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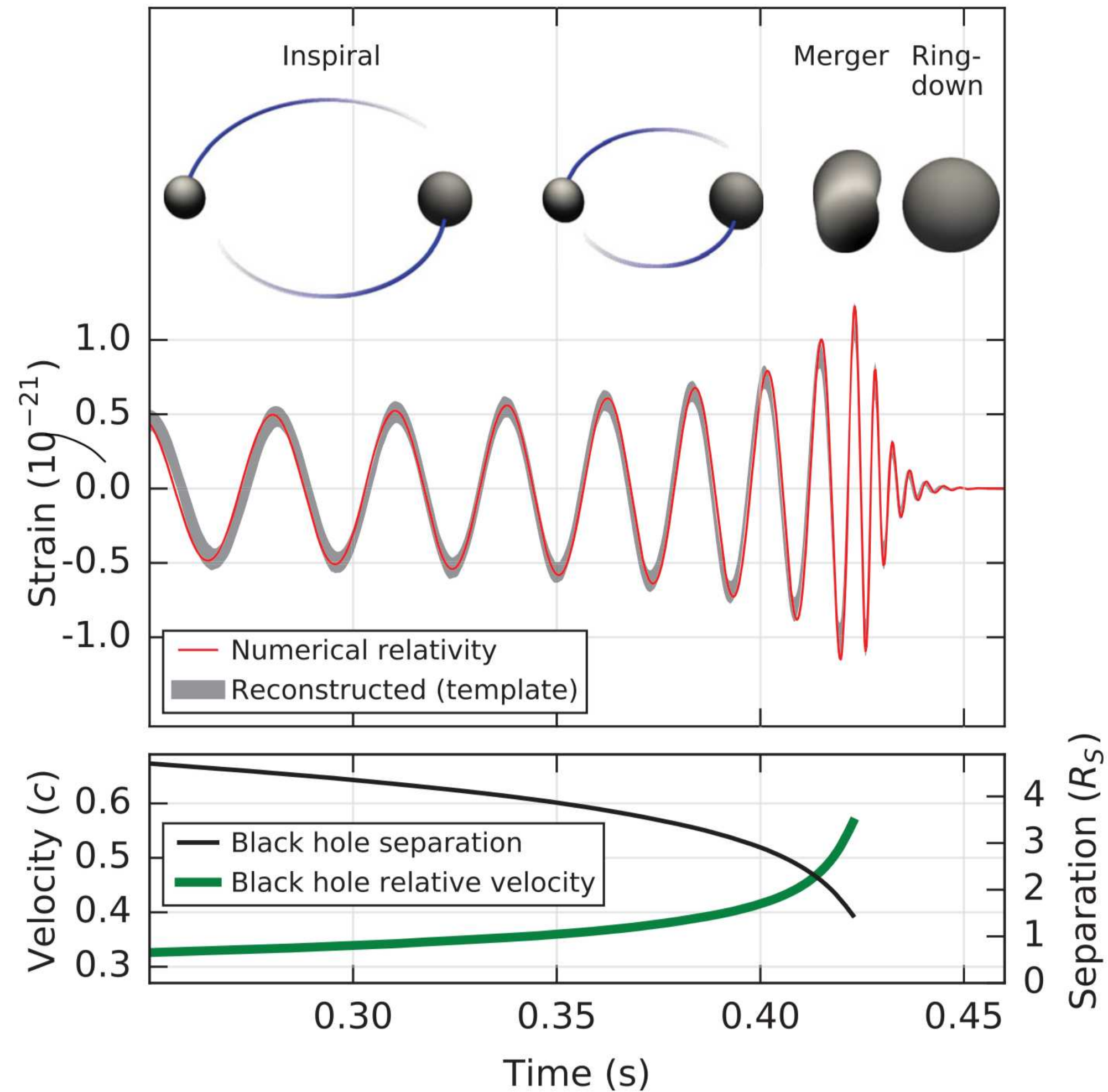
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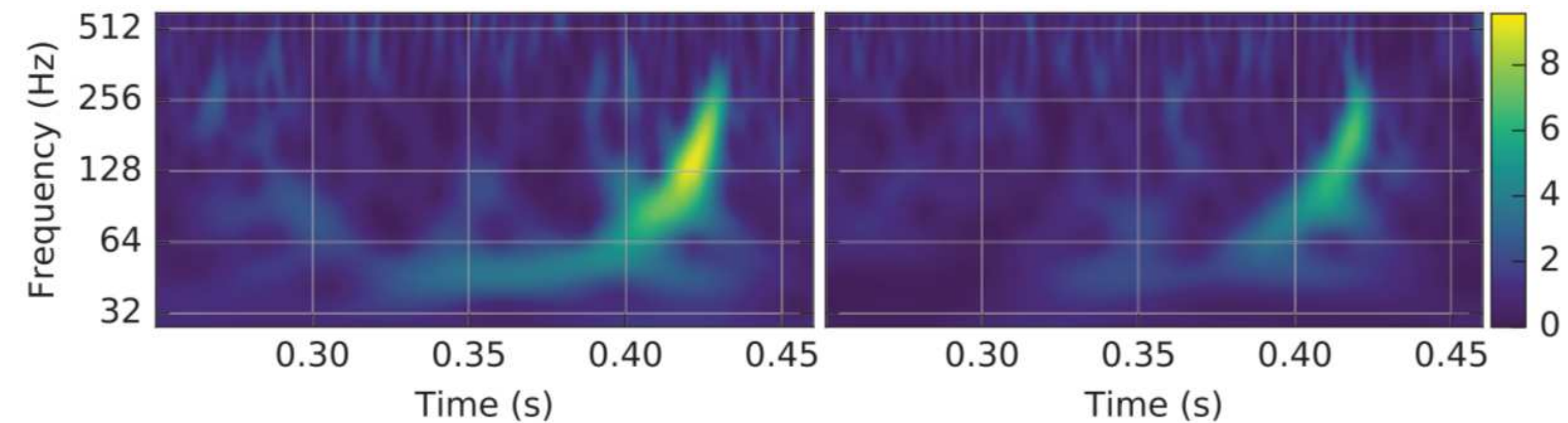
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Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Black Hole Merger

B. P. Abbott *et al.**

(LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration)



$$f \ll 10 \text{ kHz}$$

There are no known astrophysical objects that are small and dense enough to produce gravitational waves beyond 10 kHz

High-frequency gravitational waves

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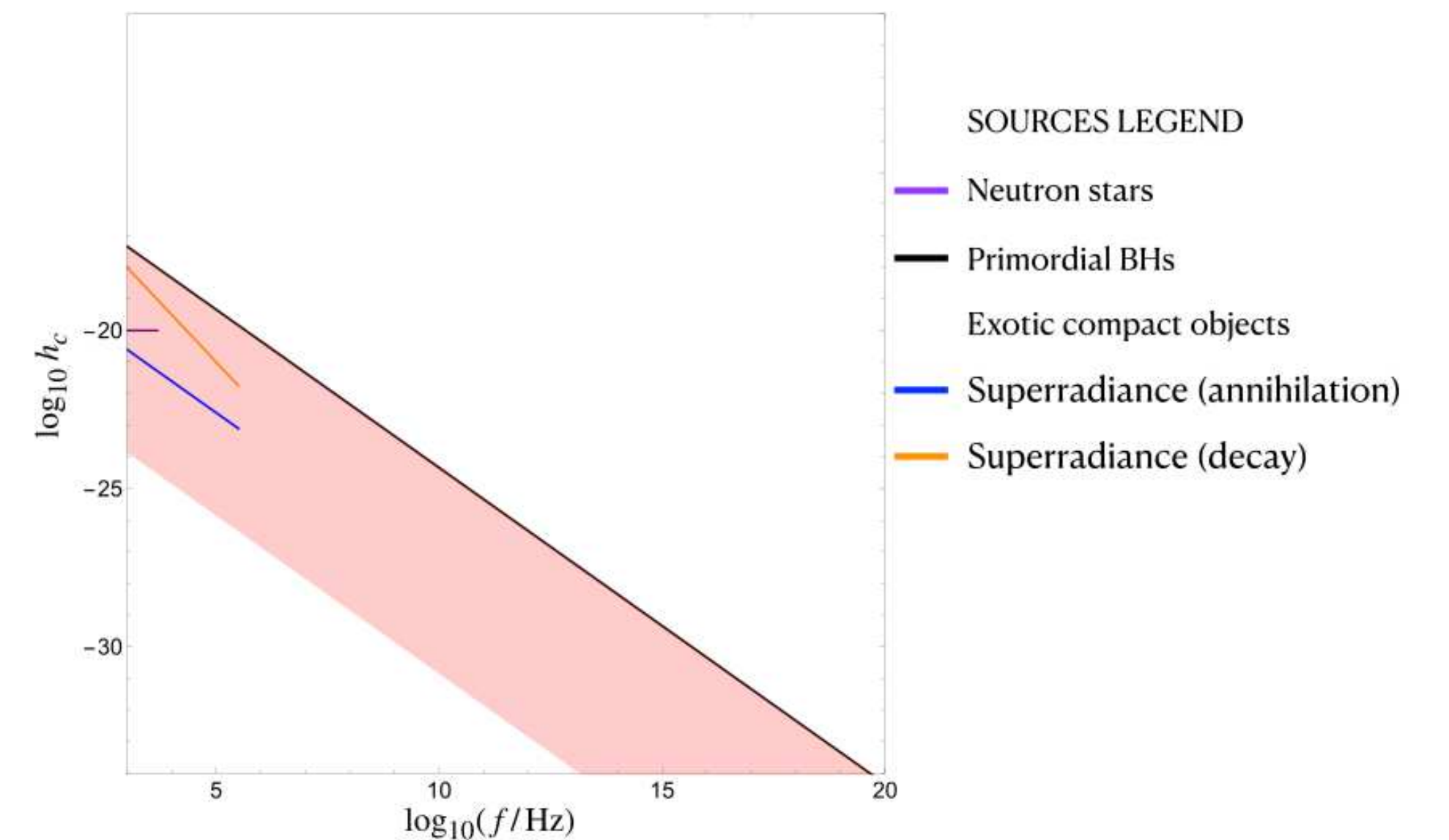
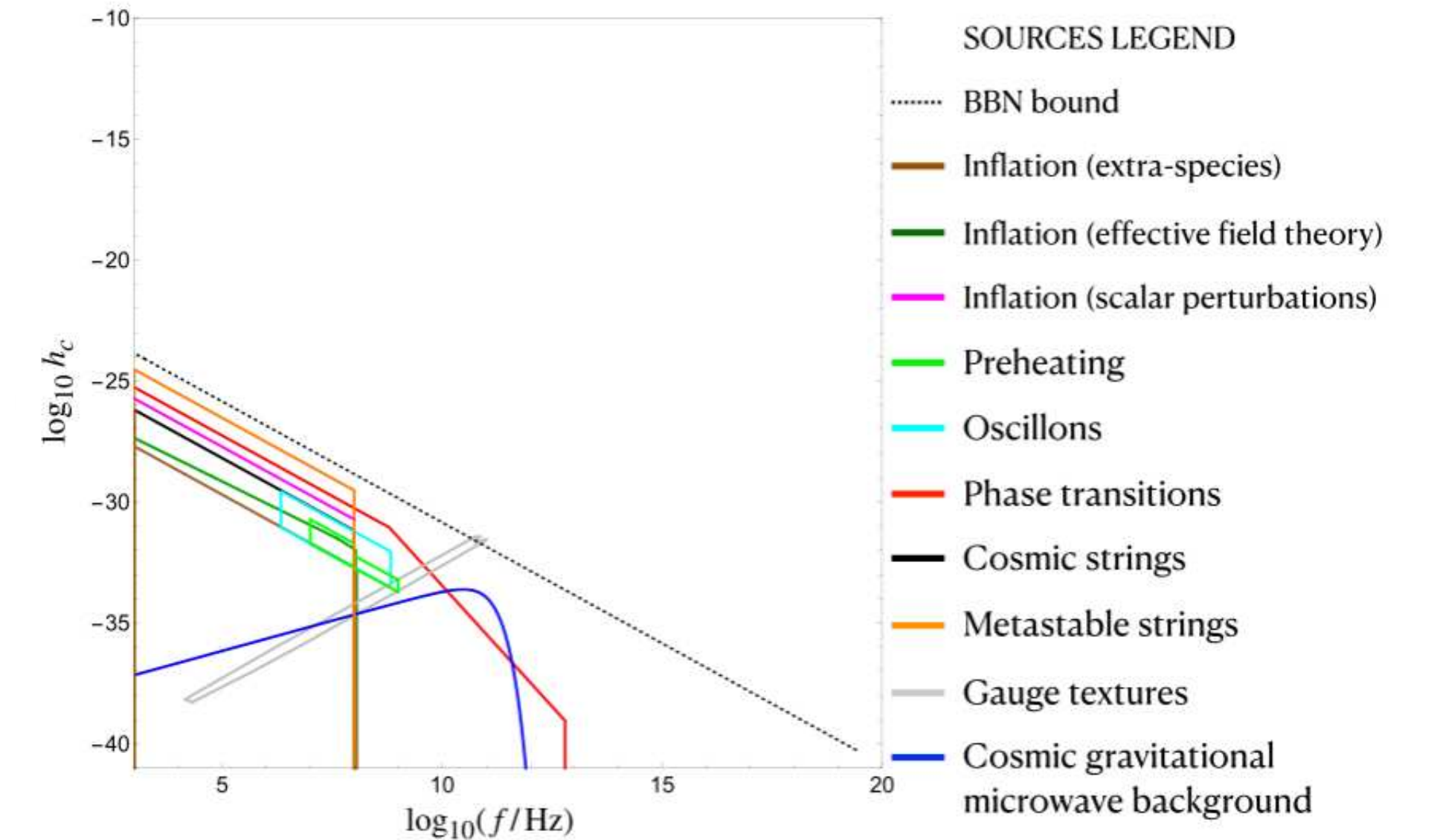
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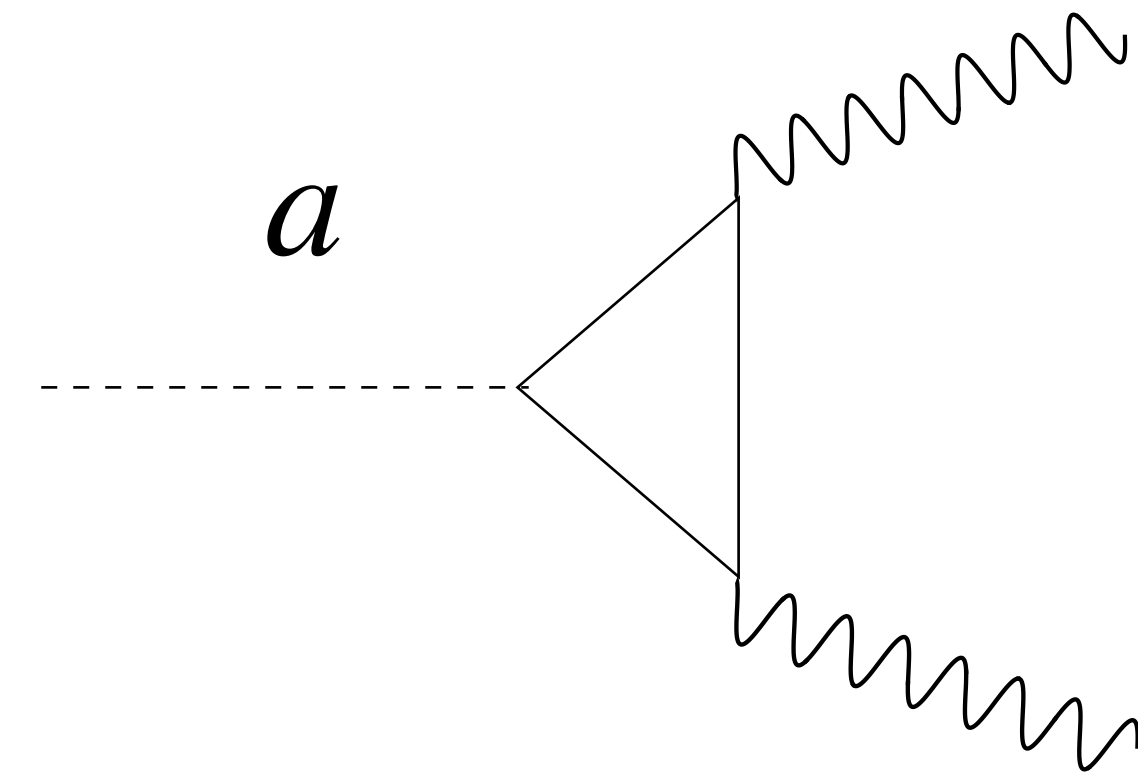
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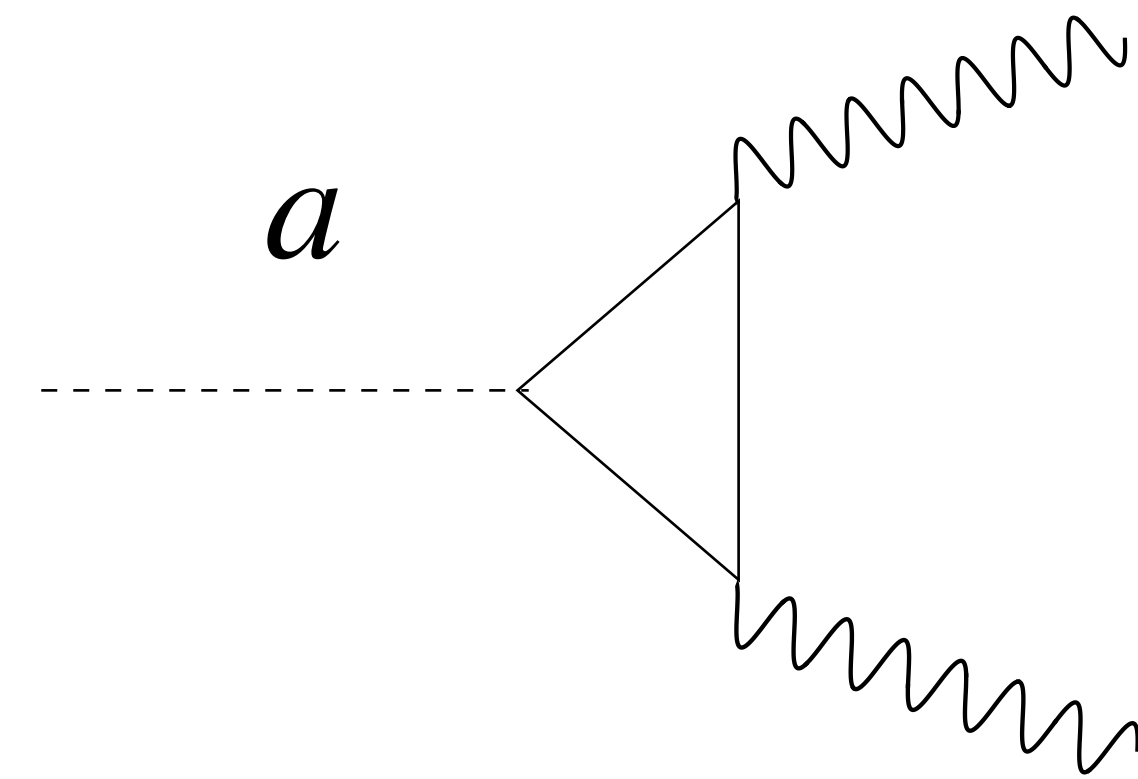
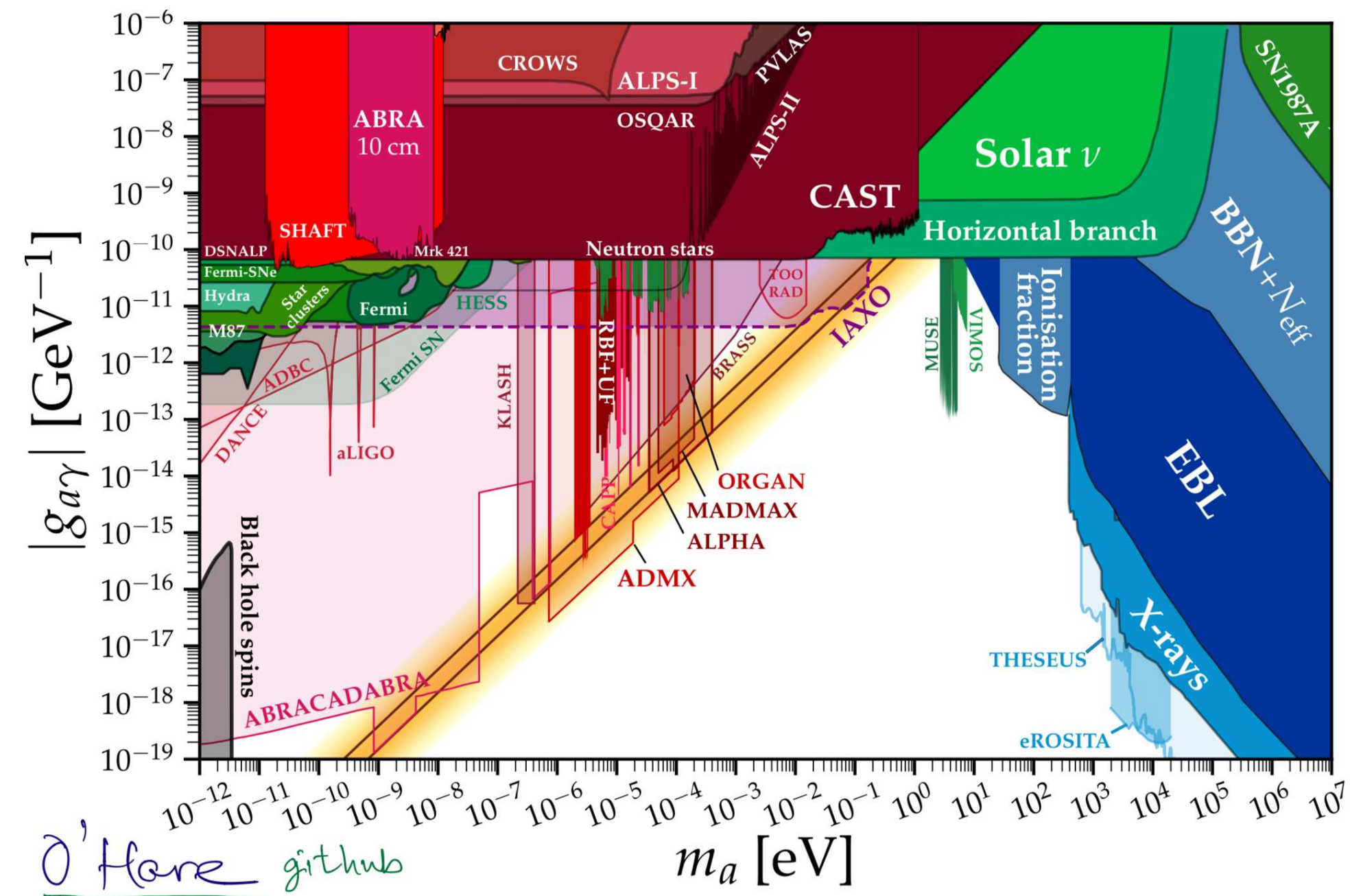
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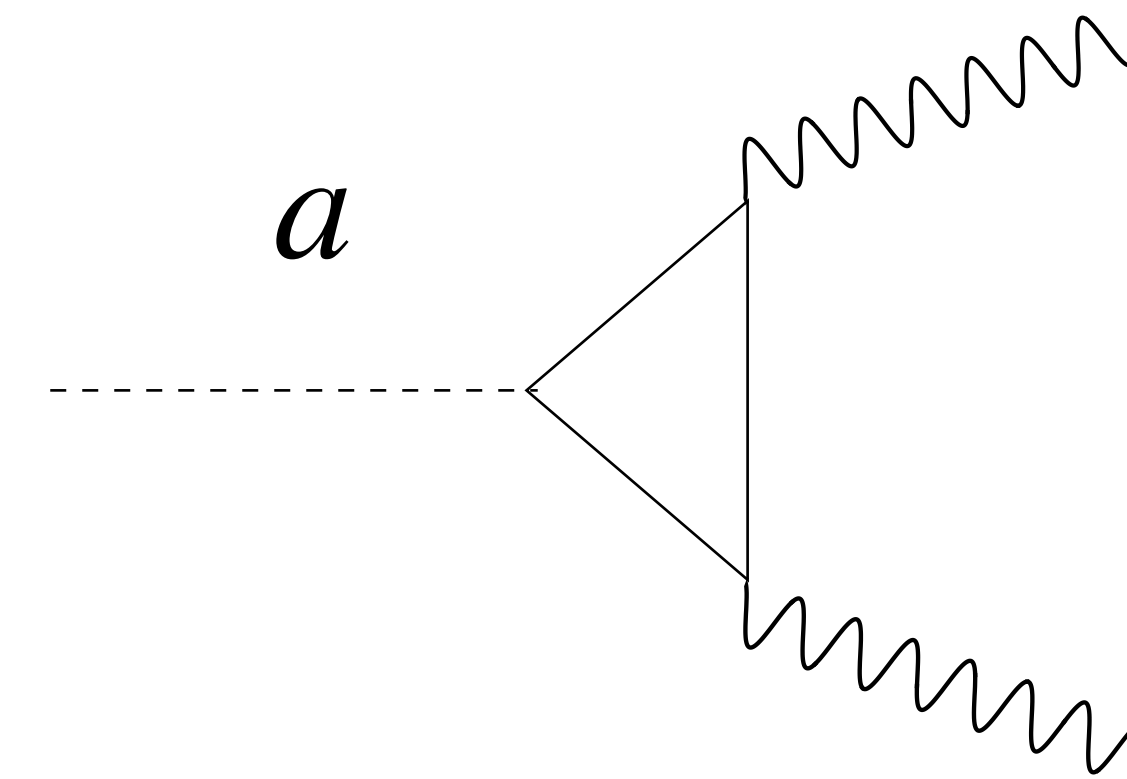
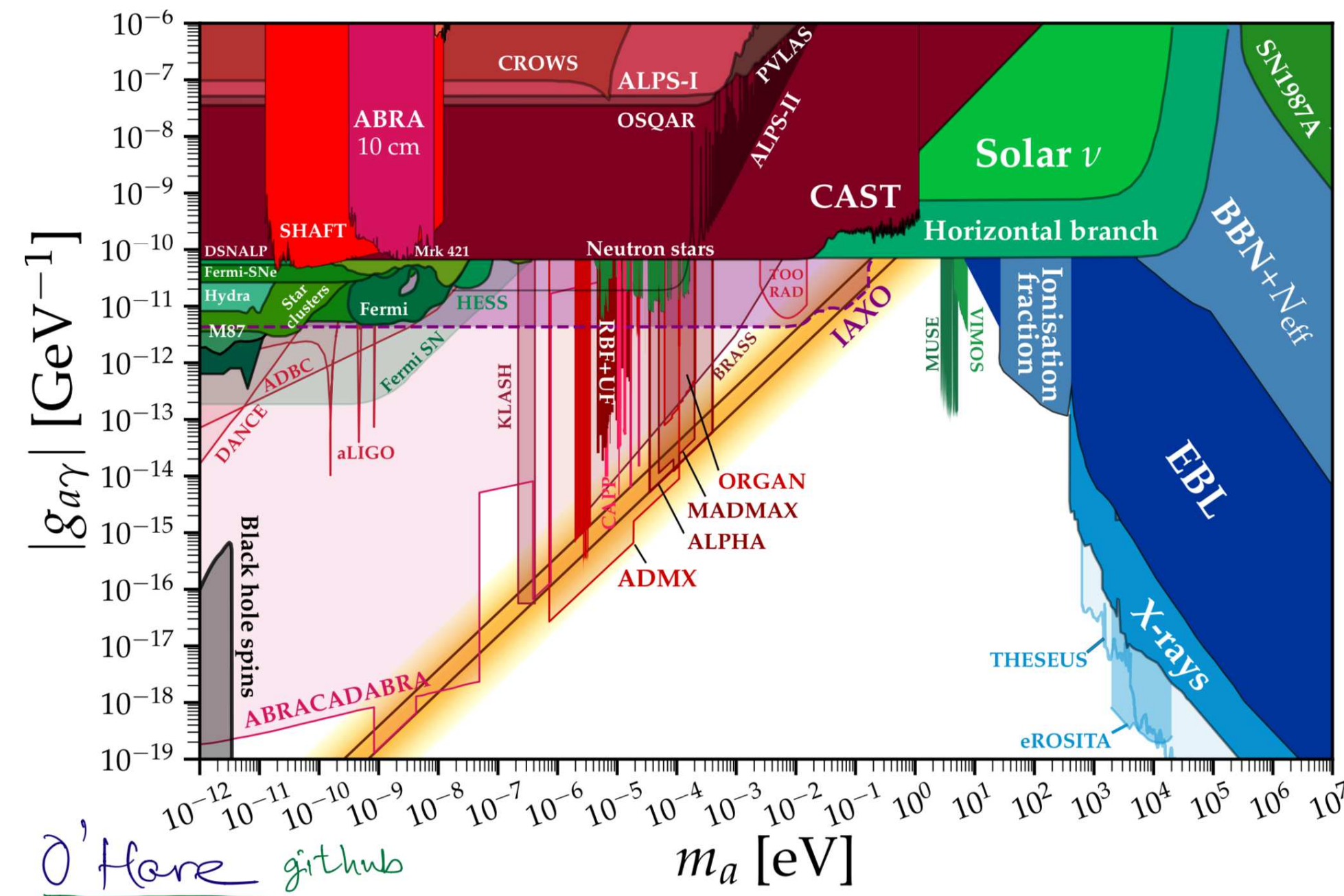
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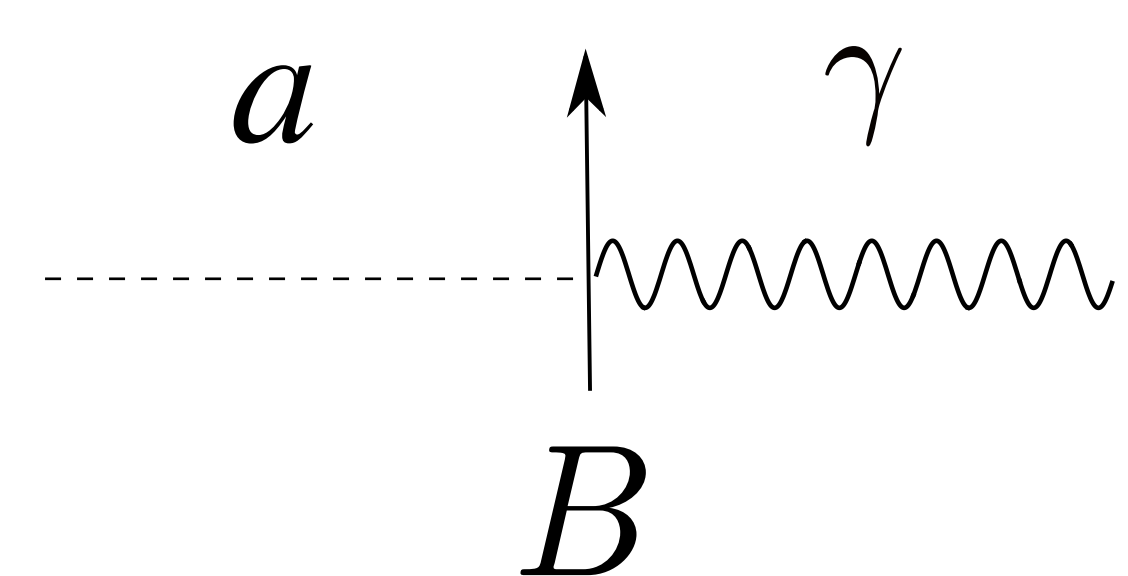
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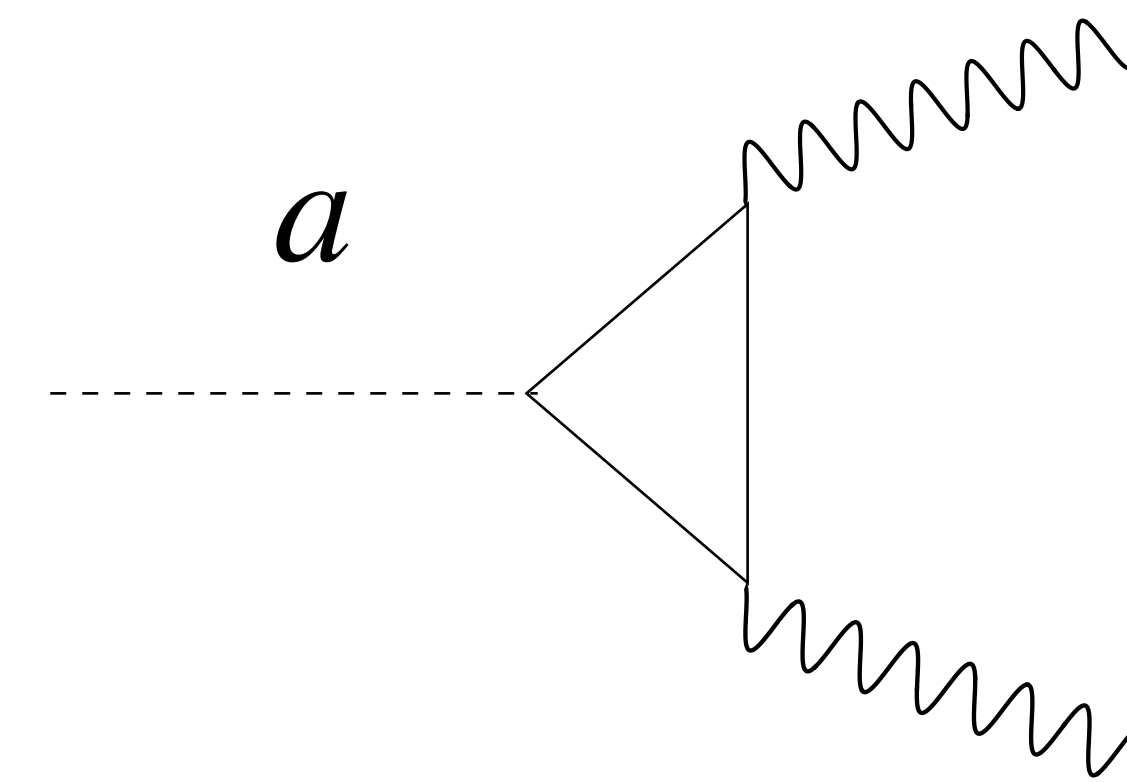
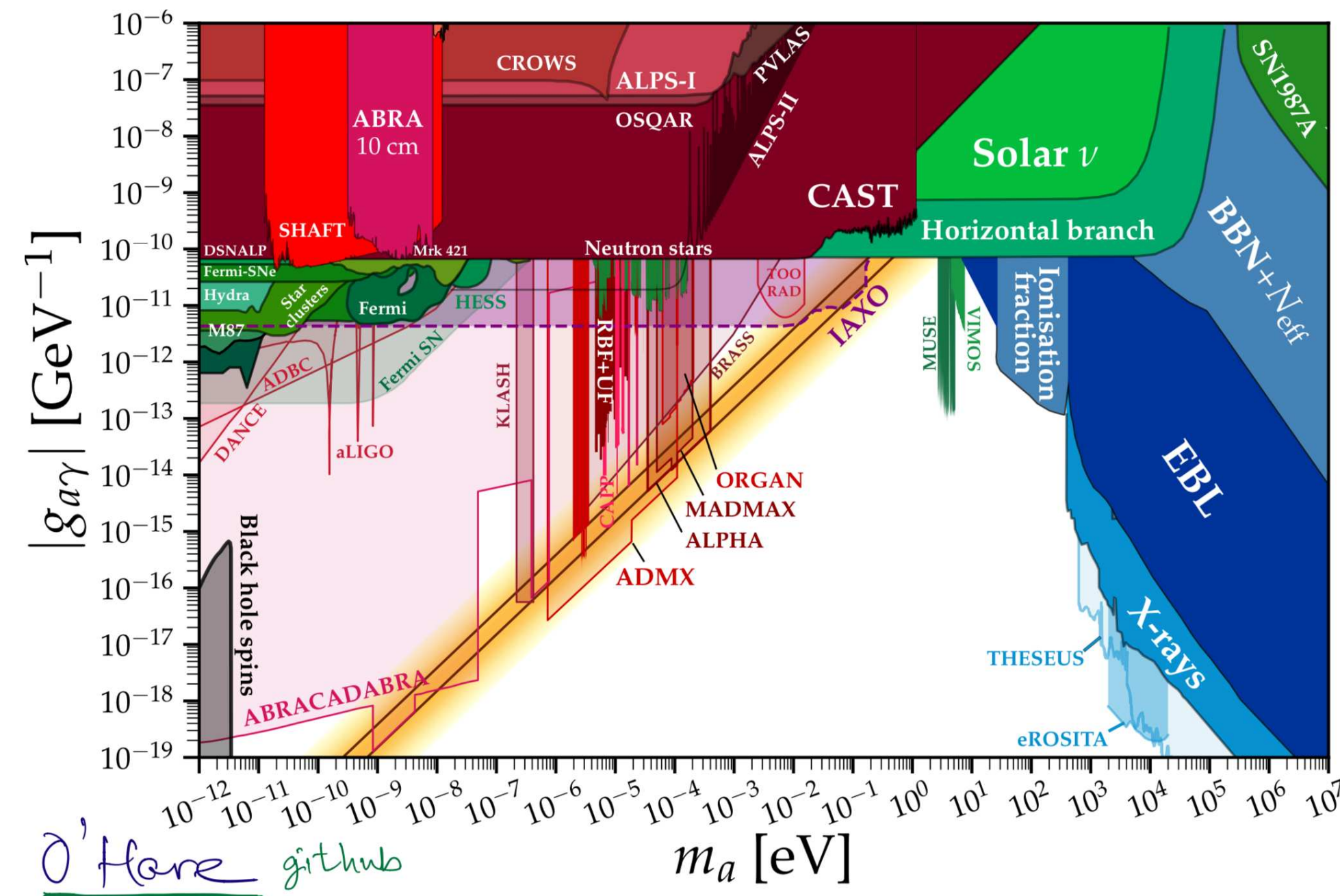


