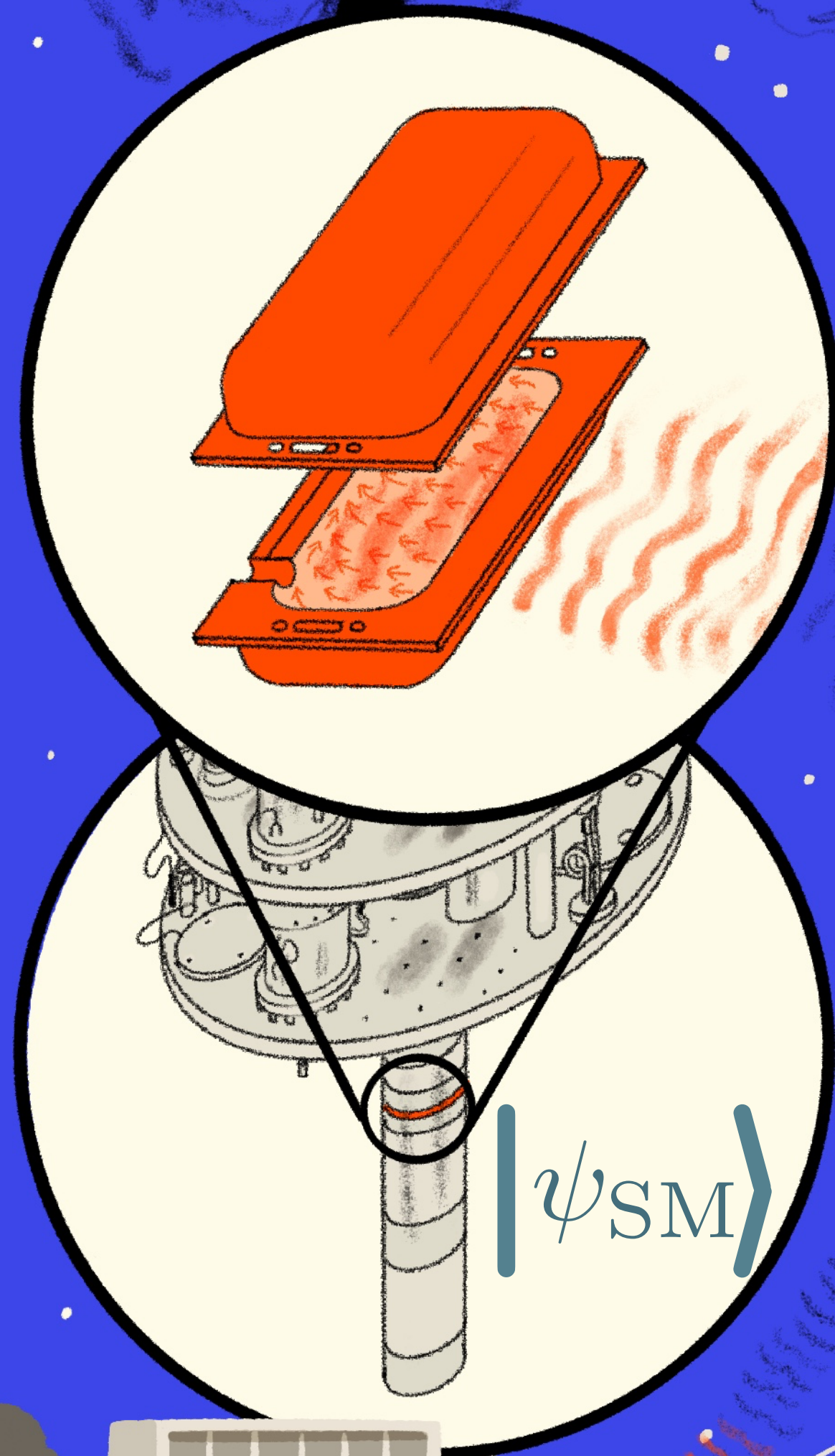


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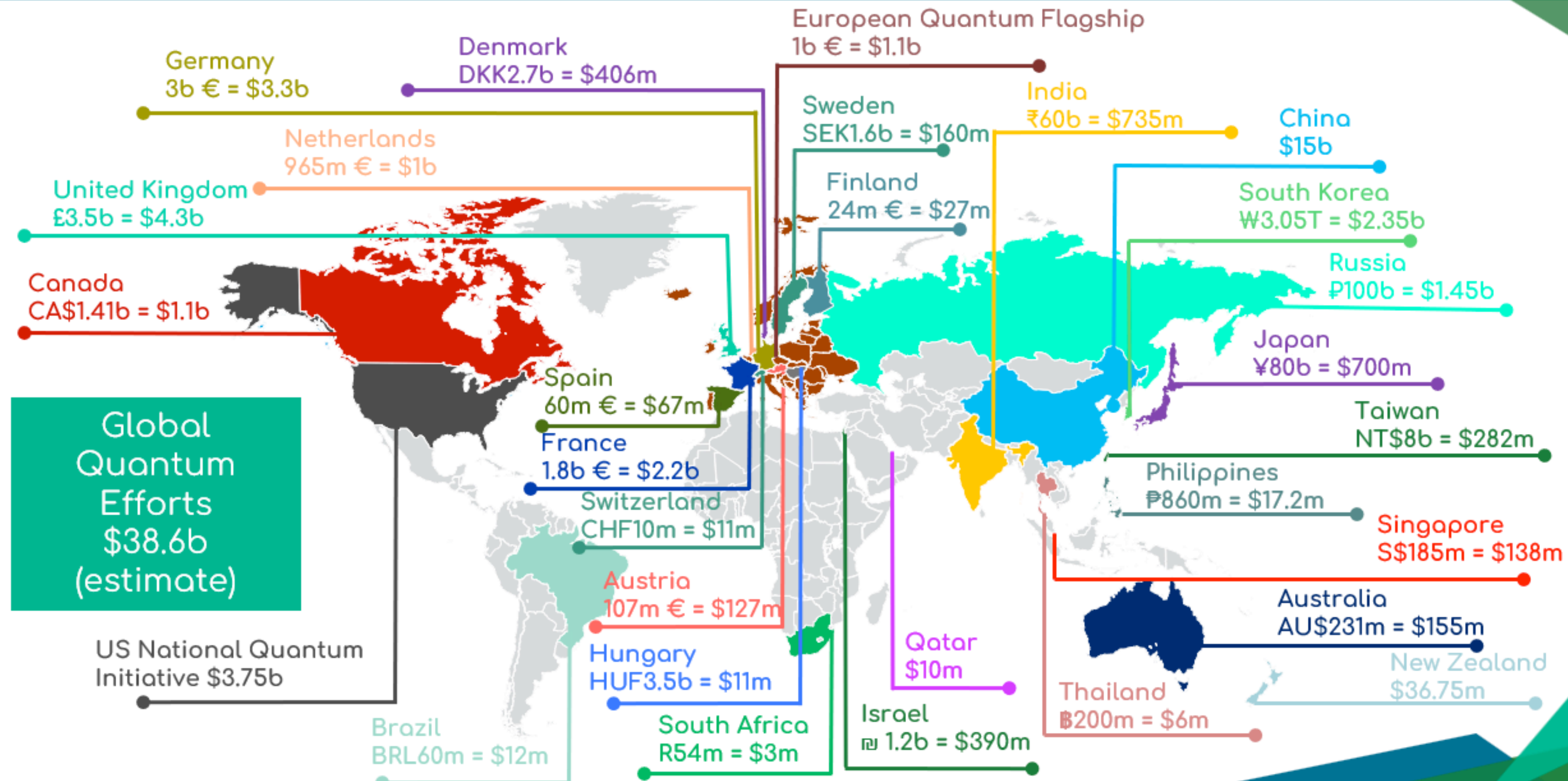


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