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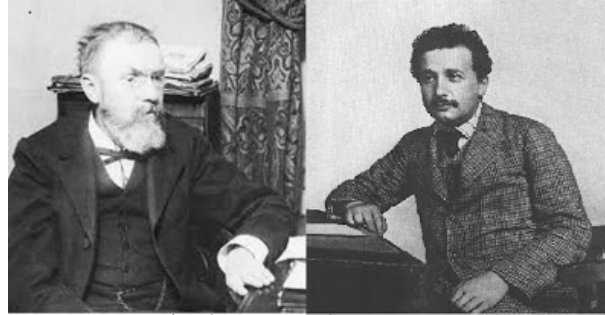


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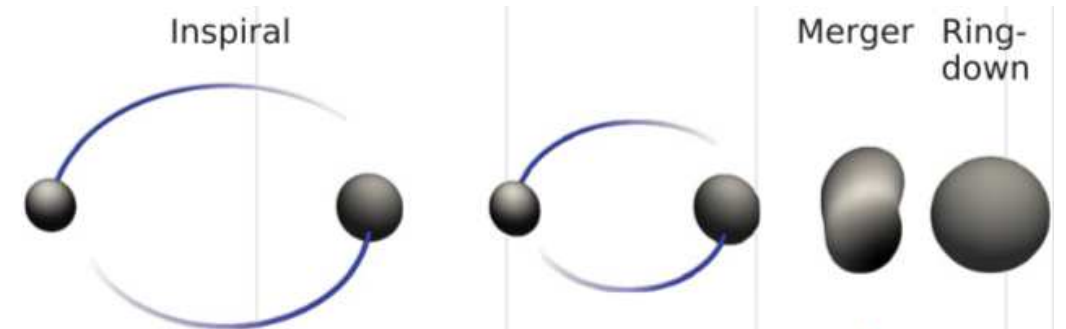
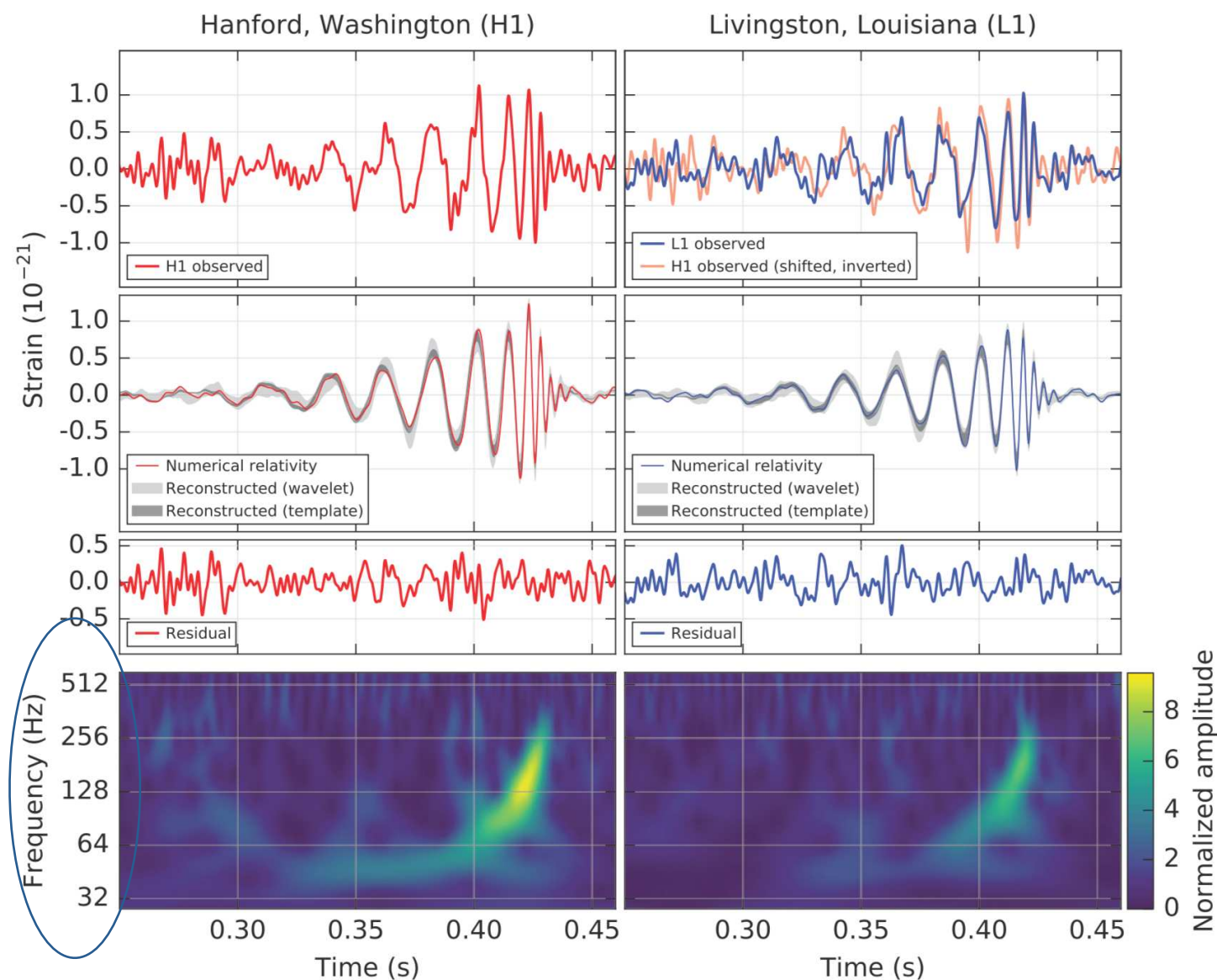


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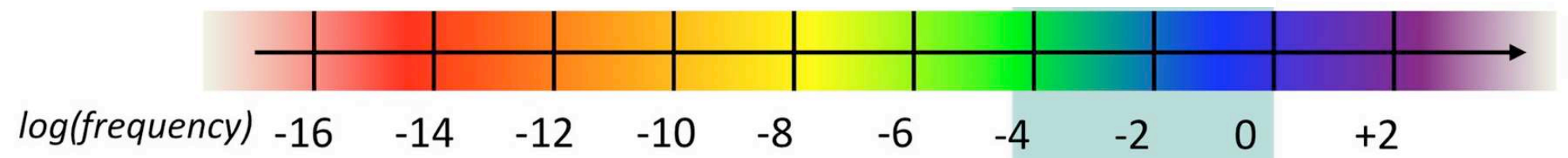
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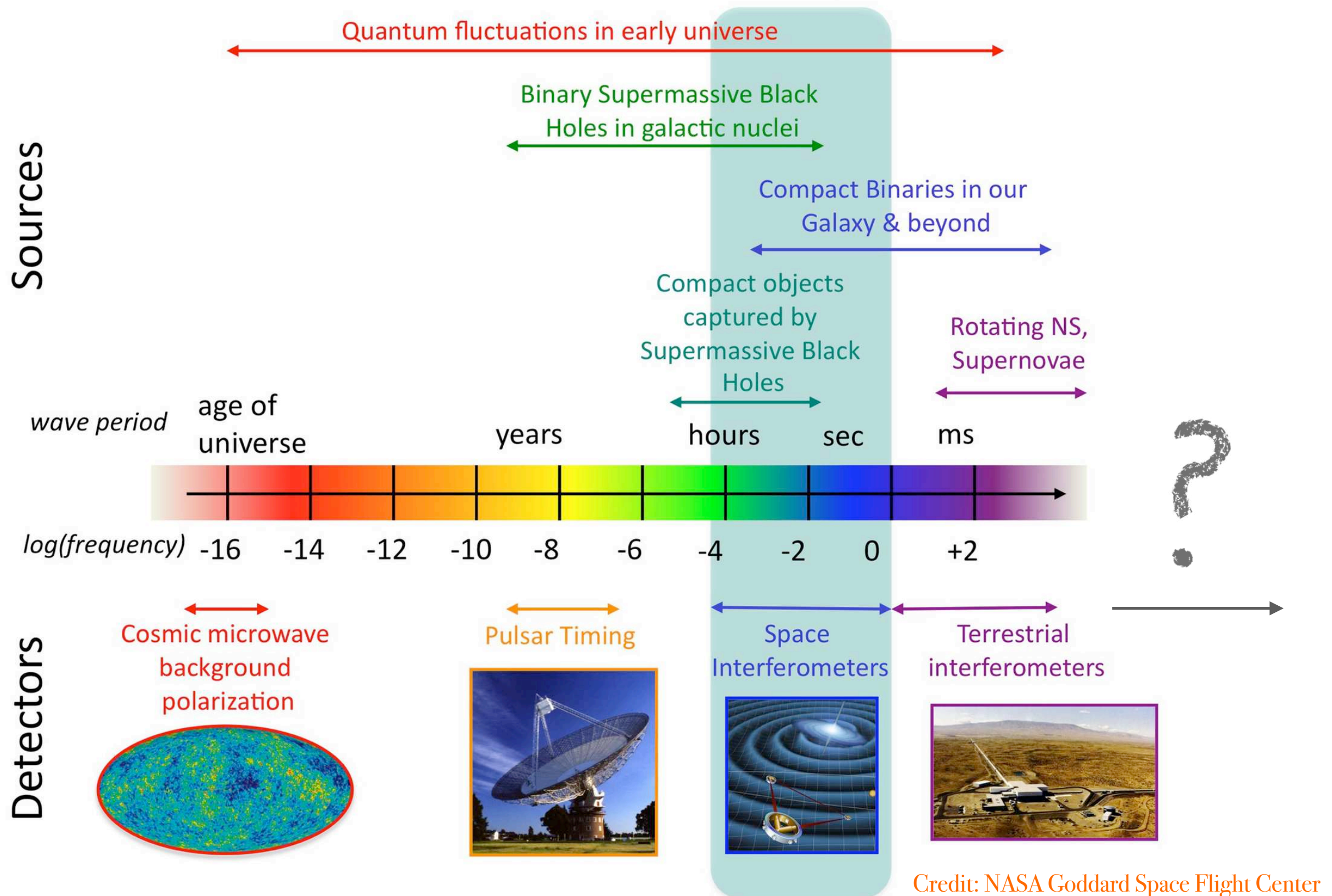
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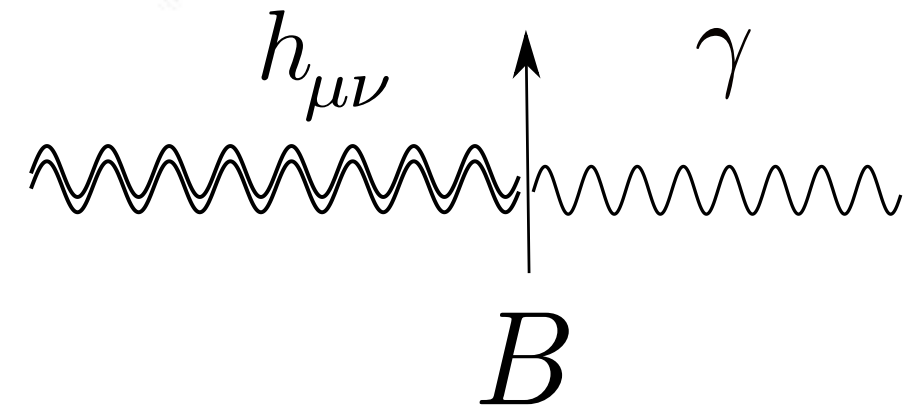
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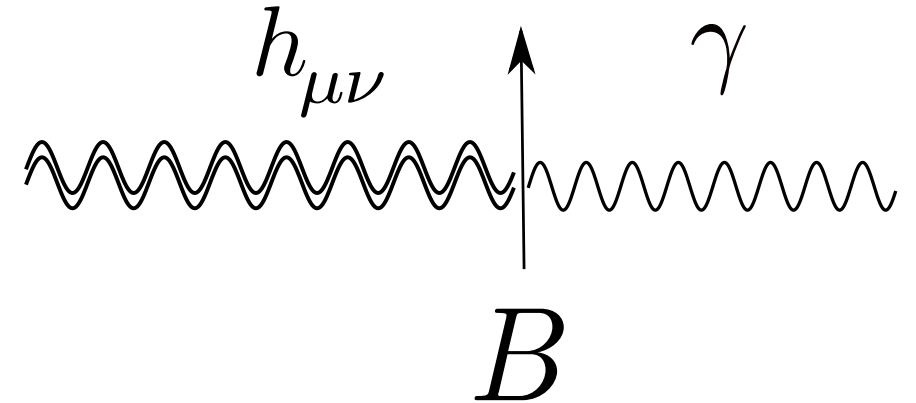




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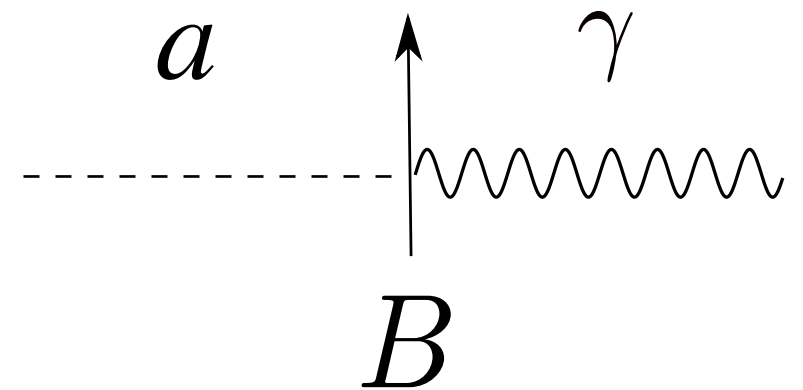


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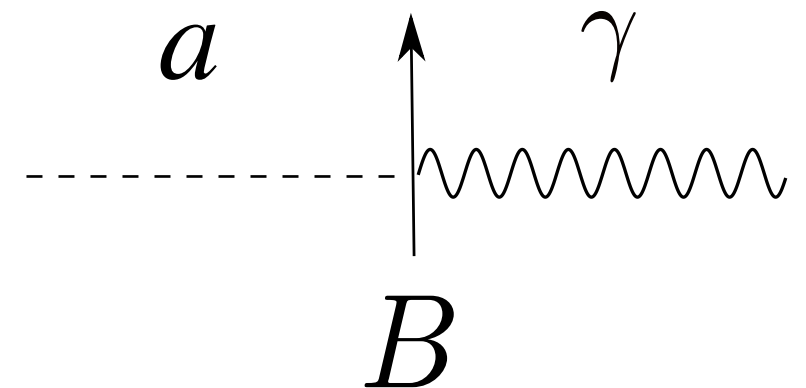




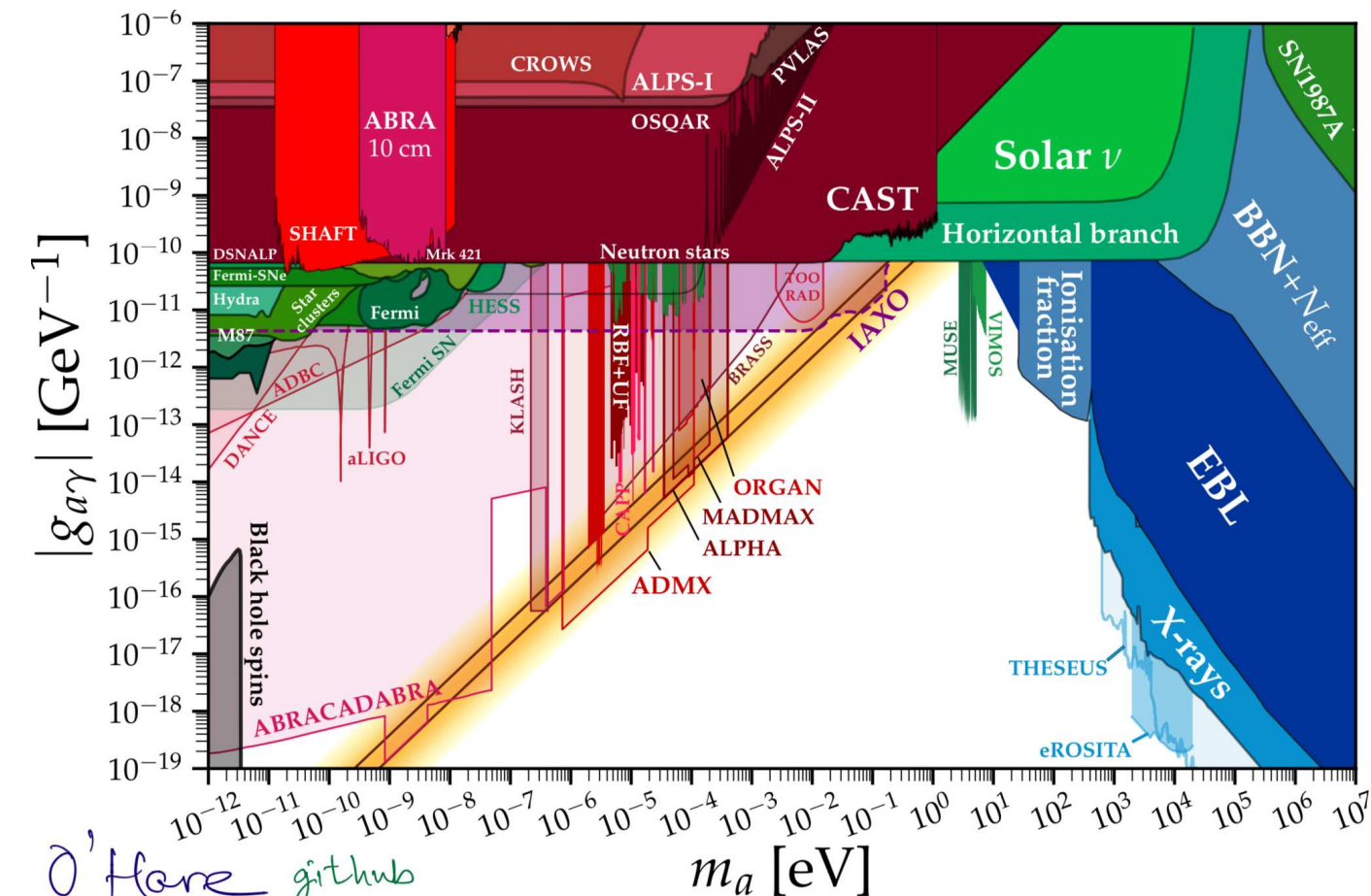
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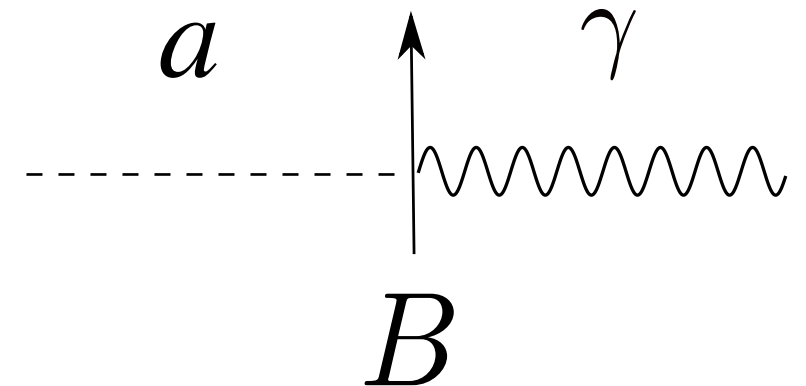


