gertsenshtein effect
Effective current  $j_{\text{eff}}^\mu = (-\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}, \nabla \times \mathbf{M} + \partial_t \mathbf{P})$	$\mathbf{P} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \mathbf{B}, \quad \mathbf{M} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \mathbf{E}$ <p>McAllister et al, 1803.07755 Tobar et al, 1809.01654 Ouellet et al, 1809.10709</p>	$P_i = -h_{ij}E_j + \frac{1}{2}hE_i + h_{00}E_i - \epsilon_{ijk}h_{0j}B_k$ $M_i = -h_{ij}B_j - \frac{1}{2}hB_i + h_{jj}B_i + \epsilon_{ijk}h_{0j}E_k$ <p>Domcke, CGC, Rodd, 2202.00695</p>
Benchmark	<p>QCD axion</p> $g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \sim \frac{\alpha \sqrt{\rho_{\text{DM}}}}{2\pi m_a f_a} \sim \frac{\alpha \sqrt{\rho_{\text{DM}}}}{2\pi m_\pi f_\pi} \sim 10^{-22}$	$h \sim 10^{-22}$

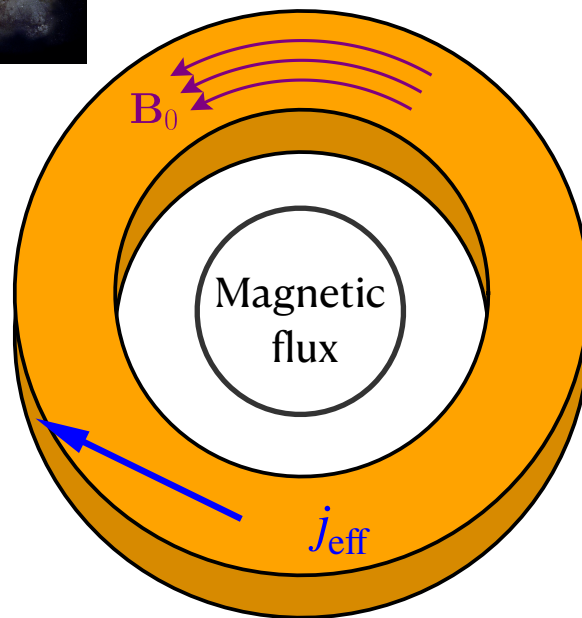
# Haloscopes based on lumped-element detectors



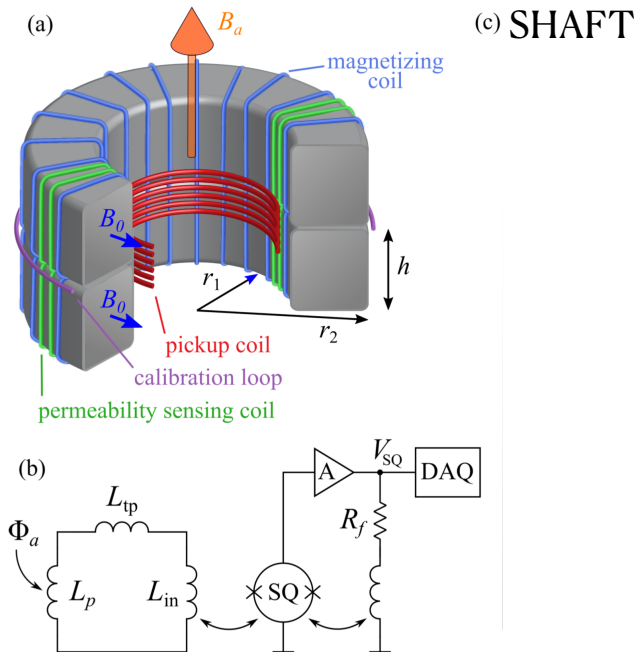
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} - \partial_t \mathbf{E} = \underbrace{g_{a\gamma\gamma} \partial_t a}_{j_{\text{eff}}} \mathbf{B}_0$$

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## Broadband and Resonant Approaches to Axion Dark Matter Detection

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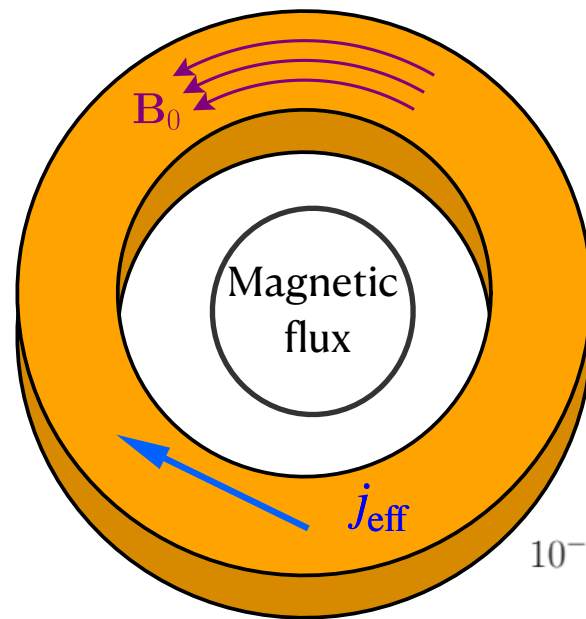
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## Search for axion-like dark matter with ferromagnets

