

# New ideas inspired by axion electrodynamics

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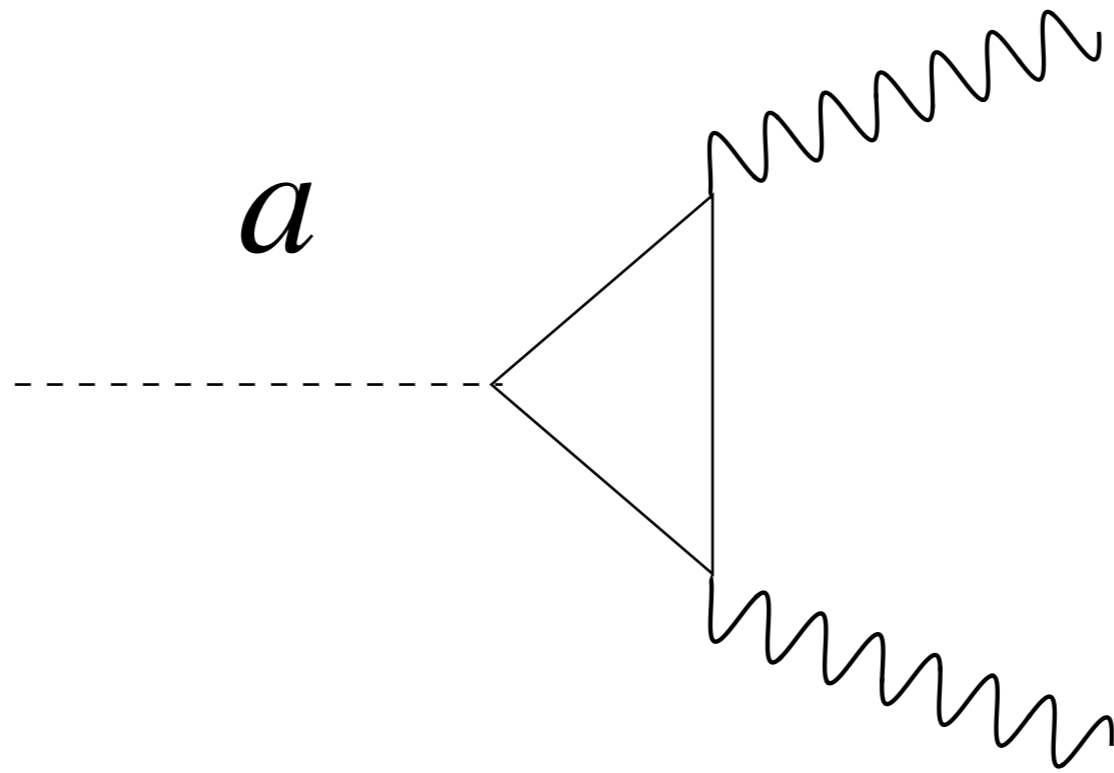


# Novel search for high-frequency gravitational waves with low-mass axion haloscopes

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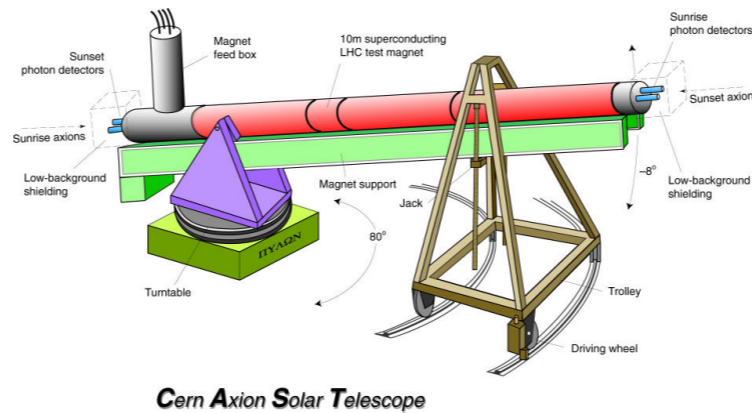
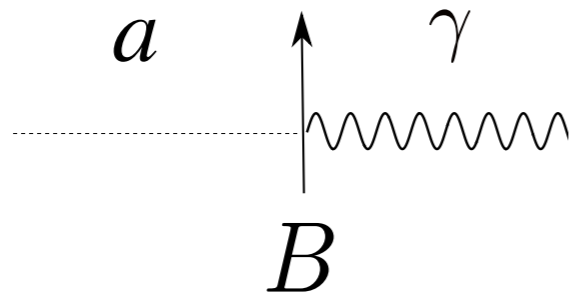
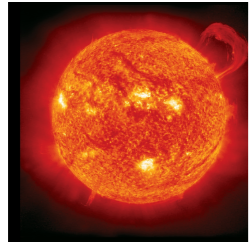
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$$j^0 = -g_{a\gamma\gamma} \nabla a \cdot \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{j} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} (\nabla a \times \mathbf{E} + \partial_t a \mathbf{B})$$

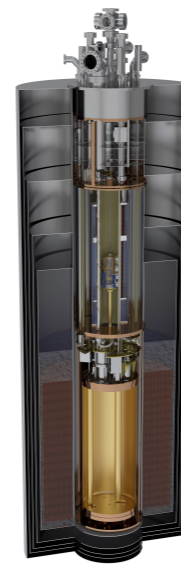
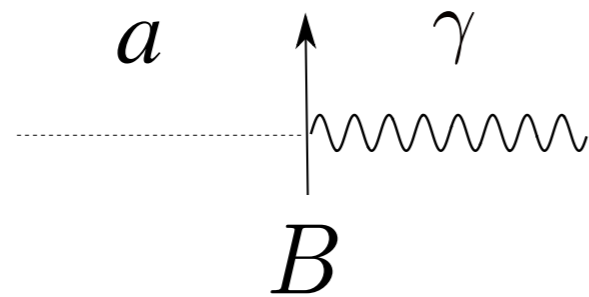
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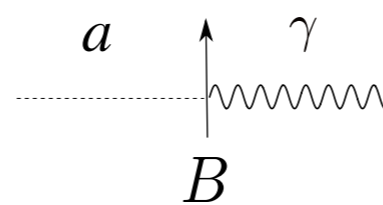
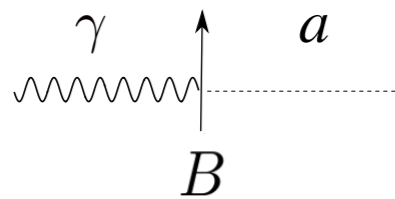
- CAST
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- Haloscopes (radio frequencies)



- microwave cavities
- MADMAX
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- ABRACADABRA
- Lumped element detectors
- ...

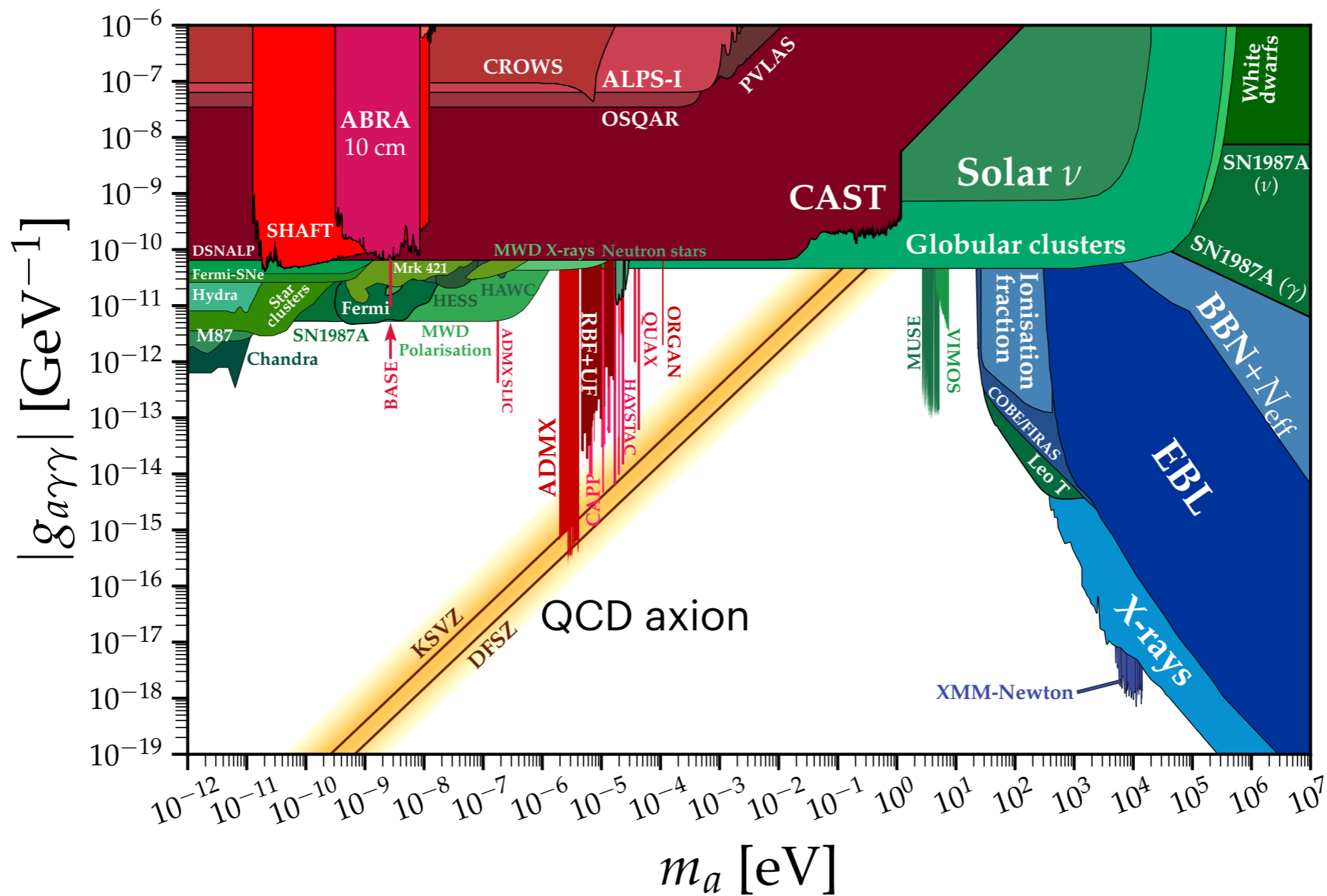
- Purely lab experiments



- Light shining through the walls
- OSCAR
- ALPS II
- ...

