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# Detecting Superradiant Dark Photon Strings in Gravitational Wave Experiments

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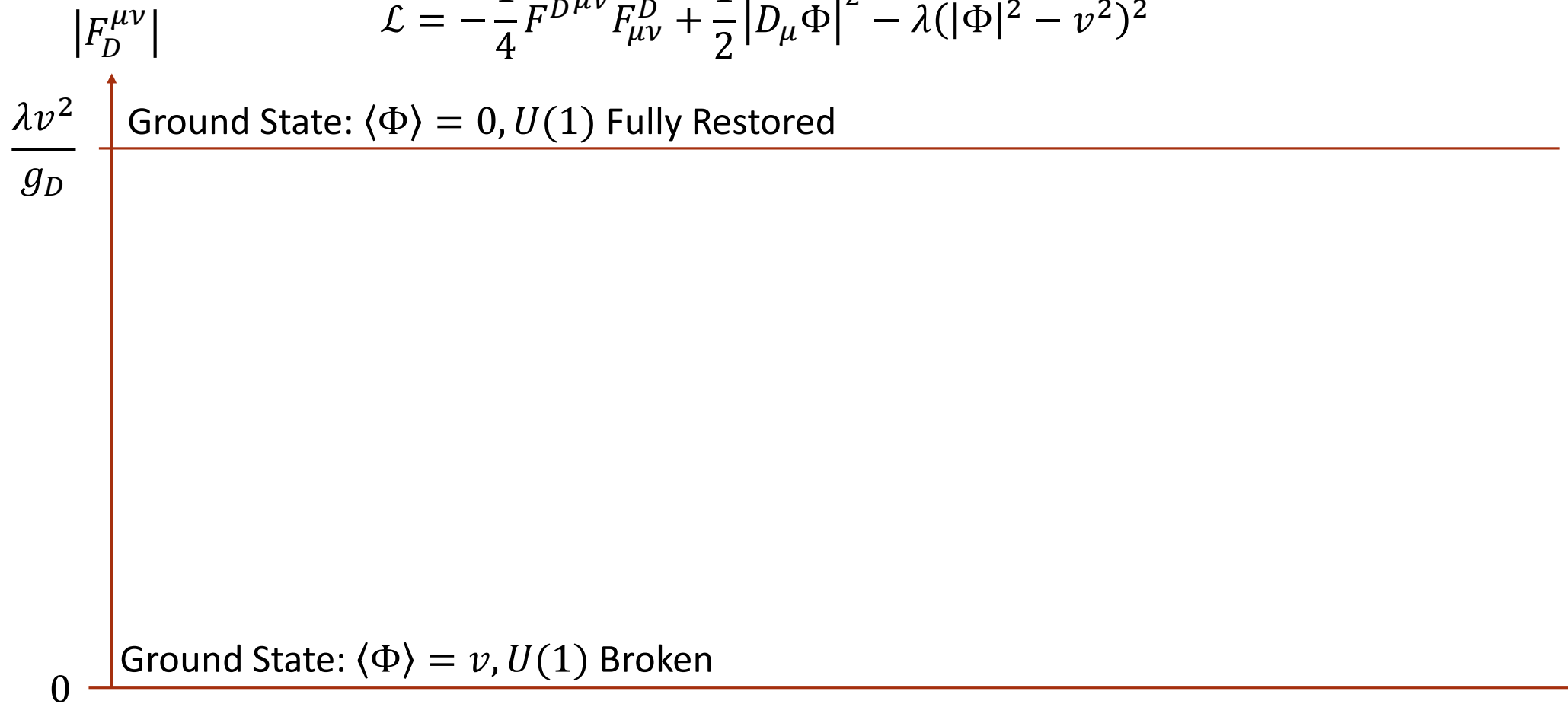
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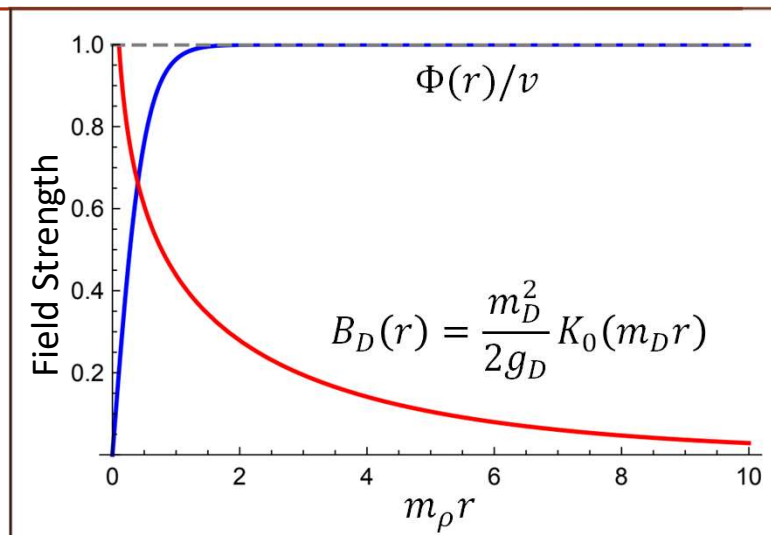


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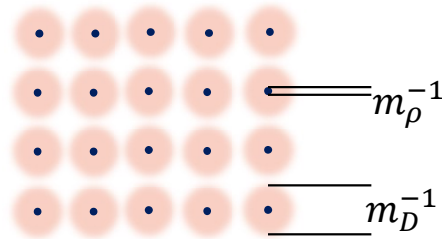
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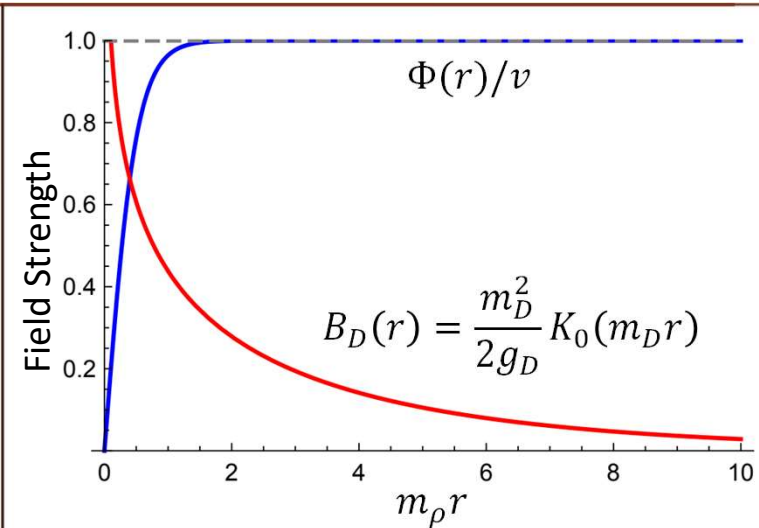
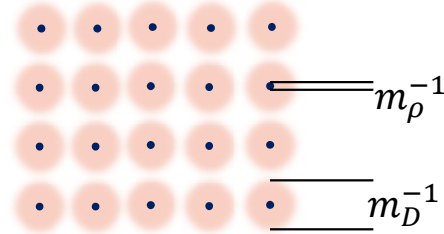
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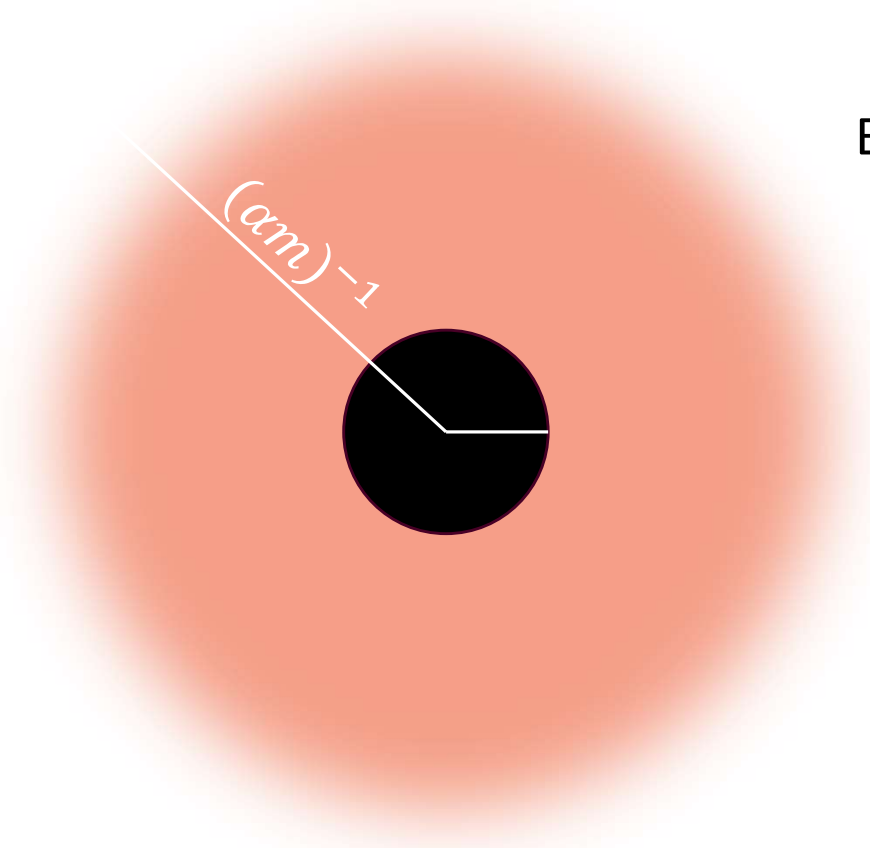
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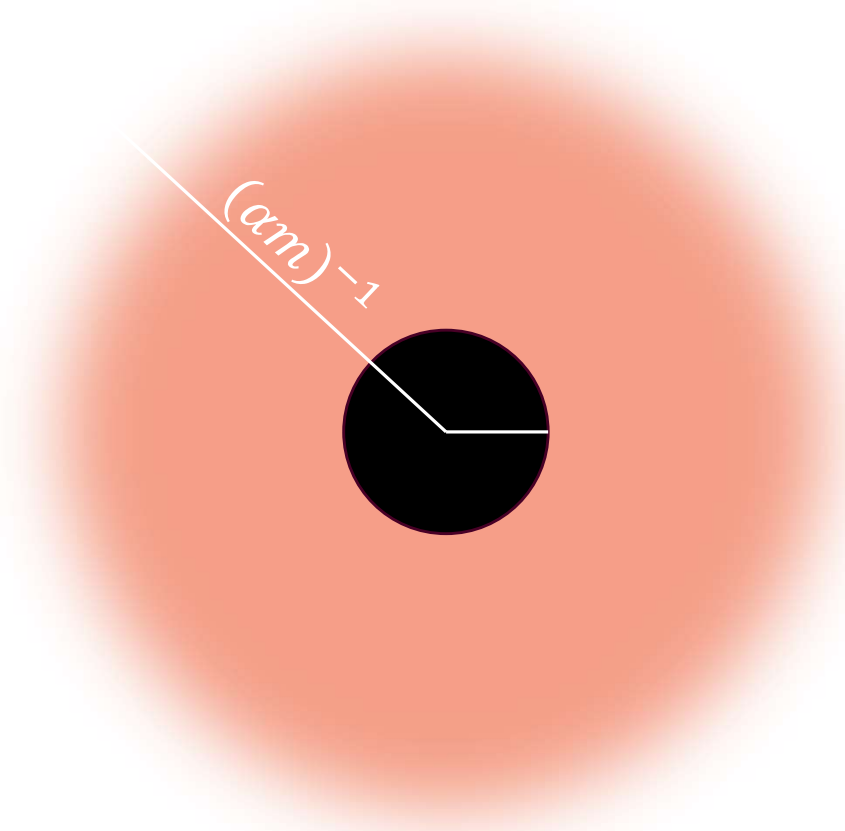
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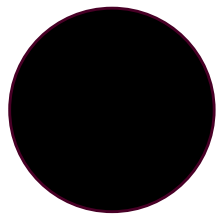
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Gravitational Atom with fine structure  $\alpha = GMm$