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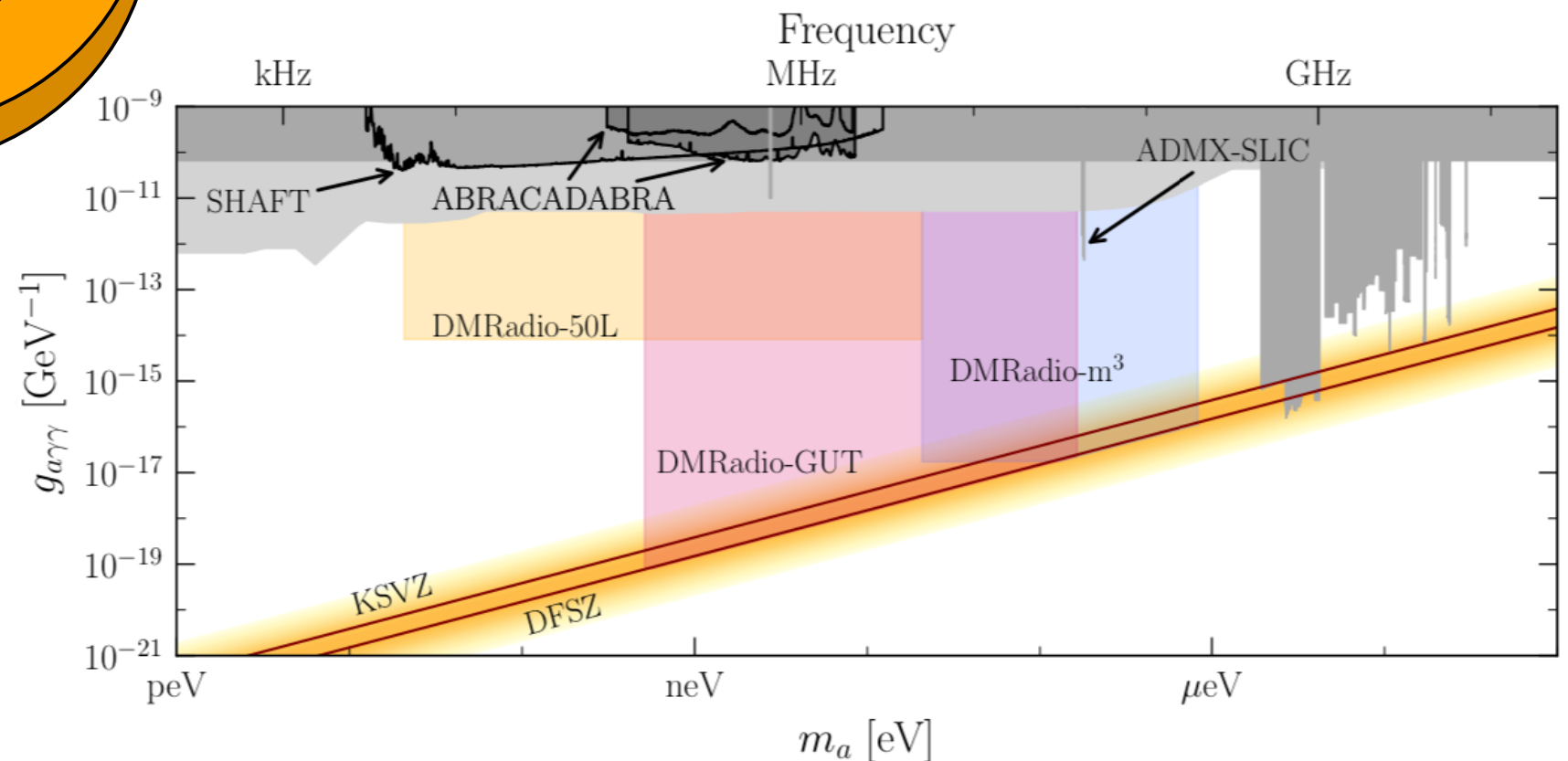
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## Proposal for a definitive search for GUT-scale QCD axions