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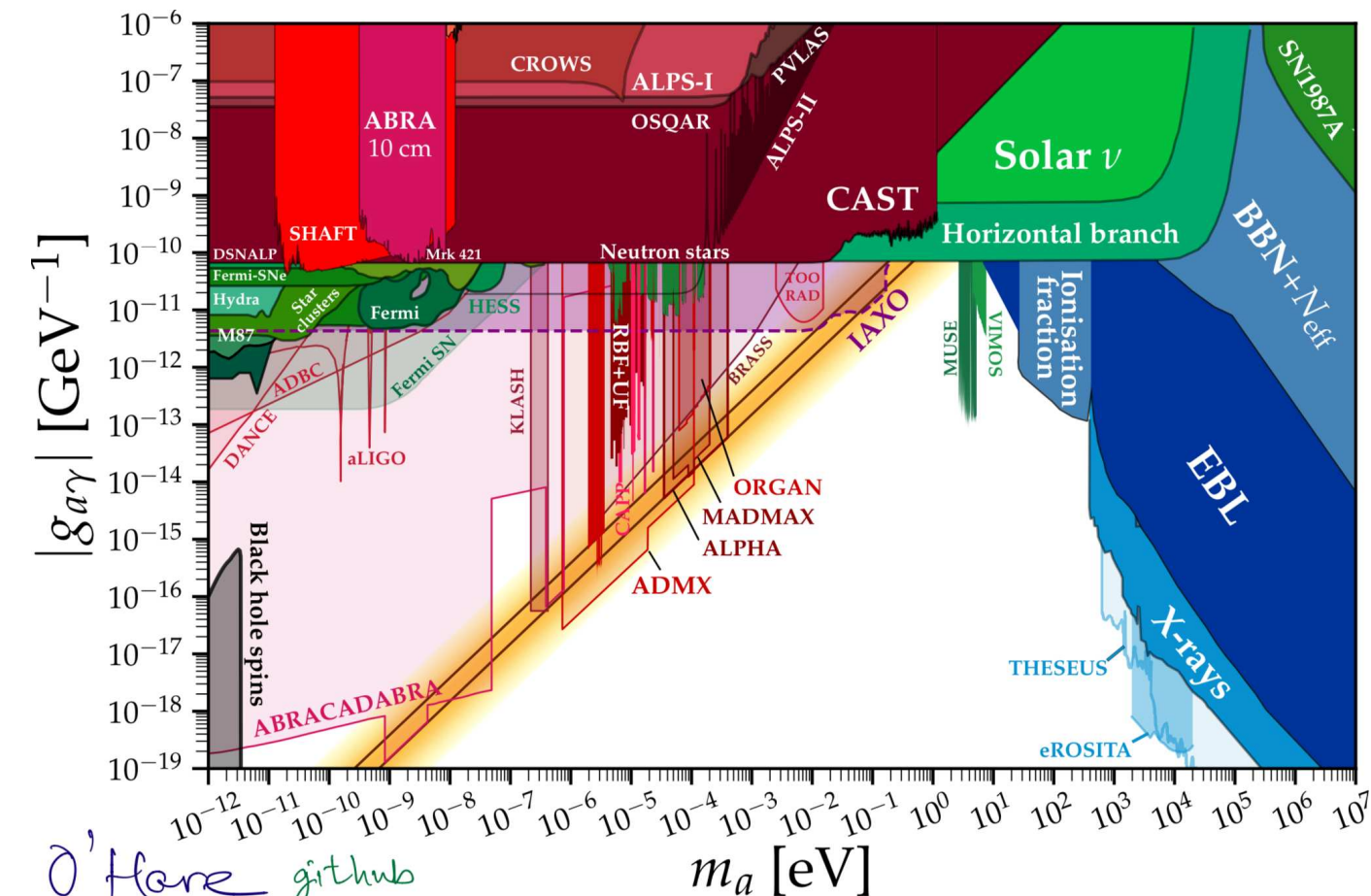
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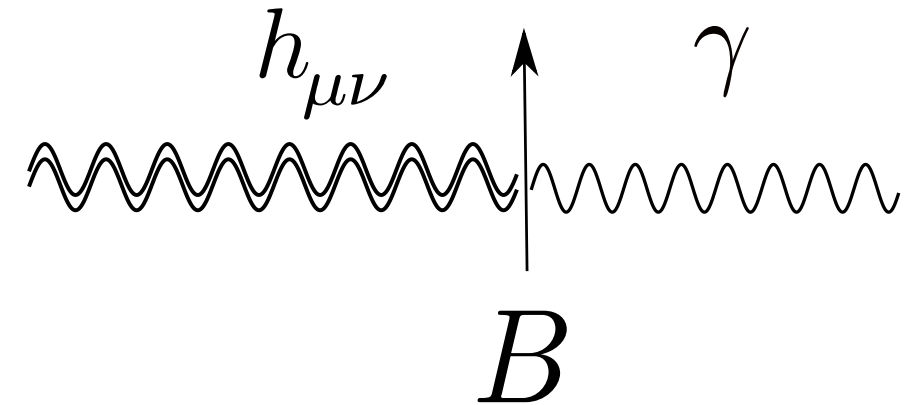


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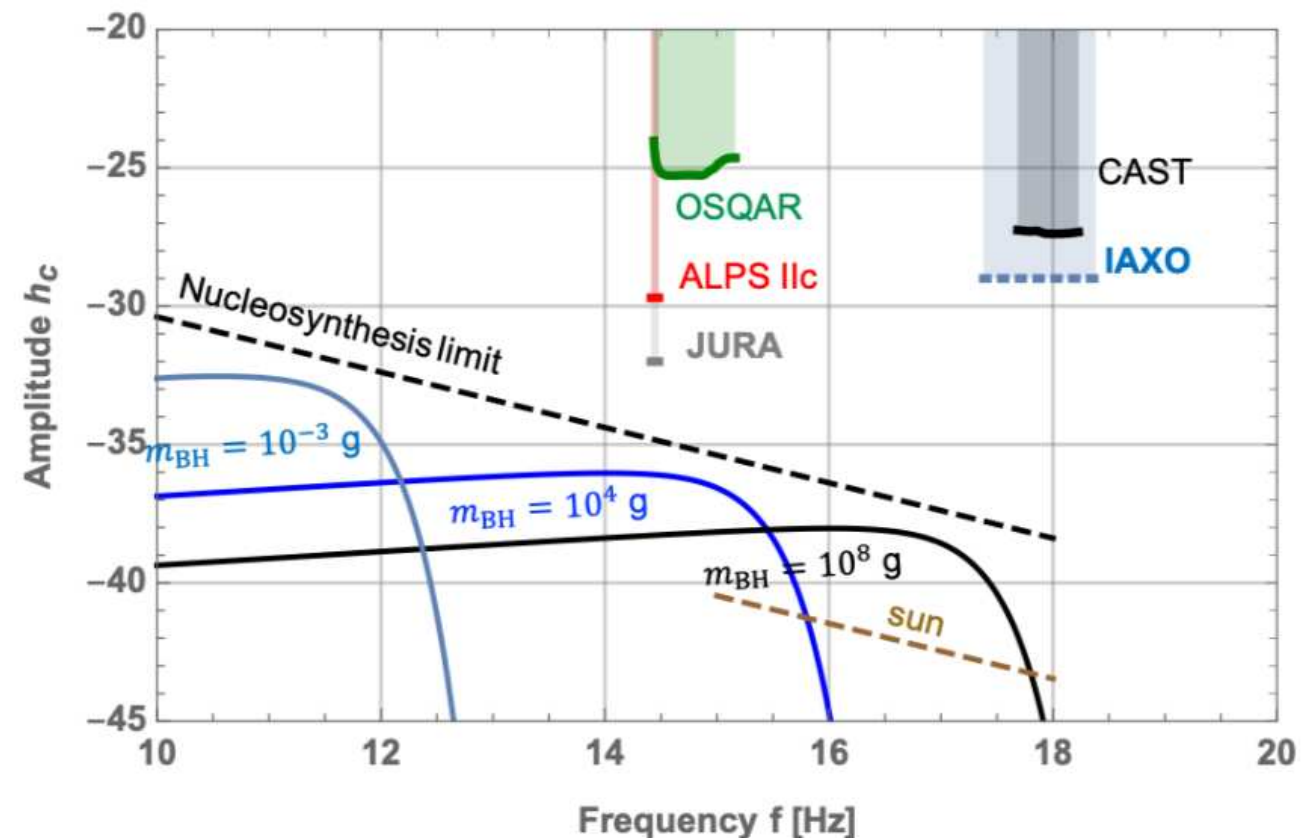
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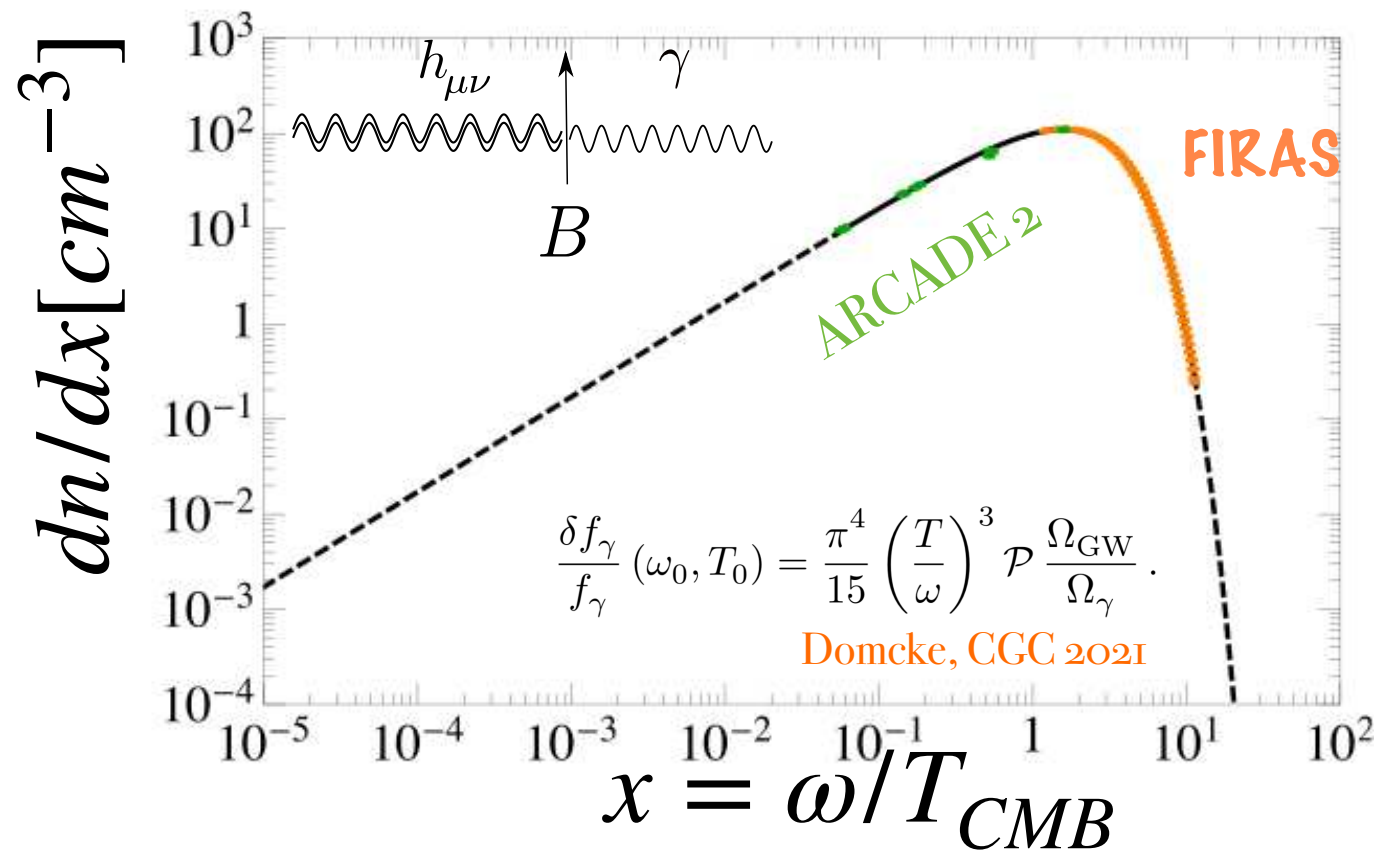
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- Involving gravity the conversion probabilities are extremely small. It may be compensated by a ‘detector’ of cosmological size
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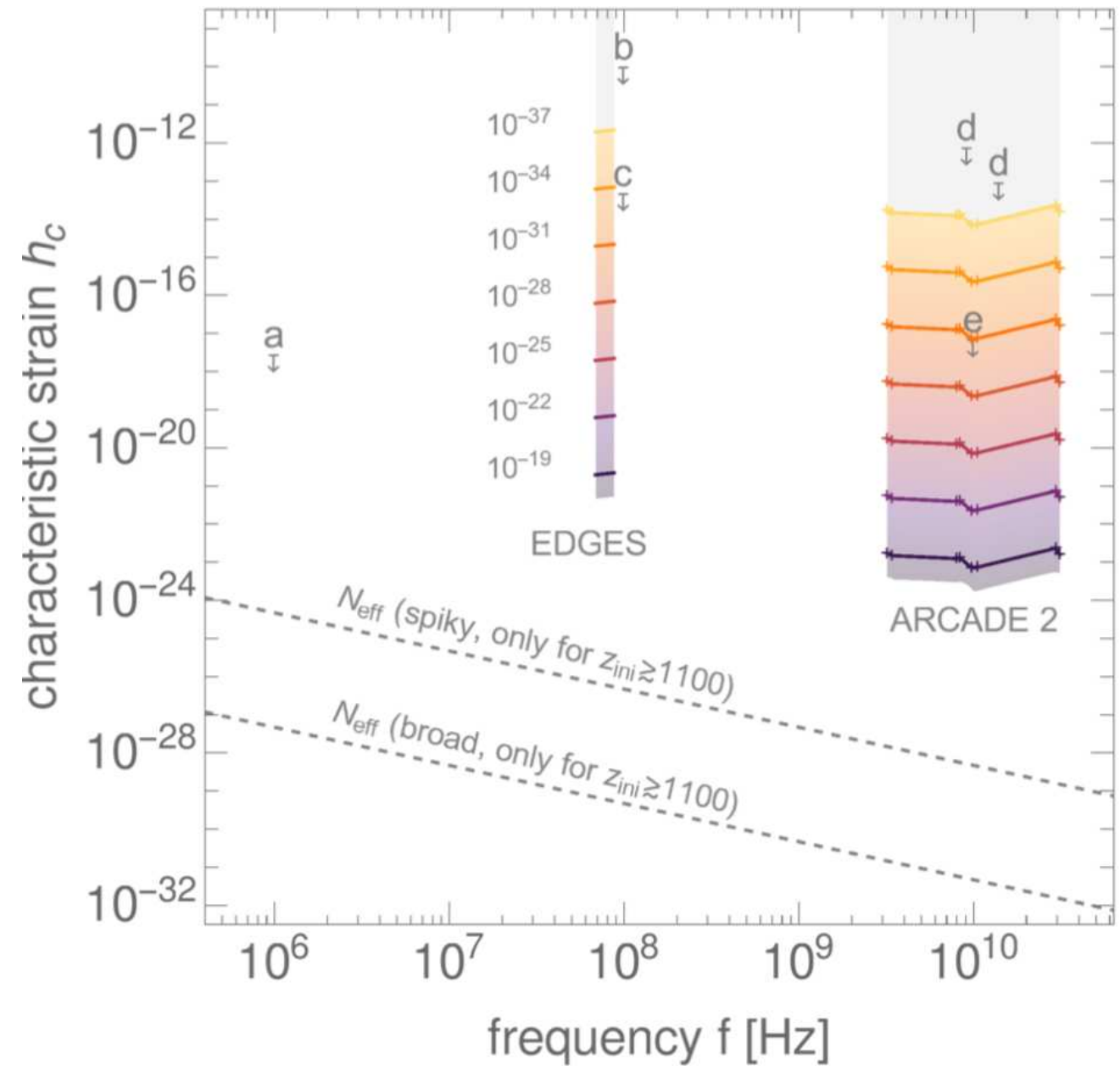
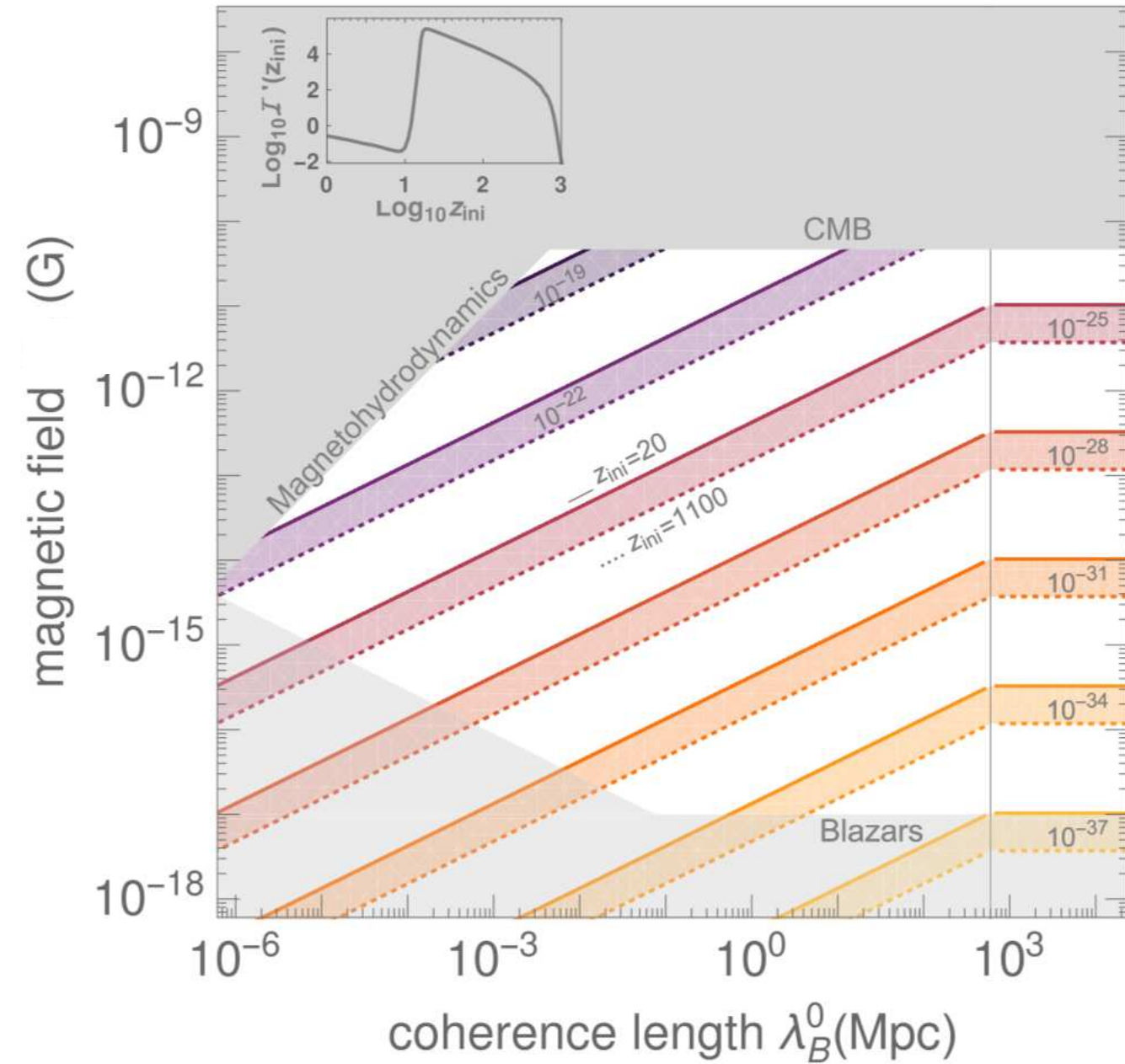