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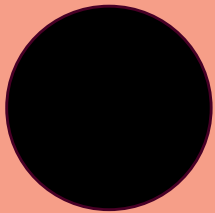


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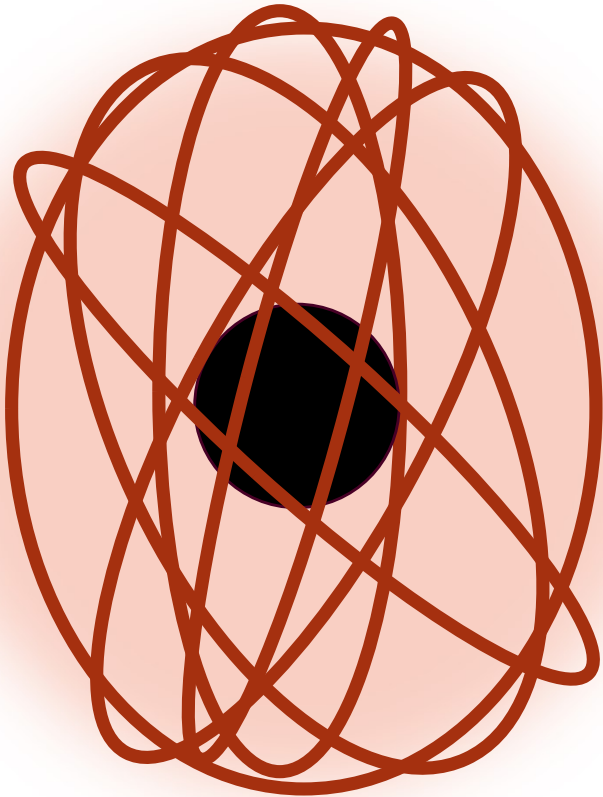


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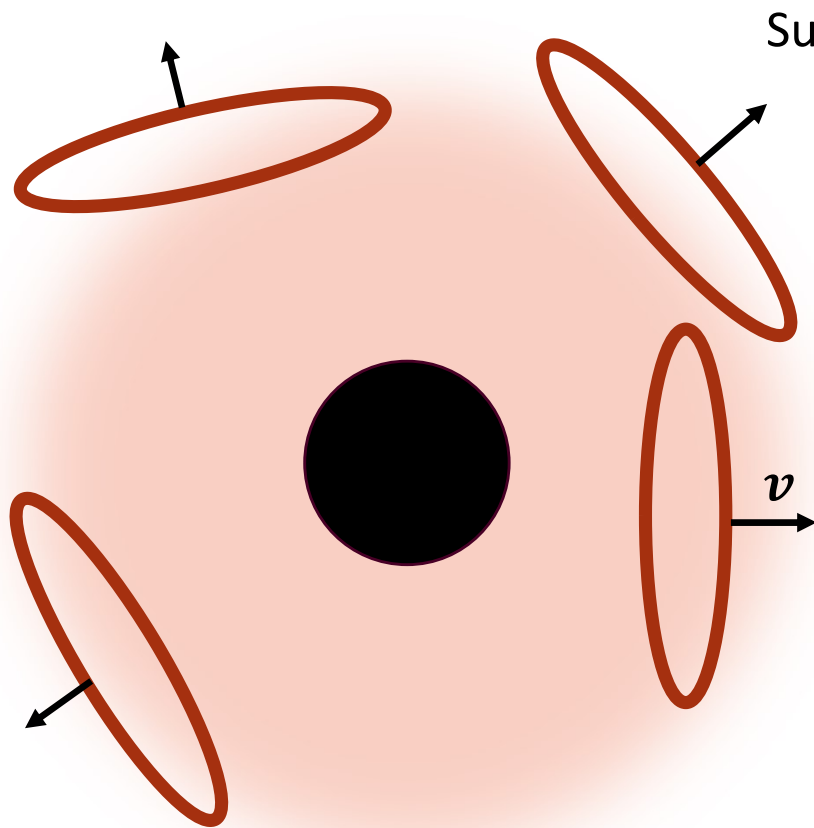
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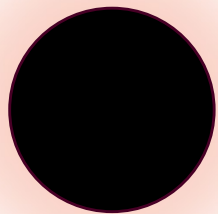
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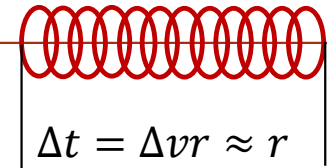
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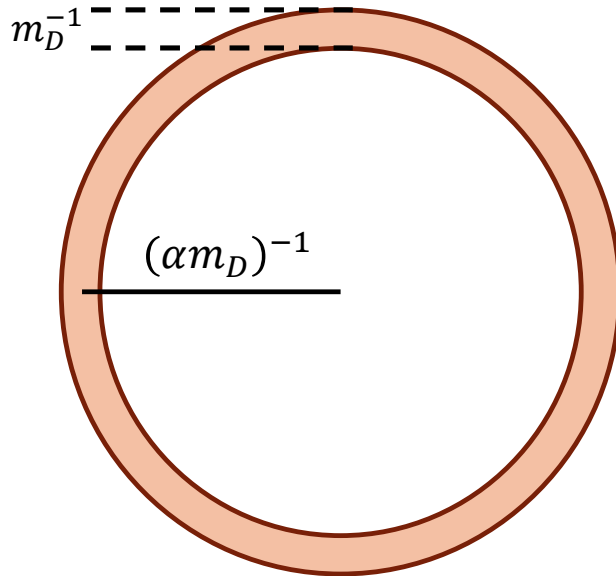
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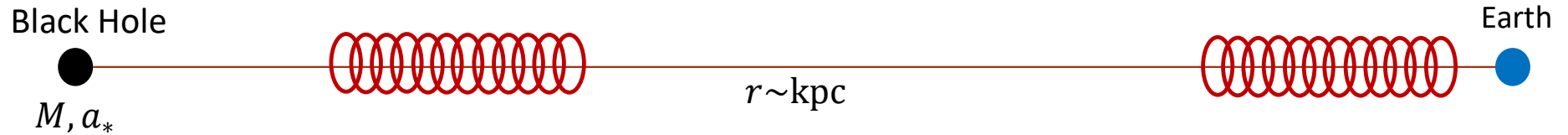
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Strings hitting detectors much smaller than  $m_D^{-1}$ :

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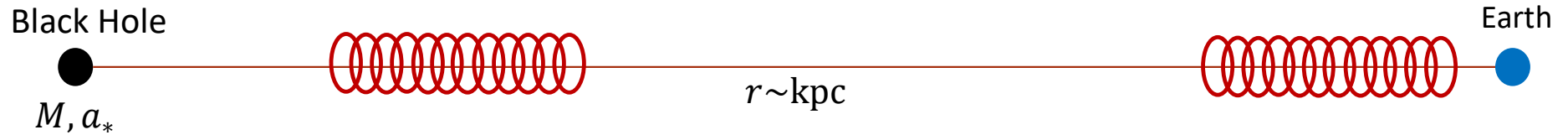