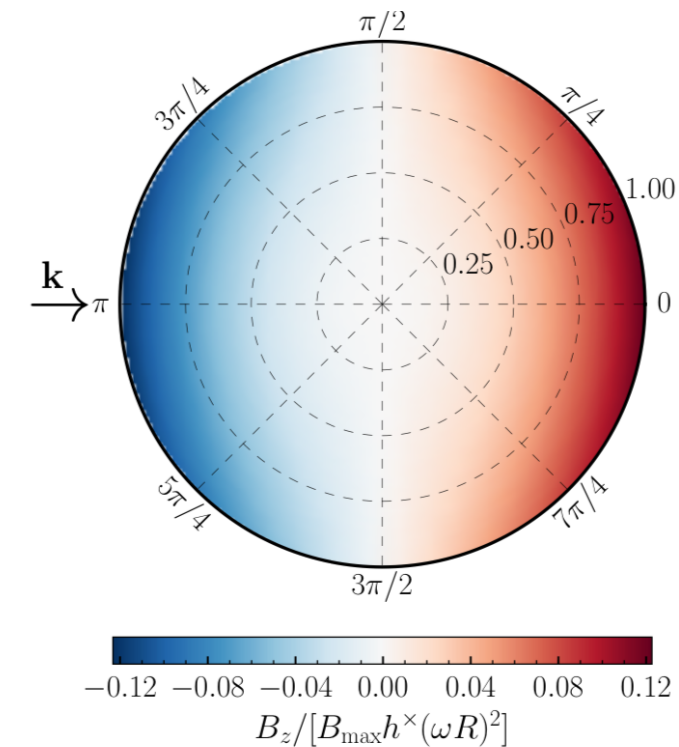
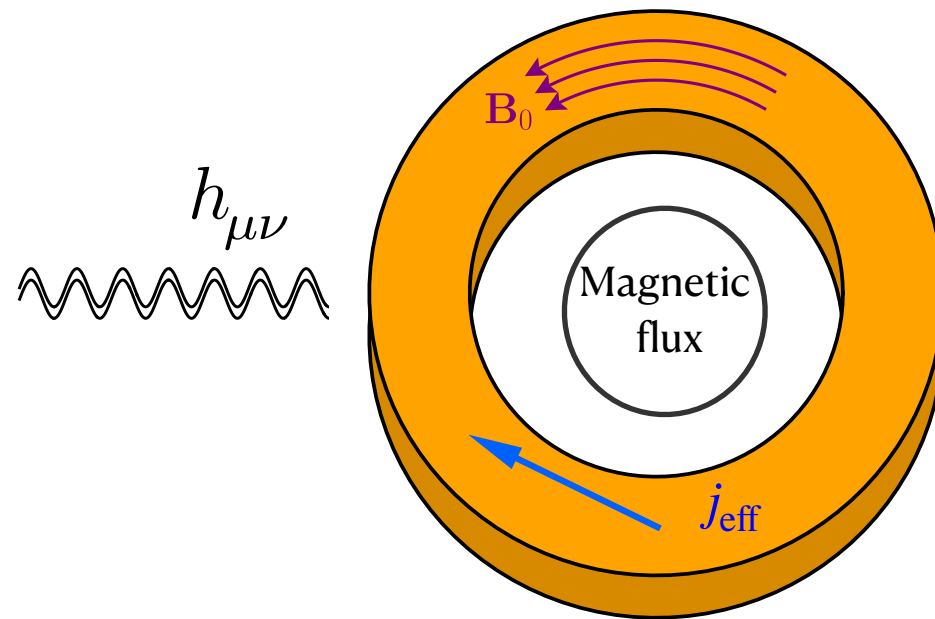
L. Brouwer *et al.* (DMRadio Collaboration)

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# Haloscopes based on lumped-element detectors

Valerie Domcke, Camilo Garcia-Cely, and Nicholas L. Rodd  
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$$\Phi \approx \frac{i e^{-i\omega t}}{16\sqrt{2}} h^{\times} \omega^3 B_{\max} \pi r^2 R a (a + 2R) s_{\theta_h}^2$$

