

Insights from Axion Dark Matter for the Field of Gravitational Wave Physics

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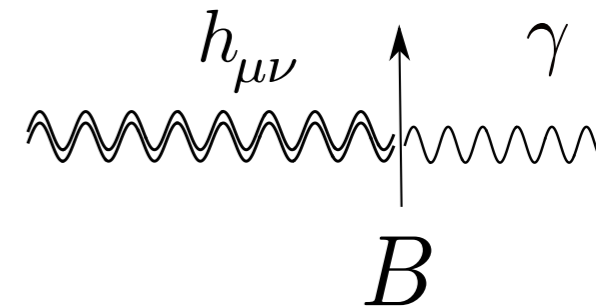
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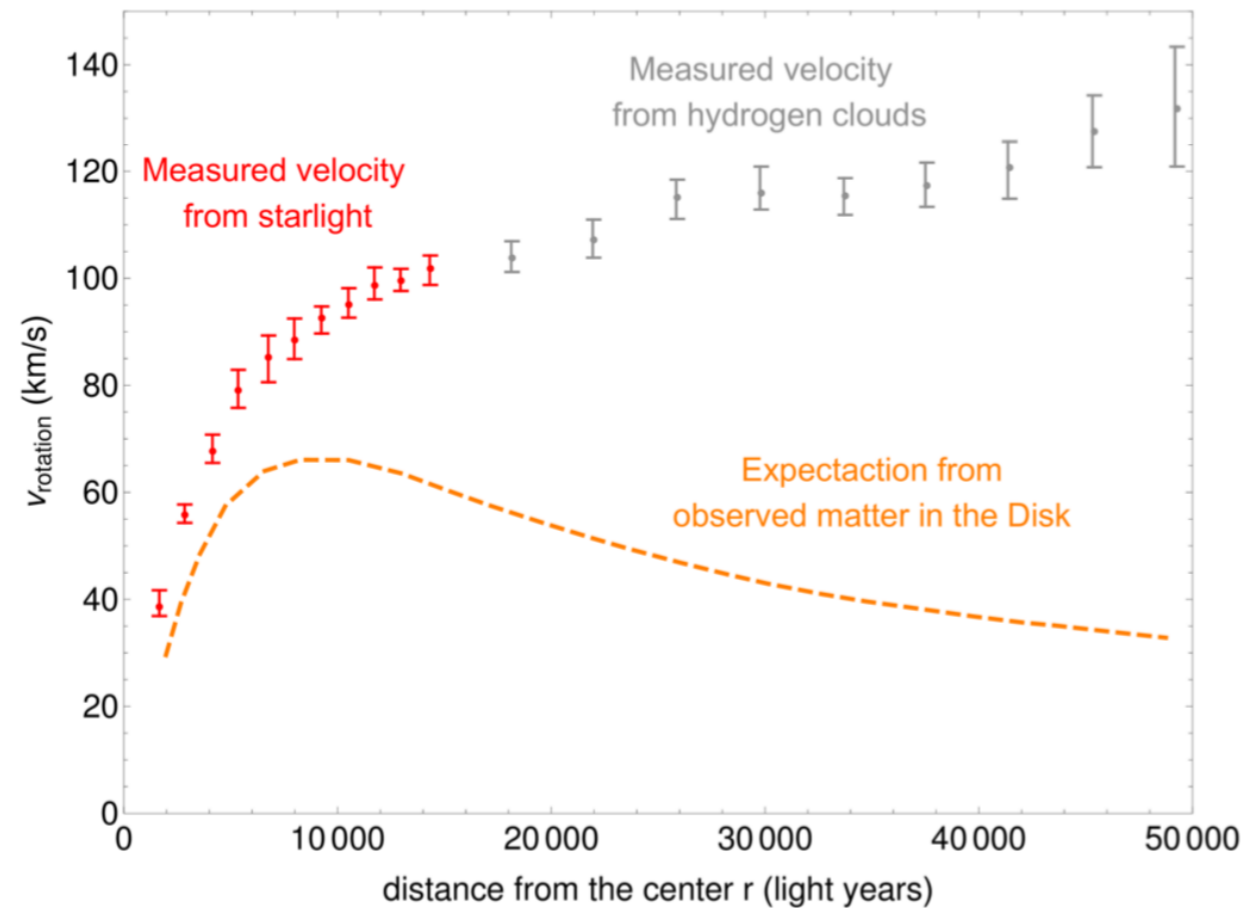
Outline

- How do people search for axion dark matter?
- Solar gravitational waves
- Detecting gravitational waves with axion haloscopes
- Conclusions



Axion dark matter versus gravitational waves

Dark Matter



Triangulum Galaxy (M33)



There must be some *matter that we don't see* or Newton's Laws don't work in galaxies



Vera Rubin

Collisionless Cold Dark Matter

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

Velocity measurements

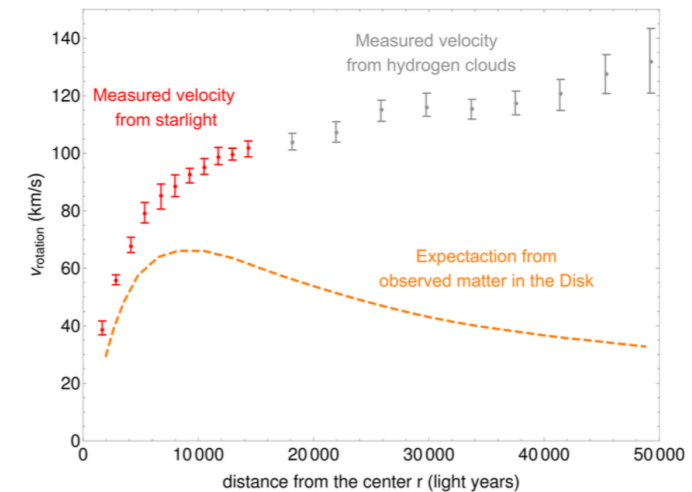
- Flat rotation curves of spiral galaxies
- Velocity dispersion of stars in giant elliptical and dwarf spheroidal galaxies
- Velocity dispersion of galaxies in clusters

Lensing

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

Universe at large scales

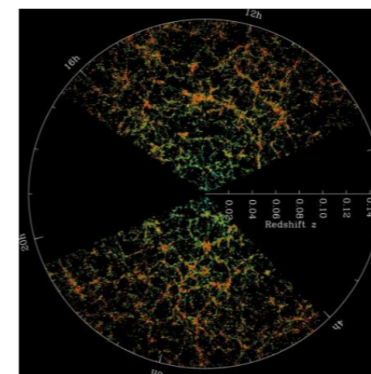
- Abundance of clusters
- Large-scale distribution of galaxies
- Power spectrum of CMB anisotropies



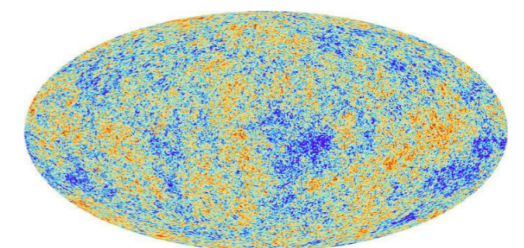
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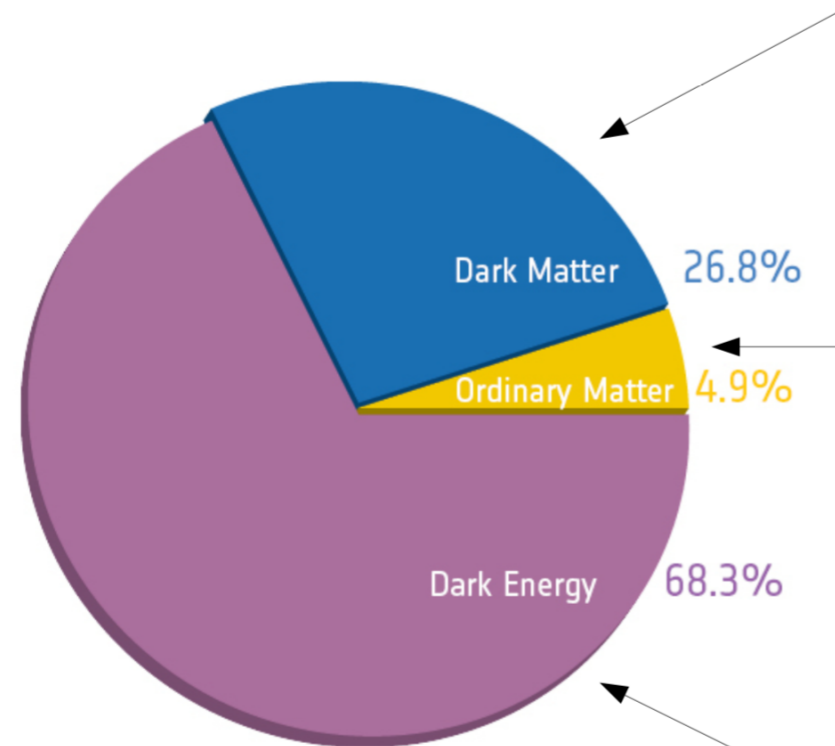
Mpc



Gpc



Collisionless Cold Dark Matter



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Standard Model stable particles:

Mostly protons, electrons,
neutrinos and photons

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}R g_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

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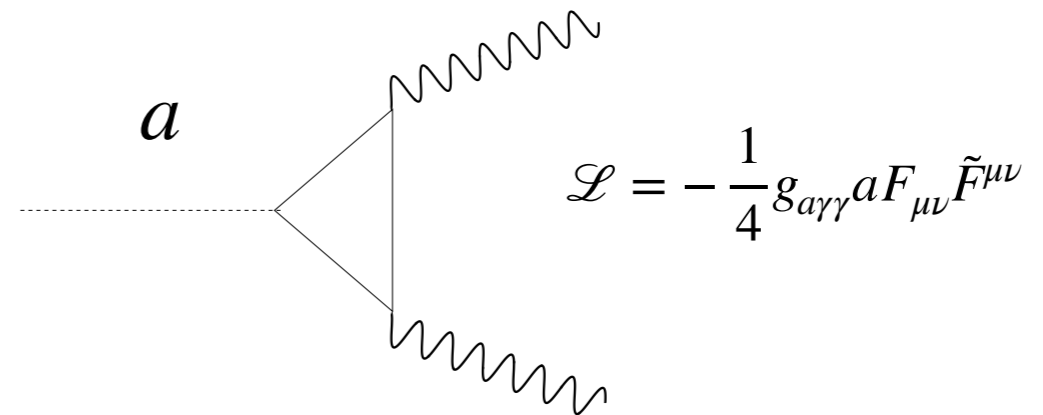
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Bertone Tait, 2018