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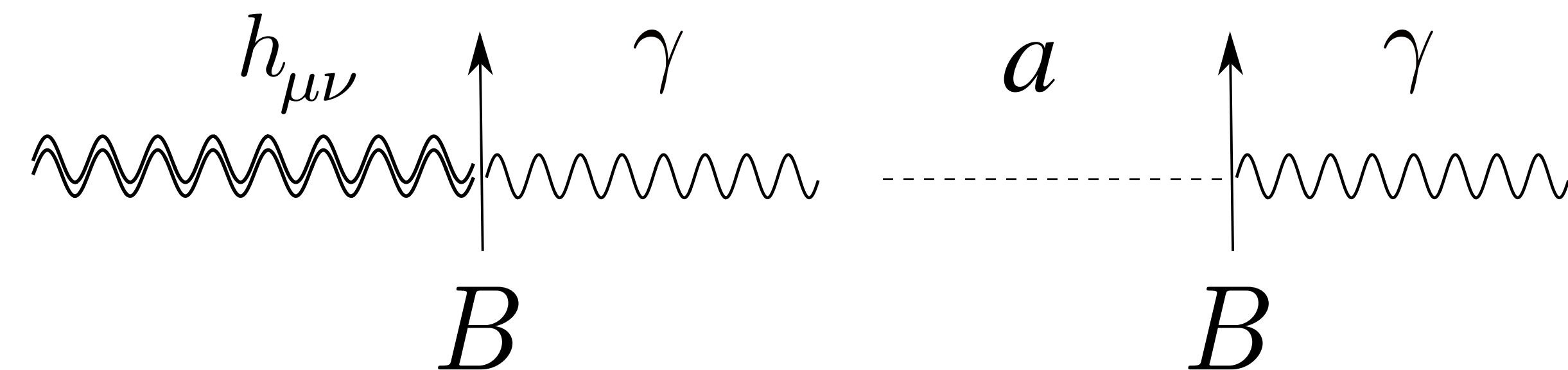