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

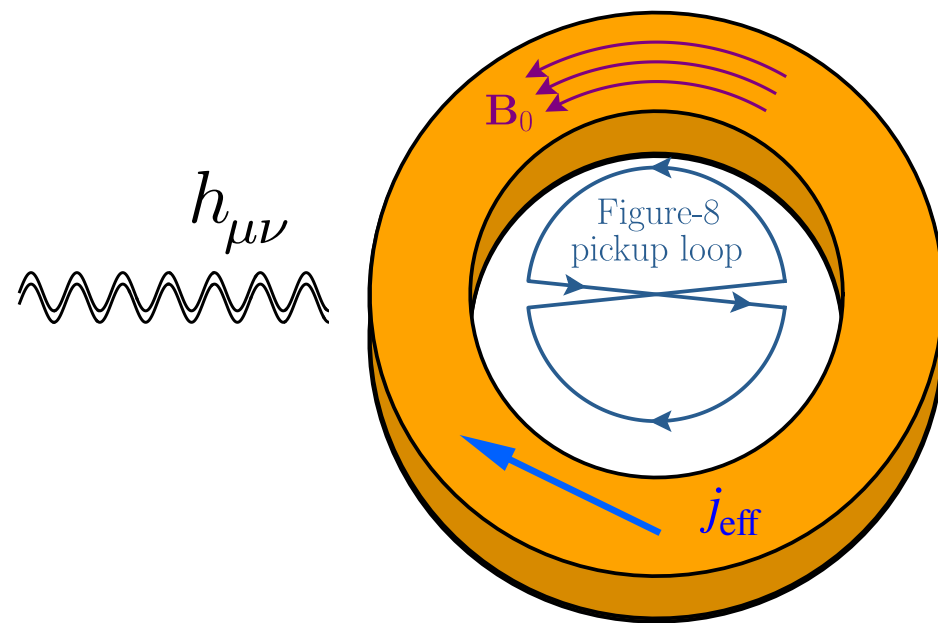
Only one polarization

Suppression at small frequencies

The sensitivity scaling with the volume is faster than for axions

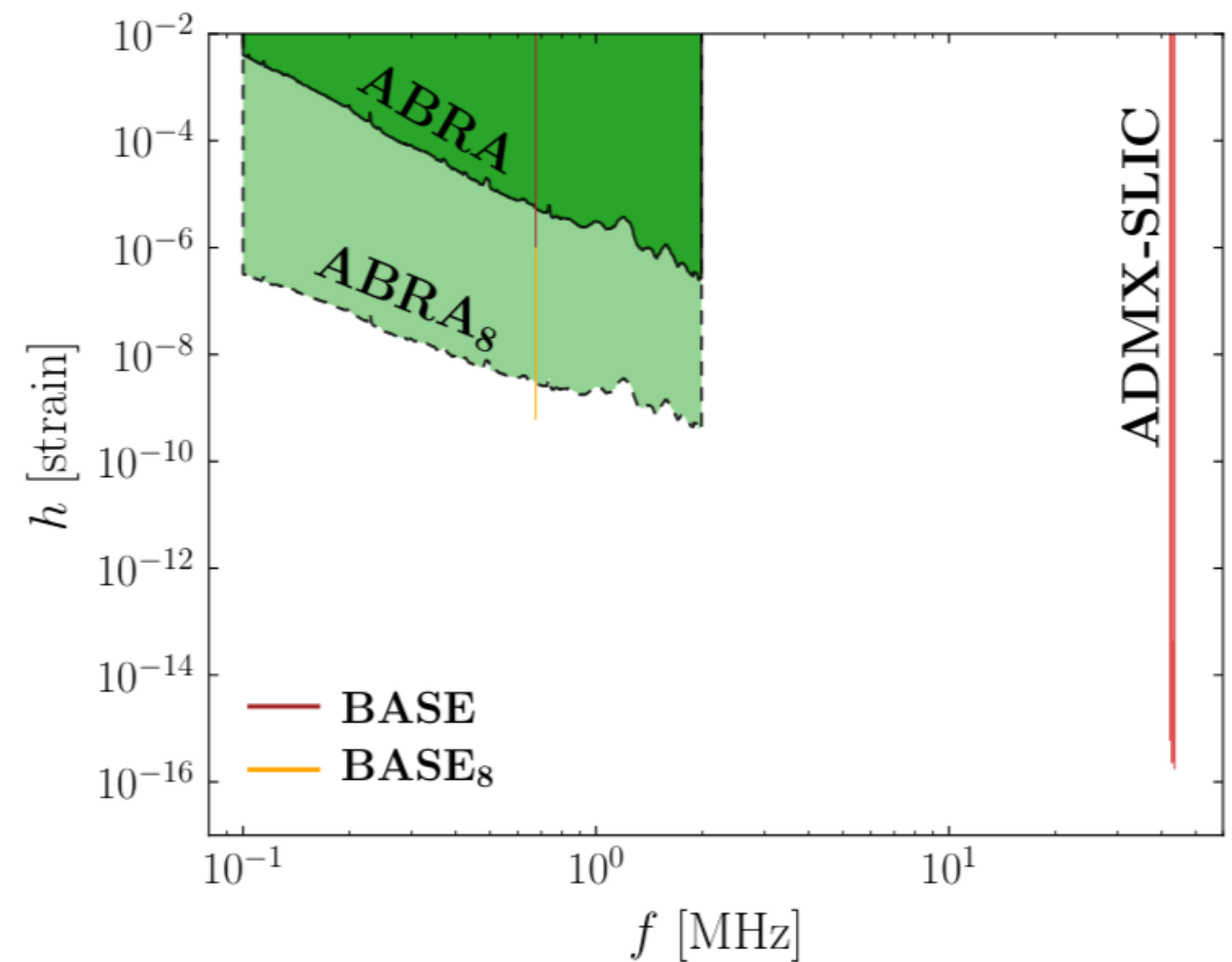
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Break cylindrical symmetry