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existing laboratory bounds from

- a) superconducting parametric converter [Reece et al '84](#)
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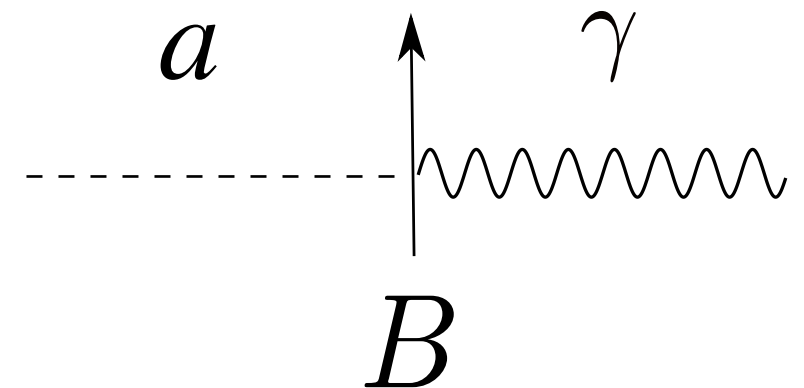


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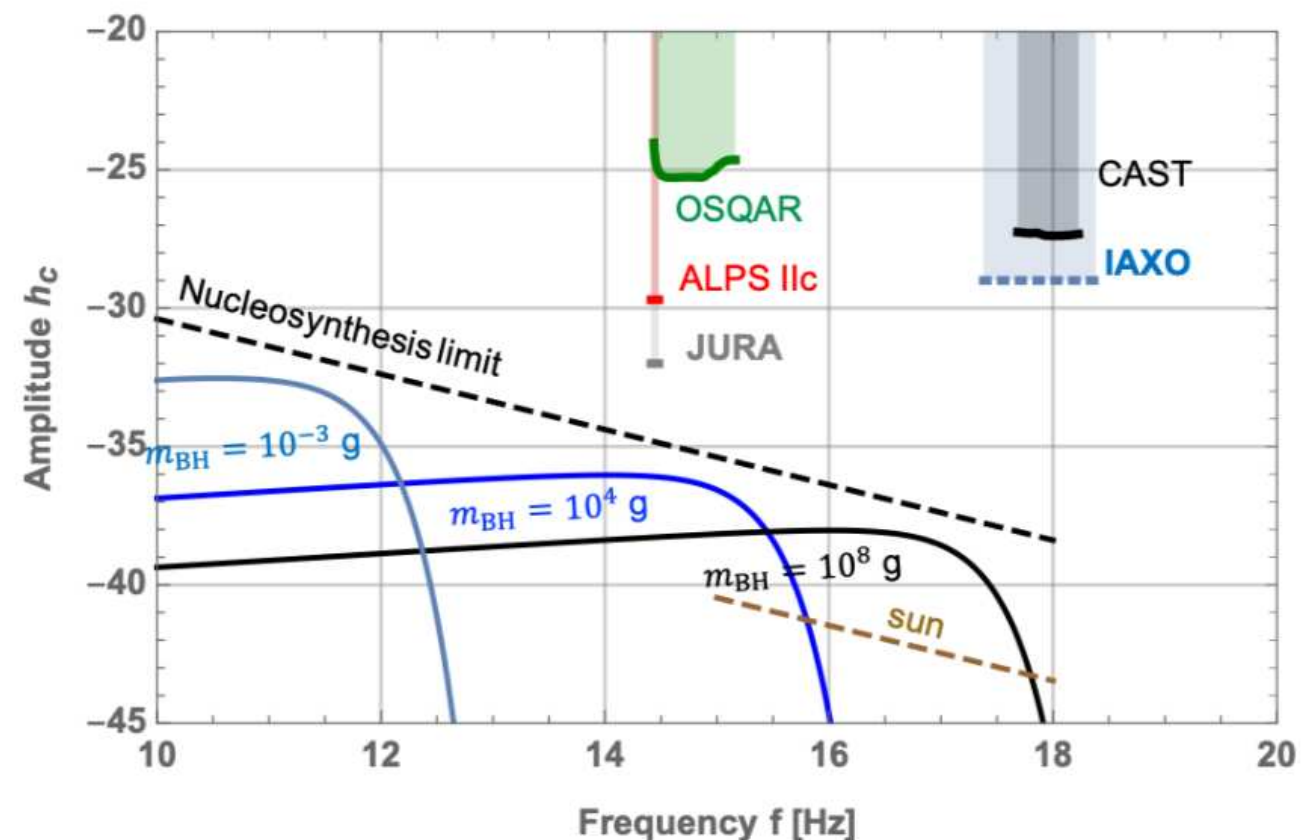
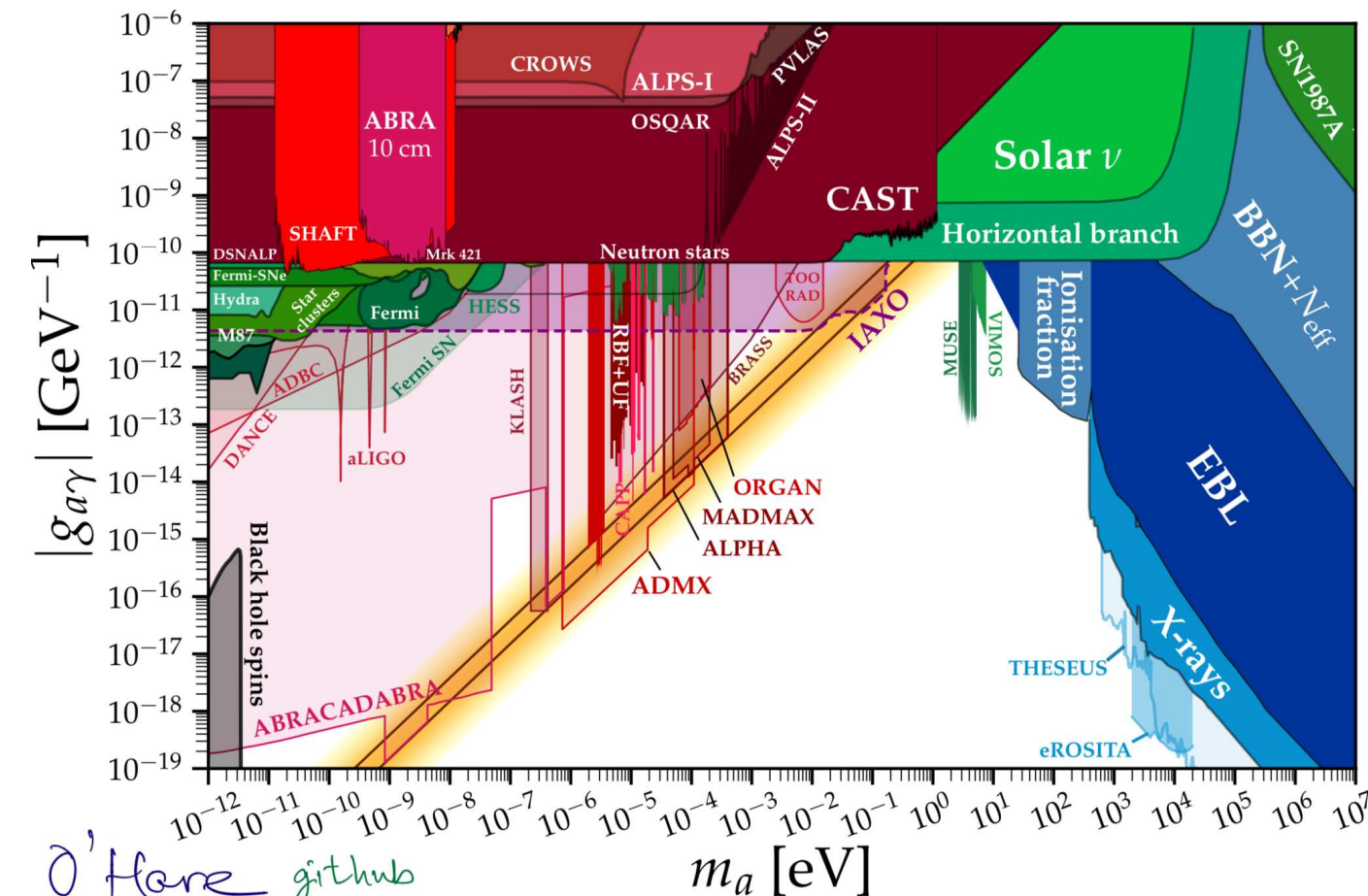
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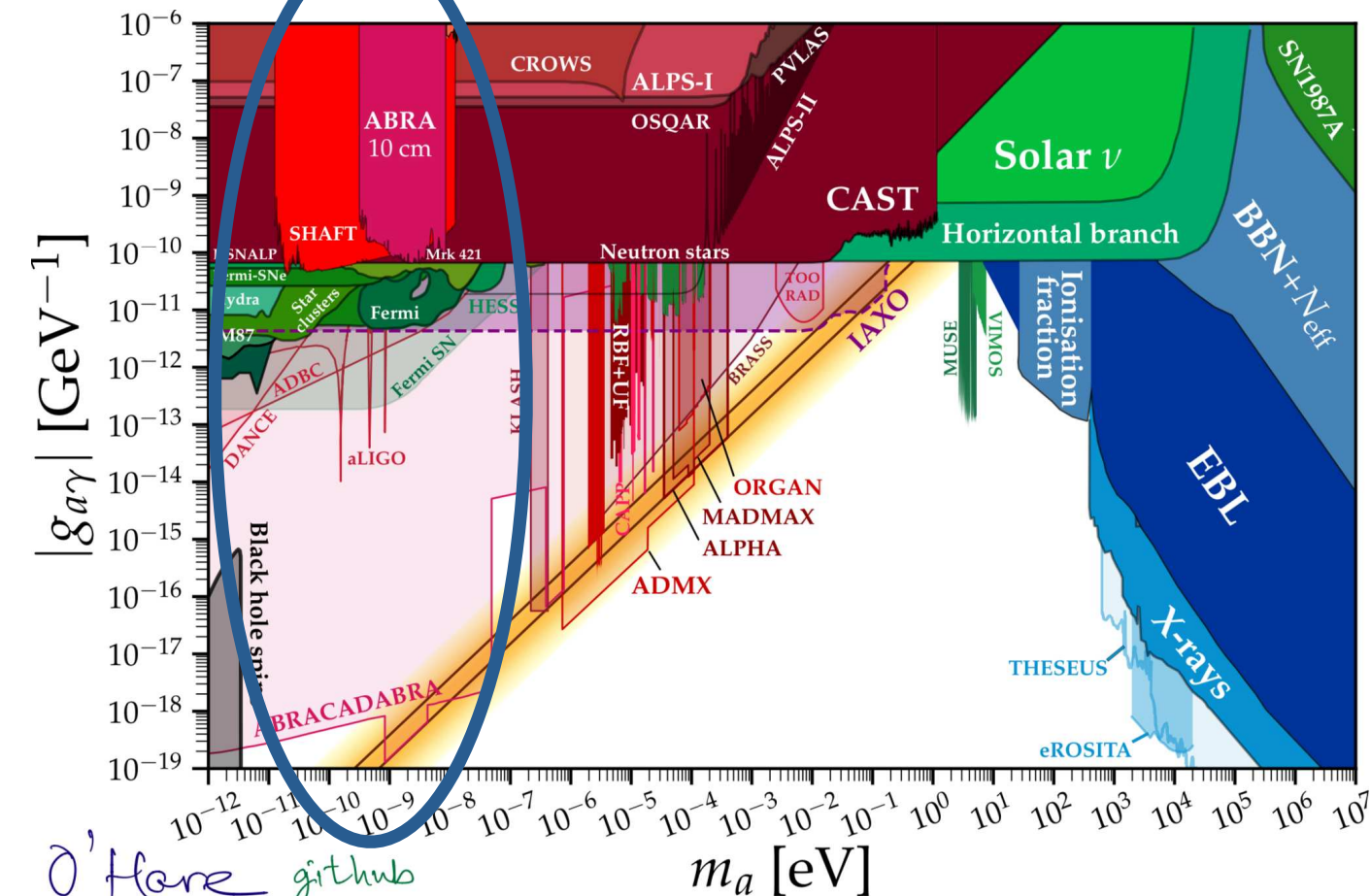


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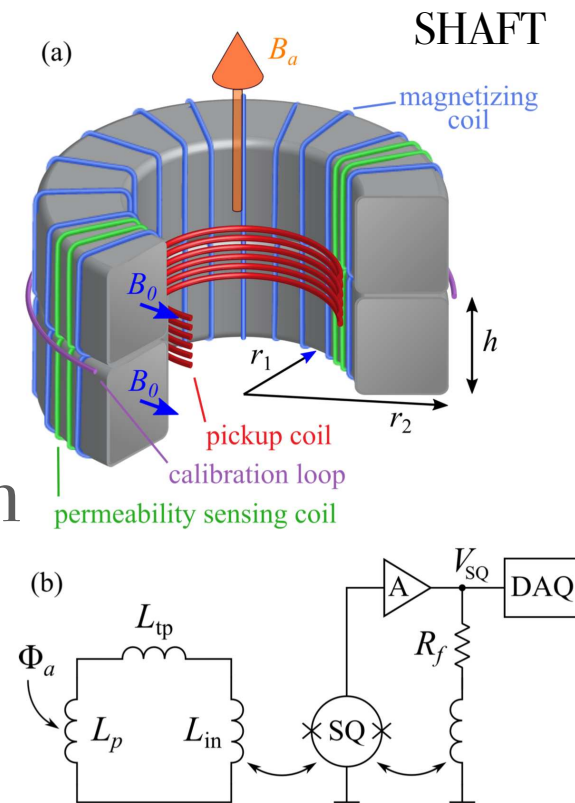
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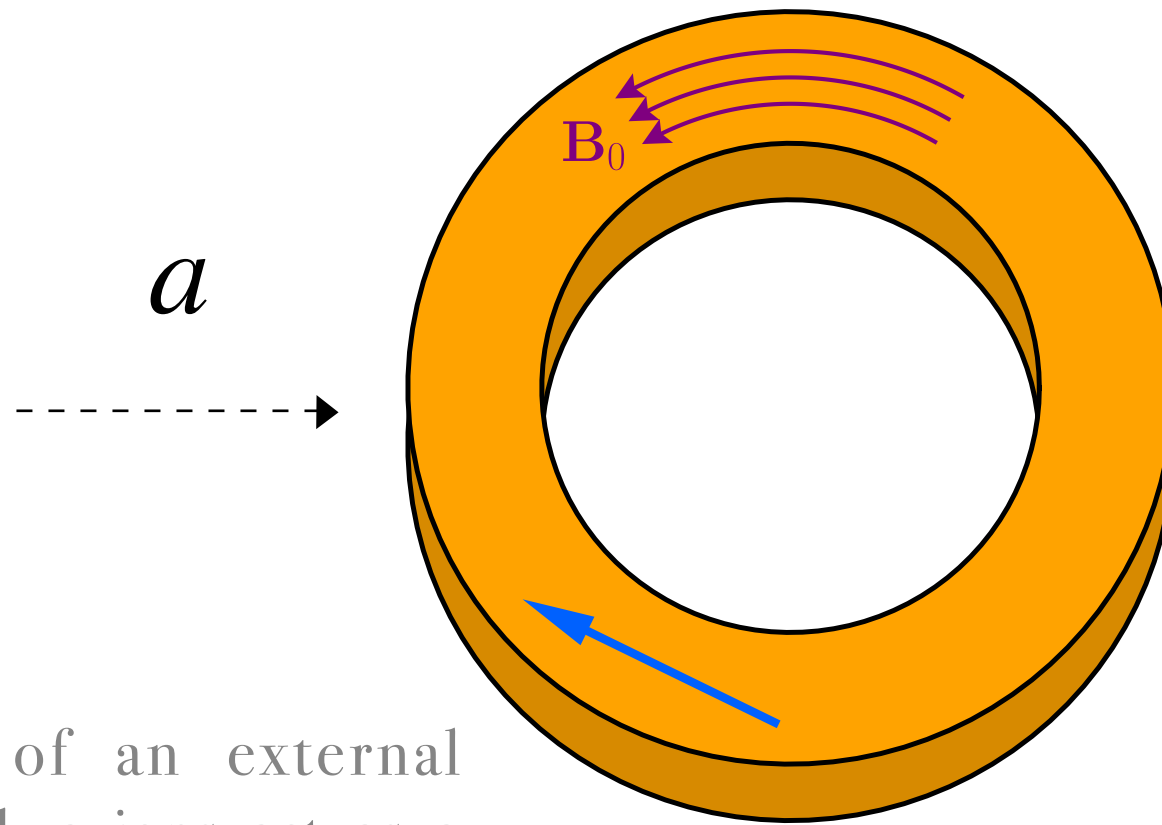