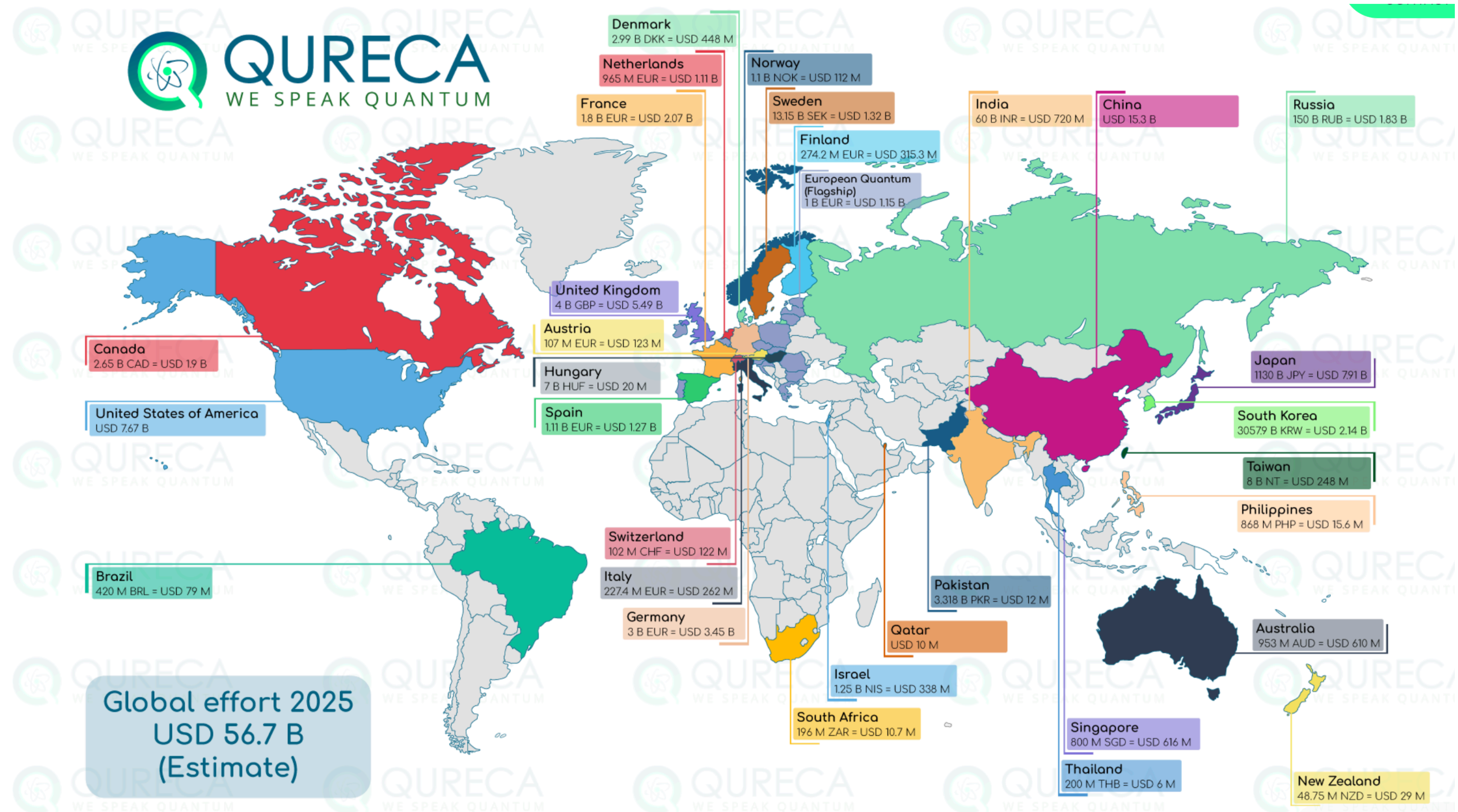
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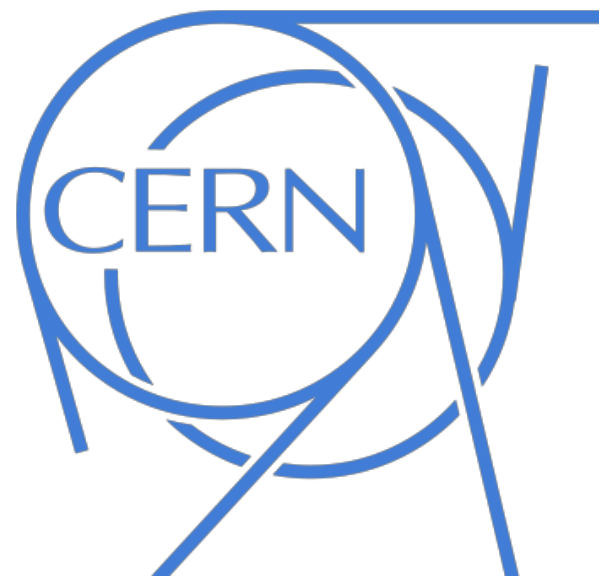


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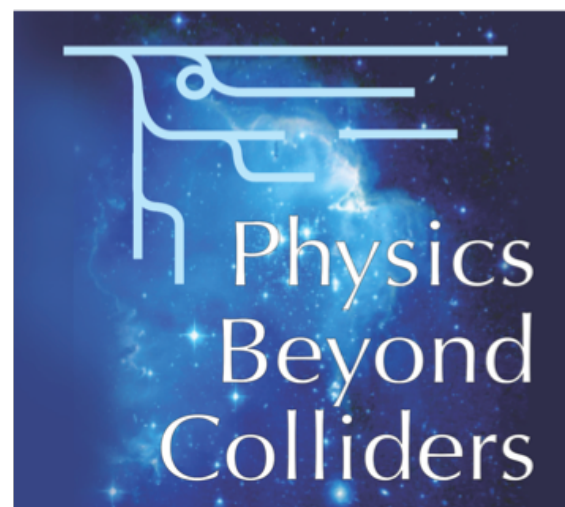
