

# ABRACADABRA → from axions to gravitational waves

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# Outline

ABRACADABRA and axions

The ABRA detector

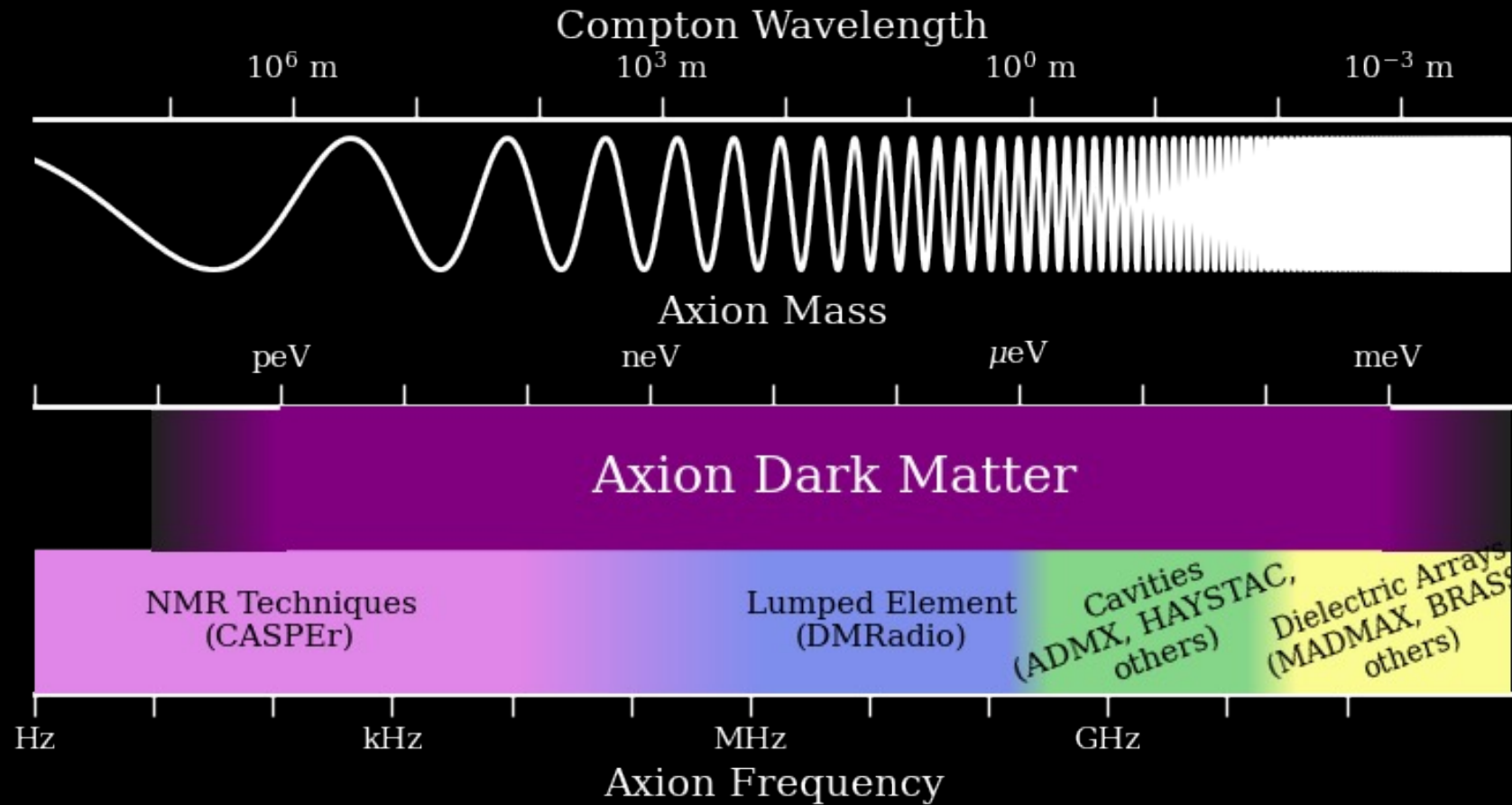
ABRA-grav

Calibrating ABRA

Signal modeling

# ABRACADABRA and axions

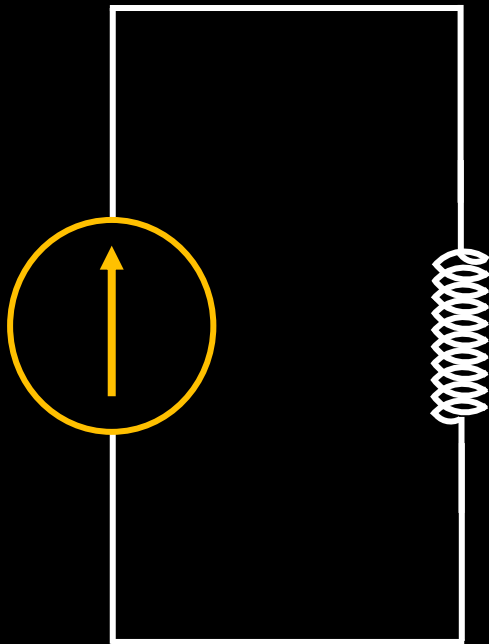
# Axion detection: axion mass and frequency



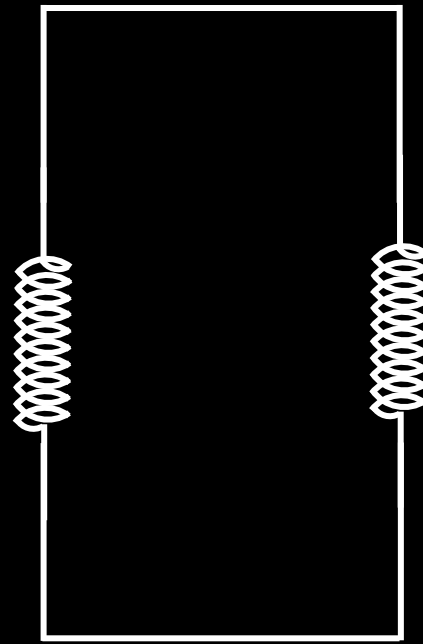


# Lumped element searches

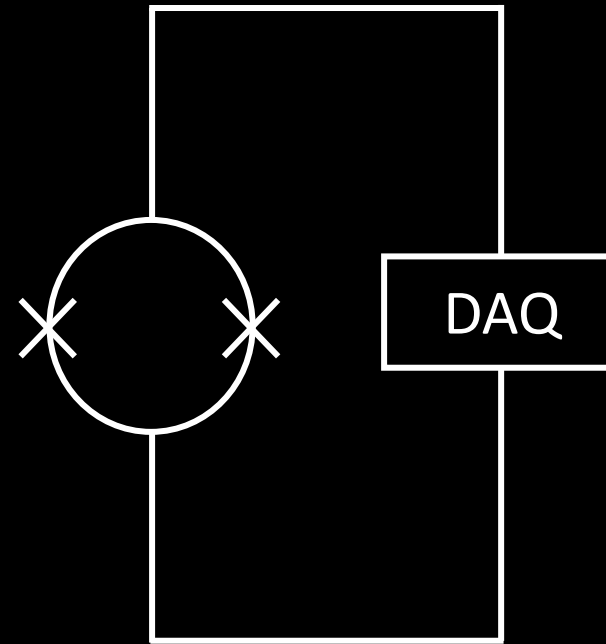
Axion effective current



Pickup



Current sensor



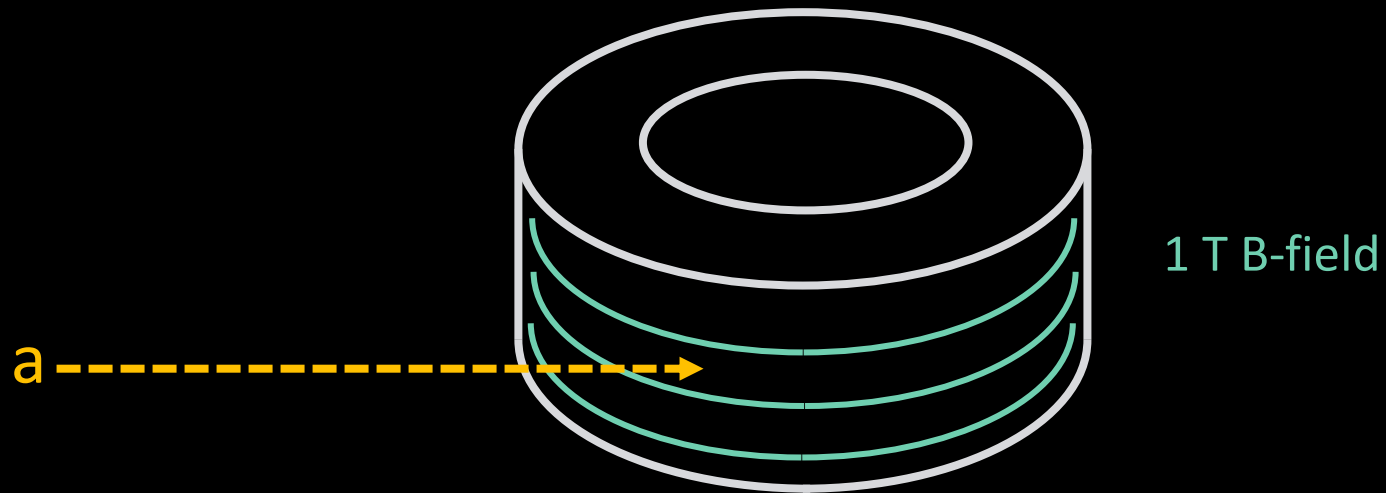
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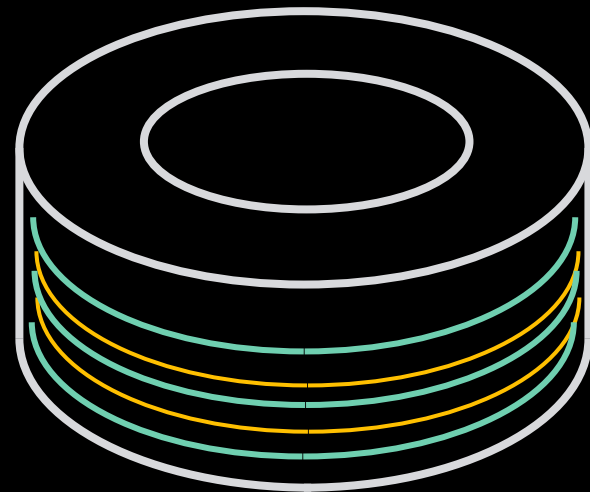
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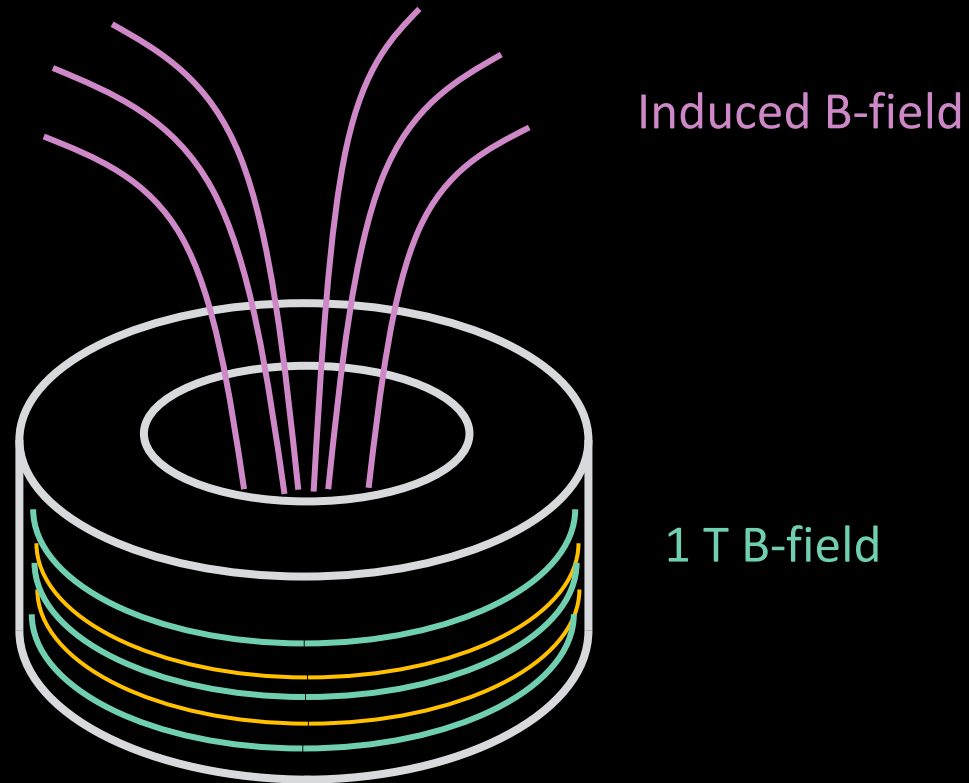
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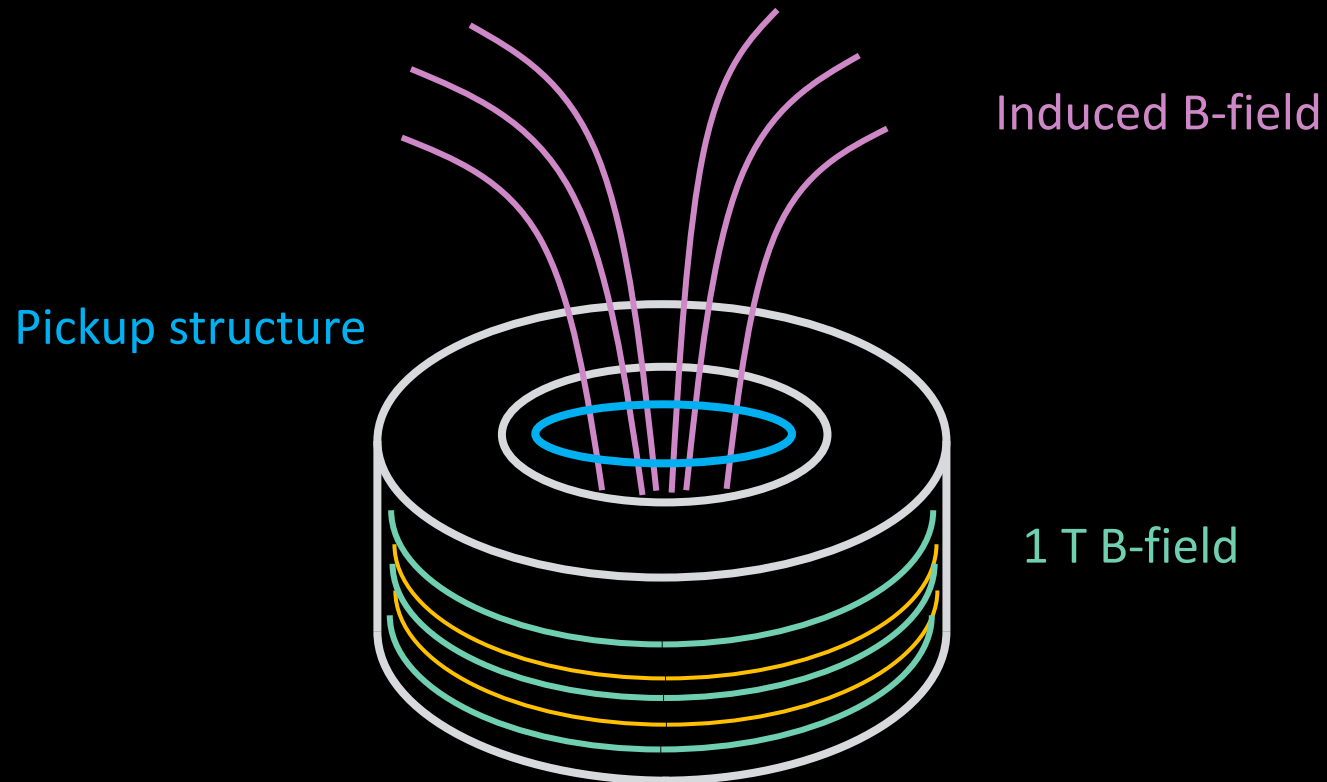
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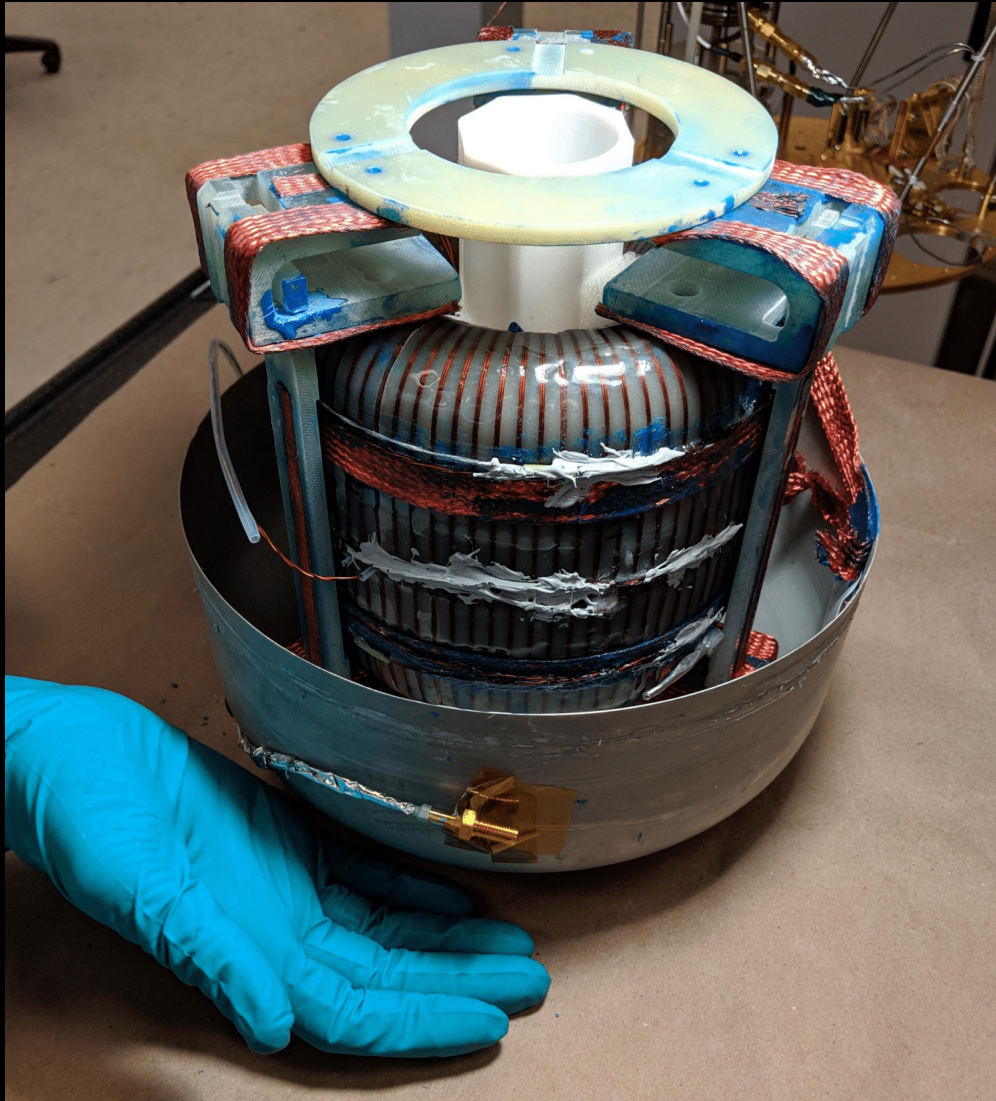
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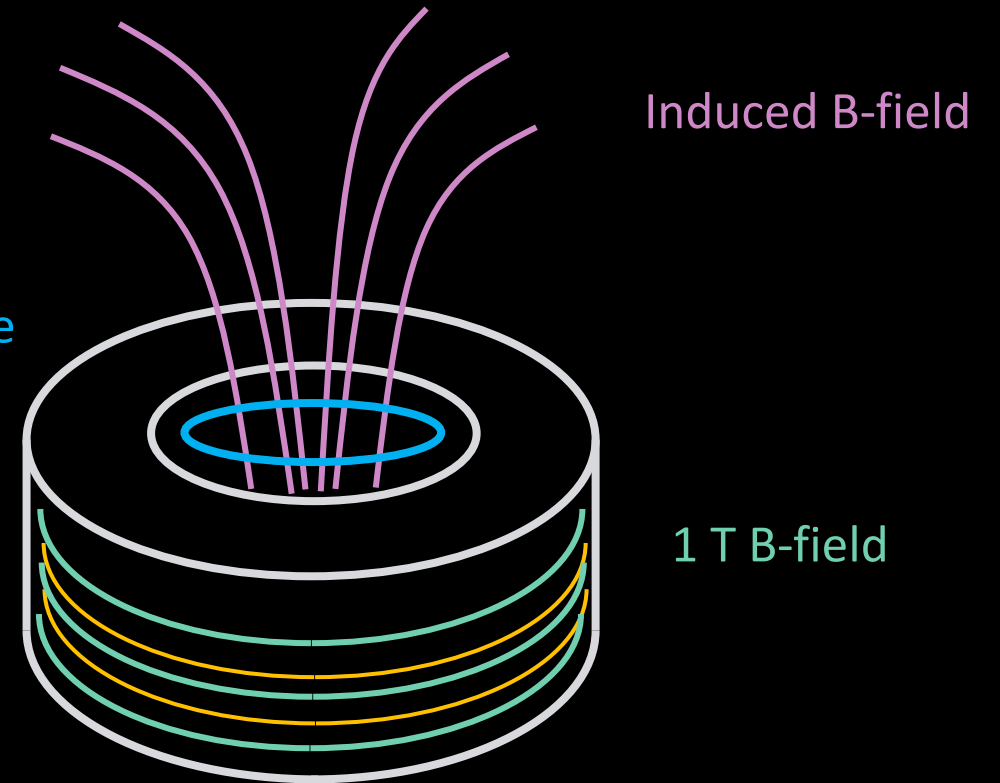