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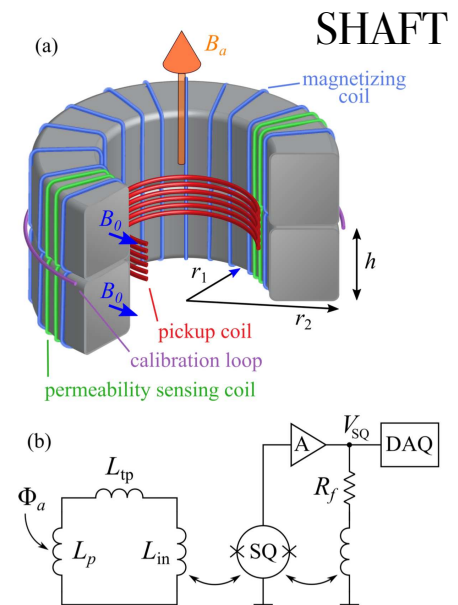


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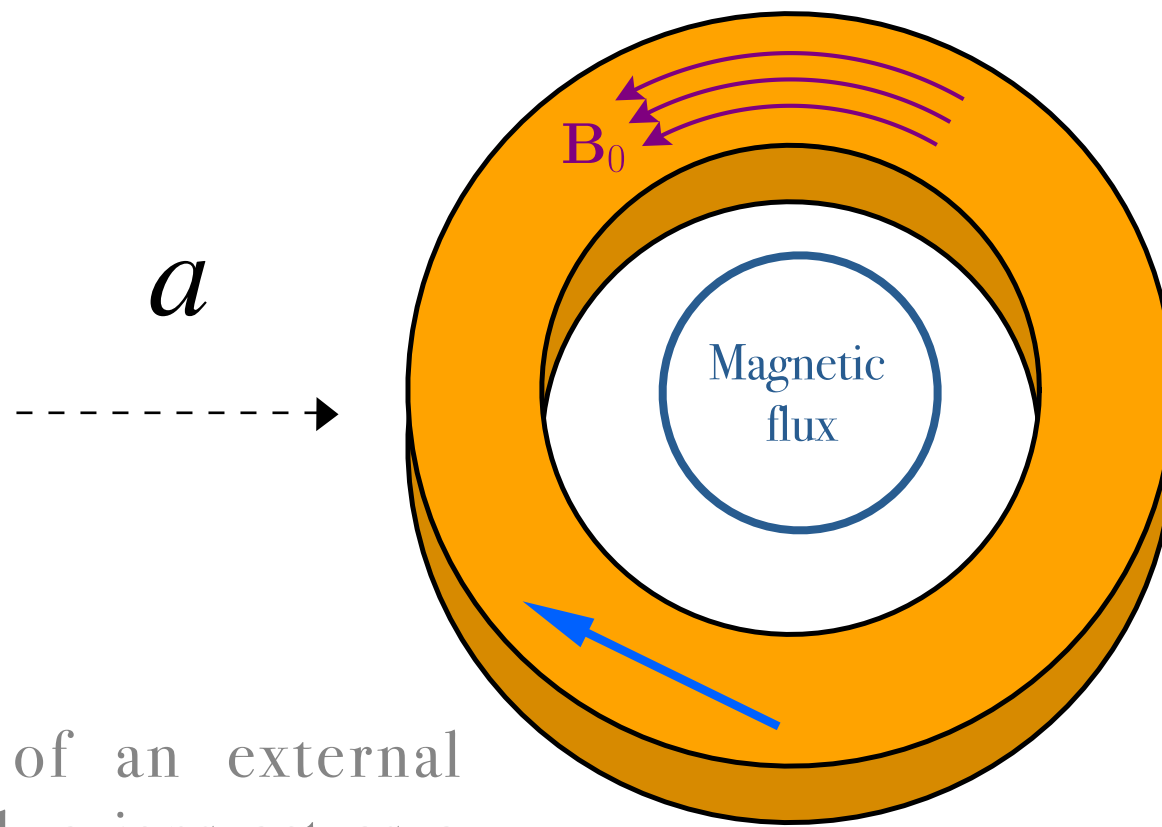
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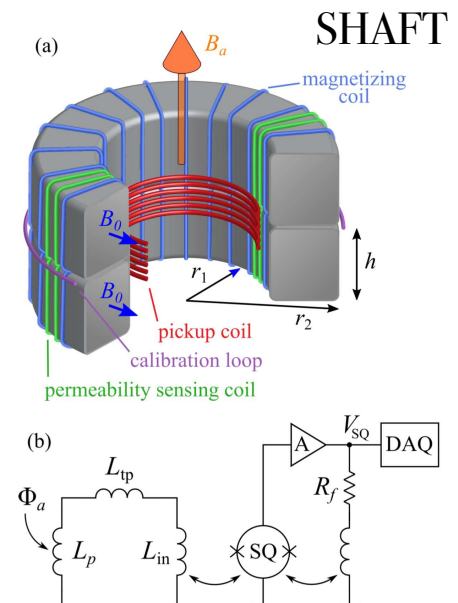


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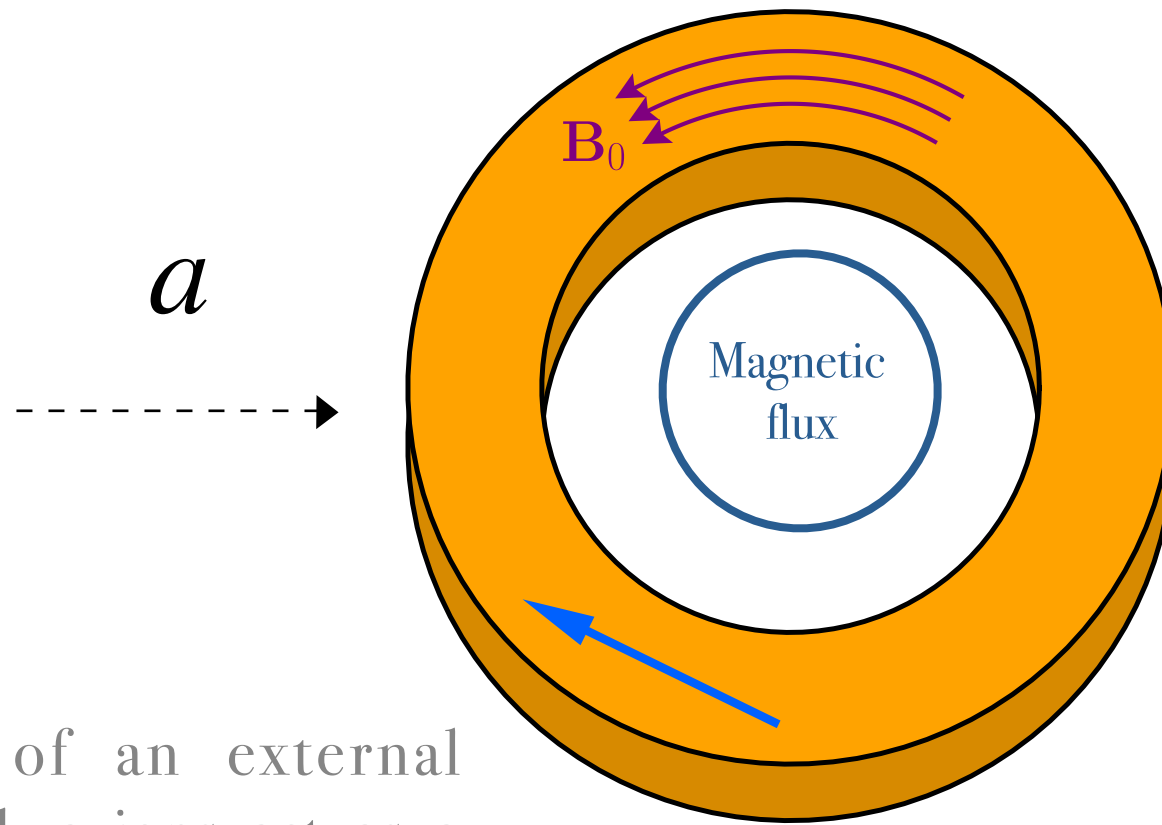