Talks by van Bibber, Doan, Krieger, Spector and Smith

# Axion electrodynamics



<https://github.com/cajohare/AxionLimits>

$$g_{a\gamma} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi f_a} \left( \frac{E}{N} - 1.92 \right)$$

DFSZ (Dine, Fischler, Srednicki, Zhitniskii)

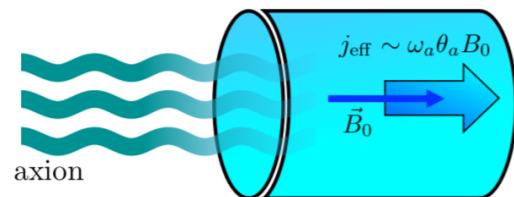
KSVZ (Kim, Shifman, Vainshtein, Zakharov)

axions couple to fermions

$$E/N = 8/3$$

axions couple to exotic heavy quarks only.  $E/N = 0$

# Haloscopes based on microwave cavities

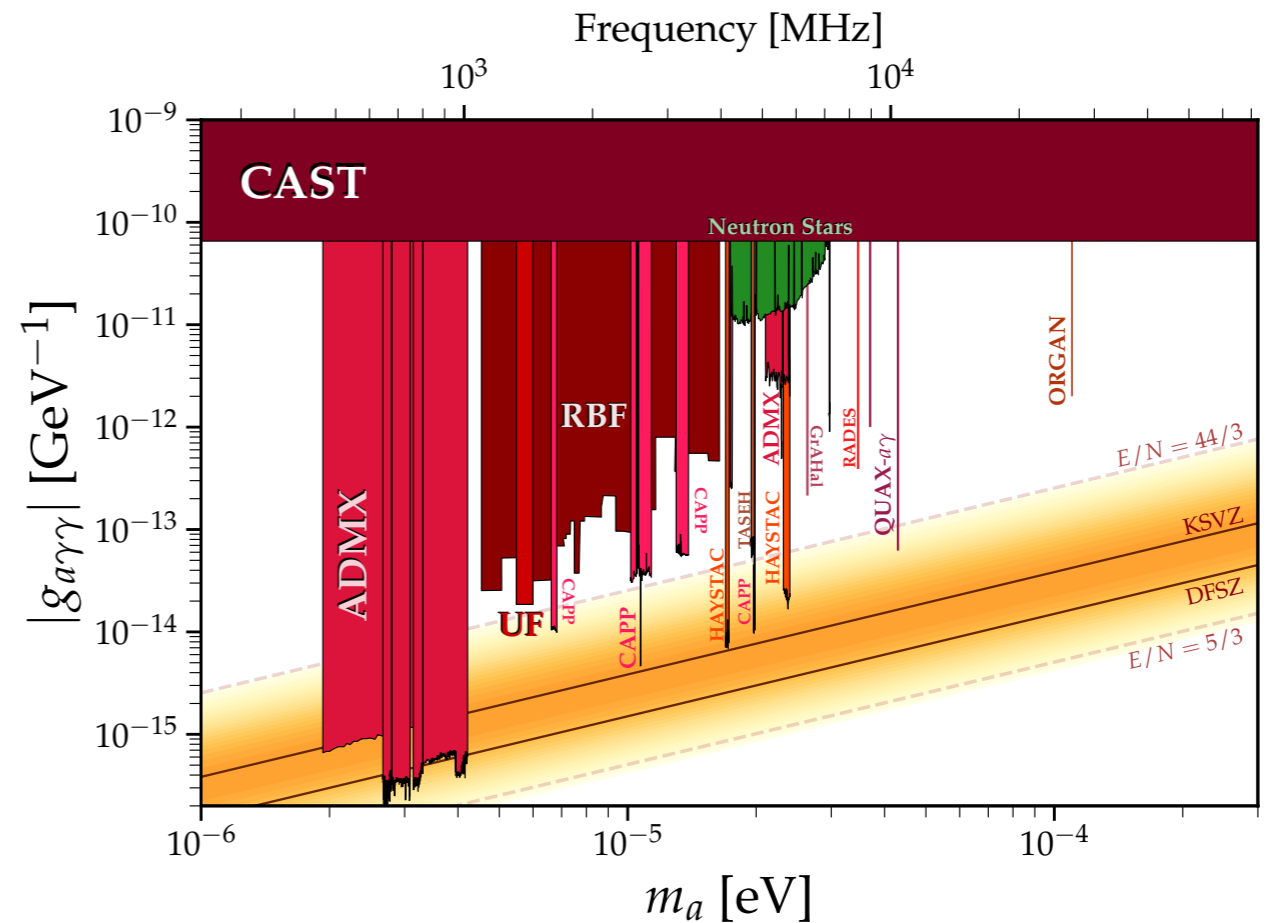
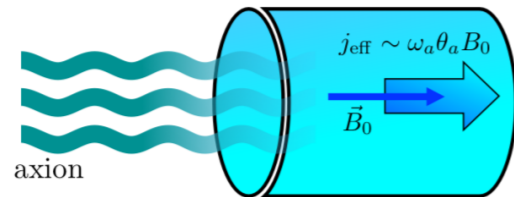


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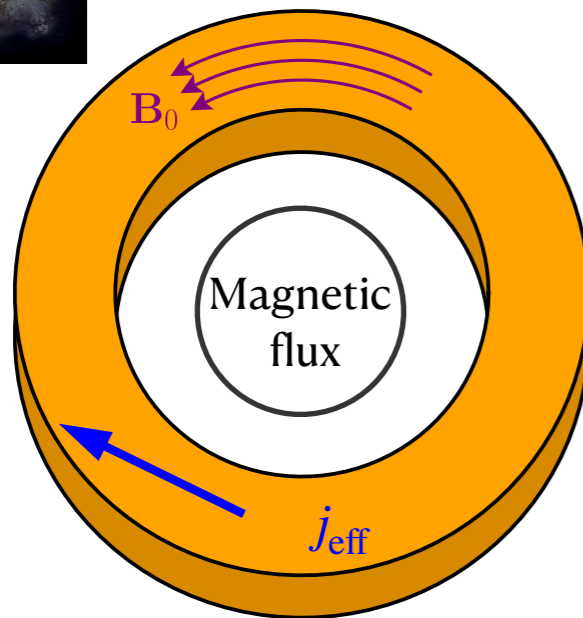
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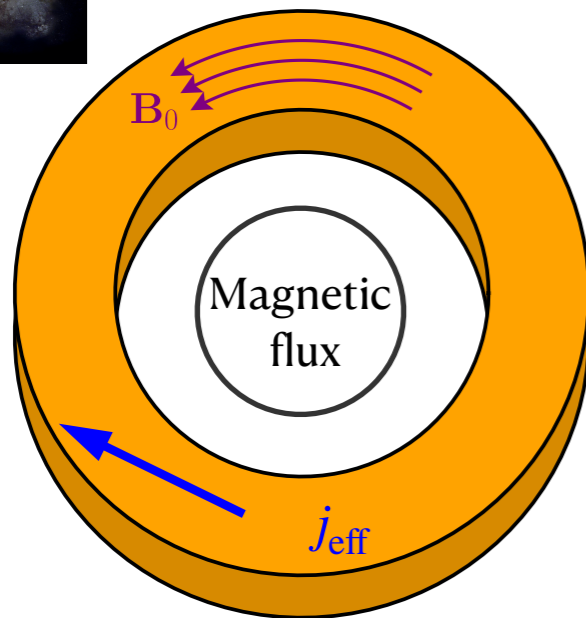


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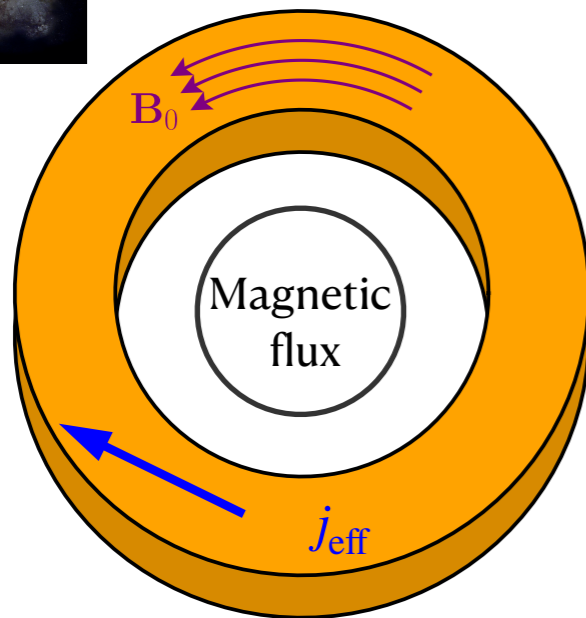
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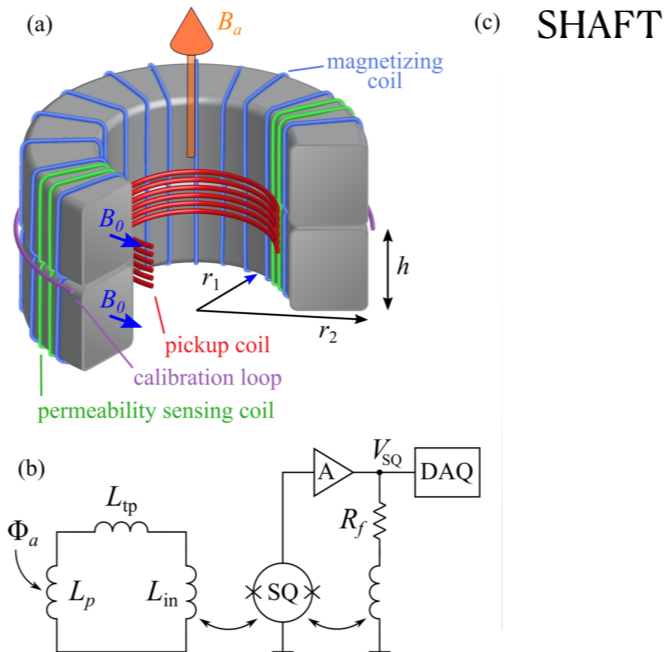
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## Broadband and Resonant Approaches to Axion Dark Matter Detection

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## Search for axion-like dark matter with ferromagnets