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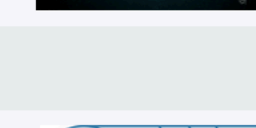
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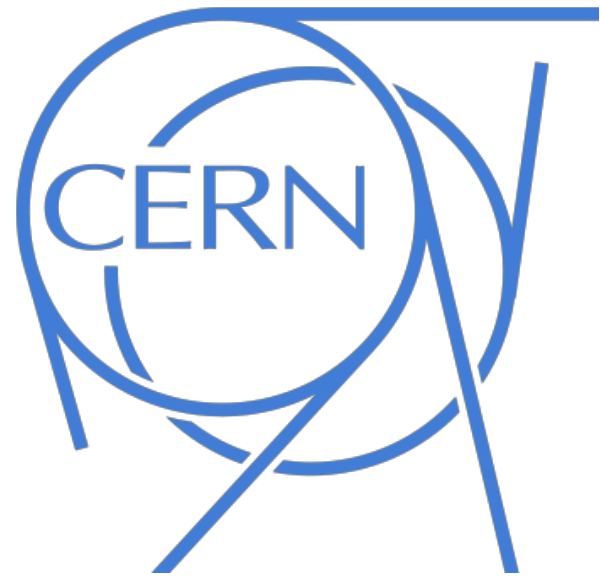