QCD axion as dark matter

- Pseudoscalar field



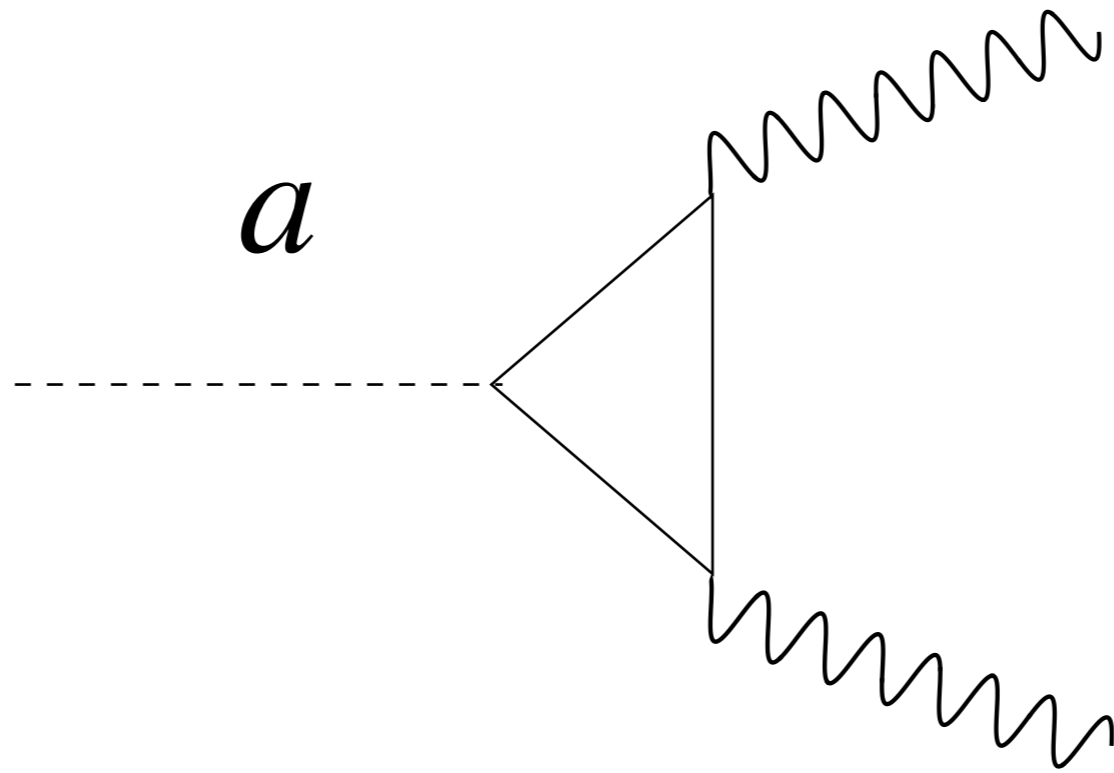
- Solution to the strong CP problem

Peccei, Quinn 1977

- Excellent dark matter candidate

Weinberg, Wilczek 1978

Axion electrodynamics



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

Axion electrodynamics

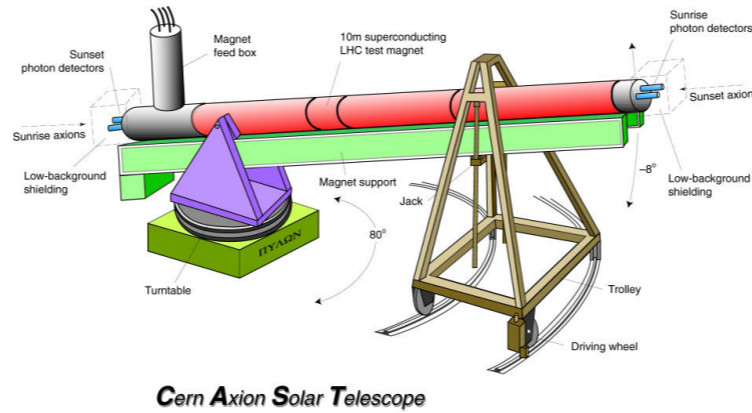
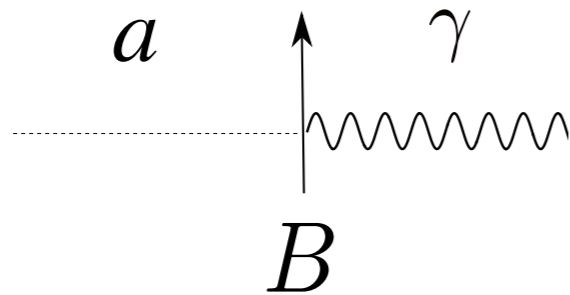
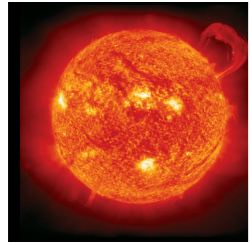
Axions act as a source term to Maxwell's equations, **effectively inducing an electromagnetic current.**

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

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

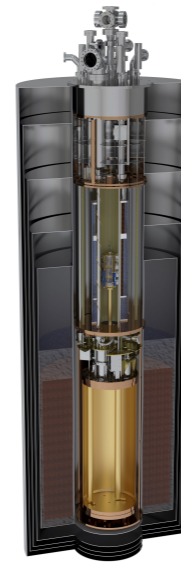
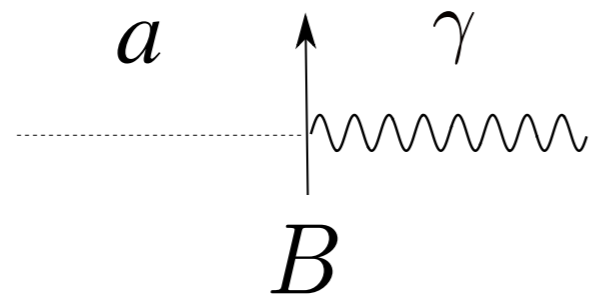
Axion electrodynamics

- Helioscopes (X rays)



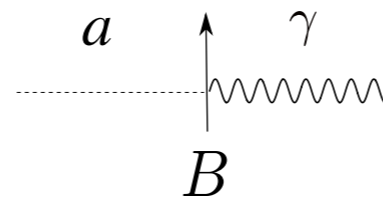
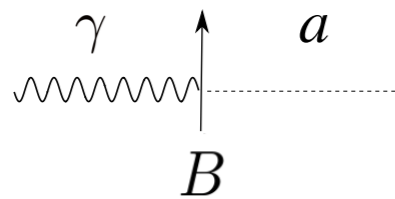
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- Haloscopes (radio frequencies)



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- Lumped element detectors
- ...

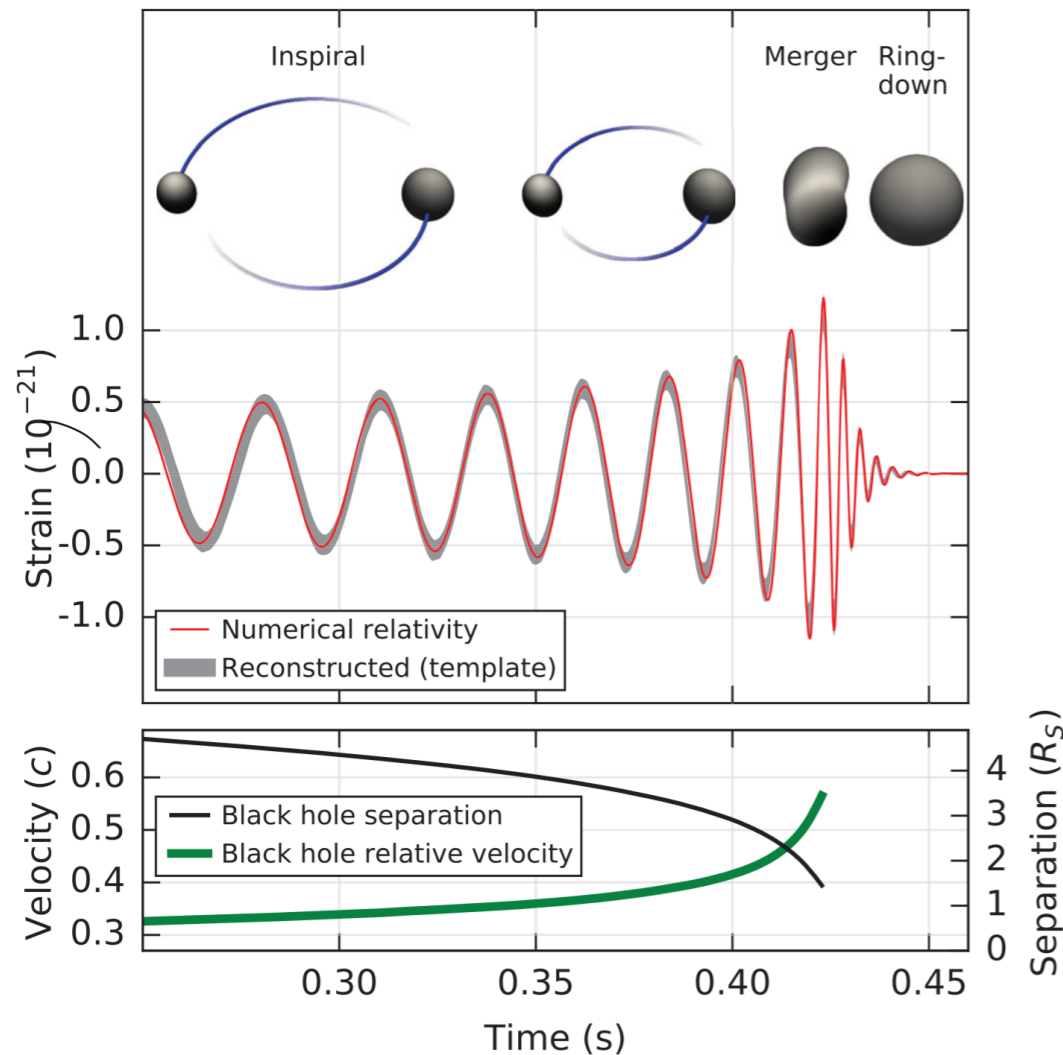
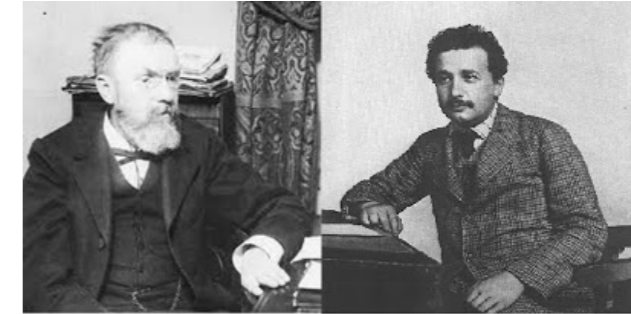
- Purely lab experiments



- Light shining through the walls
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Gravitational Waves

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



PRL 116, 061102 (2016)

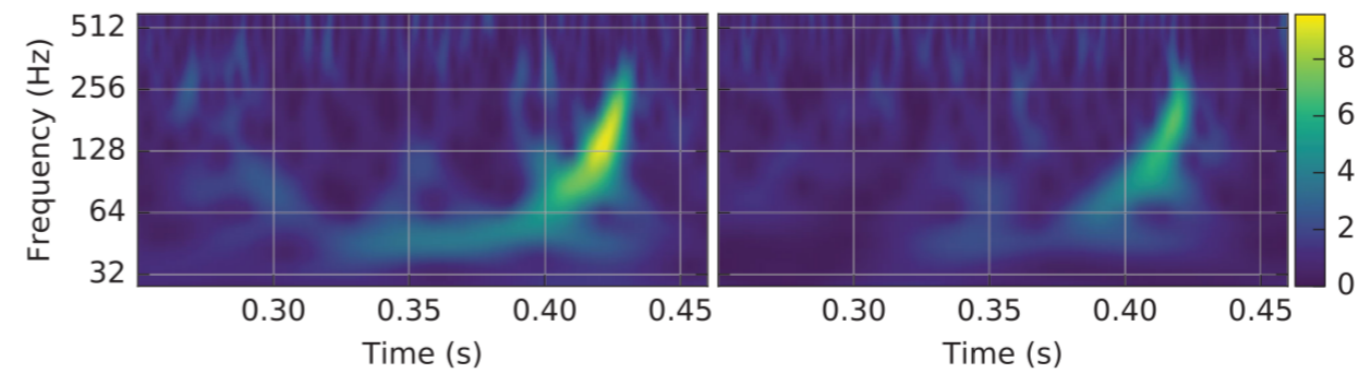
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Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Black Hole Merger

B. P. Abbott *et al.**

(LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration)



interferometers



Revisiting Gertsenhstein's ideas

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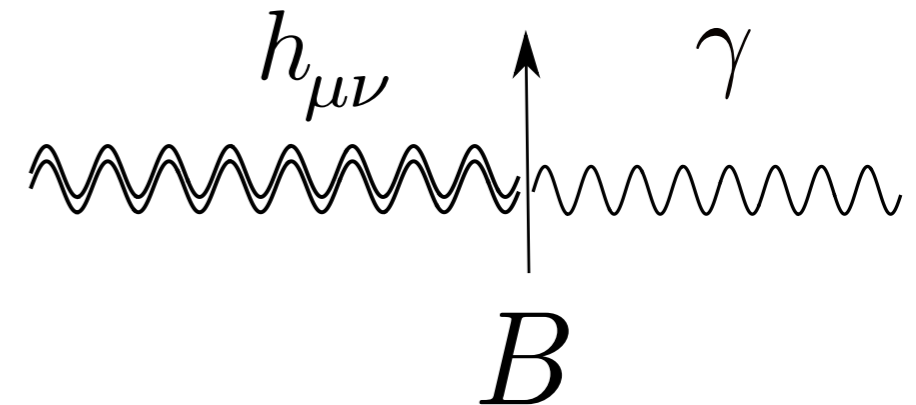
WAVE RESONANCE OF LIGHT AND GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

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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