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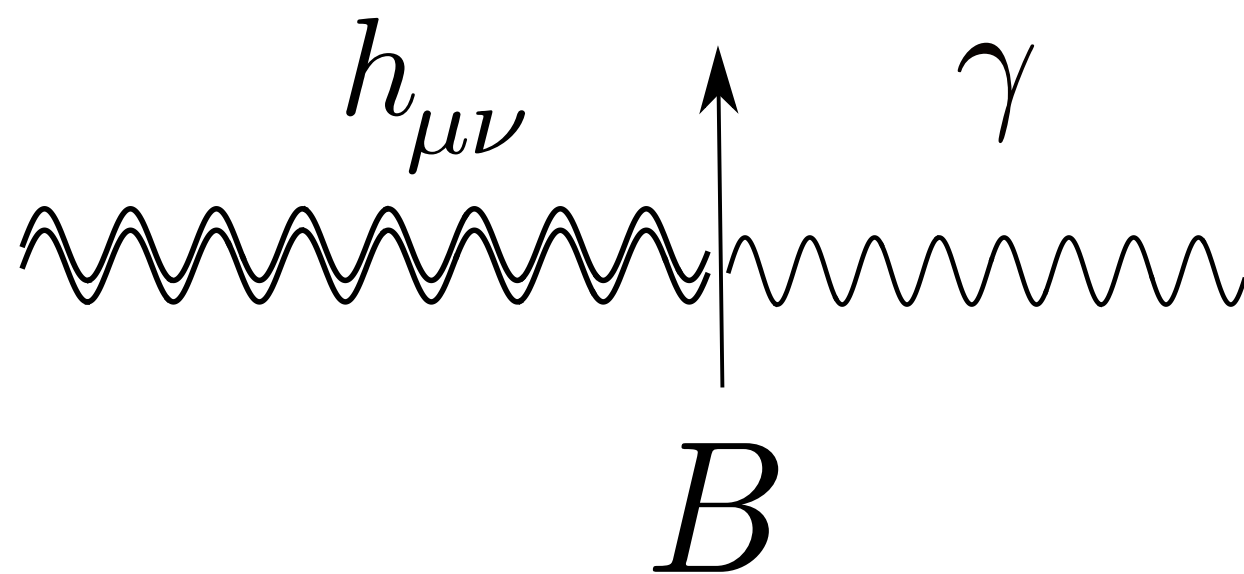
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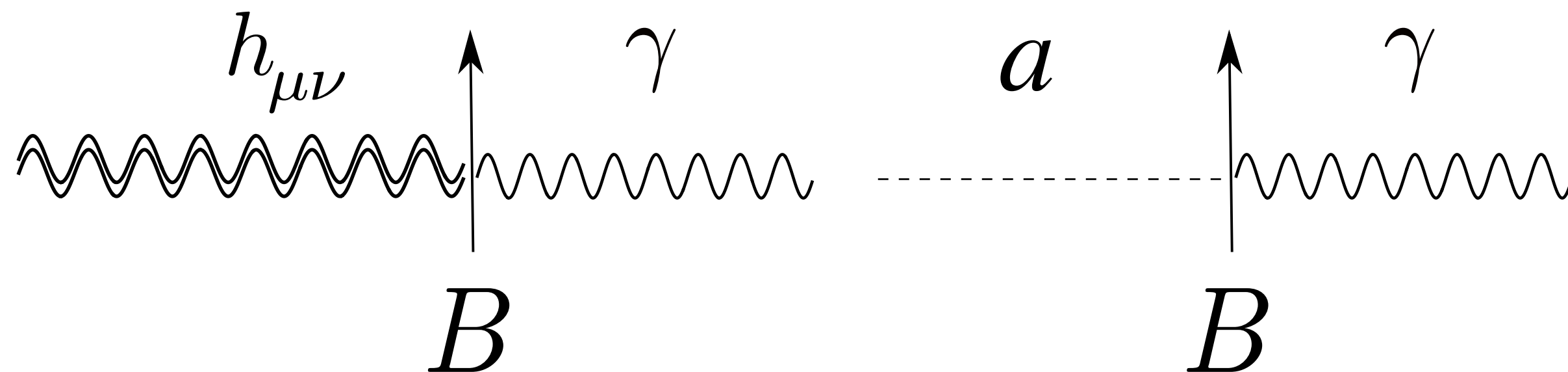
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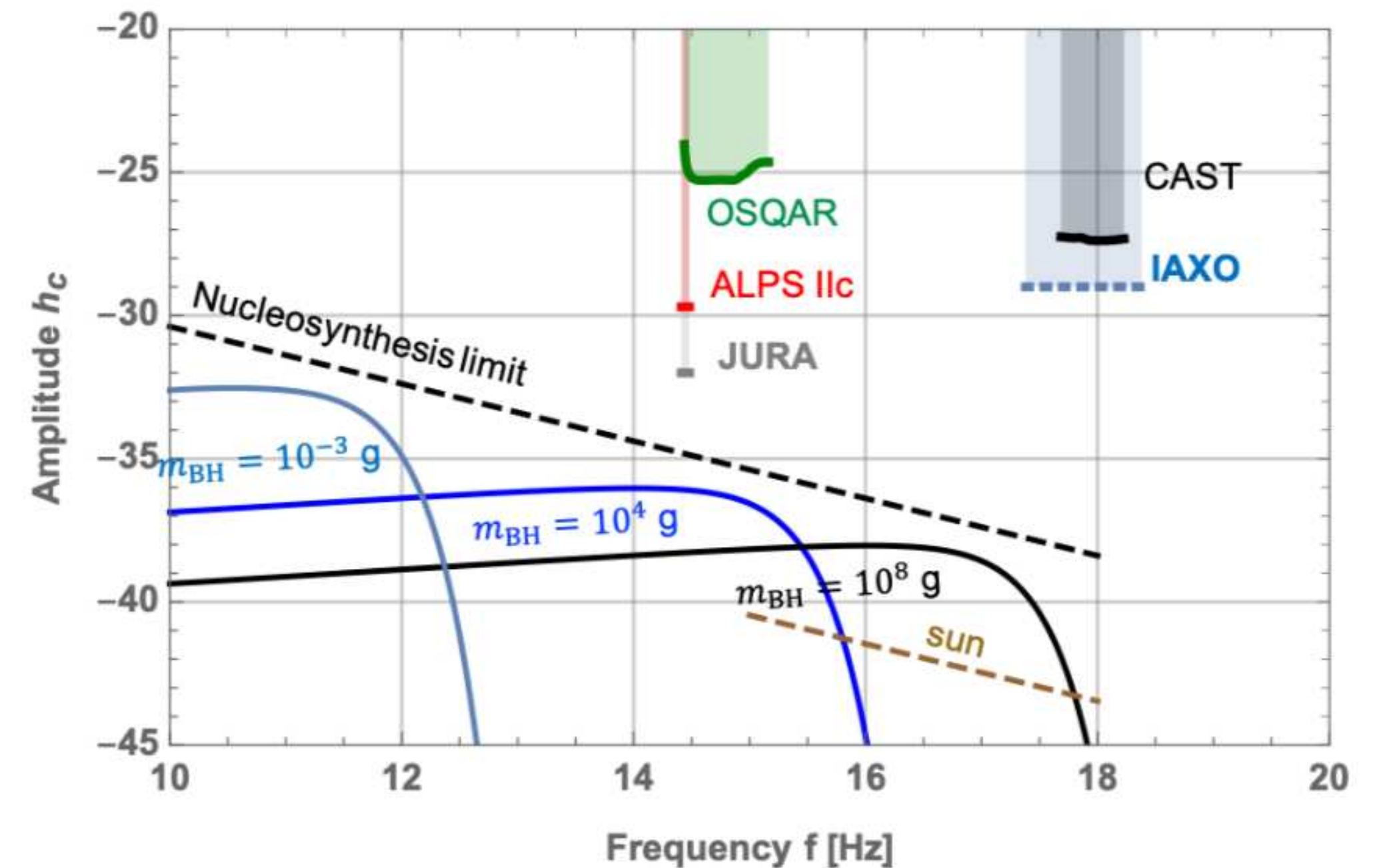
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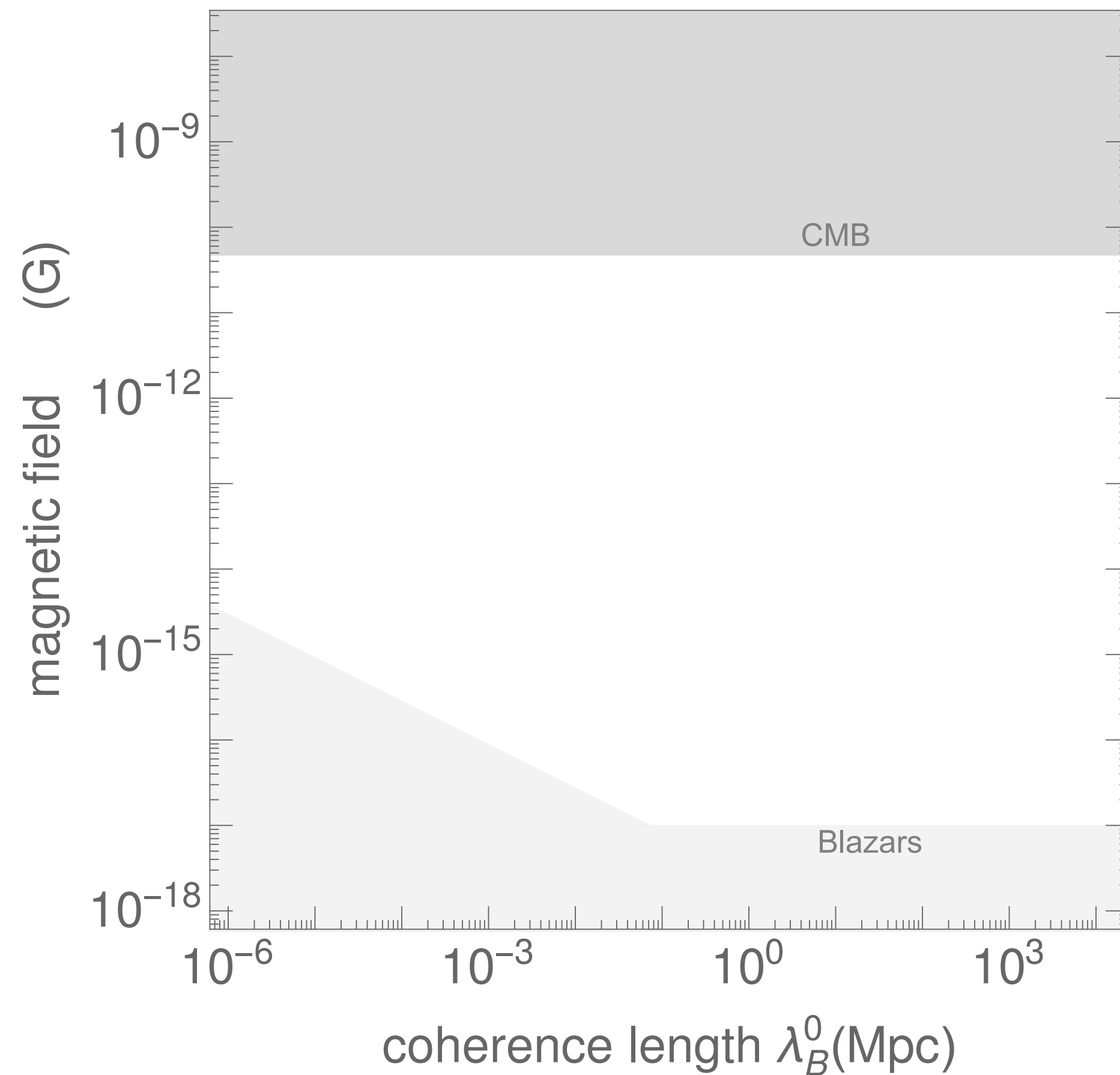
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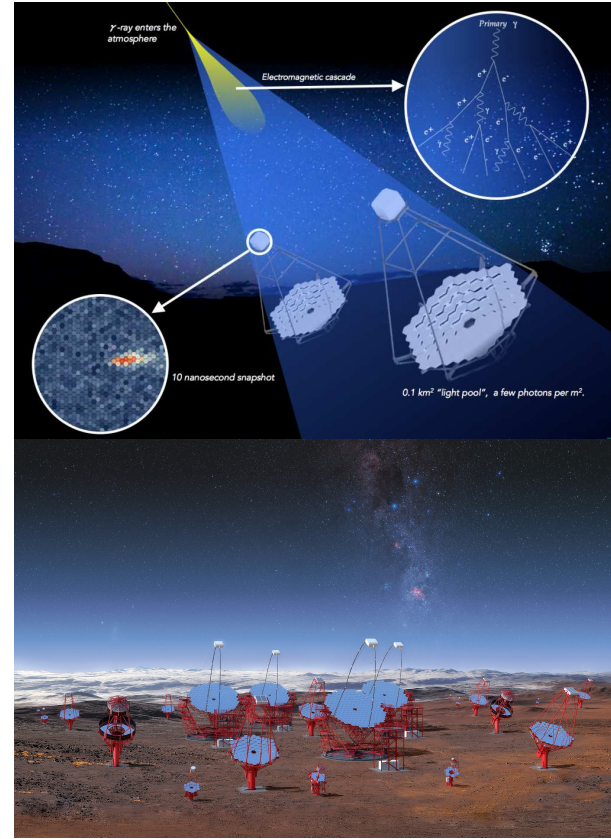
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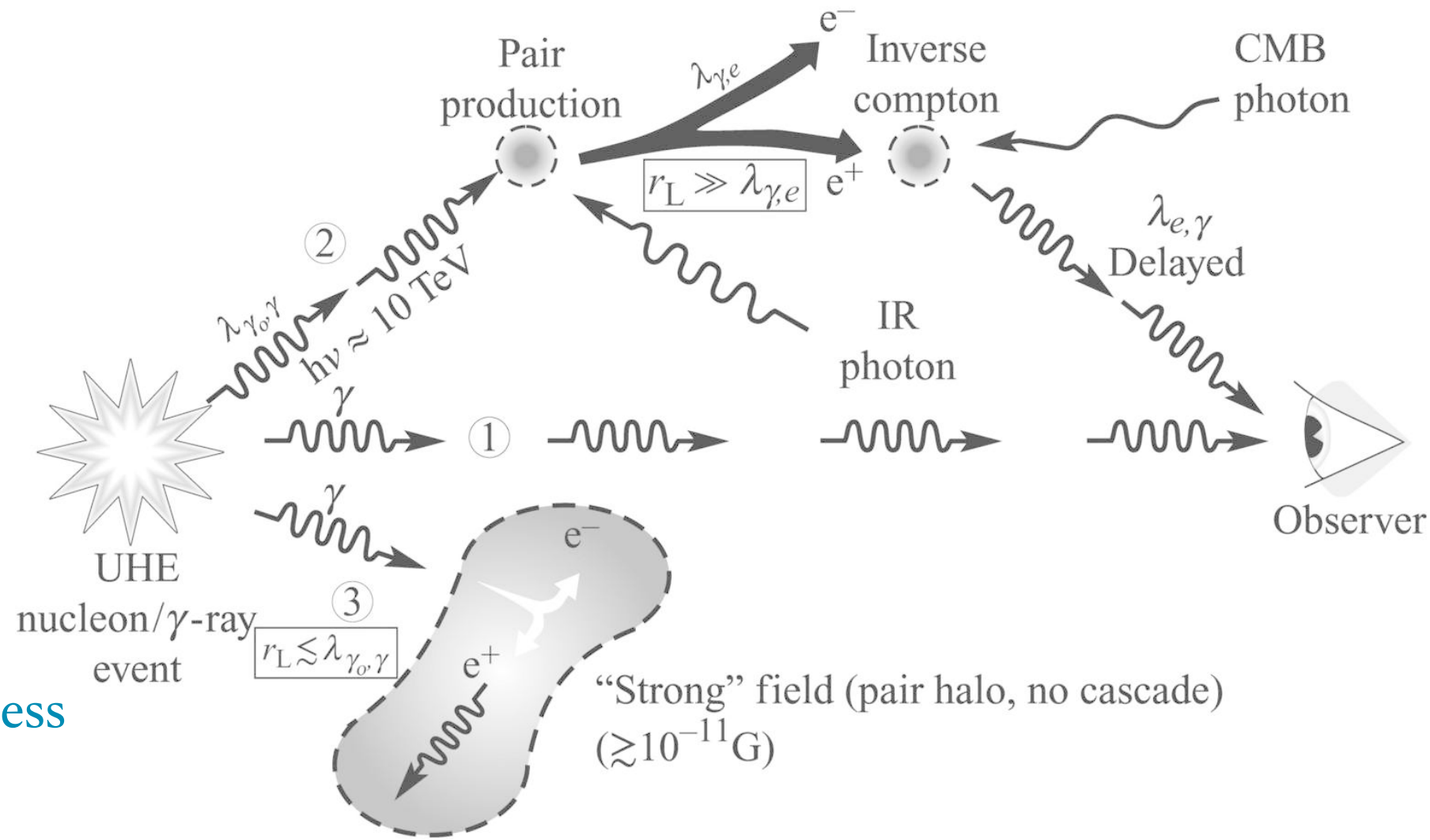
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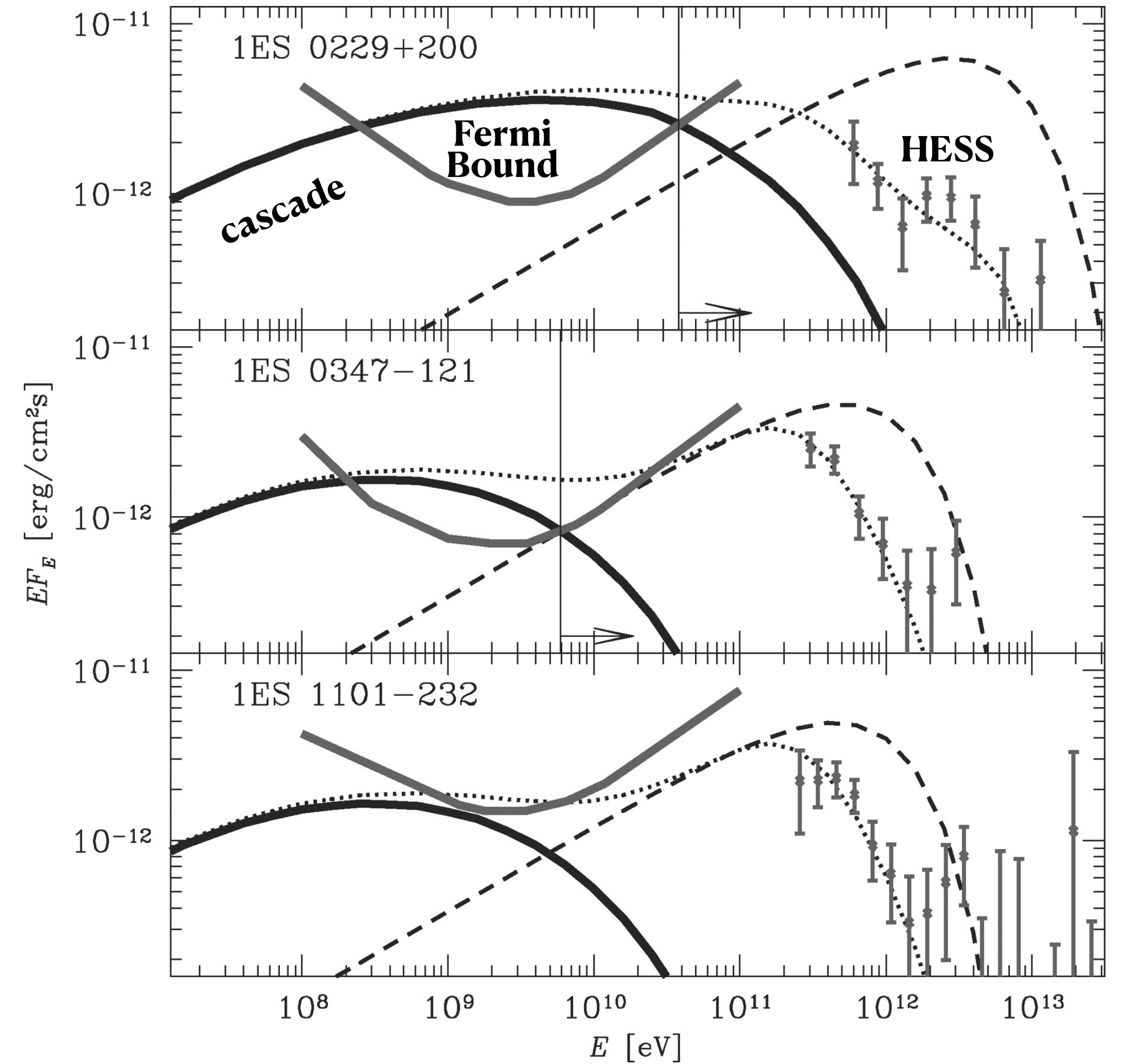
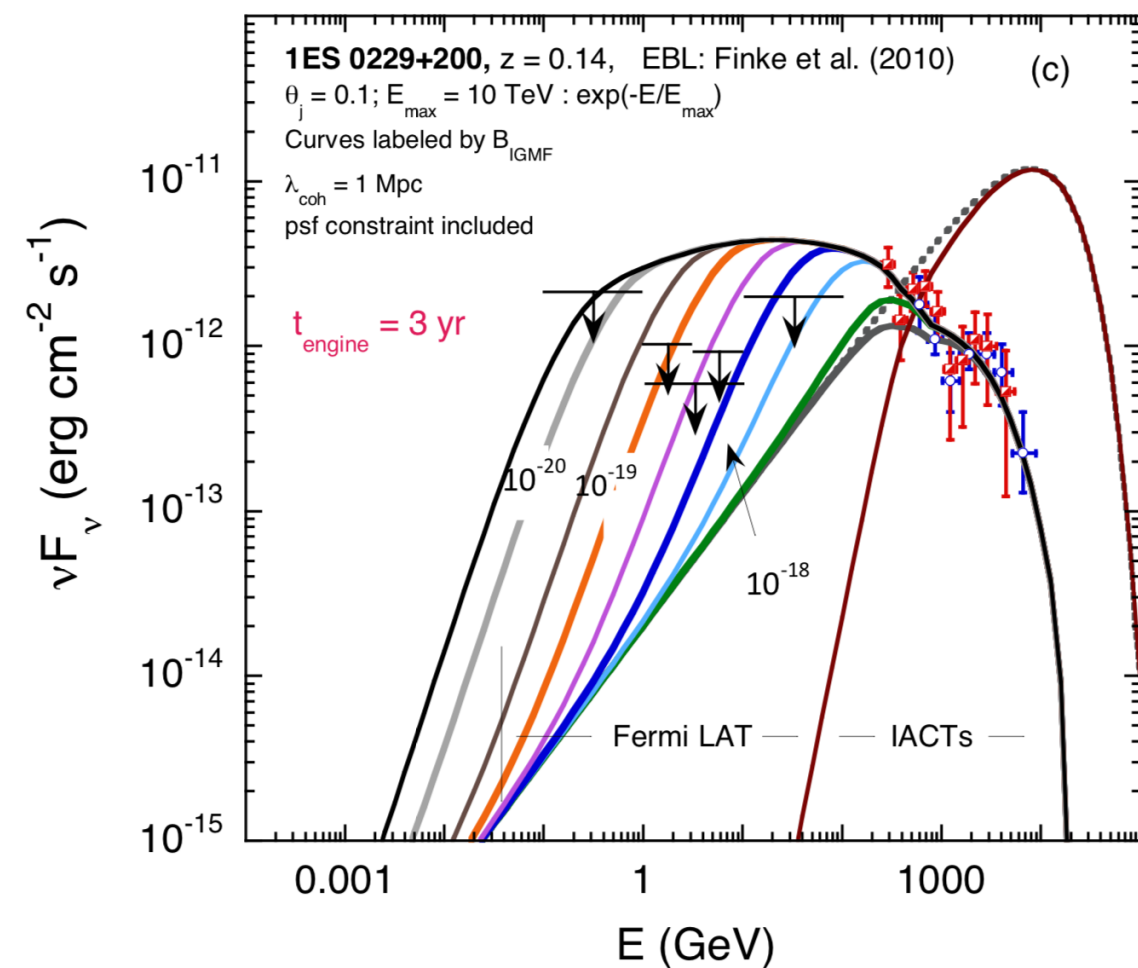