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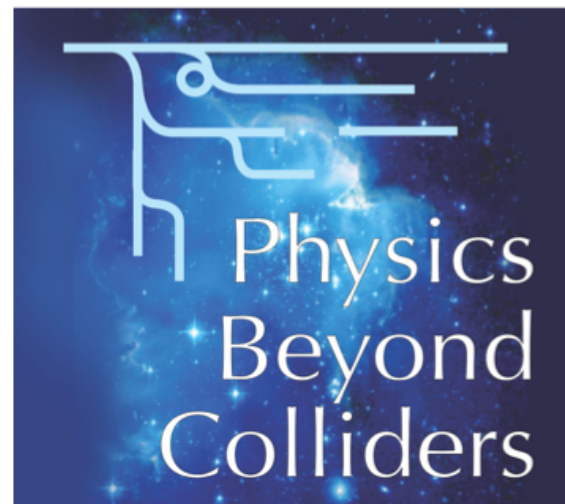
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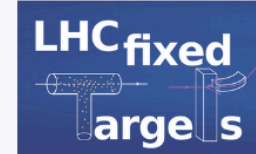
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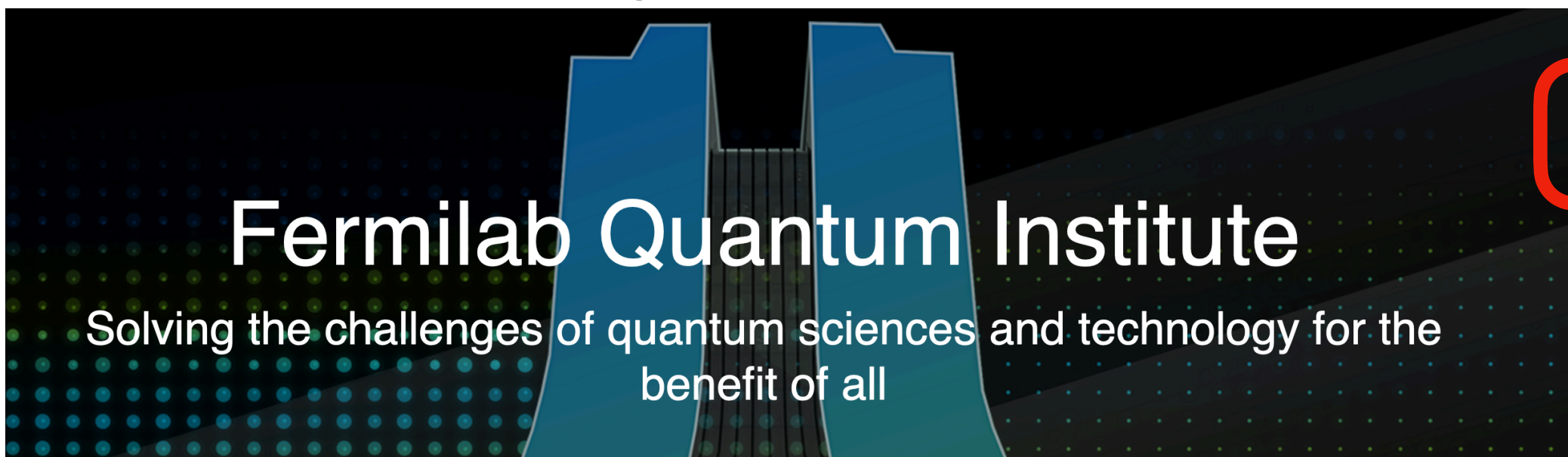
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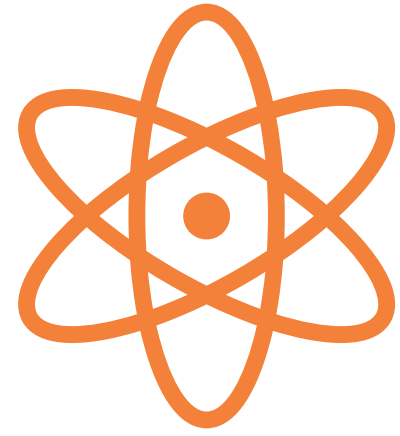