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Pickup structure

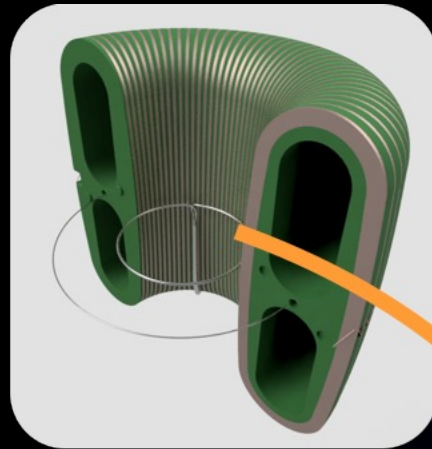


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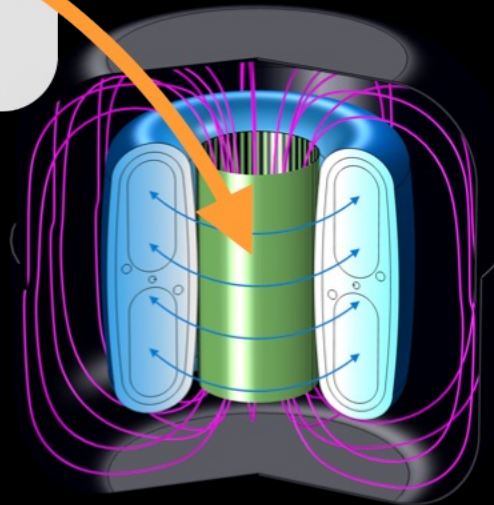


# ABRACADABRA pickup update

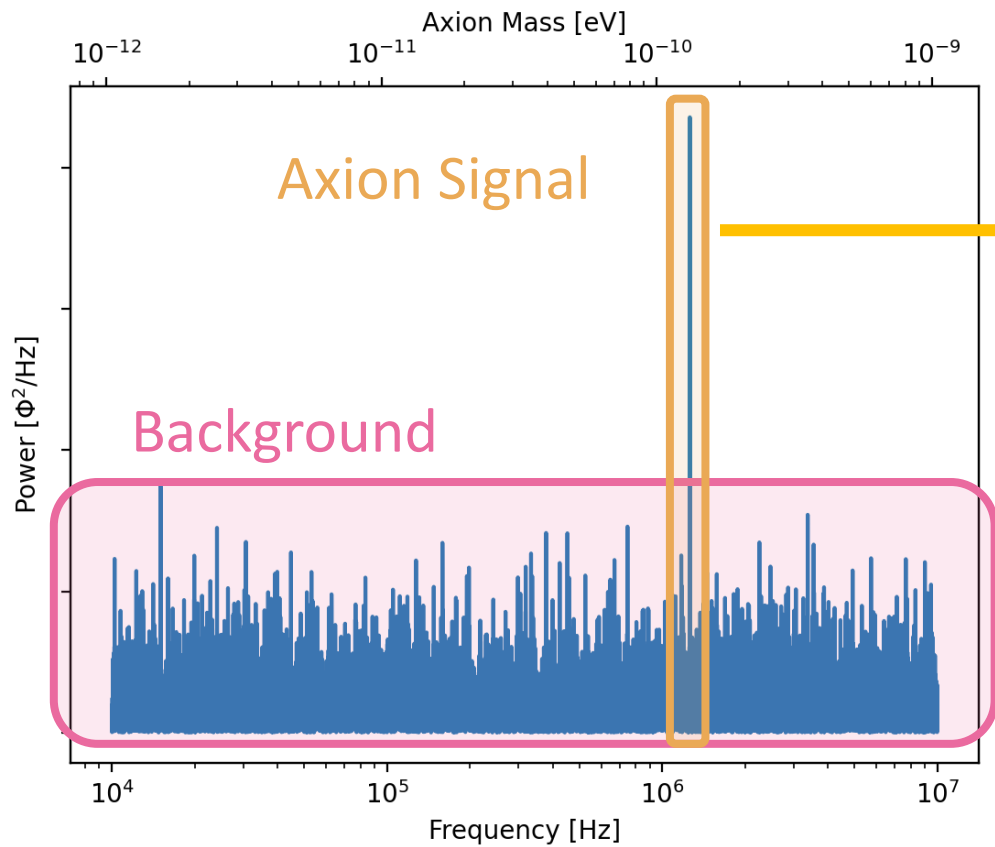
Run 1



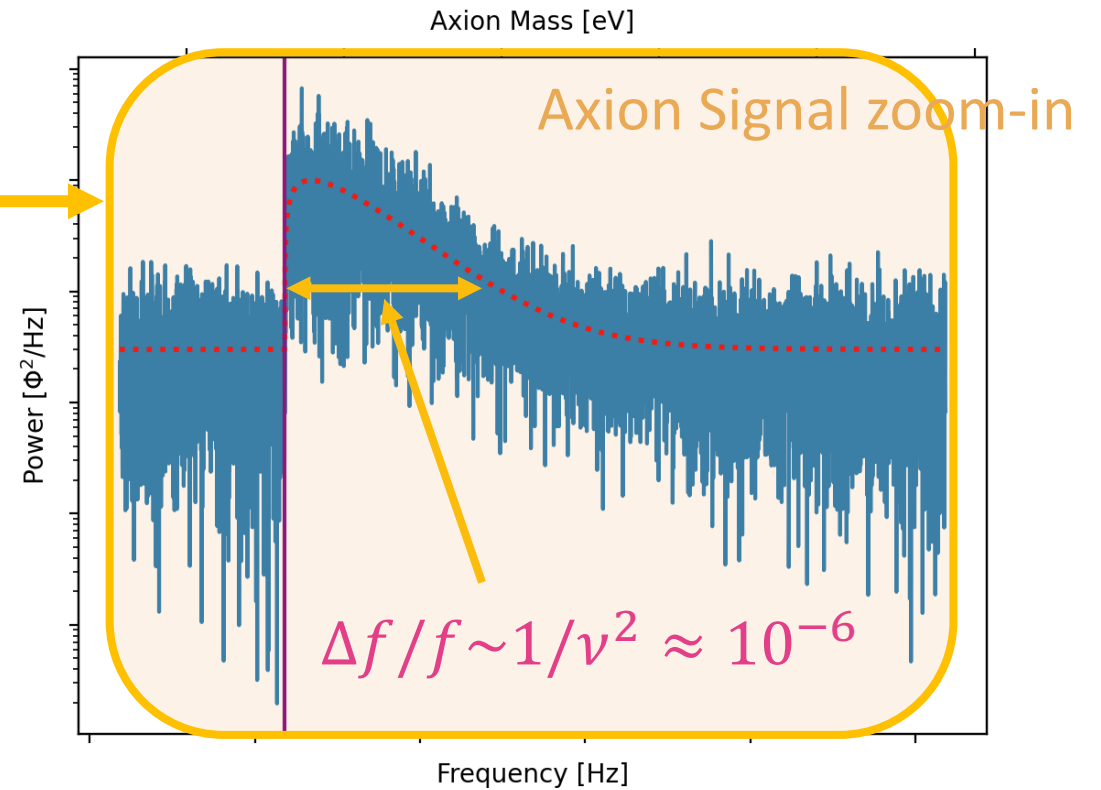
Runs 2 & 3



# Axion Signal



Simulated Data



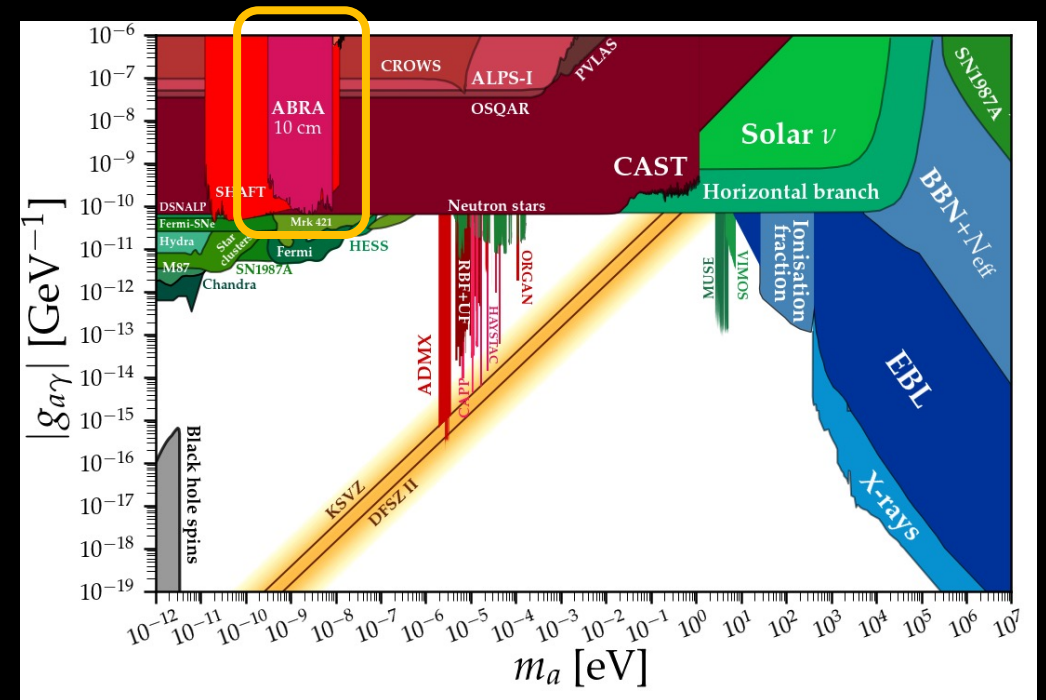
Standard Halo Model

# ABRACADABRA-10 cm

ABRA searched for low-mass axions  
0.31- 8.3 neV

Two published runs:

- Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 121802 –  
Published 29 March 2019
- Phys. Rev. D 99, 052012 –  
Published 29 March 2019
- Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, 081801 –  
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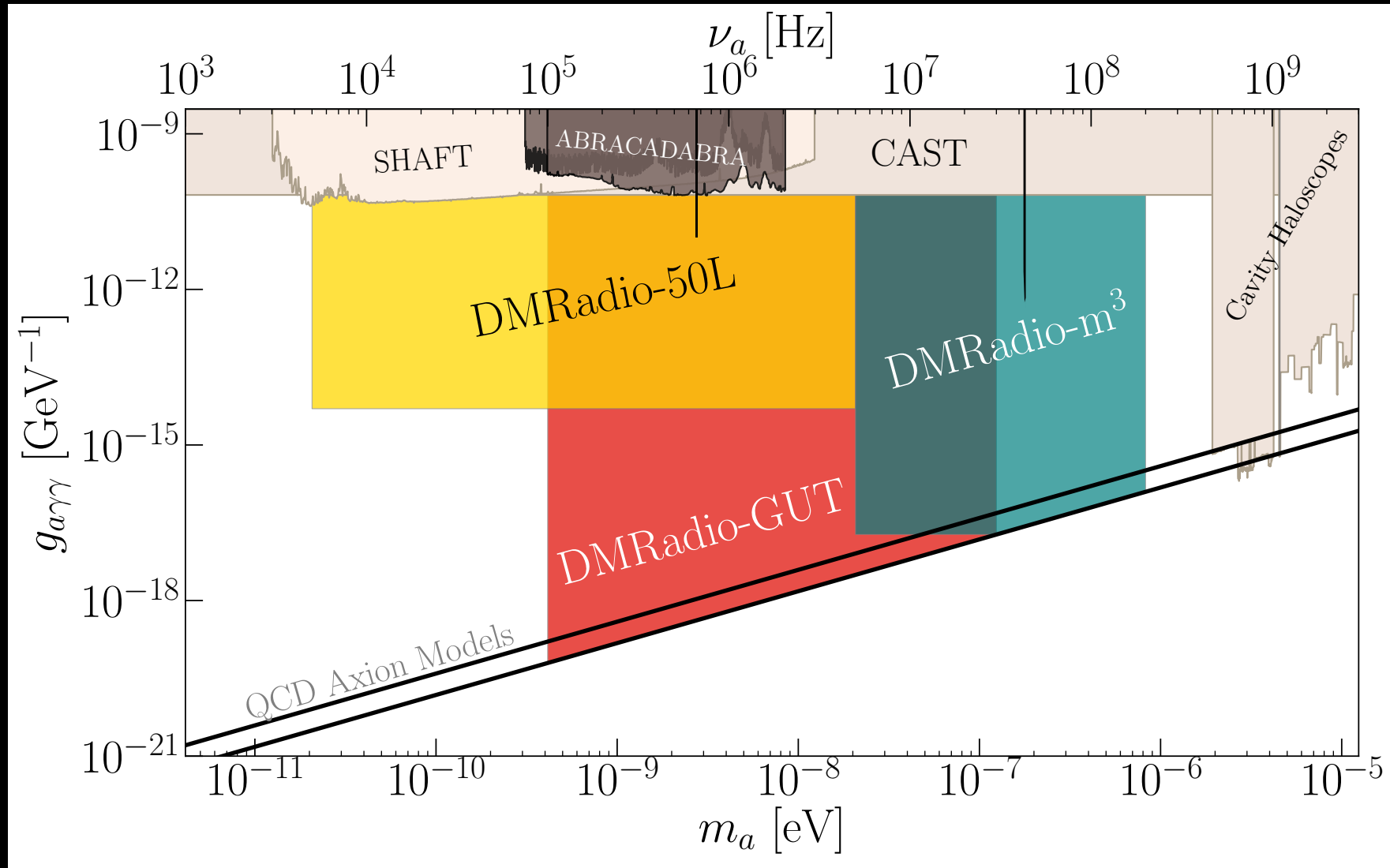
# ABRACADABRA-10 cm