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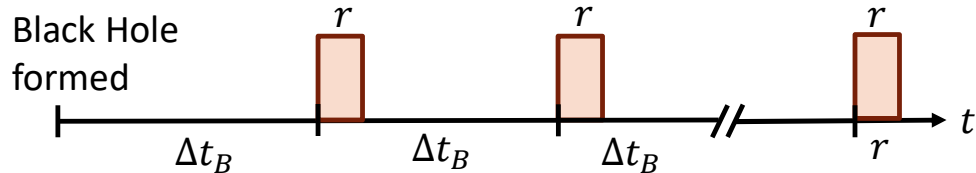


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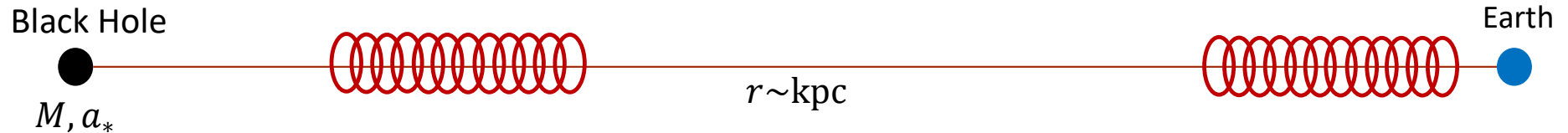
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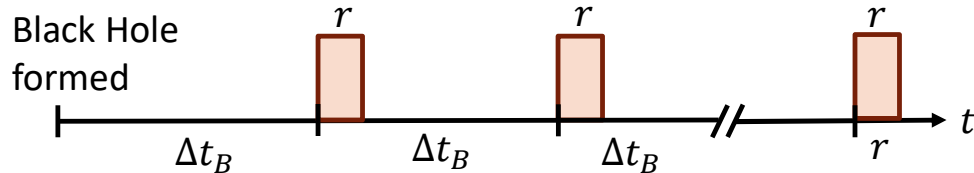


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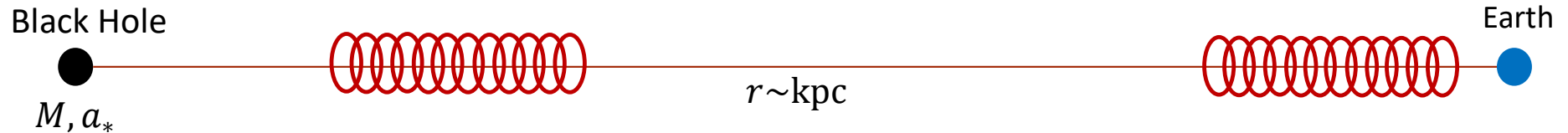


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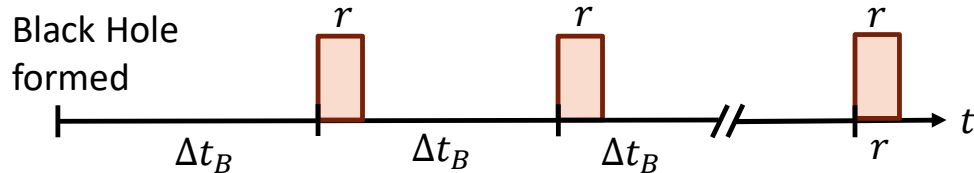