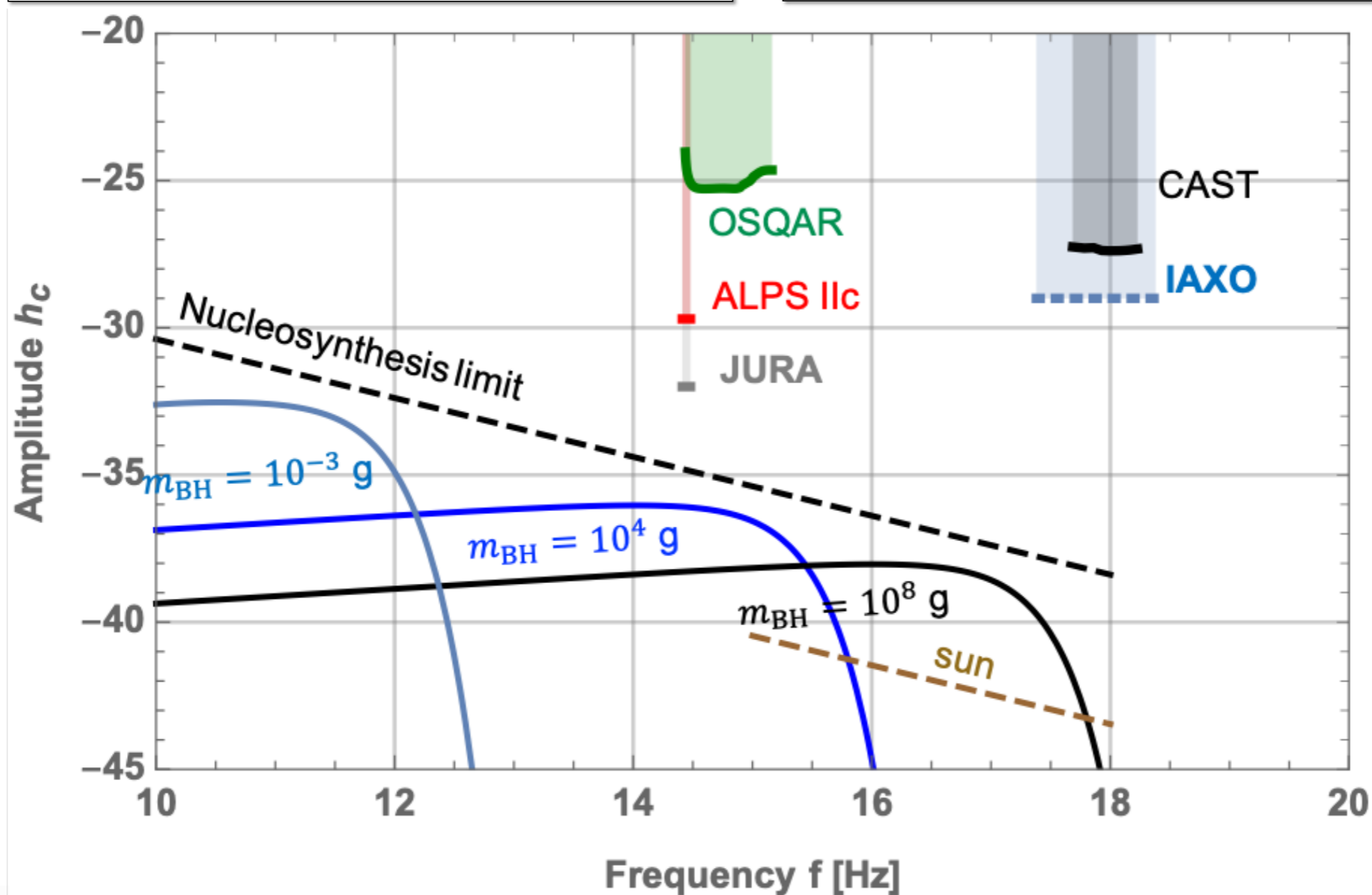
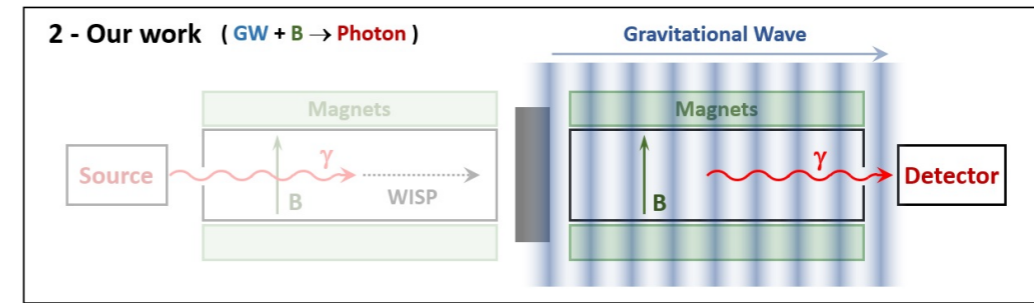
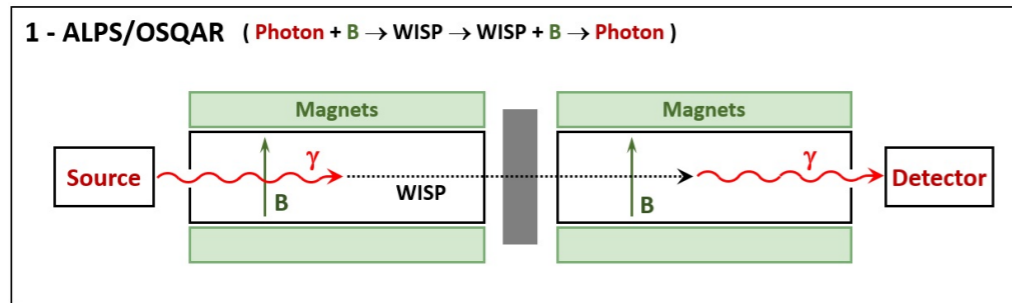
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- The process is strictly analogous to axion dark matter conversion.

Raffelt, Stodolski'89

The (inverse) Gertsenhstein Effect



A. Ejlli , D. Ejlli, A. M. Cruise, G. Pisano & H. Grote

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High-frequency gravitational waves

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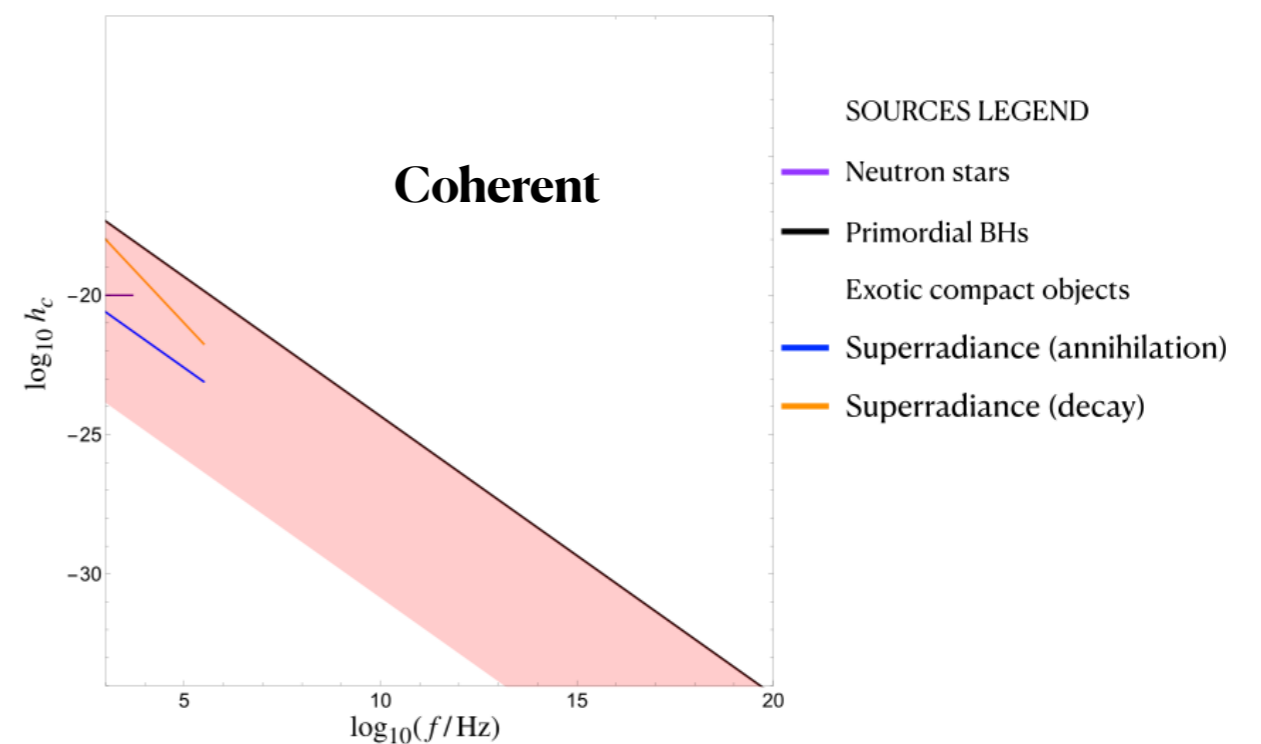
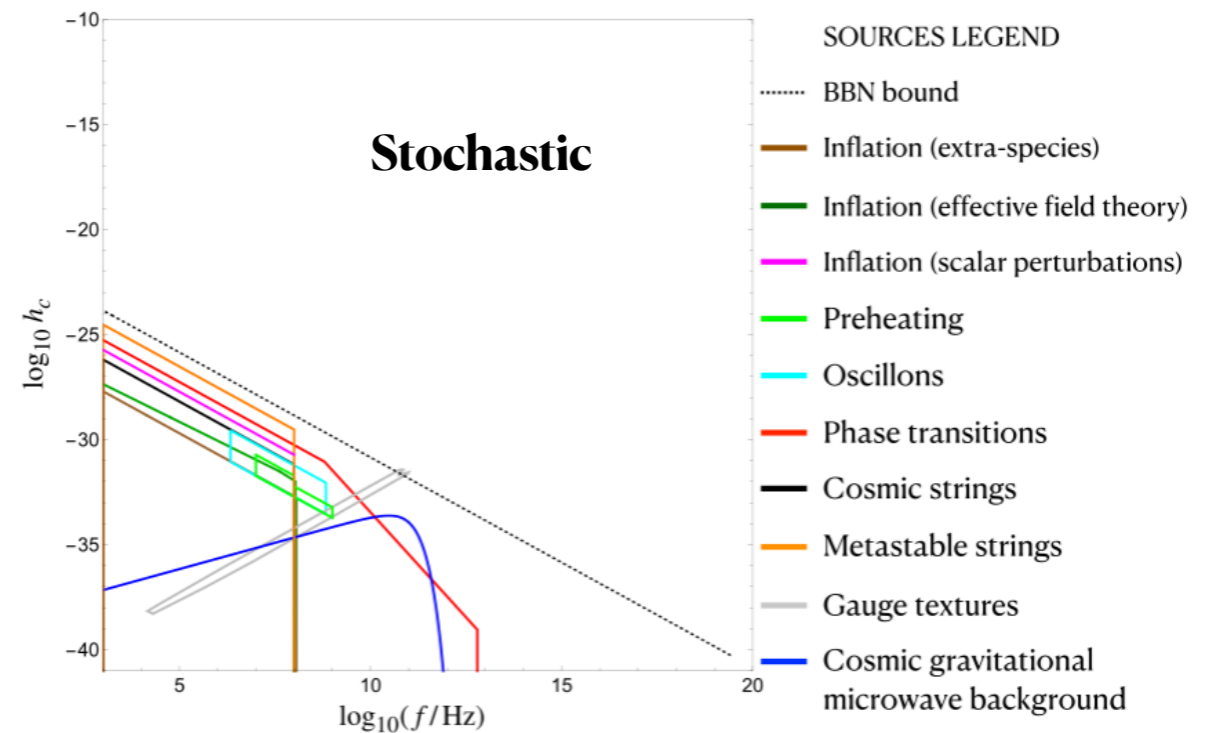
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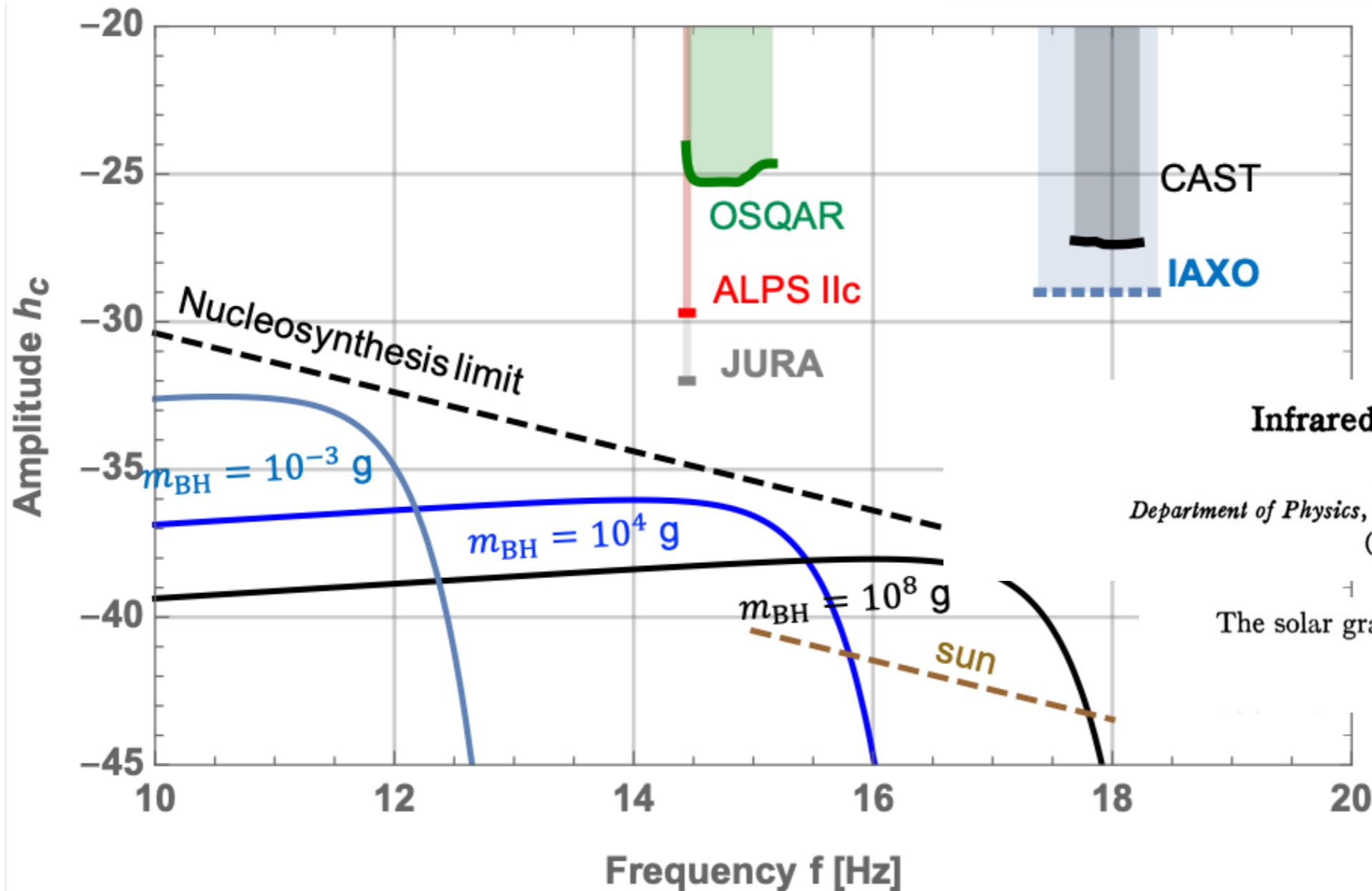
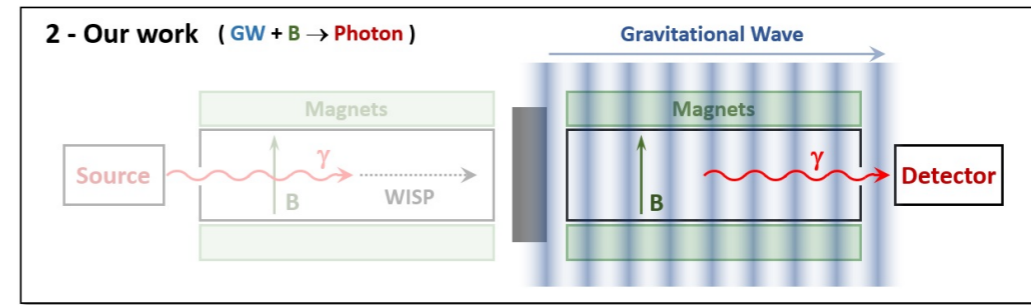
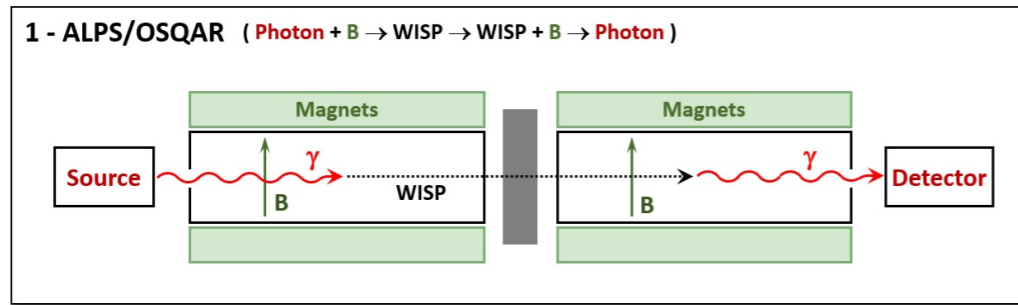
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A growing community is seriously considering the search of high frequency gravitational waves



