

Revisiting Gravitational Wave Detection in an SRF Cavity

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Roadmap

Historical context

Electromagnetism in General Relativity

Indirect signal – an SRF cavity as a resonant bar

Direct signal – cavity as a Gertsenshtein converter

Sources & experimental context

Noise in an SRF cavity

SRF figures of merit & goals

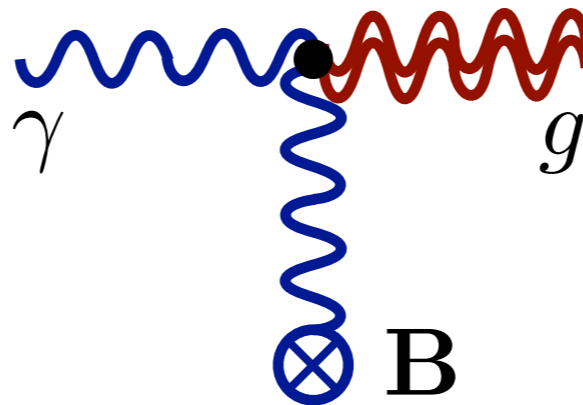
Potential sensitivity**

***ultra-preliminary*

GW interaction w/ EM

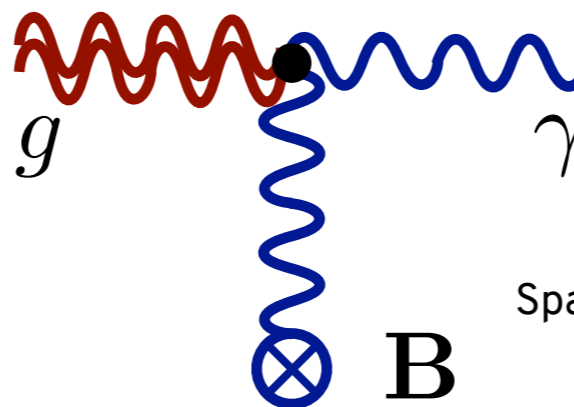
Gertsenshtein effect, 1962

Also Zeldovich 1973



$$\square h_{\{+, \times\}} = 16\pi G_N B \partial_i A_{\{+, \times\}}$$

Naturally, inverse process also allowed



Spatial and temporal variations of graviton contribute

See e.g. Domcke & Garcia-Cely PRL126 (2021)

GW interaction w/ EM strategy: venerable history

Braginskii & Menskii, 1971

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HIGH-FREQUENCY DETECTION OF GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

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ZhETF Pis. Red. 13, No. 11, 585 - 587 (5 June 1971)

Pegoraro, Picasso & Radicati, 1978

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On the operation of a tunable electromagnetic detector for gravitational waves

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Received 6 December 1977, in final form 20 April 1978

Pegoraro, Radicati, Bernard & Picasso, 1978

Led to MAGO collaboration @ CERN

early 2000's

See also Caves 1979, Reece, Reiner & Melissinos 1982, 1984

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Variations of metric (GWs) act as EM source terms

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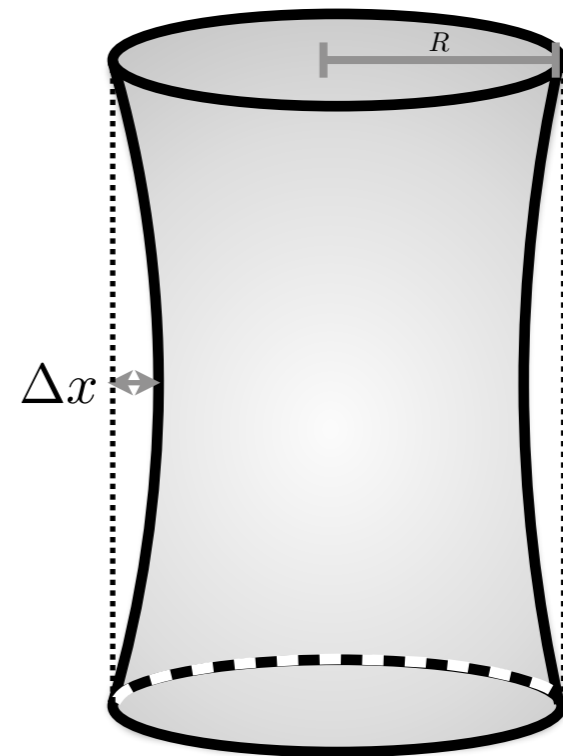
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Generation of EM wave from GW and background field:

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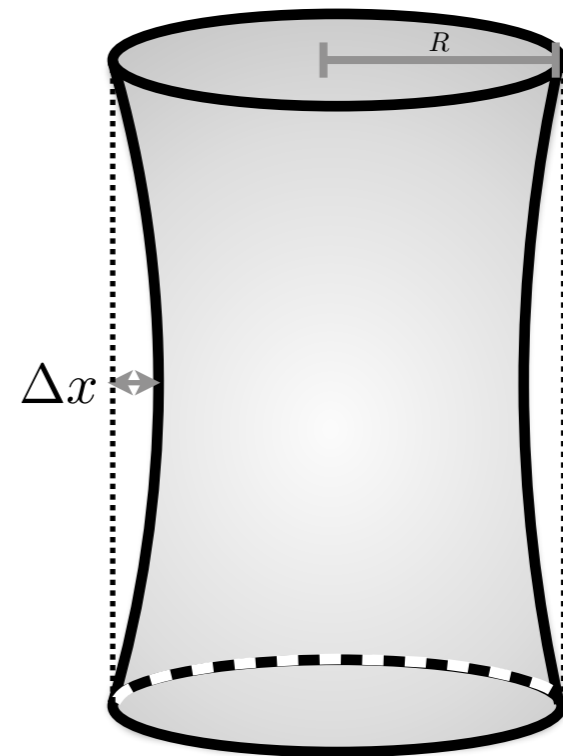


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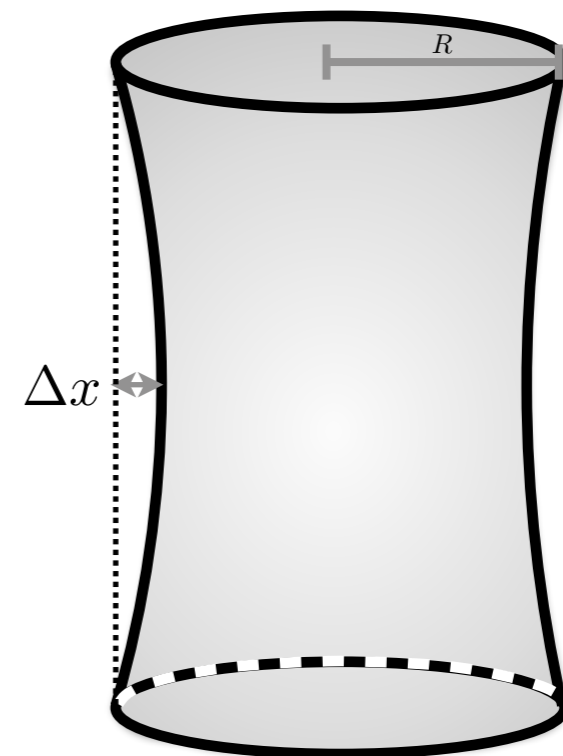
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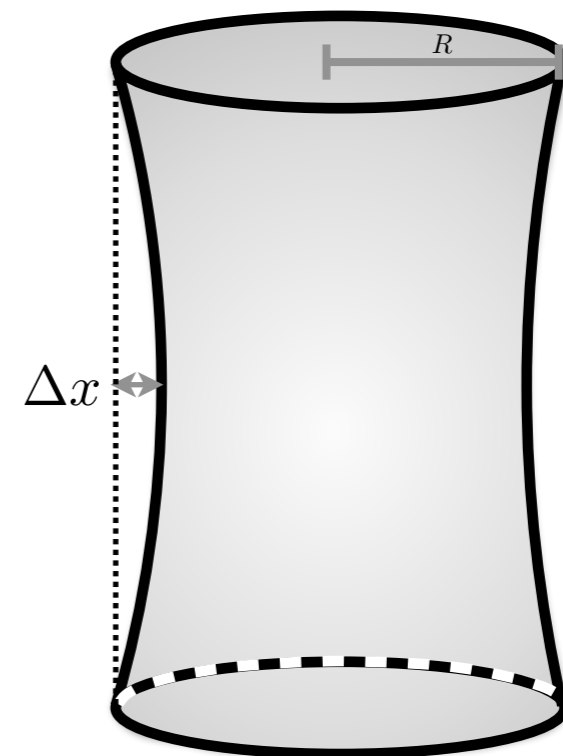
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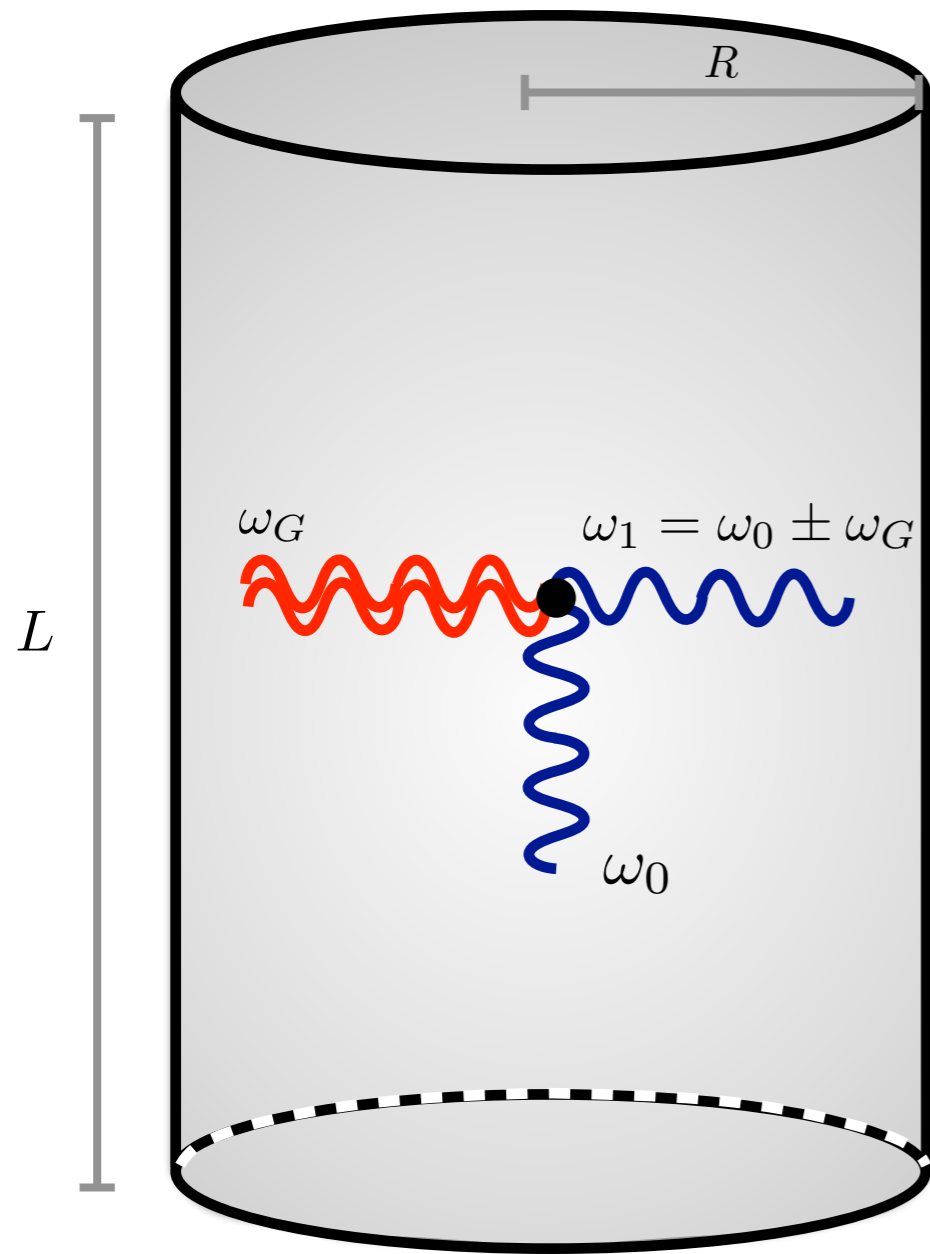
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Focus of MAGO collaboration @ CERN in early 2000s – e.g. [gr-qc/0502054](https://arxiv.org/abs/gr-qc/0502054)