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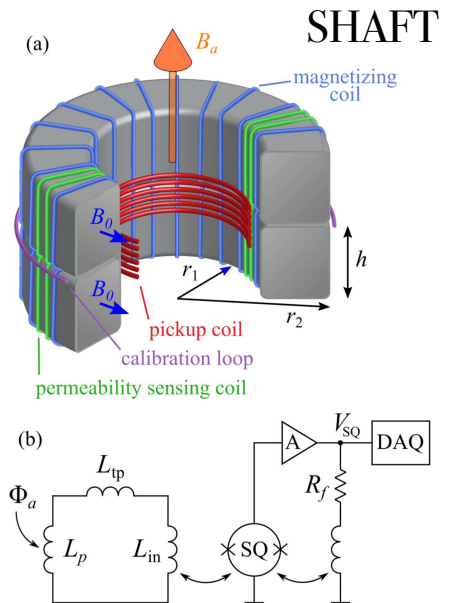
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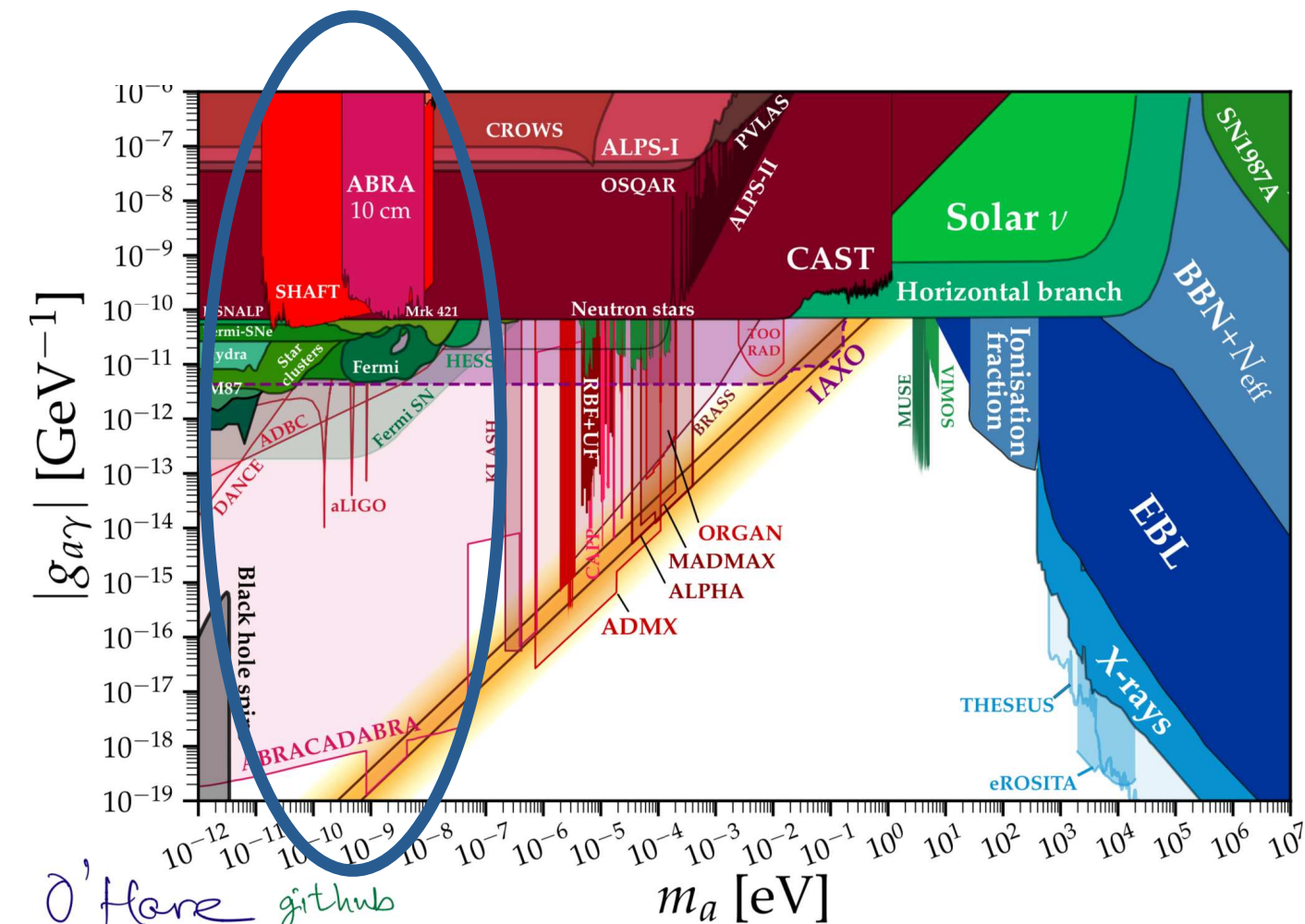
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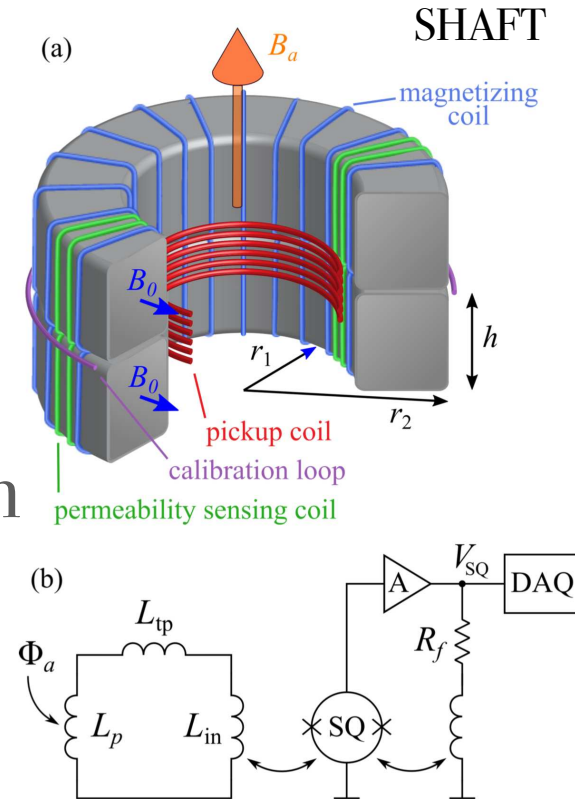
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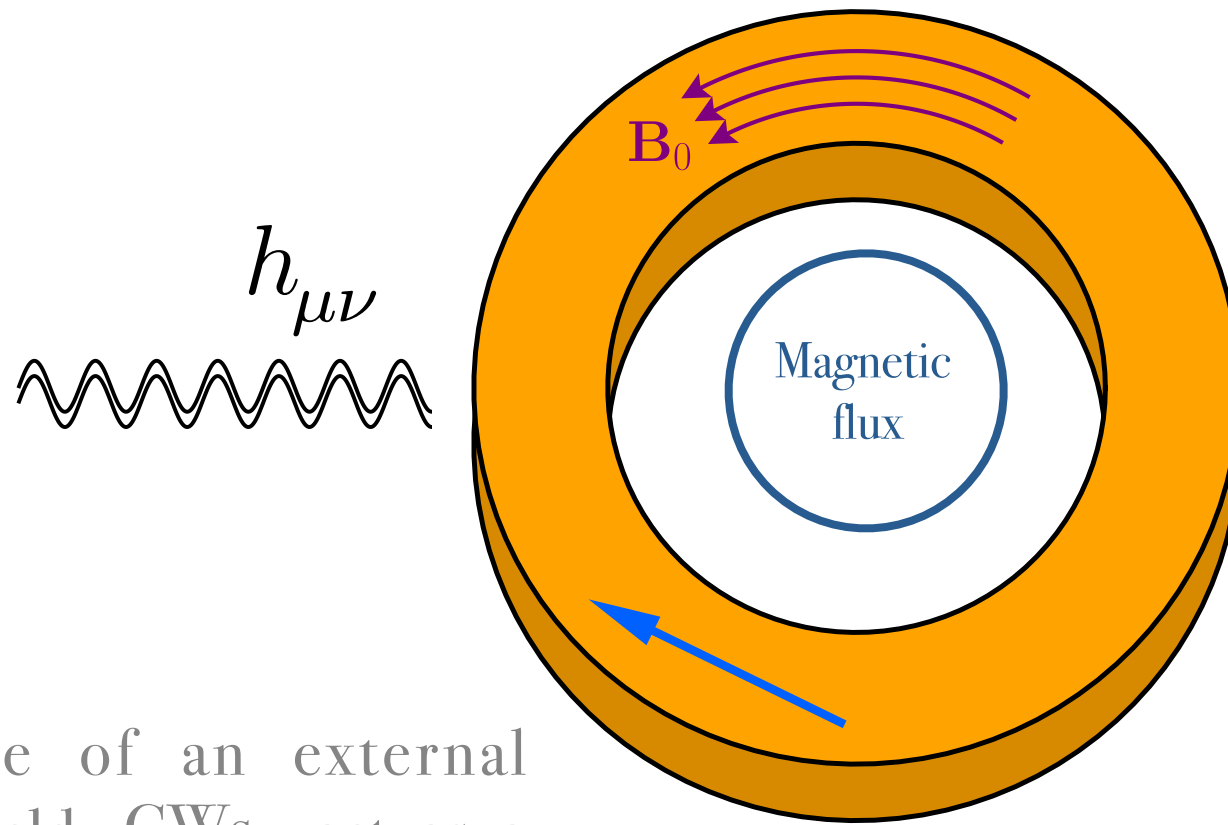
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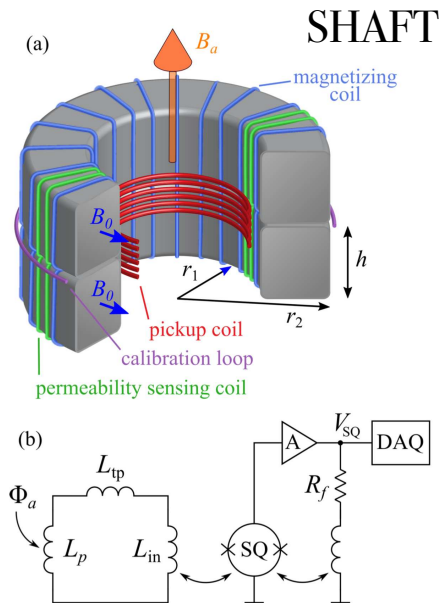
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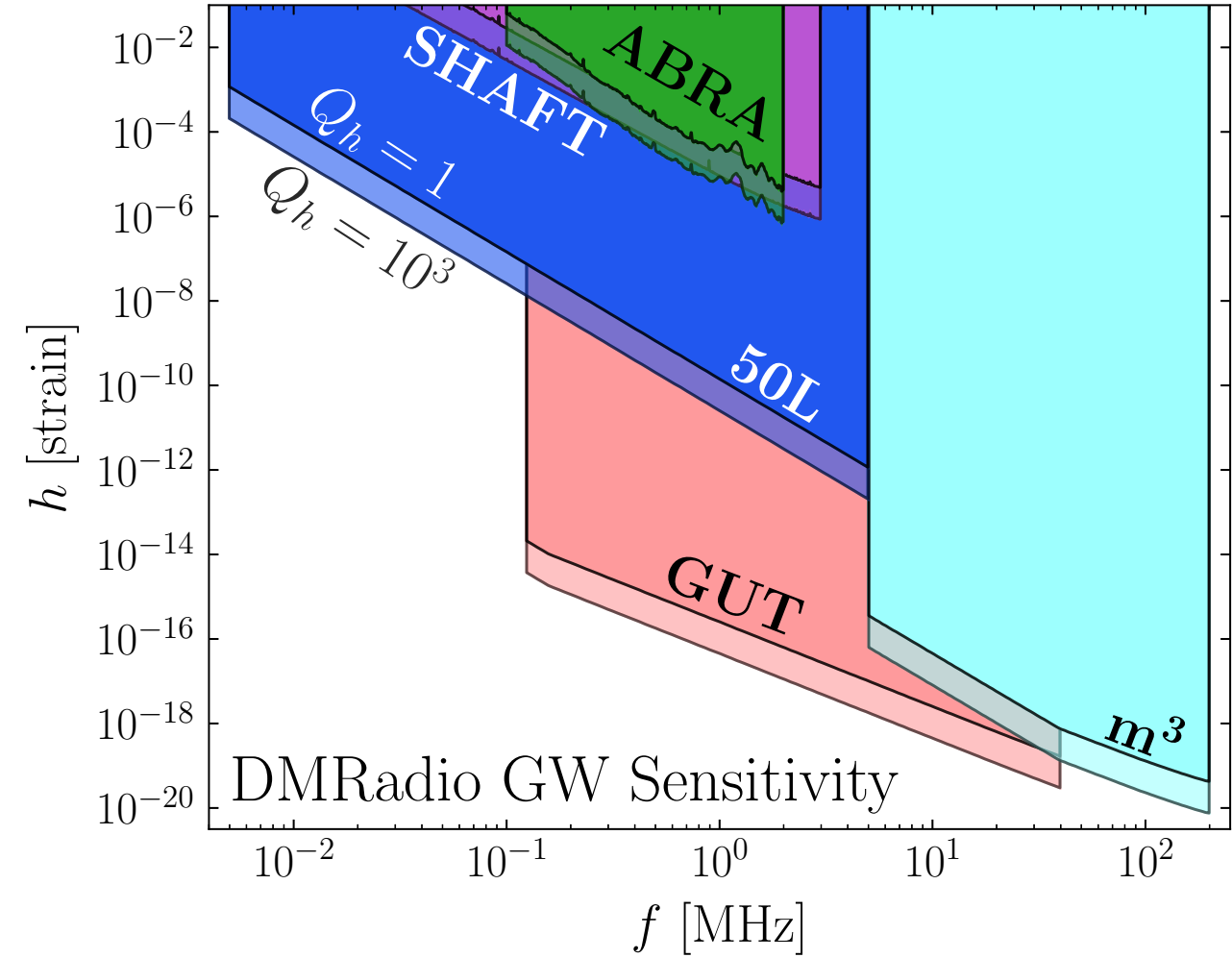
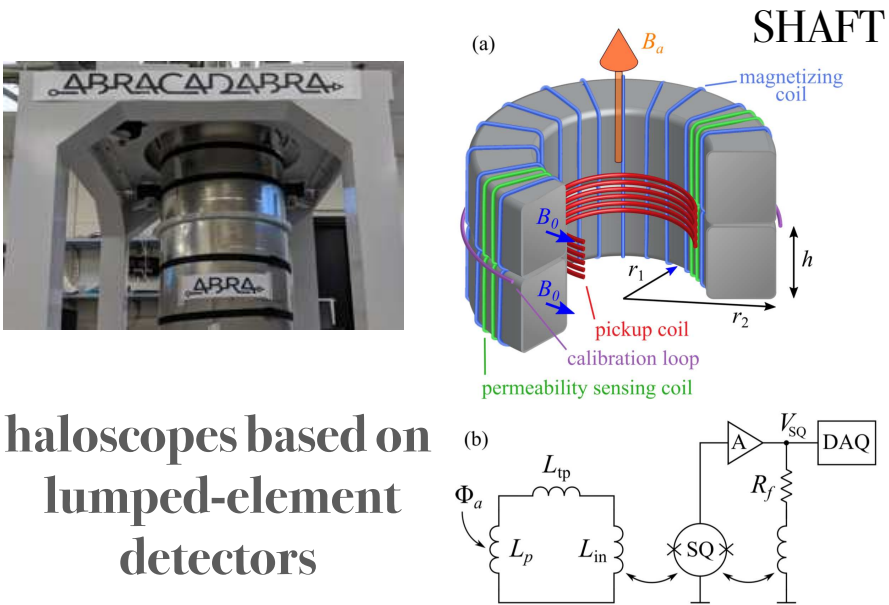
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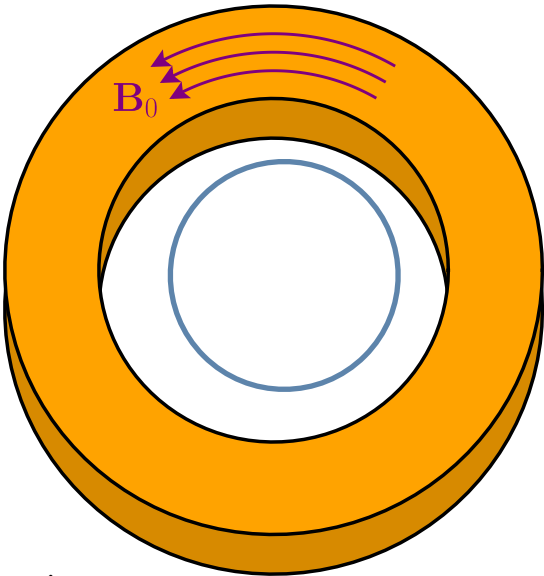




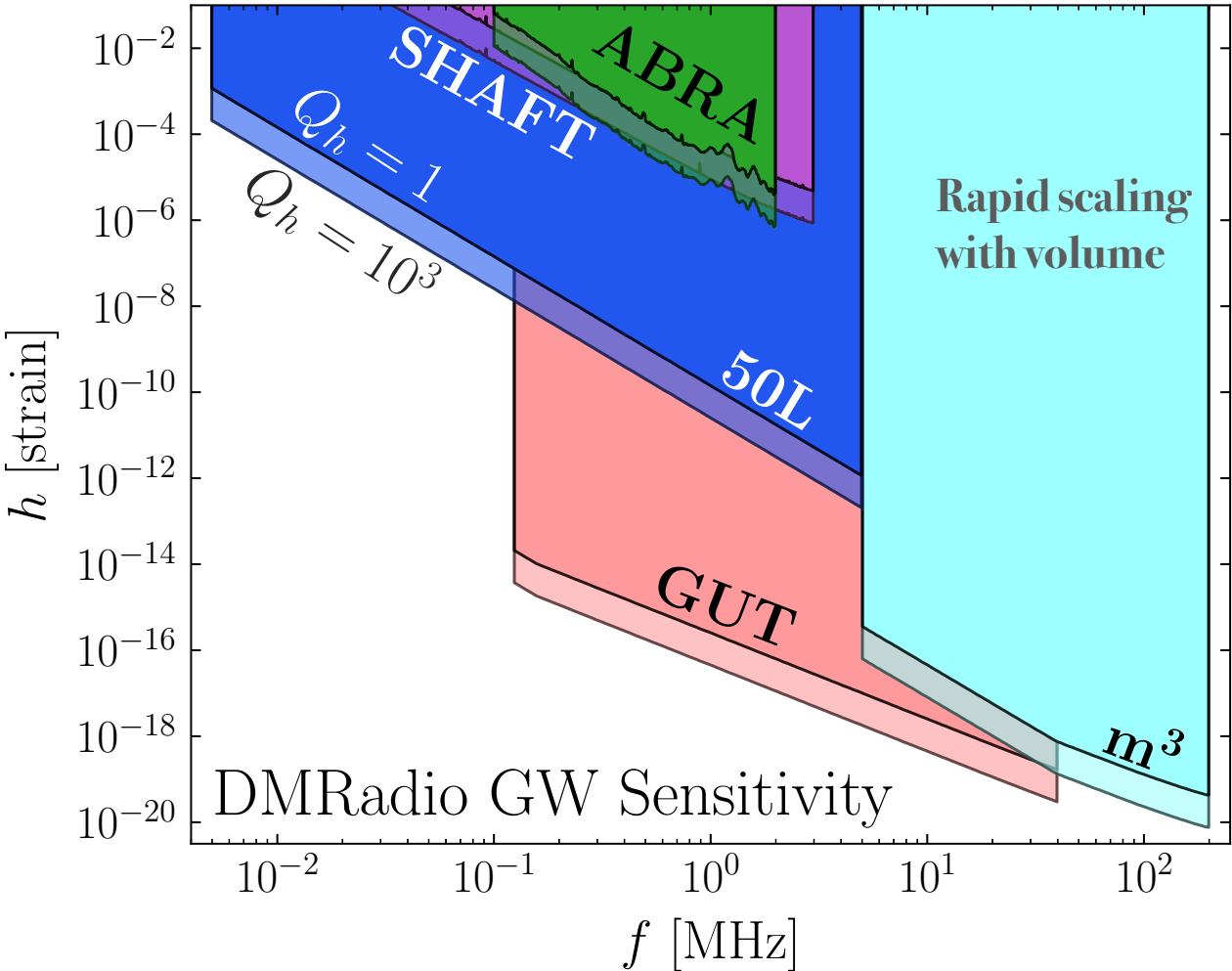
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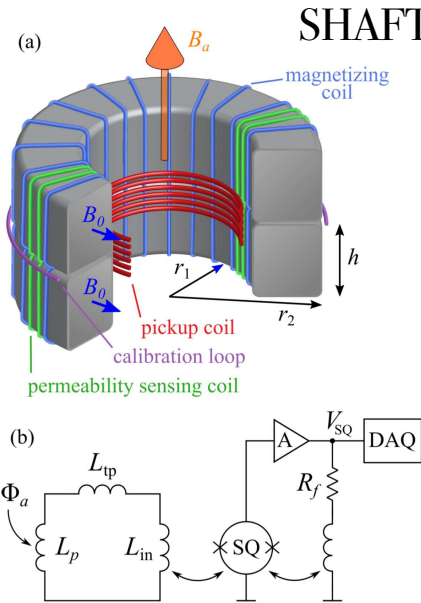
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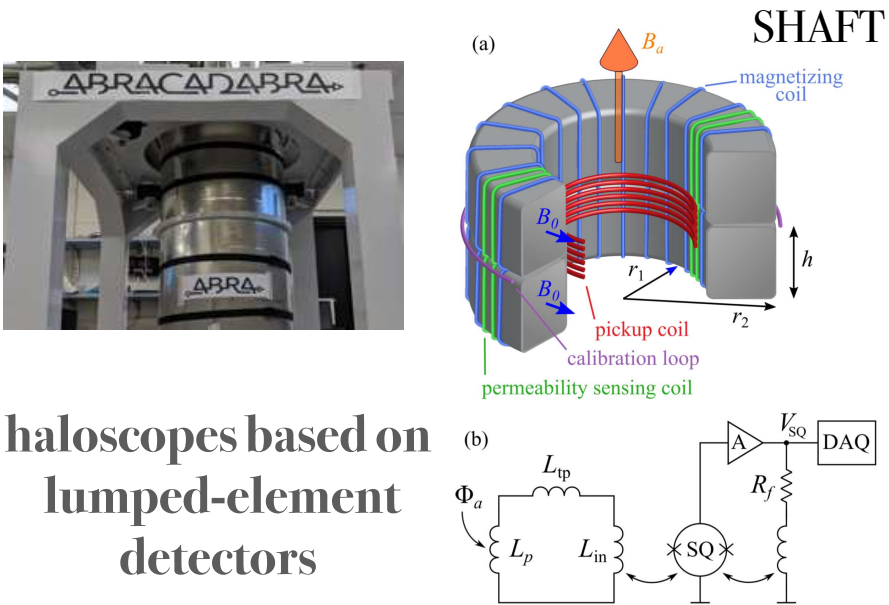
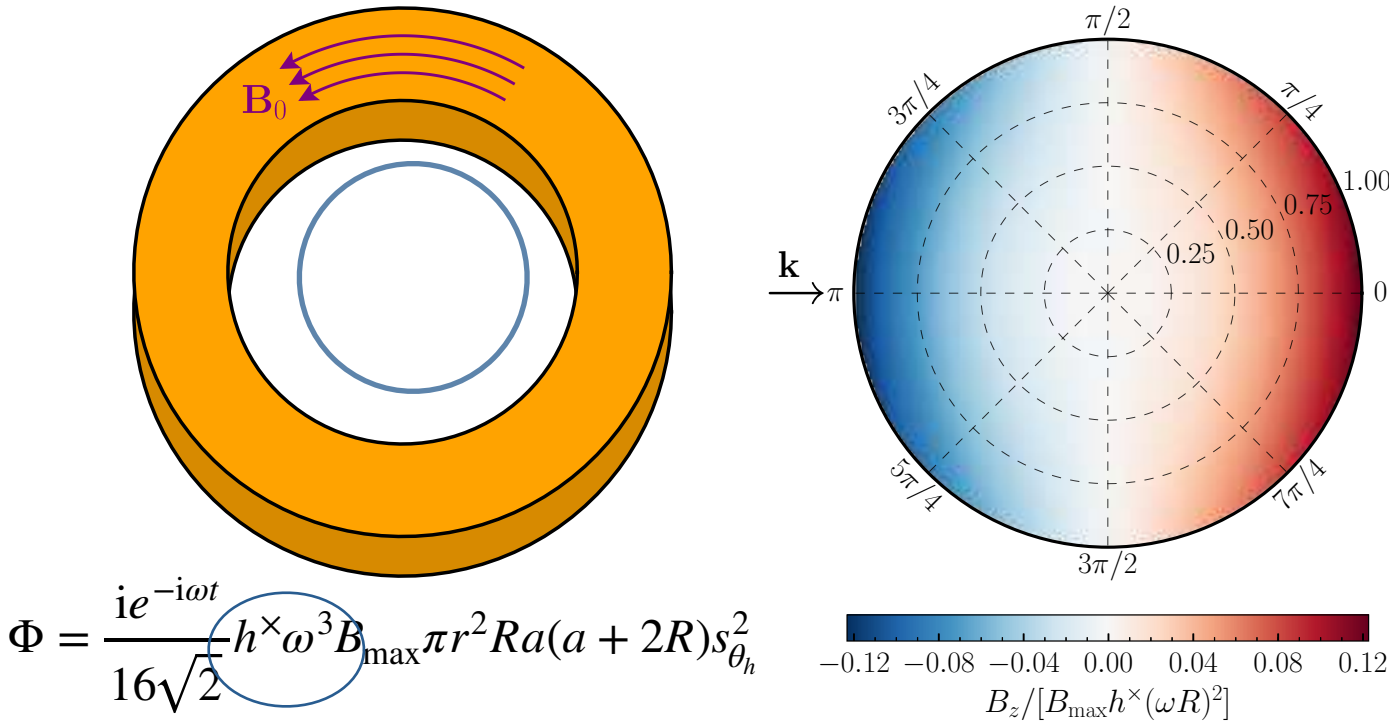