Solar gravitational waves

The (inverse) Gertsenhstein Effect



Infrared Photons and Gravitons*

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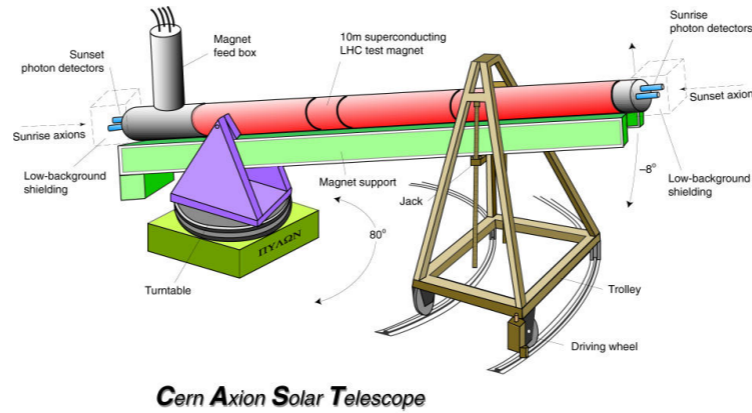
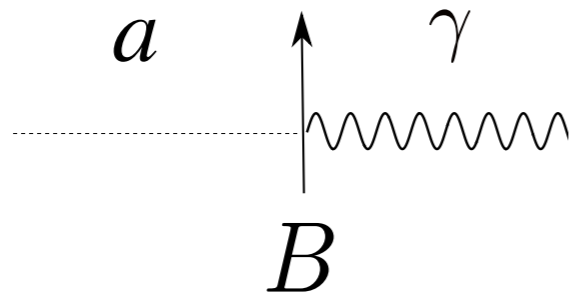
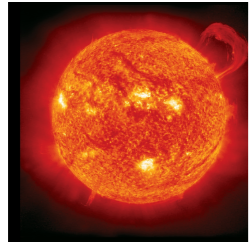
(Received 1 June 1965)

† The solar gravitational radiation power is then

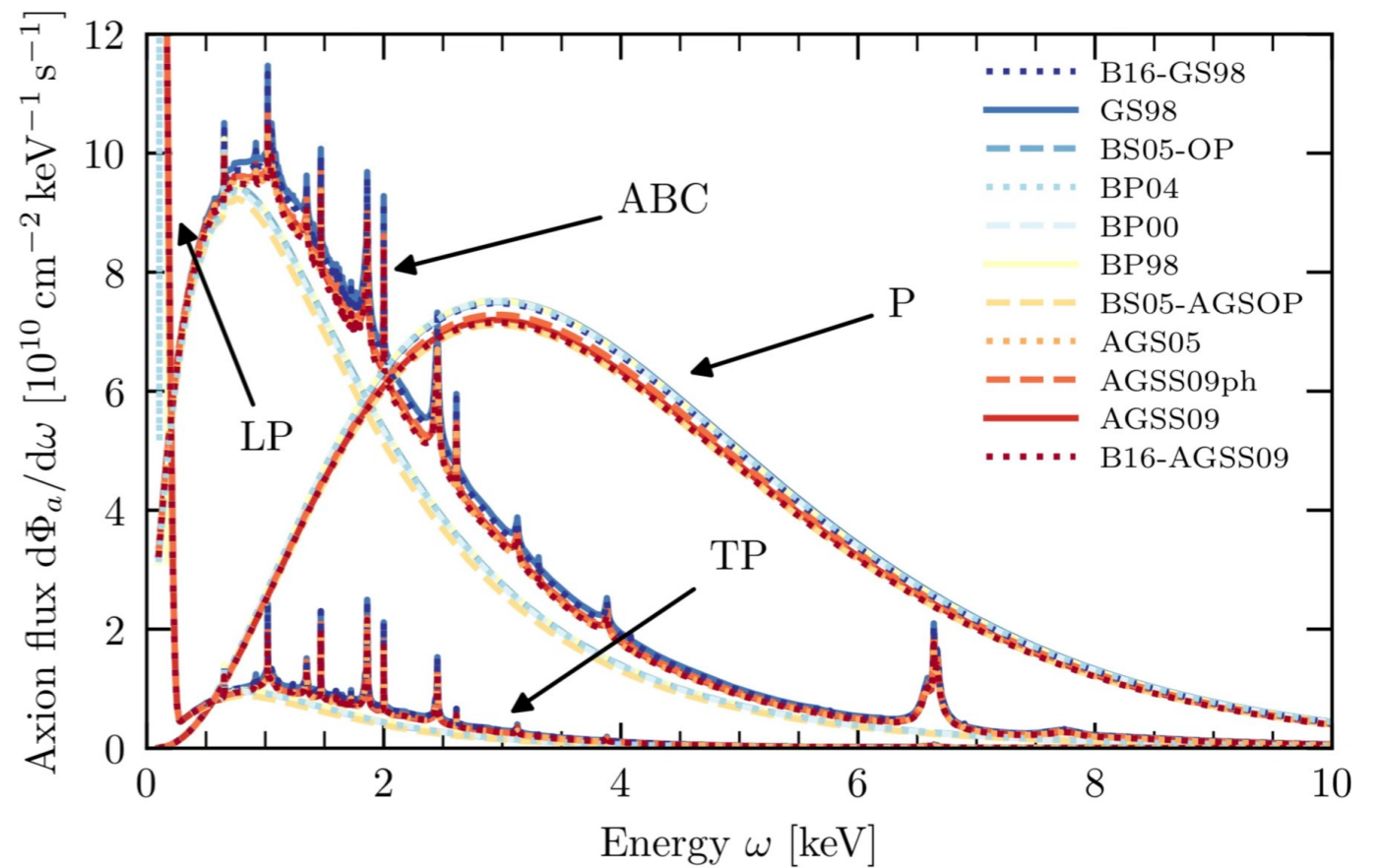
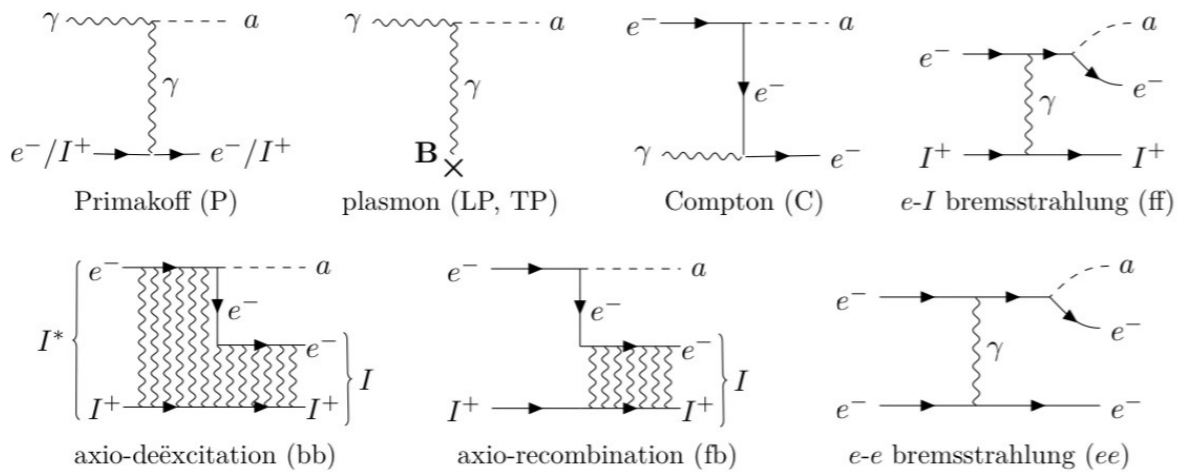
$$P_{\odot} \simeq 6 \times 10^{14} \text{ erg/sec.} \quad (4.24)$$