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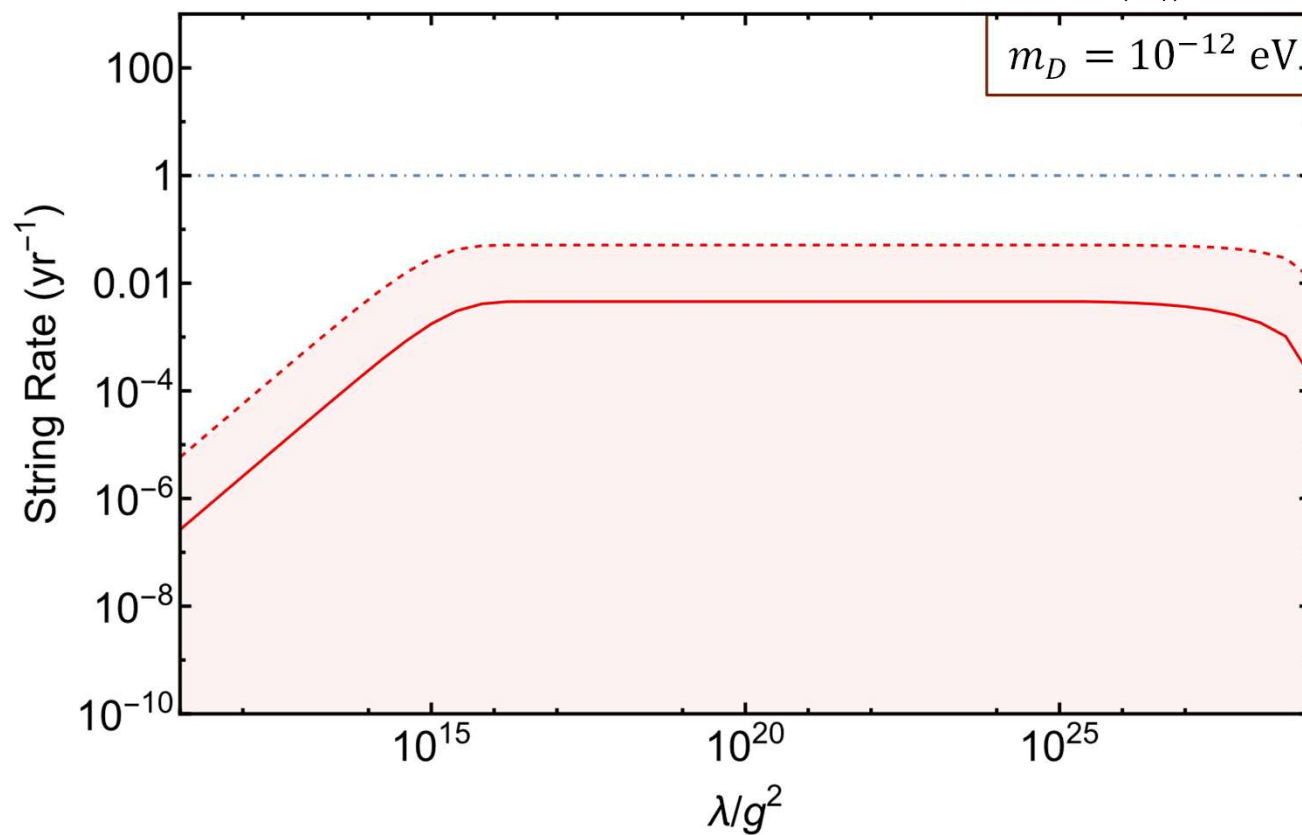
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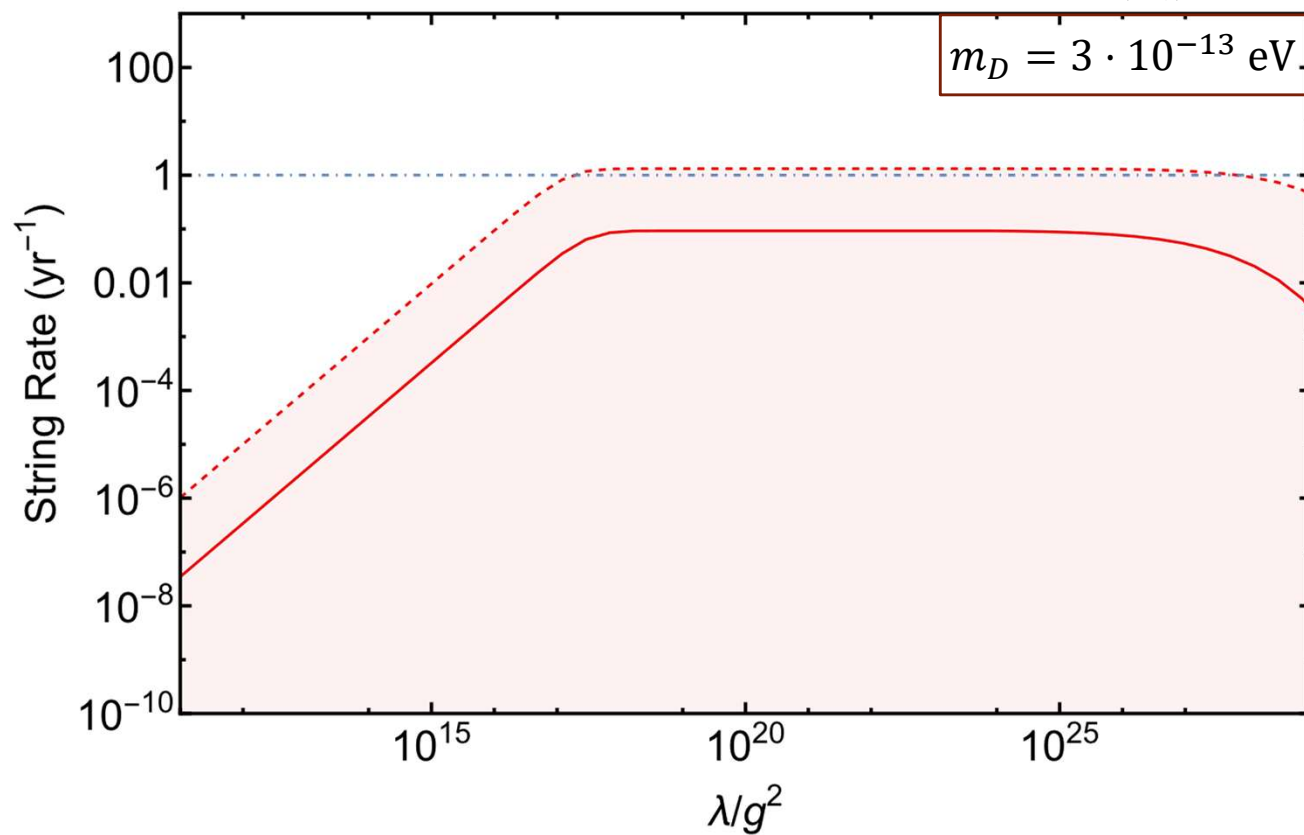
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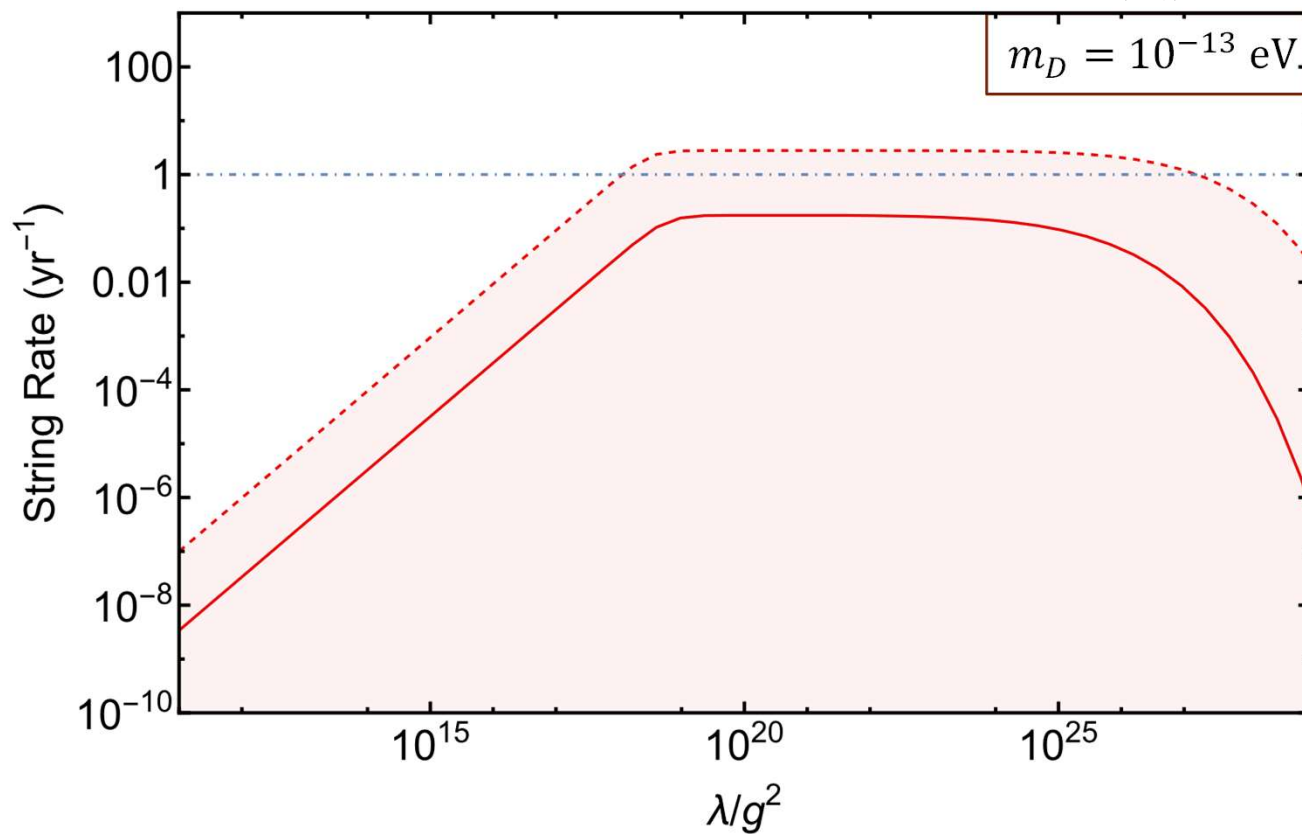
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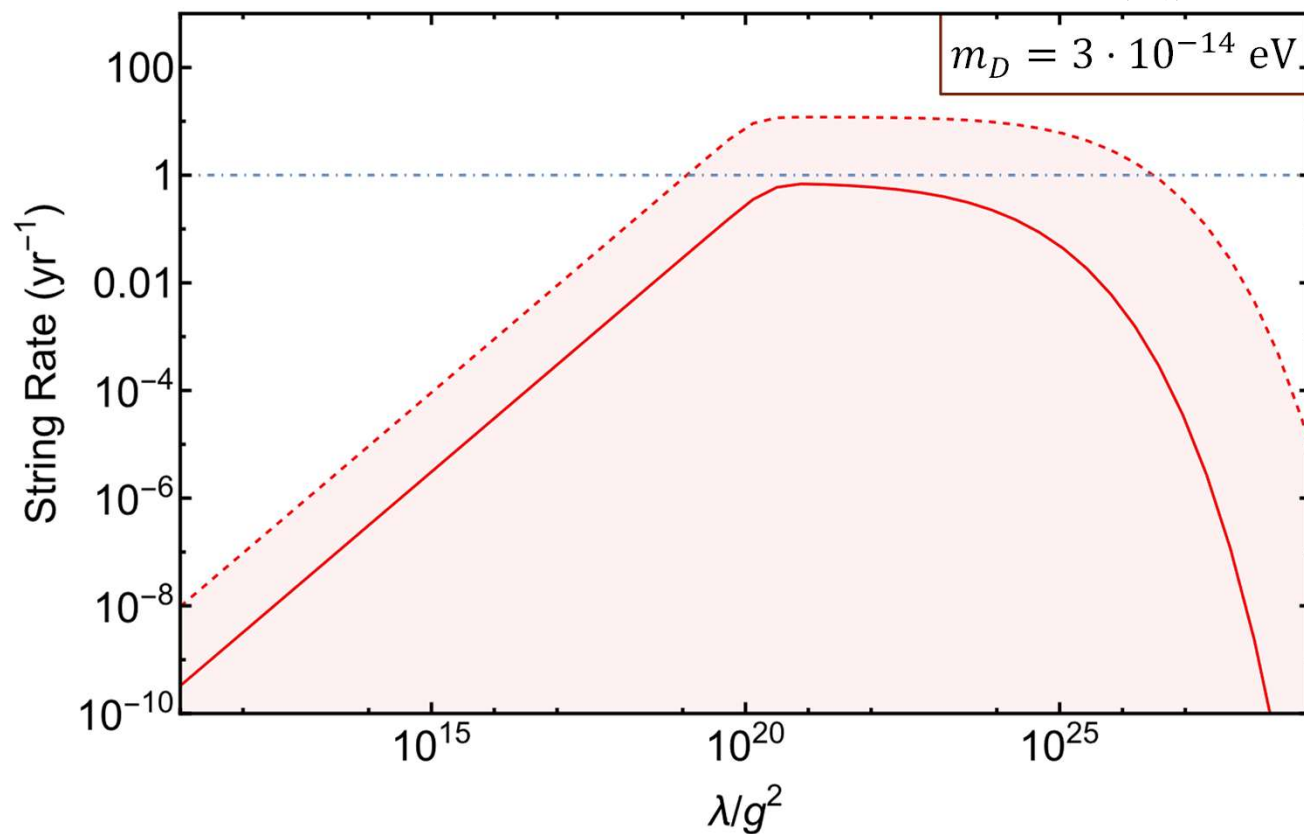
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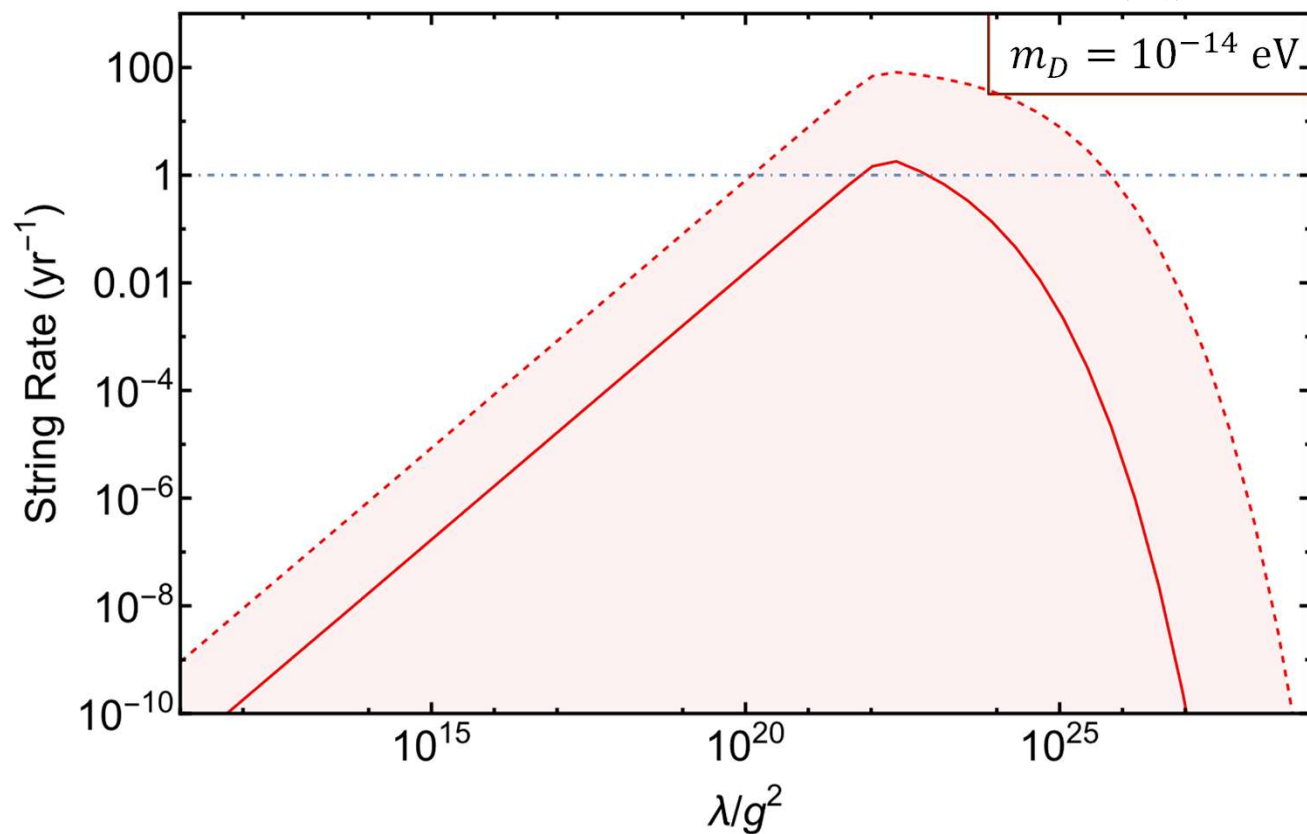
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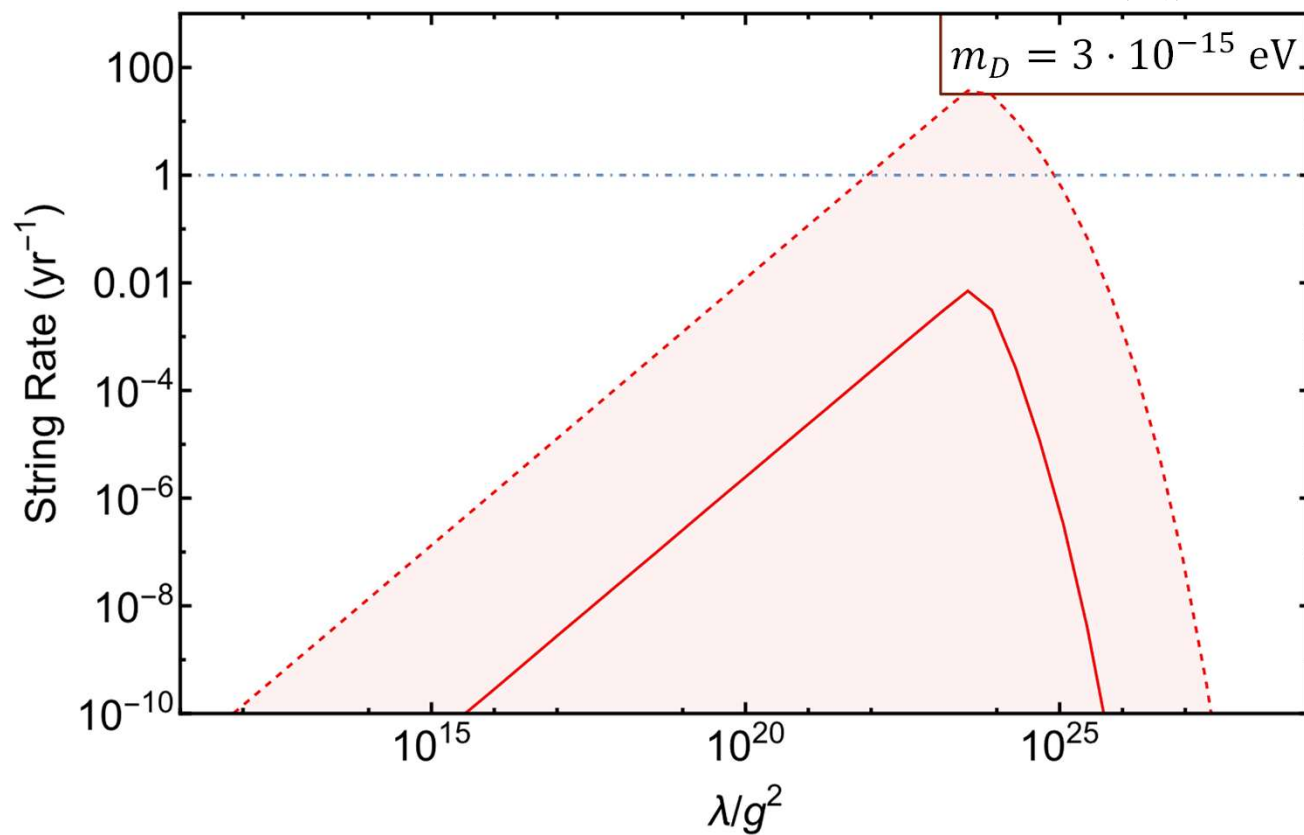
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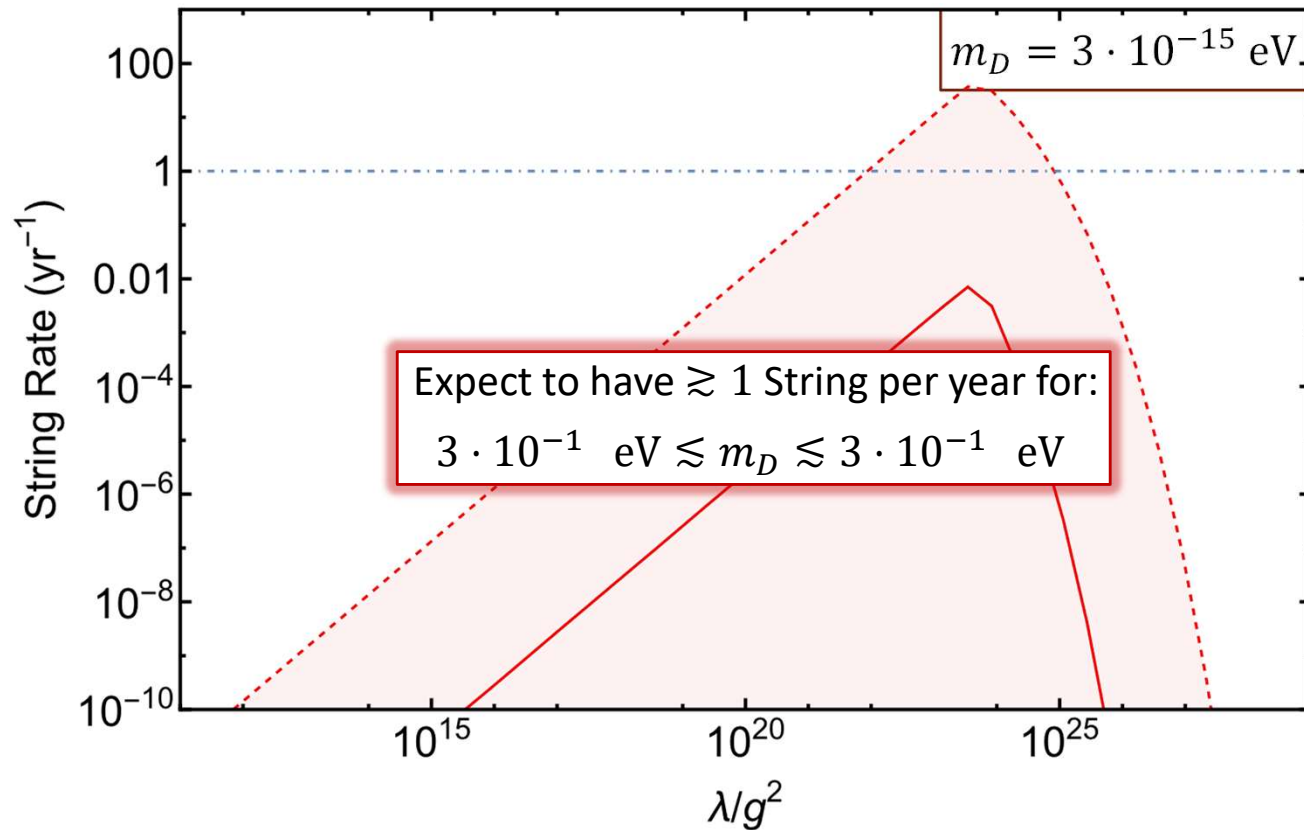