Next steps for lumped element axion searches:

- Larger magnet
- Resonant readout
- More sensitive pickup  
→ DMRadio



# DMRadio saga



# ABRACADABRA-10 cm

New directions for ABRA-10cm detector:

- Exploring sensitivity to gravitational waves
  - Prove that we can search for UHFGWs using an axion detector while simultaneously searching for axions

ABRA-grav

# Axion Signal

Gauss-Ampère law

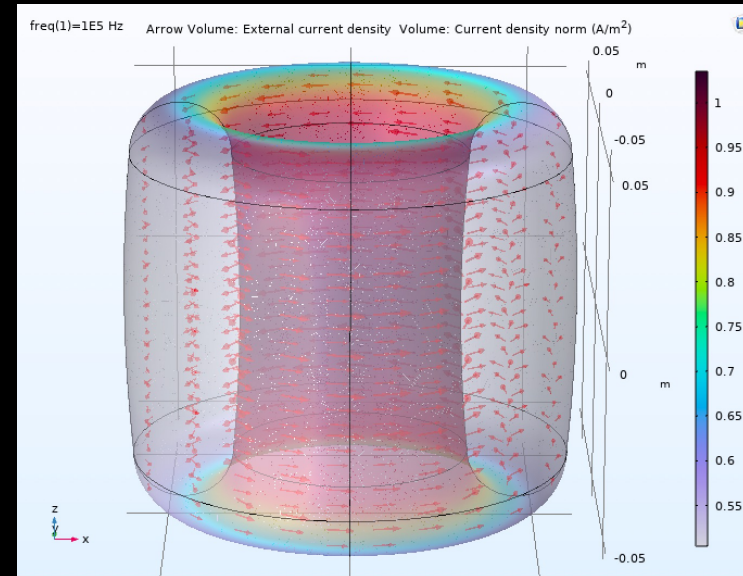
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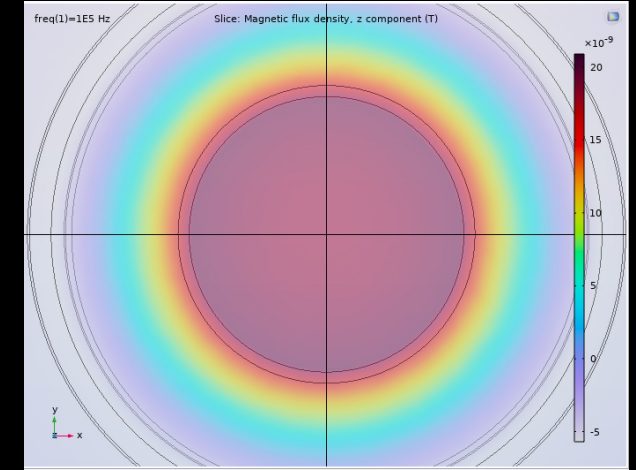
Axion effective current in the ABRA magnetic volume



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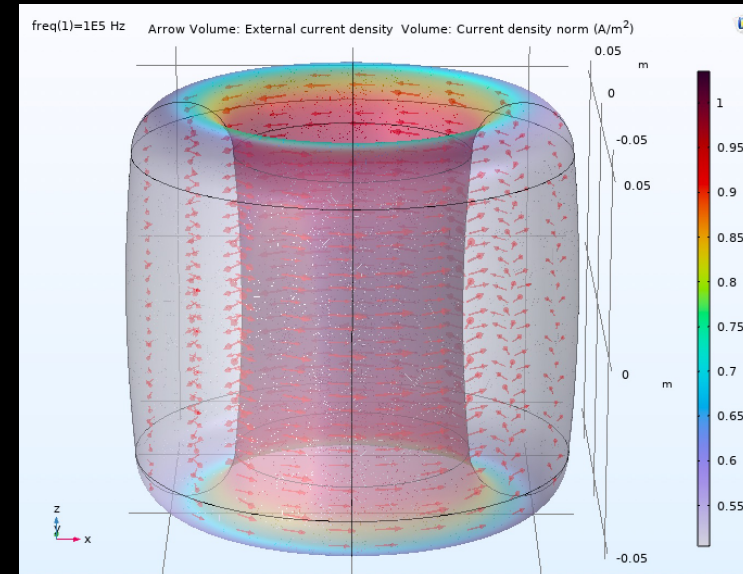
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# Gravitational Wave Signal

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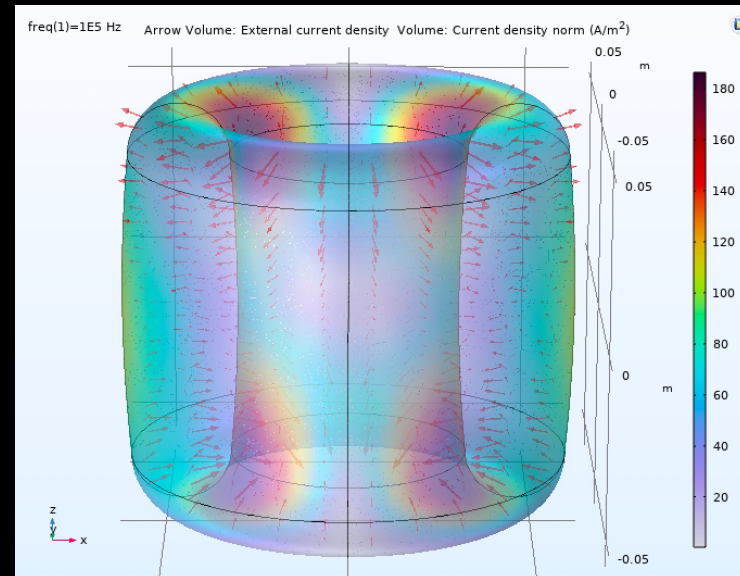
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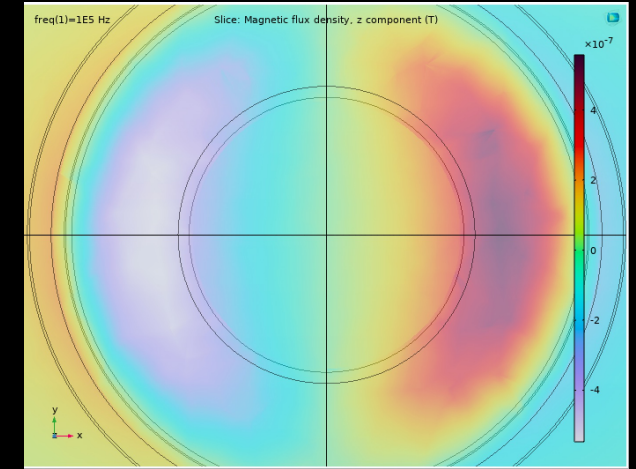


GW effective current in the ABRA magnetic volume

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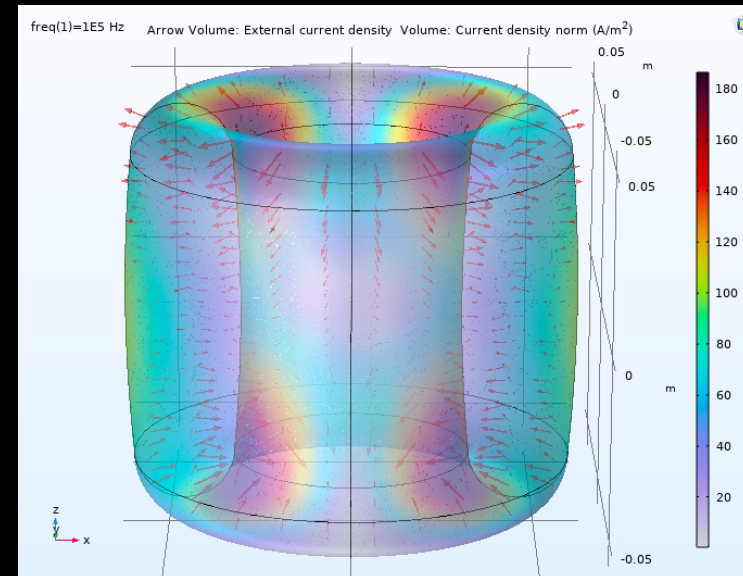
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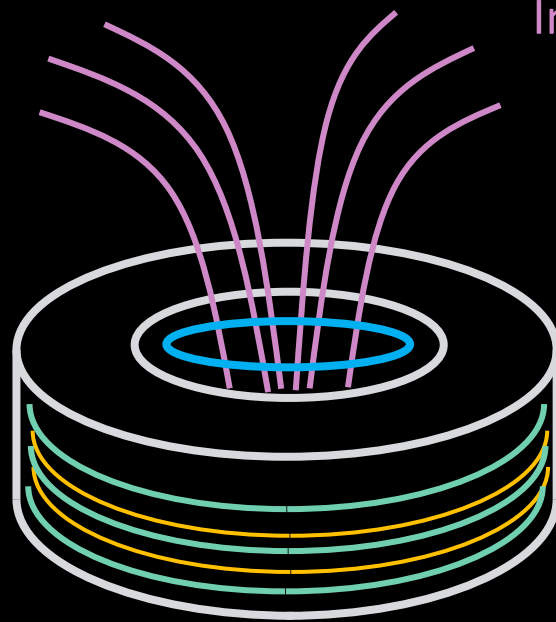
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# Experimental Setup

Pickup structure

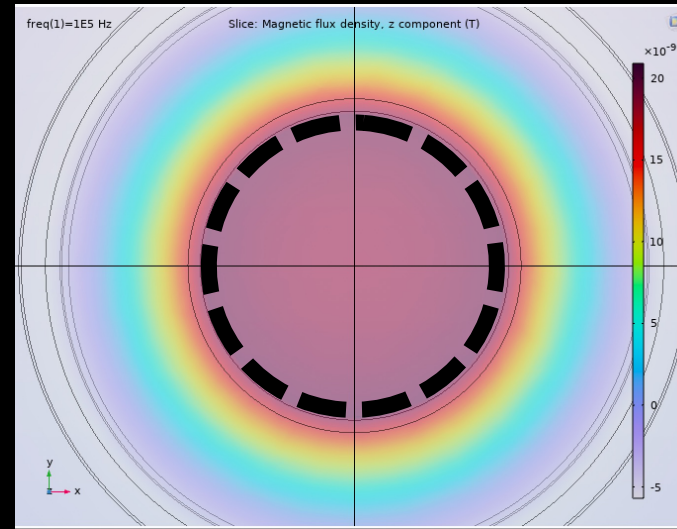


Induced B-field

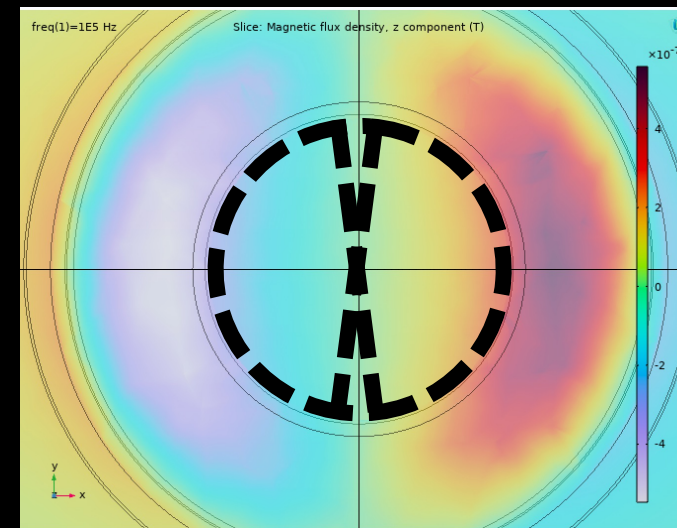
$J_{eff}$

1 T B-field

Top-down view



The z-component of the magnetic field resulting from an axion effective current



The z-component of the magnetic field resulting from a GW effective current

# Experimental setups

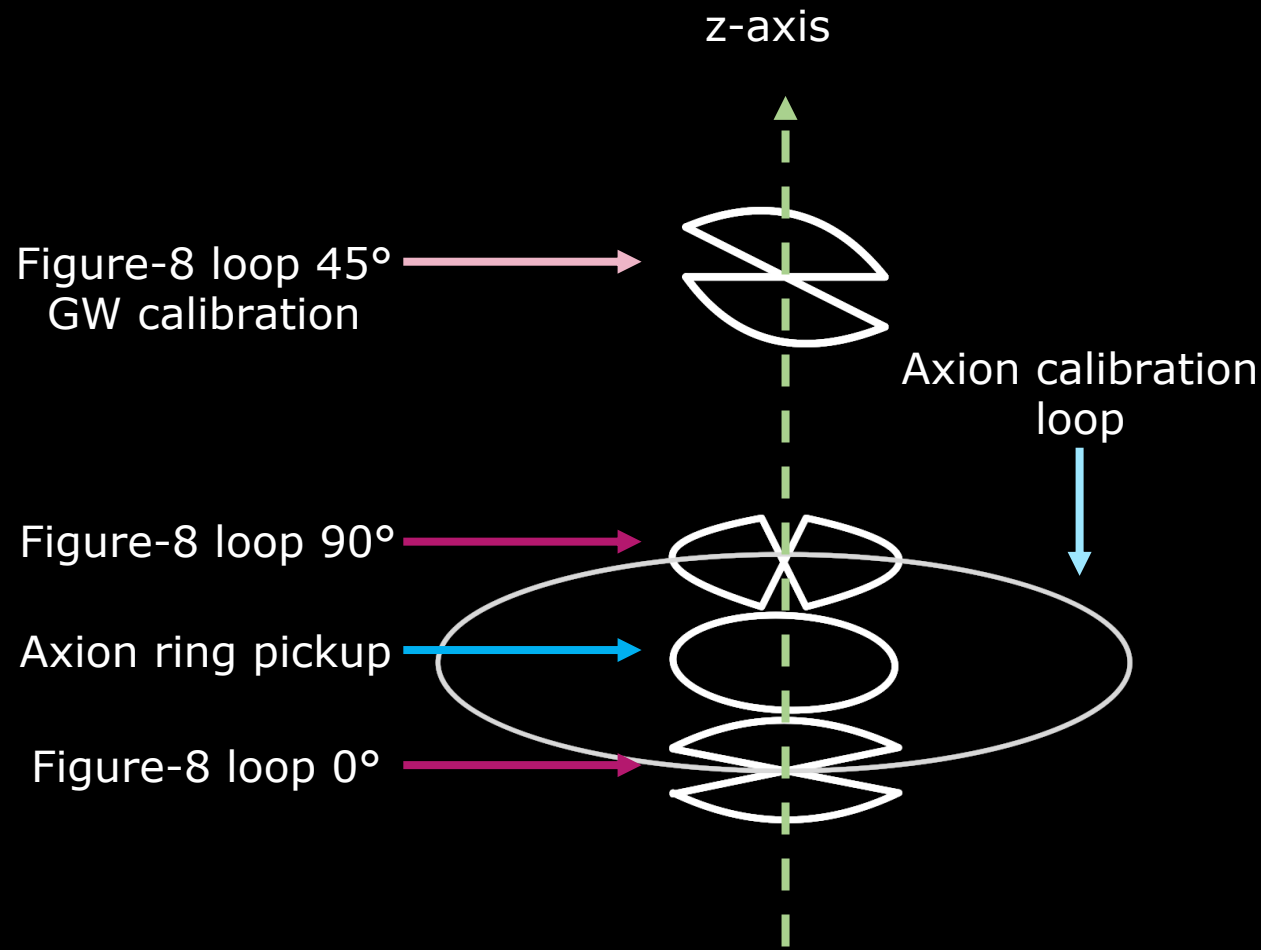
We have tried two different experimental setups:

1. Axion-GW search with a directional two GW loop option
2. Axion-GW search simplified with single GW loop

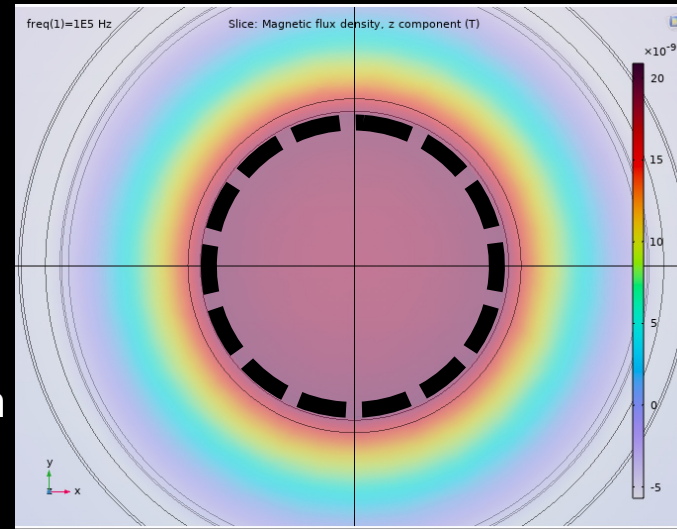
# Calibration



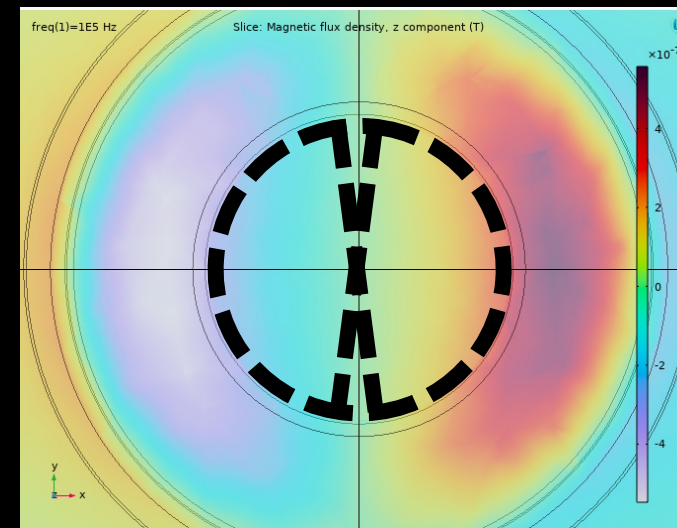
# 1. Directional search



The pickup structures and calibration structures that are used in the GW axion run



The z-component of the magnetic field resulting from an axion effective current



The z-component of the magnetic field resulting from a GW effective current



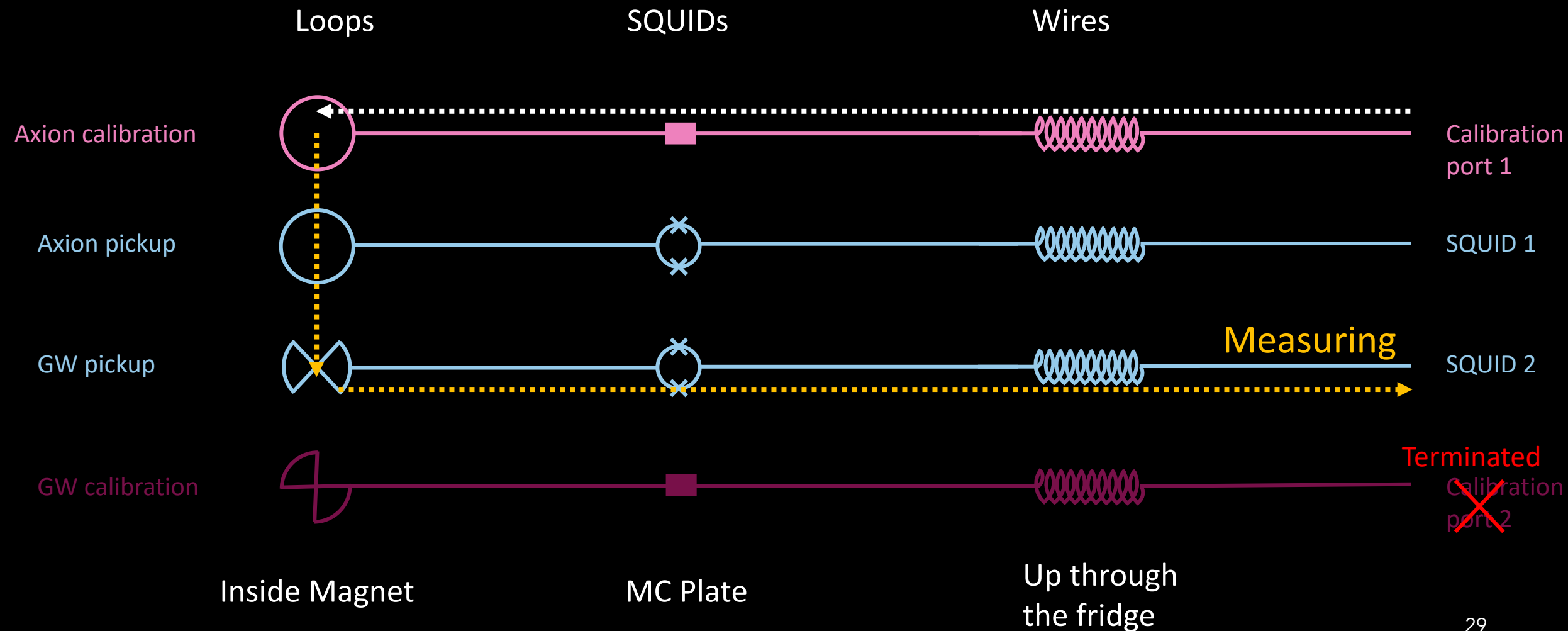
# Calibration an axion-GW run

To prove we can run a simultaneous axion and GW run, we must demonstrate that the GW search and the axion search can be calibrated independently

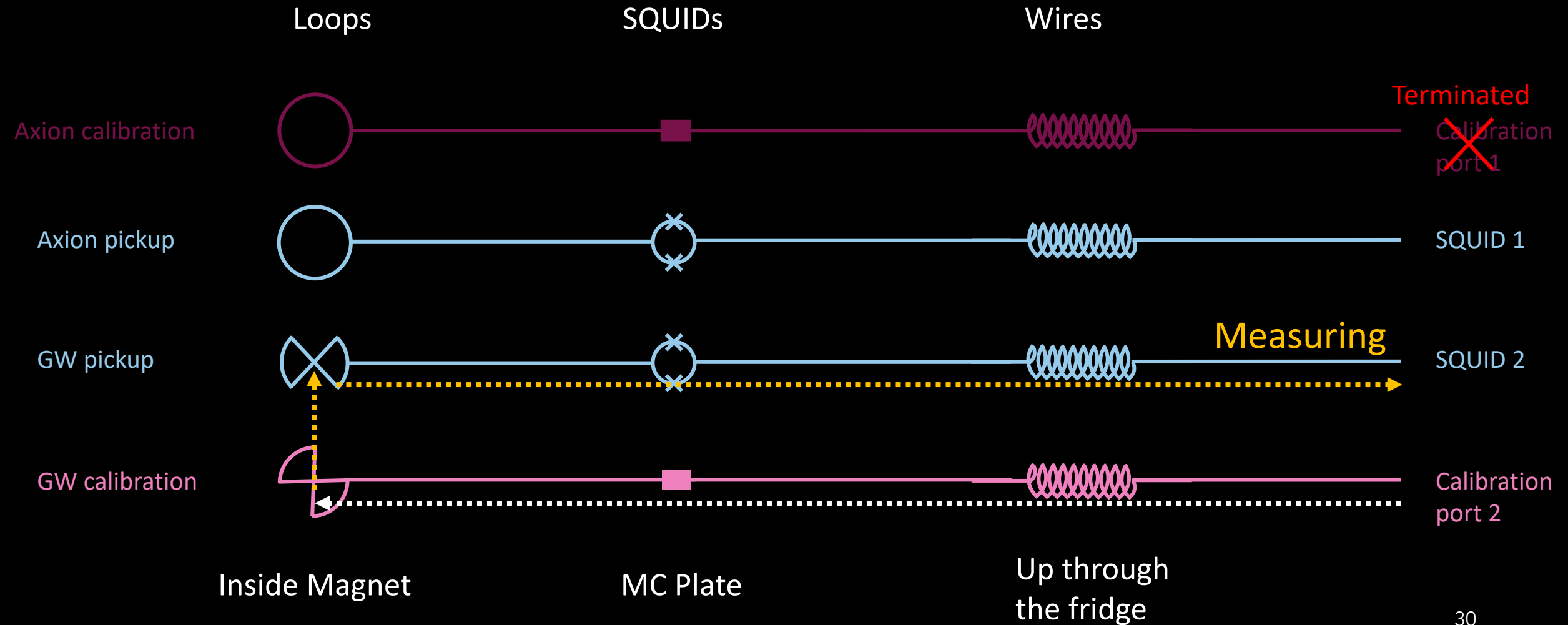
We have four calibrations:

1. GW pickup calibrated with GW signal (GW end-to-end)
2. Axion pickup calibrated with axion signal (axion end-to-end)
3. GW pickup calibrated with axion signal (GW cross calibration)
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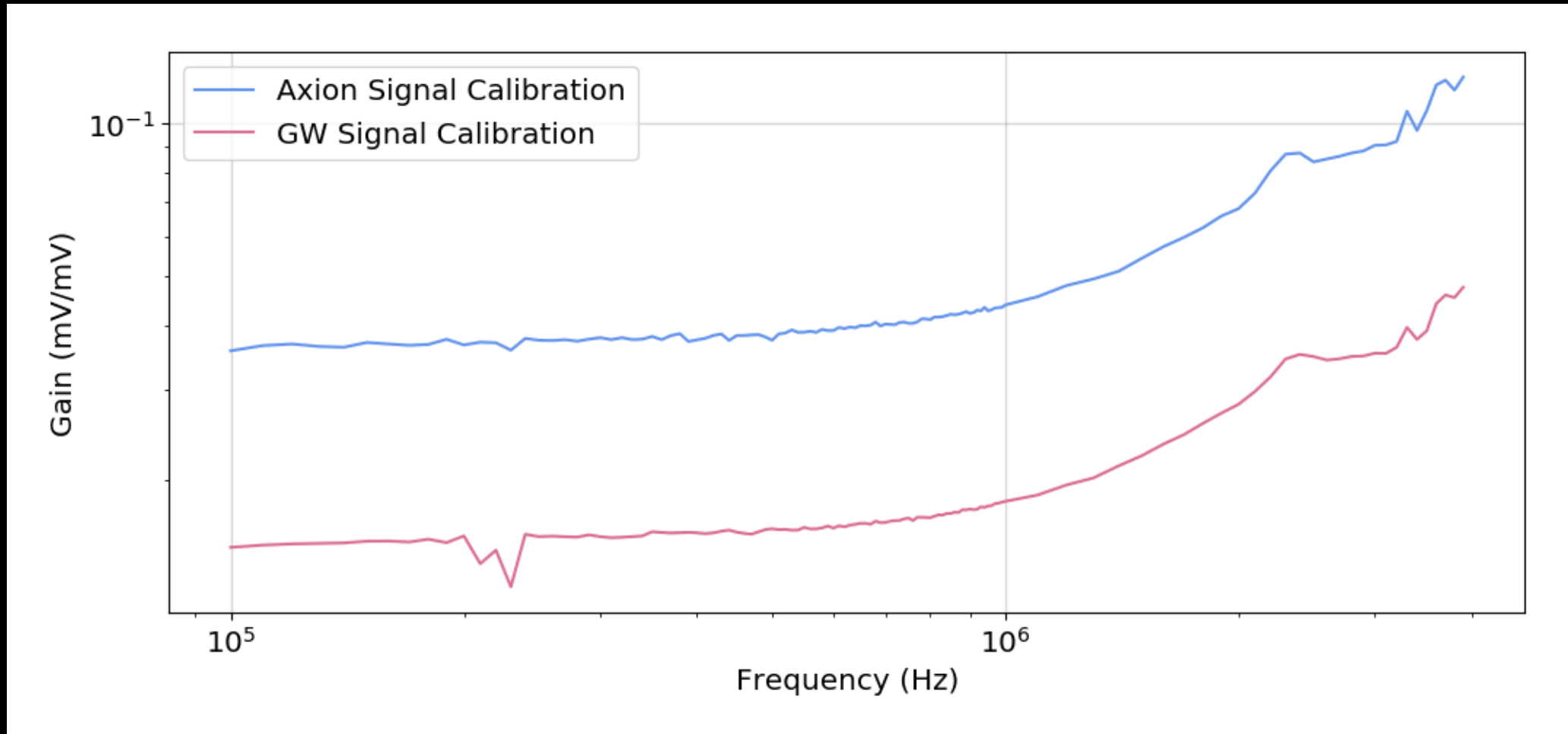
# GW pickup: axion signal cross calibration



# GW pickup: GW signal end-to-end calibration



# Calibration on GW pickup

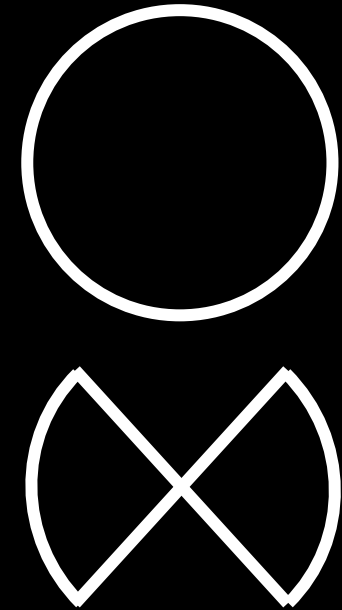


# Axion to GW mutual inductance

We expect (to first order) zero mutual inductance between the figure-8 and the circle

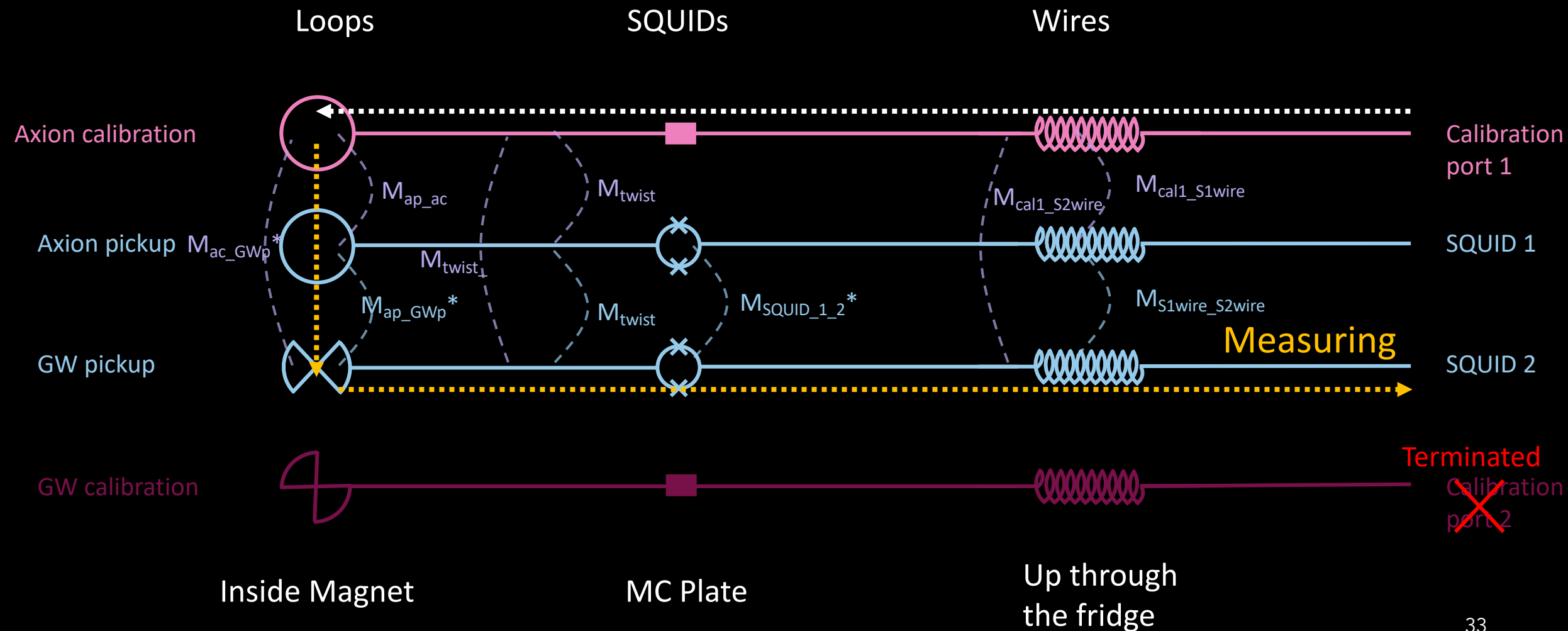
However, we see a high amount of correlation between the signals