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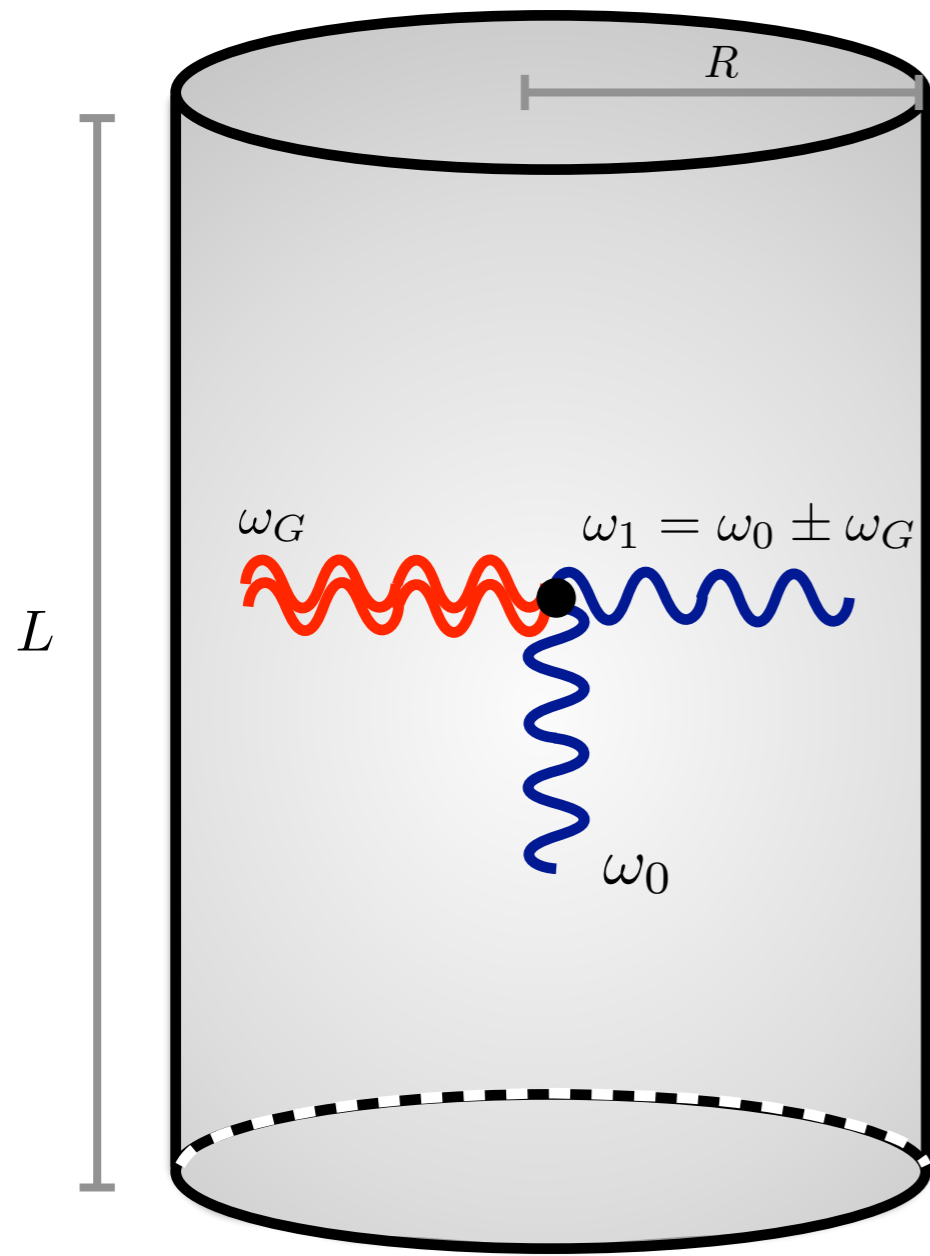
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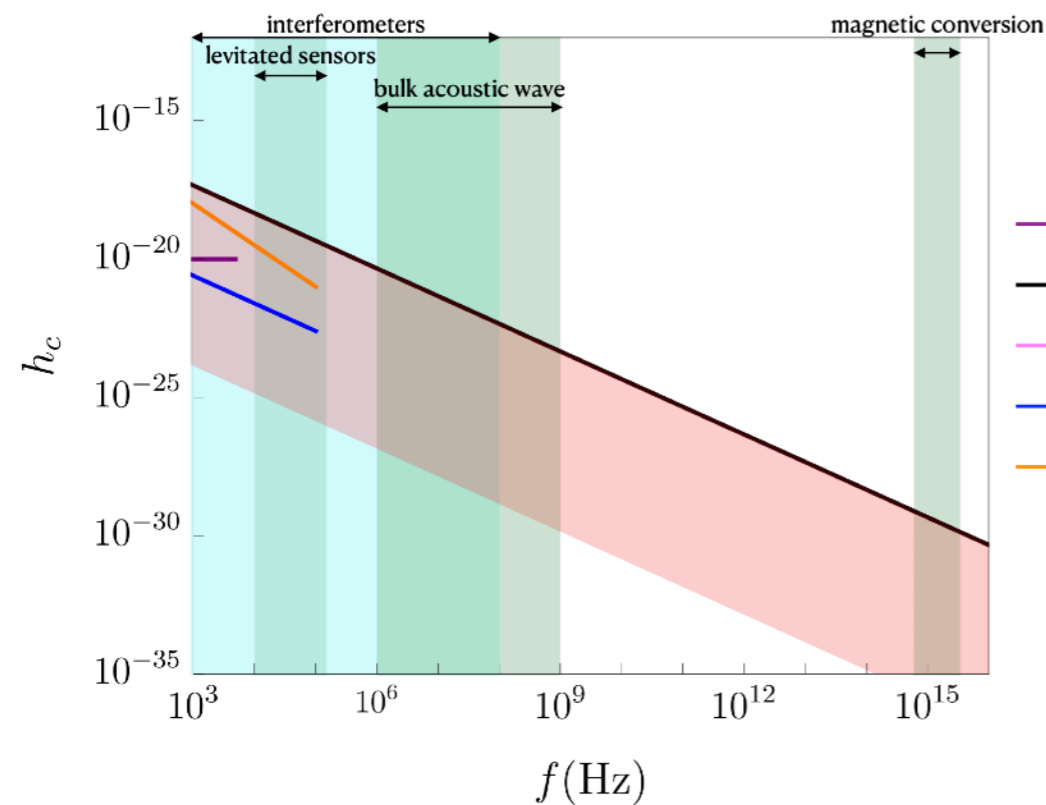
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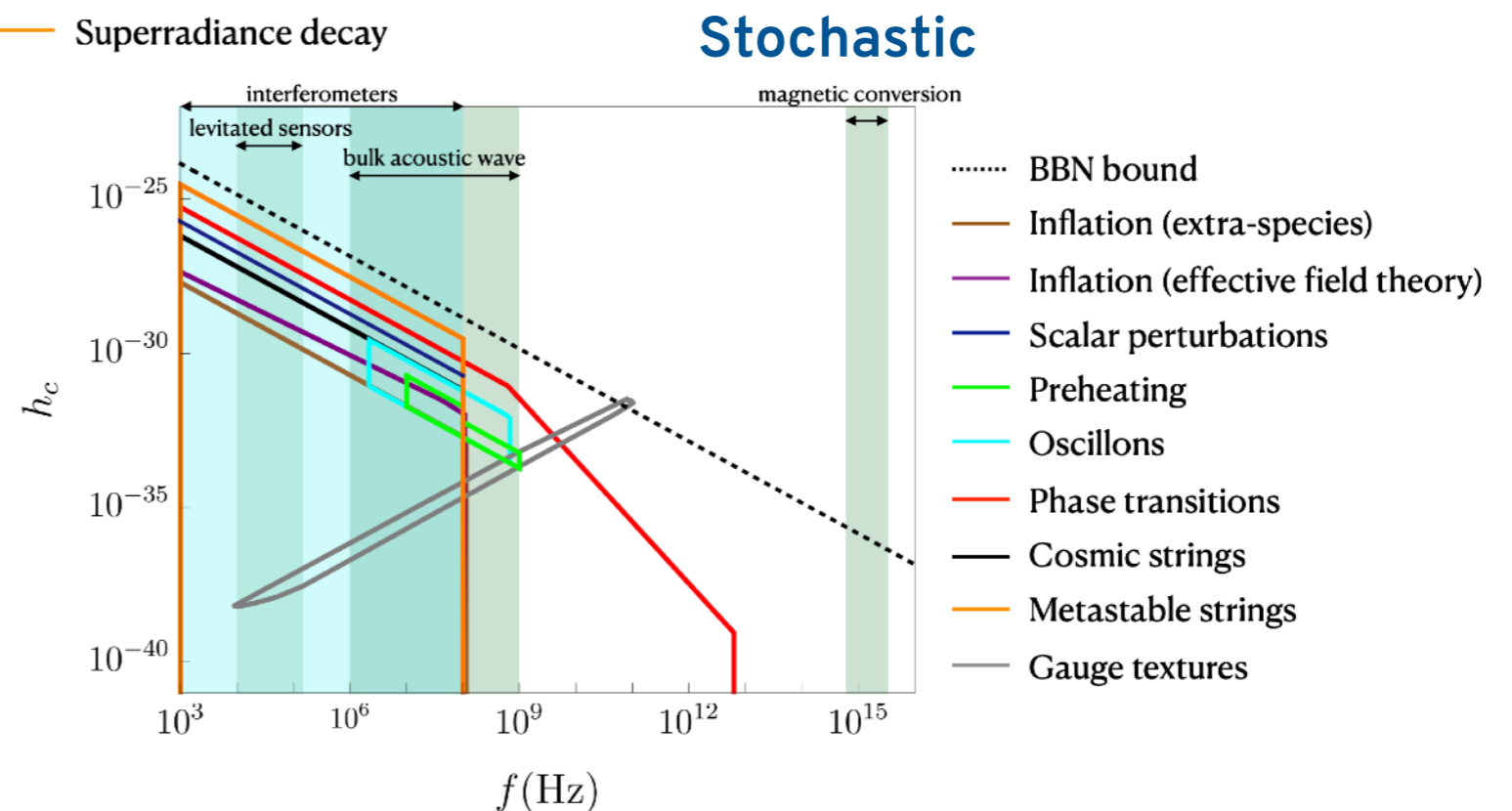
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What about sources in MHz to GHz range?



Coherent

Aggarwal et al, 2011.12414



Experimental context

Technical concept	Frequency	Proposed sensitivity (dimensionless)	Proposed sensitivity $\sqrt{S_n(f)}$
Spherical resonant mass, Sec. 4.1.3 [282]			
Mini-GRAIL (built) [289]	2942.9 Hz	10^{-20} $2.3 \cdot 10^{-23} (*)$	$5 \cdot 10^{-20} \text{ Hz}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ $10^{-22} \text{ Hz}^{-\frac{1}{2}} (*)$
Schenberg antenna (built) [286]	3.2 kHz	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-20}$ $2.4 \cdot 10^{-23} (*)$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ Hz}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ $10^{-22} \text{ Hz}^{-\frac{1}{2}} (*)$
Laser interferometers			
NEMO (devised), Sec. 4.1.1 [25,272]	[1 – 2.5] kHz	$9.4 \cdot 10^{-26}$	$10^{-24} \text{ Hz}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$
Akutsu's proposal (built), Sec. 4.1.2 [277,328]	100 MHz	$7 \cdot 10^{-14}$ $2 \cdot 10^{-19} (*)$	$10^{-16} \text{ Hz}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ $10^{-20} \text{ Hz}^{-\frac{1}{2}} (*)$
Holometer (built), Sec. 4.1.2 [279]	[1 – 13] MHz	$8 \cdot 10^{-22}$	$10^{-21} \text{ Hz}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$
Optically levitated sensors, Sec. 4.2.1 [59]			
1-meter prototype (under construction)	(10 – 100) kHz	$2.4 \cdot 10^{-20} - 4.2 \cdot 10^{-22}$	$(10^{-19} - 10^{-21}) \text{ Hz}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$
100-meter instrument (devised)	(10 – 100) kHz	$2.4 \cdot 10^{-22} - 4.2 \cdot 10^{-24}$	$(10^{-21} - 10^{-23}) \text{ Hz}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

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Resonant polarization rotation , Sec. 4.2.4 [307]			
Cruise's detector (devised) [308]	$(0.1 - 10^5)$ GHz	$h \simeq 10^{-17}$	×
Cruise & Ingley's detector (prototype) [309, 310]	100 MHz	$8.9 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$10^{-14} \text{ Hz}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$
Enhanced magnetic conversion (theory), Sec. 4.2.5 [311]	5 GHz	$h \simeq 10^{-30} - 10^{-26}$	×
Bulk acoustic wave resonators (built), Sec. 4.2.6 [316, 317]	(MHz – GHz)	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-21} - 2.4 \cdot 10^{-20}$	$10^{-22} \text{ Hz}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$
Superconducting rings , (theory), Sec. 4.2.7 [318]	10 GHz	$h_{0,n,\text{mono}} \simeq 10^{-31}$	×
Microwave cavities , Sec. 4.2.8			
Caves' detector (devised) [320]	500 Hz	$h \simeq 2 \cdot 10^{-21}$	×
Reece's 1st detector (built) [321]	1 MHz	$h \simeq 4 \cdot 10^{-17}$	×
Reece's 2nd detector (built) [322]	10 GHz	$h \simeq 6 \cdot 10^{-14}$	×
Pegoraro's detector (devised) [323]	$(1 - 10)$ GHz	$h \simeq 10^{-25}$	×
Graviton-magnon resonance (theory), Sec. 4.2.9 [324]	$(8 - 14)$ GHz	$9.1 \cdot 10^{-17} - 1.1 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$(10^{-22} - 10^{-20}) \text{ Hz}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

Table 1: Summary of existing and proposed detectors with their respective sensitivities. See Sec. 4.3 for details.

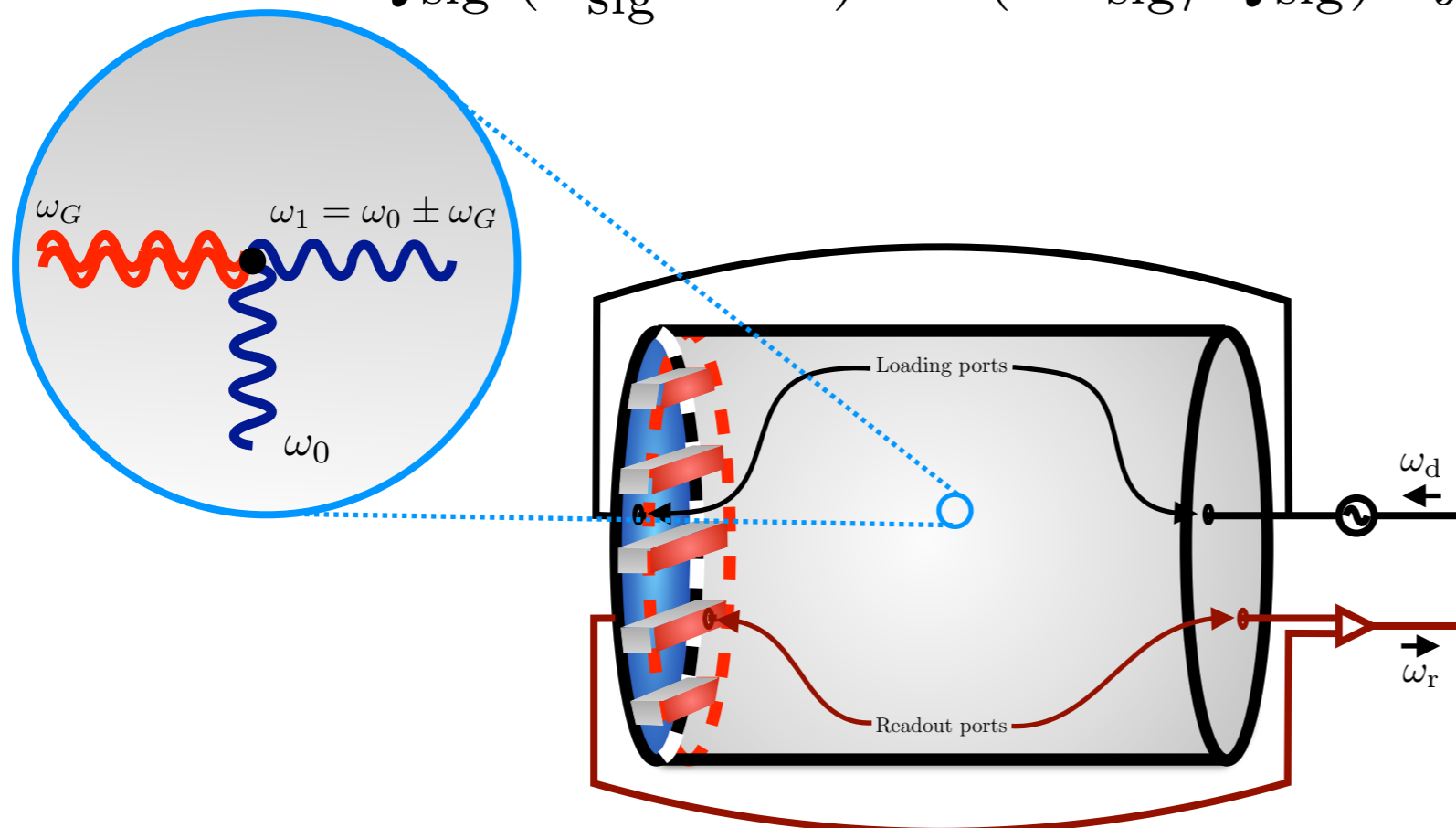
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Gravitational wave signal