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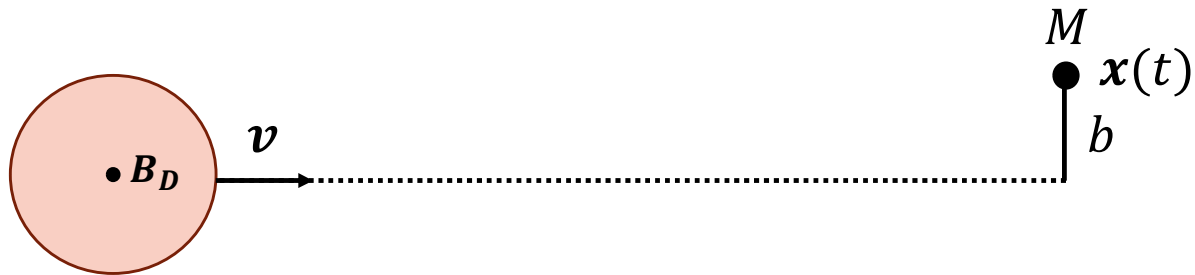
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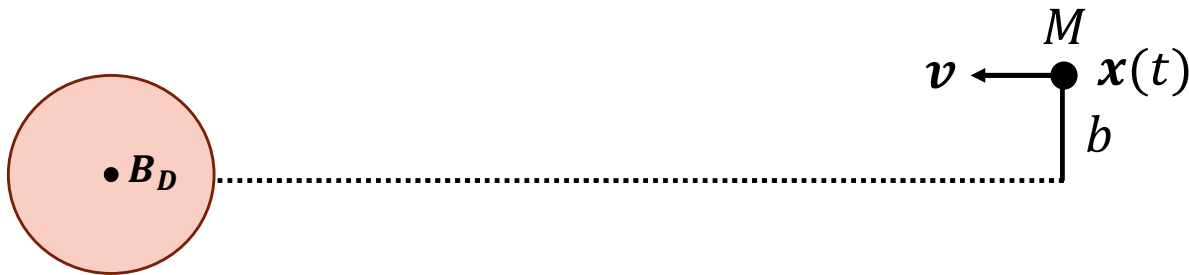
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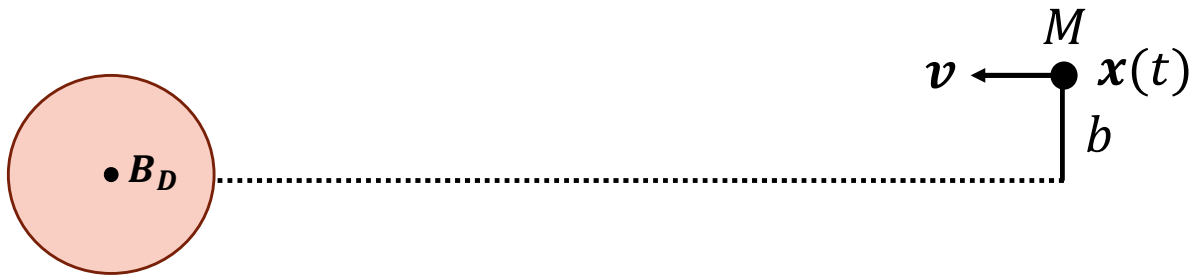
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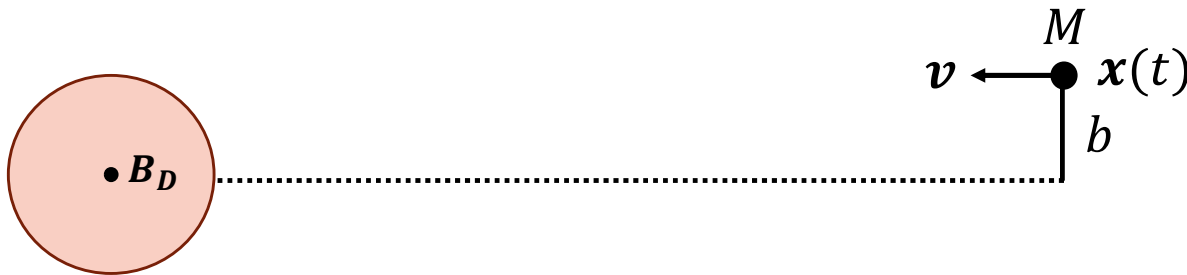
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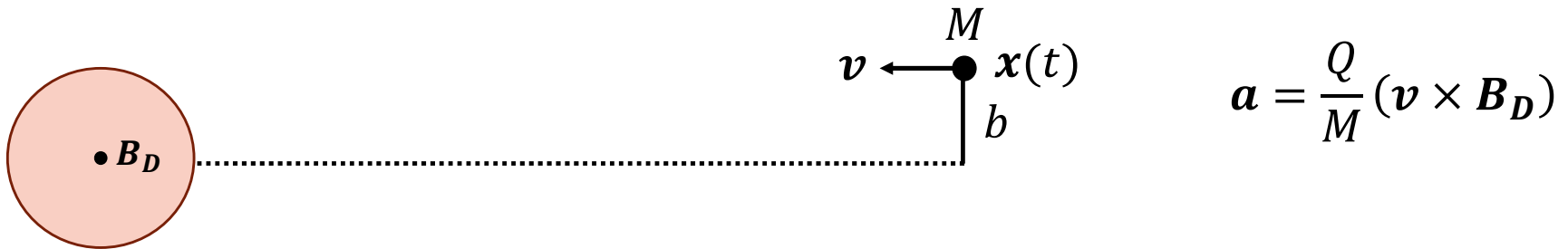
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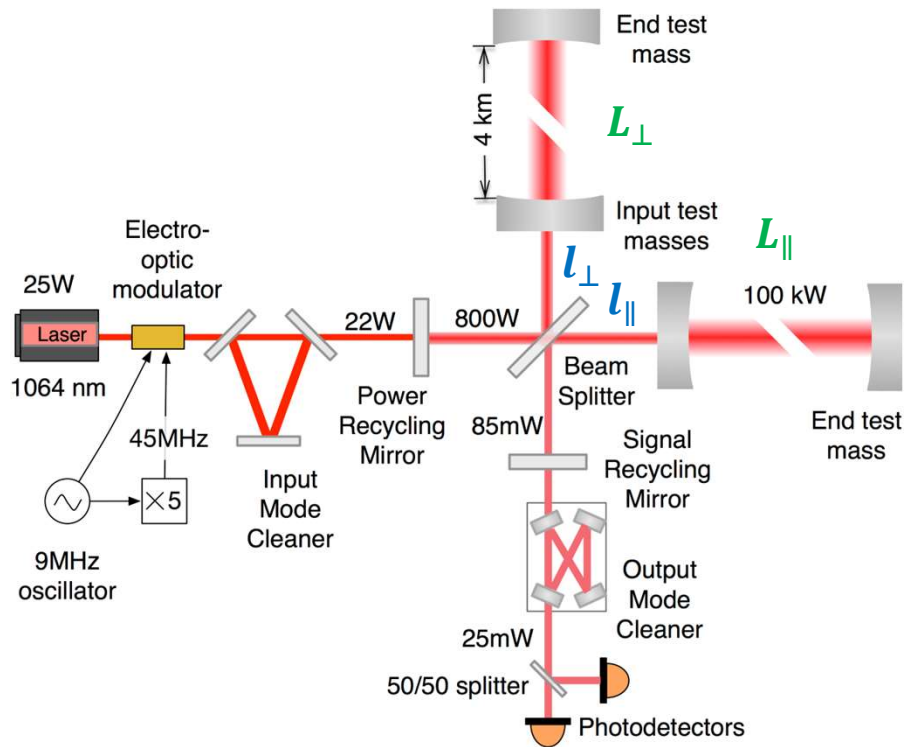
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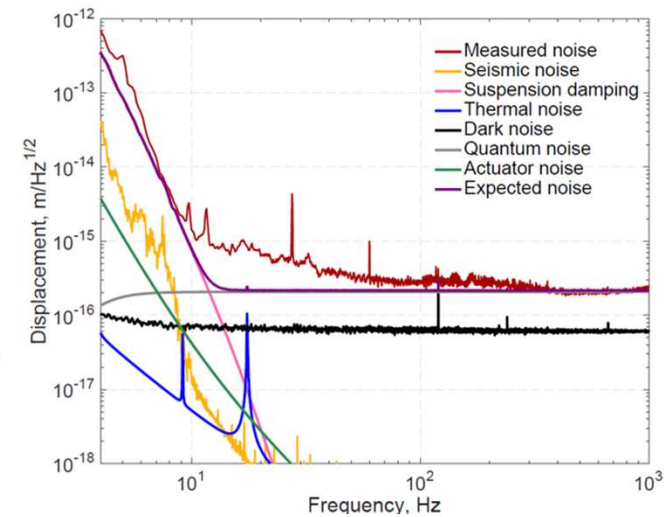
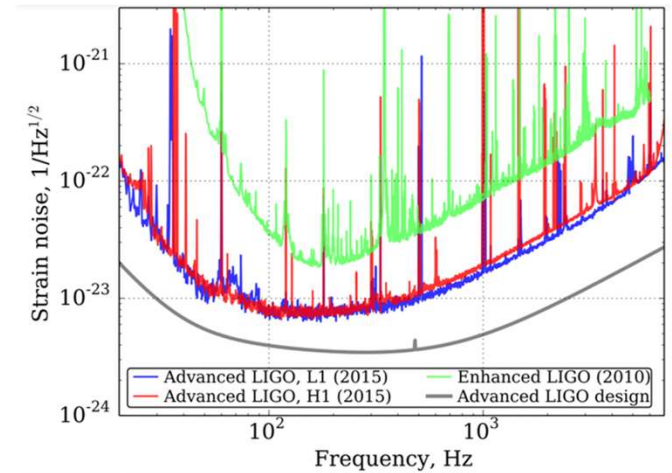
Solve equations of motion:

$$x(t) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{i\omega t} \tilde{x}(\omega) \quad \tilde{x}(\omega) = - \frac{\pi m_D^2 v}{8m_p \omega^2 \sqrt{\omega^2 + m_D^2 v^2}} e^{-\frac{b}{v} \sqrt{\omega^2 + m_D^2 v^2}}$$

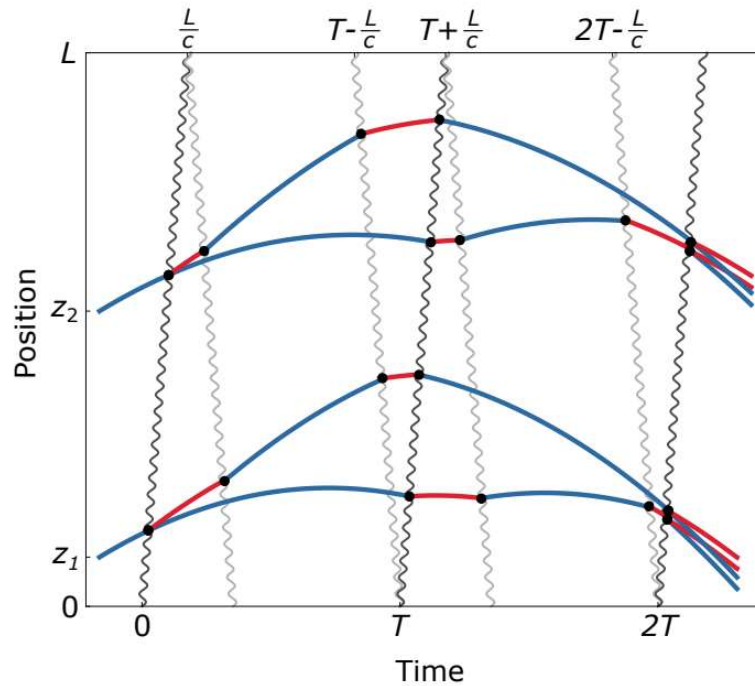
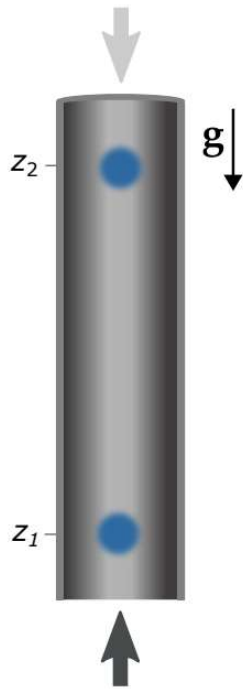
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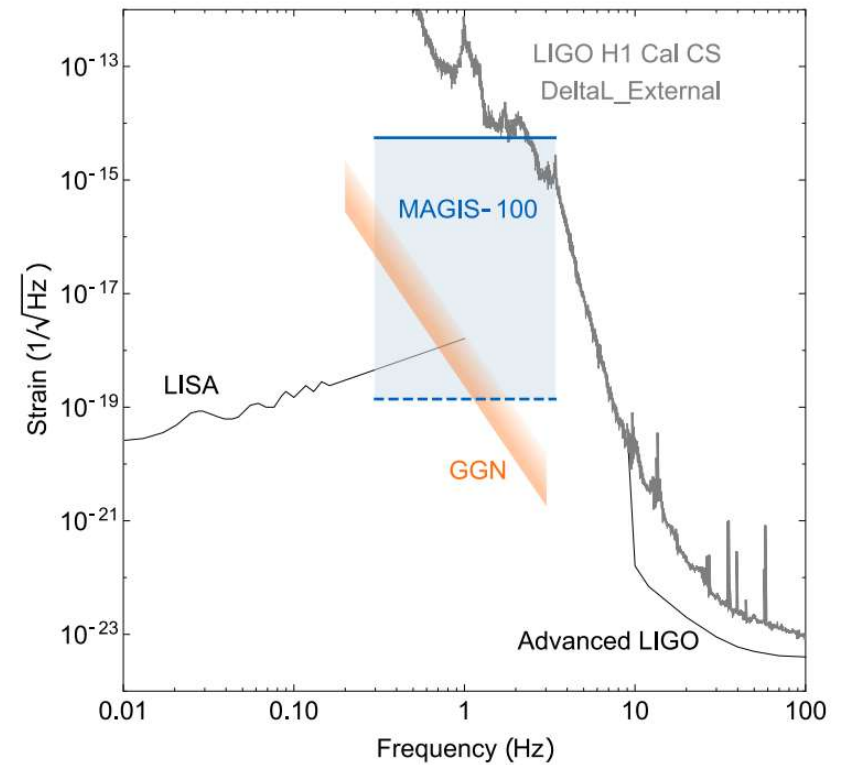
LIGO measures displacement  $l_{\parallel} - l_{\perp}$  (Michaelson Displacement)  
and strain  $h = \frac{L_{\perp} - L_{\parallel}}{L_0}$