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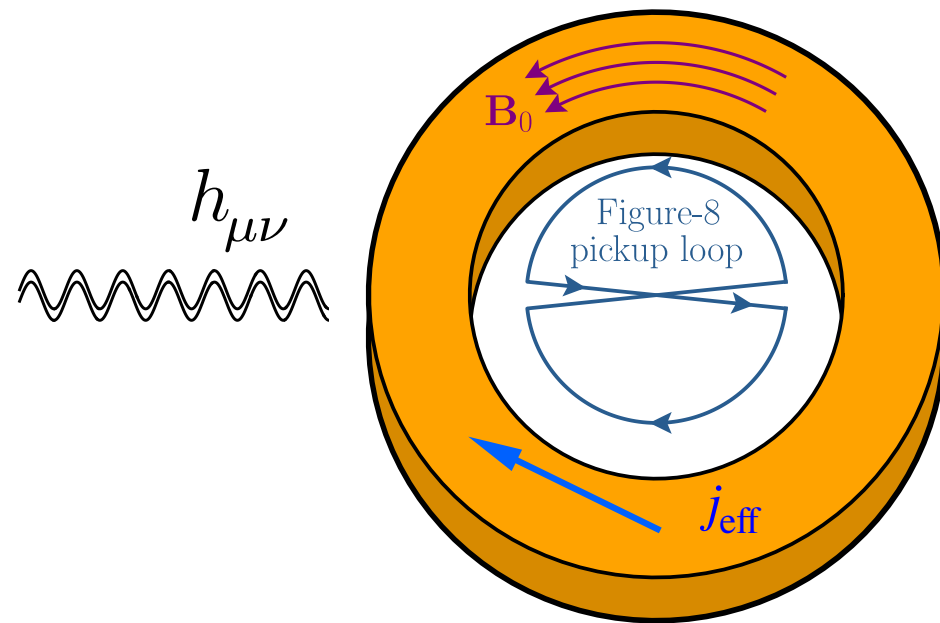
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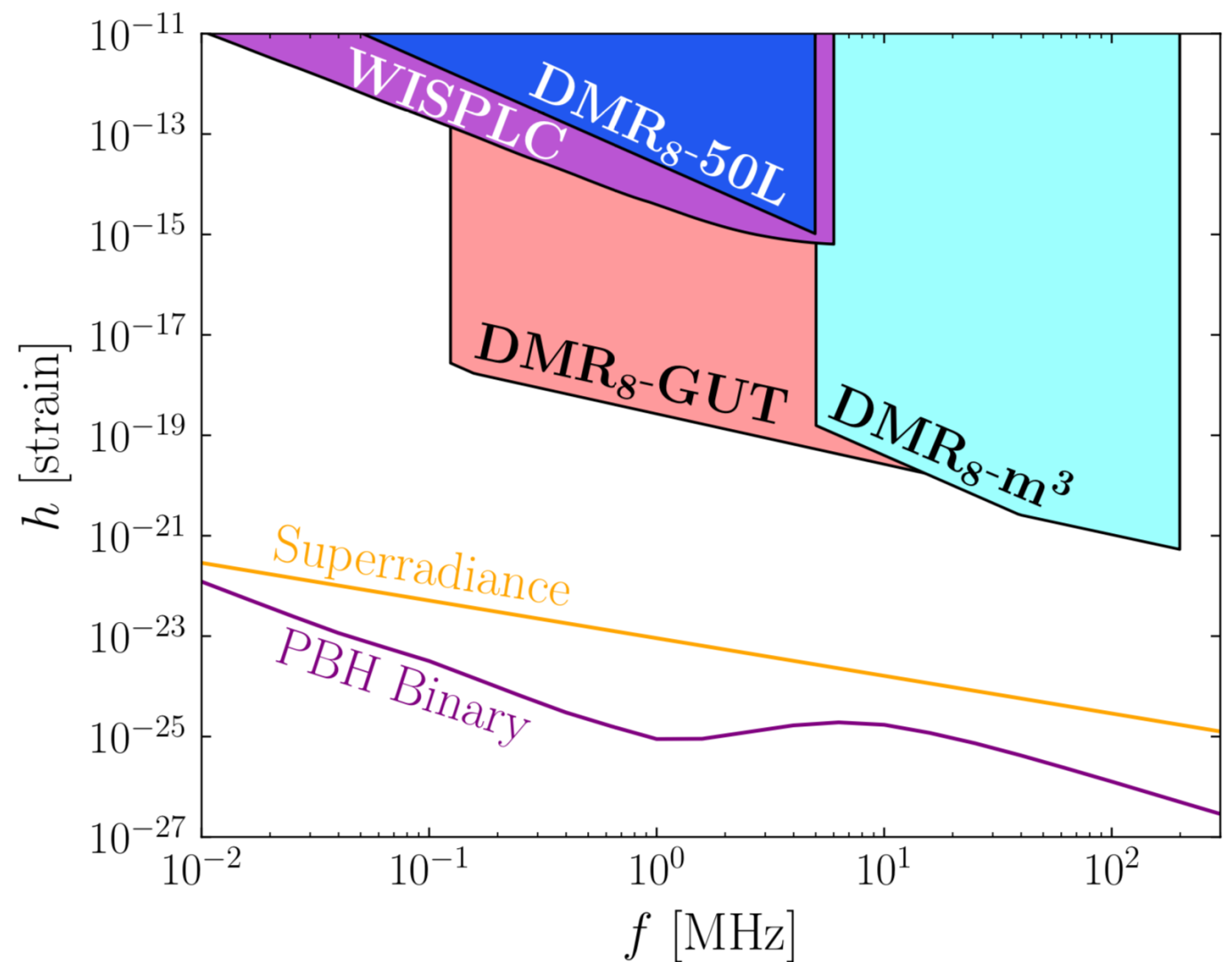