- Somewhere in our system there is an unknown high amount of parasitic induction
  - Pickups or twisted pairs
  - SQUIDs
  - Wires

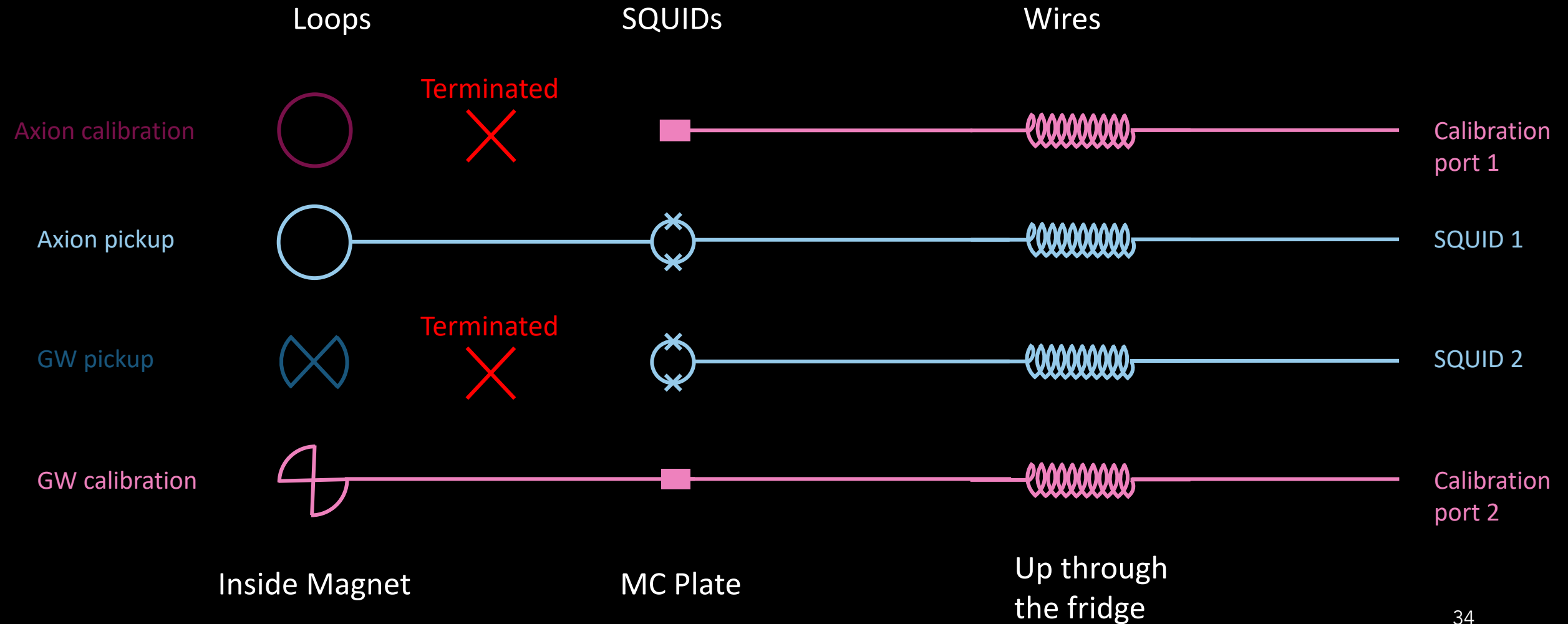


# GW pickup: axion signal cross calibration

\*likely very small

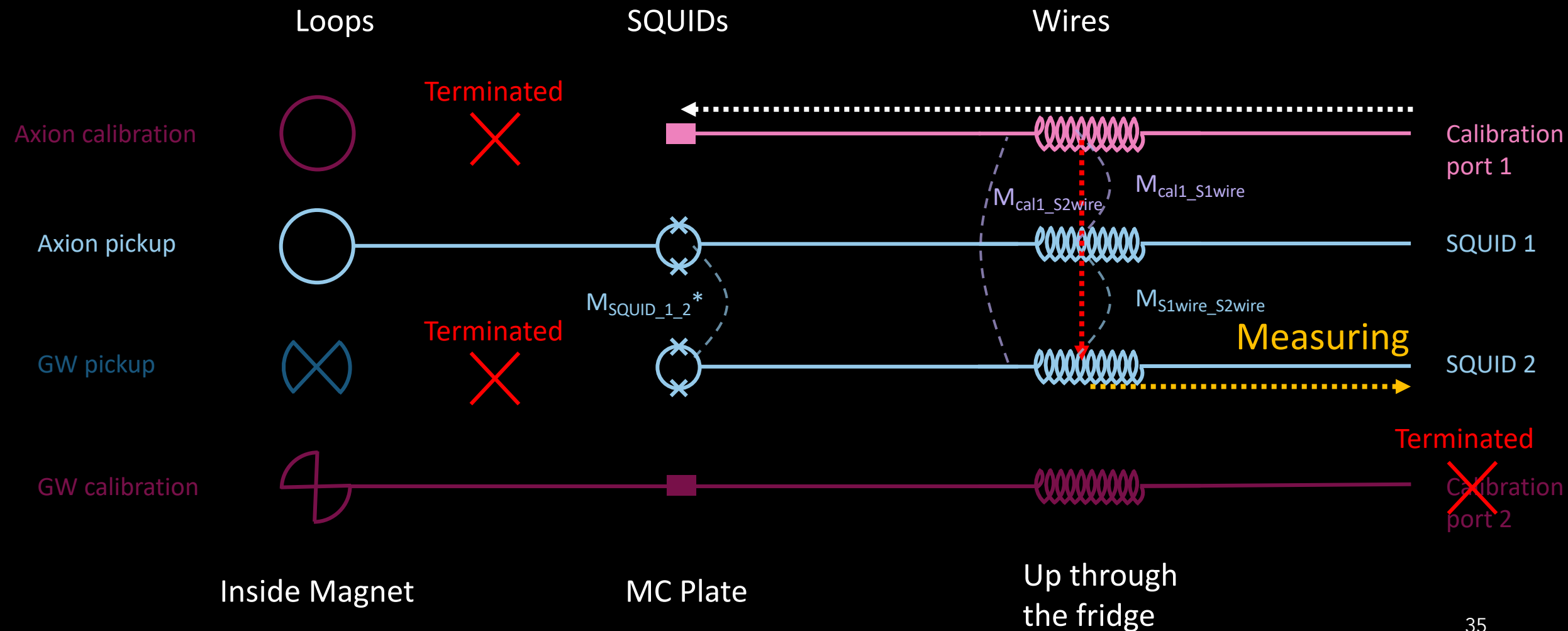


# Parasitic inductance run



# Disconnected cross calibration

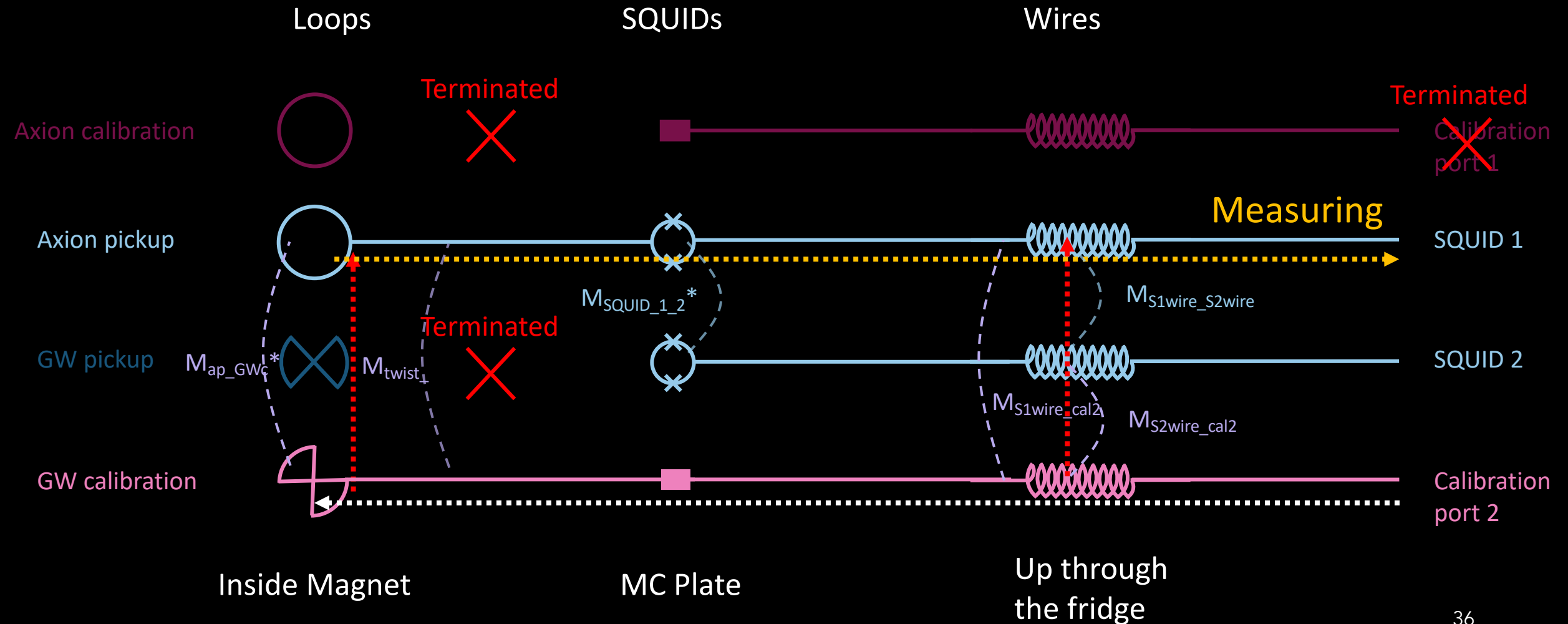
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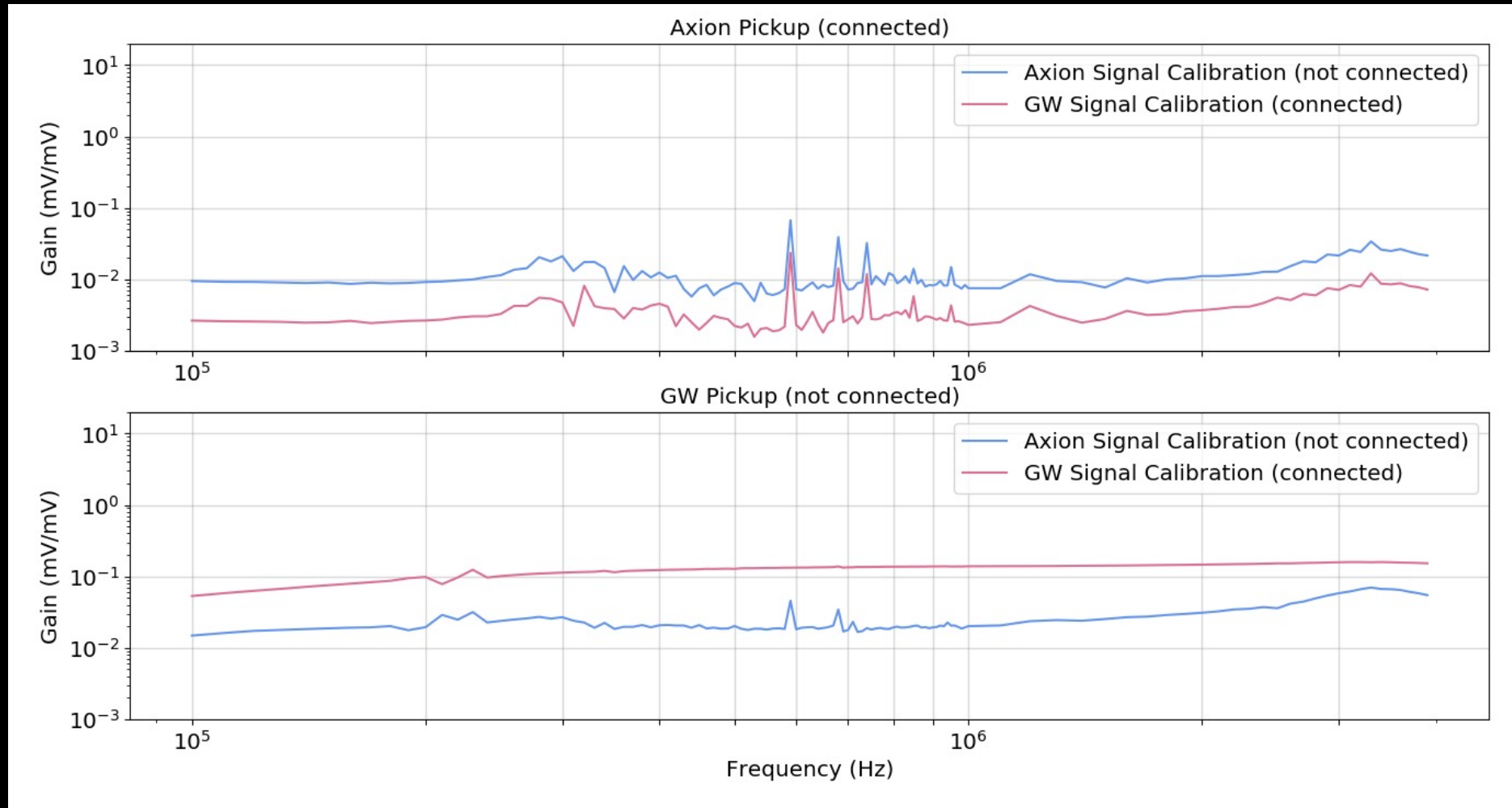


# Connected cross calibration

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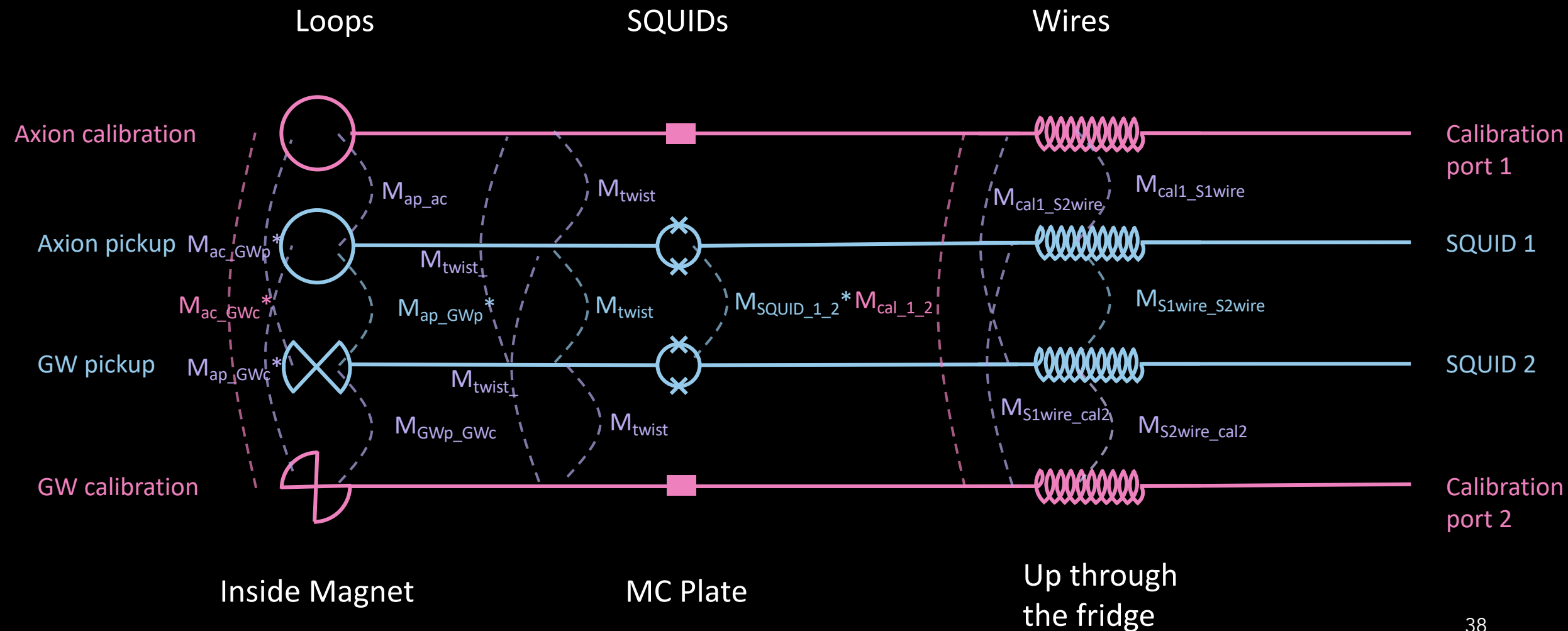