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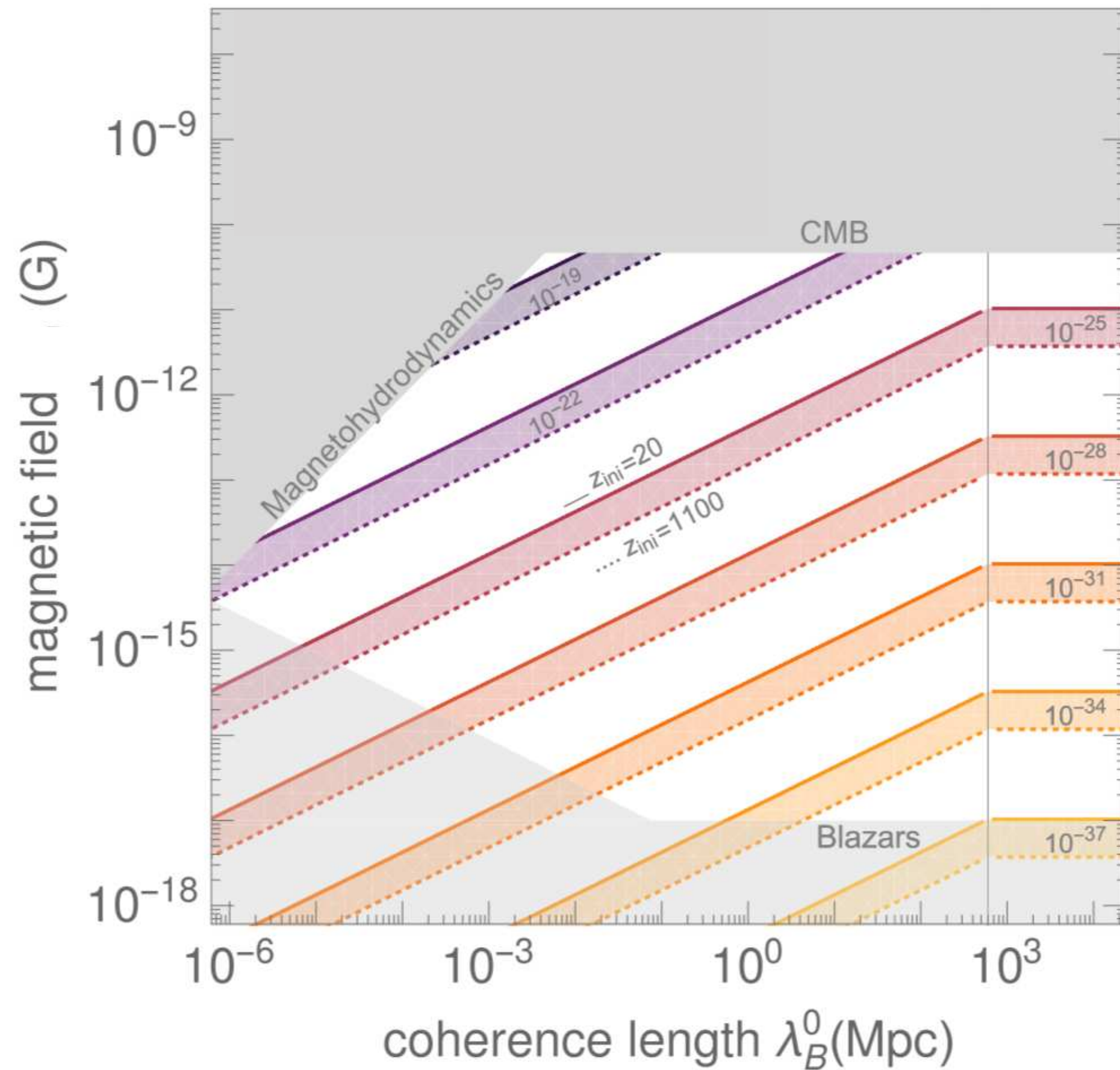
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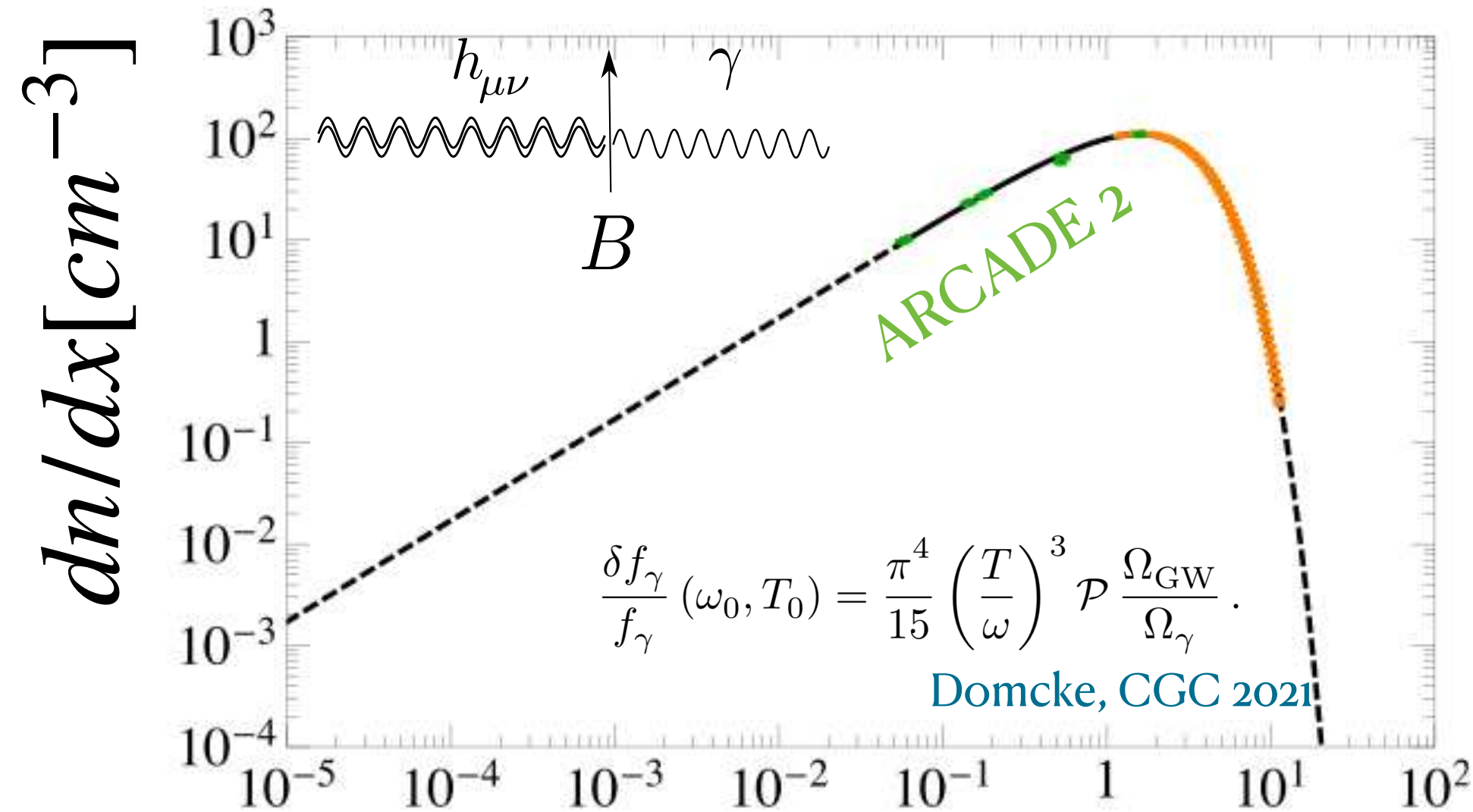
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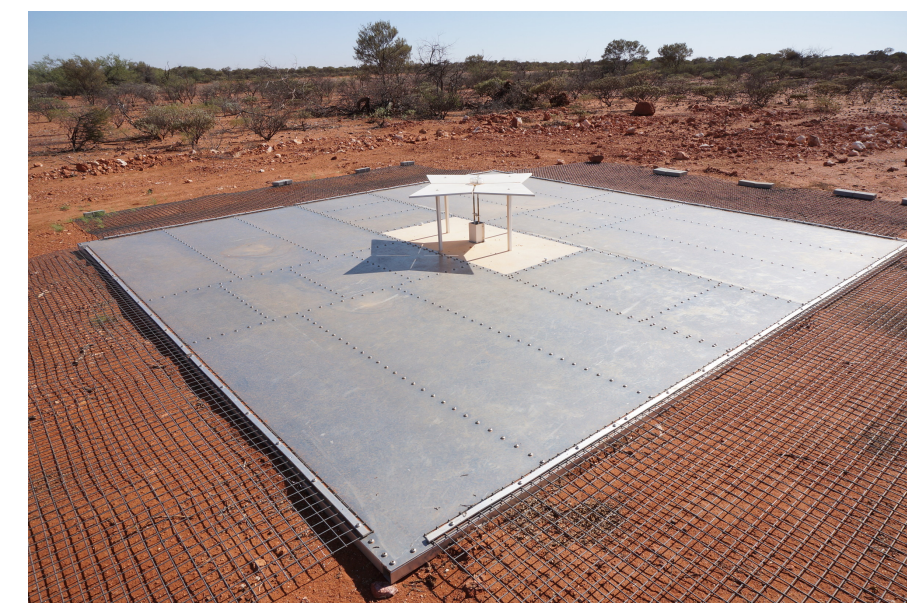
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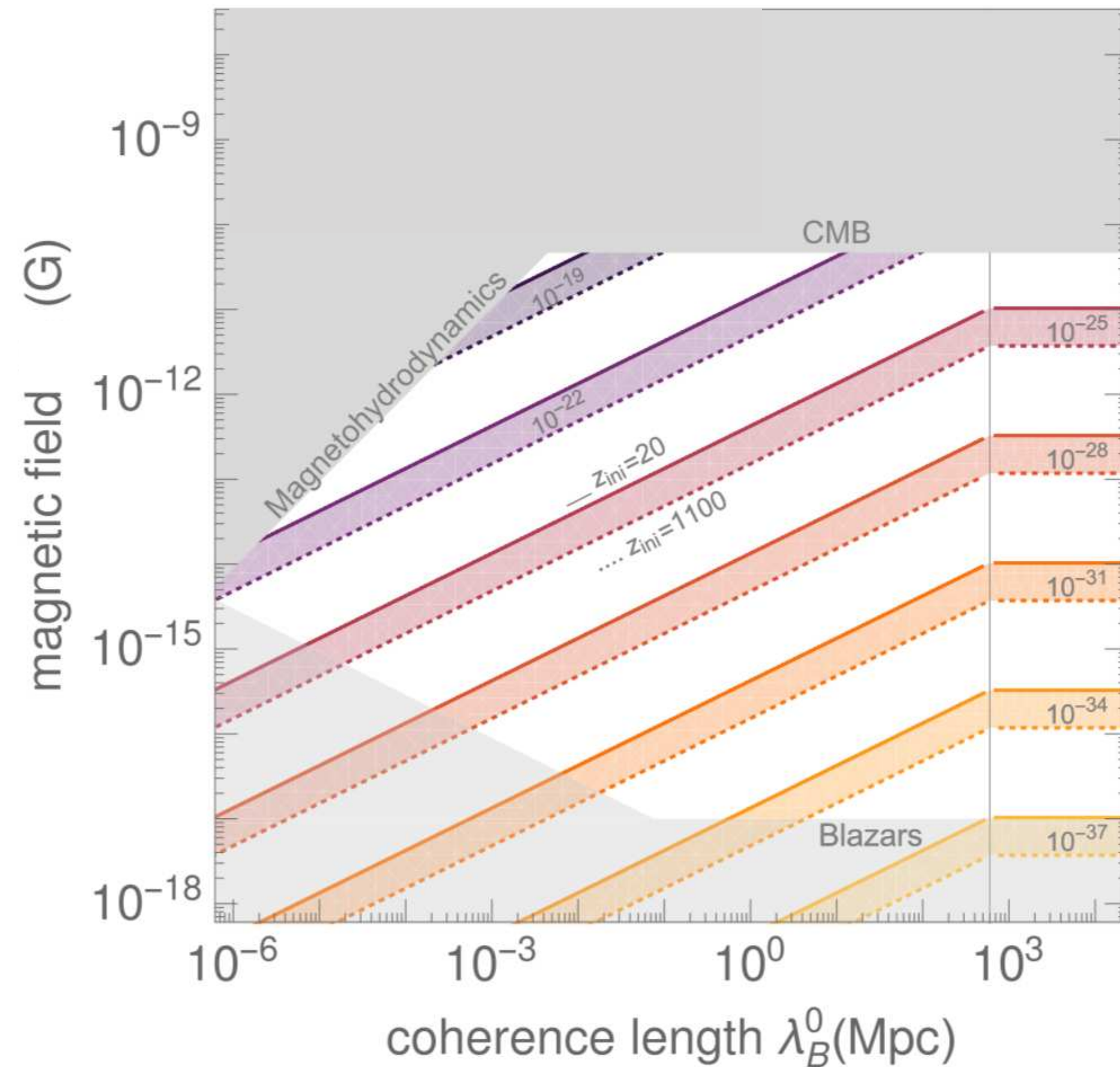
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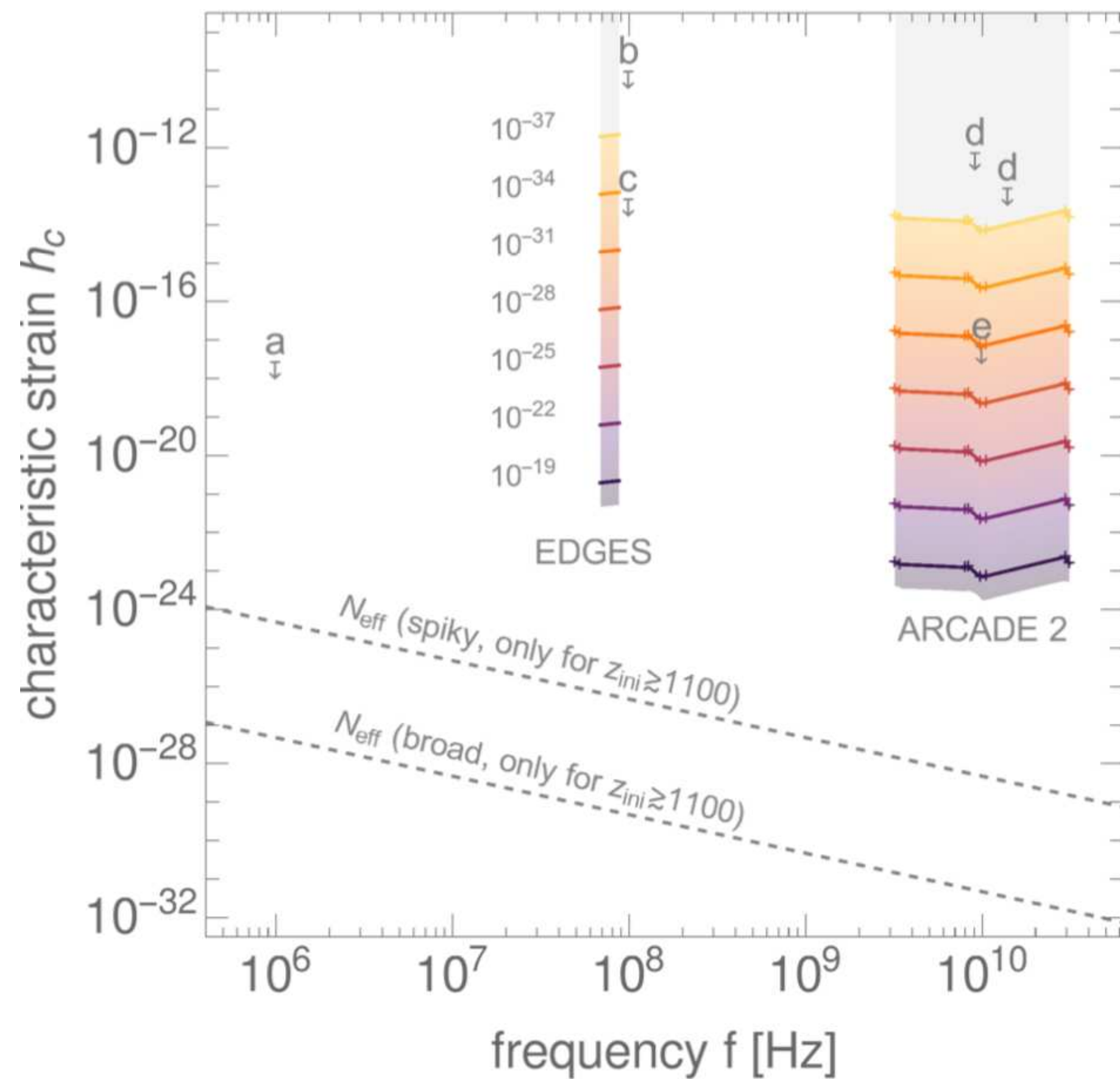
Upper bounds on stochastic gravitational waves



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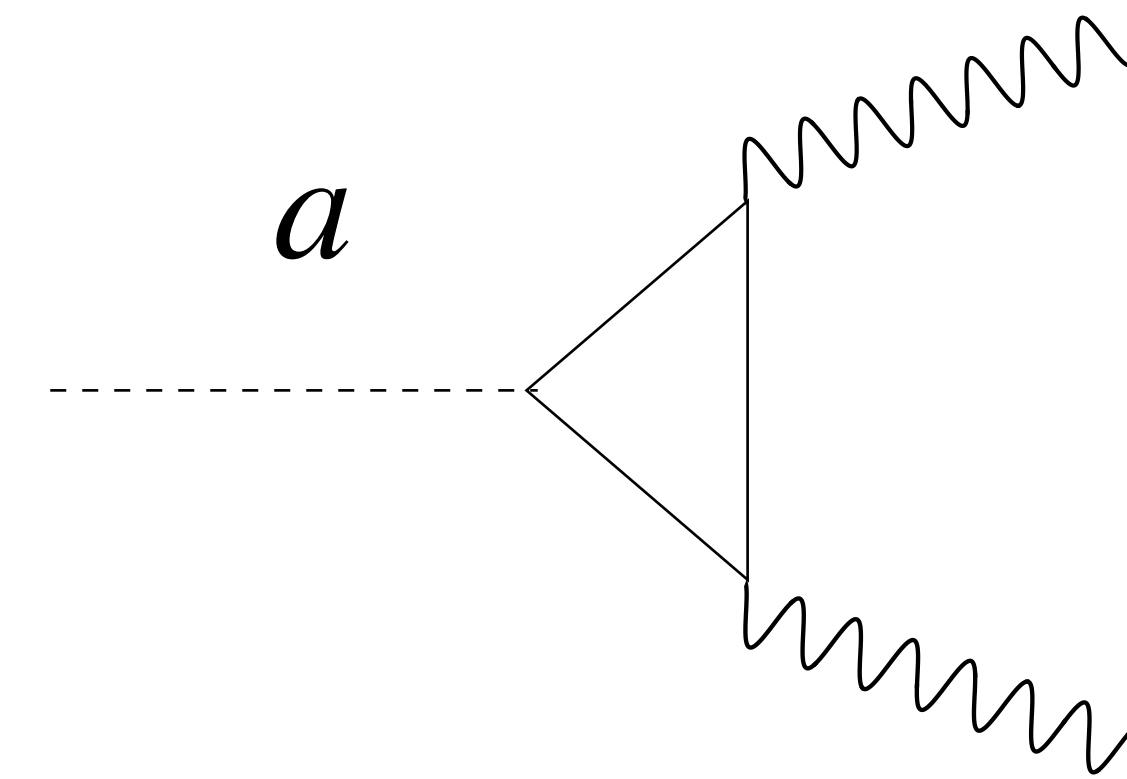
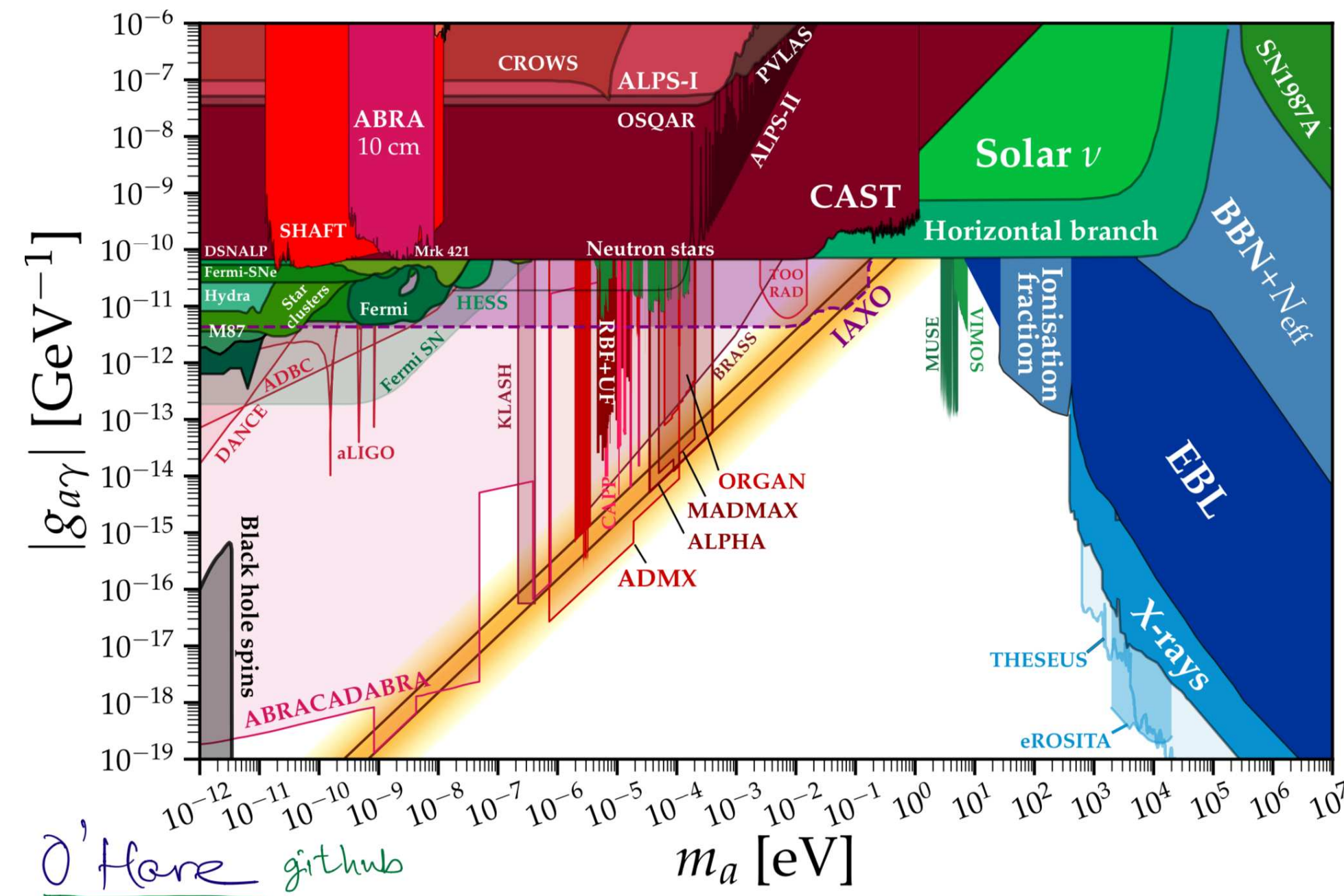
existing laboratory bounds from

- a) superconducting parametric converter [Reece et al '84](#)
- b) waveguide [Cruise Ingley '06](#)
- c) 0.75 m interferometer [Akutsu '08](#)
- d) magnon detector [Ito, Soda '04](#)
- e) magnetic conversion detector [Cruise et al '12](#)

Gravitational-Wave versus Axion electrodynamics

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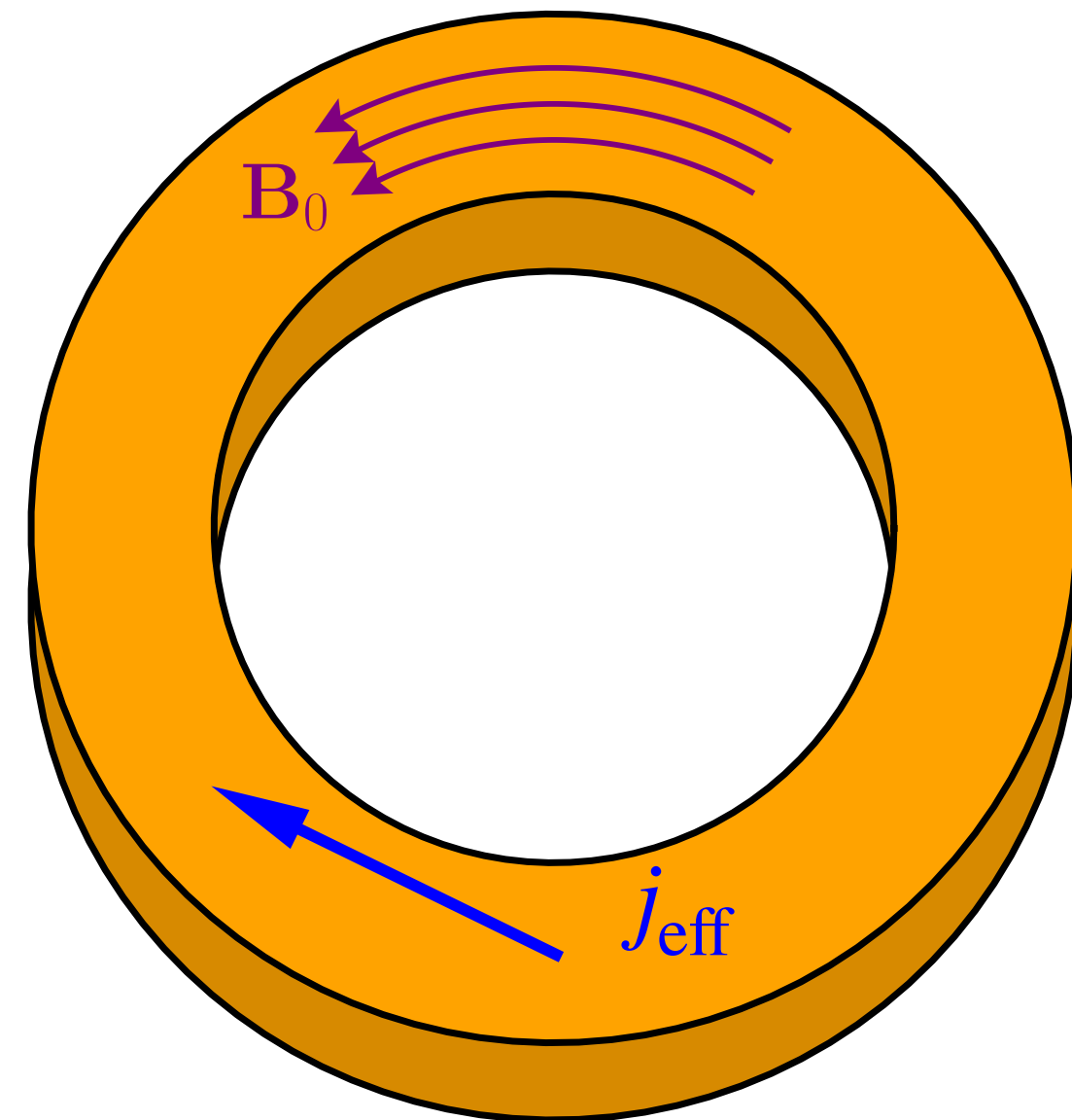