Solar axions

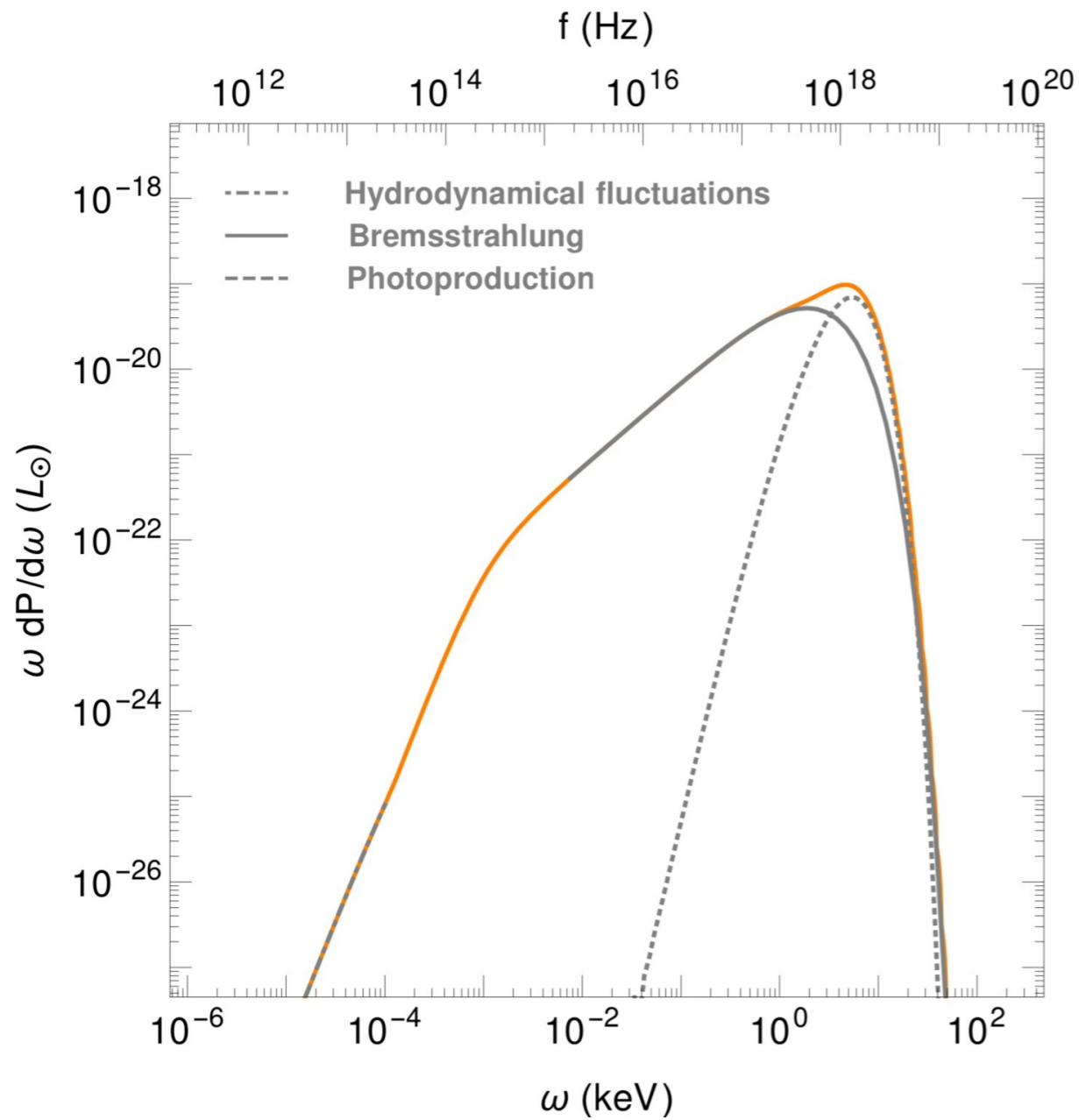
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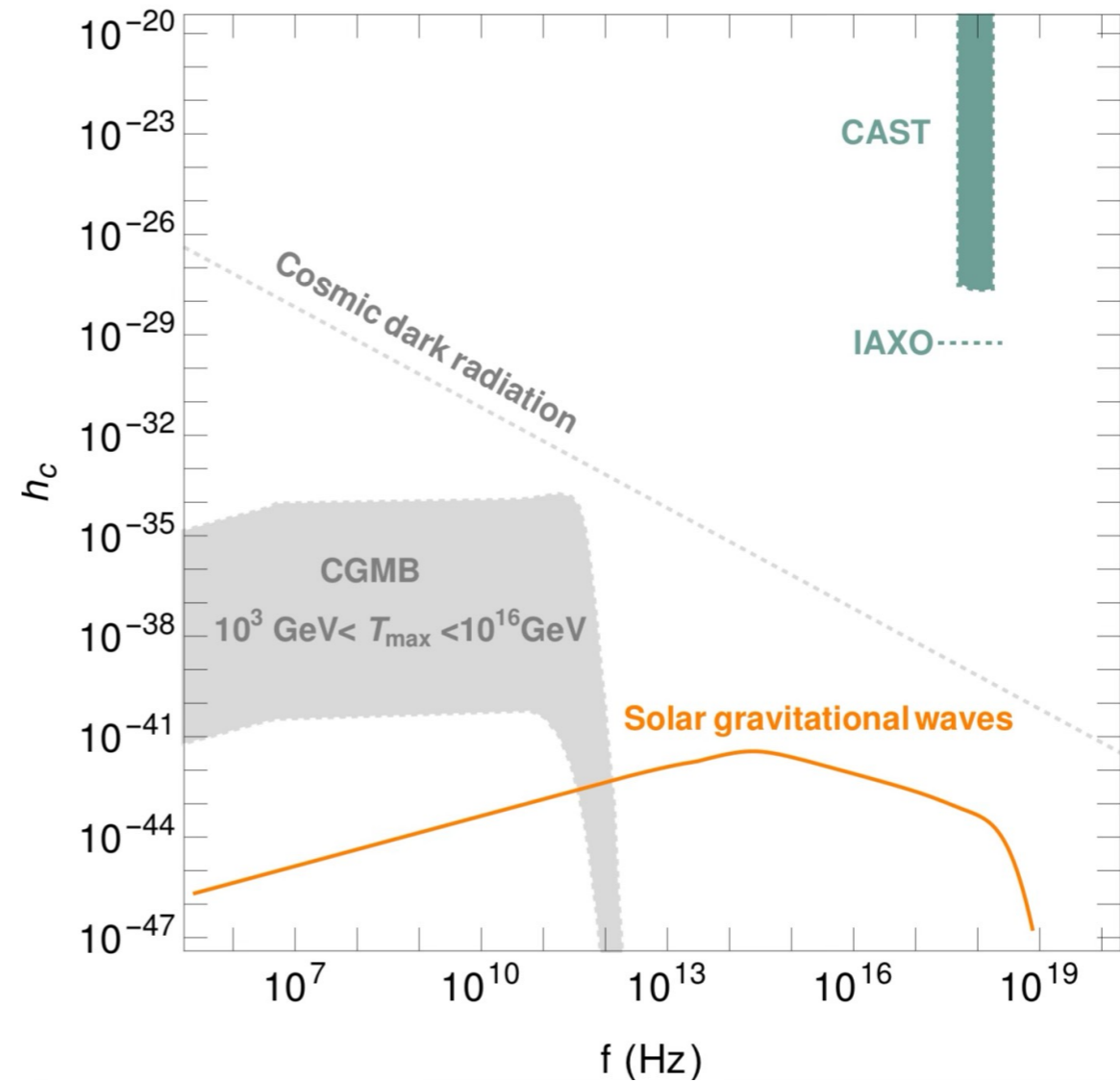
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Solar gravitational waves



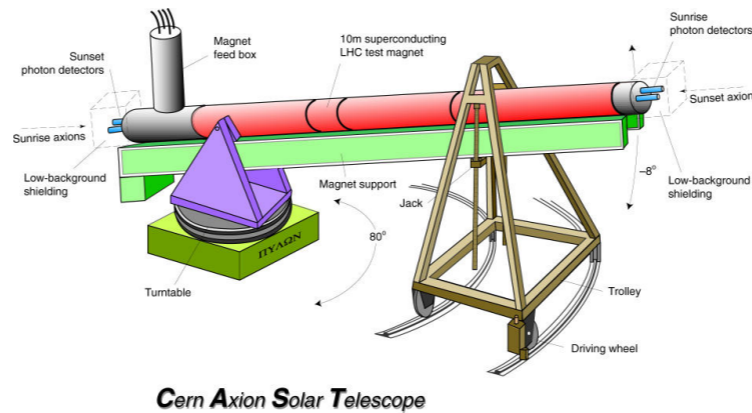
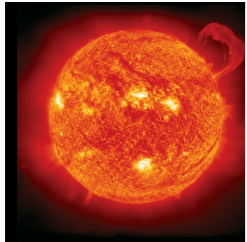
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Haloscopes based on lumped-element detectors

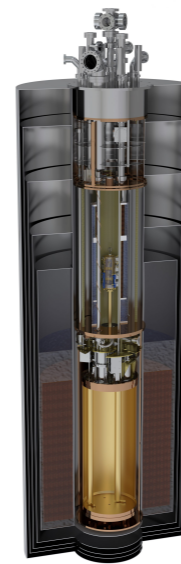
Many possibilities

- Helioscopes (X rays)



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- Haloscopes (radio frequencies)



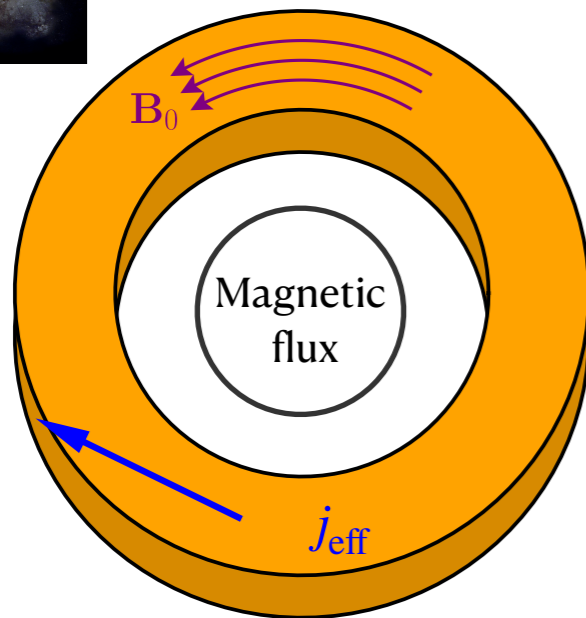
- microwave cavities
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- Lumped element detectors
- ...

- Purely lab experiments

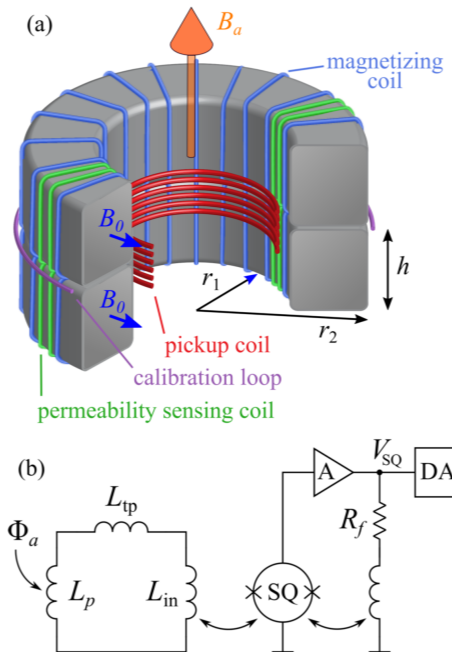


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Haloscopes based on lumped-element detectors



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



(c) SHAFT



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Search for axion-like dark matter with ferromagnets

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Broadband and Resonant Approaches to Axion Dark Matter Detection

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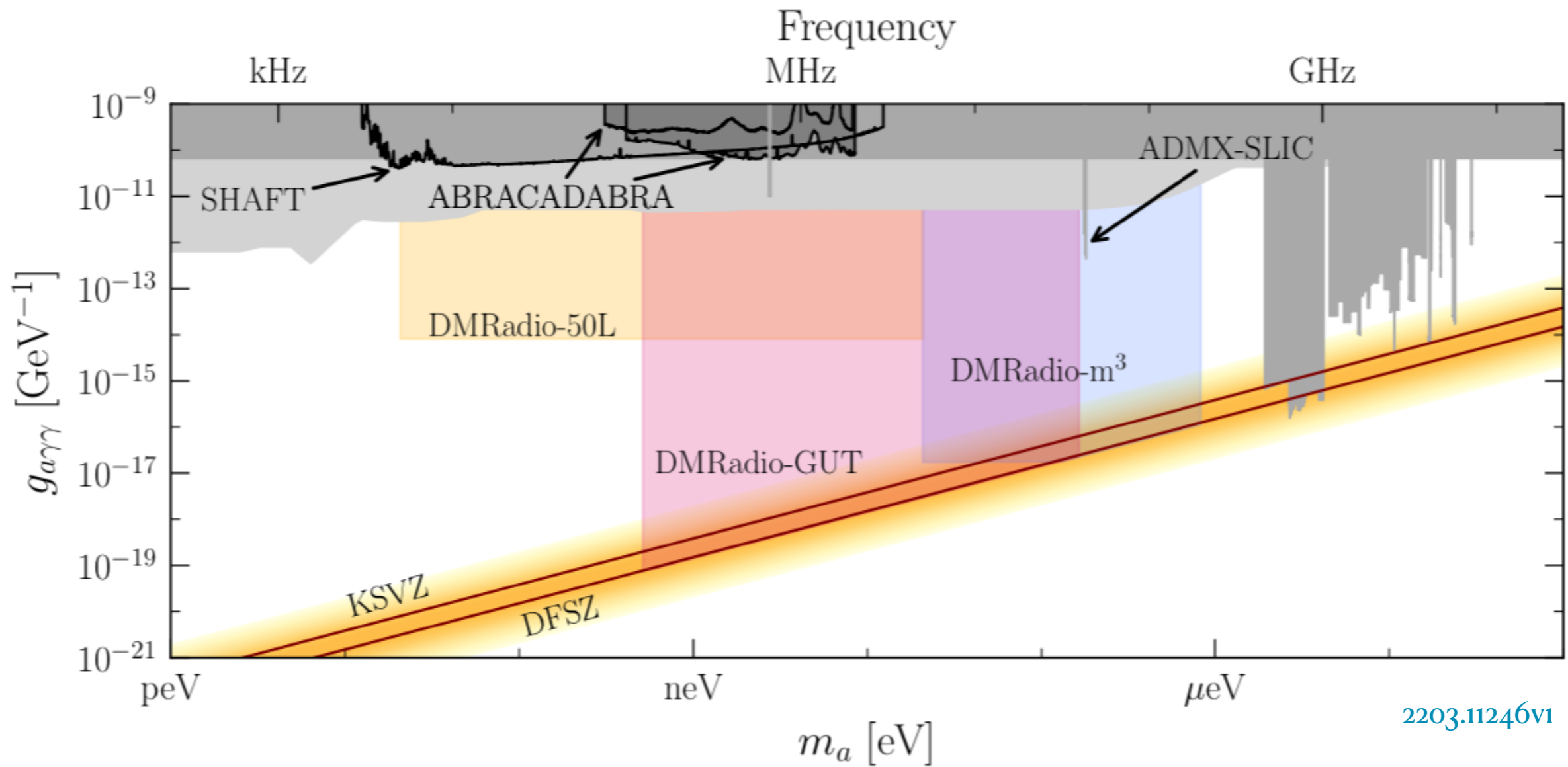
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The electromagnetic fields produced by the axion drive a current through a pickup coil