Power Spectral Density:

$$S_{\text{sig}}(\omega) = \frac{\omega_{\text{sig}}}{Q_{\text{sig}}} \frac{\omega^4 (\eta E_0 h_0)^2 V}{(\omega_{\text{sig}}^2 - \omega^2)^2 + (\omega \omega_{\text{sig}} / Q_{\text{sig}})^2} \int \frac{d\omega'}{2\pi} S_H(\omega - \omega') S_{e_0}(\omega')$$

Convolution of GW PSD and loaded mode PSD

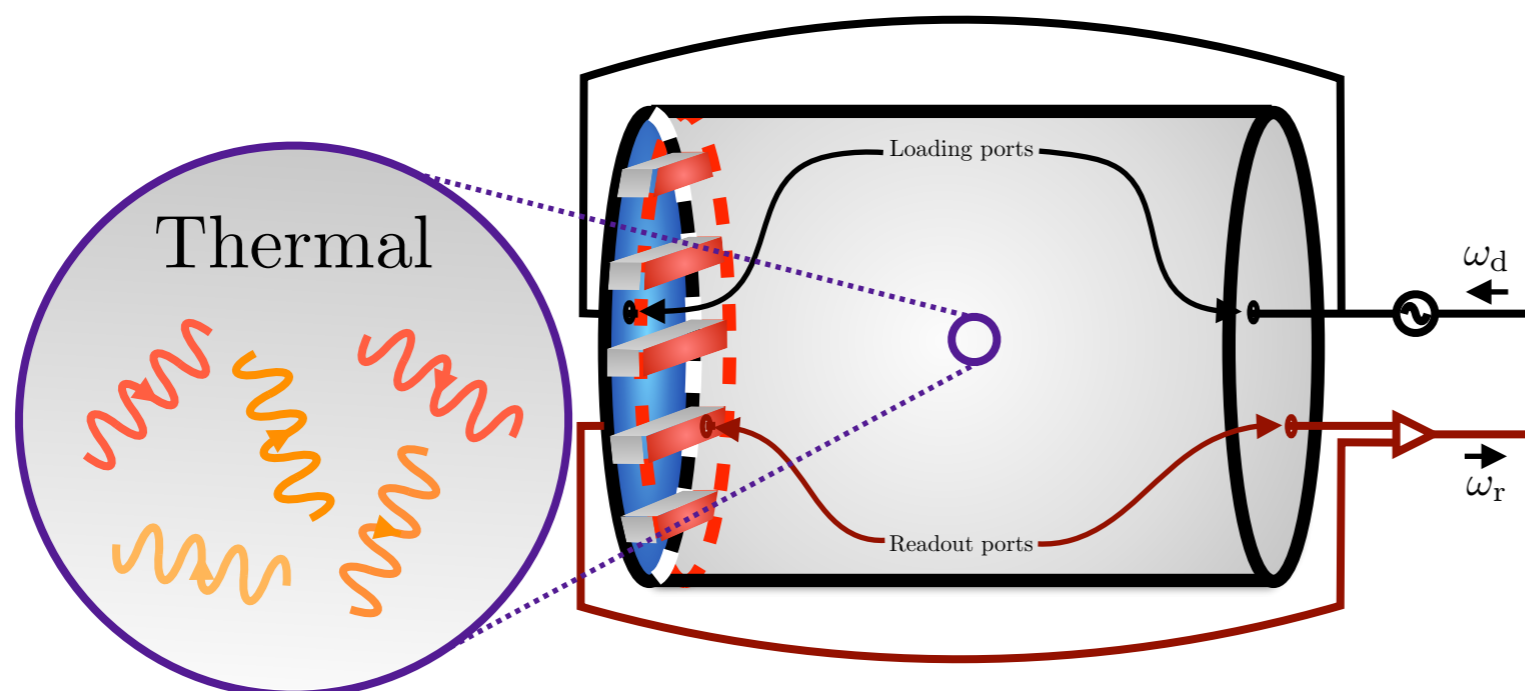


Signal PSD will depend on spectrum of GW source e.g. monochromatic, flat, neither...

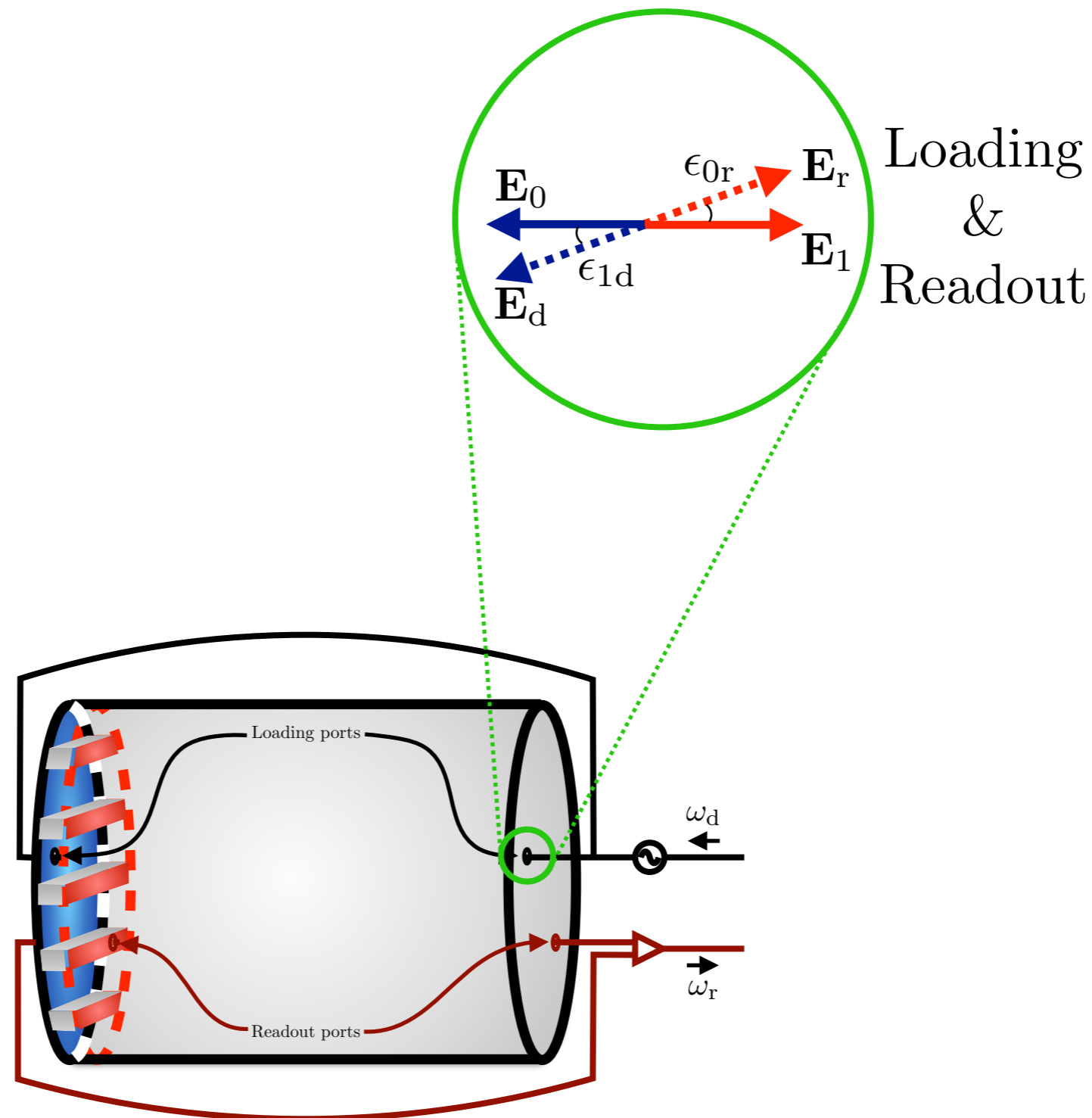
Standard Noise Sources: Thermal Noise

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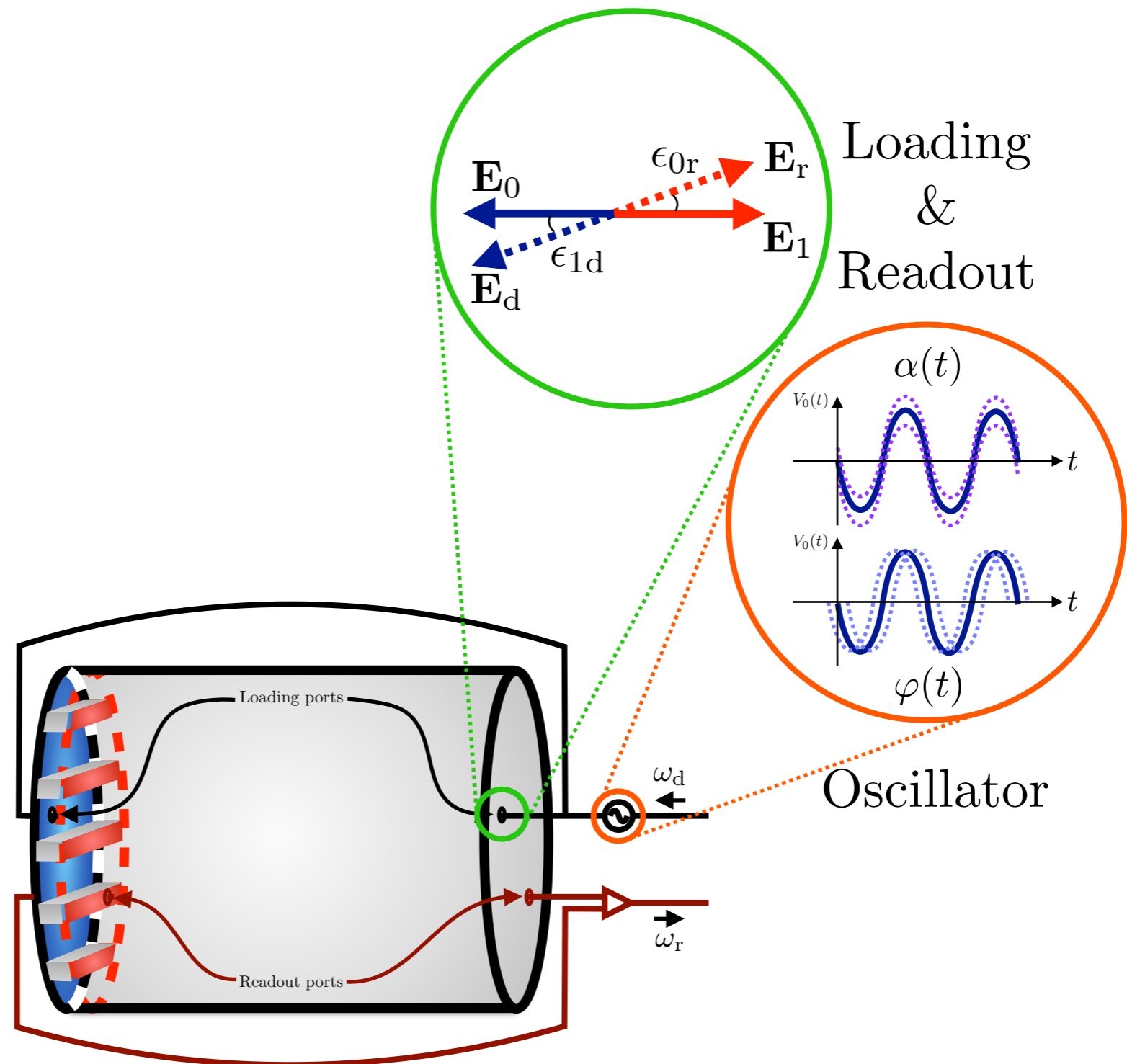
$$S_{\text{th}}(\omega) = \frac{Q_1}{Q_{\text{int}}} \frac{4\pi T (\omega \omega_1 / Q_1)^2}{(\omega^2 - \omega_1^2)^2 + (\omega \omega_1 / Q_1)^2}$$