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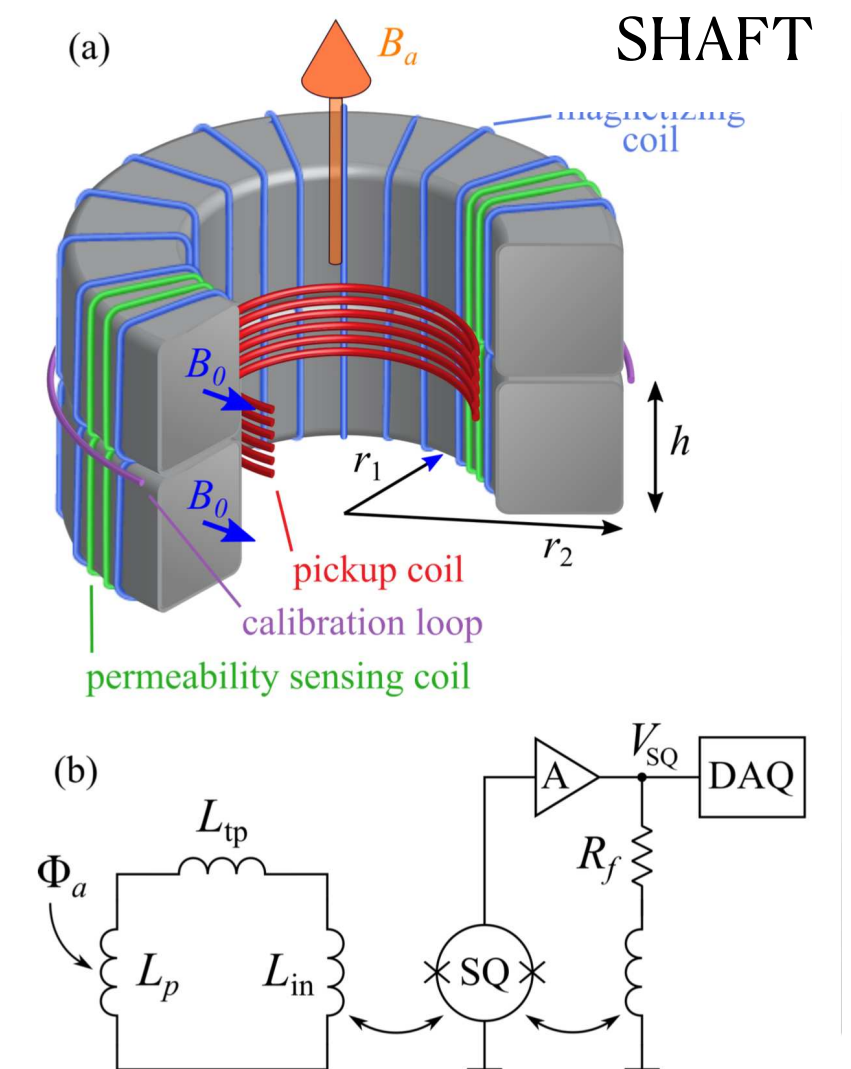
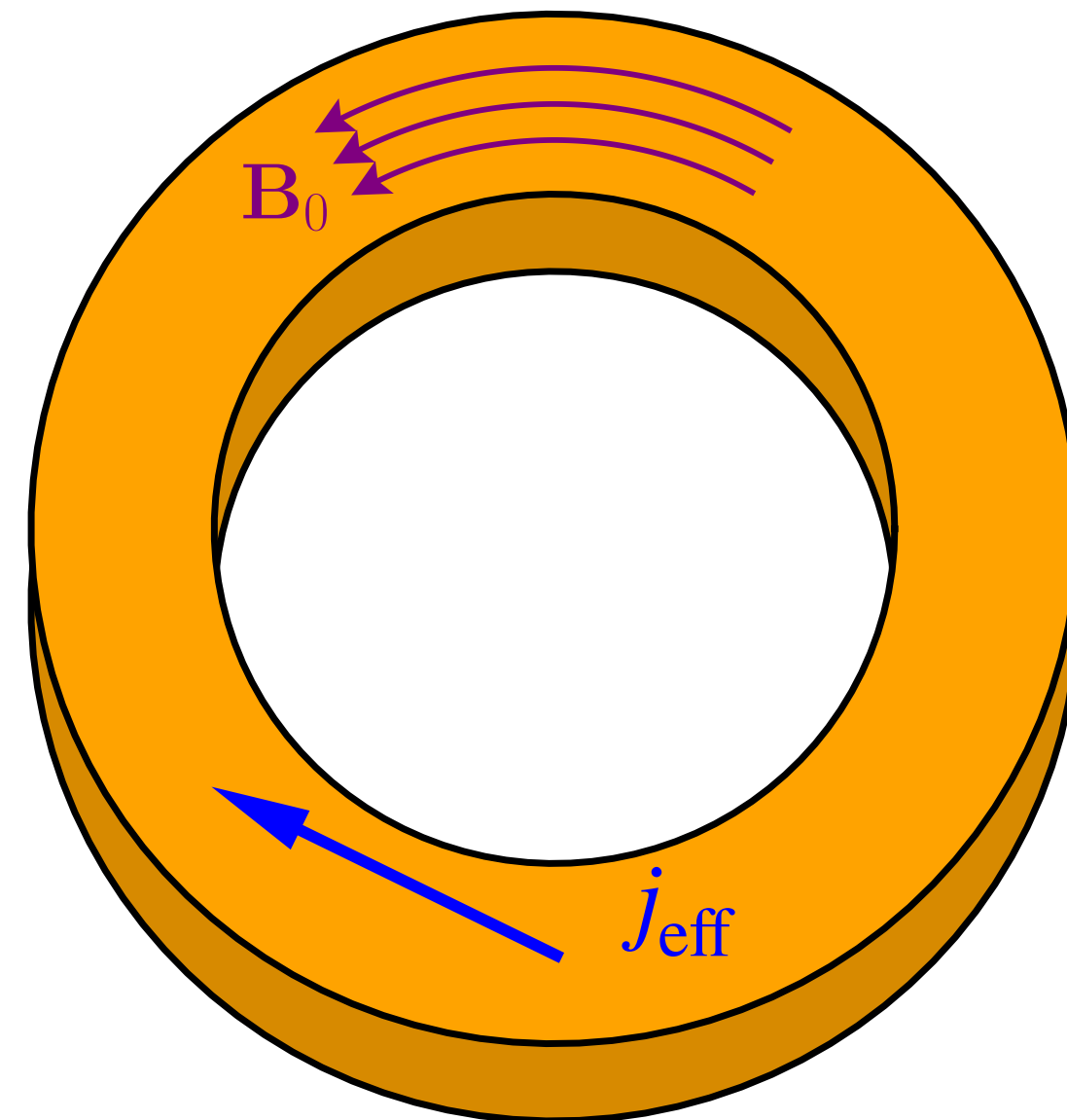


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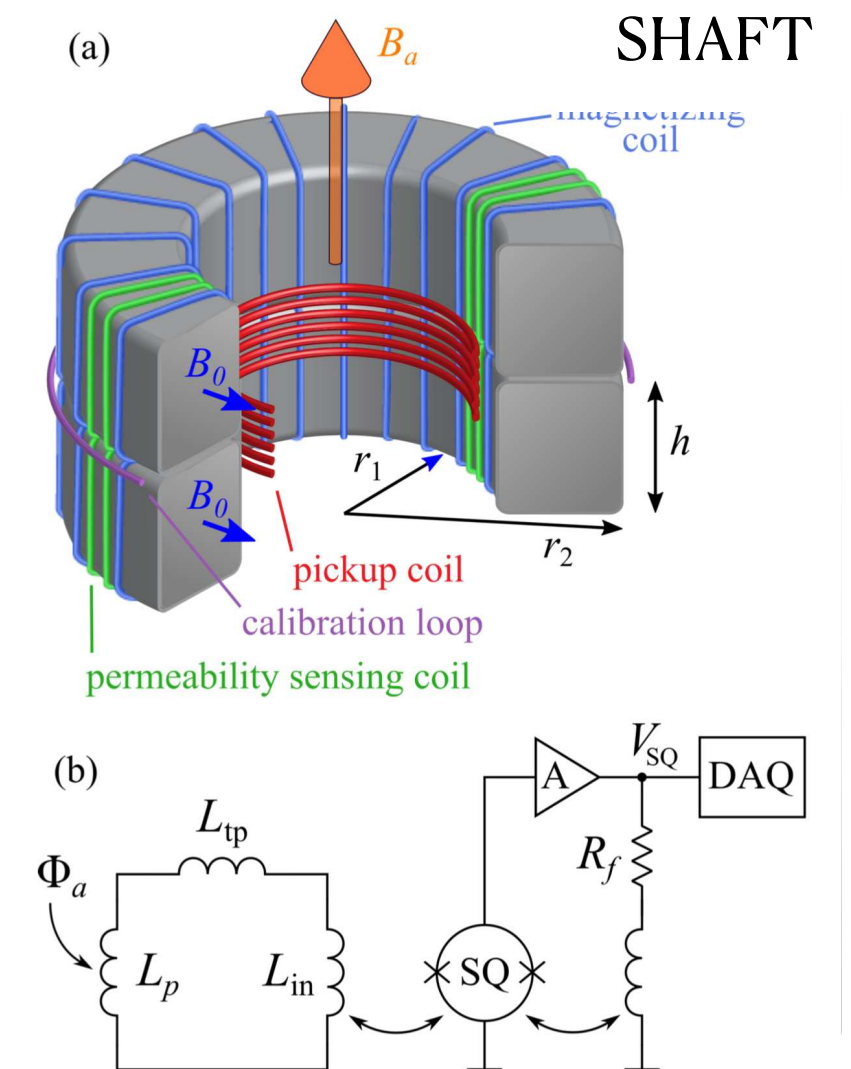
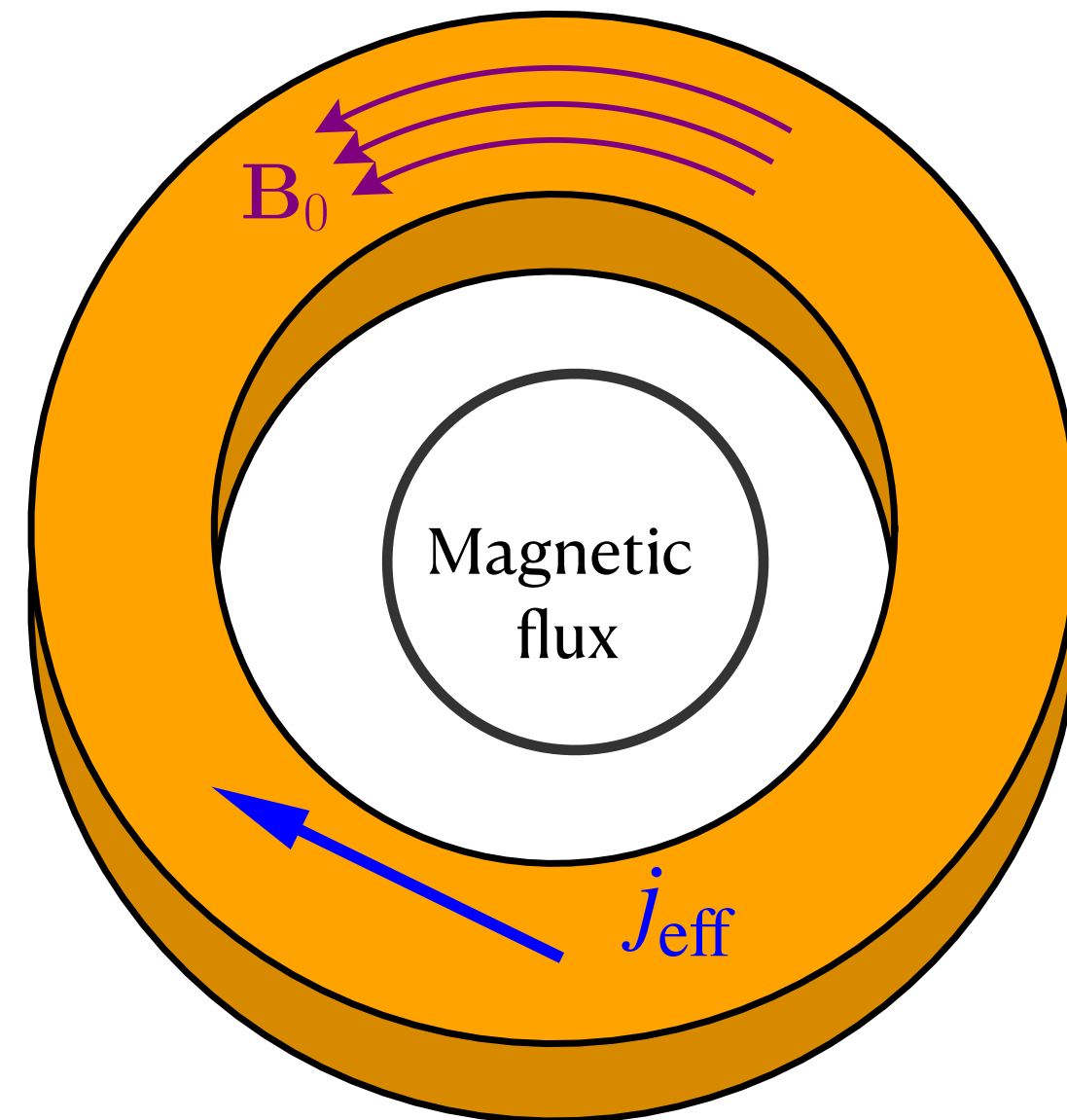
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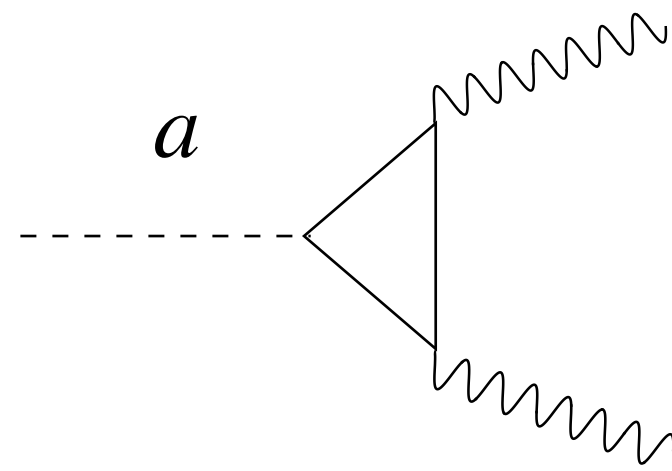
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$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

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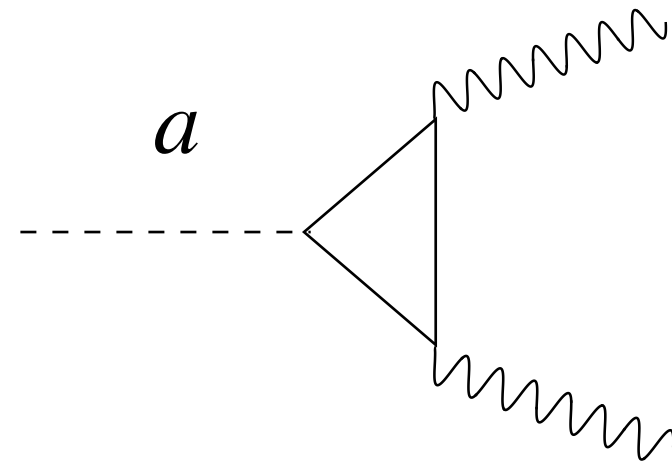
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Gravitational waves

$$S \supset \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(-\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \right)$$

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

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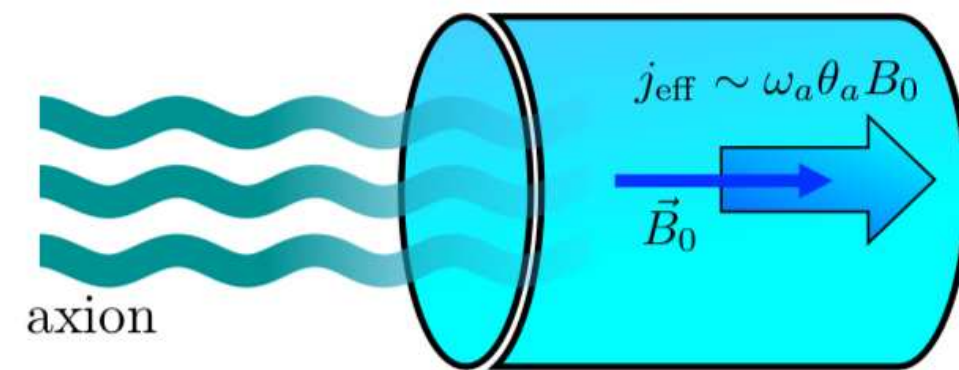
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Eigenmodes