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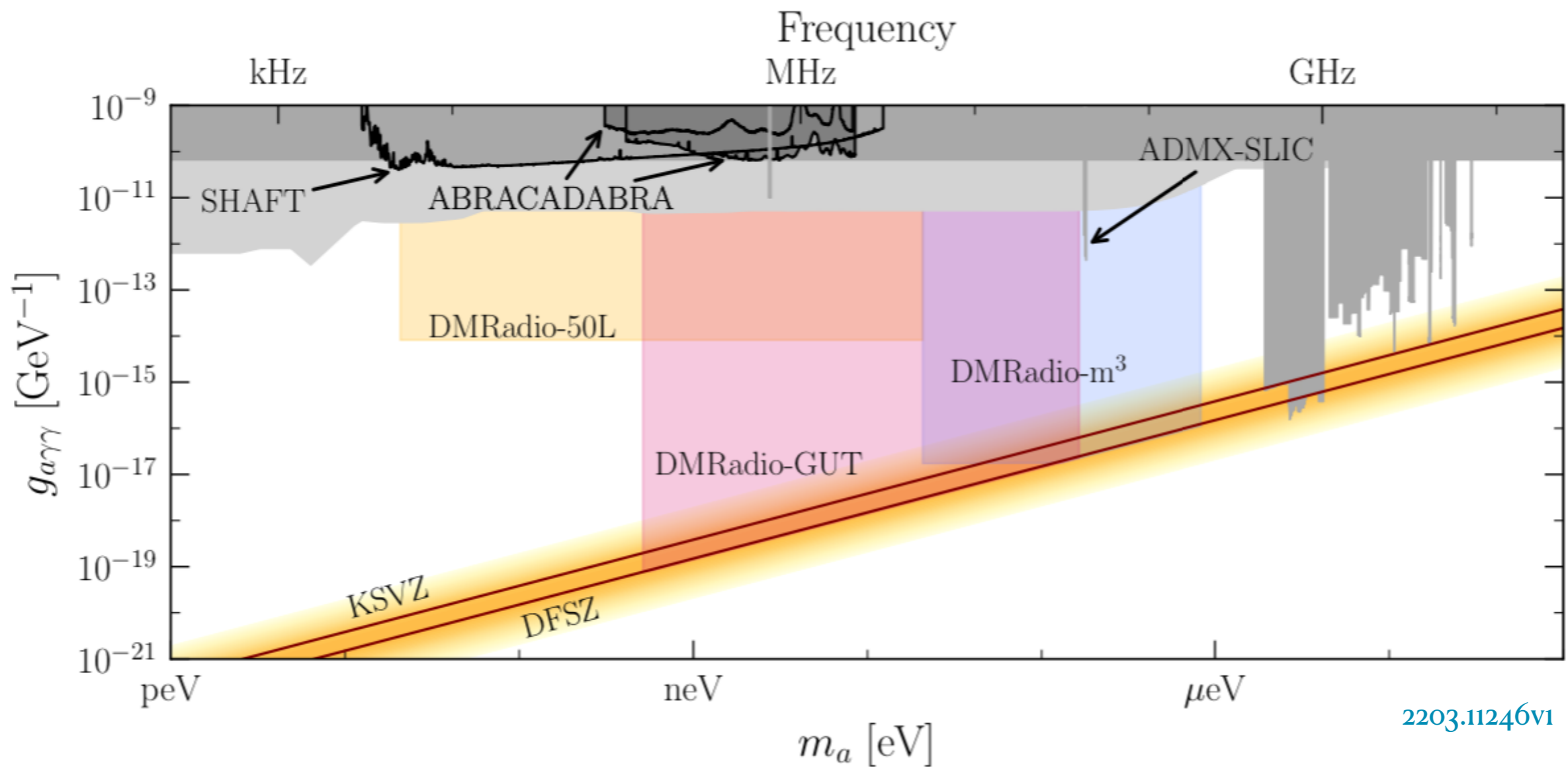
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# DMRadio program

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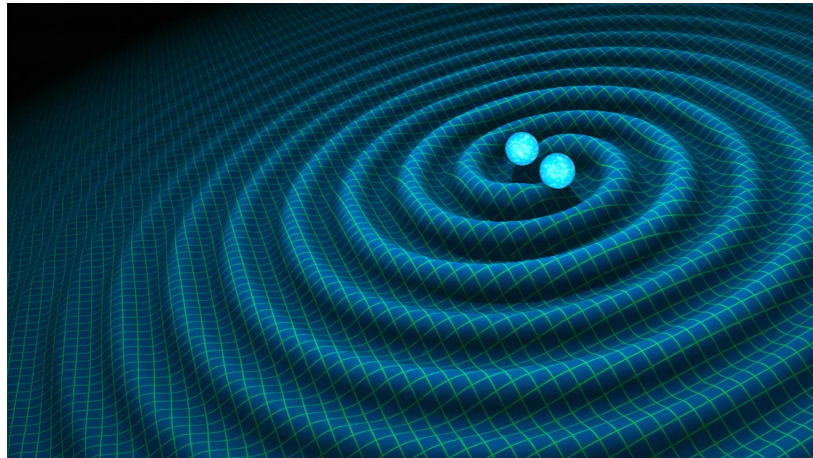
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talk by Nicholas M. Rapidis

# Effective current for gravitational waves

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$$j_{\text{eff}}^{\mu} = \partial_{\nu} \left( -\frac{1}{2} h F^{\mu\nu} + F^{\mu\alpha} h^{\nu}_{\alpha} - F^{\nu\alpha} h^{\mu}_{\alpha} \right)$$

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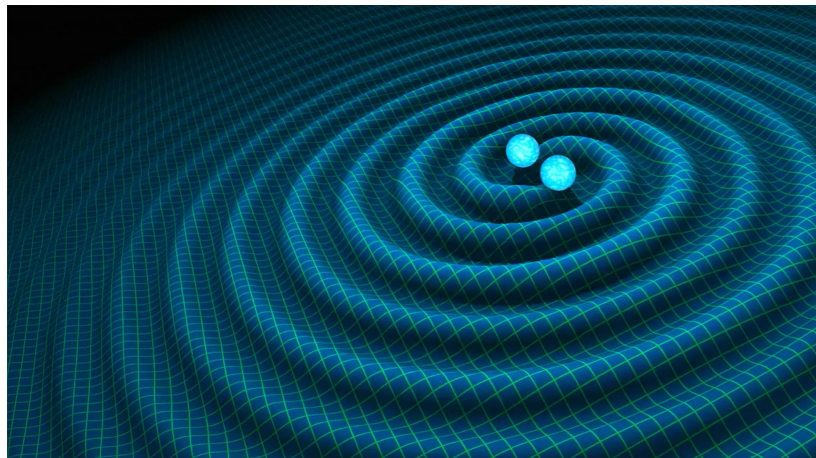
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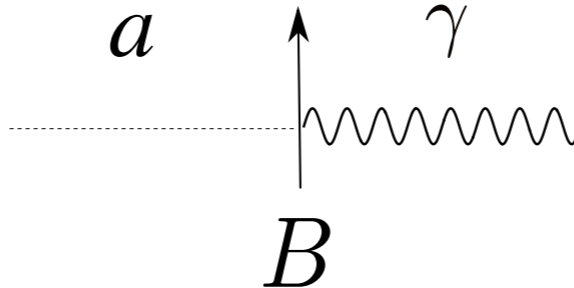
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(in the TT gauge)