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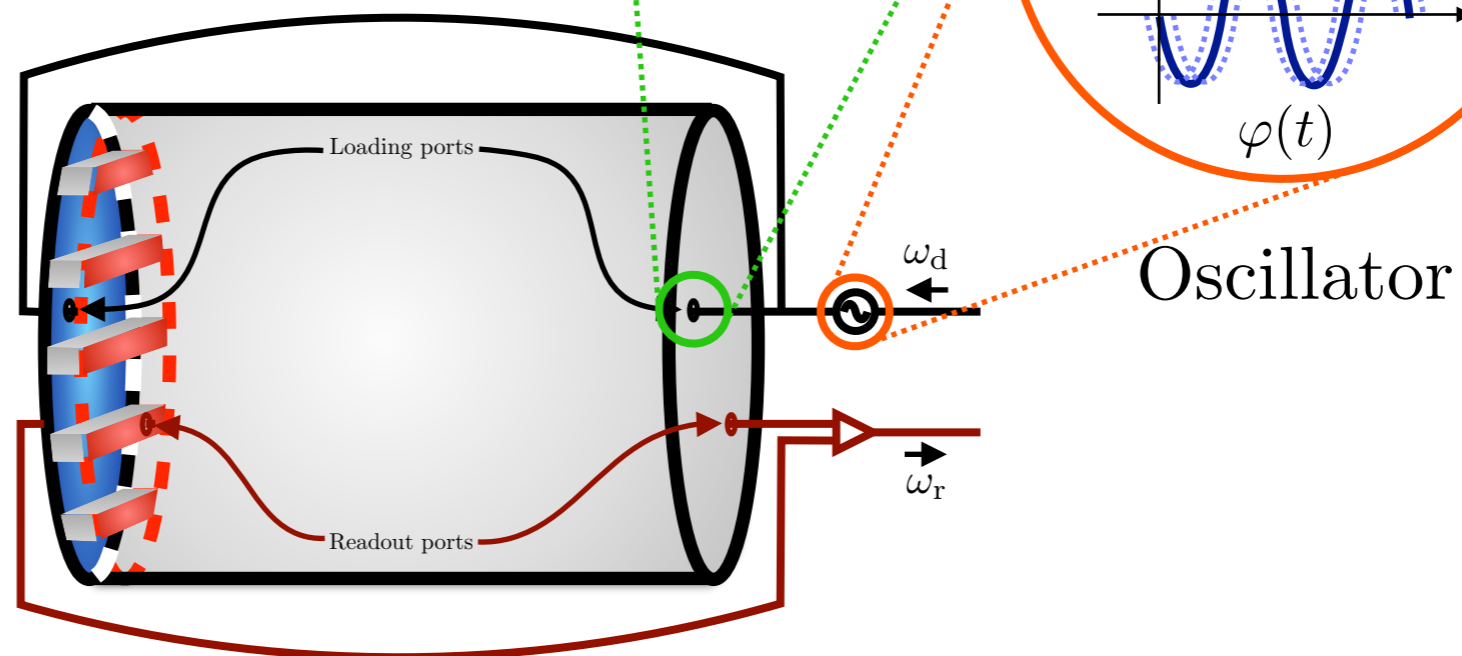
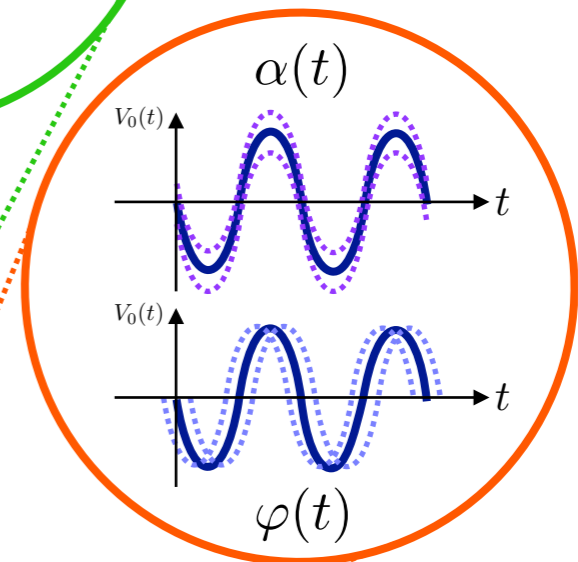
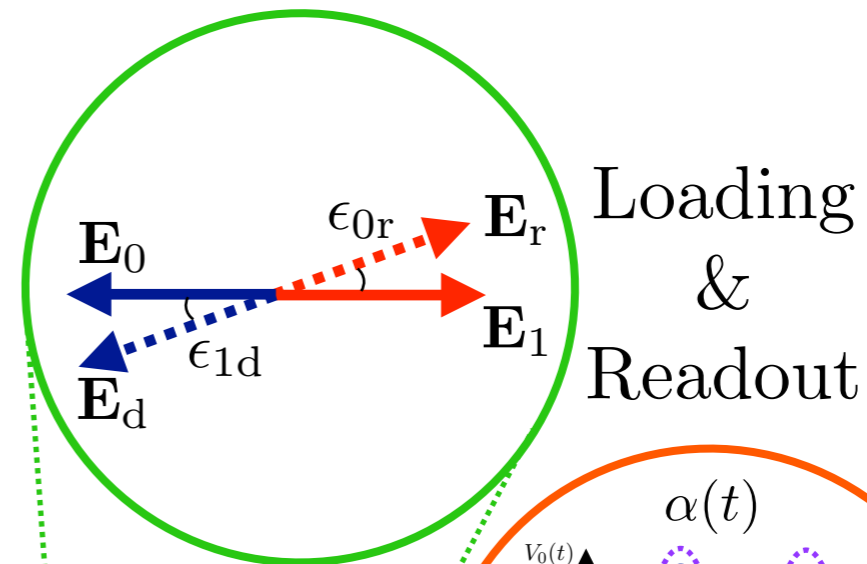


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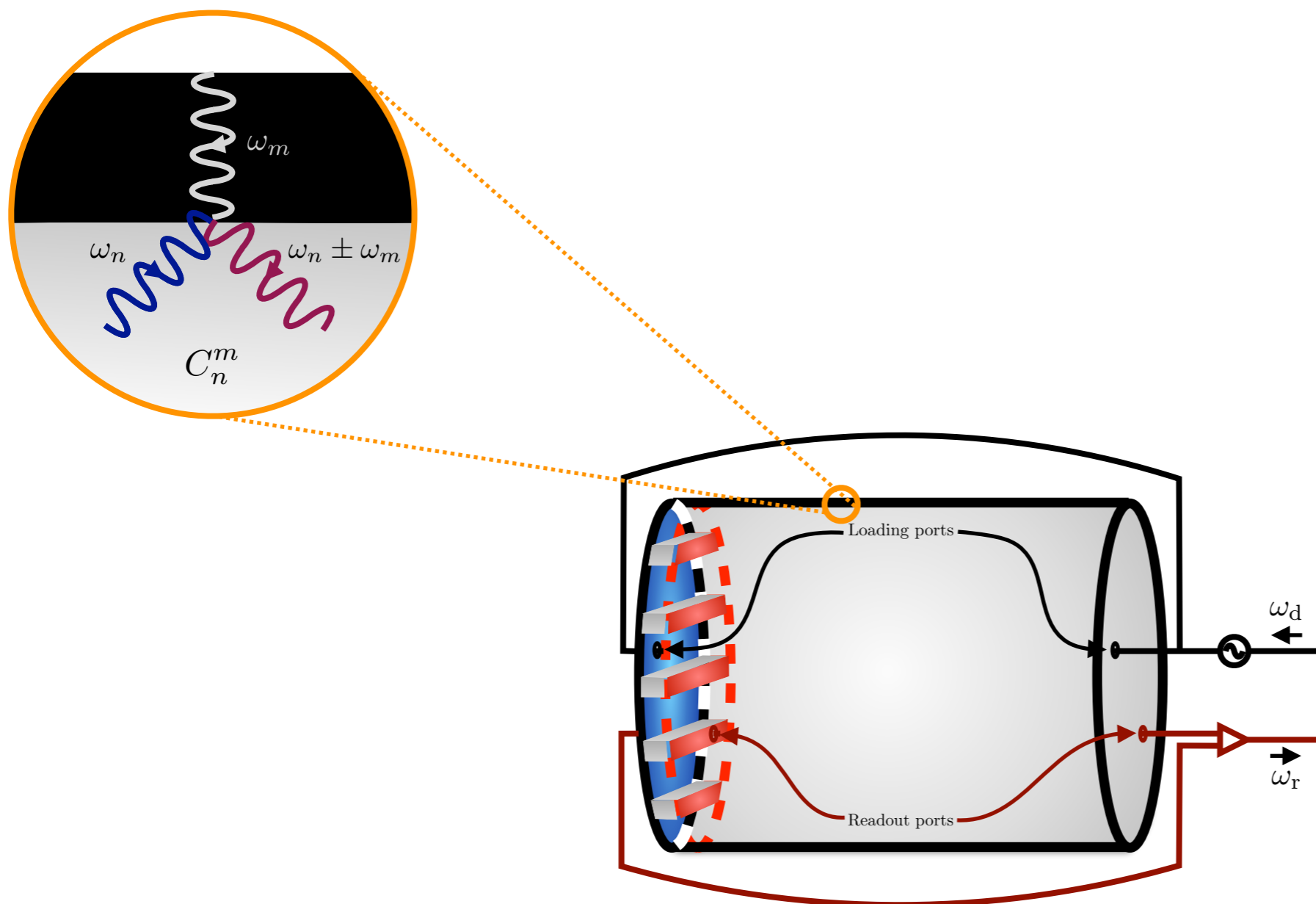
$$S_{\text{phase}}(\omega) \approx \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{1d}^2 S_{\varphi}(\omega - \omega_0)$$

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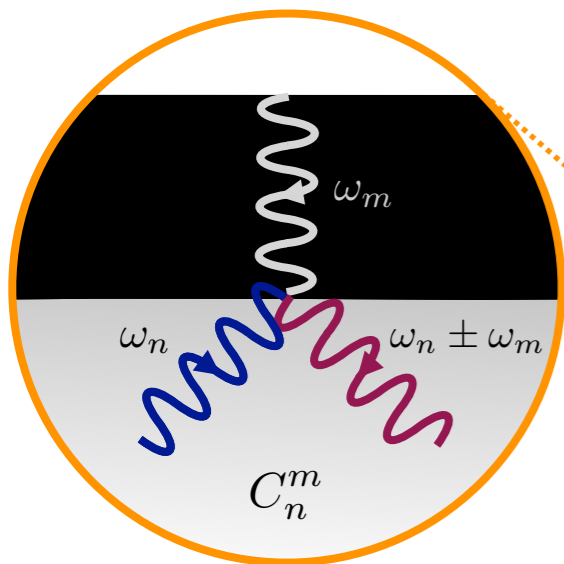
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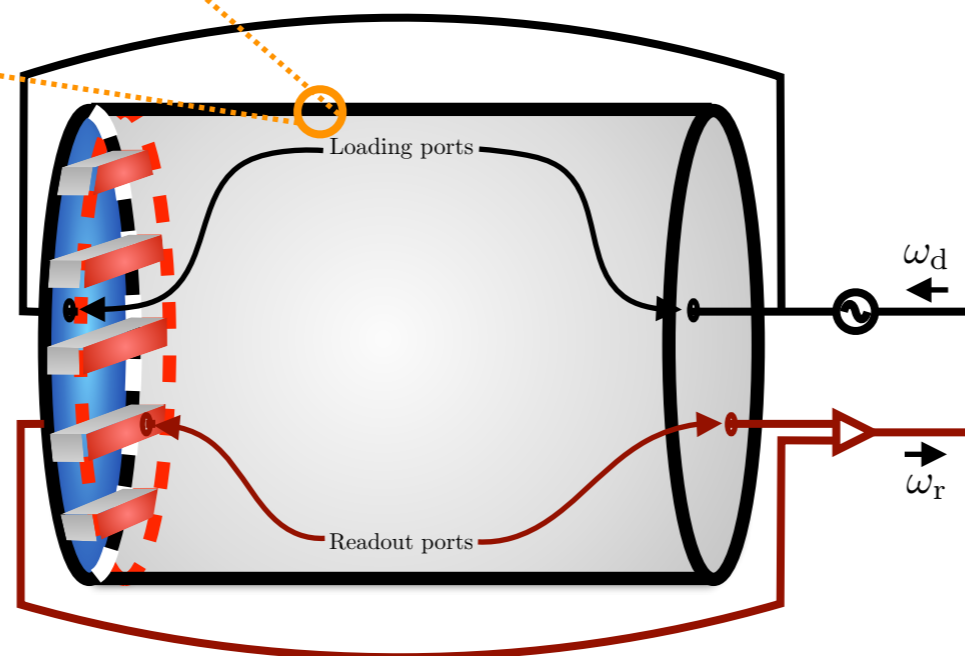
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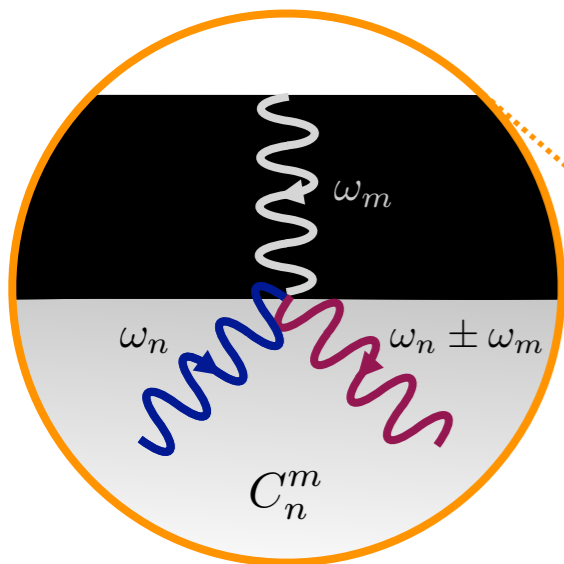
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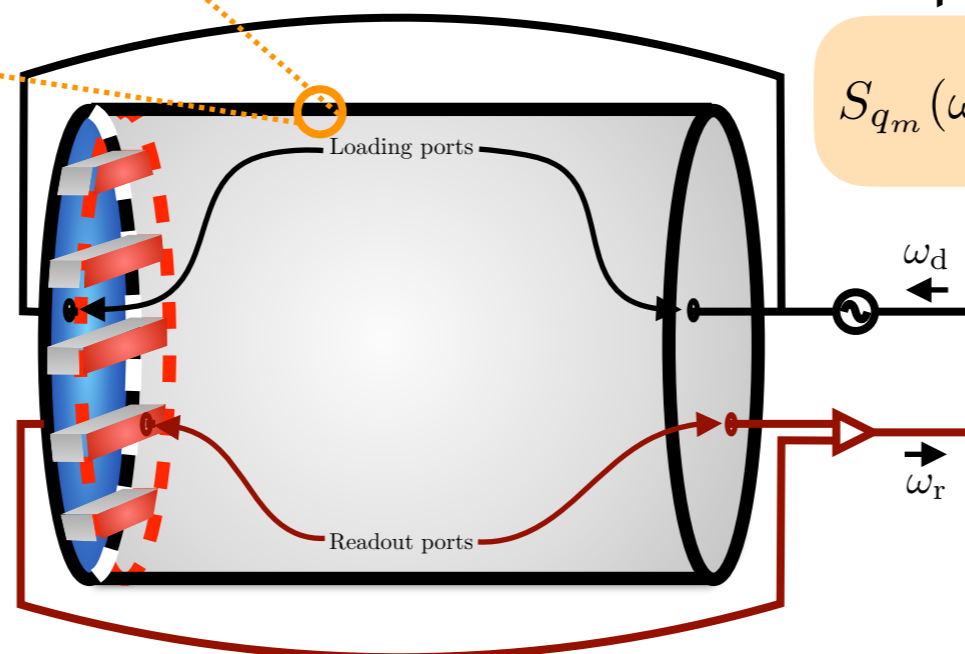