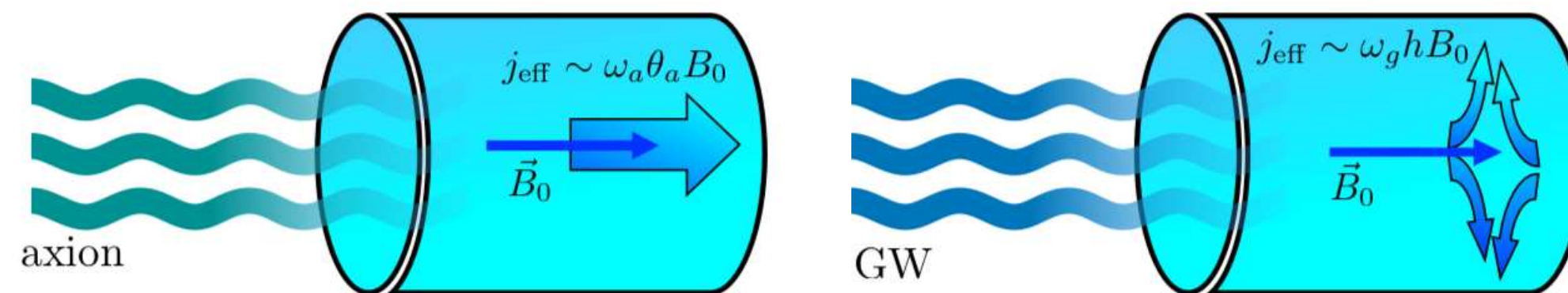
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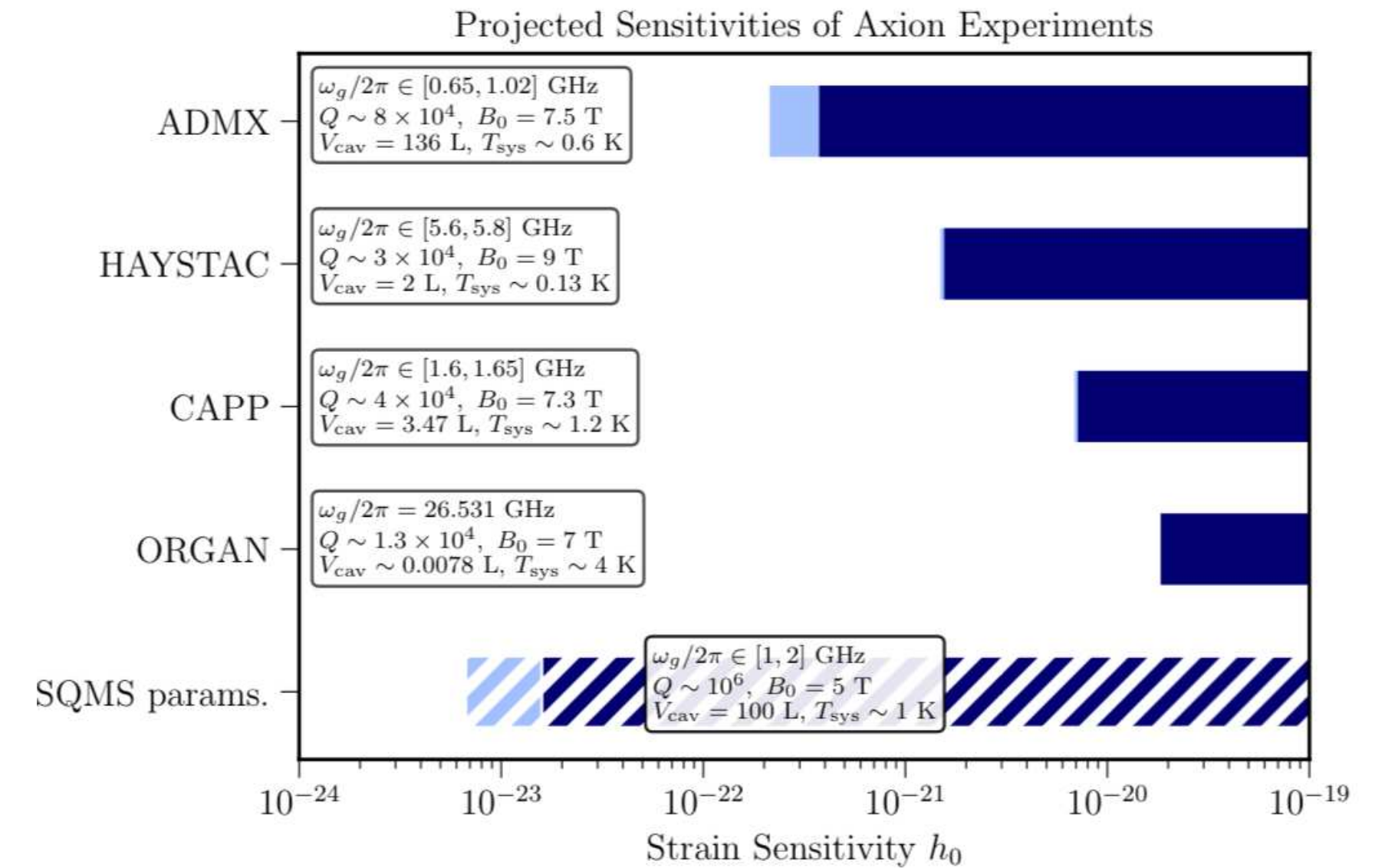
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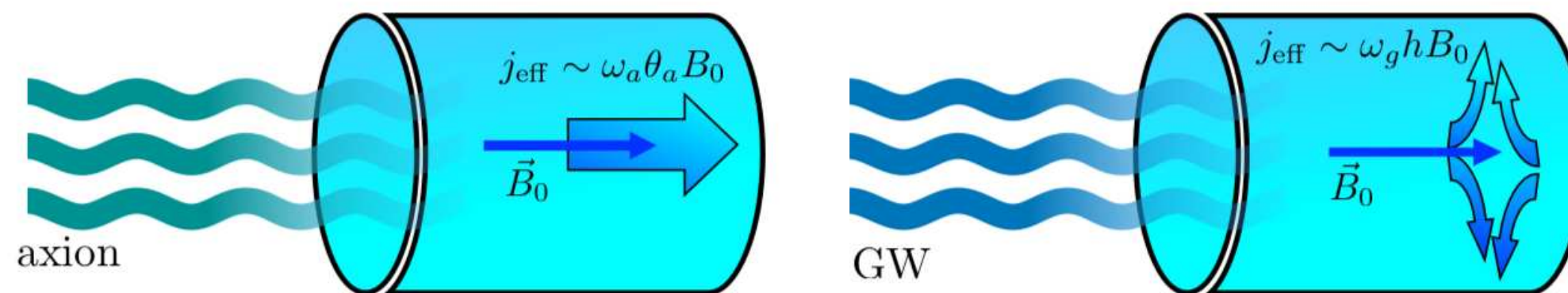
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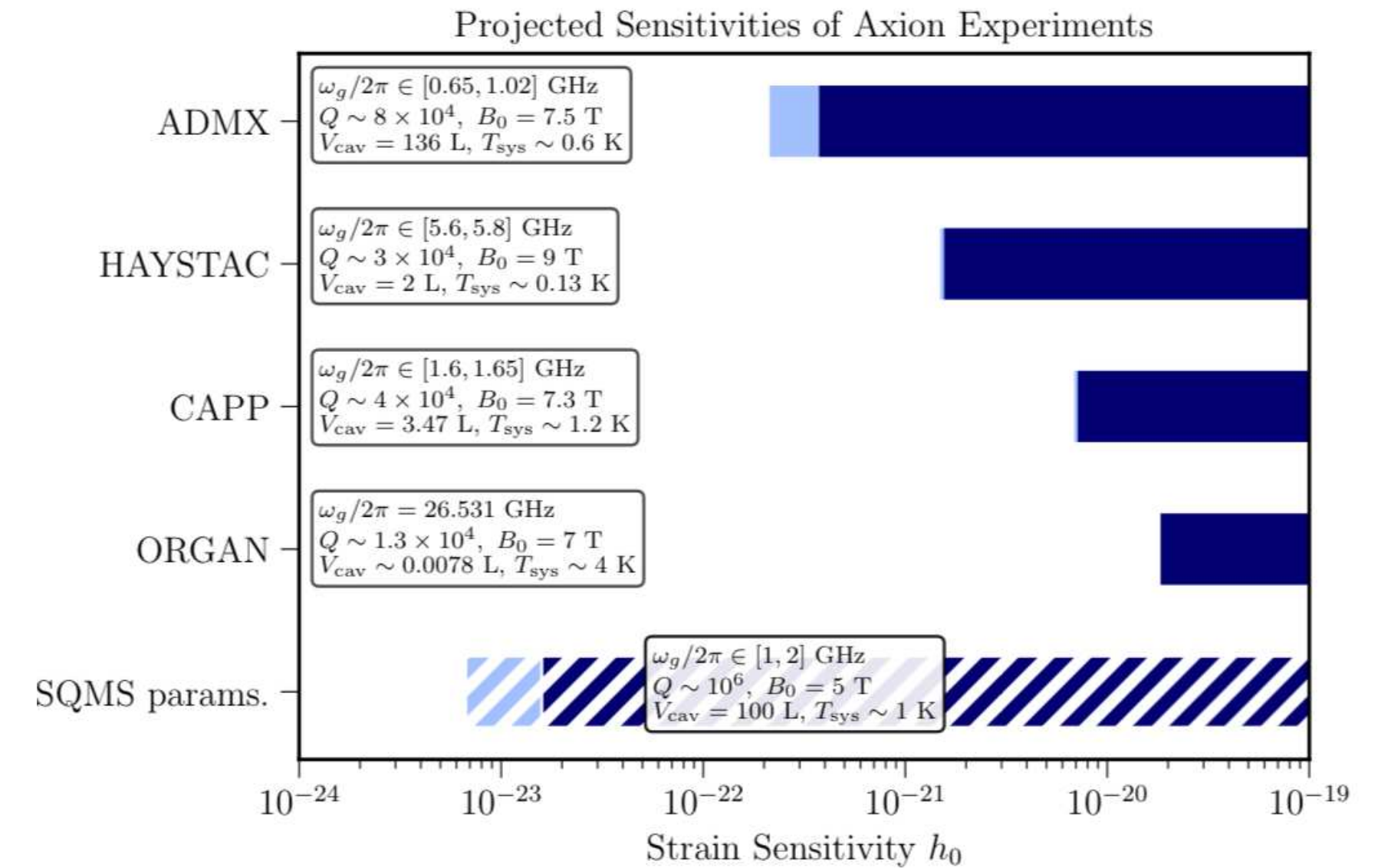
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- In the TT frame, the description of rigid bodies becomes unintuitive, as their coordinates are deformed by a passing GW due to the motion of the coordinate system. **This is crucial to implement boundary conditions.**
- In the proper detector frame the coordinate system is defined by rigid rulers and closely matches the intuitive description of an Earth-based laboratory, with the GW acting as a Newtonian force.
- Confusion in the literature due to this (see e.g. 2012.12189)