# Inductance run results



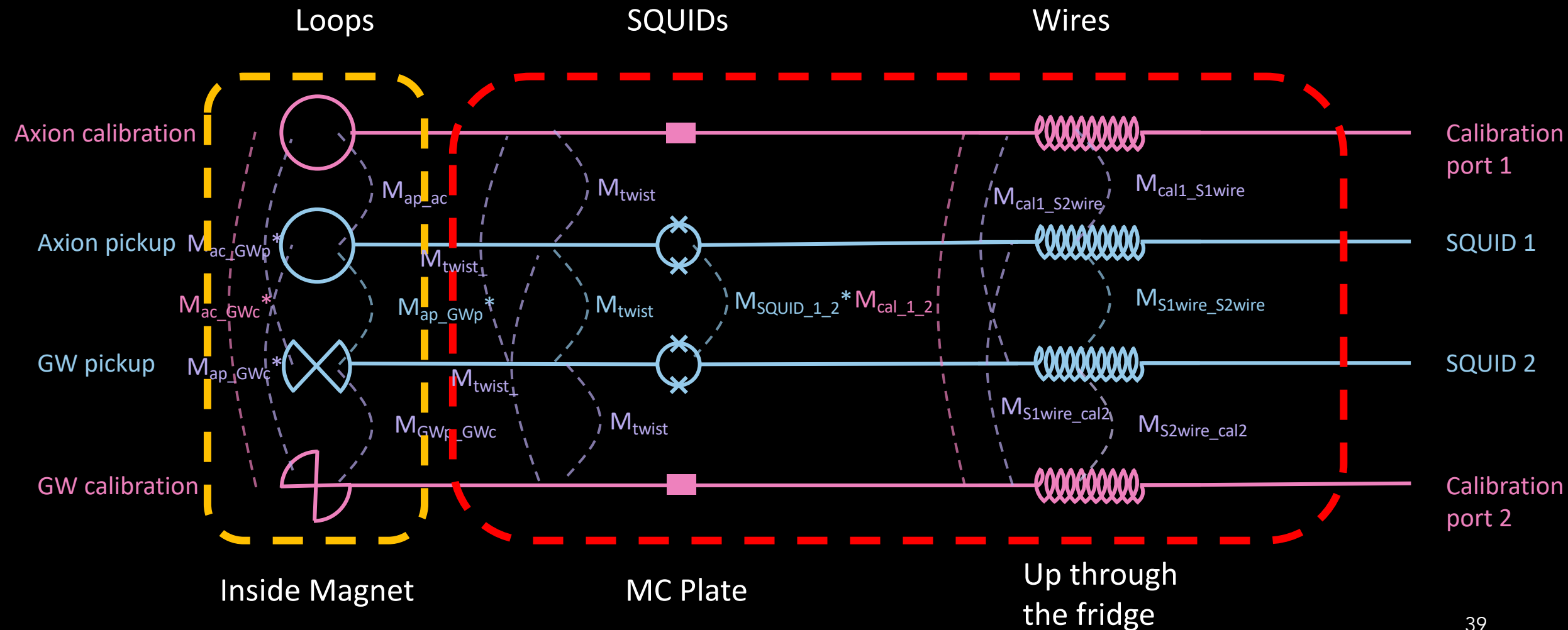
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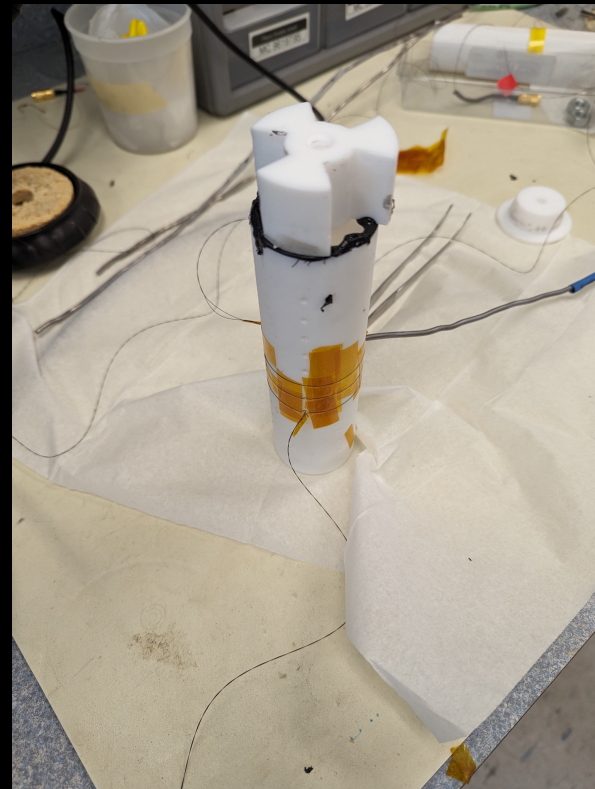


# Changes made

- Loops were reduced



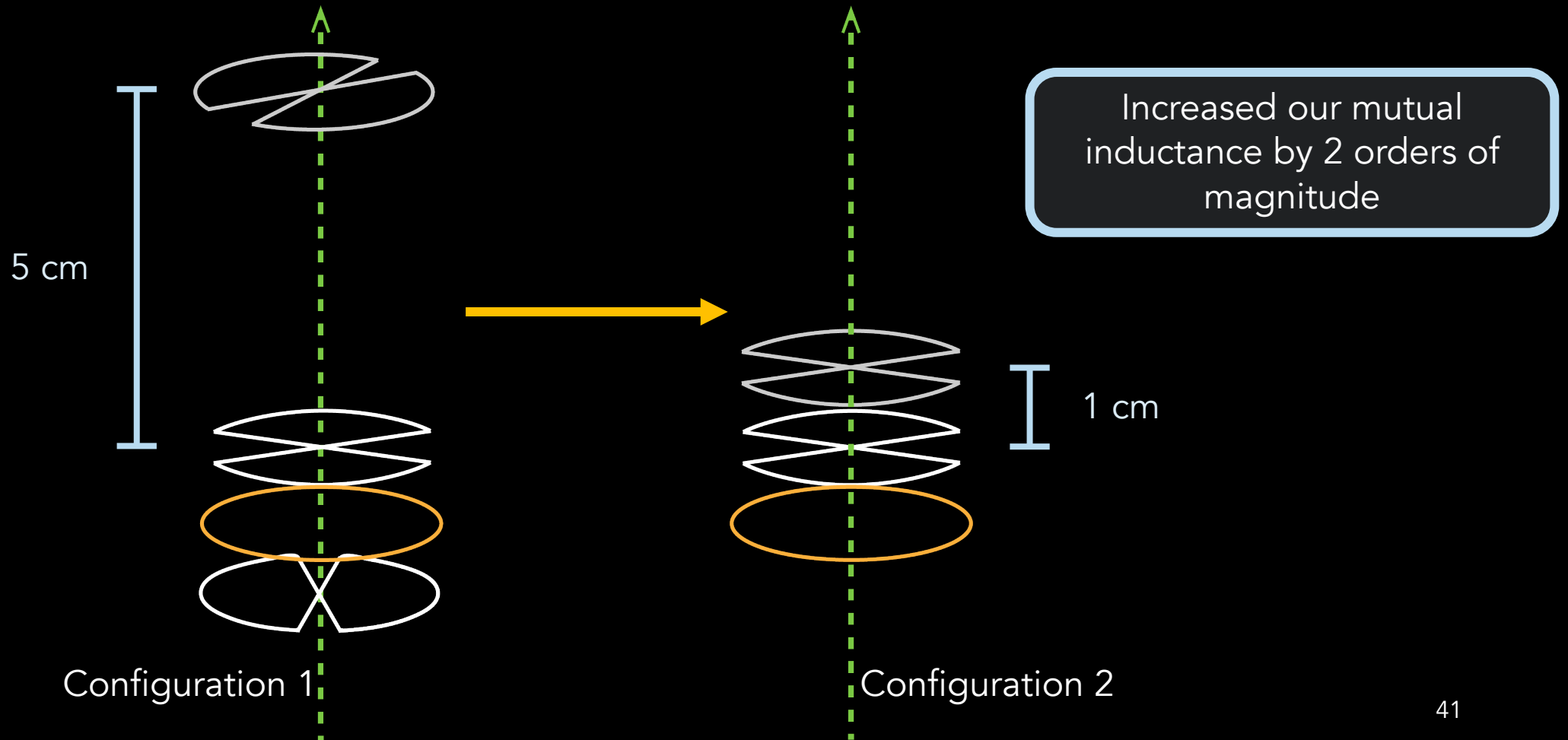
Configuration 1



Configuration 2

# Changes made

- GW calibration loop moved closer to GW pickup



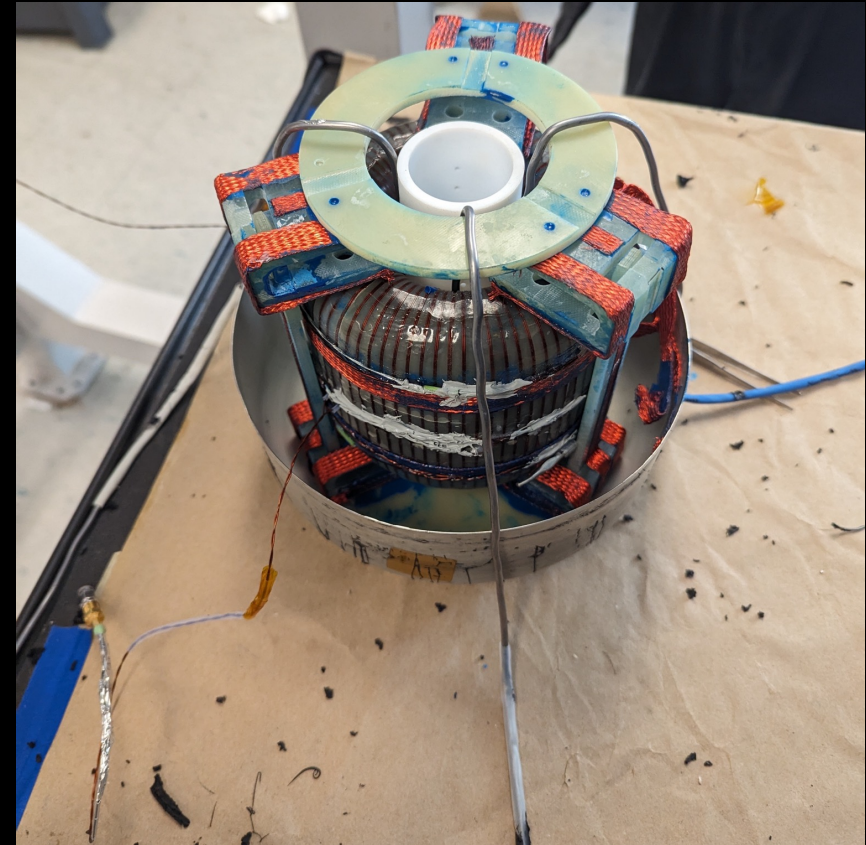


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- Twisted pairs distanced

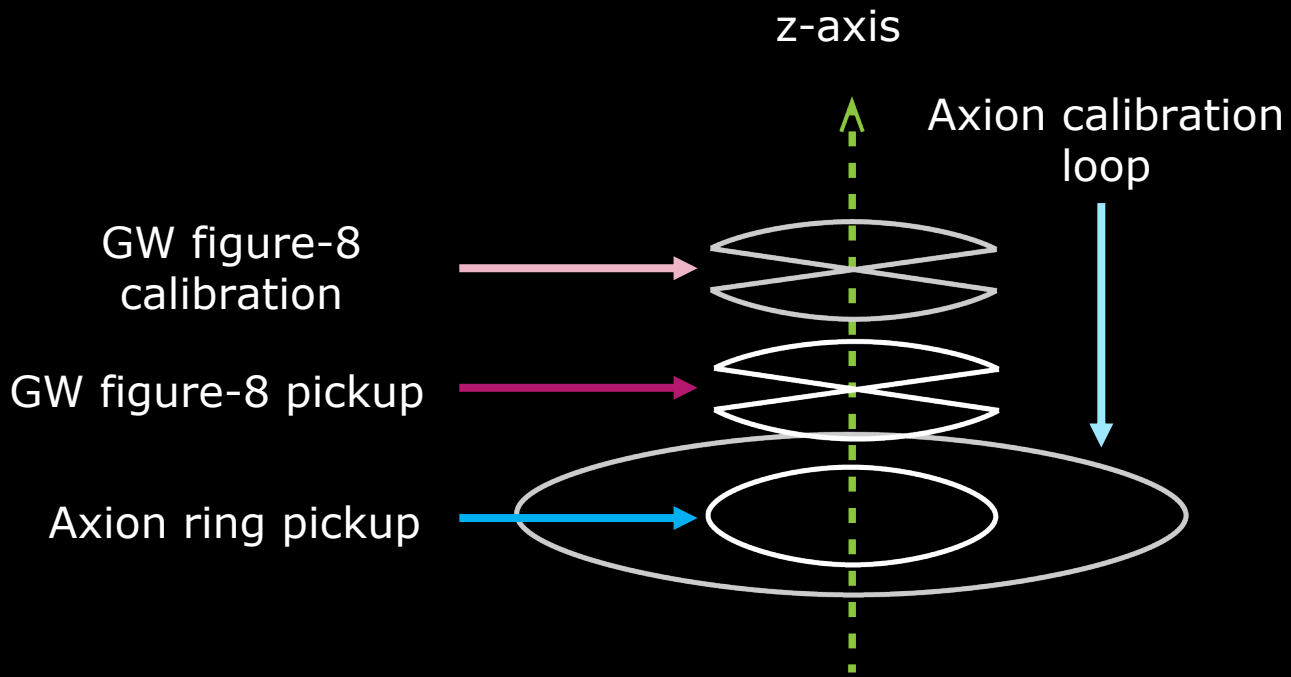


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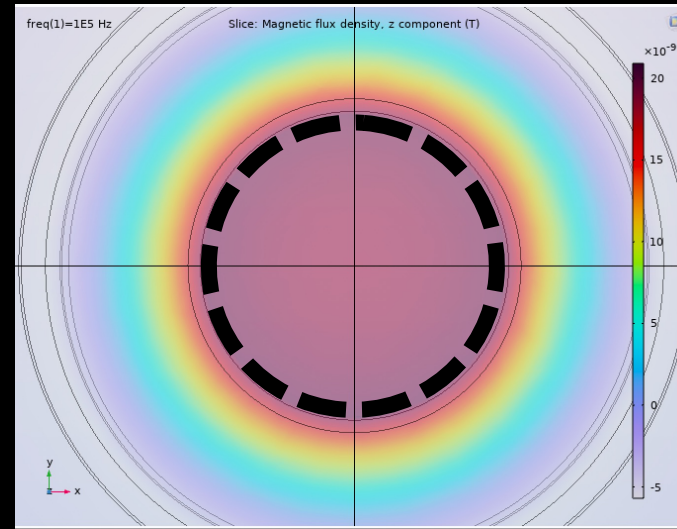