DMRadio program

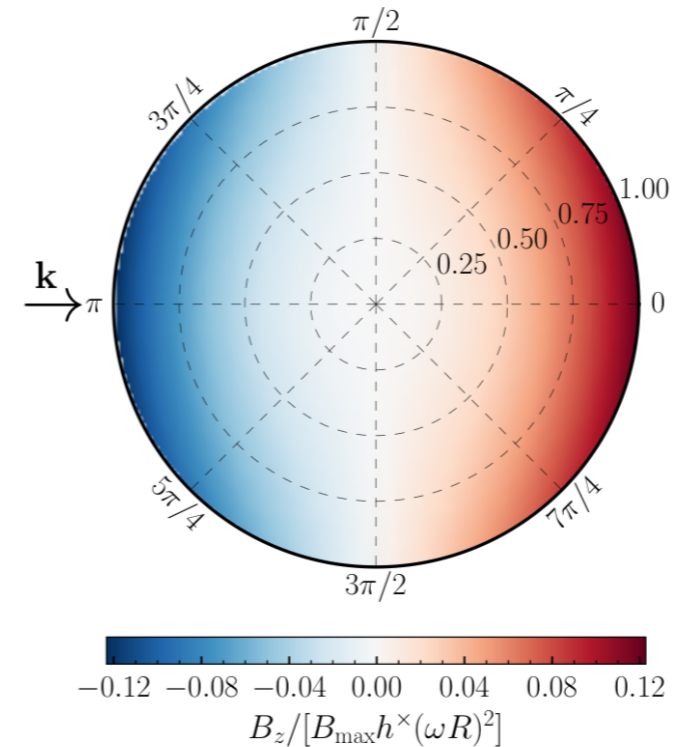
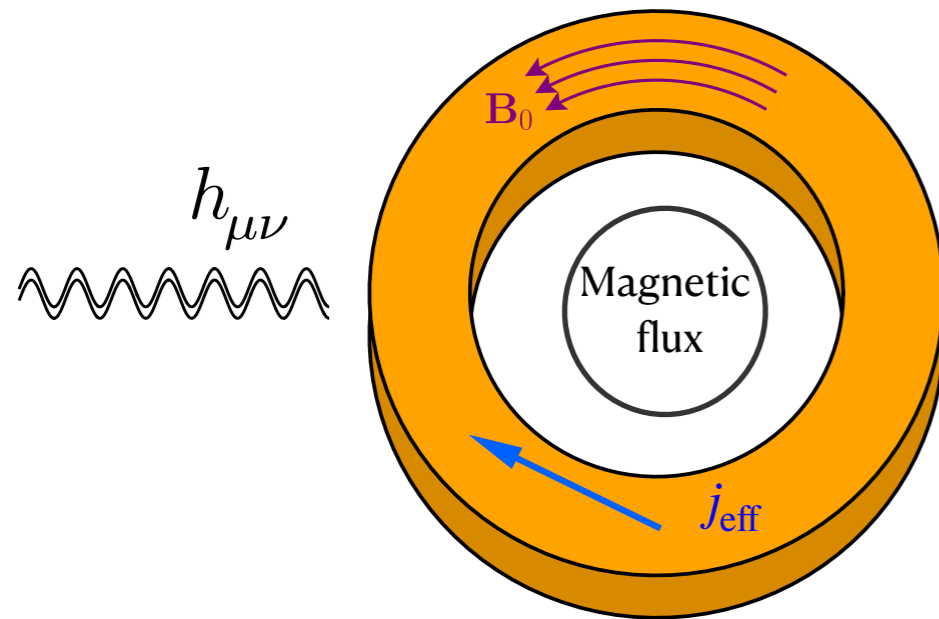
Searches at frequencies lower than those achieved with conventional cavity haloscopes.



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

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

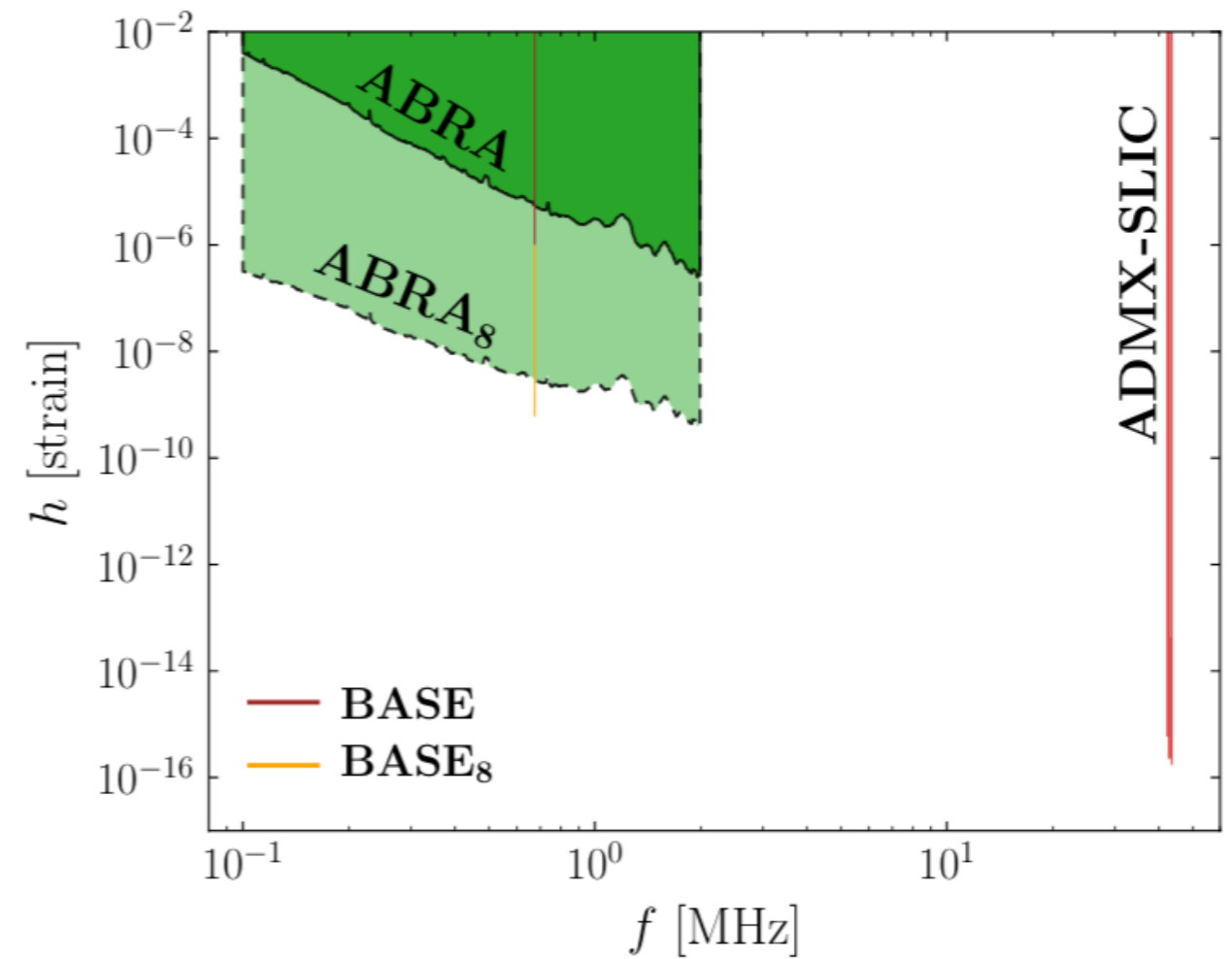
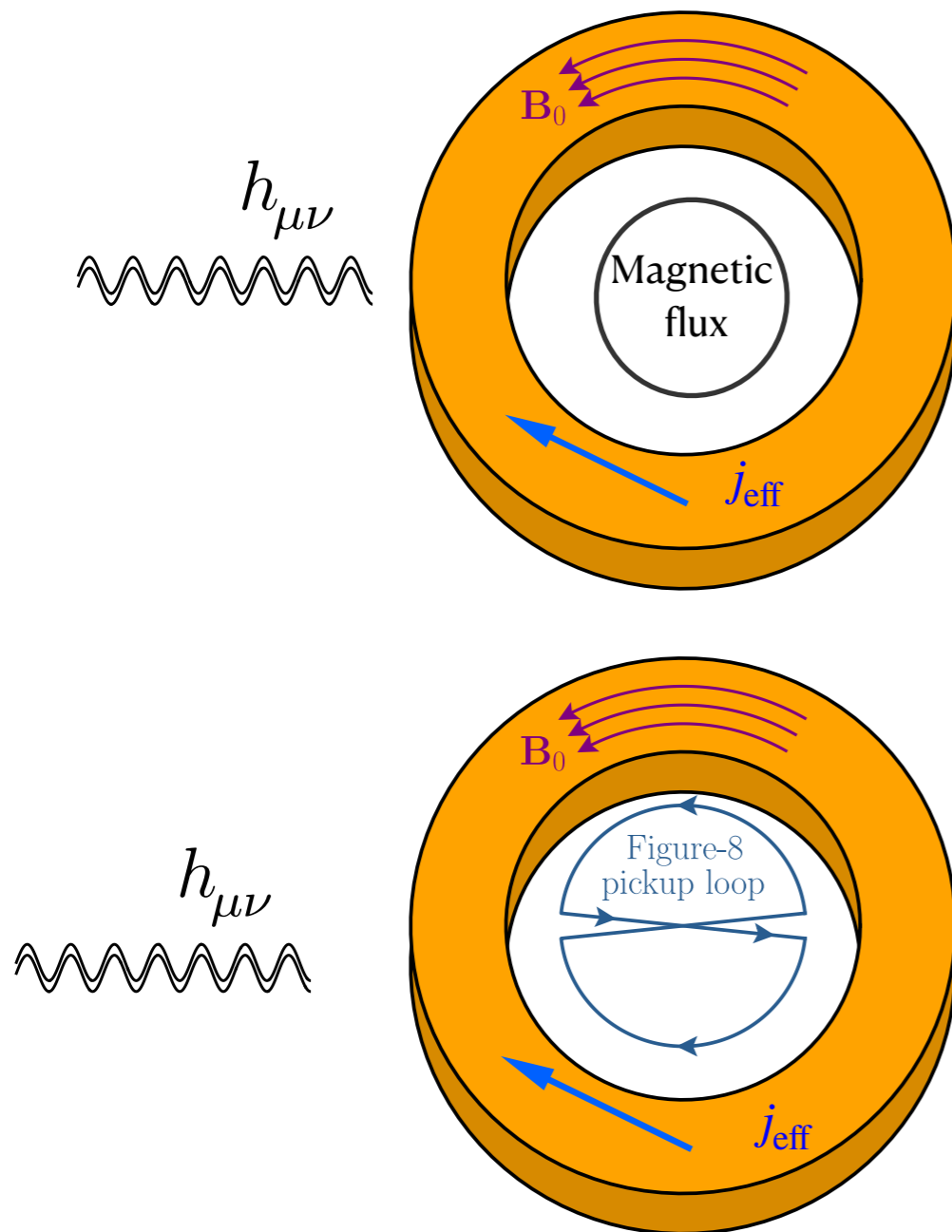
Only one polarization