# MAGIS-100

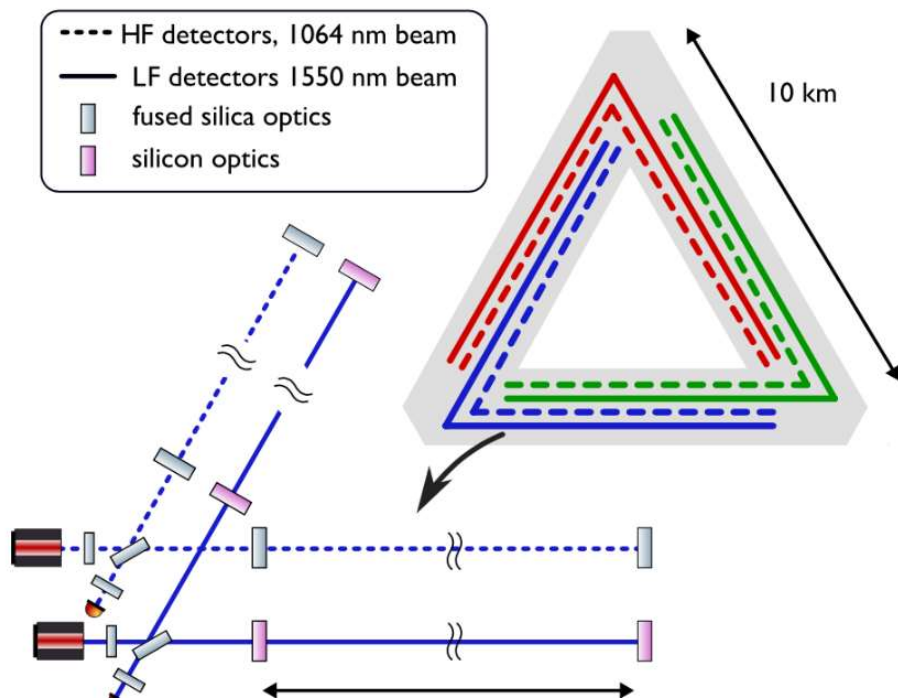


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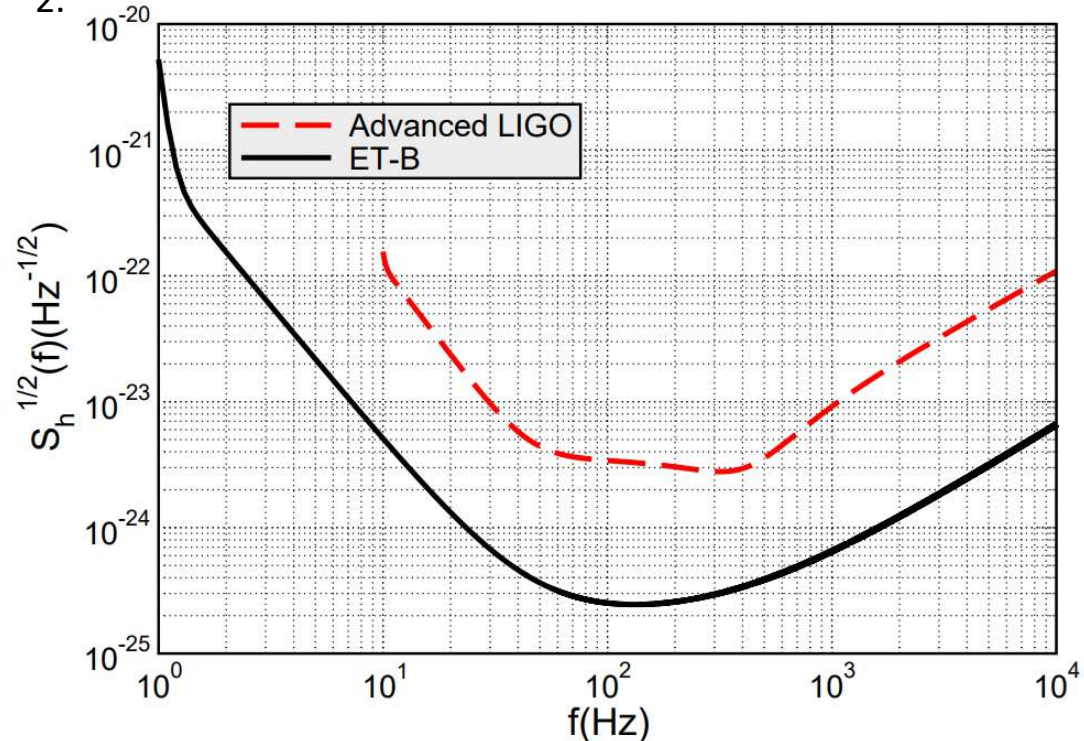