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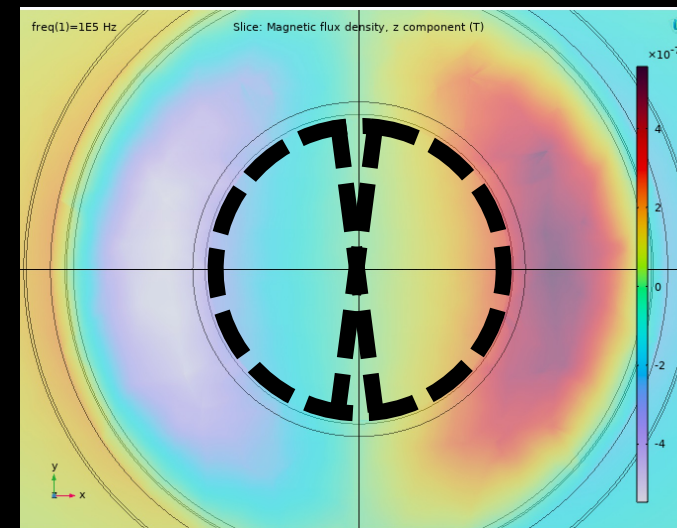
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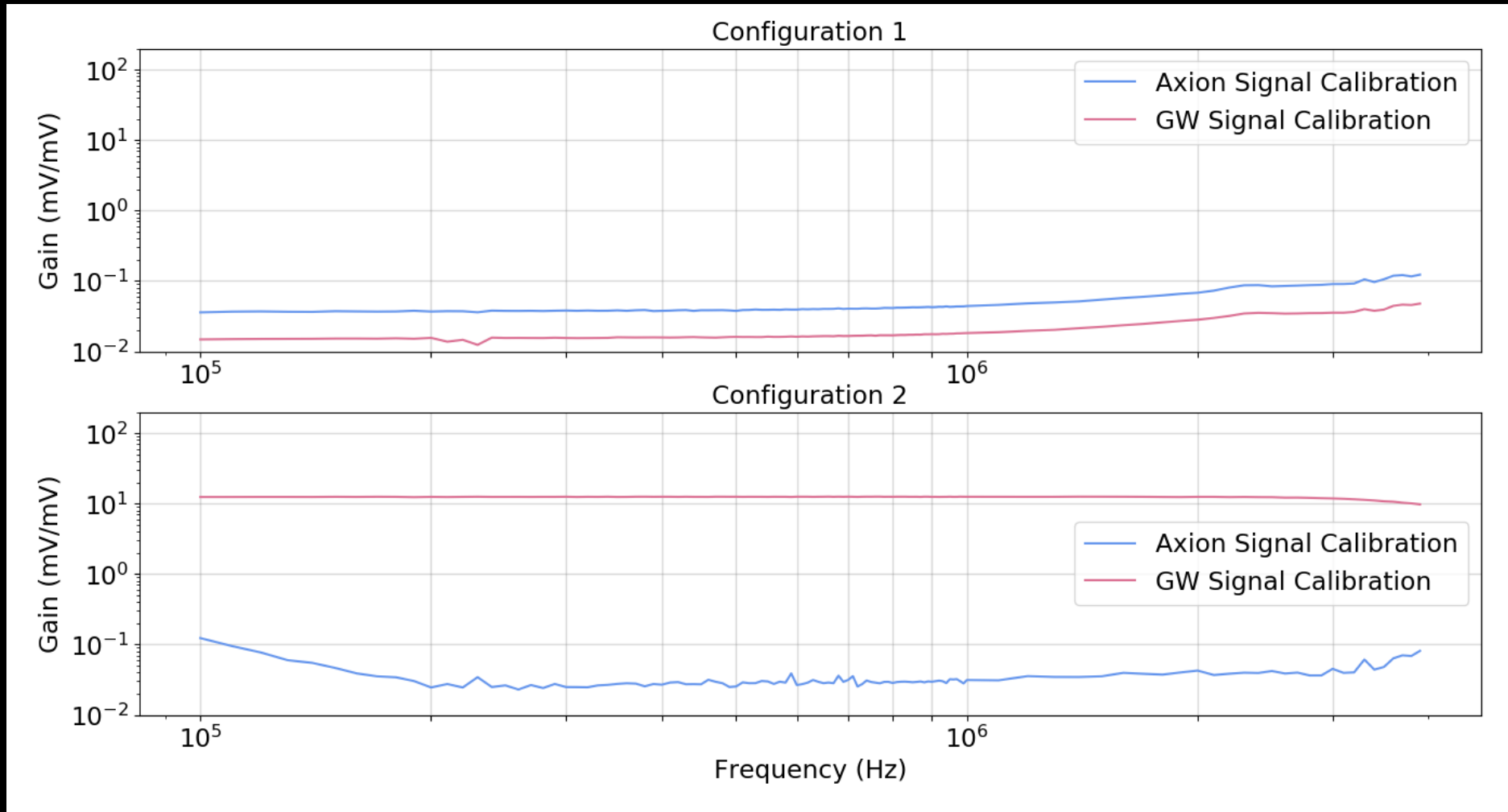
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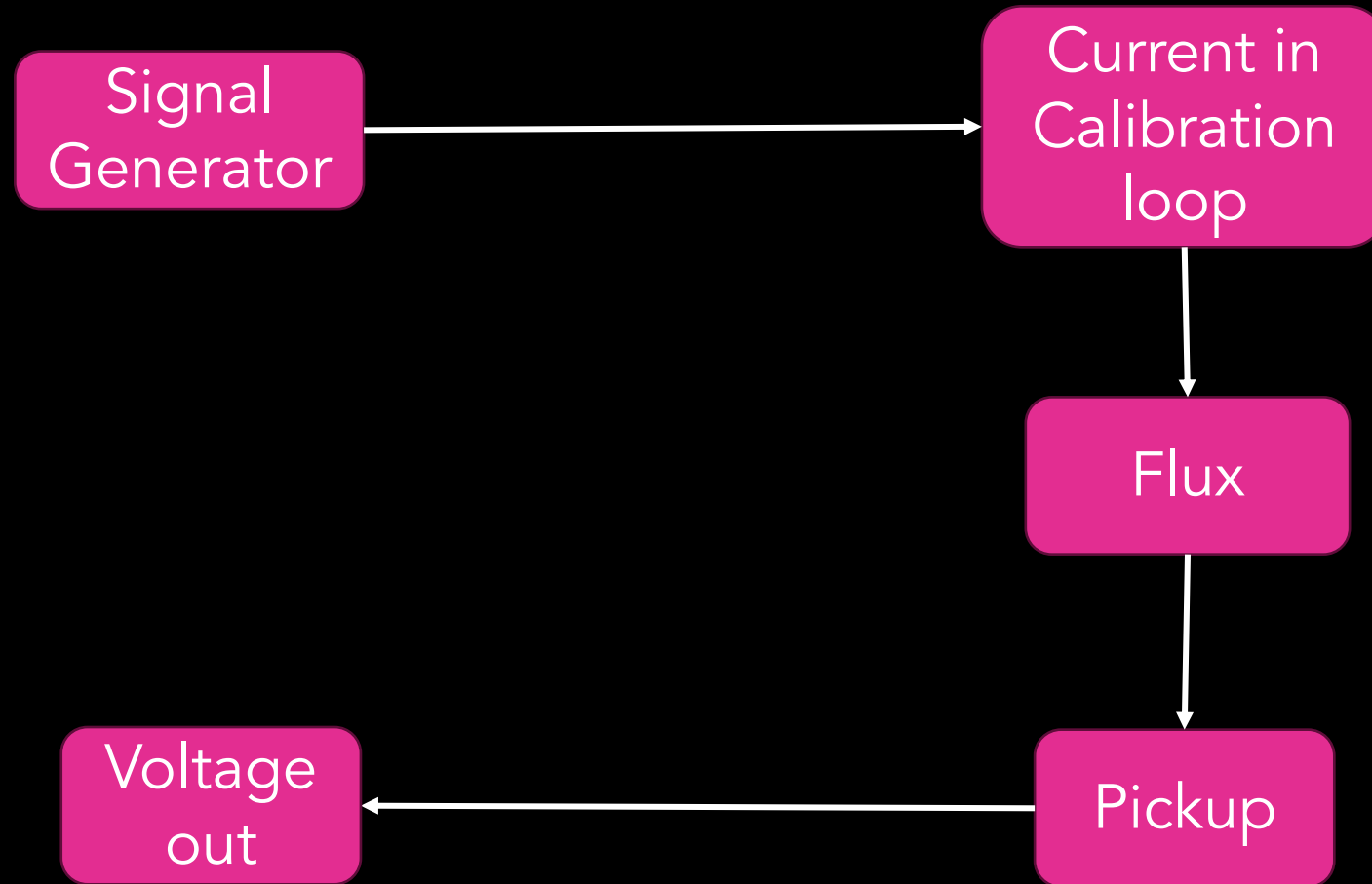
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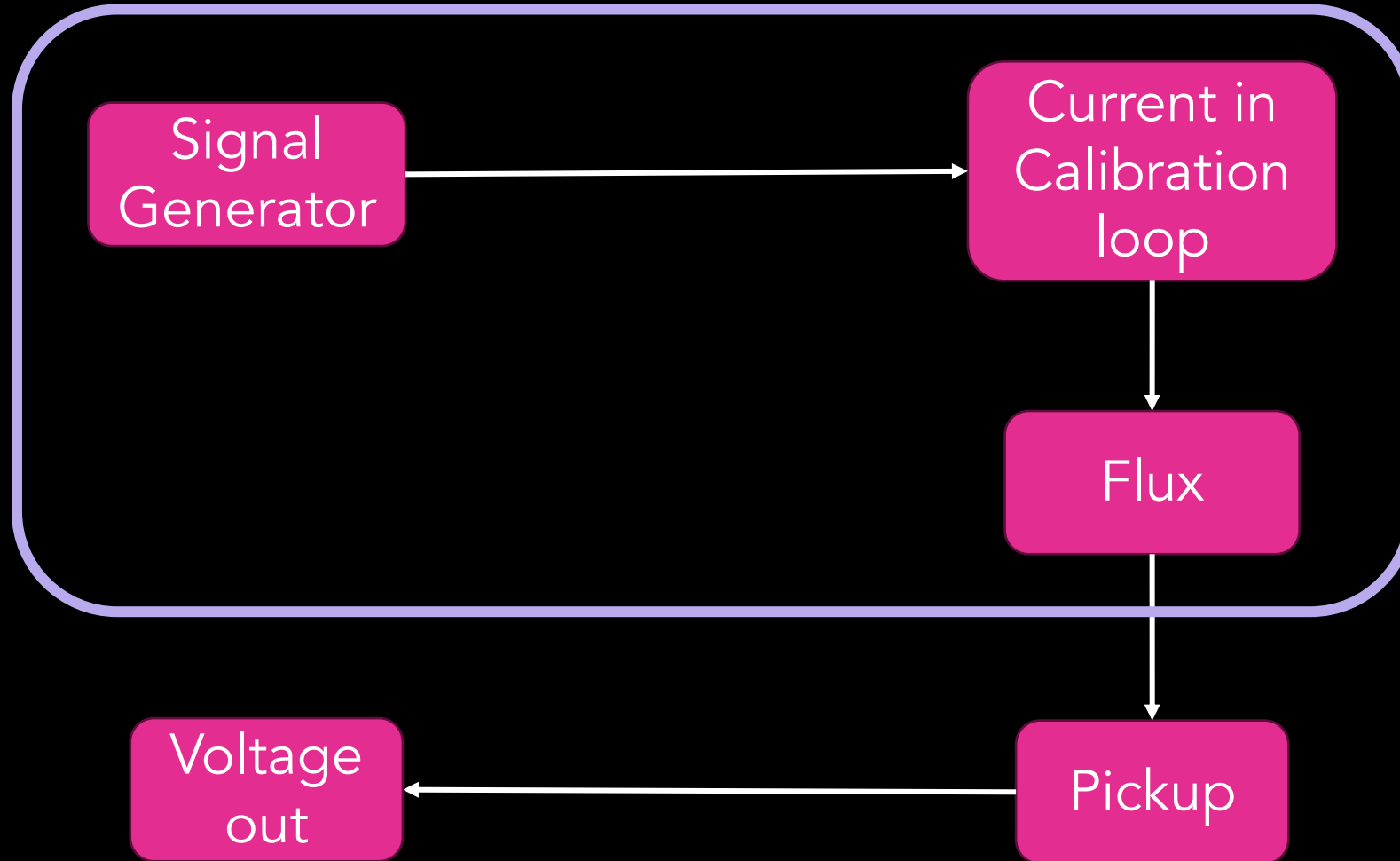
# GW pickup calibration results from configurations 1 & 2



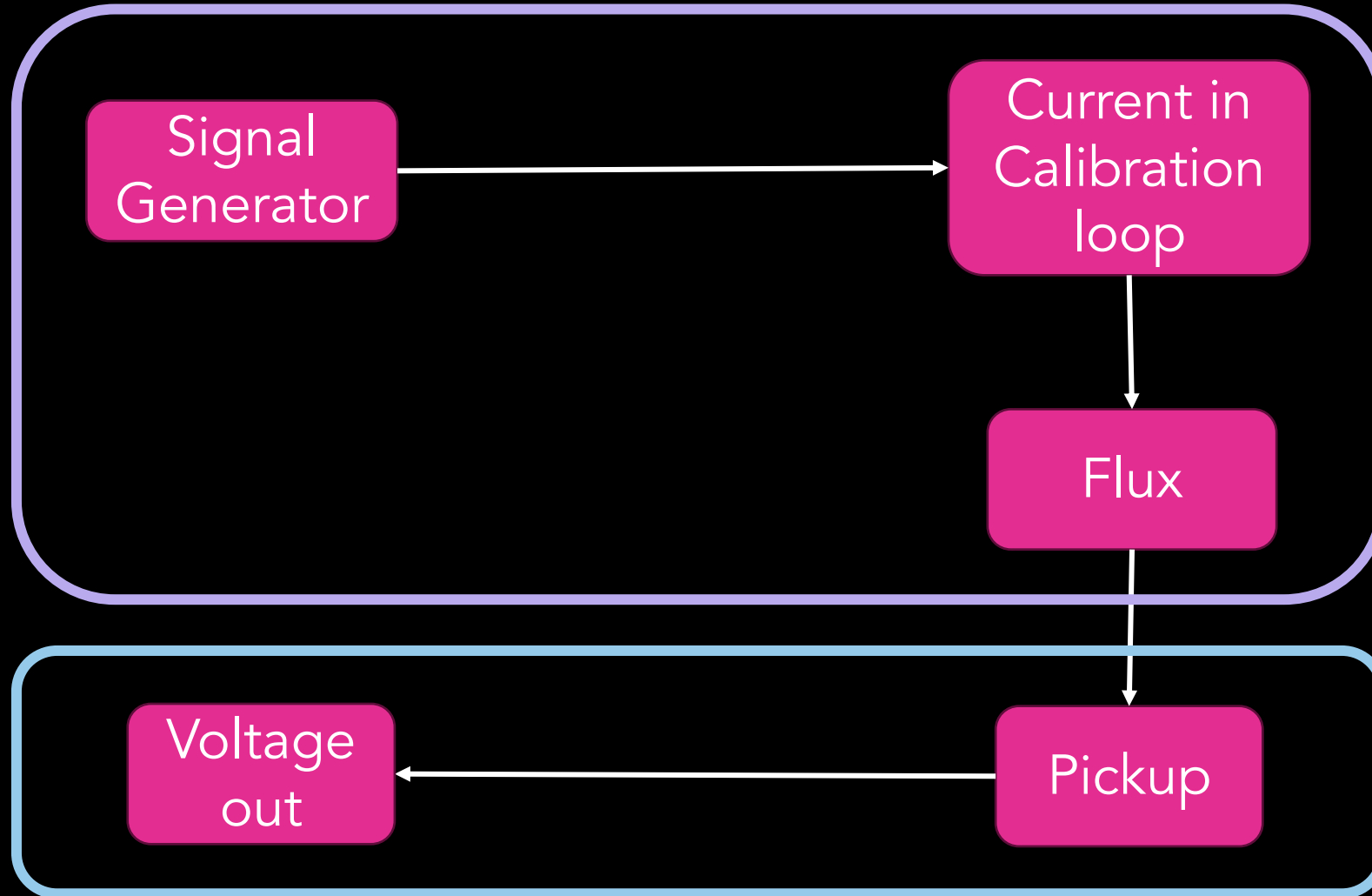
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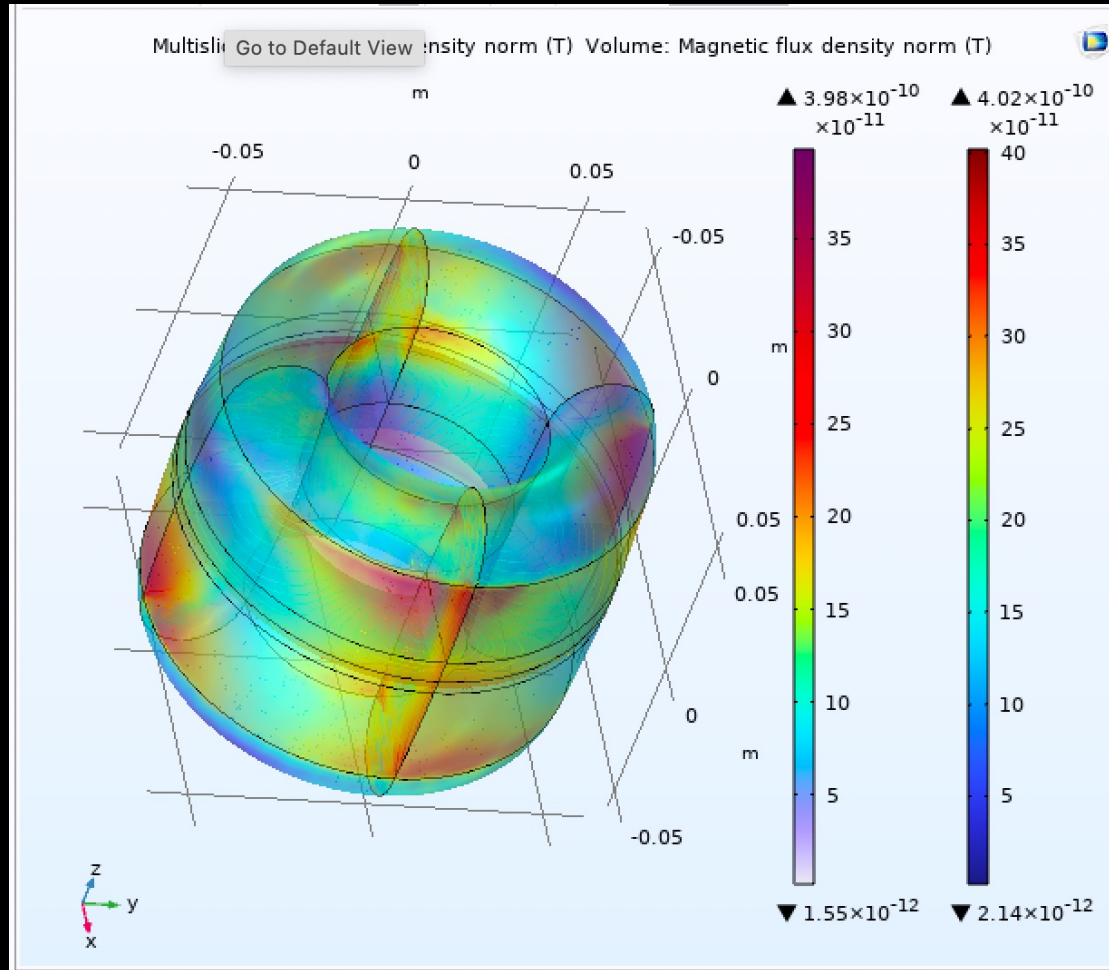