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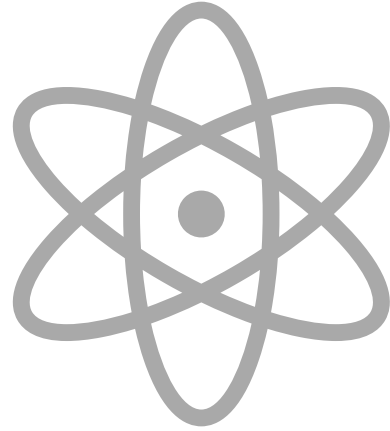
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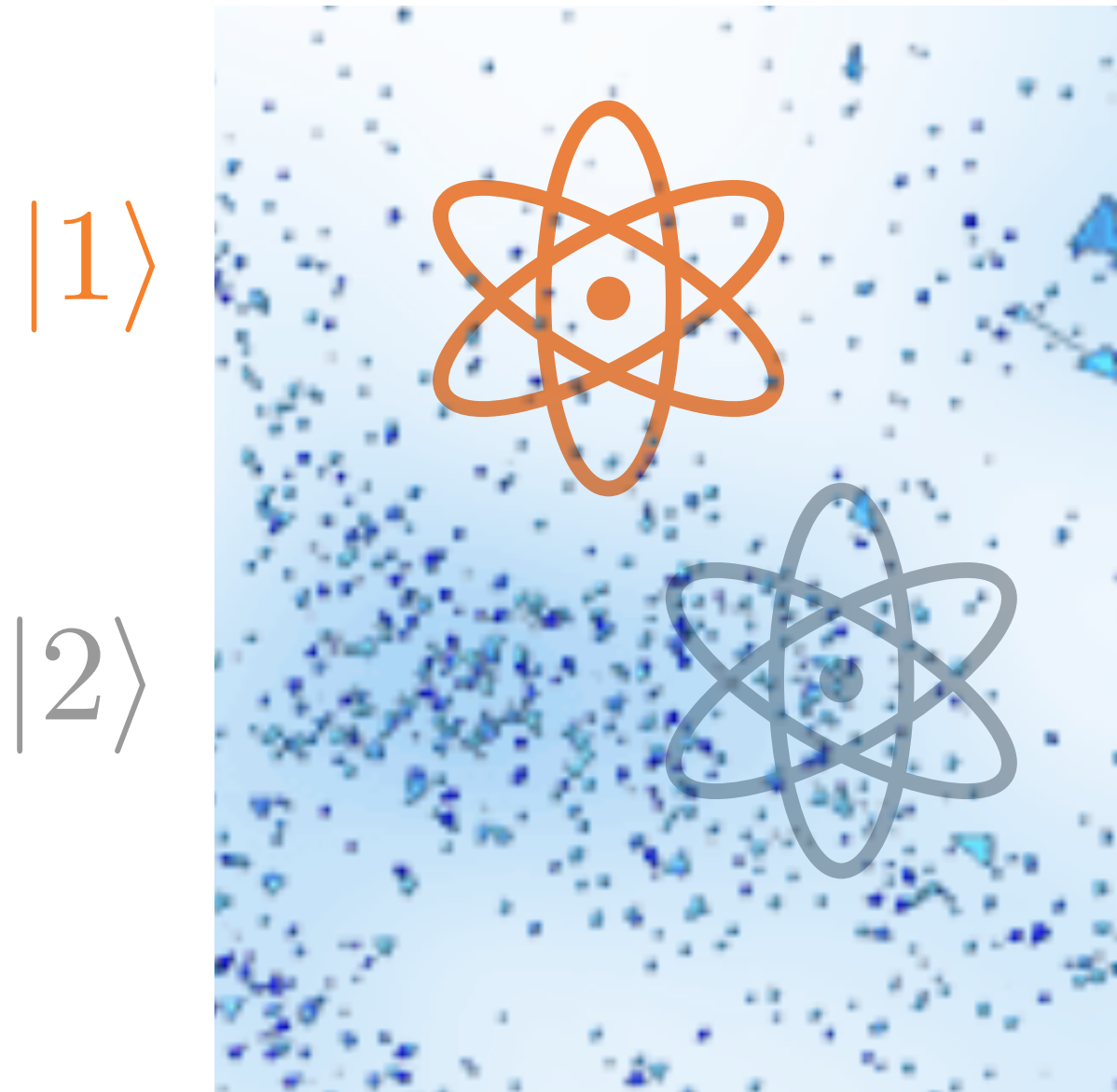