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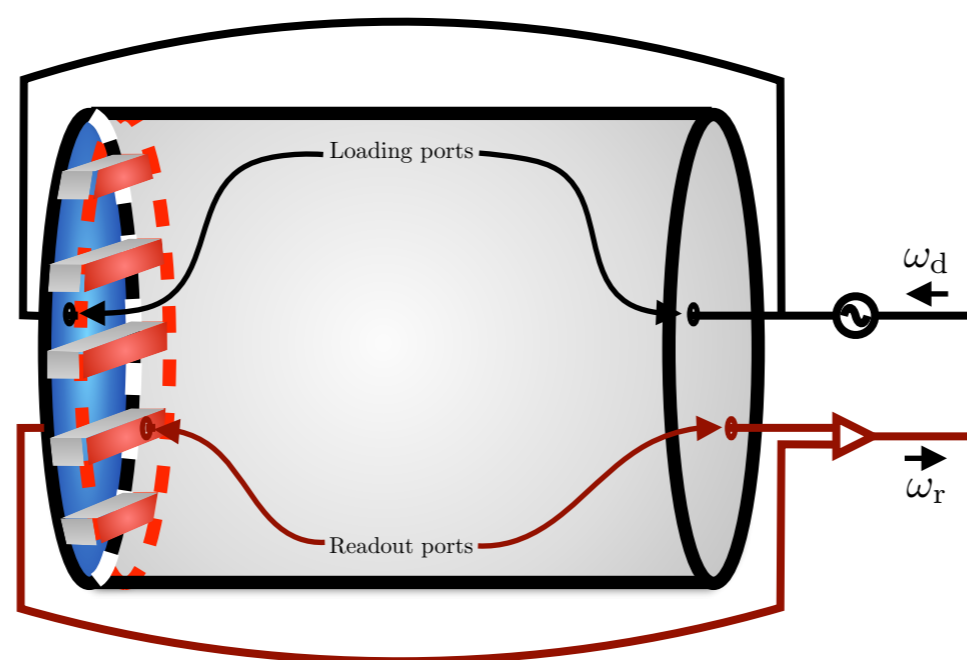
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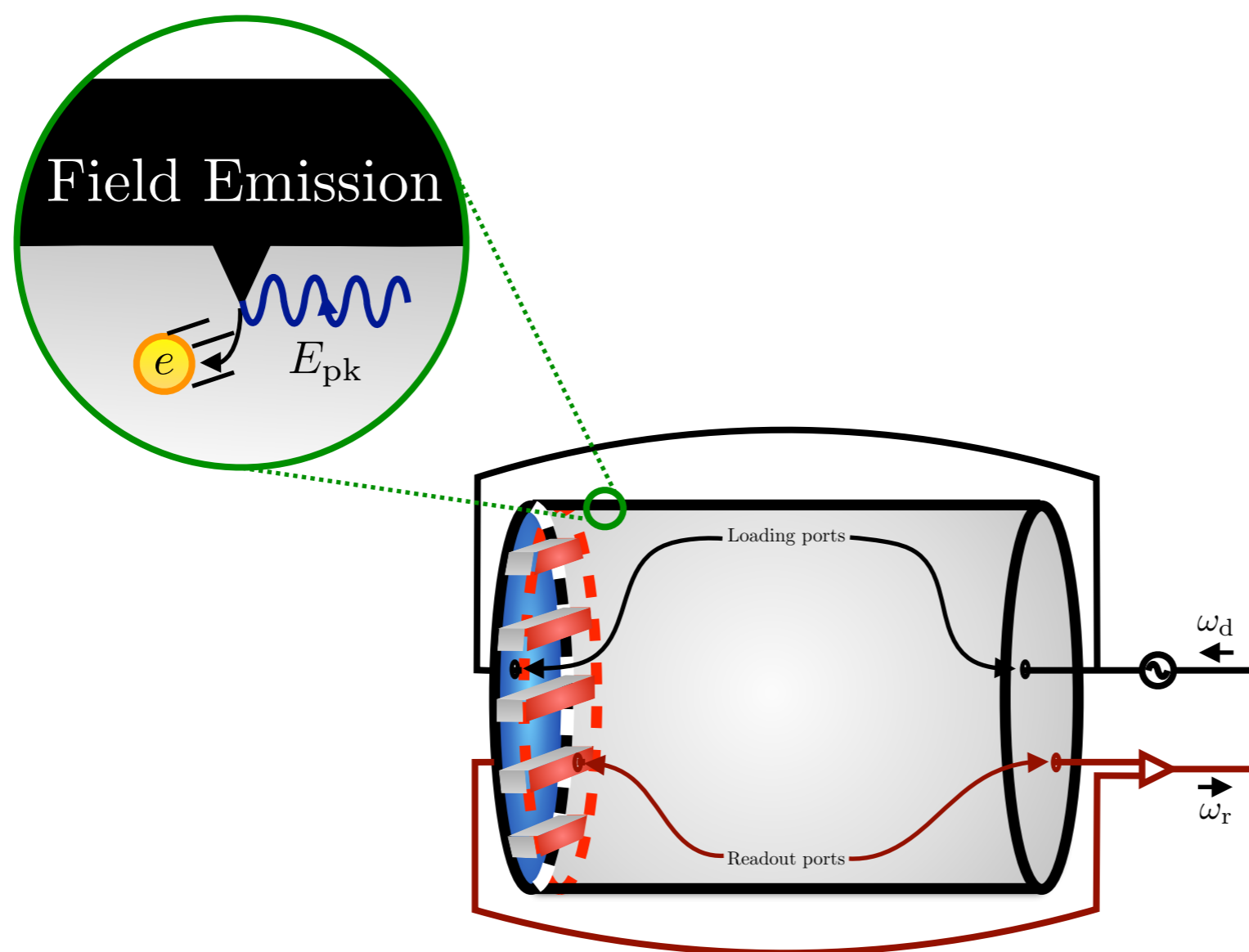
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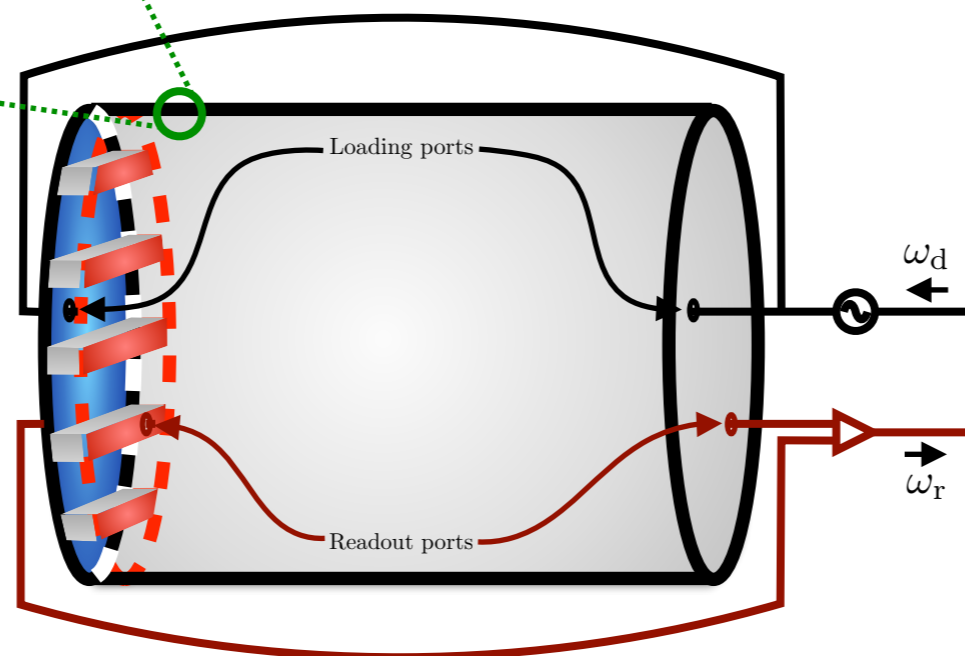
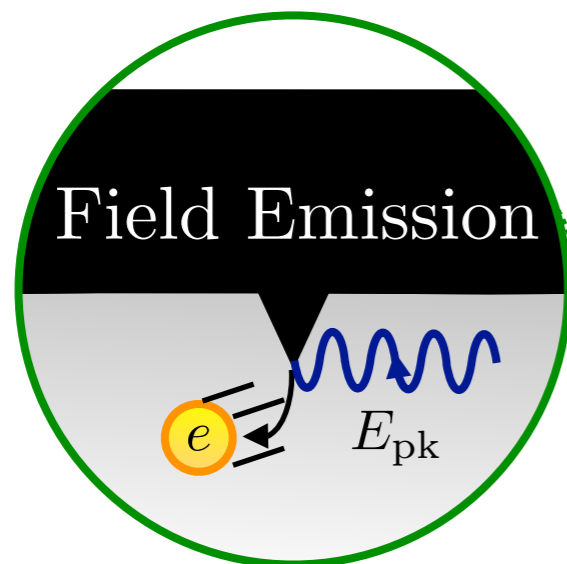
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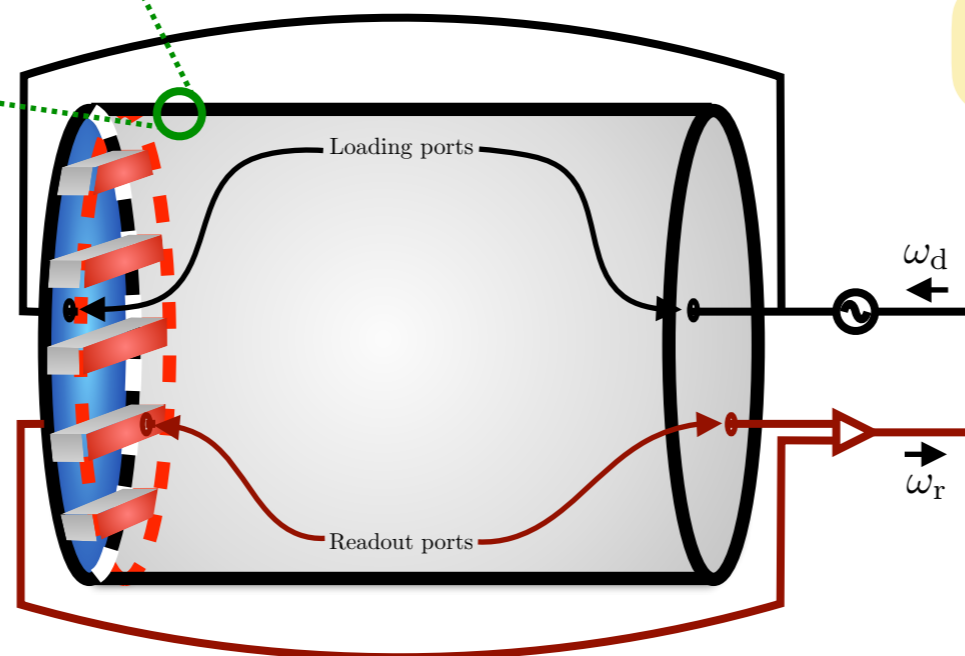
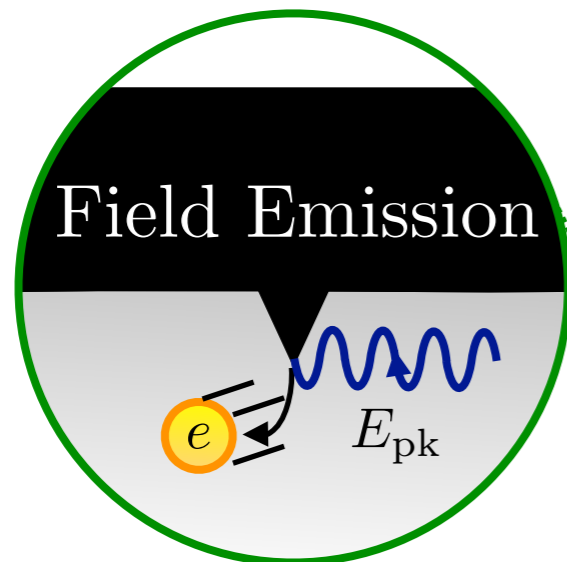
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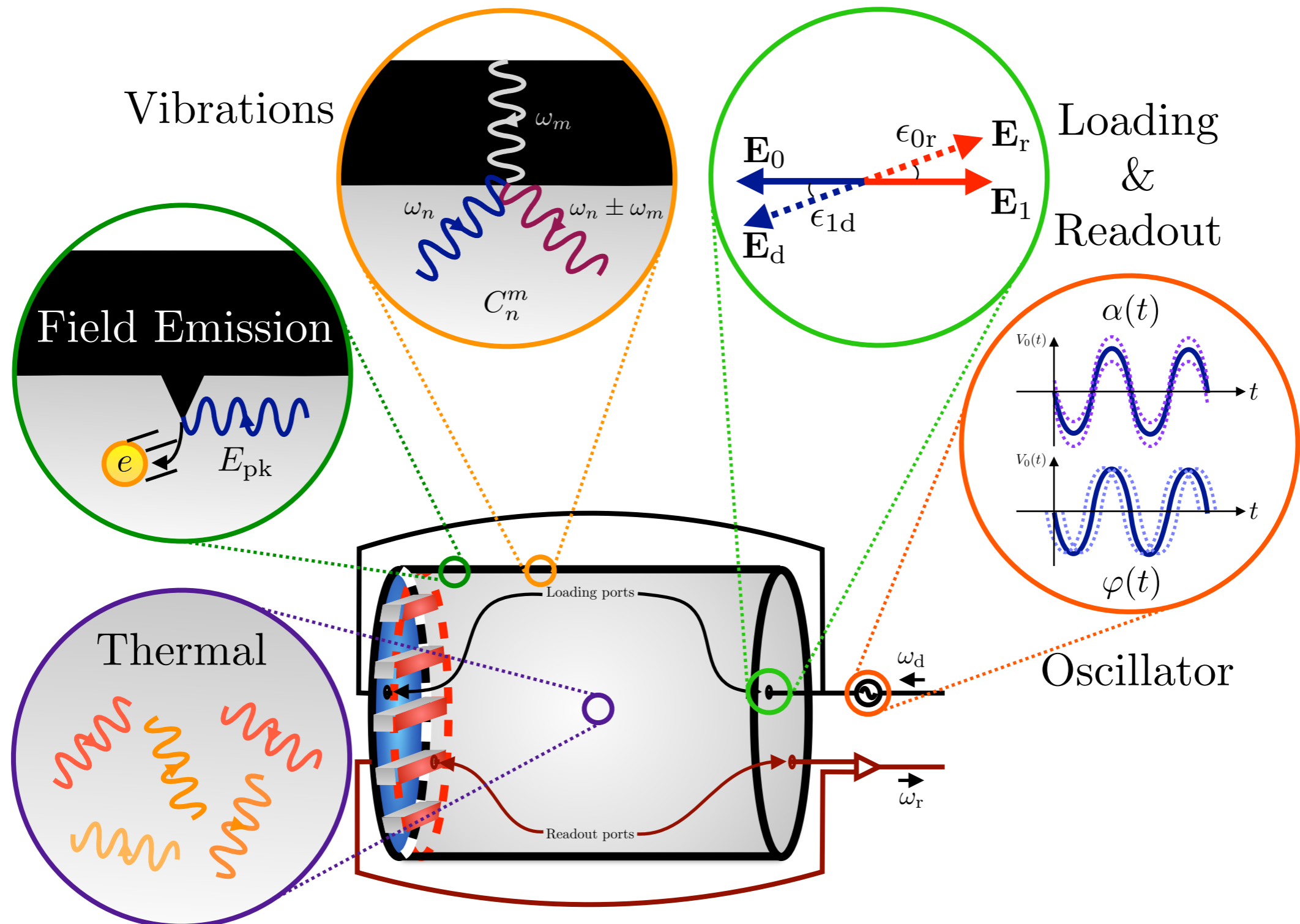
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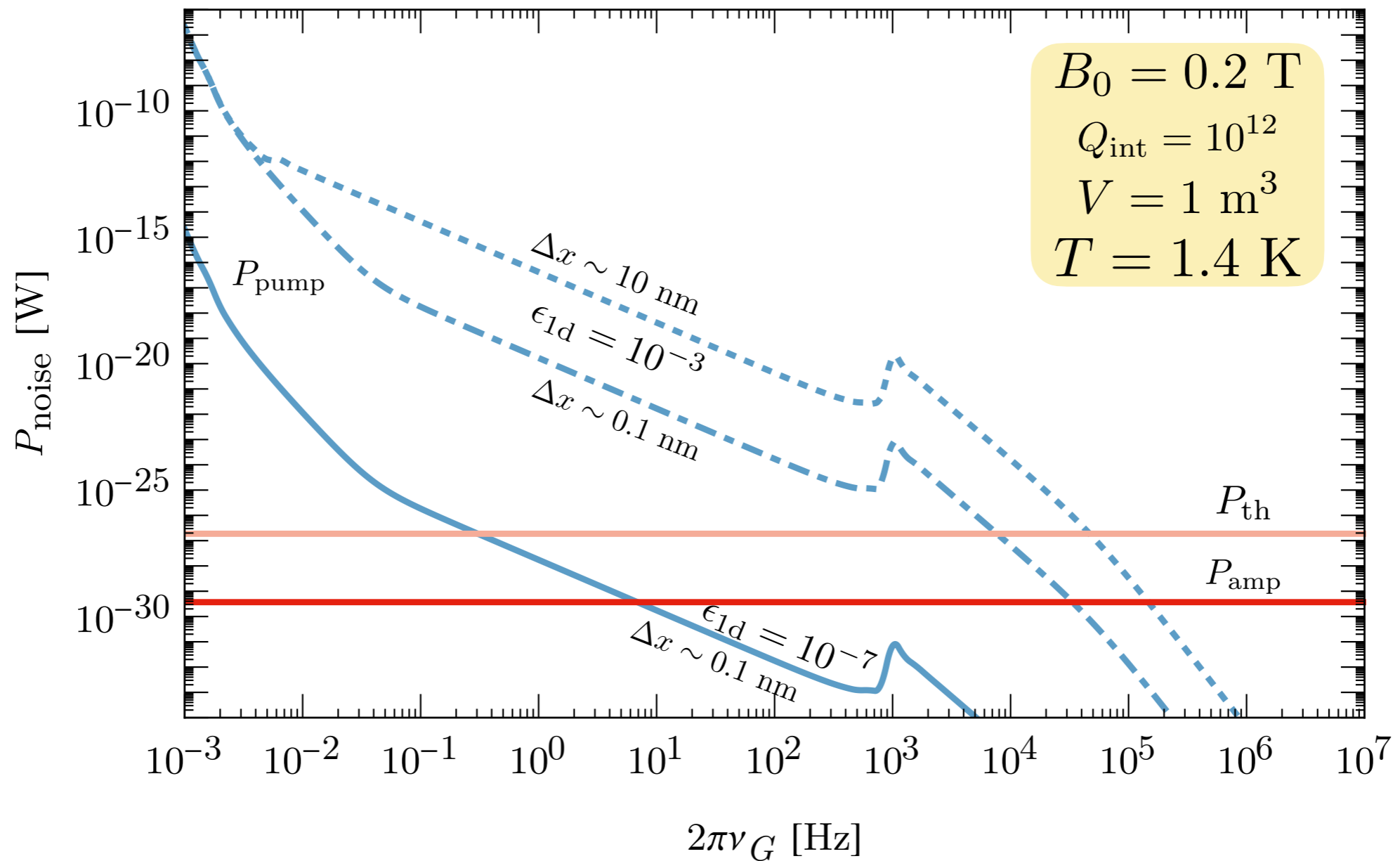