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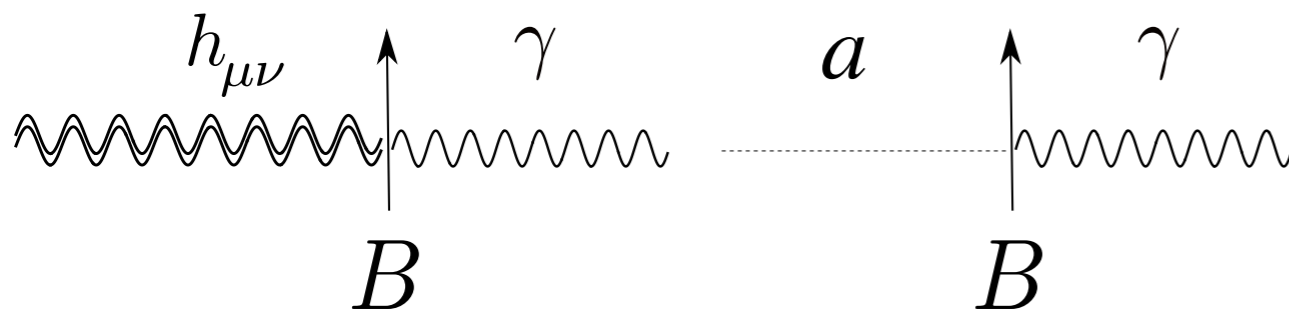
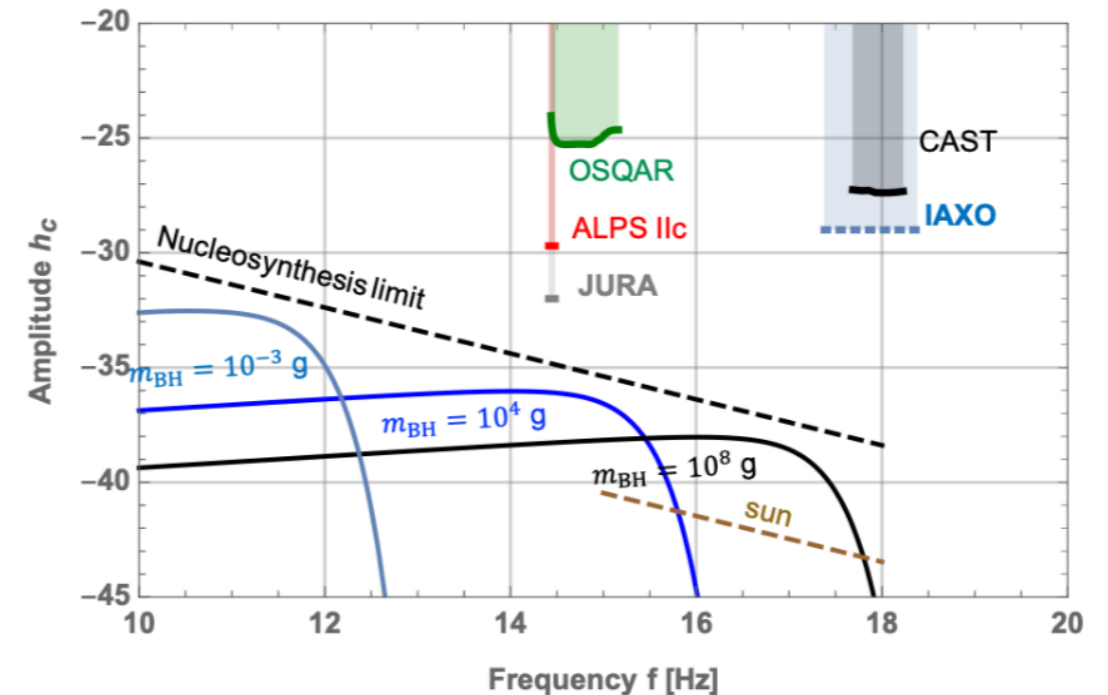
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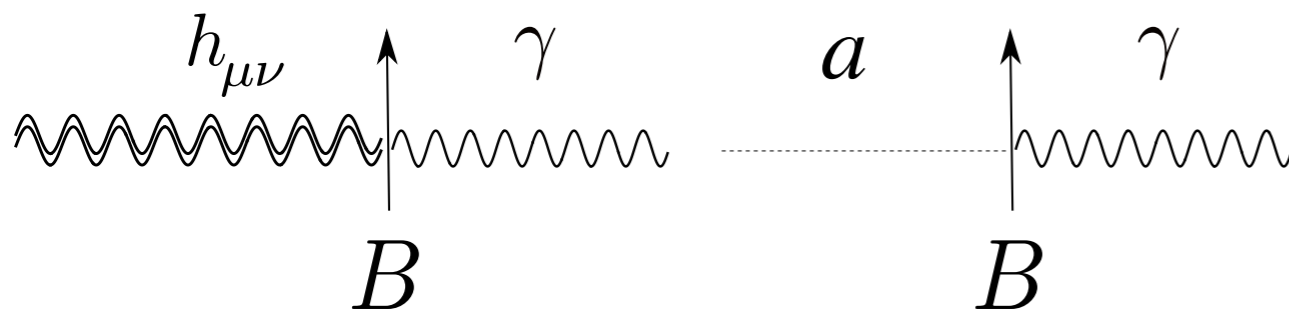
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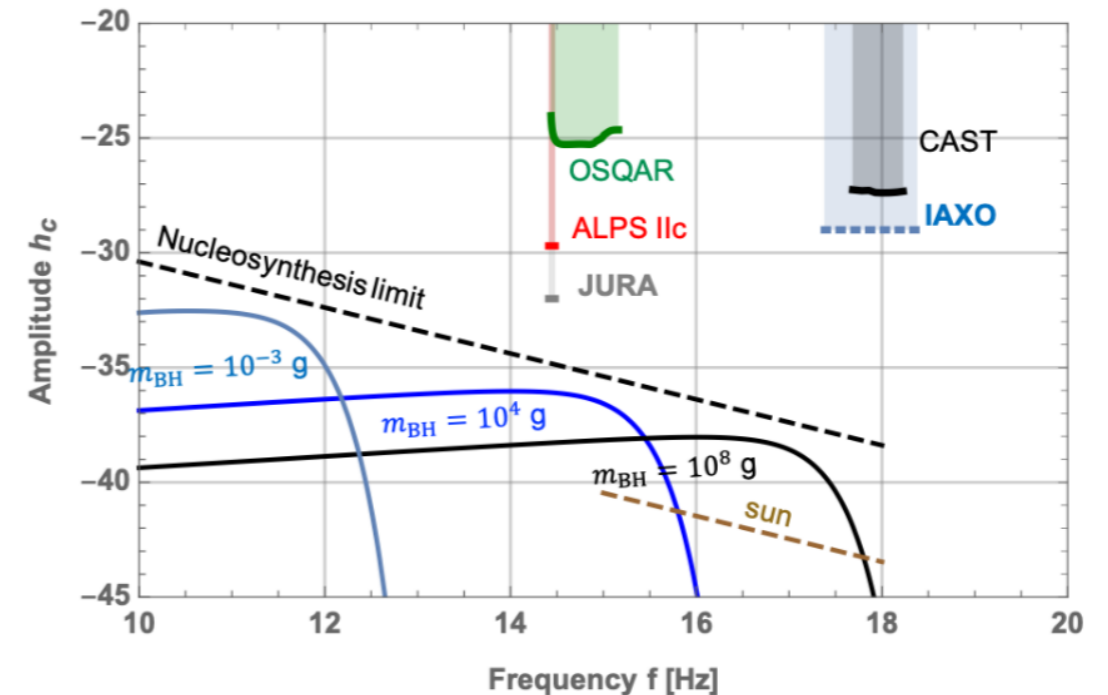
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# High-frequency gravitational waves

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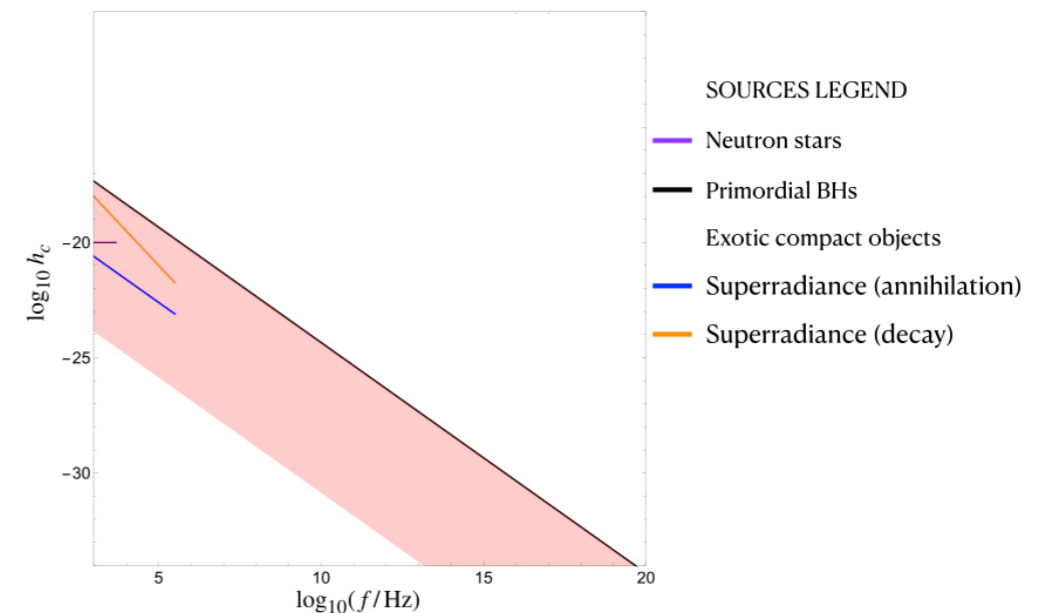
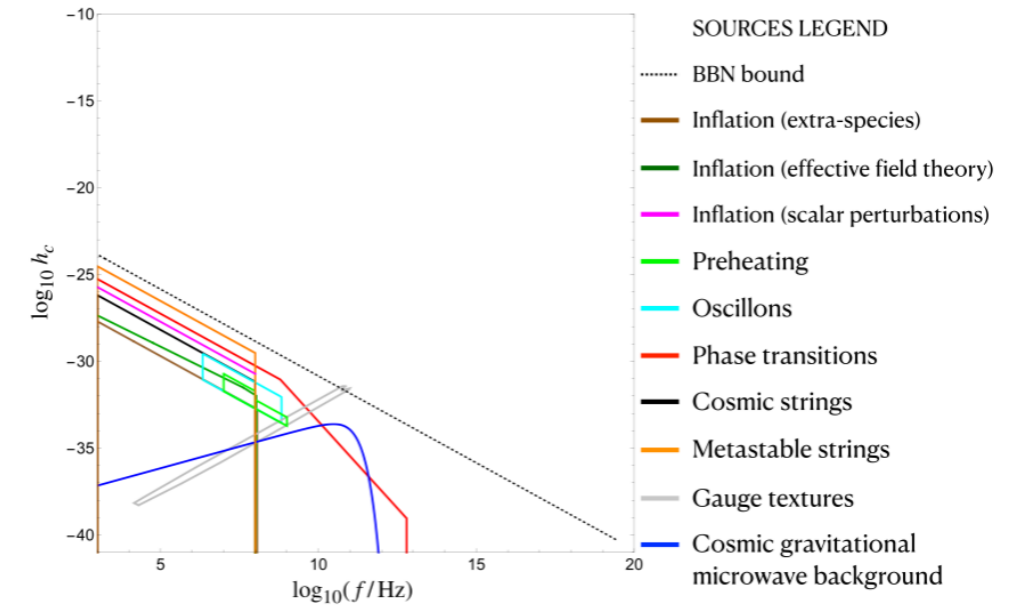
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## Challenges and opportunities of gravitational-wave searches at MHz to GHz frequencies