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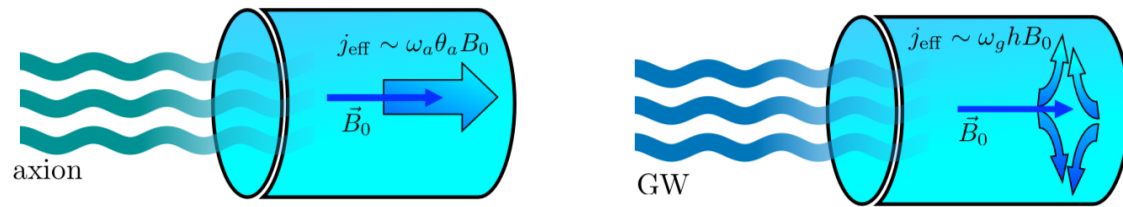


Recast of axion searches to establish GW sensitivity, taking into account the different time scales involved in the signals and detectors.





# Haloscopes based on microwave cavities



Detecting high-frequency gravitational waves with microwave cavities

Asher Berlin, Diego Blas, Raffaele Tito D'Agnolo, Sebastian A. R. Ellis, Roni Harnik, Yonatan Kahn, and Jan Schütte-Engel

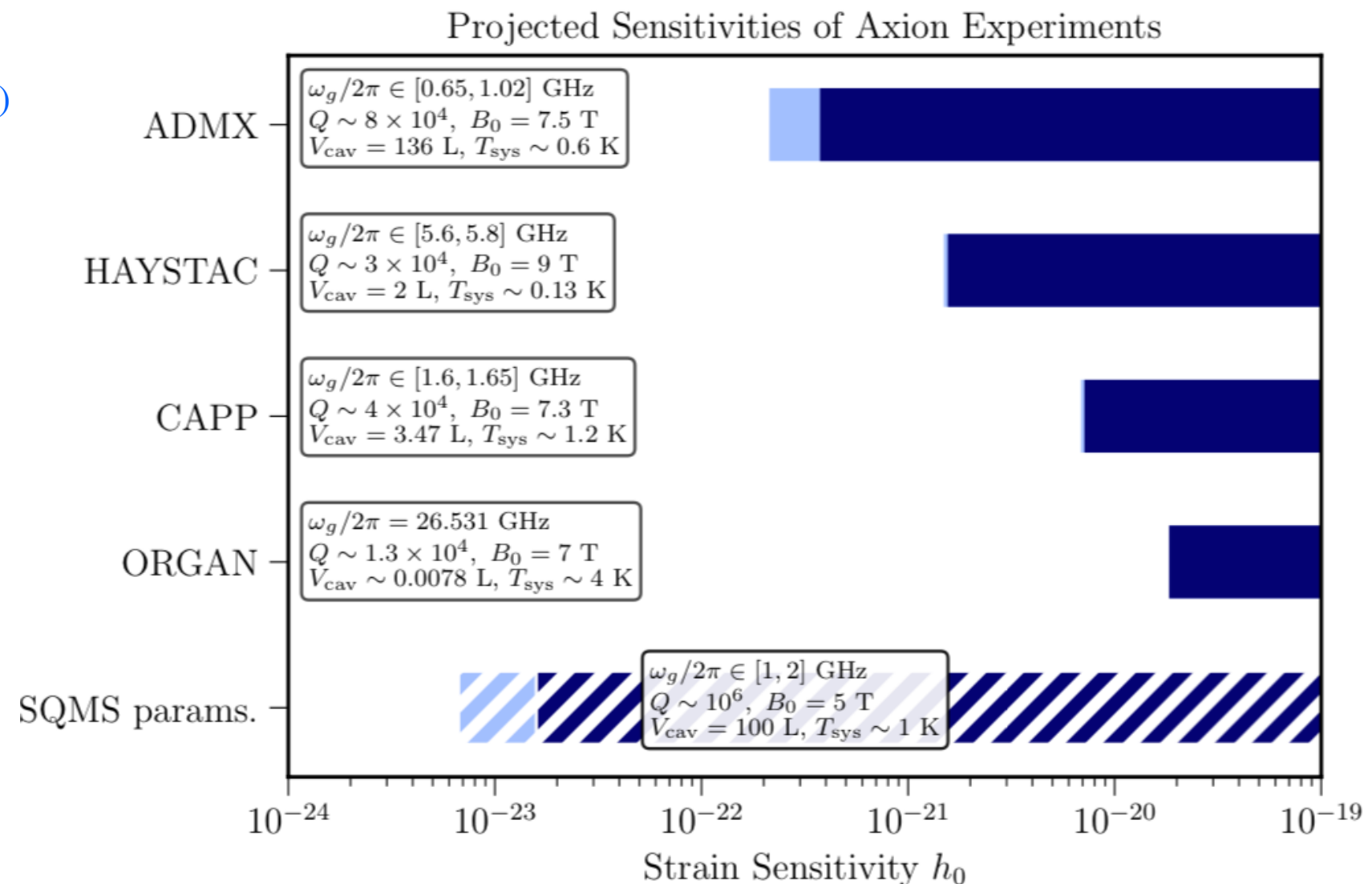
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$$\left( \partial_t^2 + \frac{\omega_n}{Q_n} \partial_t + \omega_n^2 \right) e_n(t) = - \frac{\int_{V_{\text{cav}}} d^3\mathbf{x} \mathbf{E}_n^* \cdot \partial_t \mathbf{j}_{\text{eff}}}{\int_{V_{\text{cav}}} d^3\mathbf{x} |\mathbf{E}_n|^2}$$