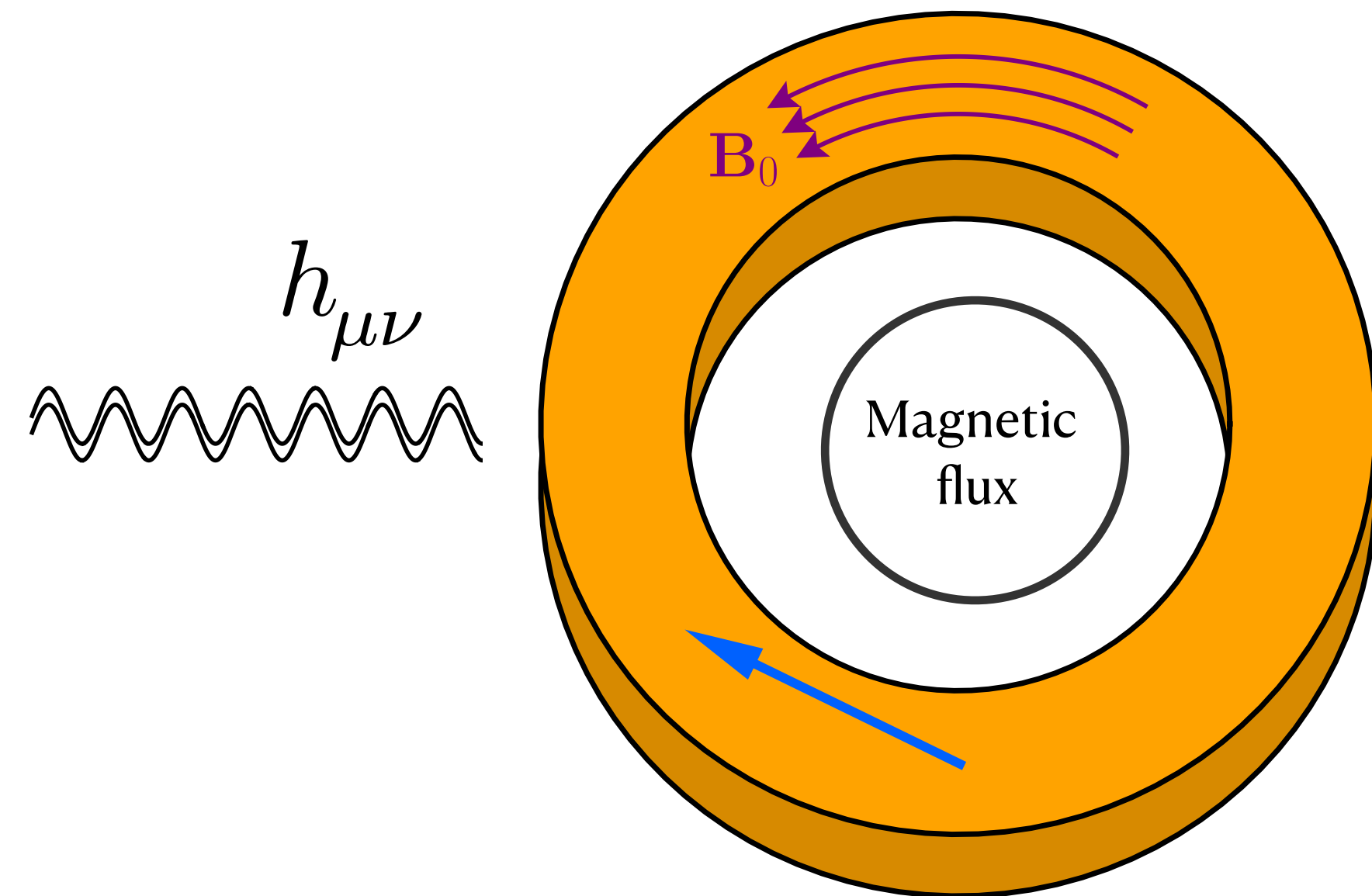
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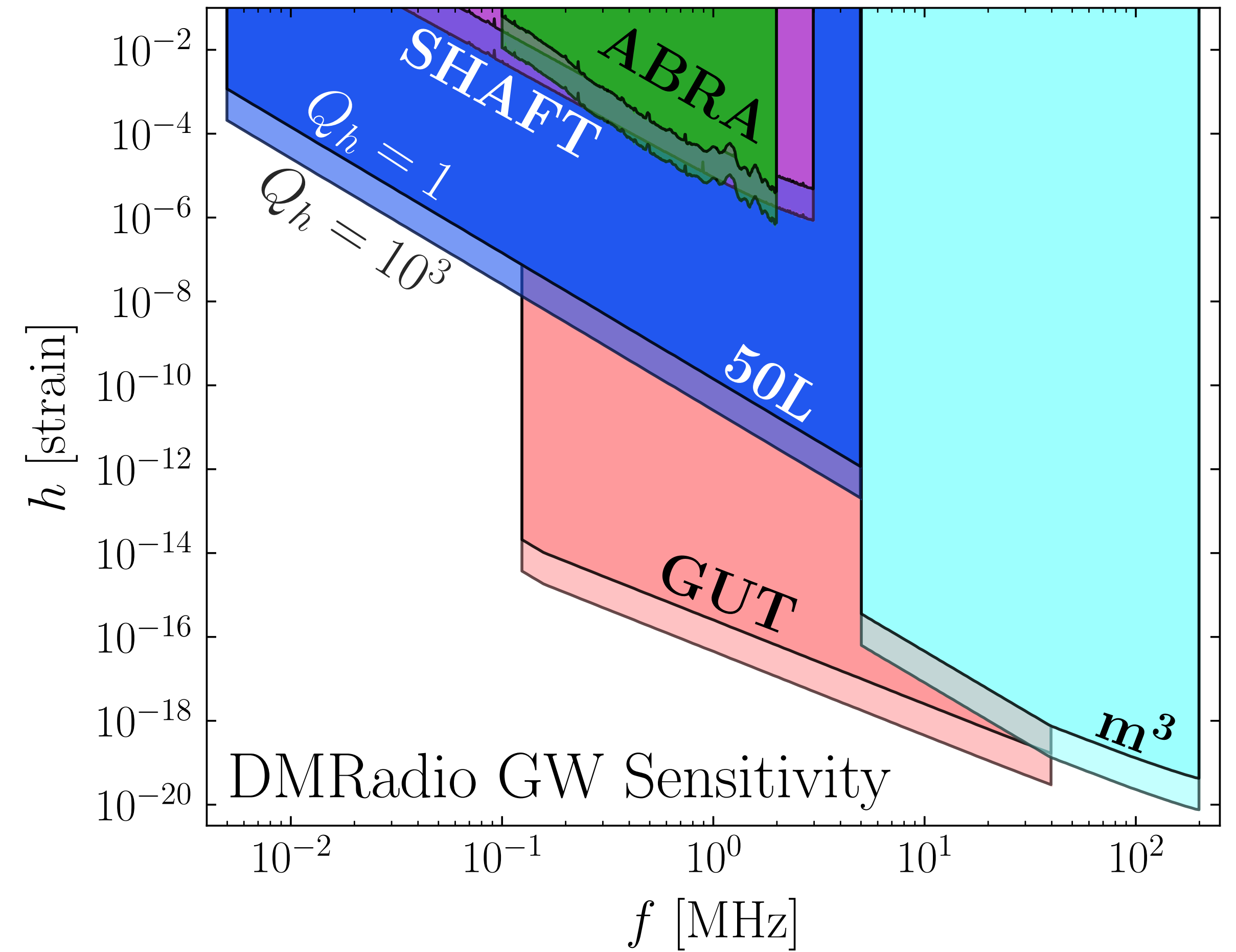
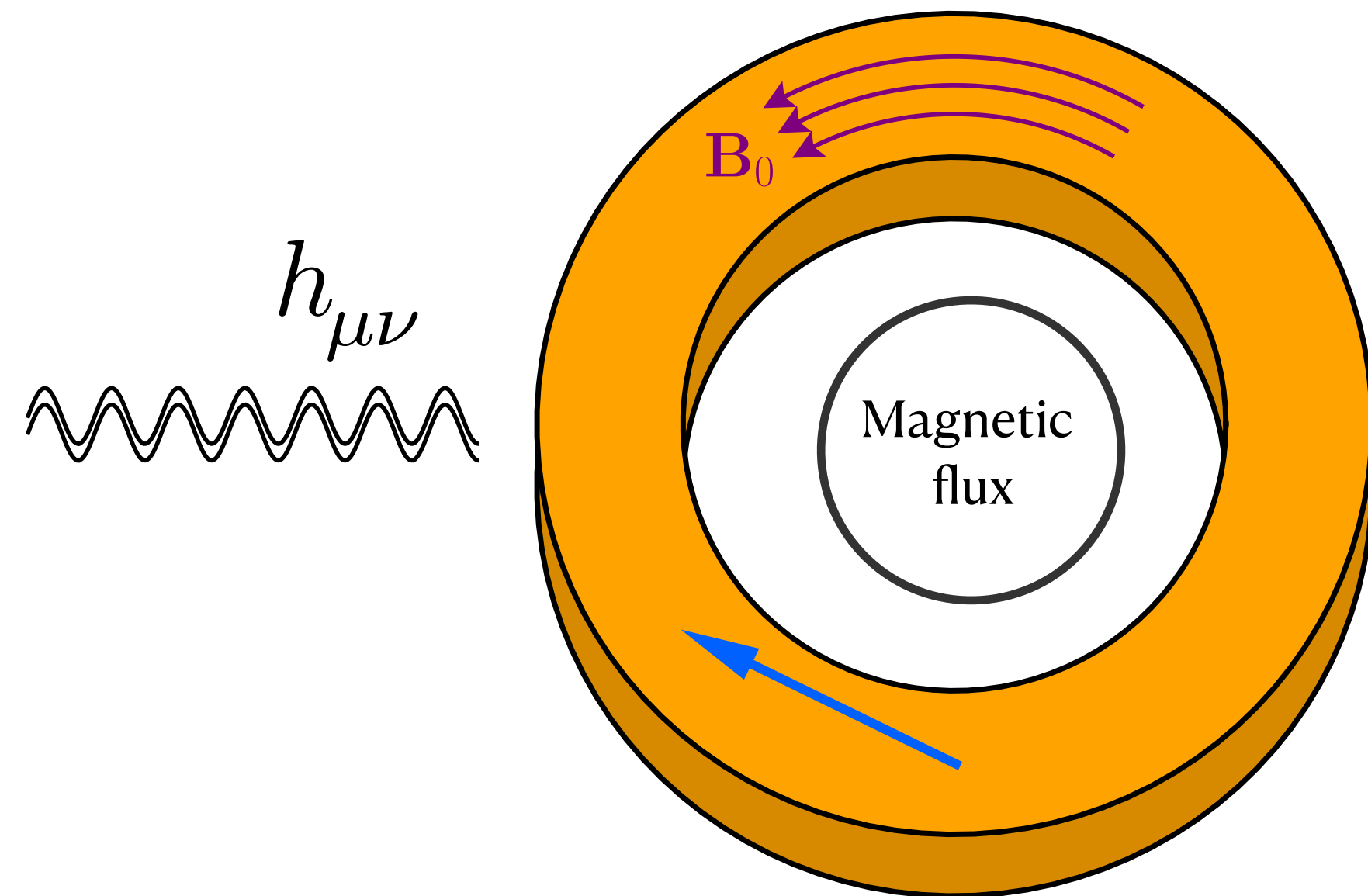
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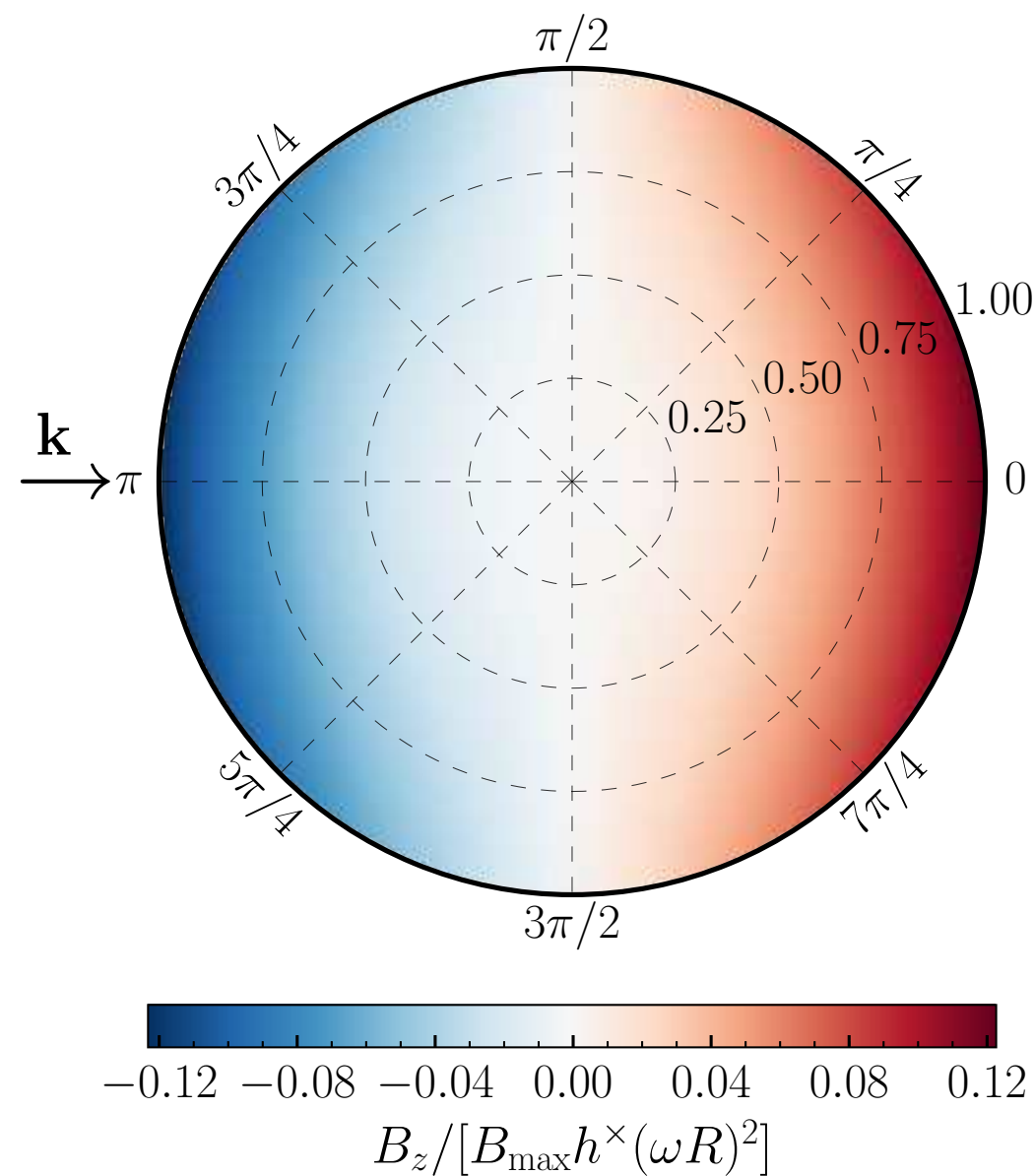
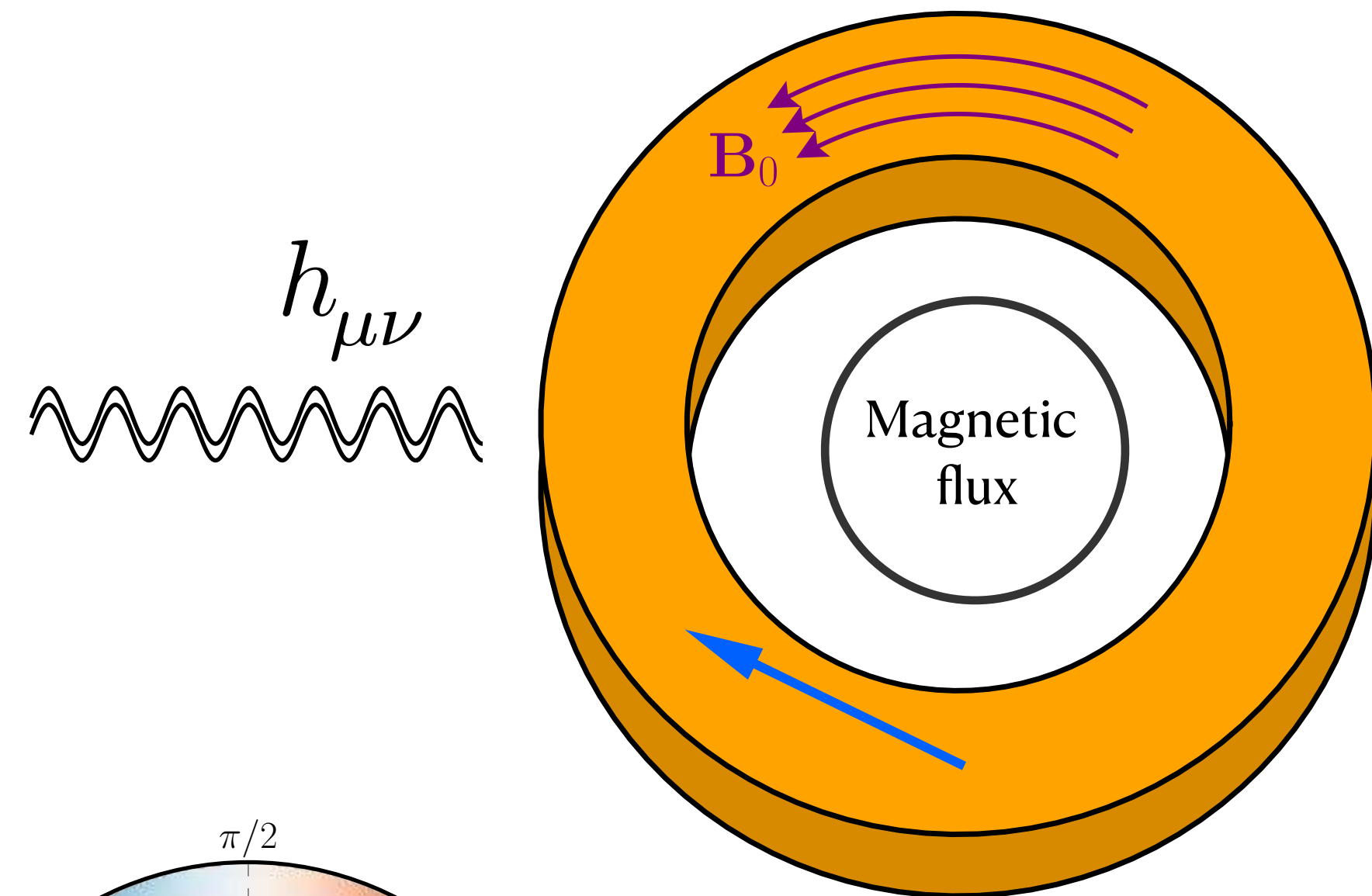
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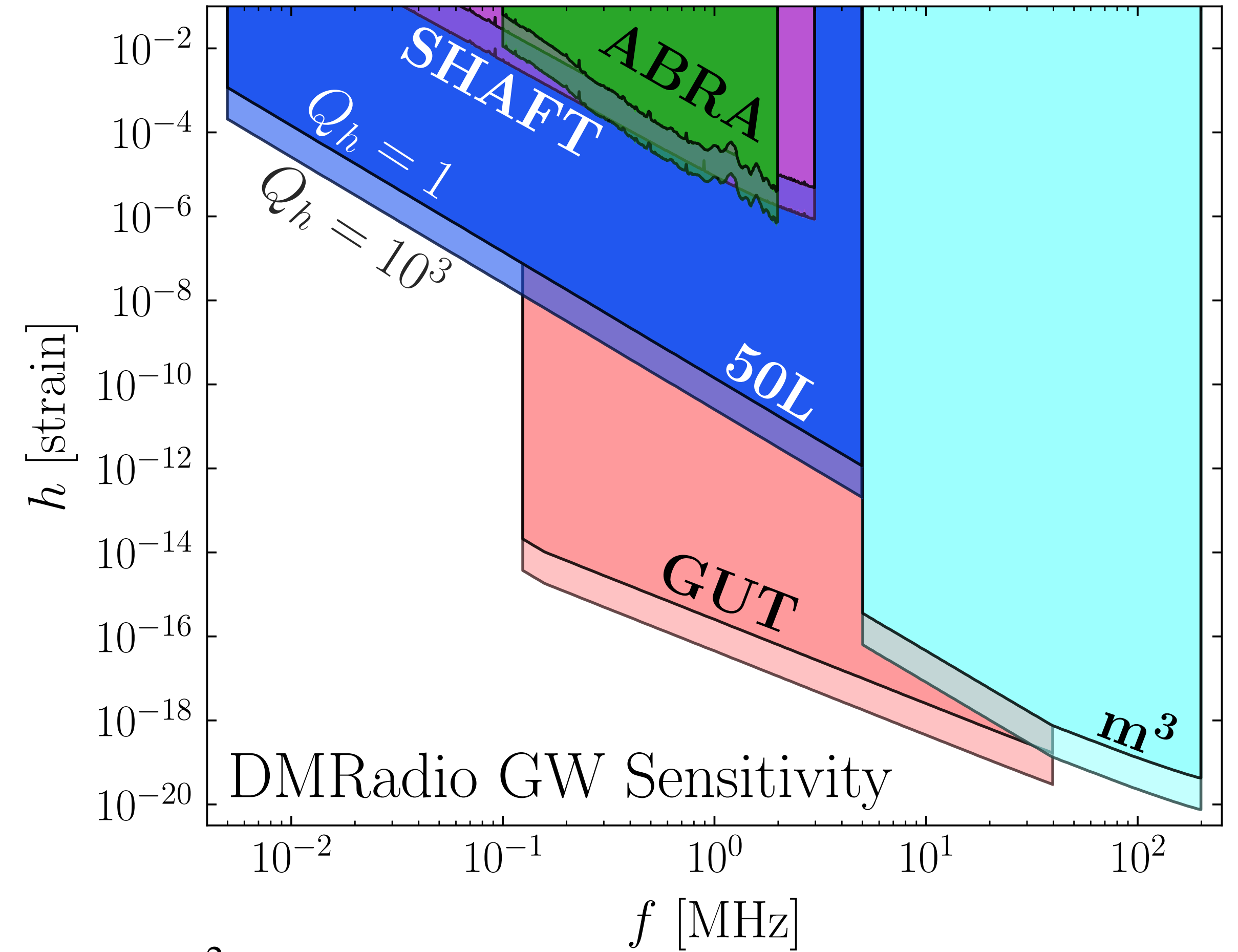
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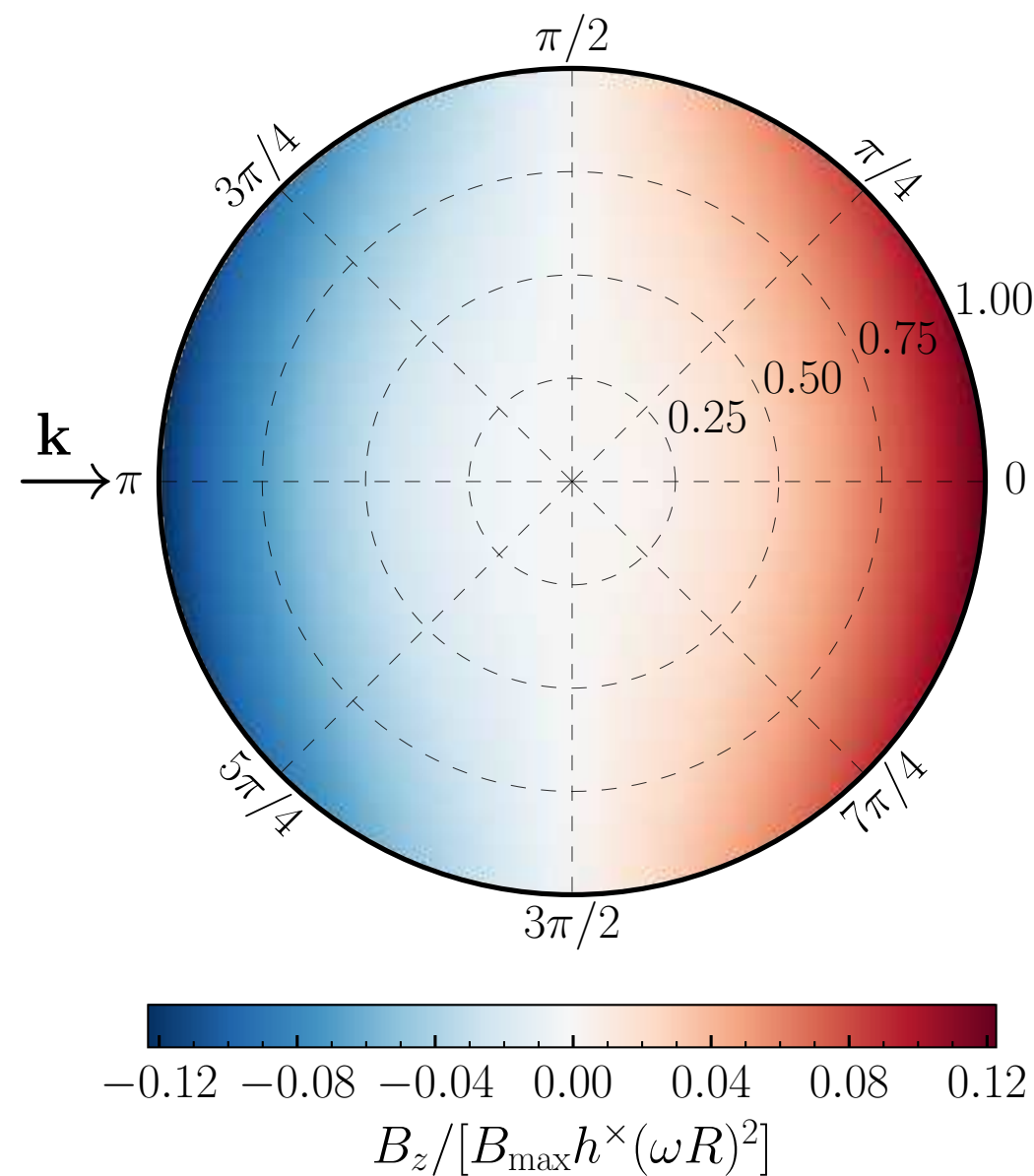
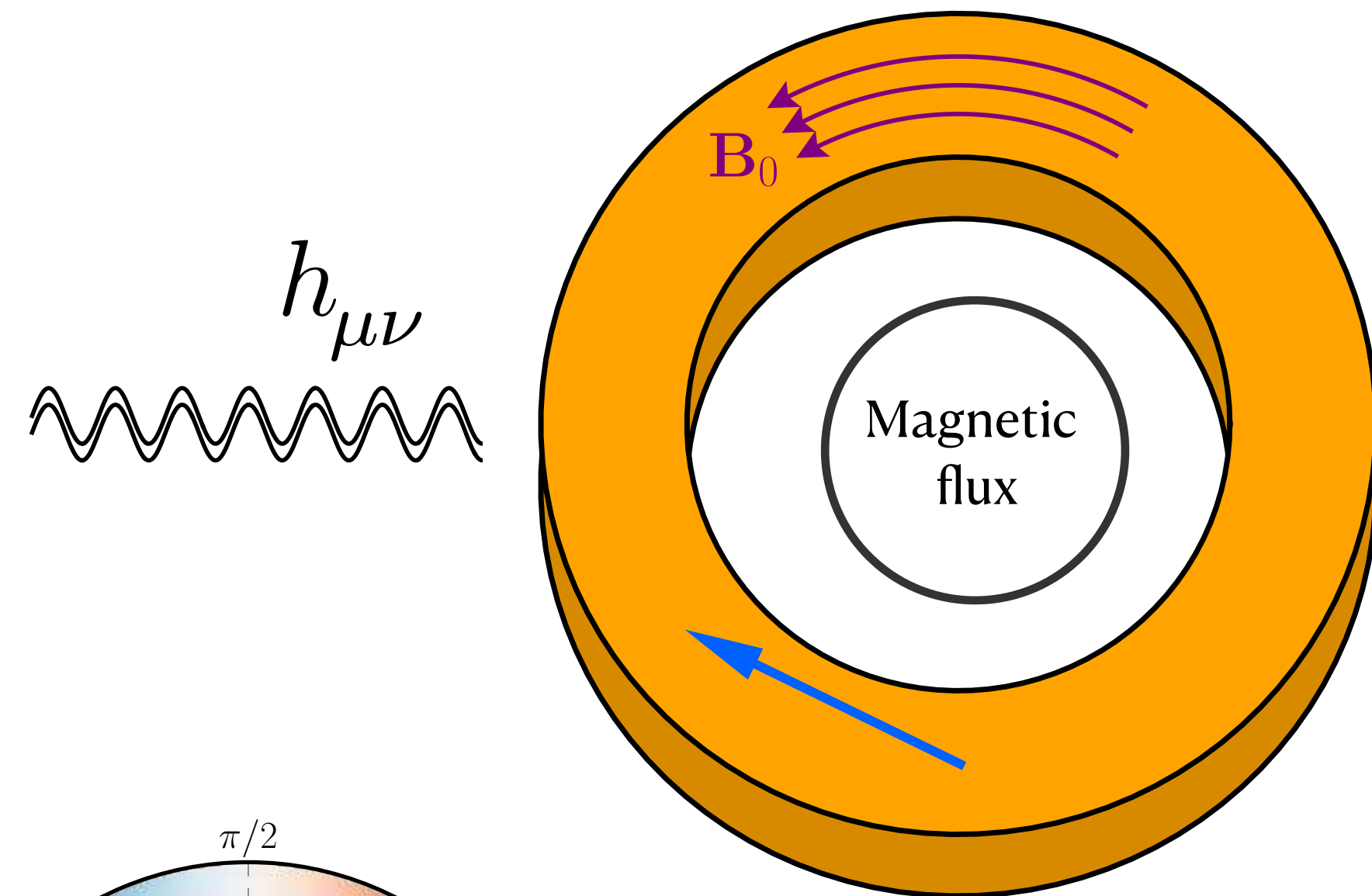
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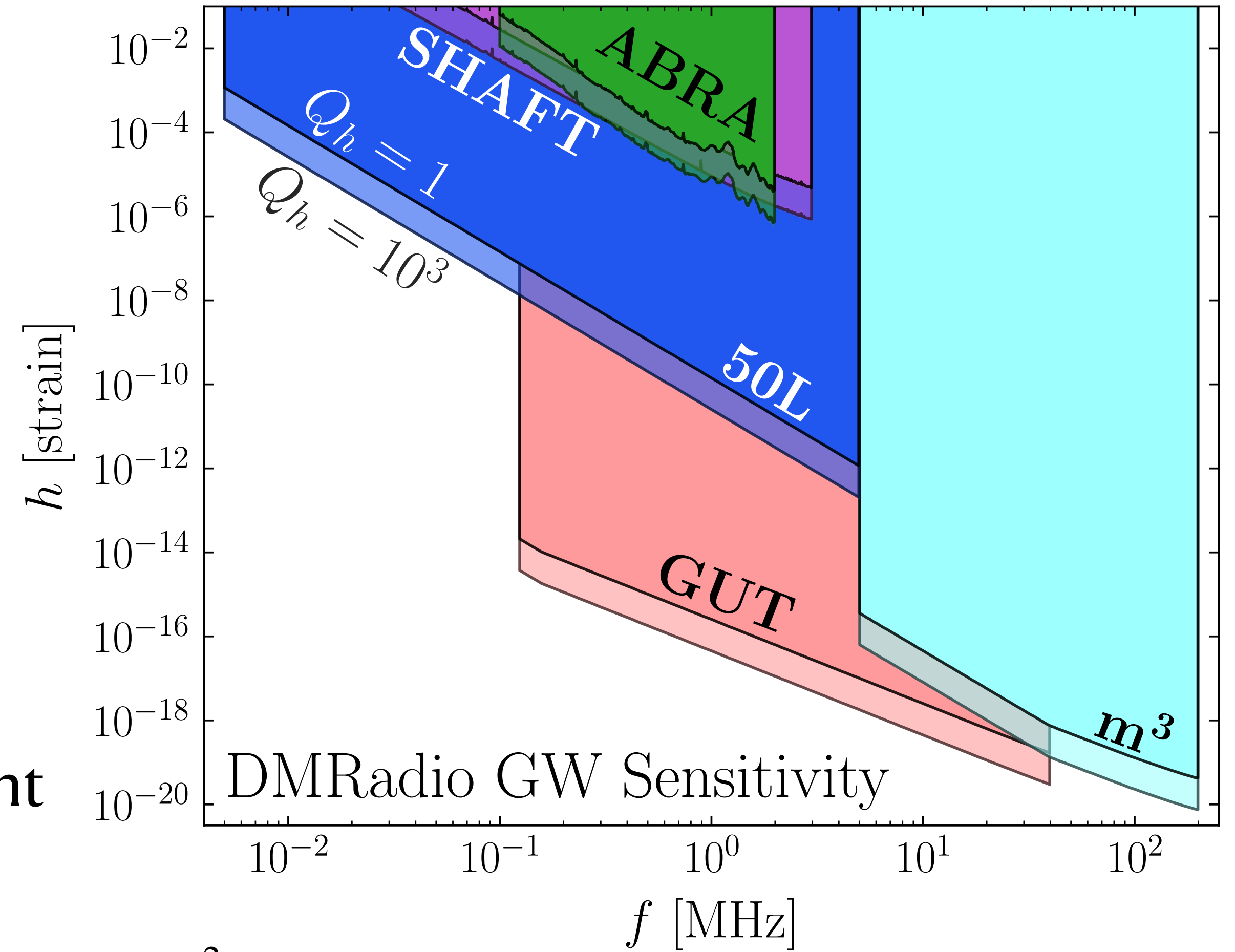


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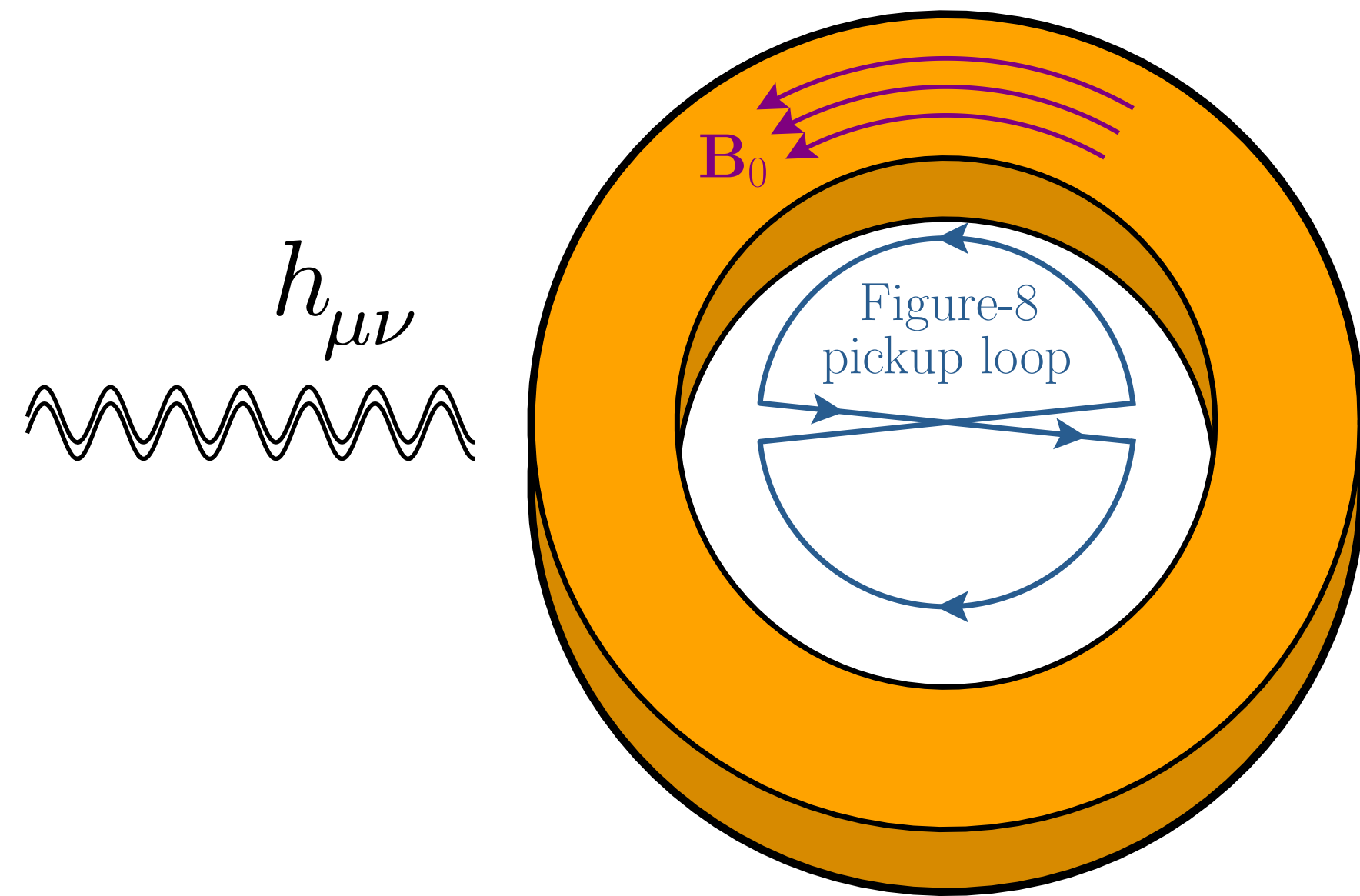