# GW data and signal



# Modeling

# Signal modeling in detector

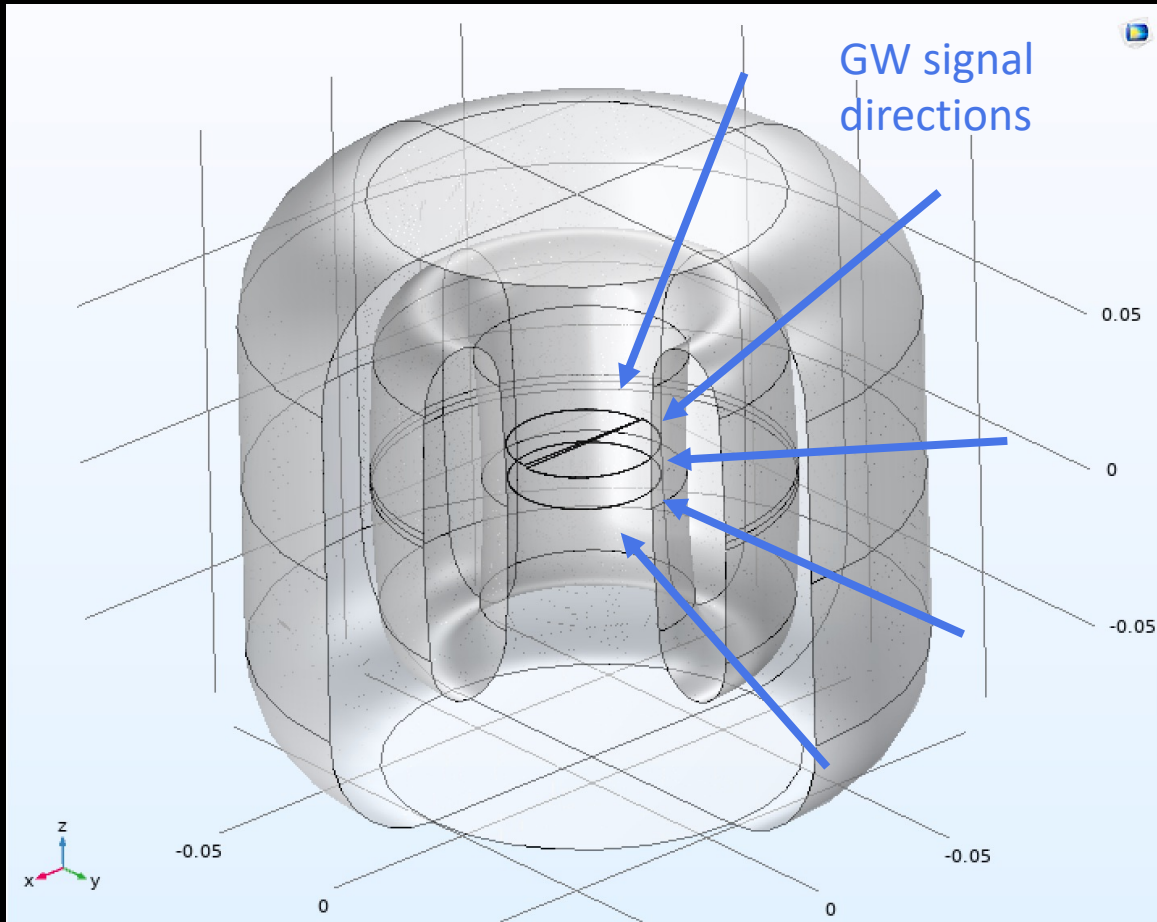


COMSOL is used to model the signal in the ABRA magnetic volume

Using the equations from Valerie Domcke, Camilo Garcia-Cely, Sung Mook Lee, Nicholas L. Rodd 2306.03125

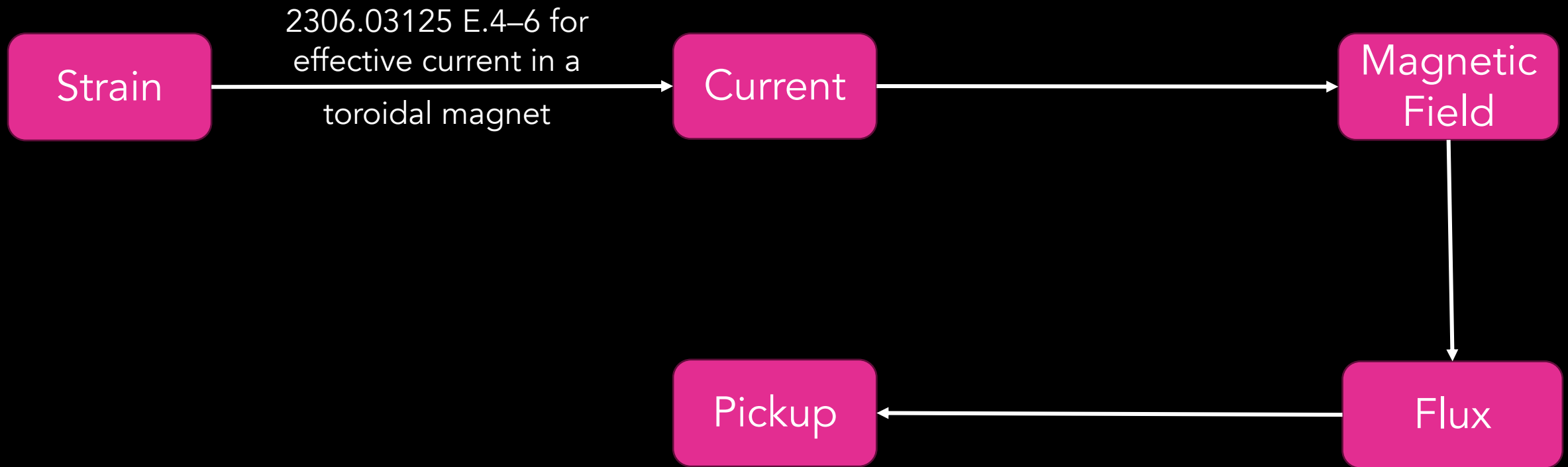
Equations E.4–6 for effective current in a toroidal magnet

# Signal modeling in detector



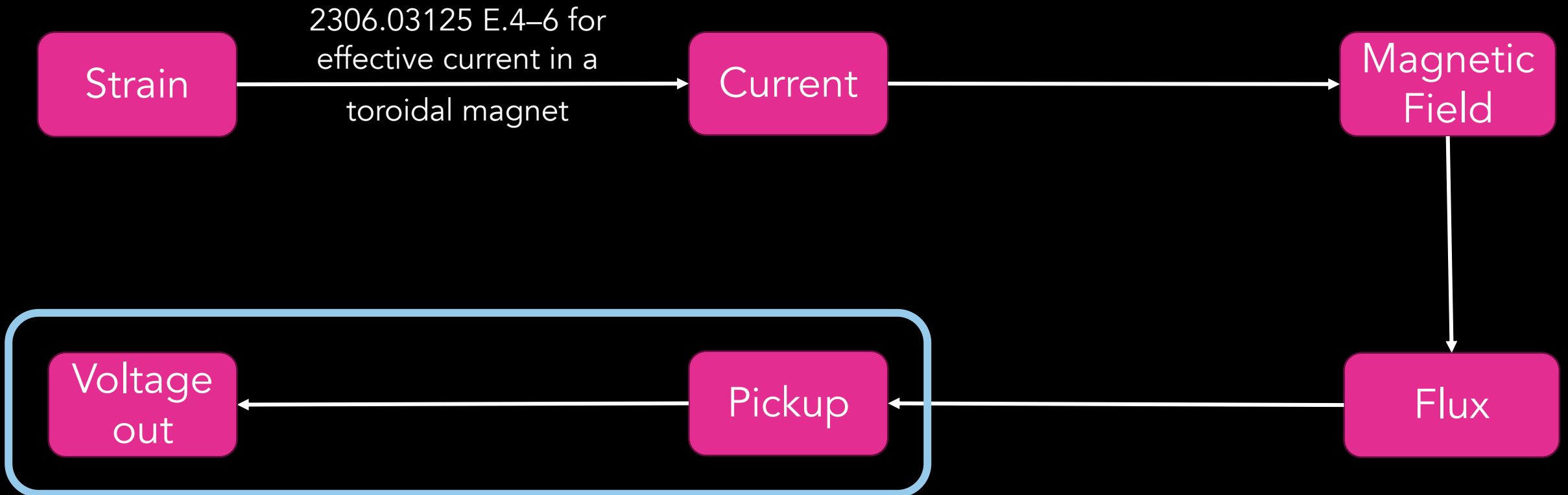
Taking advantage of symmetry, the GW loop only needs to be simulated with angles ranging over a quarter the sphere.

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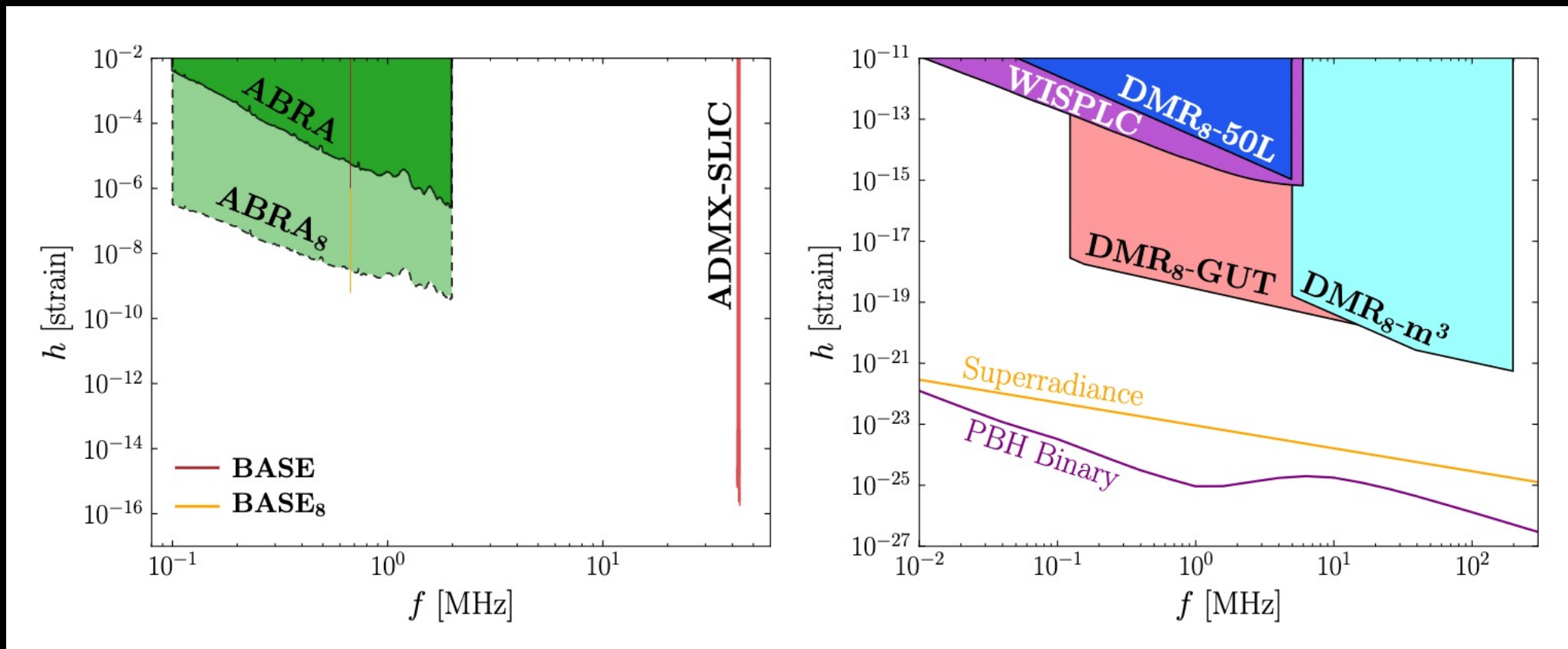




# Signal modeling in detector + calibration



# Projected sensitivity

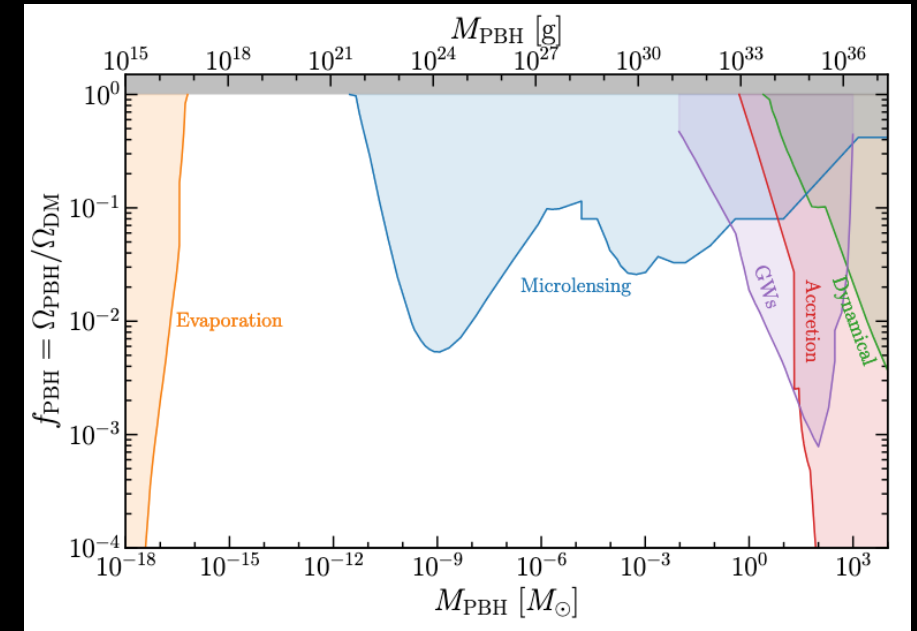
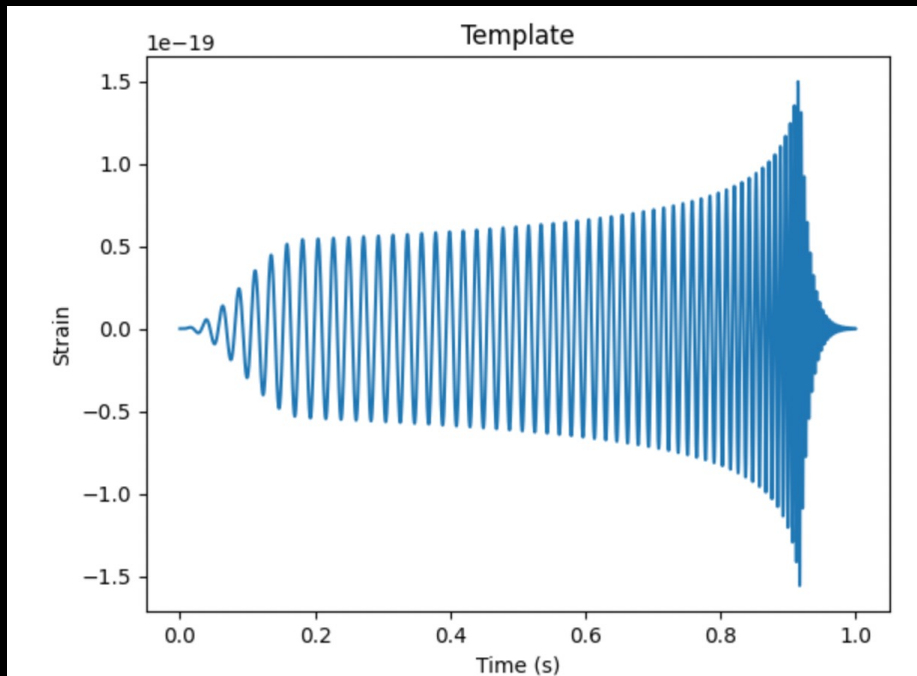


arXiv:2306.03125

# The signal

Our frequency range: 10 kHz – 5 MHz \*

We will use primordial black hole mergers as our signal template



<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2205.14722.pdf>

\*Subject to noise

# GW data

Taking time-series data on two channels, needs to be compressed

Templates are created using the Ripple code base

- Frequency range limits possible masses
- Sensitivity limits distance to source

Chirp search → no averaging

Time domain search

In-spiral only → less sensitive

Frequency domain (with averaging)

# ABRA-grav current status

We've done all eight calibrations (magnet on and off)

Currently collecting data!

→ We will collect for a week