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

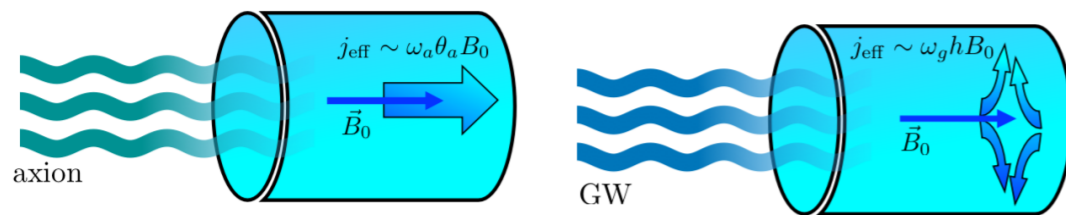


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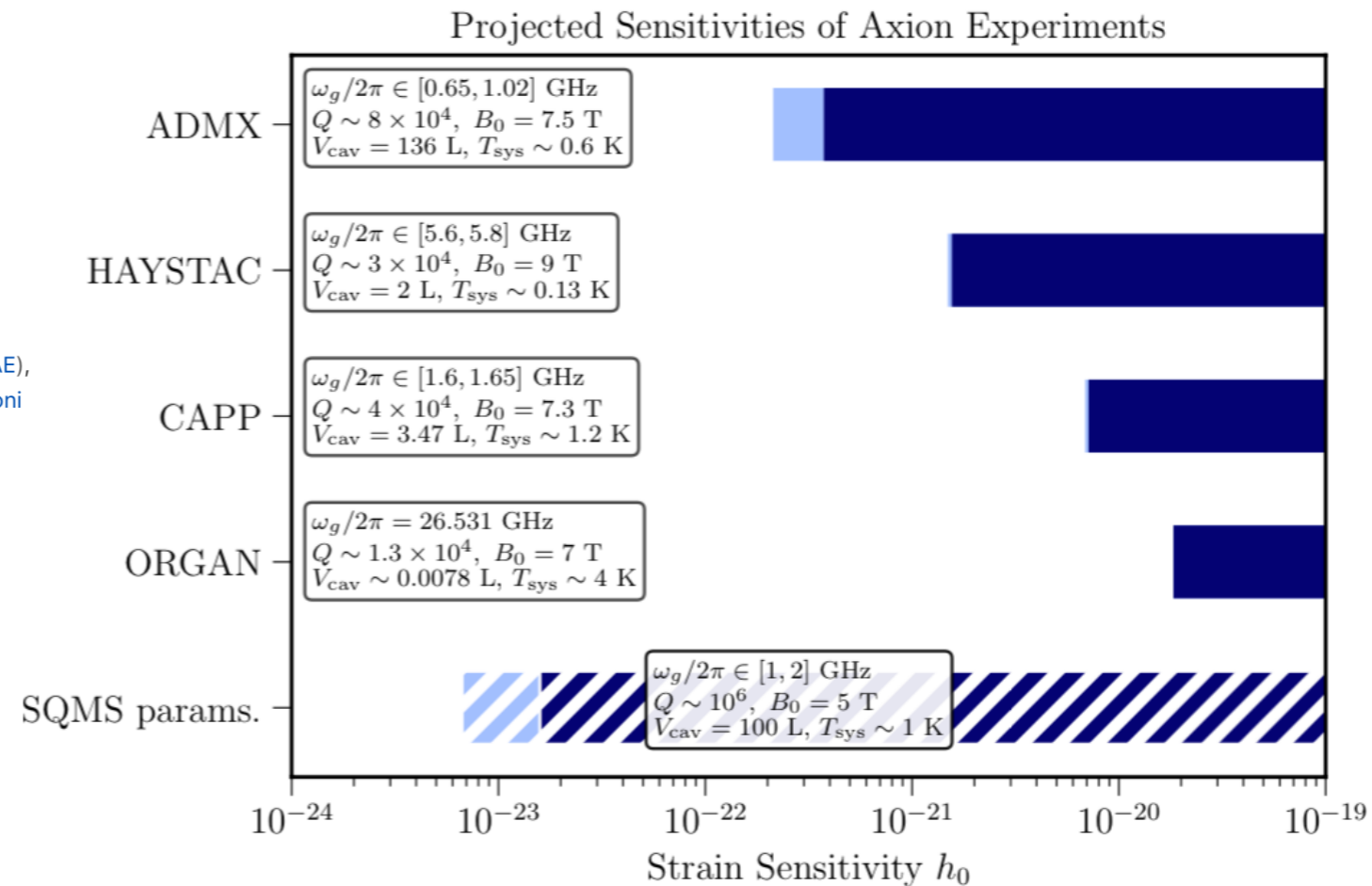
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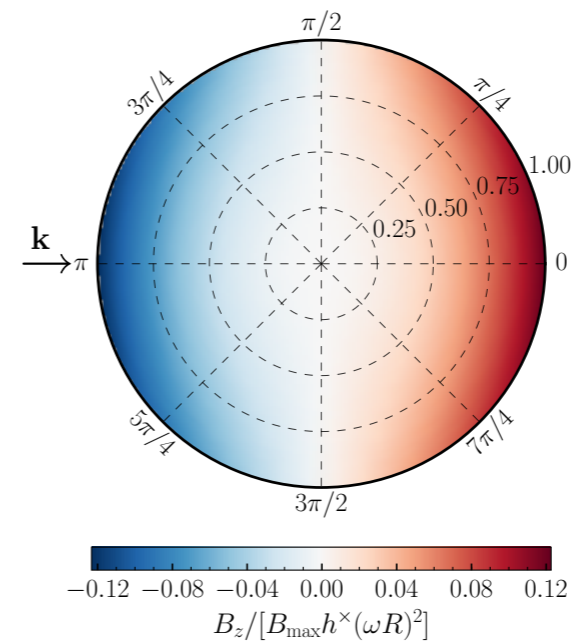
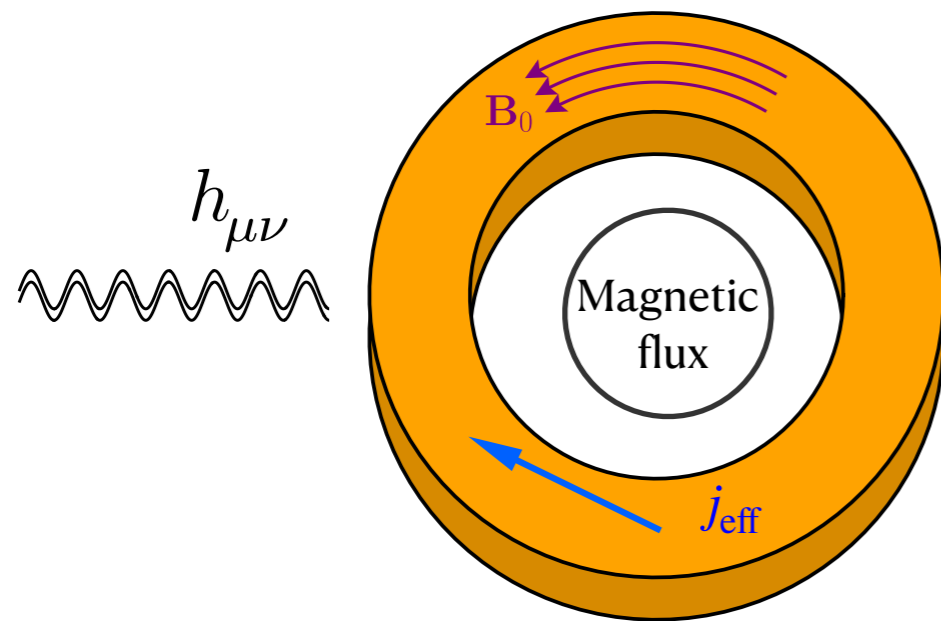