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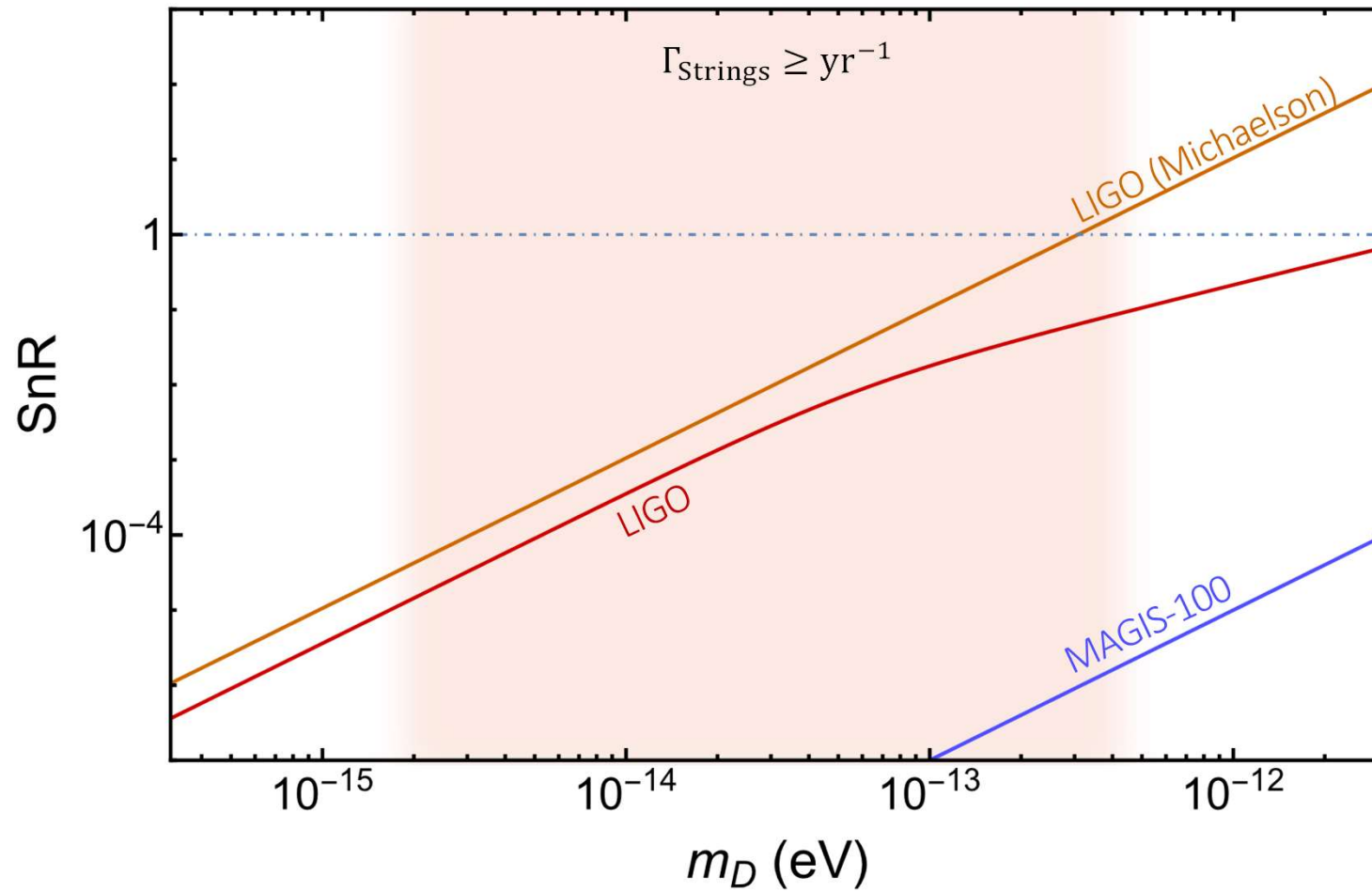


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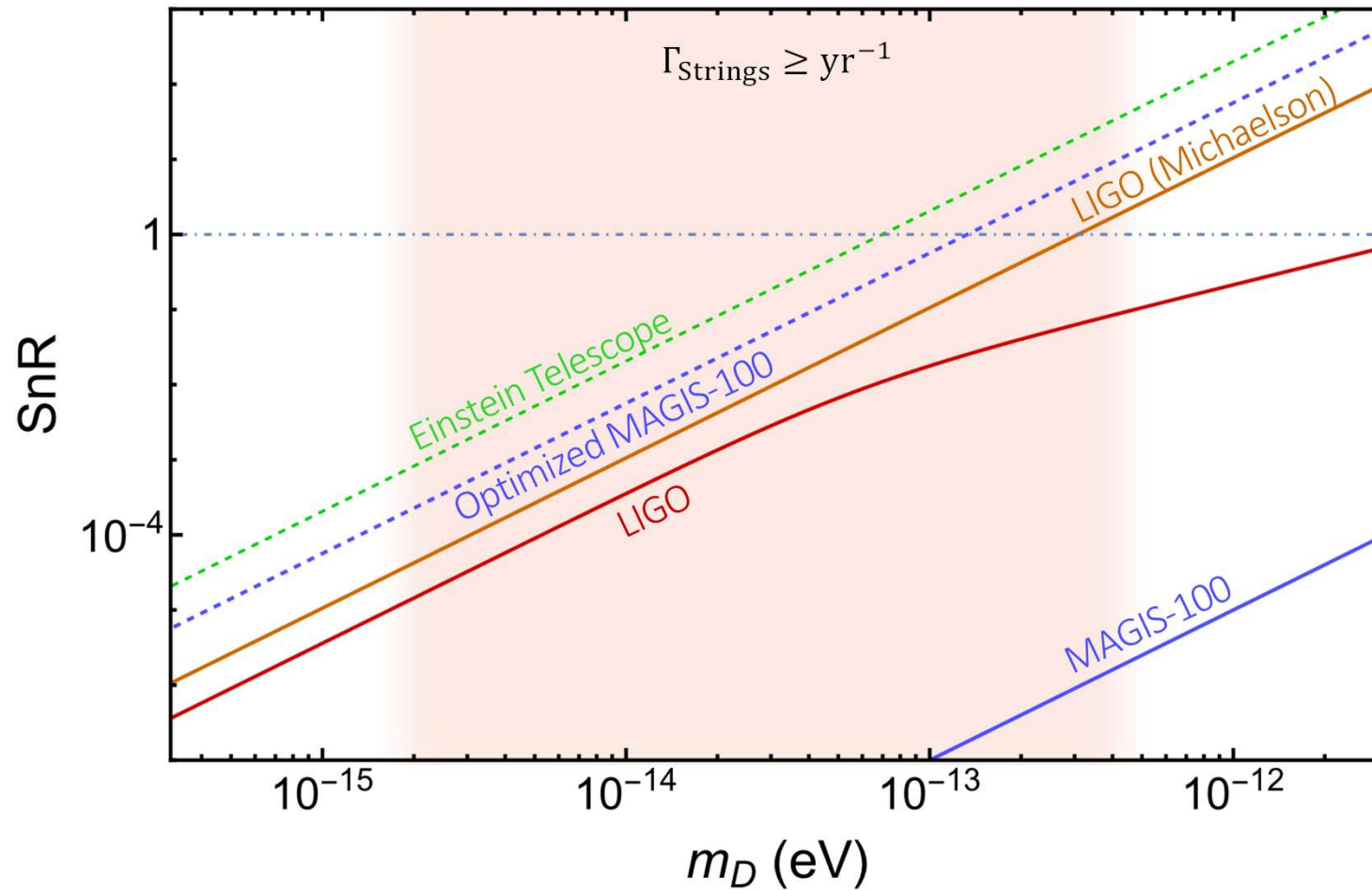
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# Signal to Noise Ratio



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# Ongoing Directions

- More precise computations for signals at MAGIS and LIGO
- Signal at LISA

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# Back-Ups

# Summing Over Black Holes

In our galaxy, there are multiple blackholes that are “alive” and can be estimated based on black hole formation rate  $R_{BH} \approx 0.009 \text{ yr}^{-1}$ .

$$N_{BH} = R_{BH} \min(\tau_{BH}, \text{Age of Milky Way}) \quad \Gamma_{Tot}(M, a_*, r, g_D, m_D, \lambda) = N_{BH} N_{Expected} \Gamma_{Burst}$$

Average or distributions for:

- Black hole mass:  $P(M) = M_0^{-1} e^{-(M-M_{min})/M_0}$        $M_{min} = 4.1 M_{\odot}$ ,    $M_0 = 7.9 M_{\odot}$
- Black hole spin: Optimistic Distribution, 80% above  $a_* > .9$
- Black hole distance: Proportional to stellar distribution