Suppression at small frequencies

The sensitivity scaling with the volume is faster than for axions

Toroidal magnetic fields

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Solenoidal configurations

Domcke, CGC, Lee, Rodd, 2023

ADMX SLIC: Results from a Superconducting LC Circuit Investigating Cold Axions

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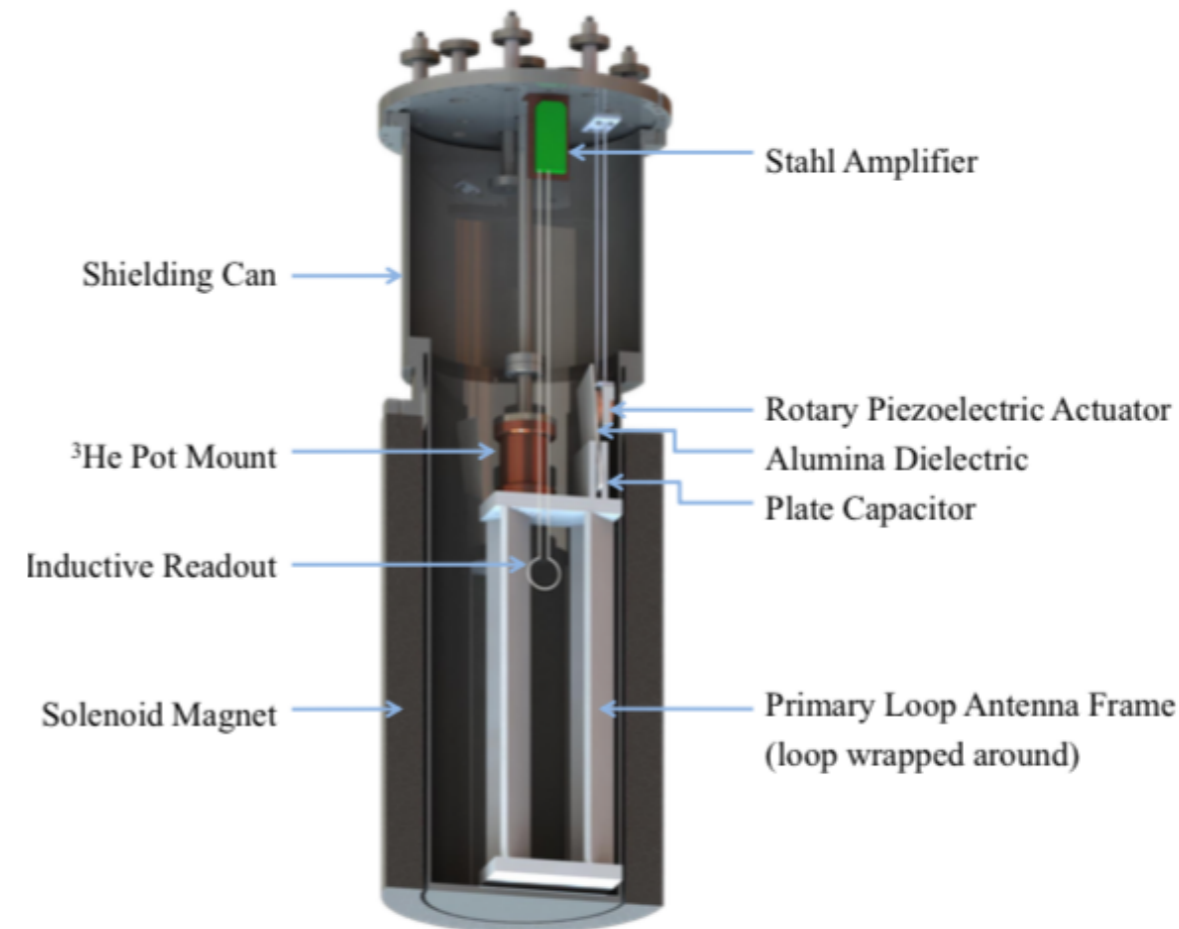
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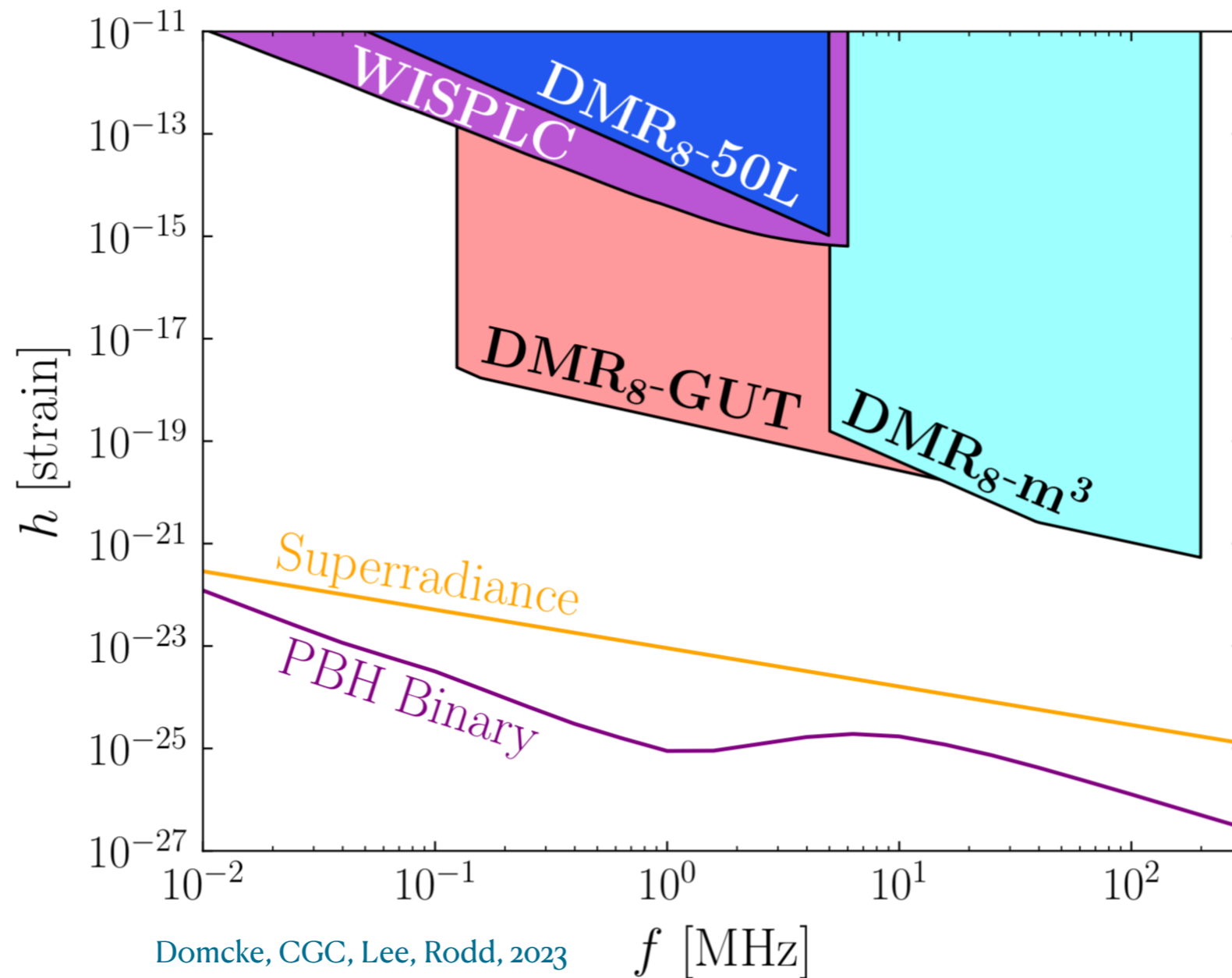
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Search for dark matter with an *LC* circuit

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Haloscopes based on lumped-element detectors



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 (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

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

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

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

McAllister et al, 1803.07755

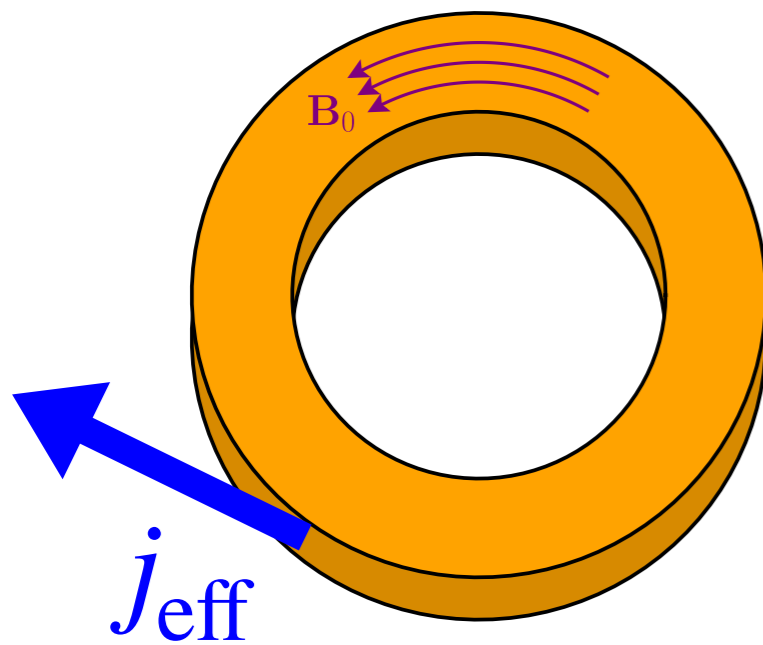
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Domcke, CGC, Rodd, 2202.00695

Non-zero *effective* 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 $\mathbf{n} \times \Delta M$

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

Sizeable effects. This should also be relevant for cavities

Conclusions

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

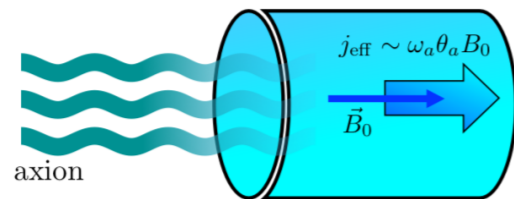
Different experimental proposals have coalesced on a **strain sensitivity of 10^{-22} for MHz GWs**, still orders of magnitude away from signals of the early Universe.

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

Haloscopes based on microwave cavities

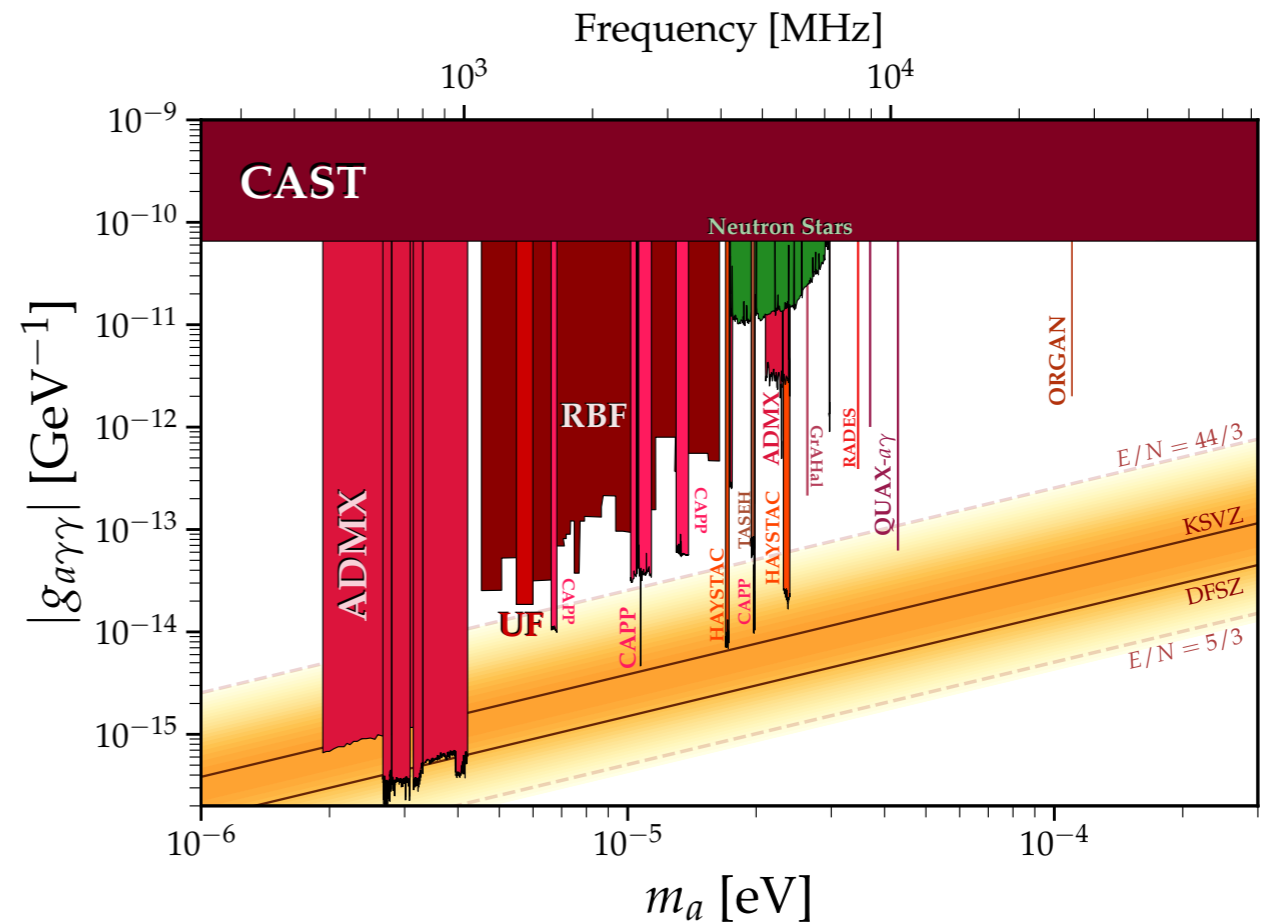
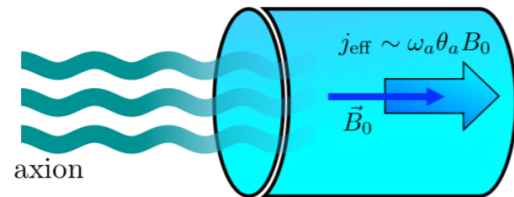