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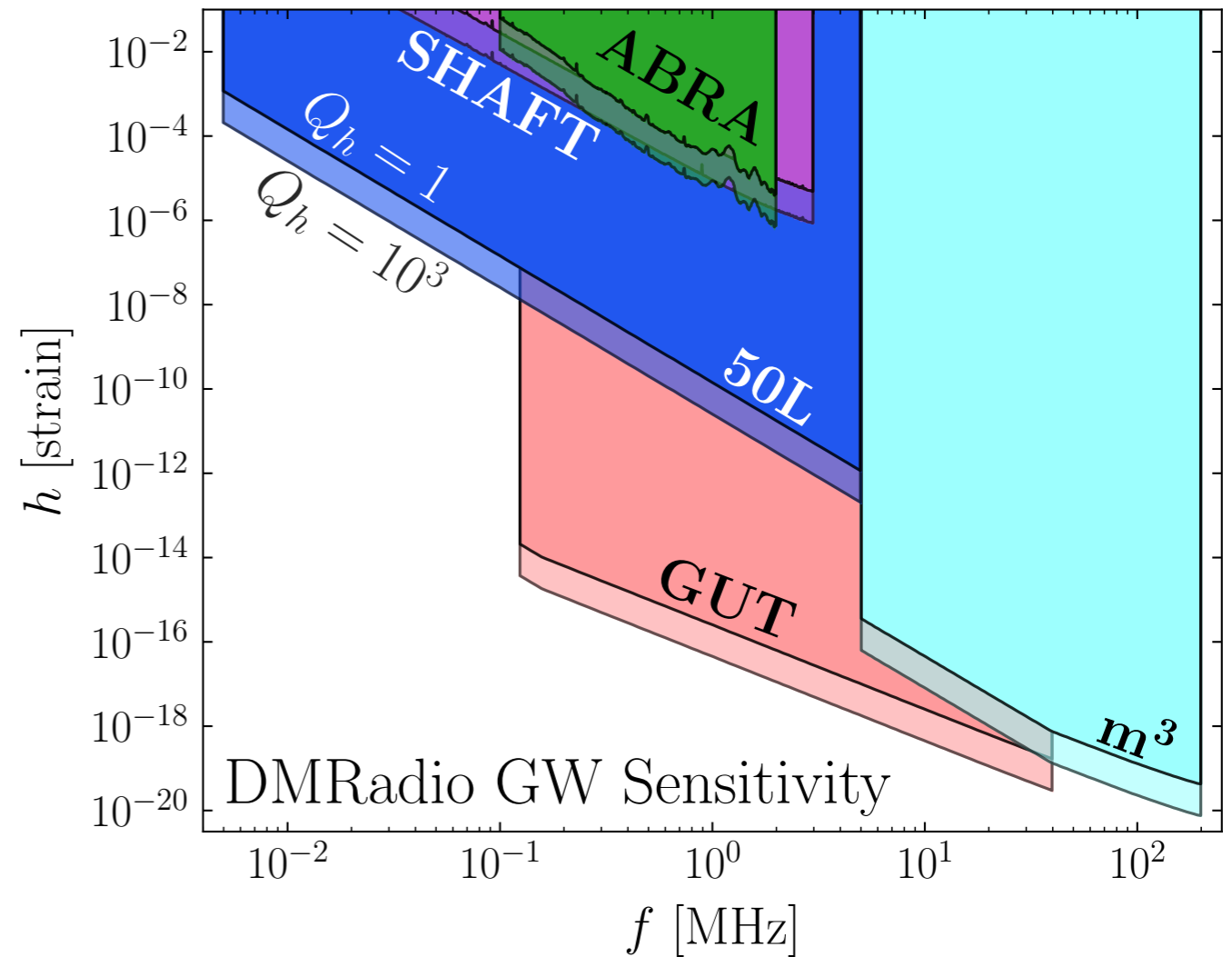
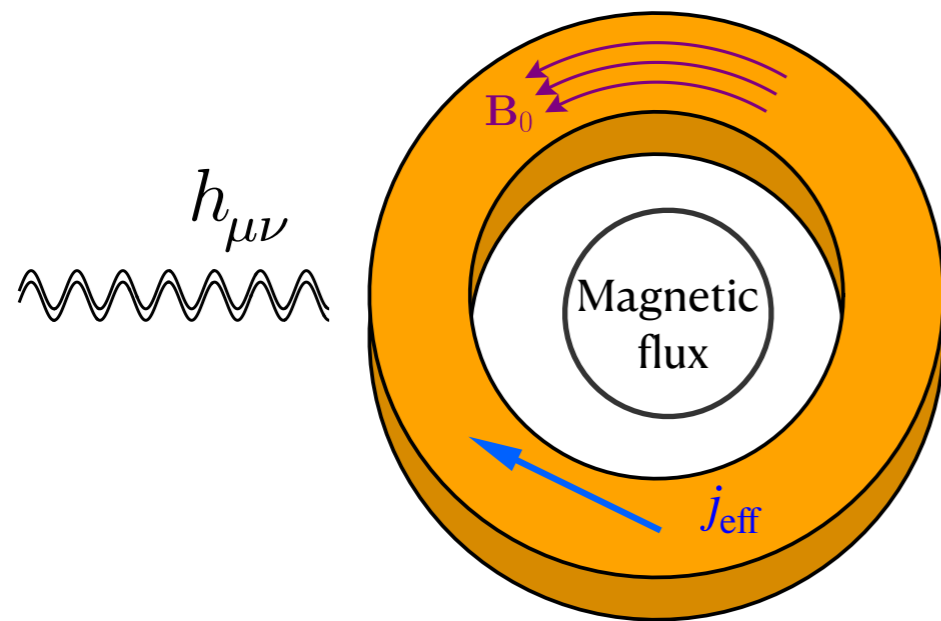
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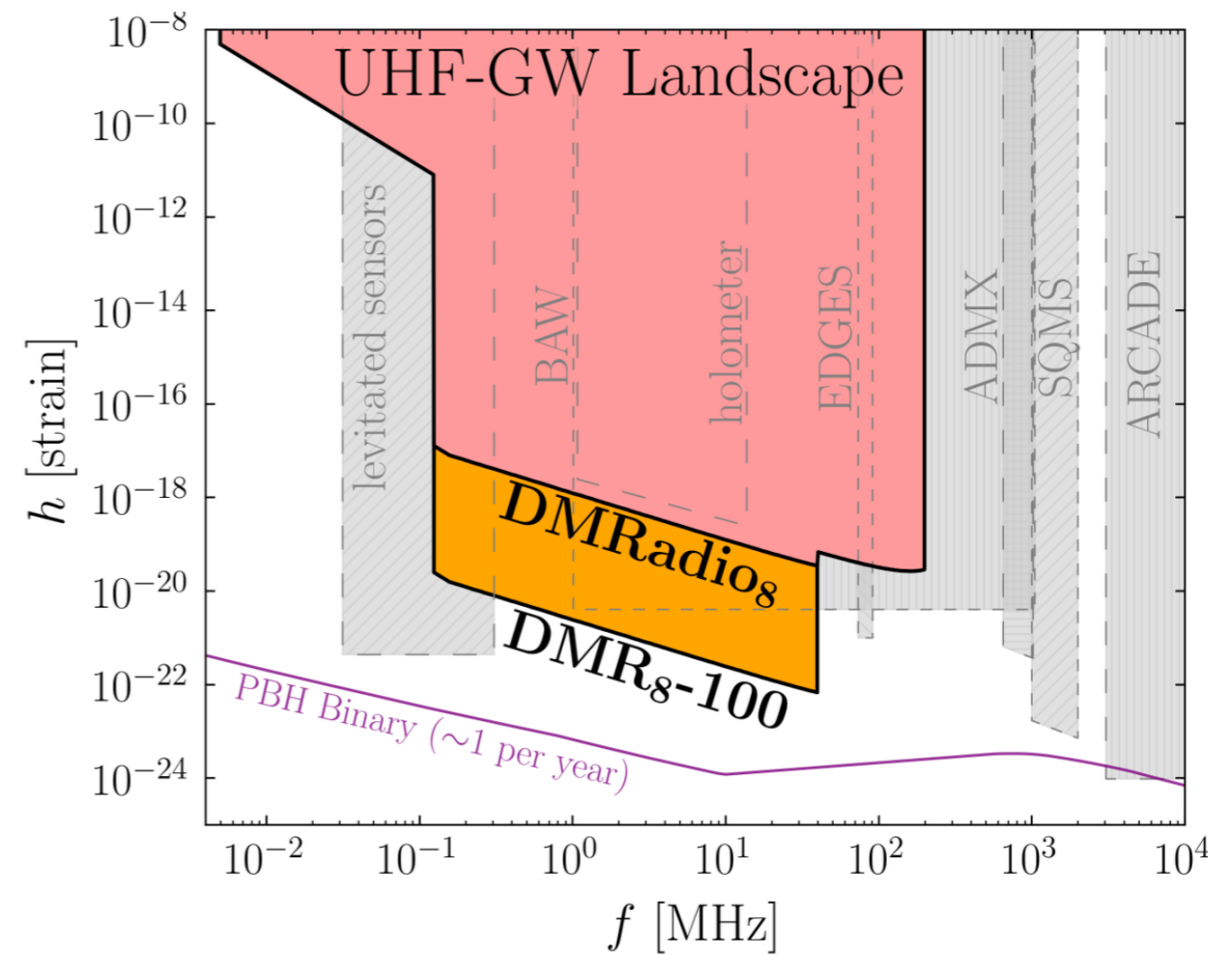
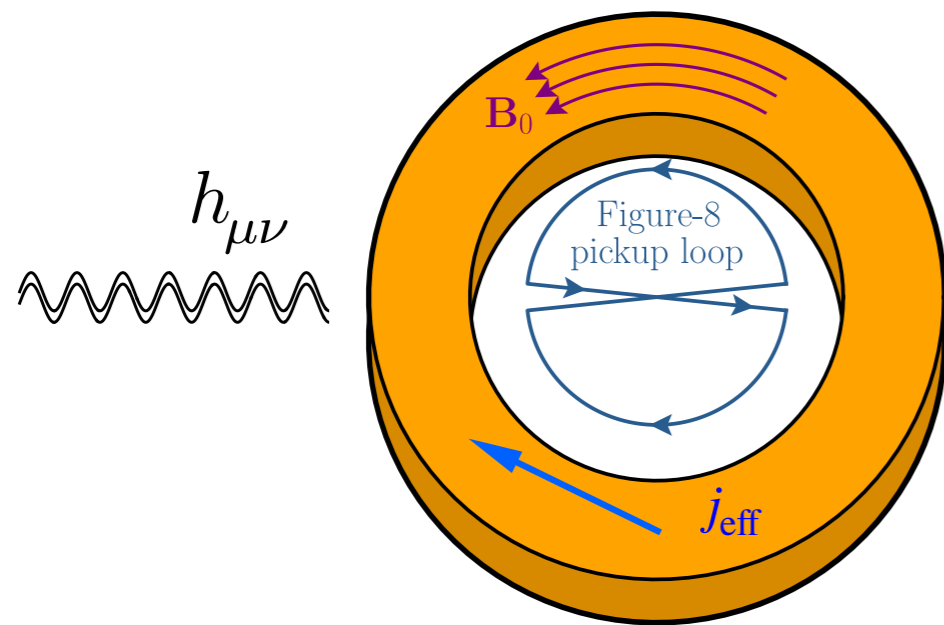
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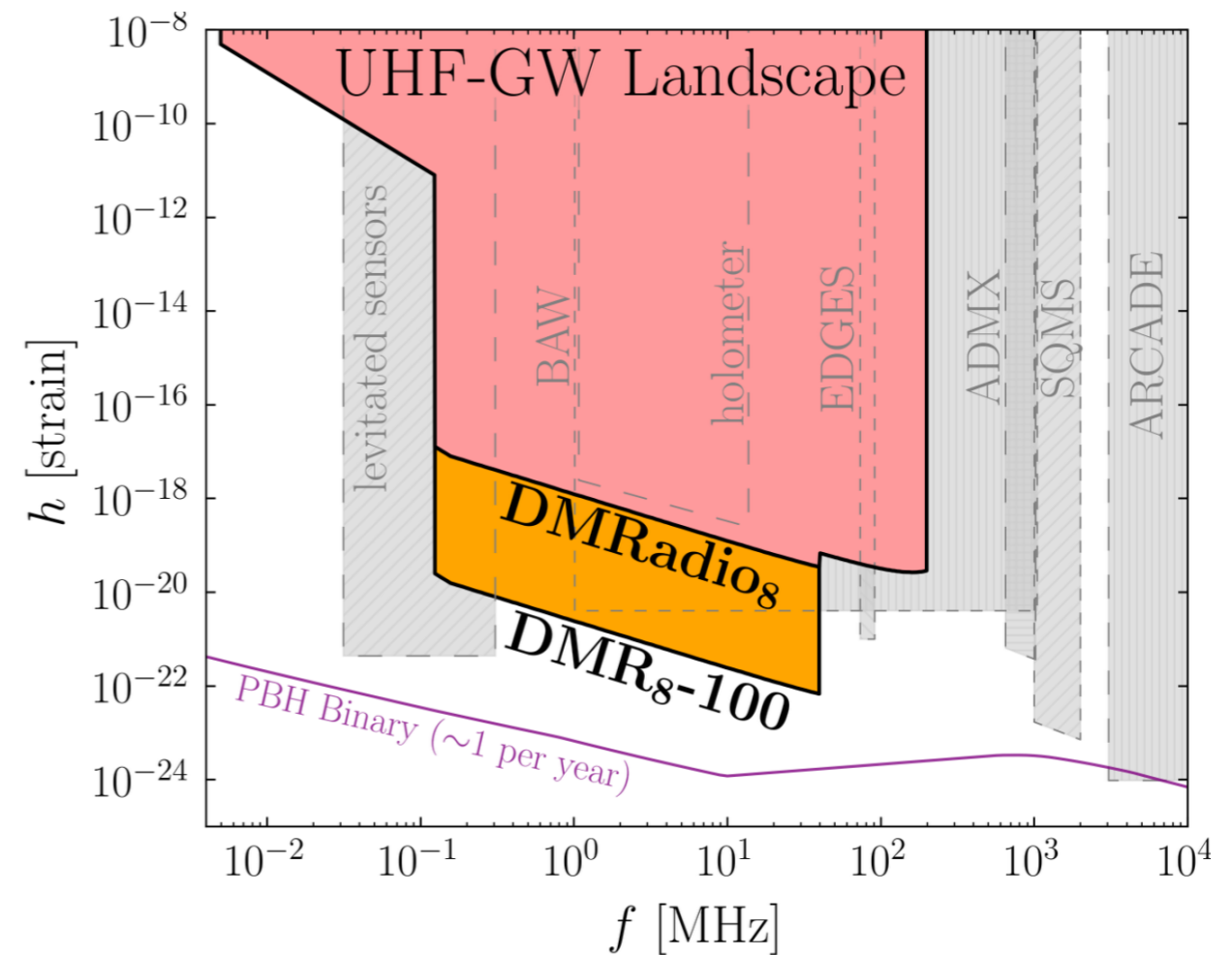
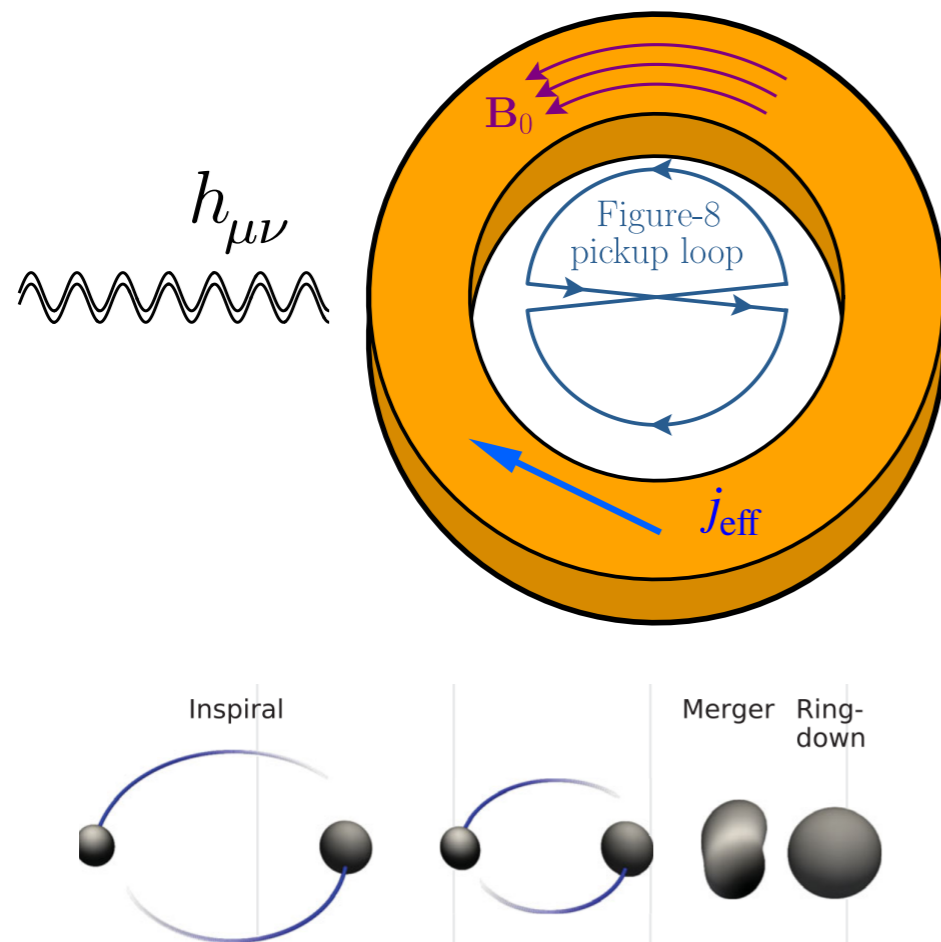
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$$f \simeq 220 \text{ MHz} \left( \frac{10^{-5} M_{\odot}}{m_{\text{PBH}}} \right)$$