**Eigenmodes**

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_n e_n(t) \mathbf{E}_n(\mathbf{x})$$

It resonates when the GW frequency matches one of the eigenmode frequencies



# **Recent Developments**

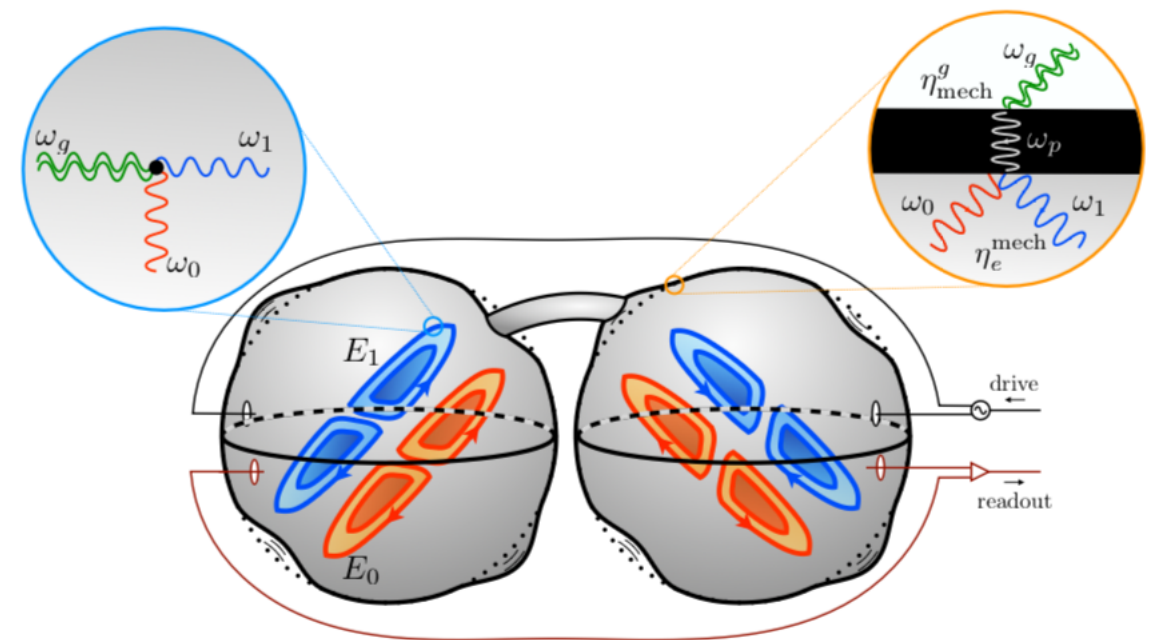
# The coupling of the mechanical modes can play an important role

[Submitted on 2 Mar 2023]

## MAGO 2.0: Electromagnetic Cavities as Mechanical Bars for Gravitational Waves

Asher Berlin, Diego Blas, Raffaele Tito D'Agnolo, Sebastian A. R. Ellis, Roni Harnik, Yonatan Kahn, Jan Schütte-Engel, Michael Wentzel

Superconducting cavities can operate analogously to Weber bar detectors of gravitational waves, converting mechanical to electromagnetic energy. The significantly reduced electromagnetic noise results in increased sensitivity to high-frequency signals well outside the bandwidth of the lowest mechanical resonance. In this work, we revisit such signals of gravitational waves and demonstrate that a setup similar to the existing "MAGO" prototype, operating in a scanning or broadband manner, could have sensitivity to strains of  $\sim 10^{-22} - 10^{-18}$  for frequencies of  $\sim 10$  kHz – 1 GHz.