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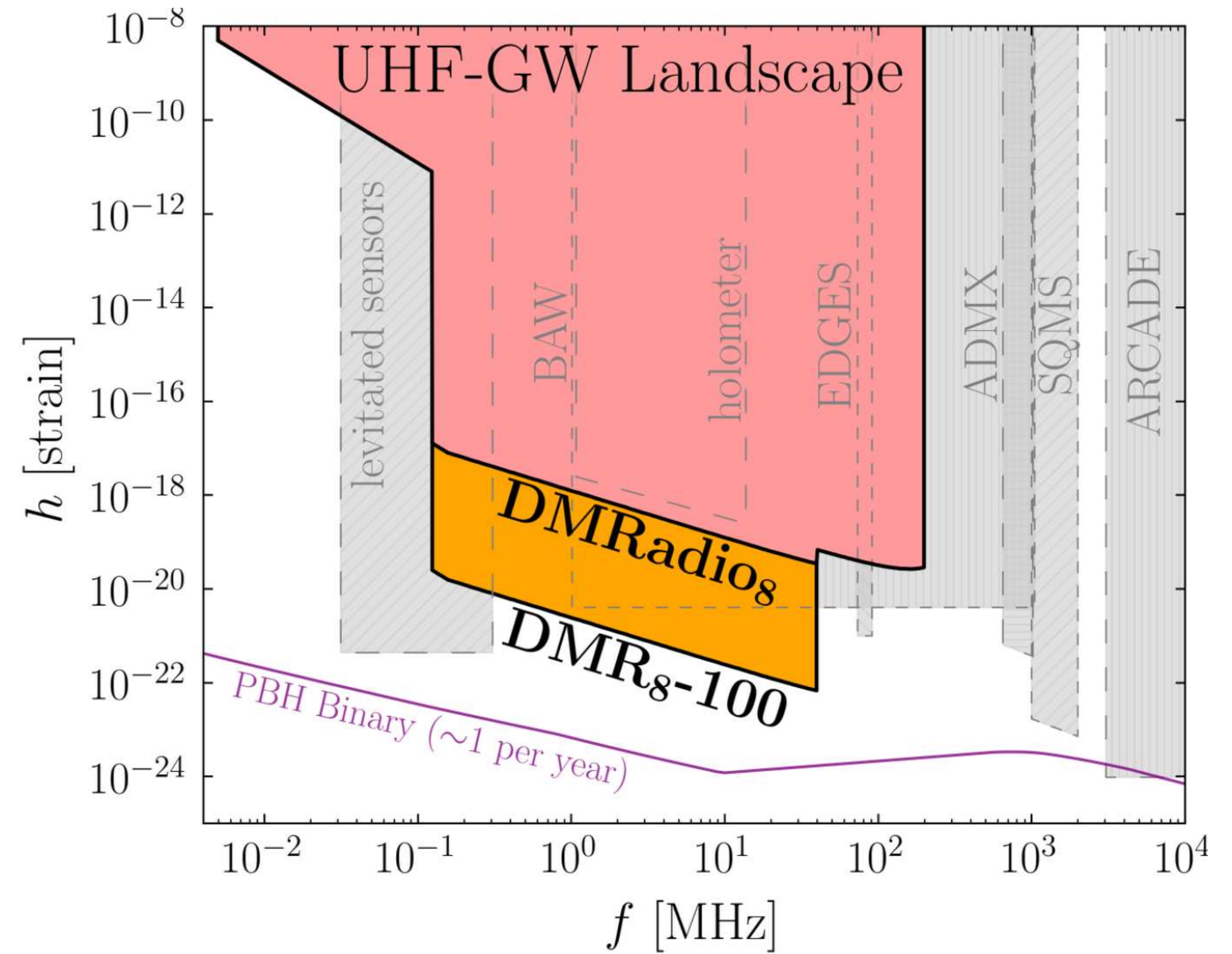
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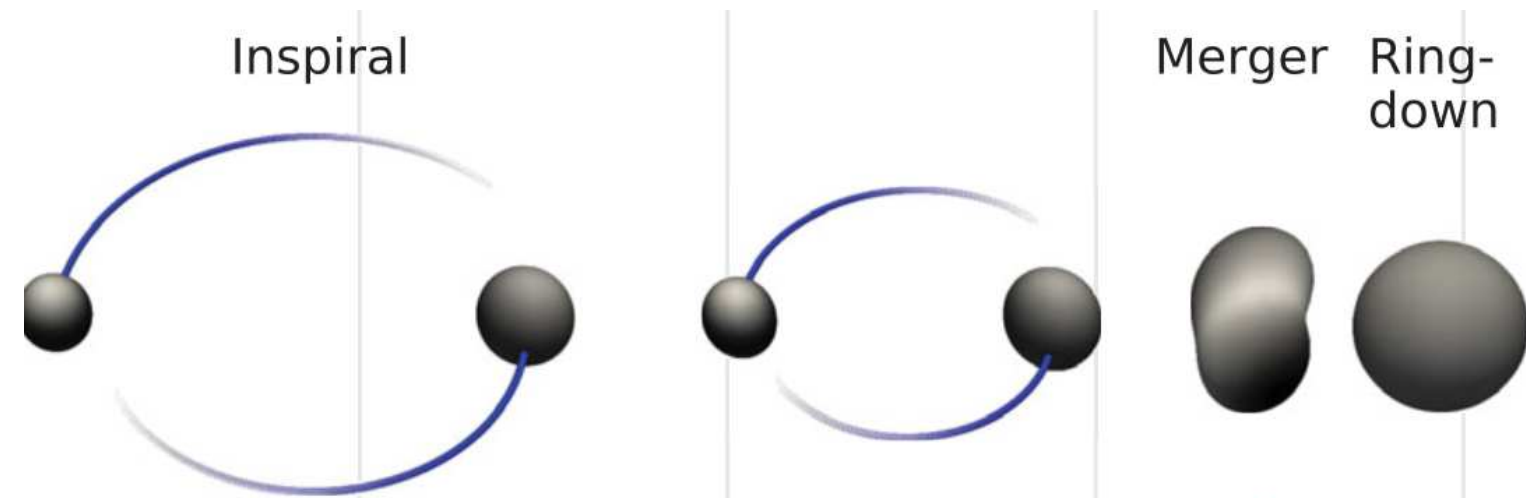
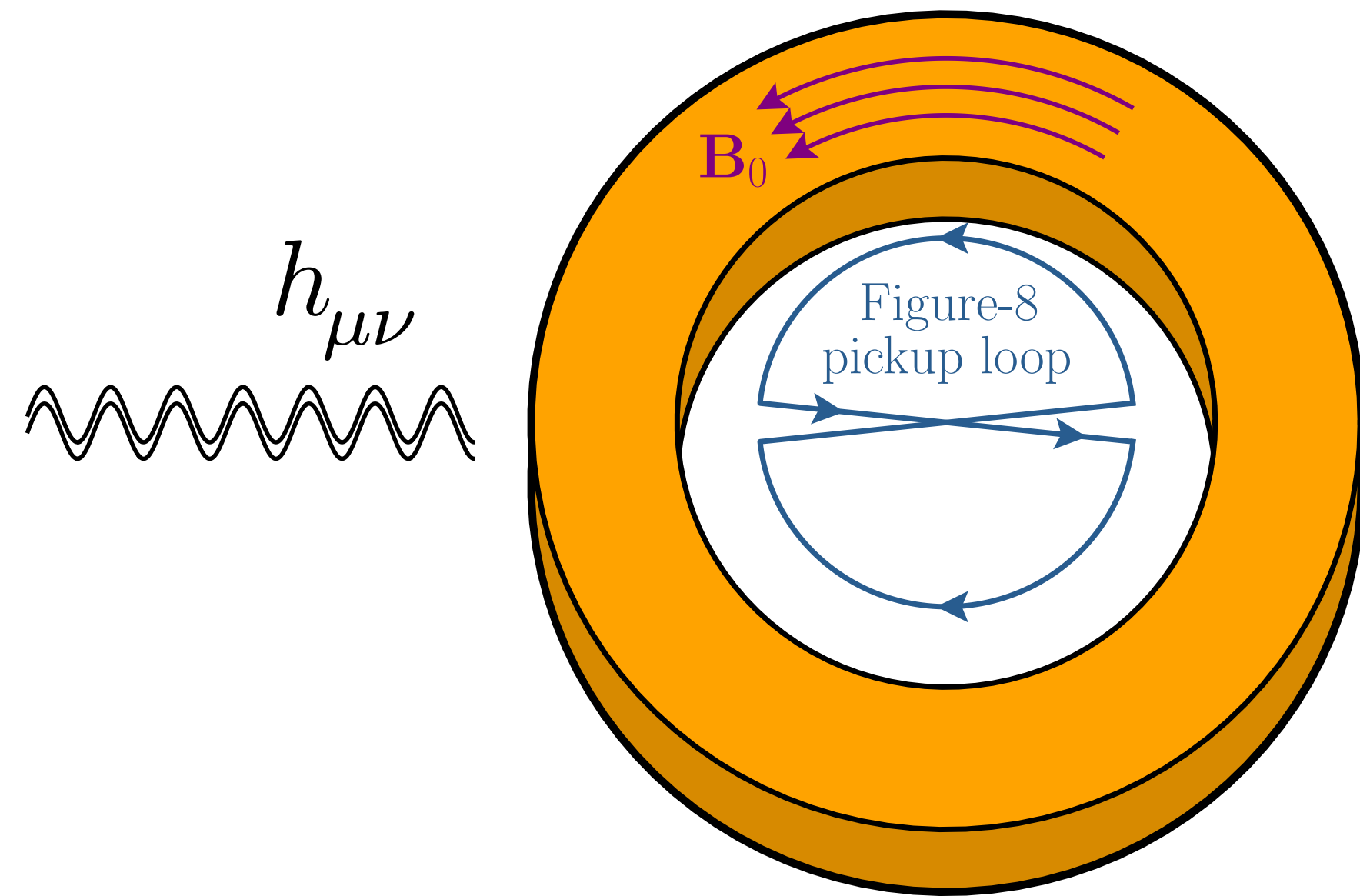
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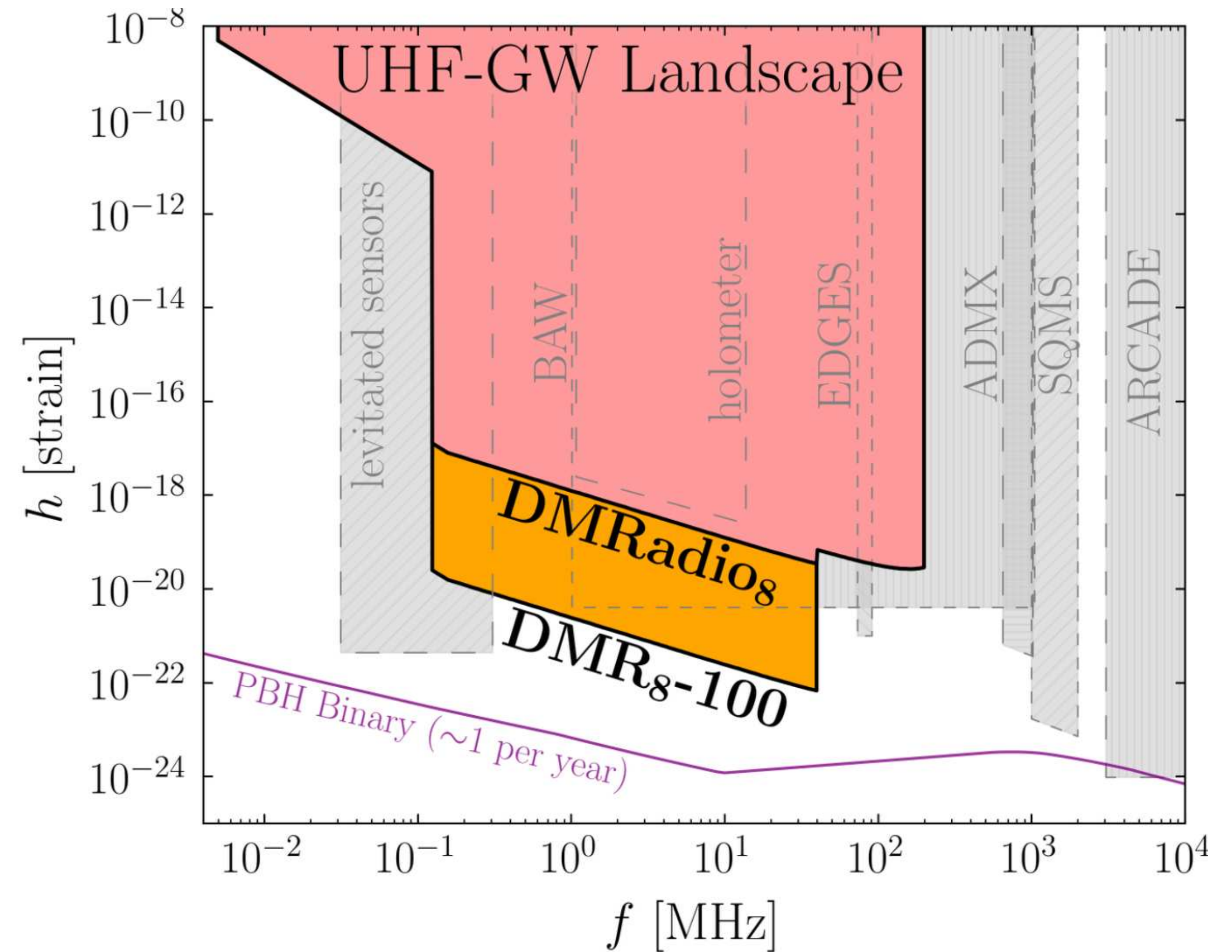
$$\Phi_8 = \frac{e^{-i\omega t}}{3\sqrt{2}} \omega^2 B_{\max} r^3 R \ln(1 + a/R) s_{\theta_h} \times \left(h^\times s_{\phi_h} - h^+ c_{\theta_h} c_{\phi_h} \right).$$



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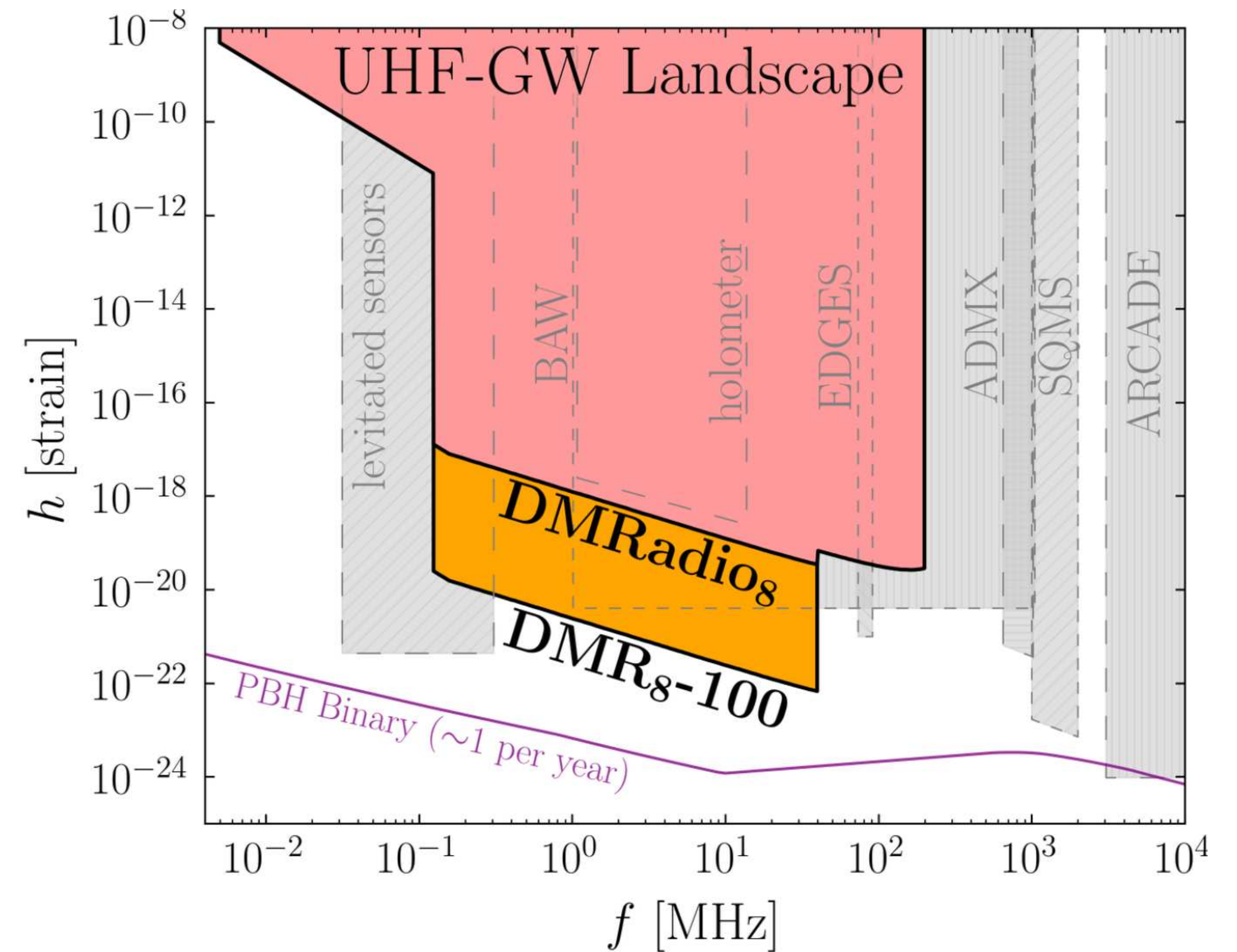
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Conclusions

The Gertsenshtein effect during the dark ages provides a powerful way to probe gravitational waves in the MHz-GHz range from distortions of the Rayleigh-Jeans CMB tail.

I provide a formulation of GW electrodynamics which demonstrates that low-mass axion haloscopes are also UHF-GW telescopes.

A number of distinct experimental proposals have coalesced on a strain sensitivity of 10^{-22} for MHz GWs, a level that is still orders of magnitude away from any signal of the early Universe. Whether we can hope to probe such strain sensitivities remains to be determined.



Cosmic magnetic fields

$$\langle \mathbf{B}_i(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{B}_j(\mathbf{x}') \rangle = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3 a(t)^4} \int d^3k e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x})} \left(\left(\delta_{ij} - \hat{k}_i \hat{k}_j \right) P_B(k) - i \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{k}_k P_{aB}(k) \right),$$

Durrer, Neronov, 2013

The adiabatic evolution of the magnetic field due to cosmic expansion is determined by the scale factor.

$$\langle B^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi^2 a(t)^4} \int_0^\infty dk k^2 P_B(k) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty d \log \lambda B_\lambda^2$$

$$\text{where } B_\lambda^2 \equiv \frac{8\pi}{\lambda^3 a(t)^4} P_B \left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \right),$$

$$\lambda_B = \int_0^\infty d\lambda \frac{B_\lambda^2}{\langle B^2 \rangle}$$

average magnetic field

the coherence length

Oscillations after the formation of the CMB

$$\left(\square + \omega_{\text{pl}}^2 \right) A_\lambda = -B \partial_\ell h_\lambda$$

$$\square h_\lambda = 16\pi G B \partial_\ell A_\lambda$$

$$\omega_{\text{pl}} = \sqrt{e^2 n_e / m_e}$$

The plasma frequency acts as an effective mass term

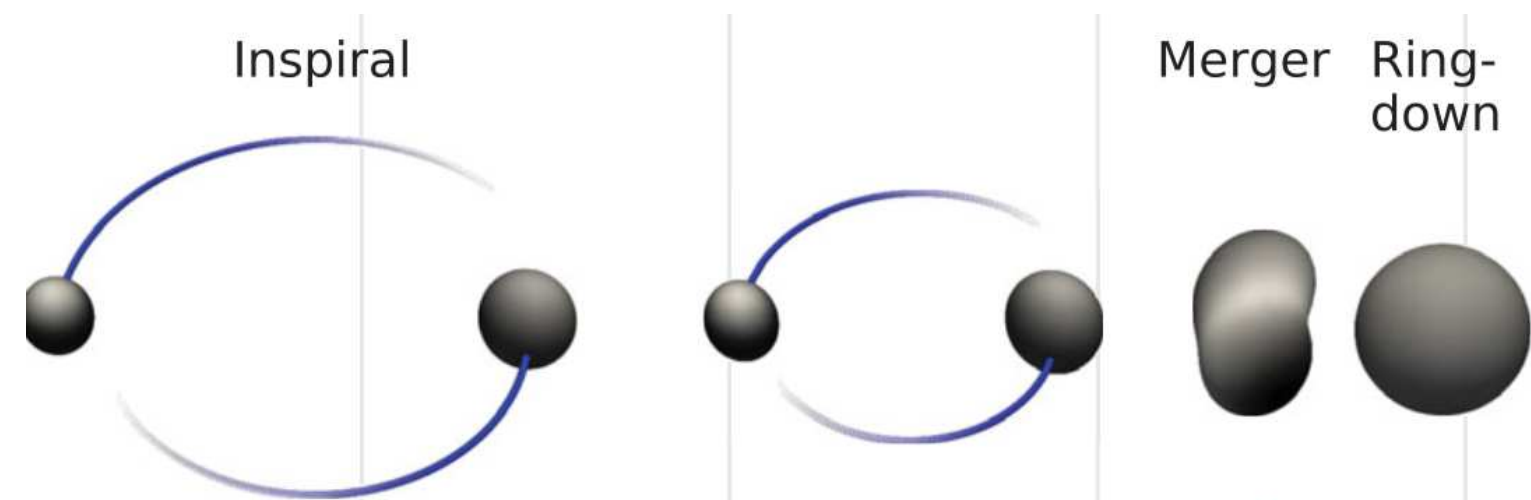
$$\ell_{\text{osc}} \simeq 4\omega / \omega_{\text{pl}}^2$$

$$\langle \Gamma_{g \leftrightarrow \gamma} \rangle = \frac{2\pi G B^2 \ell_{\text{osc}}^2}{\Delta \ell}$$

Although cosmic magnetic fields are not expected to be perfectly homogeneous, coherent oscillations take place in highly homogeneous patches.

$$\ell_{\text{osc}} = 4\omega / (1+z)^2 X_e(z) \omega_{\text{pl},0}^2 \ll 1 \text{ pc}$$

$$\mathcal{P} \equiv \int_{l.o.s.} \langle \Gamma_{g \leftrightarrow \gamma} \rangle dt = \int_0^{z_{\text{ini}}} \frac{\langle \Gamma_{g \leftrightarrow \gamma} \rangle}{(1+z)H} dz$$



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Merger rates

$$R_0(m_{\text{PBH}}, f_{\text{PBH}}) \simeq 6.6 \times 10^{-8} \text{ kpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1} f_{\text{PBH}}^{53/37} \left(\frac{m_{\text{PBH}}}{10^{-5} M_{\odot}} \right)^{-32/37} S_{\text{early}}(f_{\text{PBH}}) S_{\text{late}}(f_{\text{PBH}}),$$

$$S_{\text{early}}(f_{\text{PBH}}) = \min \left\{ 1, \left(\frac{f_{\text{PBH}}}{0.01} \right)^{1/2} \right\},$$

$$S_{\text{late}}(f_{\text{PBH}}) = \min \left\{ 1, 9.6 \times 10^{-3} f_{\text{PBH}}^{-0.65} e^{0.03 \ln^2 f_{\text{PBH}}} \right\},$$

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