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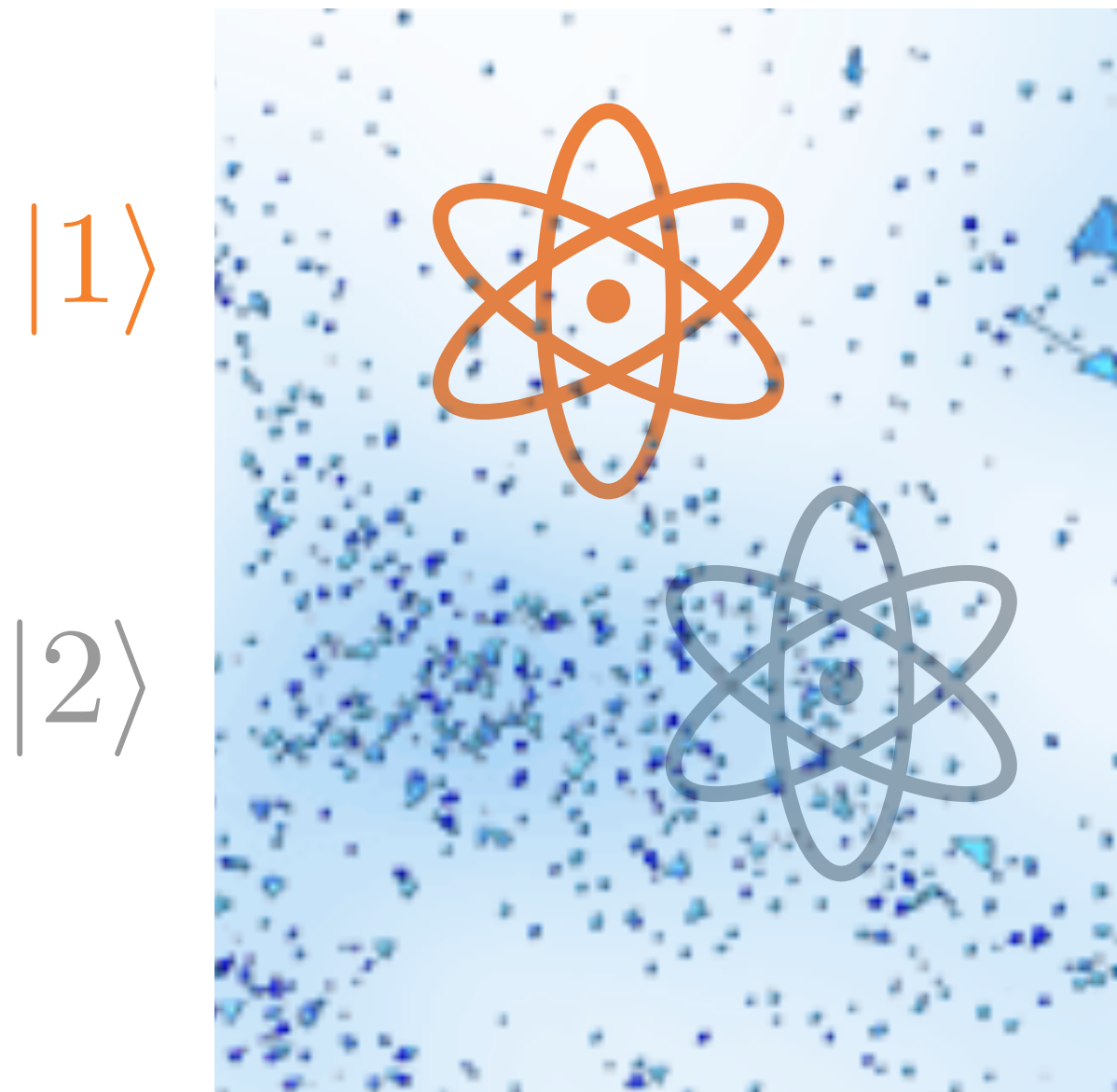
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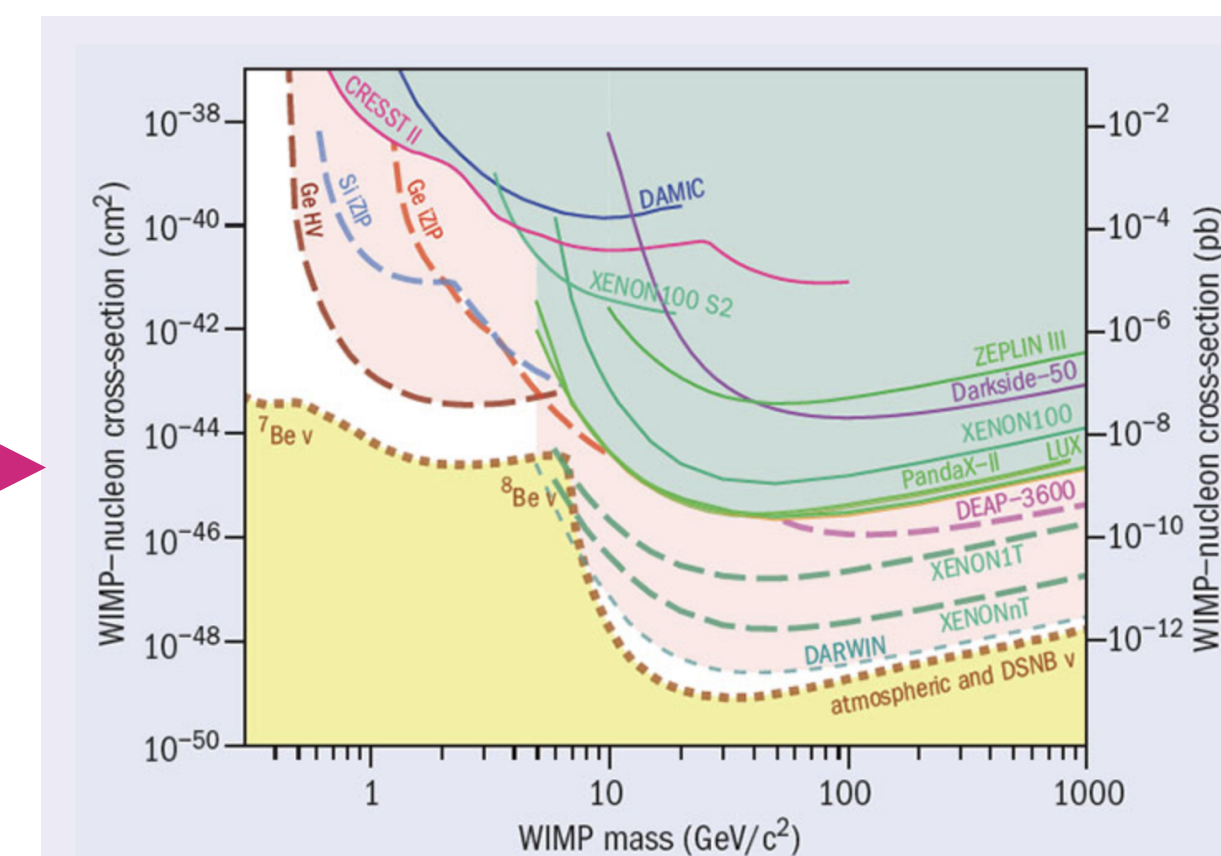
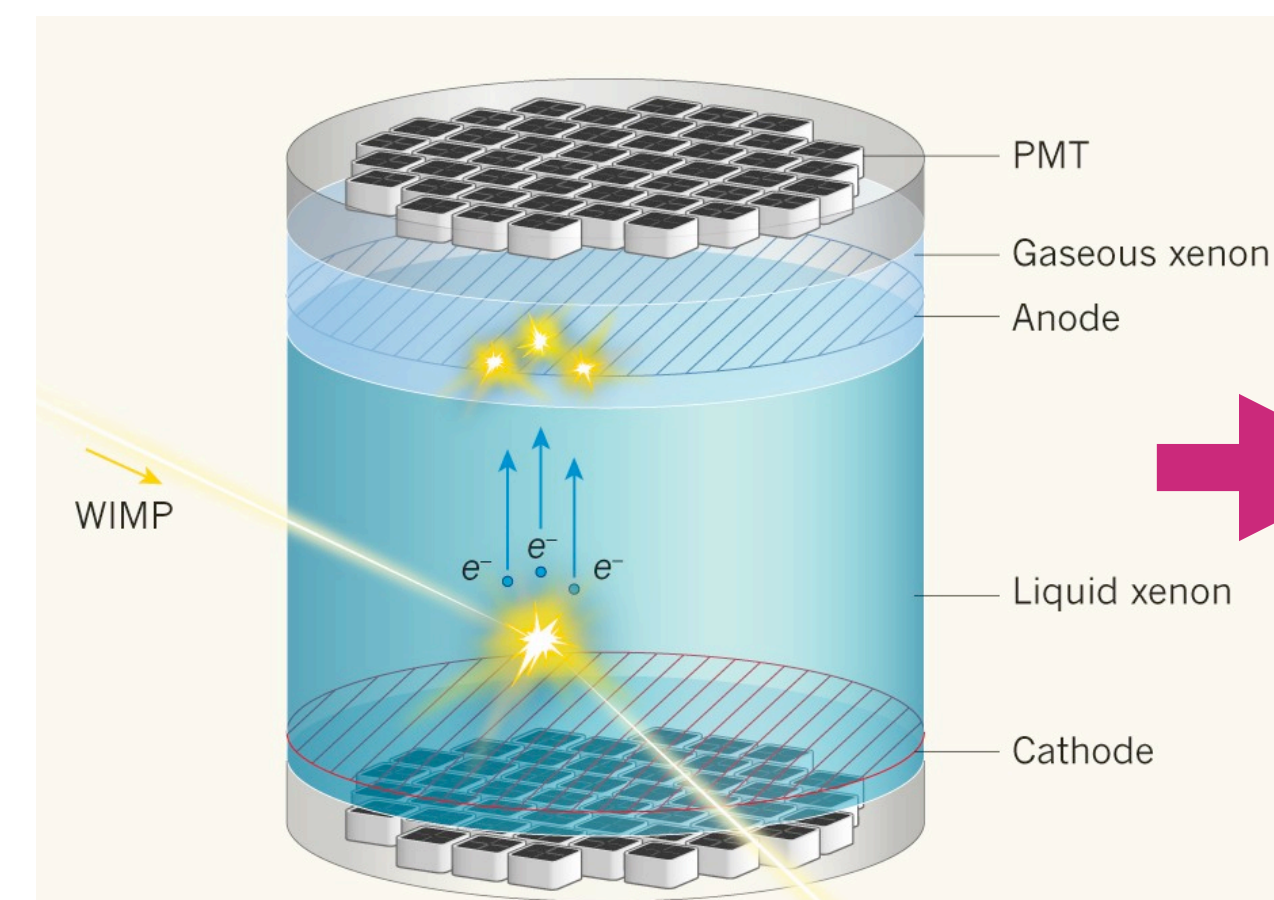