Up-to-date estimate of PBH in binaries and their expected merger rate accounting for the local overdensity in the Milky Way

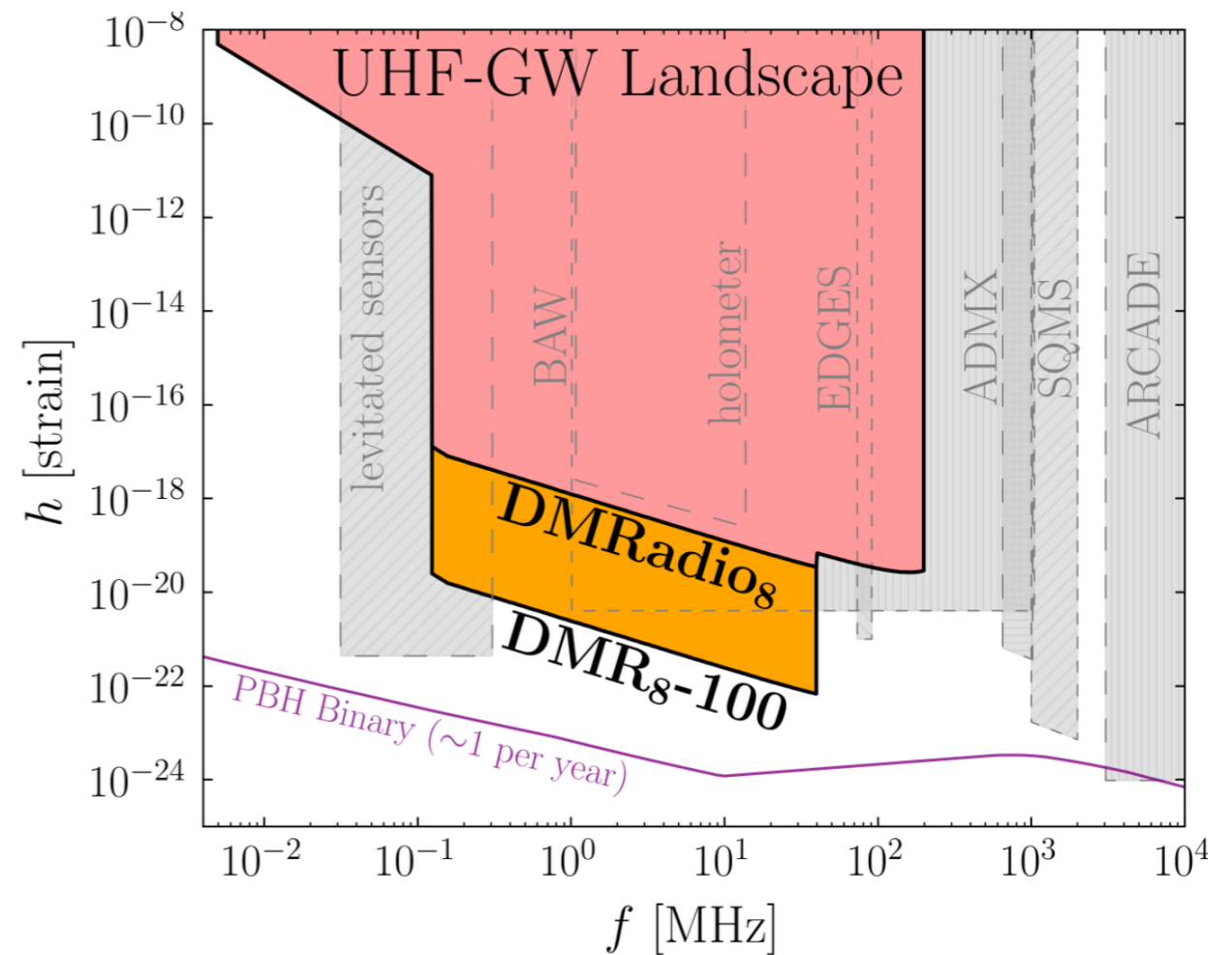
See also 2205.02153 by Franciolini, A. Maharana, and F. Muia,

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# Conclusions

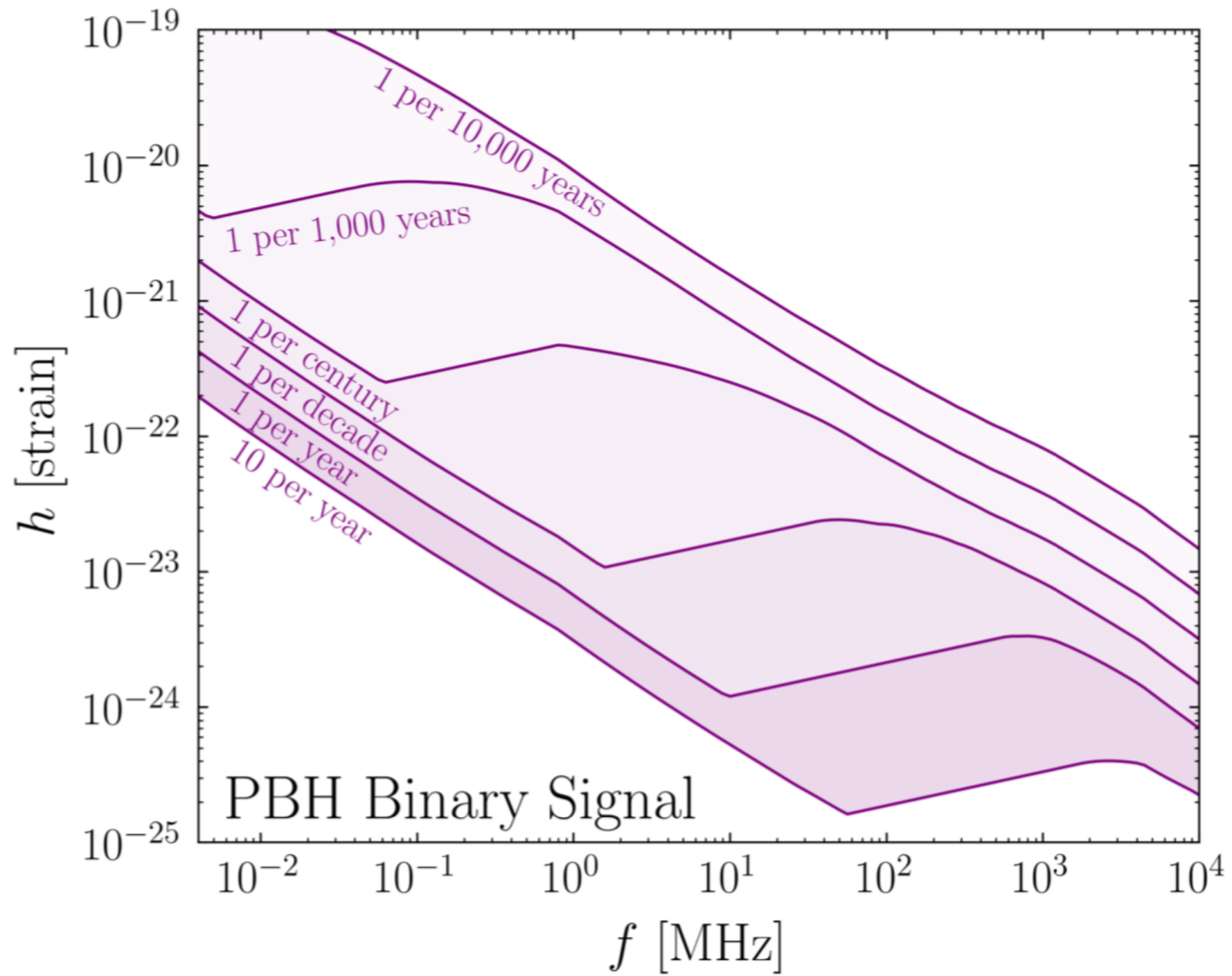
The axion program may discover not only the **dark matter of our Universe**, but also exotic sources of **gravitational waves**

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.