Limits max B-field ~ 0.2T

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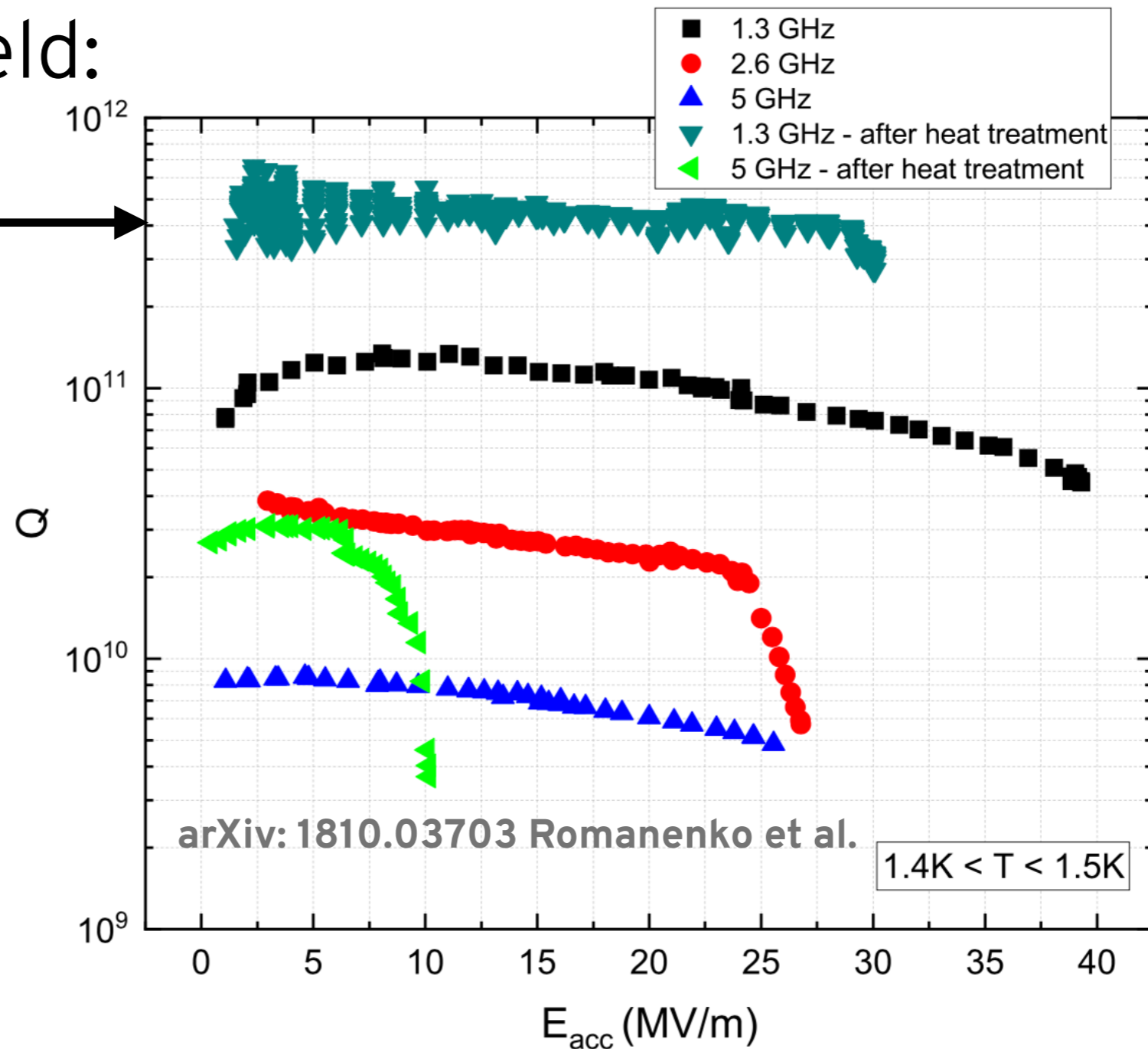
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Experimental precedent

Q-factor & B-field:

$Q \sim 4 \times 10^{11}$ @ $B \sim 0.1\text{T}$



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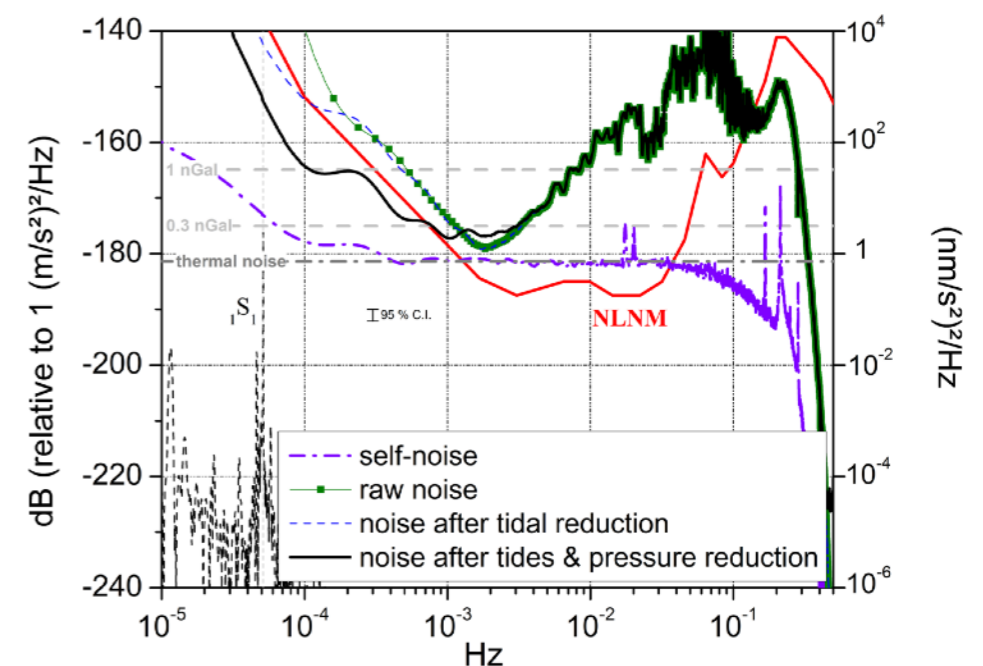
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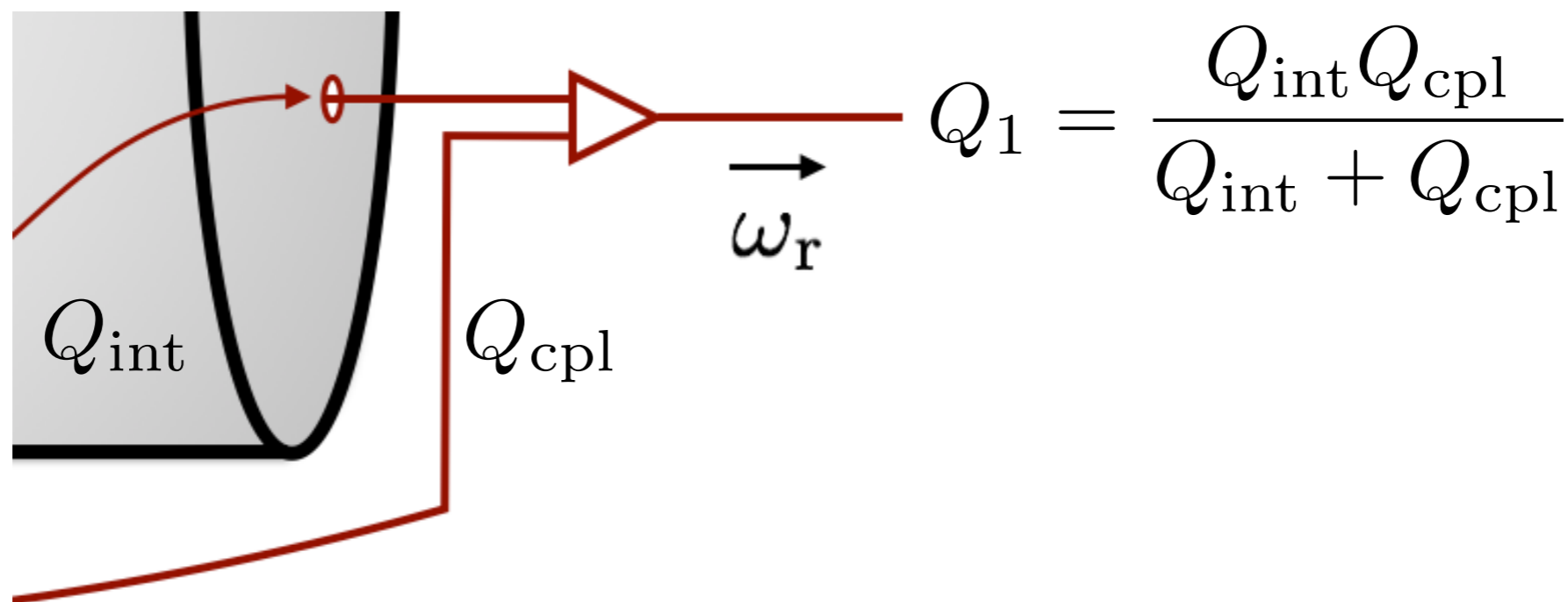
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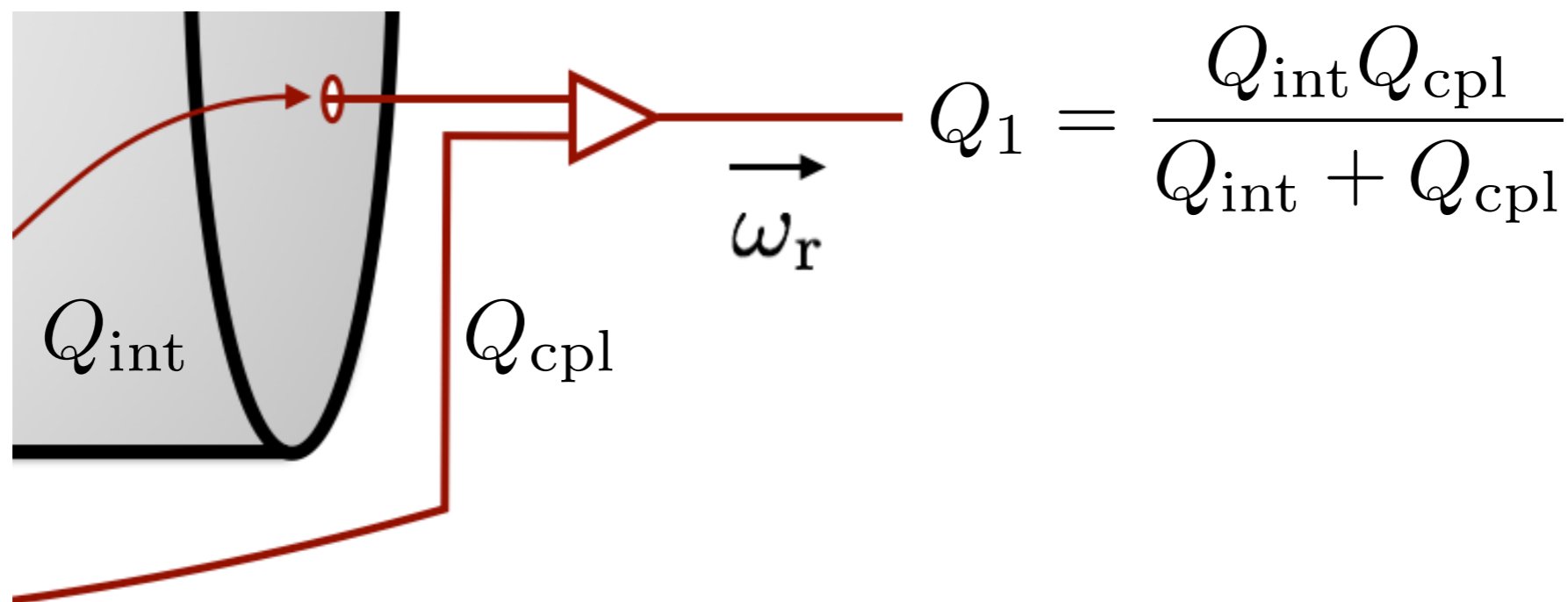
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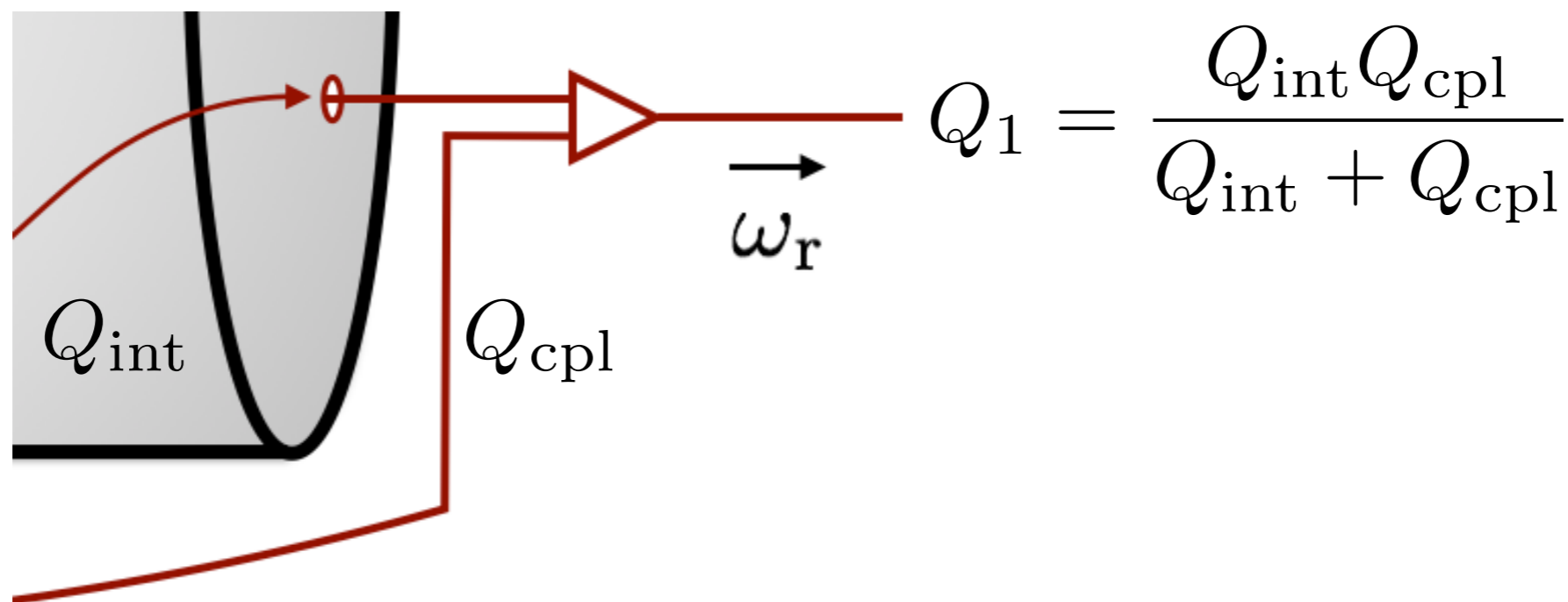


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Signal to Noise

Roughly:

$$(\text{SNR})^2 \simeq t_{\text{int}} \int_0^\infty d\omega \left(\frac{S_{\text{sig}}(\omega)}{S_{\text{noise}}(\omega)} \right)^2$$

Monochromatic:
$$S_{\text{sig}}^{\text{MC}}(\omega) = \frac{\omega_{\text{sig}}}{Q_{\text{sig}}} \frac{\omega^4 (\eta E_0 h_0)^2 V}{(\omega_{\text{sig}}^2 - \omega^2)^2 + (\omega \omega_{\text{sig}} / Q_{\text{sig}})^2} S_{e_0}(\omega - \omega_G) \quad h_0 \sim \omega_G^2 V^{2/3} h$$

Flat:
$$S_{\text{sig}}^{\text{Flat}}(\omega) = \frac{\omega_{\text{sig}}}{Q_{\text{sig}}} \frac{\omega^4 (\eta E_0)^2 V}{(\omega_{\text{sig}}^2 - \omega^2)^2 + (\omega \omega_{\text{sig}} / Q_{\text{sig}})^2} \frac{3H_0^2}{8} \left(\frac{\Omega_{\text{GW}}(\omega - \omega_0)}{(\omega - \omega_0)^3} + \frac{\Omega_{\text{GW}}(\omega + \omega_0)}{(\omega + \omega_0)^3} \right)$$

$\Omega_{\text{GW}} \sim \frac{1}{3H_0^2} \omega^2 h_{\text{sto}}^2$

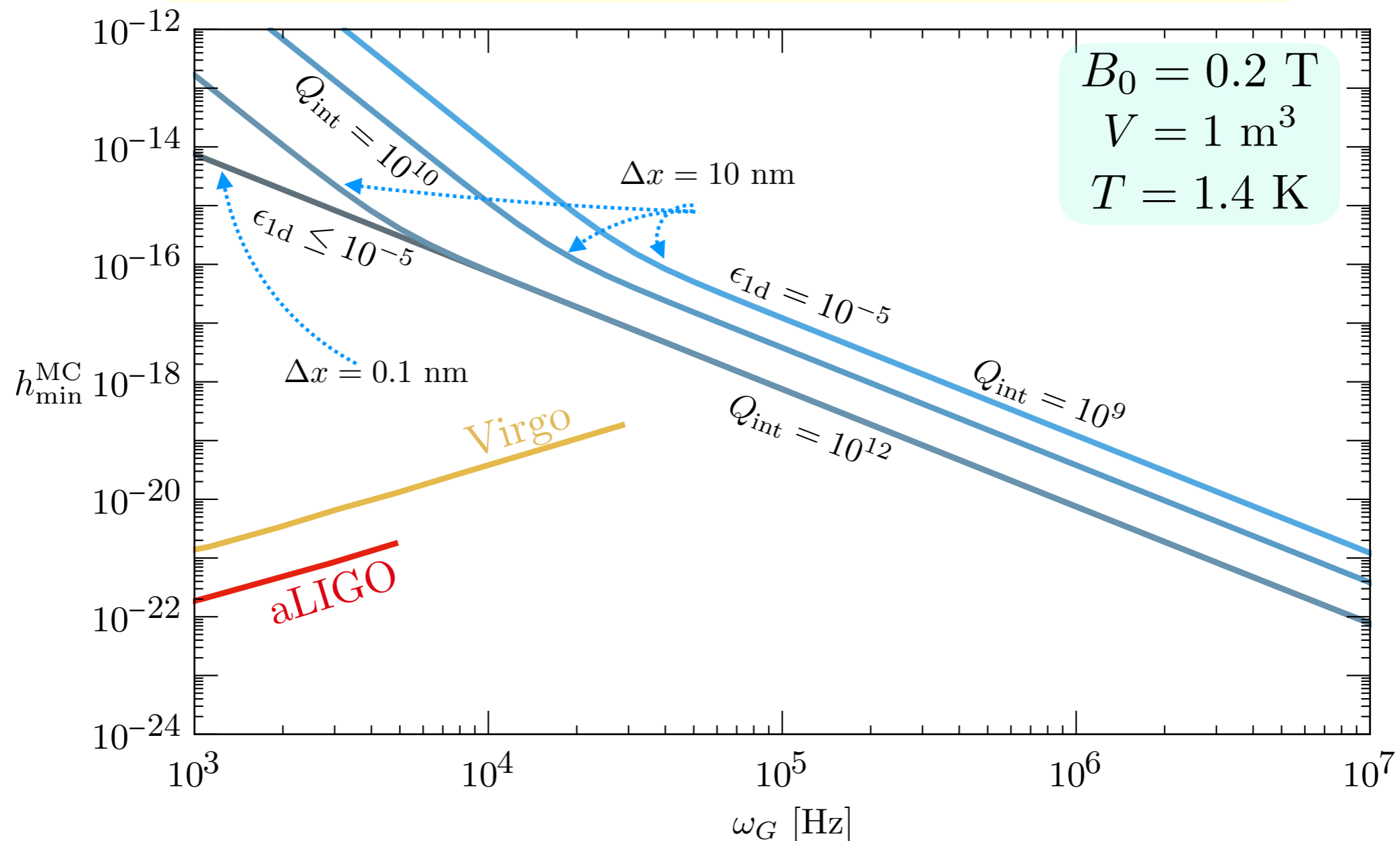
Design params:
$$S_{\text{noise}}(\omega) \sim S_{\text{th}}(\omega) = \frac{Q_1}{Q_{\text{int}}} \frac{4\pi T (\omega \omega_1 / Q_1)^2}{(\omega^2 - \omega_1^2)^2 + (\omega \omega_1 / Q_1)^2}$$