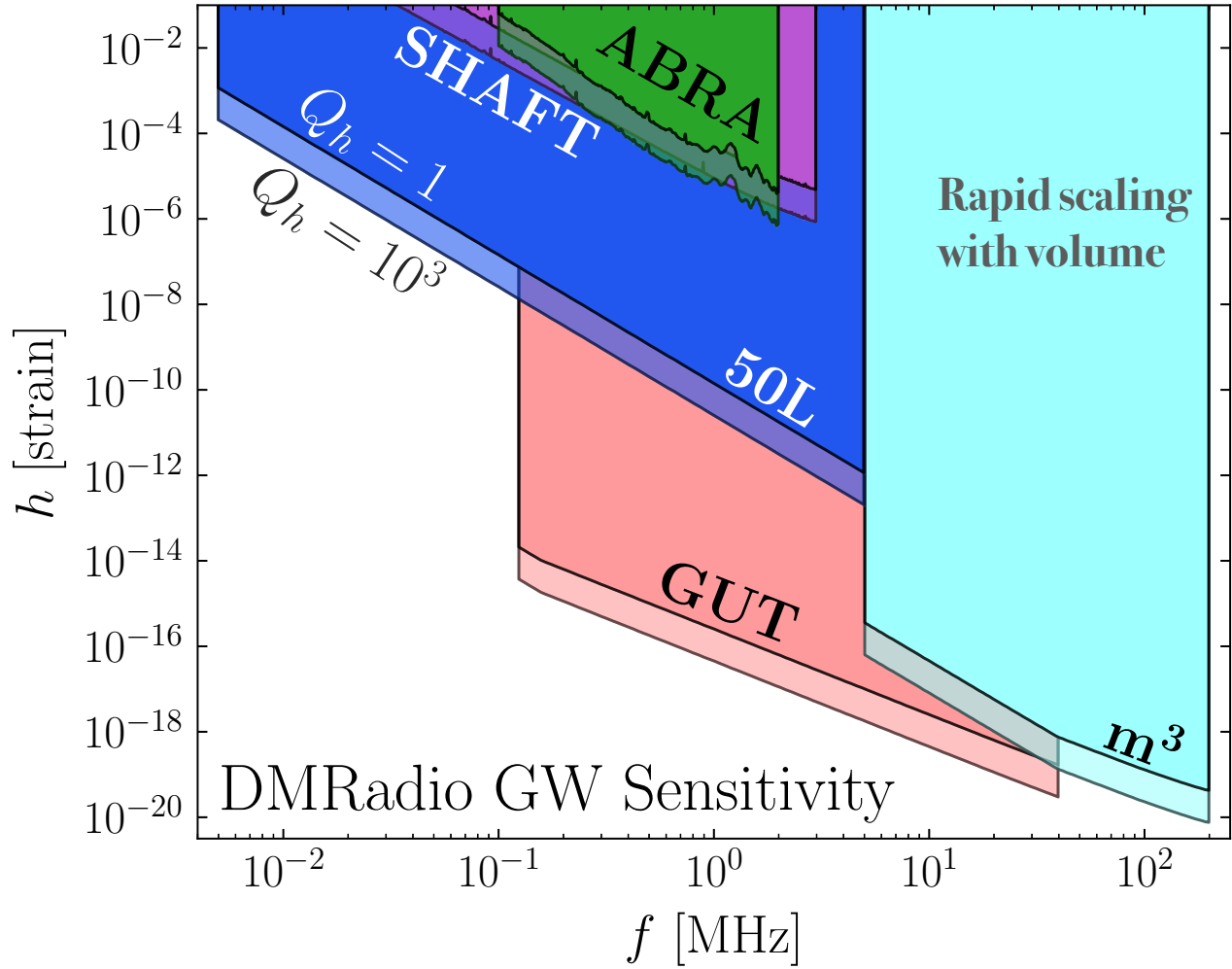
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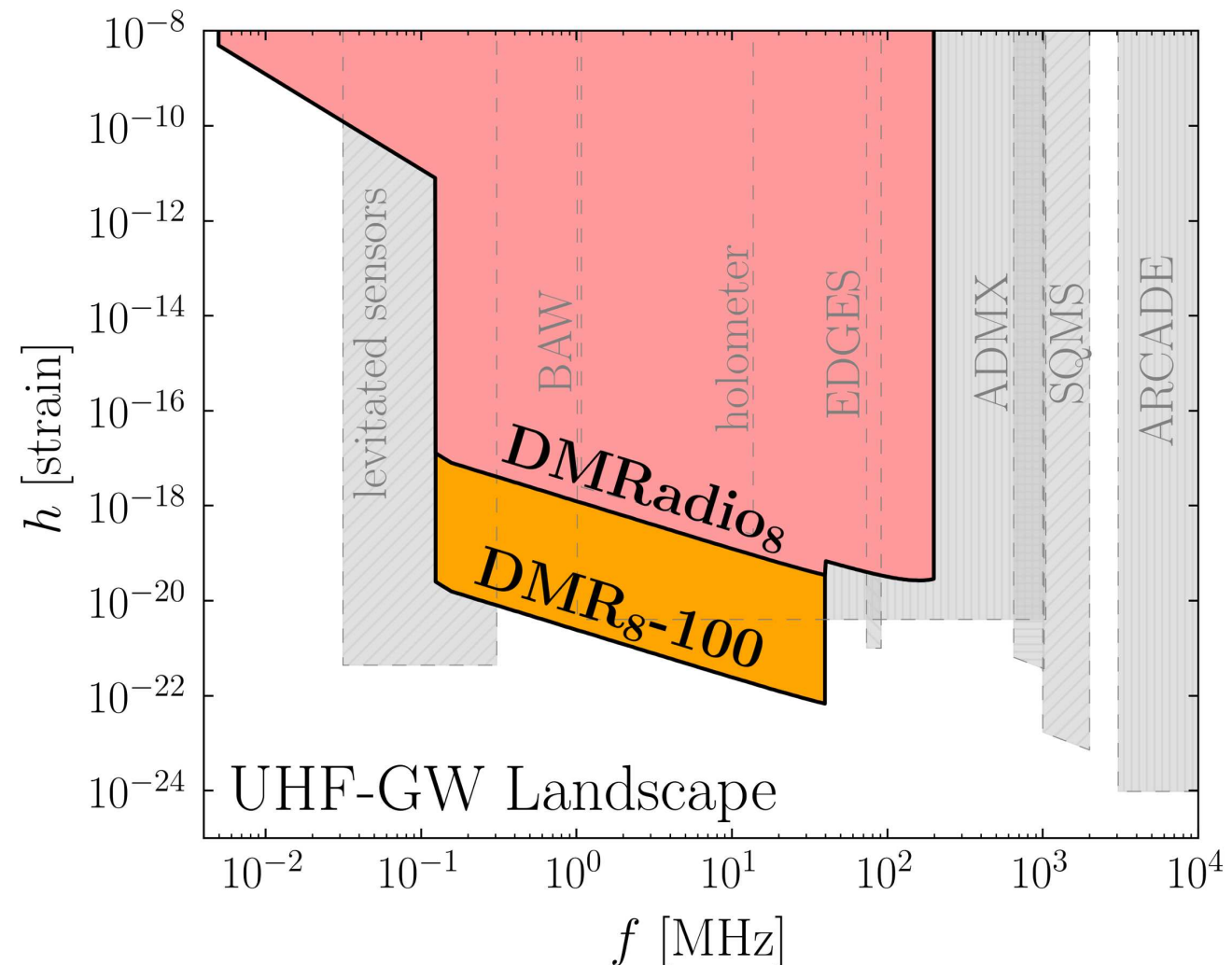
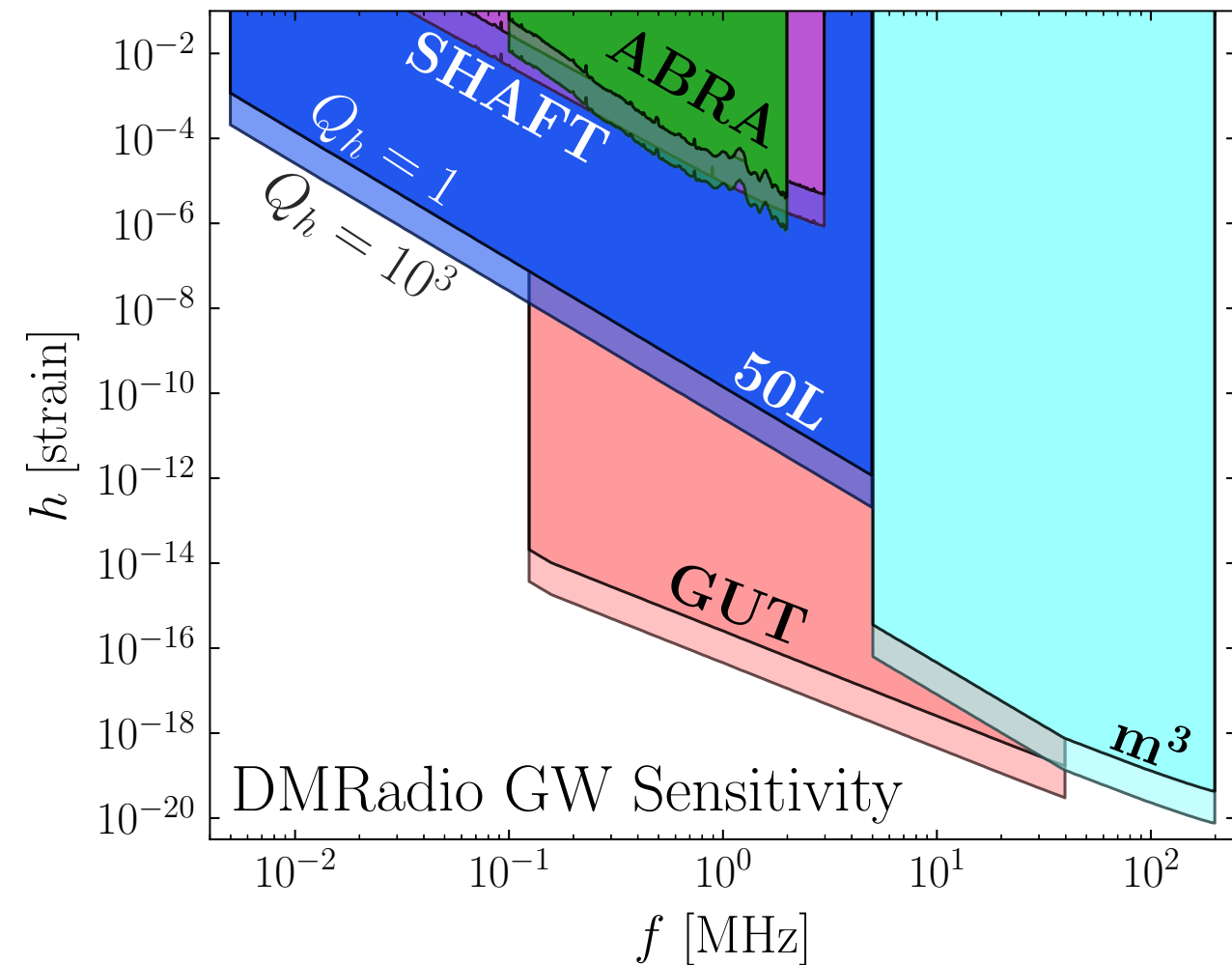
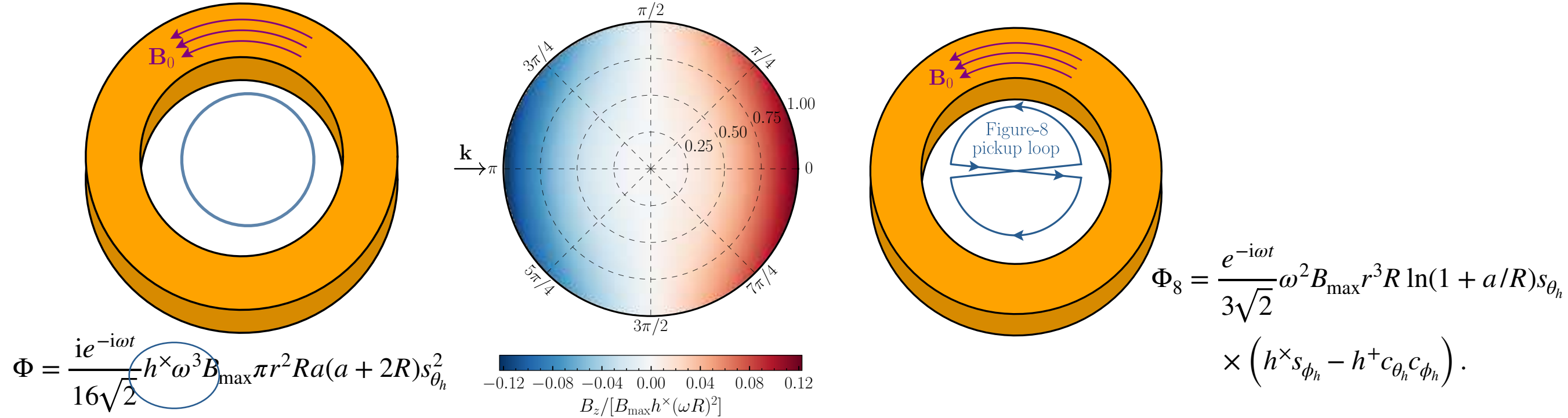
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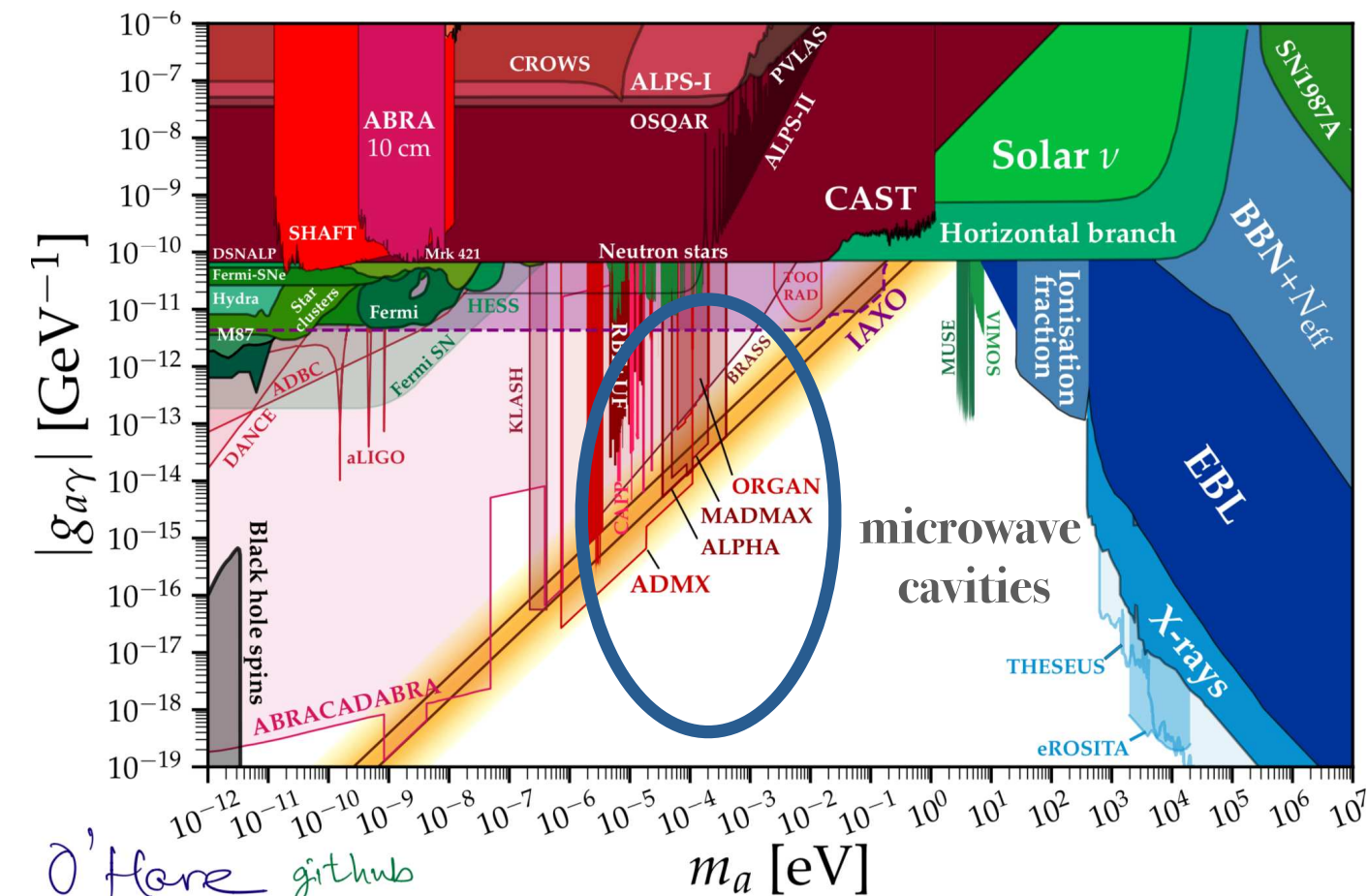
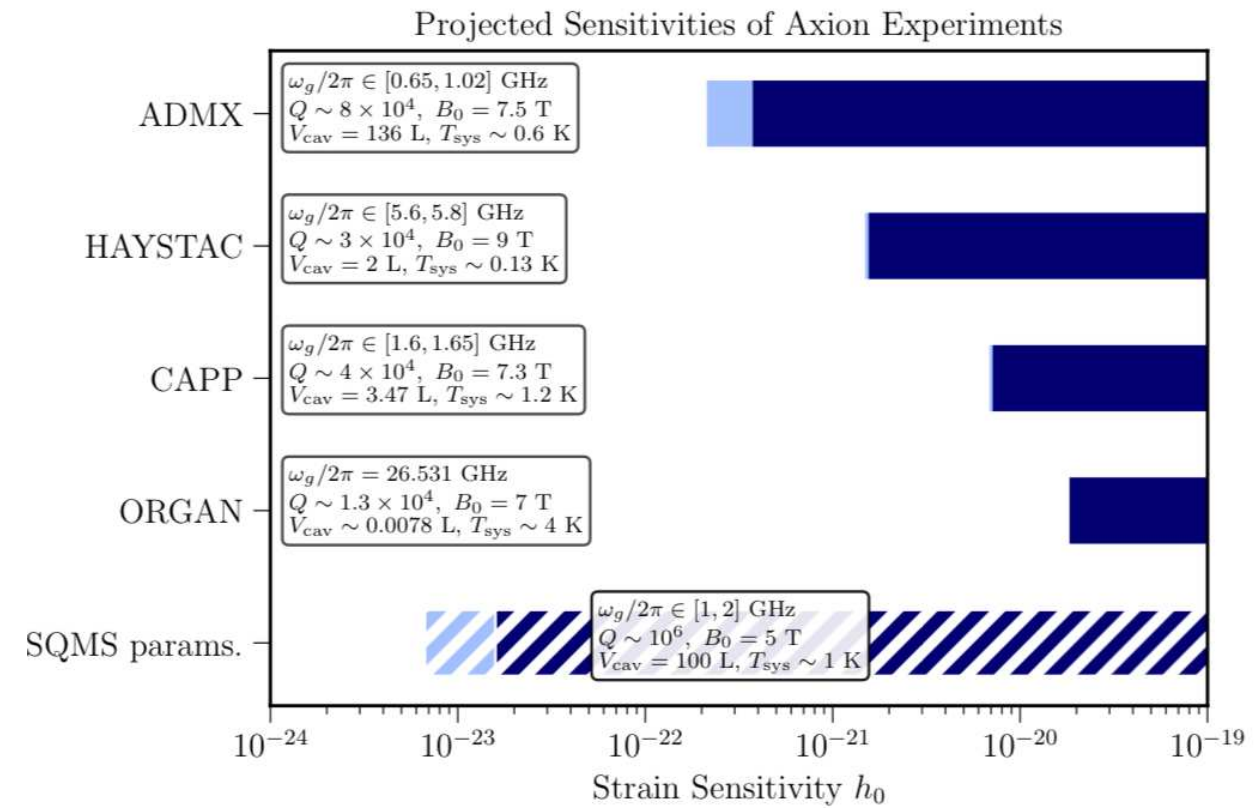
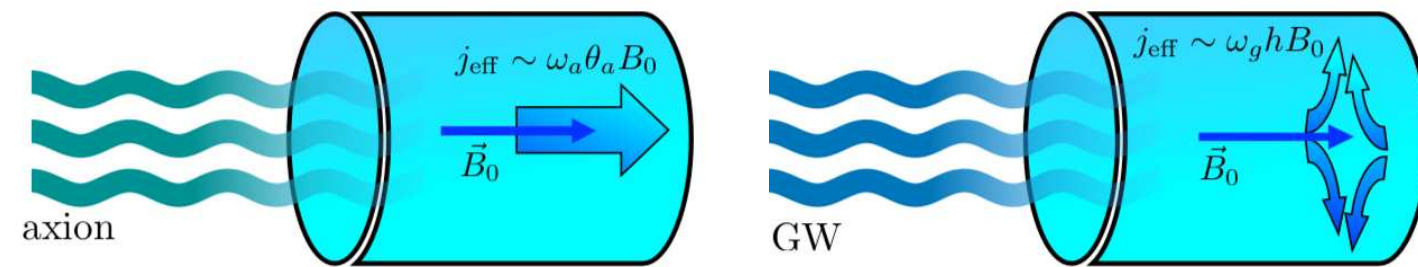