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# Backup slides

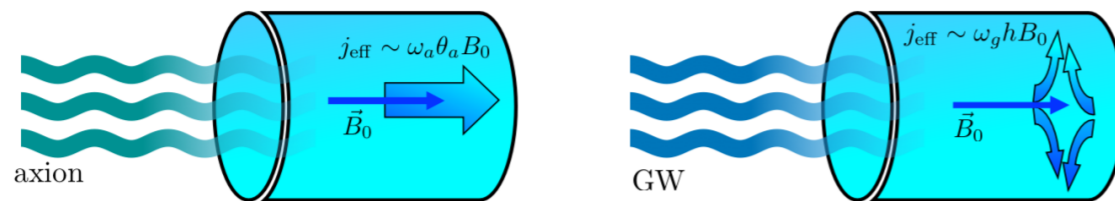


# Subtleties due to gauge fixing (TT vs detector frame gauge)

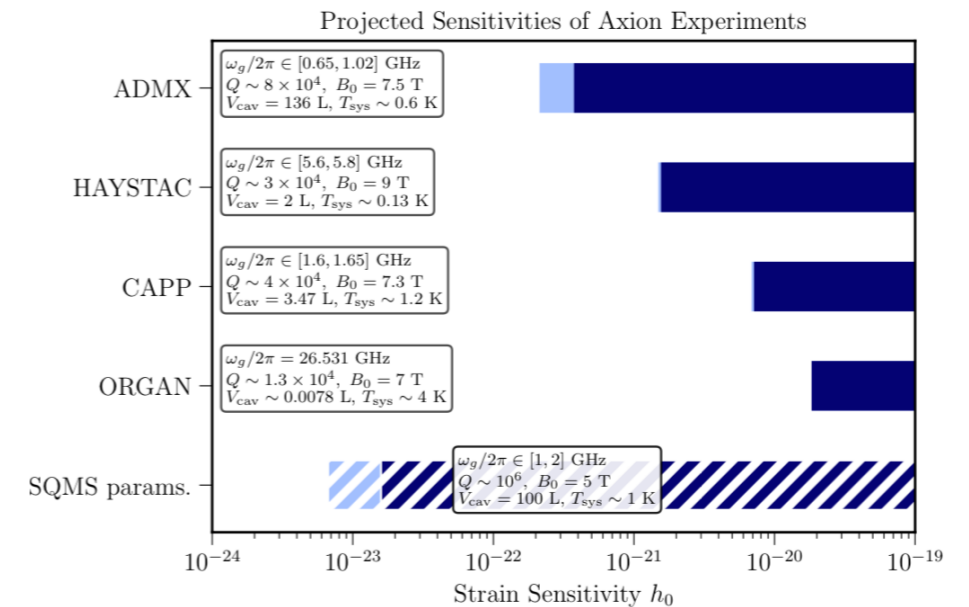
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- In the TT frame, the description of rigid bodies becomes unintuitive, as their coordinates are deformed by a passing GW due to the motion of the coordinate system. **This is crucial to implement boundary conditions.**
- In the proper detector frame 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.
- Previous confusion in the literature due to this ( see e.g. 2012.12189)



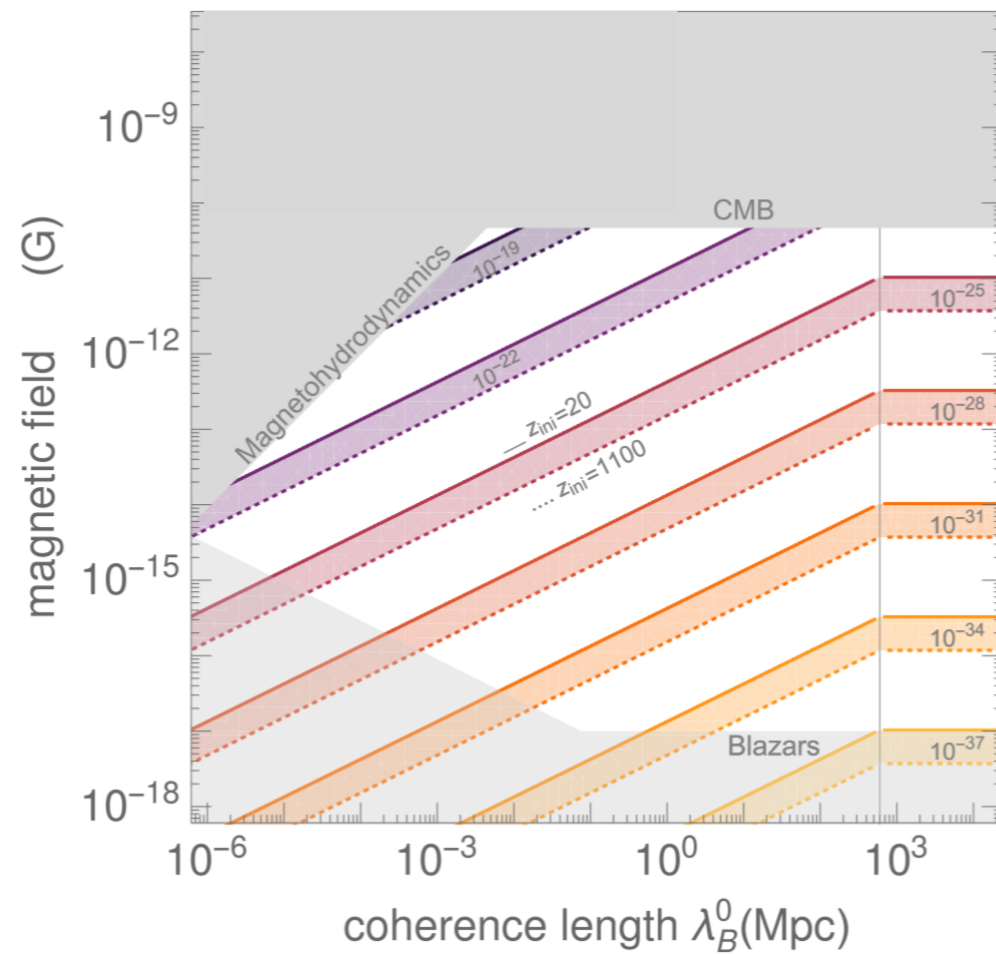
$$\left( \partial_t^2 + \frac{\omega_n}{Q_n} \partial_t + \omega_n^2 \right) e_n(t) = - \frac{\int_{V_{\text{cav}}} d^3\mathbf{x} \mathbf{E}_n^* \cdot \partial_t \mathbf{j}_{\text{eff}}}{\int_{V_{\text{cav}}} d^3\mathbf{x} |\mathbf{E}_n|^2}$$

Eigenmodes

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

	Axion electrodynamics	Gravitational wave electrodynamics
An example		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>	$P_i = -h_{ij} E_j + \frac{1}{2} h E_i + h_{00} E_i - \epsilon_{ijk} h_{0j} B_k$ $M_i = -h_{ij} B_j - \frac{1}{2} h B_i + h_{jj} B_i + \epsilon_{ijk} h_{0j} E_k$ <p>Domcke, CGC, Rodd, 2202.00695</p>
Benchmark	QCD axion	$h \sim 10^{-22}$

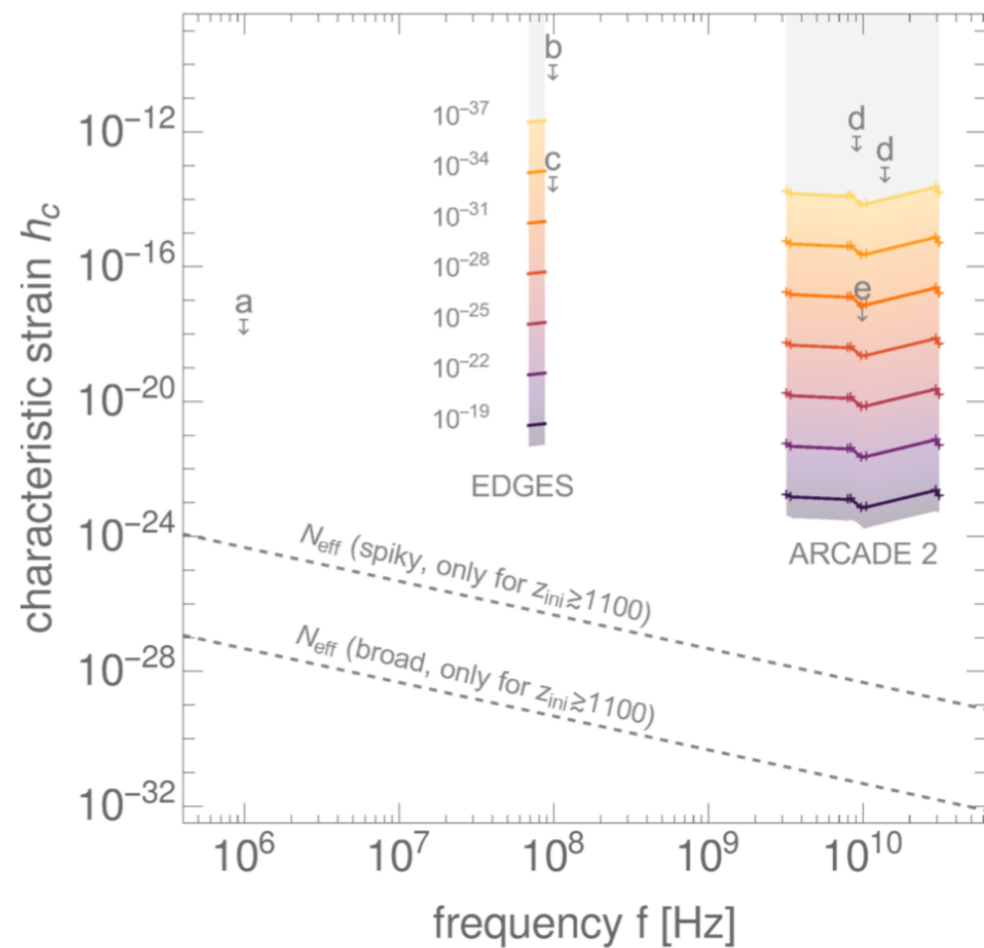
# Upper bounds on stochastic gravitational waves



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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](#)