# Selection rules for low-mass haloscopes

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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:

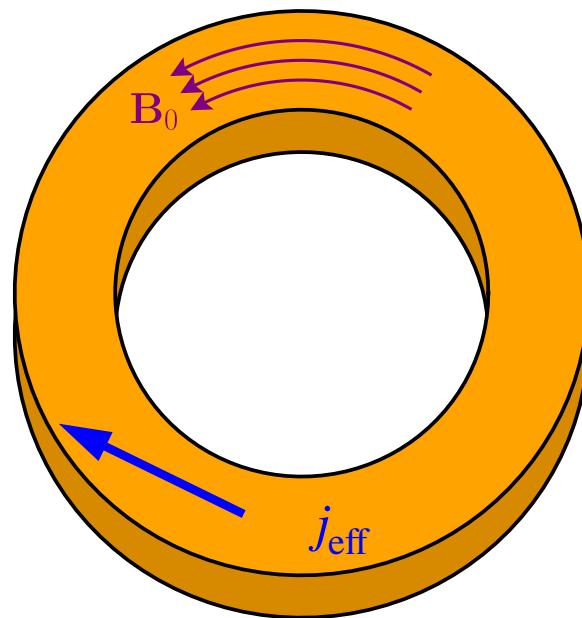
**Selection Rule 1:** For an instrument with azimuthal symmetry,  $\Phi_h \propto h^+$  at  $\mathcal{O}[(\omega L)^2]$

**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  $(\omega L)$ .

**Selection Rule 3:** For an instrument with full cylindrical symmetry,  $\Phi_h$  will contain only even or odd powers of  $\omega$ .

# Surface currents

Domcke, CGC, Lee, Rodd, 2023



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

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

# Estimates for BabyIAXO RADES

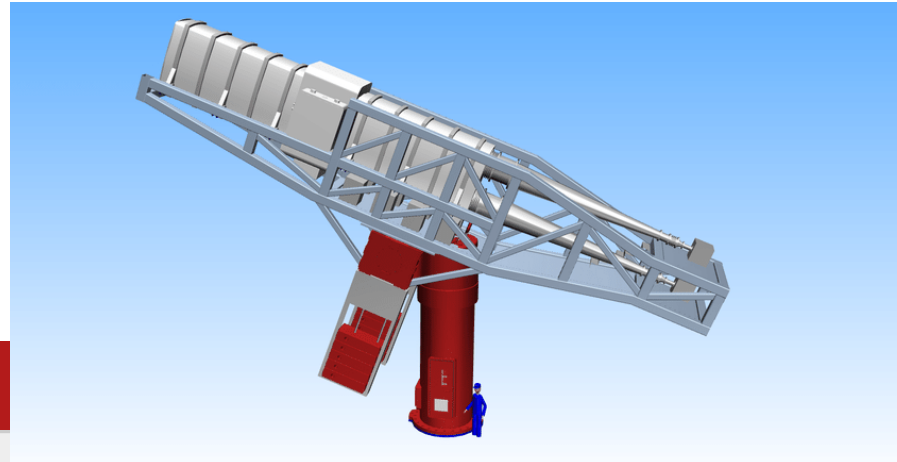
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## A proposal for a low-frequency axion search in the 1-2 $\mu\text{eV}$ range and below with the BabyIAXO magnet

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With adaptations to the coupling structures, the BabyIAXO RADES cavities also have sensitivity to hypothesized high-frequency gravitational waves (HFGWs), see, e.g. [55–57].

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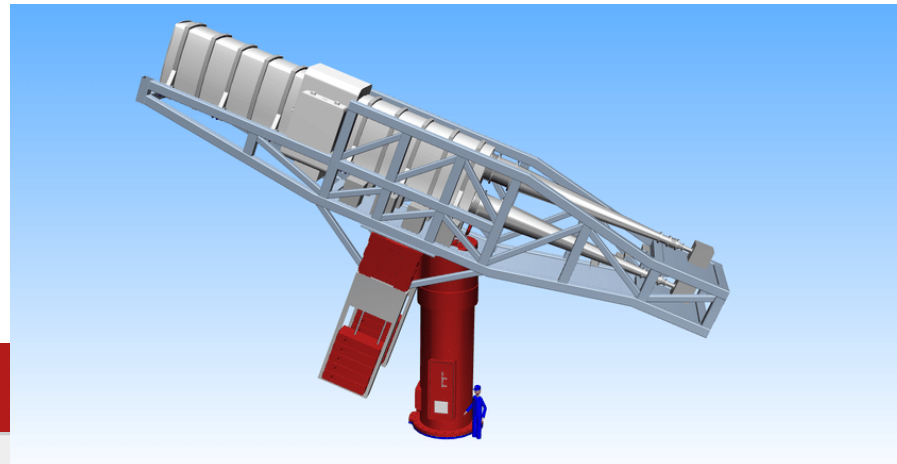
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Lots of room for improvement

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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 no experiment as of today has been 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