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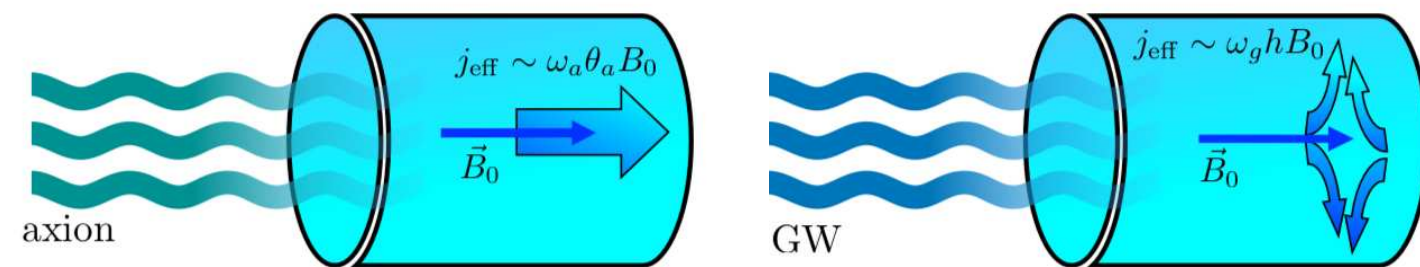


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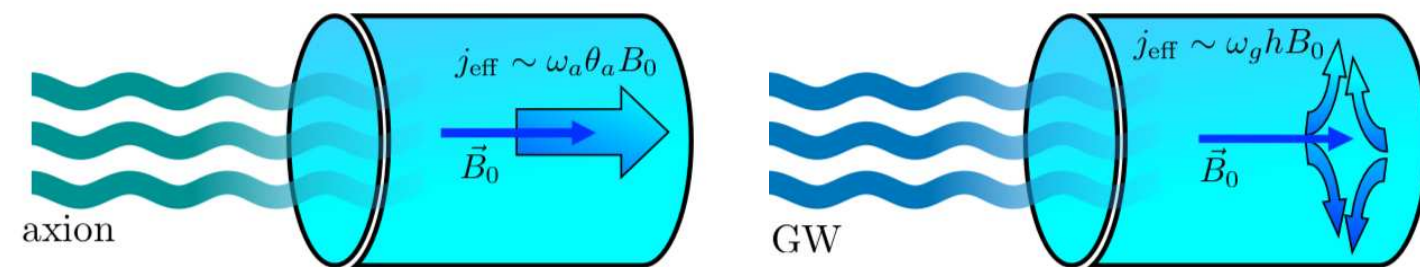
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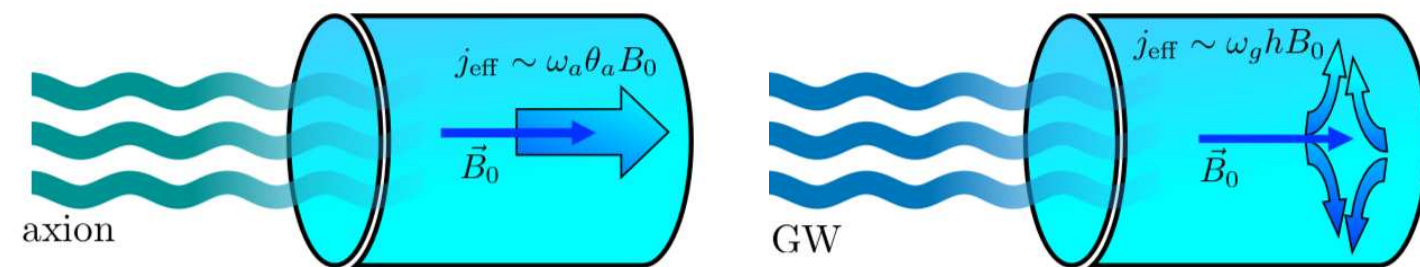
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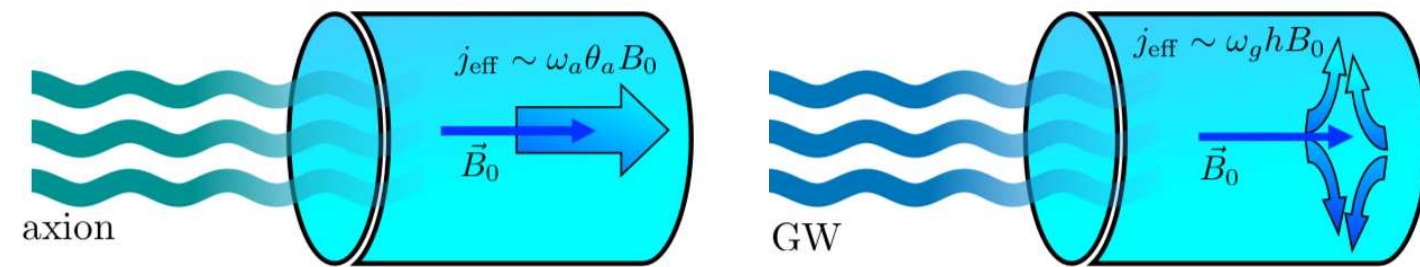
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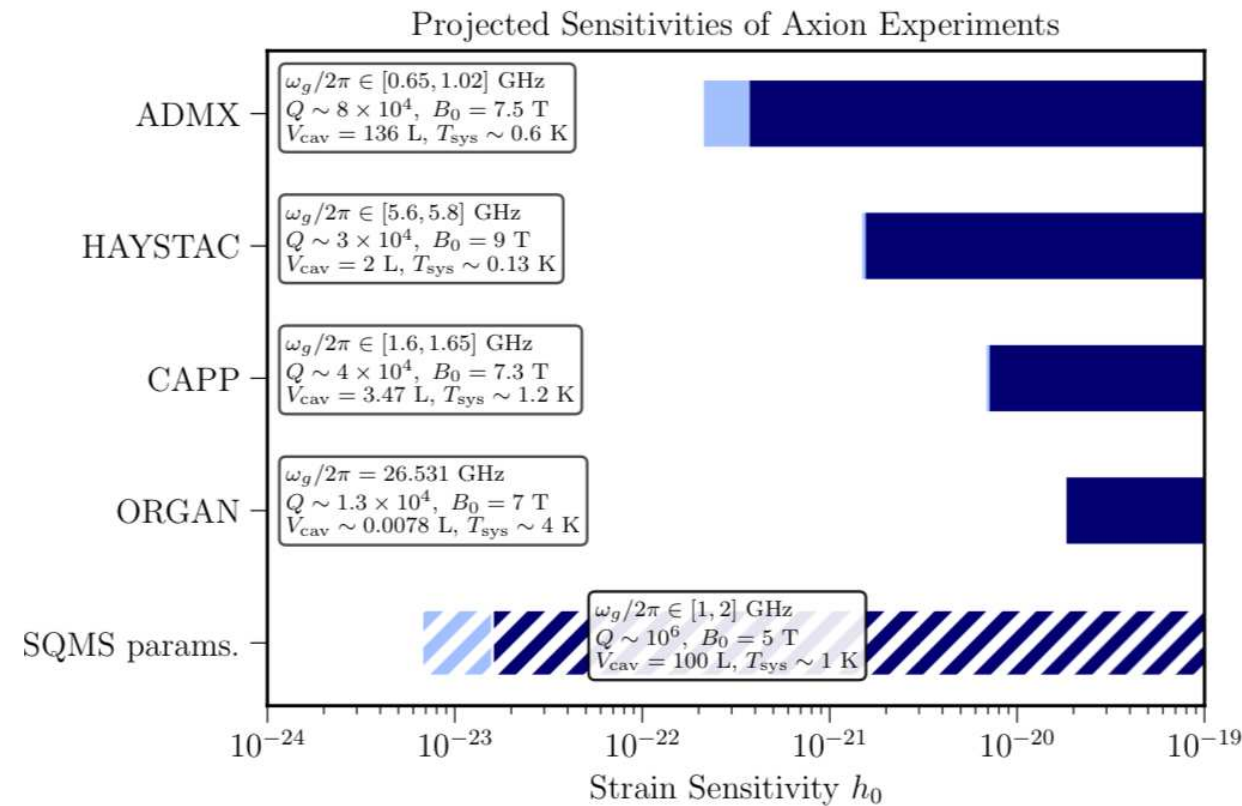


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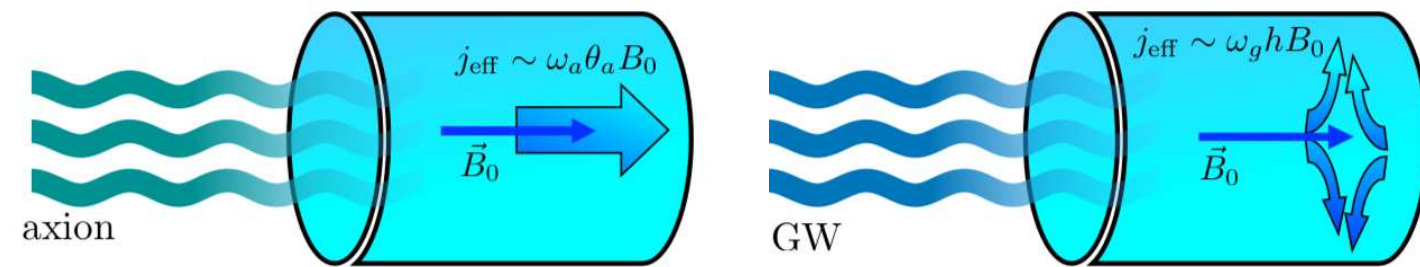


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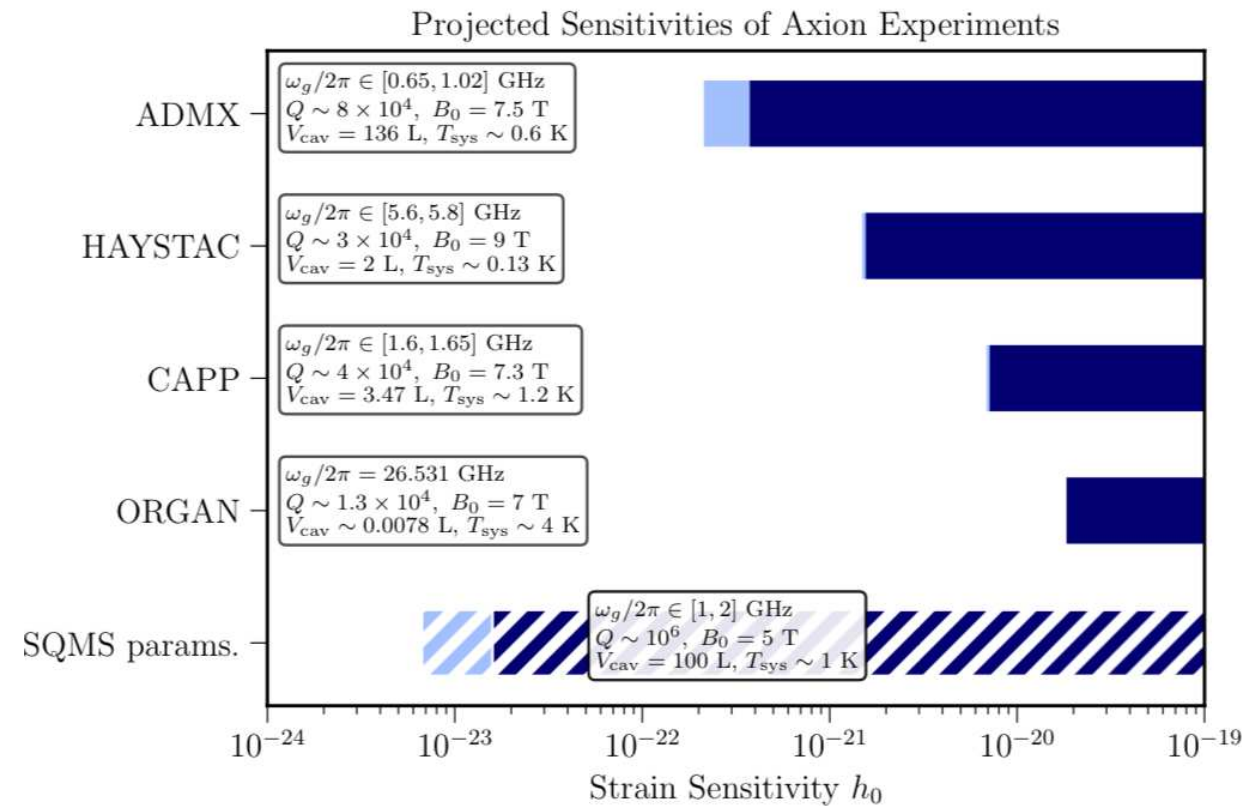
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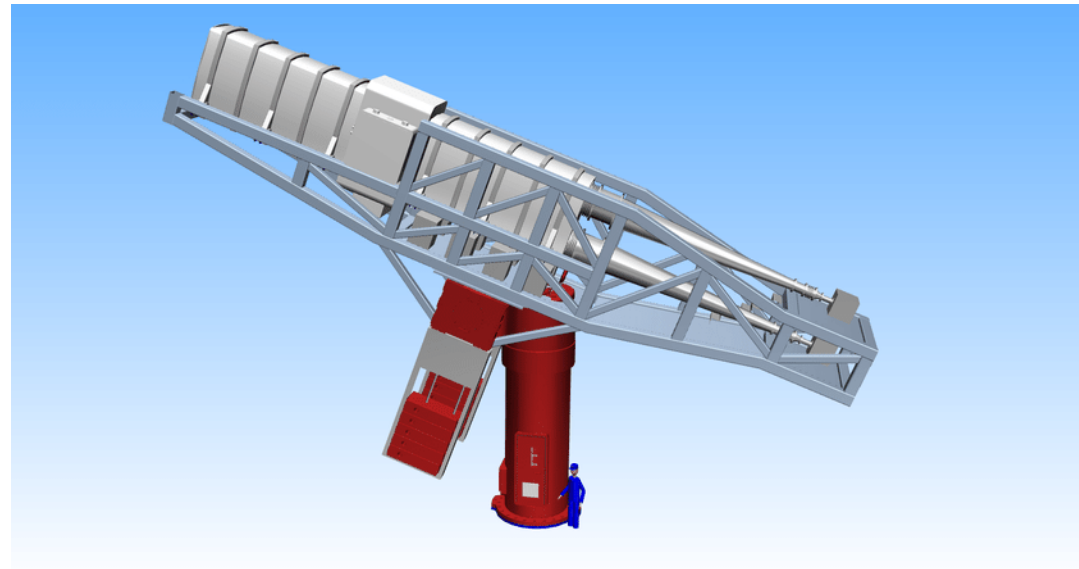
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