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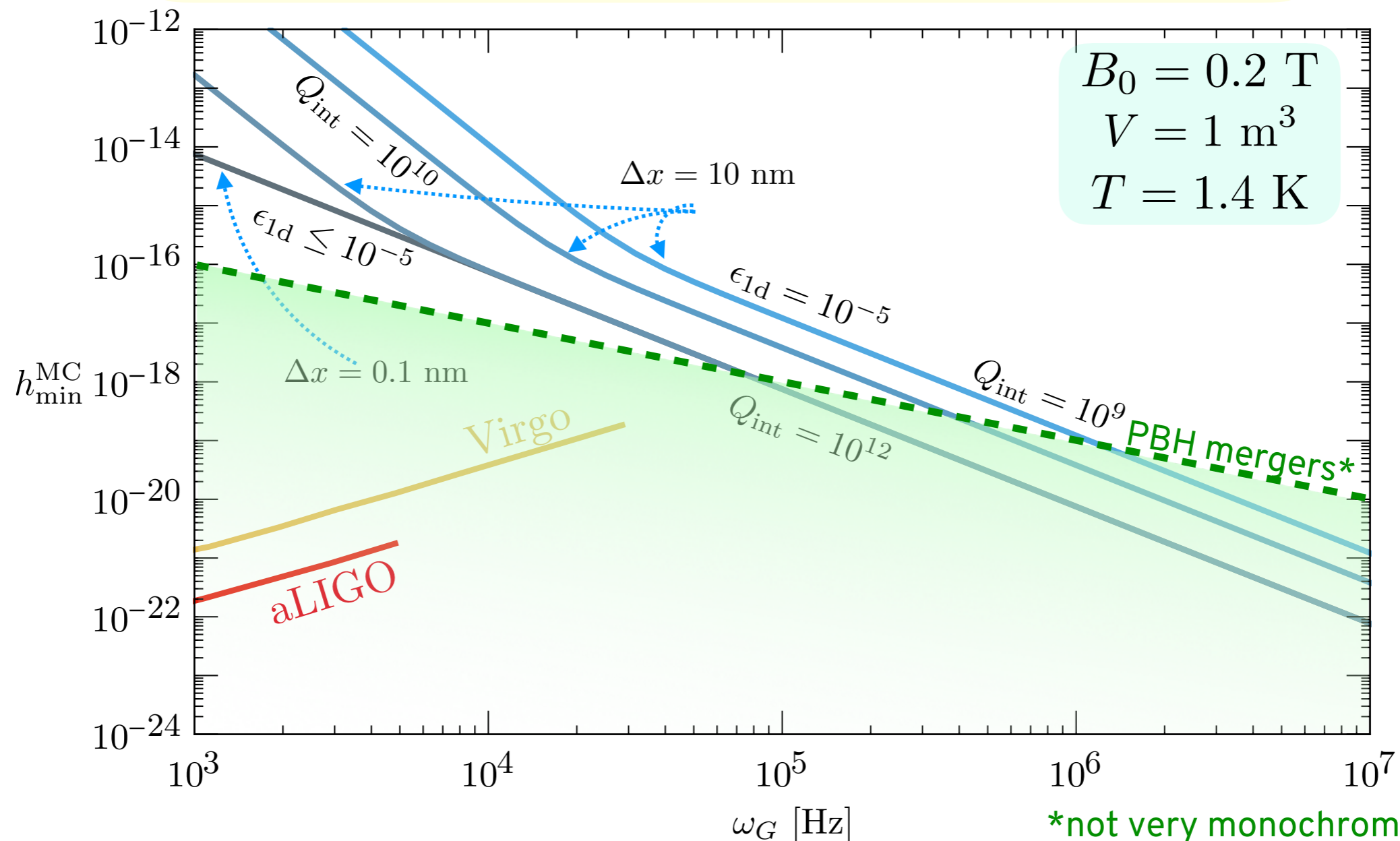
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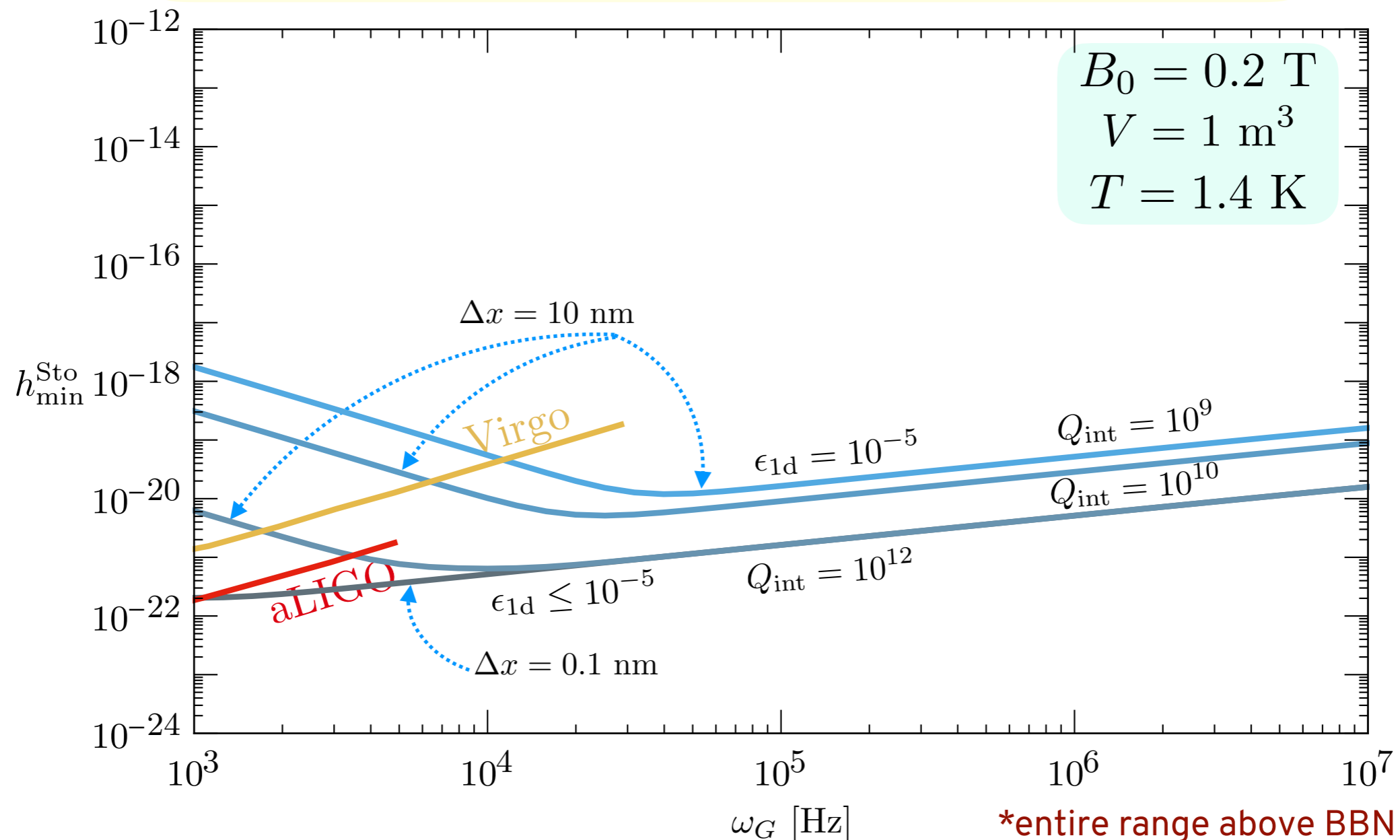
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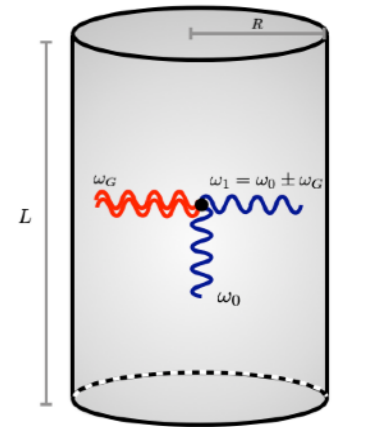
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$$h_{\min}^{\text{Sto}} \sim \left(\frac{T\omega_G}{\omega_1 Q_1 V} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{1}{t_{\text{int}} \delta\omega} \right)^{1/4} \frac{1}{E_0} \sim 10^{-20} \left(\frac{\omega_G}{10^7 \text{ Hz}} \right)^{1/2}$$



Conclusion

Direct signal – cavity as a Gertsenshtein converter



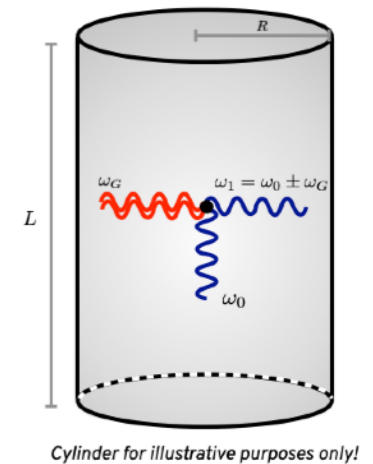
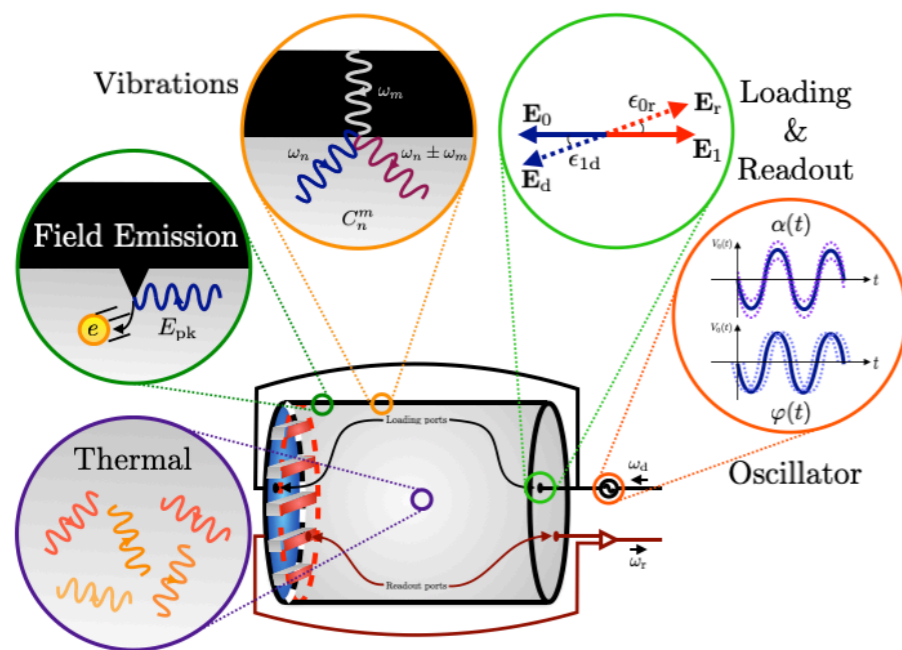
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Bonus! Technology useful for axion DM direct detection

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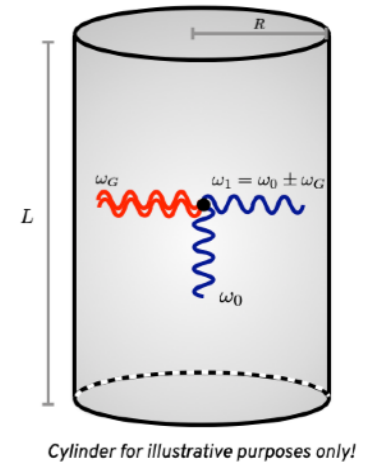
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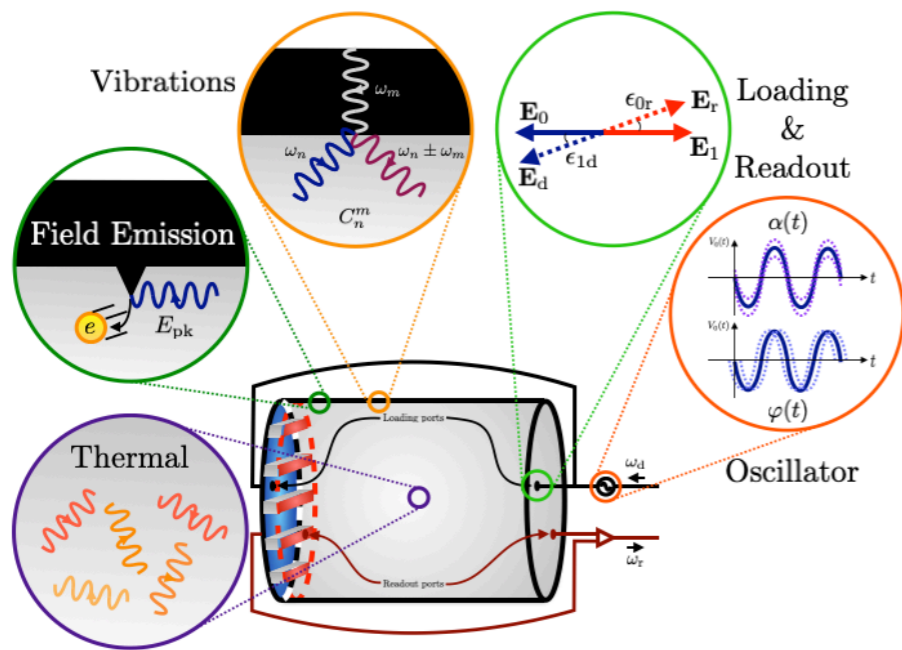
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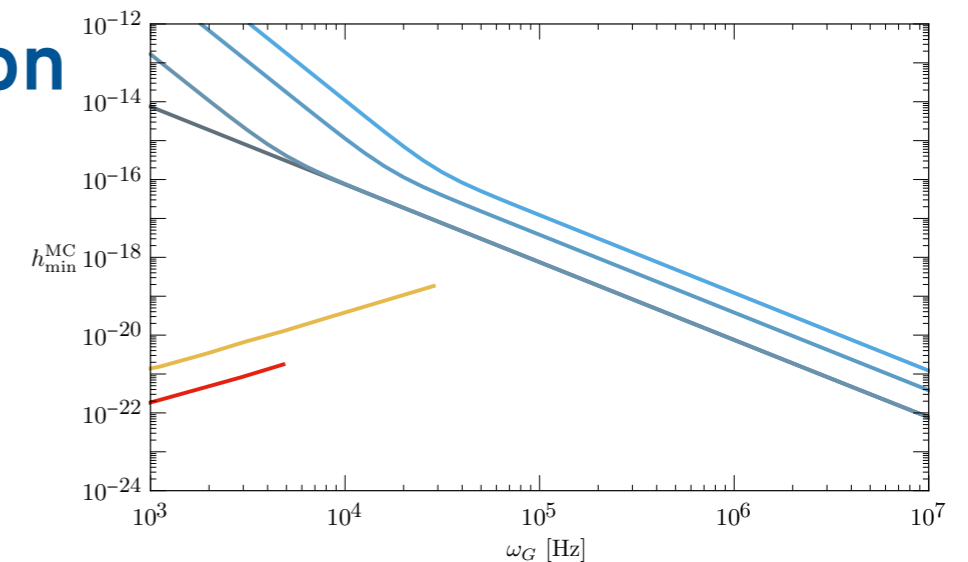


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Strain sensitivity up to $h \sim 10^{-22} - 10^{-20}$



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Backup

Statistical treatment

Both signal and noise exponentially distributed:

$$L[\tilde{d}] = \prod_i \frac{e^{-|\tilde{d}_i|^2 / (S_s(\omega_i) + S_n(\omega_i))}}{\pi(S_s(\omega_i) + S_n(\omega_i))}$$

Test statistic:

$$q(g_{a\gamma\gamma}) = -2 \log \left(\frac{L(g_{a\gamma\gamma}, \hat{\theta}_s, \hat{\theta}_n)}{L(\hat{g}_{a\gamma\gamma}, \hat{\theta}_s, \hat{\theta}_n)} \right) \Theta(g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 - \hat{g}_{a\gamma\gamma}^2)$$

For $t_{\text{int}} \gg \tau_a$ Wilks' theorem implies

$$q(g_{a\gamma\gamma}) \simeq \sum_i \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \lambda_{s,i}(\hat{\theta}_s)}{\lambda_{n,i}(\hat{\theta}_n)} \right)^2 \simeq \frac{t_{\text{int}}}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty d\omega \left(\frac{S_s(\omega)}{S_n(\omega)} \right)^2 \quad \text{SNR}(t_{\text{int}} \gg \tau_a) \gtrsim \begin{cases} 1.3 & 90\% \text{ C.L.} \\ 1.6 & 95\% \text{ C.L.} \end{cases},$$

For $t_{\text{int}} \ll \tau_a$ GW signal in single DFT bin

$$q(g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2, S) = 2 \times \begin{cases} 0 & g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \lambda_s + \lambda_n < S \\ \frac{S}{g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \lambda_s + \lambda_n} - 1 + \log \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \lambda_s + \lambda_n}{S} & \lambda_n \leq S \leq g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \lambda_s + \lambda_n \\ \frac{S}{g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \lambda_s + \lambda_n} - \frac{S}{\lambda_n} + \log \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \lambda_s + \lambda_n}{\lambda_n} & S < \lambda_n \end{cases} \quad \text{SNR}(t_{\text{int}} \ll \tau_a) \gtrsim \begin{cases} 5.6 & 90\% \text{ C.L.} \\ 12.5 & 95\% \text{ C.L.} \end{cases}$$