It resonates when the axion frequency matches one of the eigenmode frequencies

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

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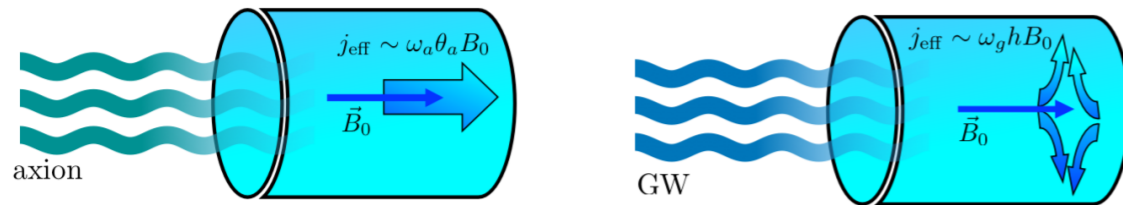
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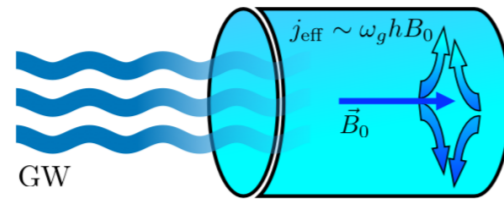
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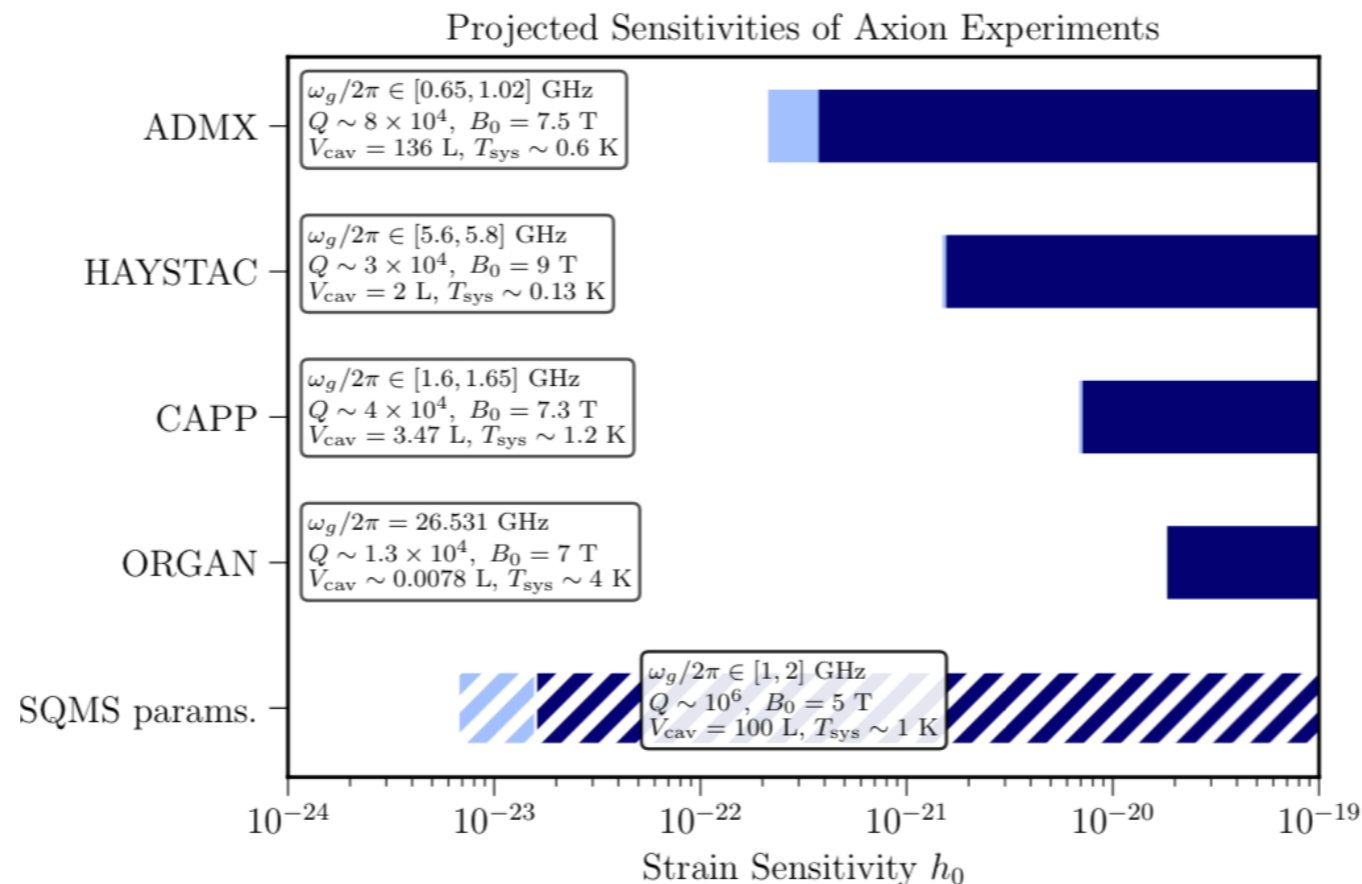
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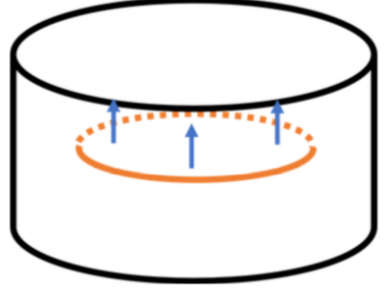
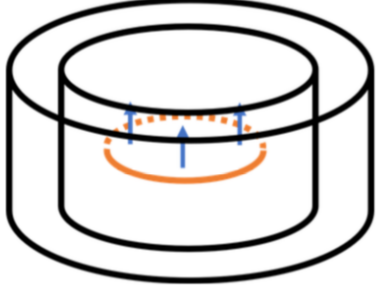
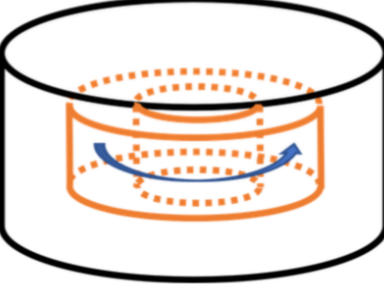
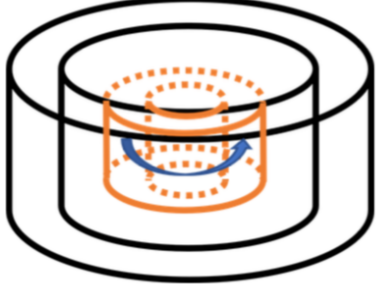
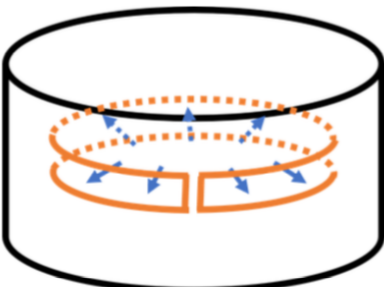
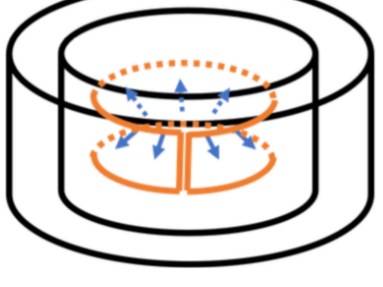


Impact of the geometry

Type of external field

Domcke, CGC, Lee, Rodd, 2023

Pickup loop orientation

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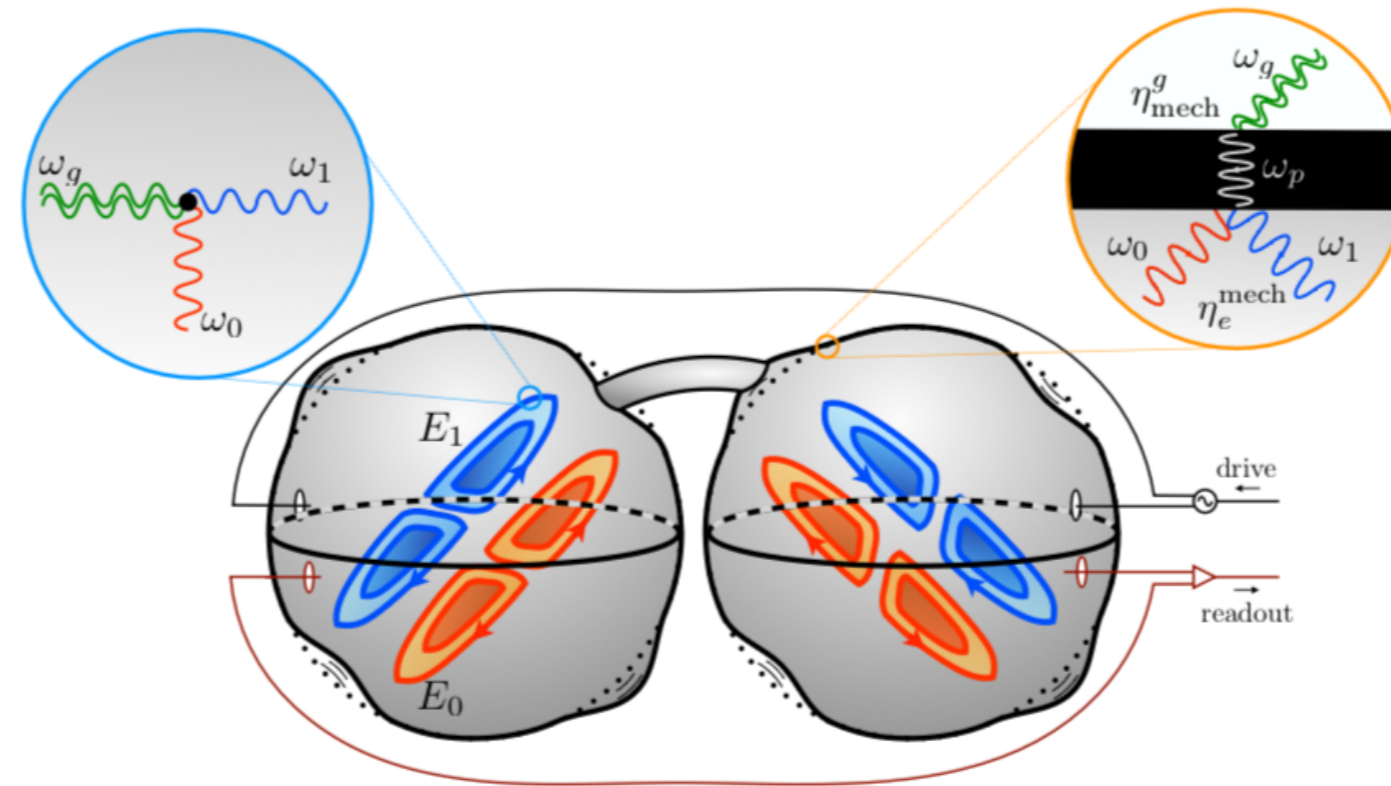
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- The gravitational wave acts as a Newtonian force. If not negligible, coupling of the mechanical modes can play an important role (this is certainly the case at frequencies above the first mechanical resonance)
- This can enhance the sensitivity

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