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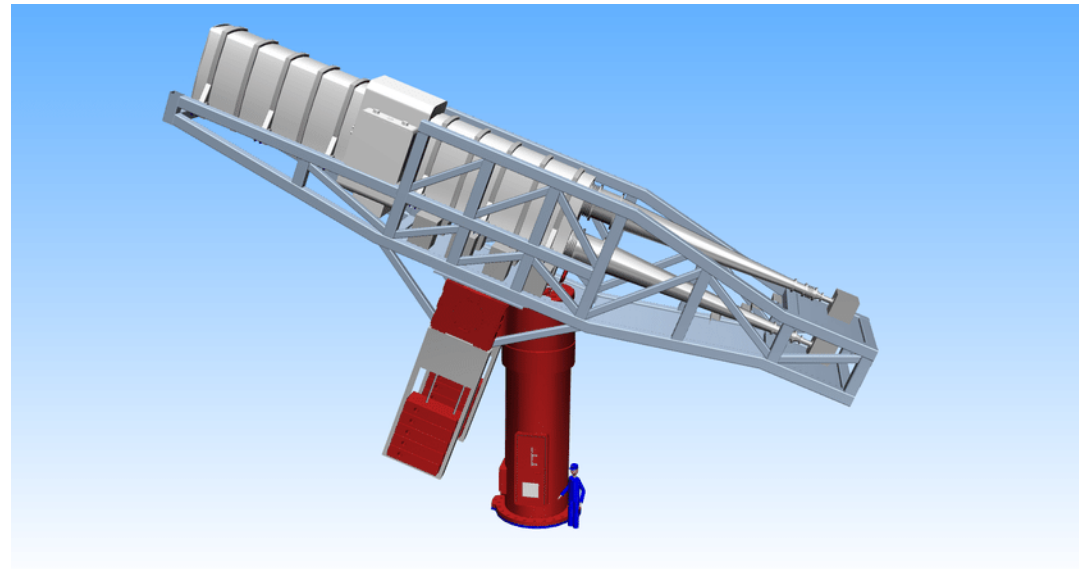


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


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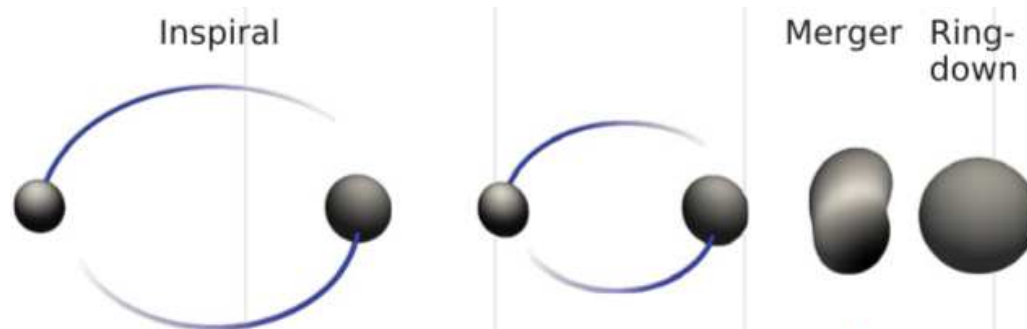
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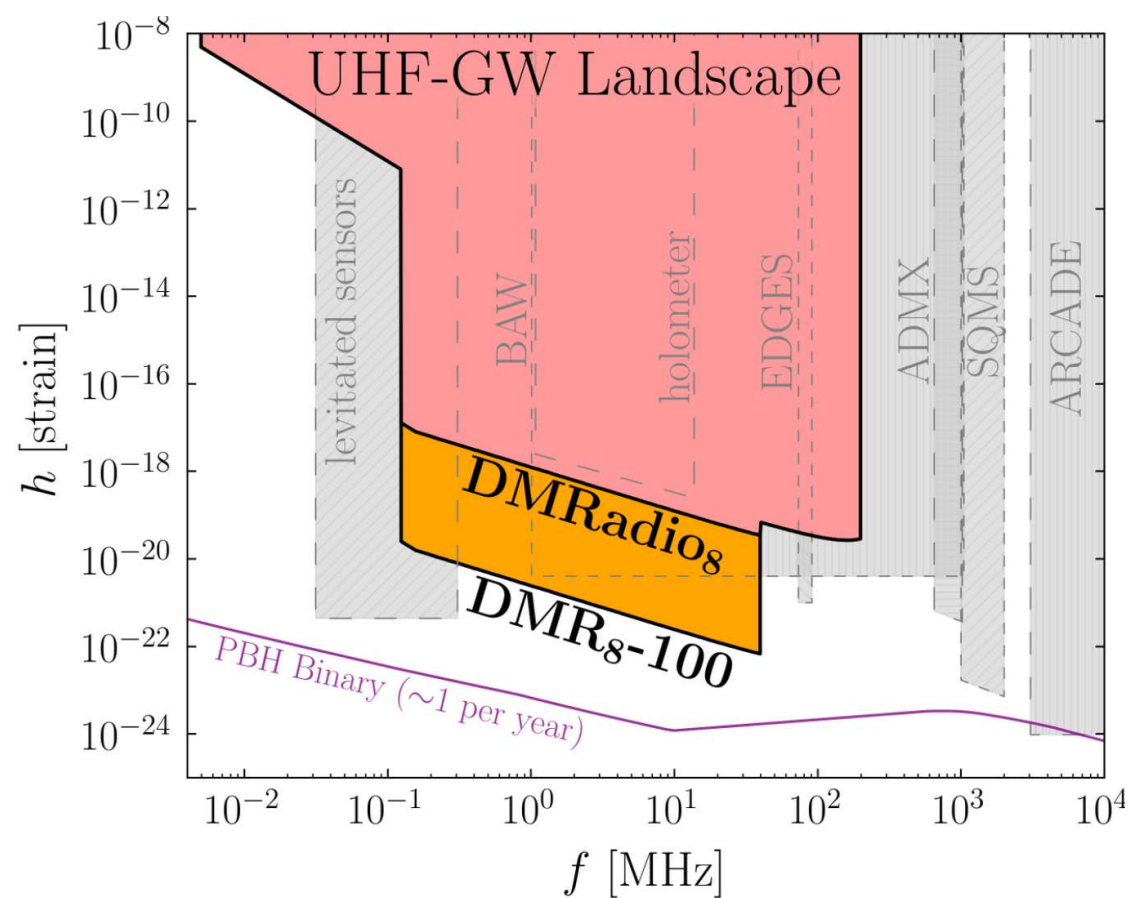
Gravitational waves?

Work in progress

# Potential sources



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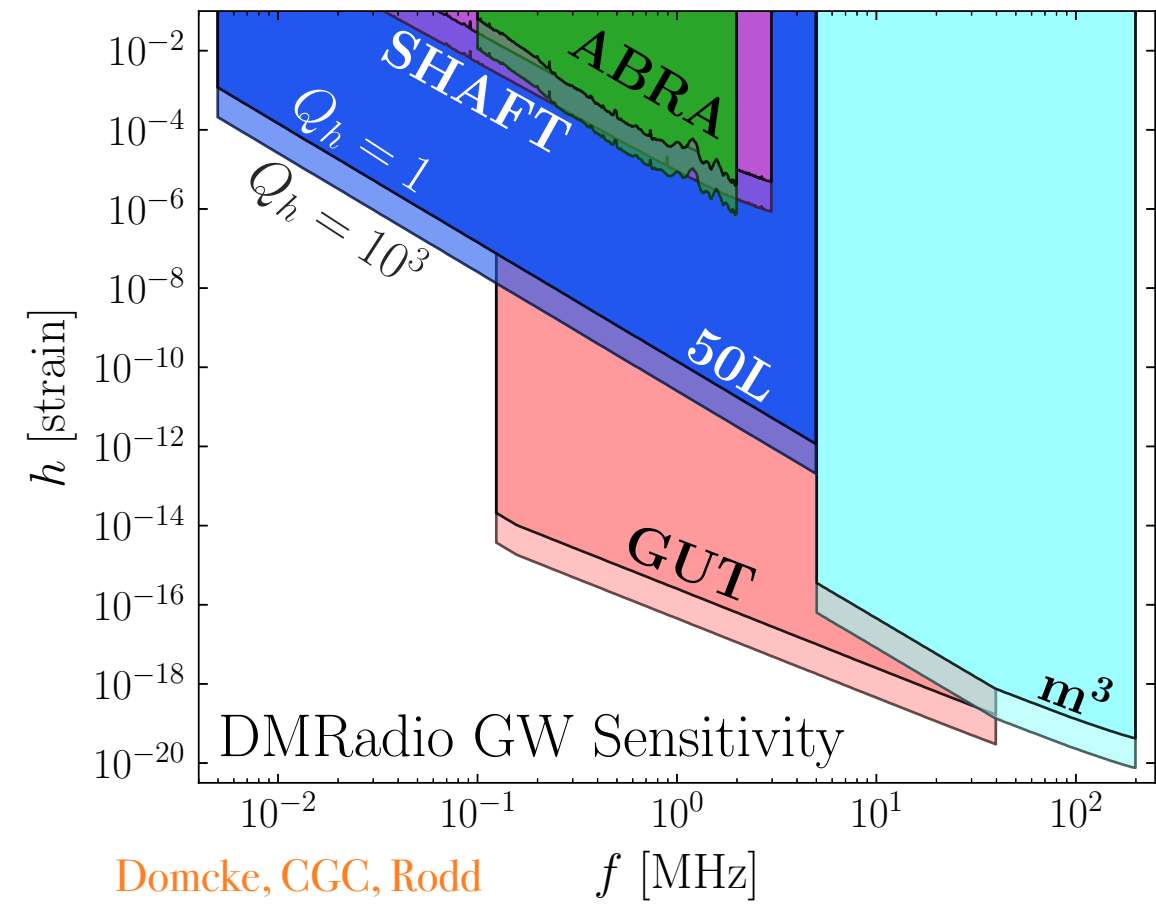


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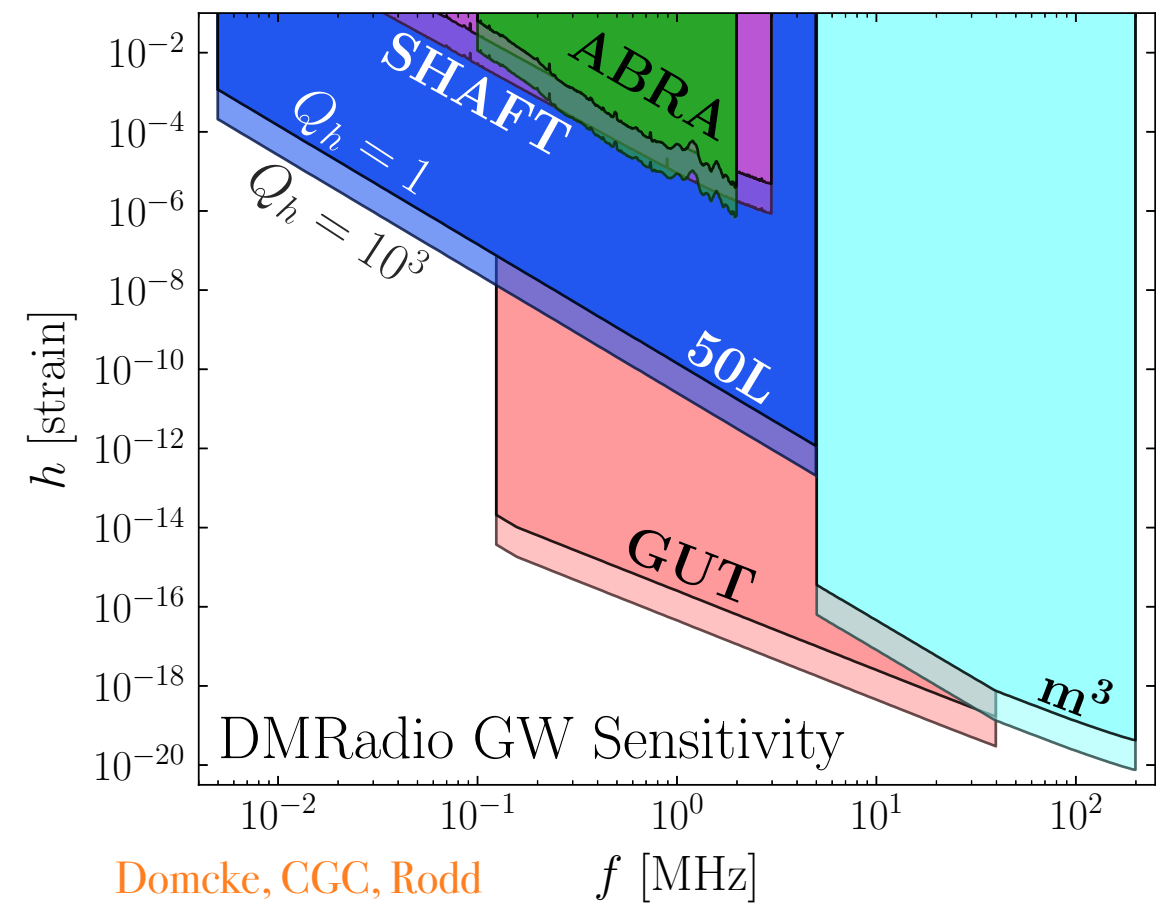
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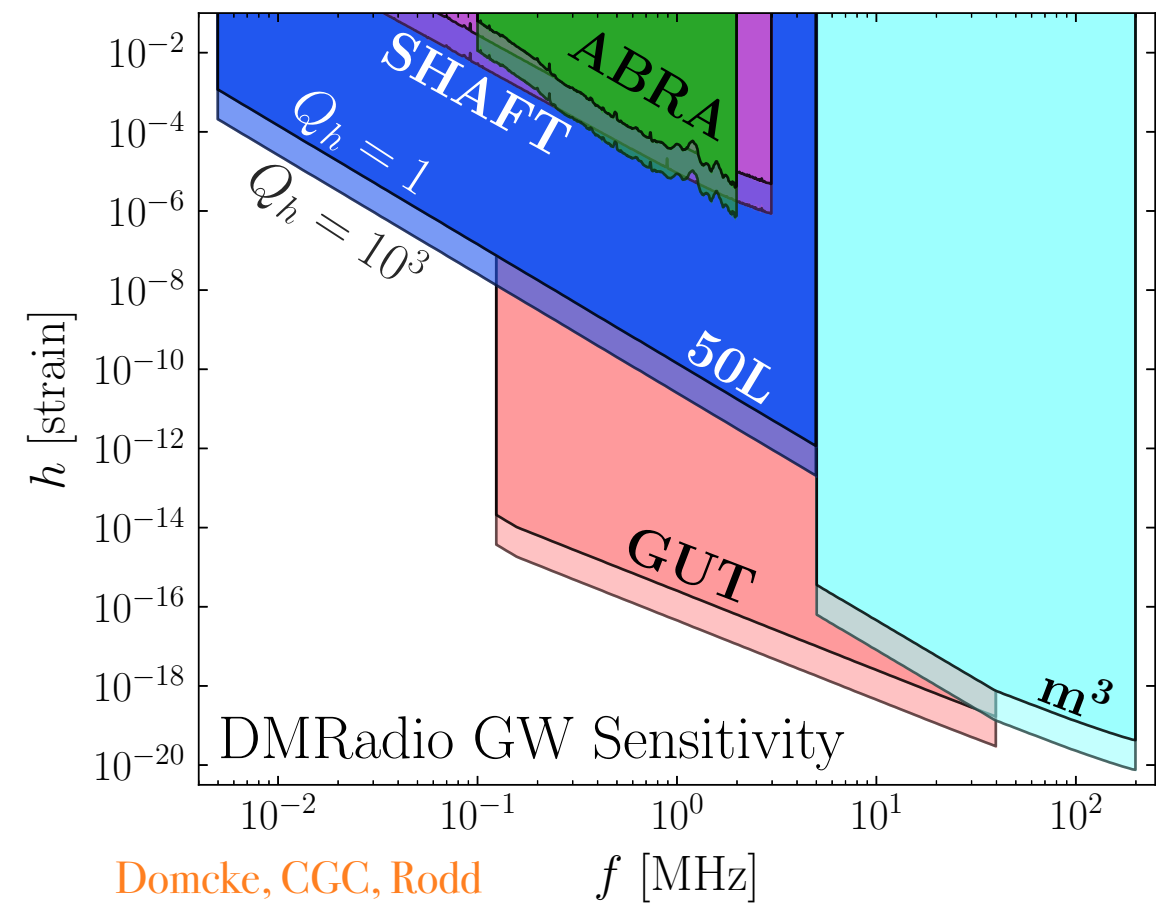
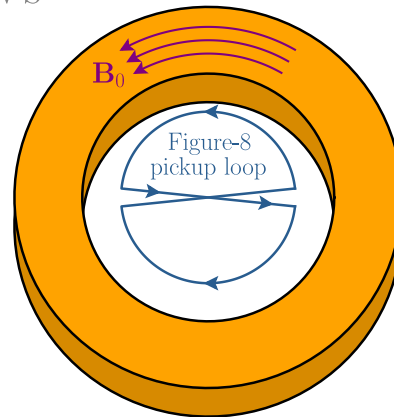


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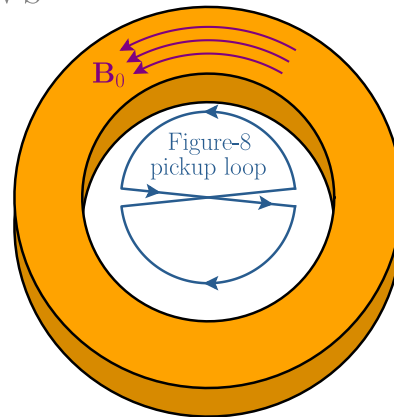


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