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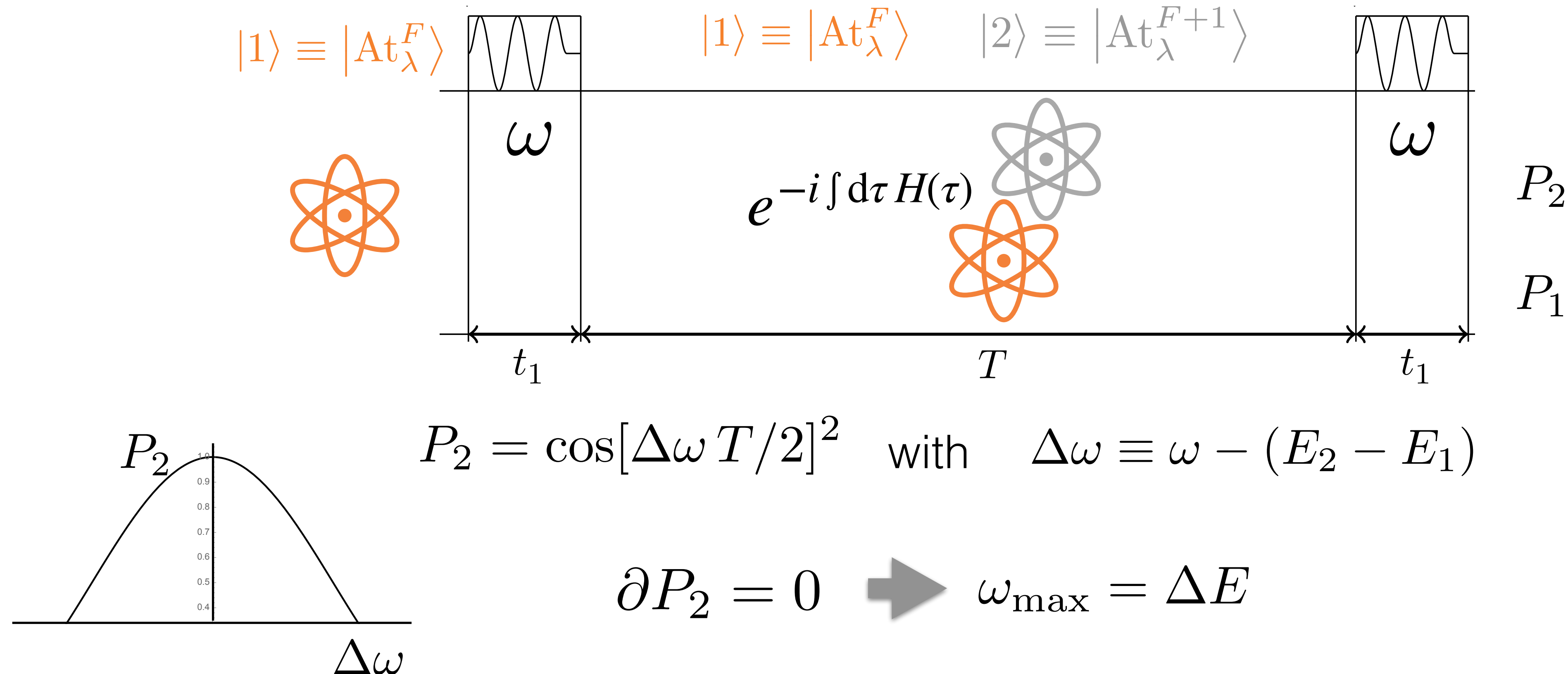


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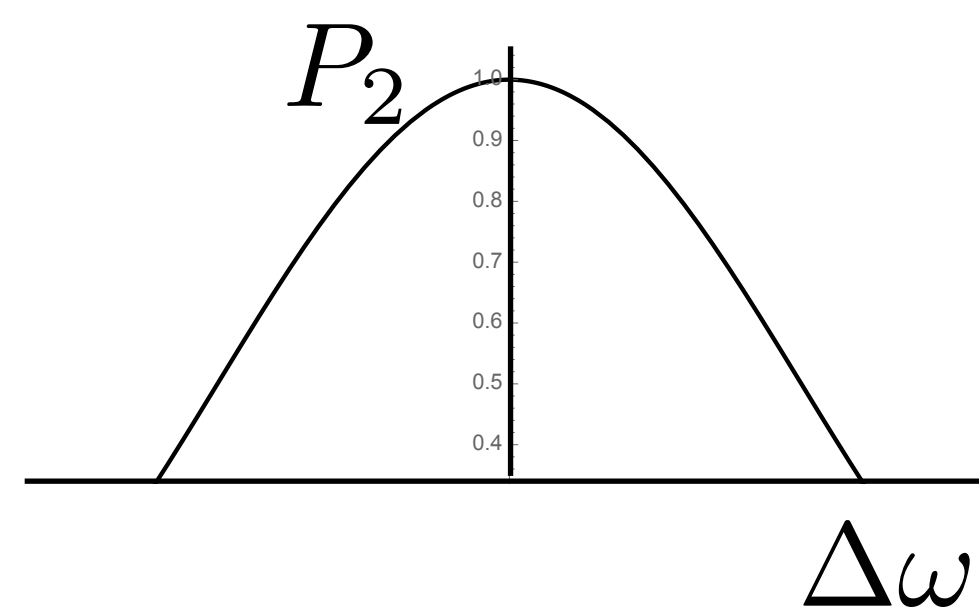
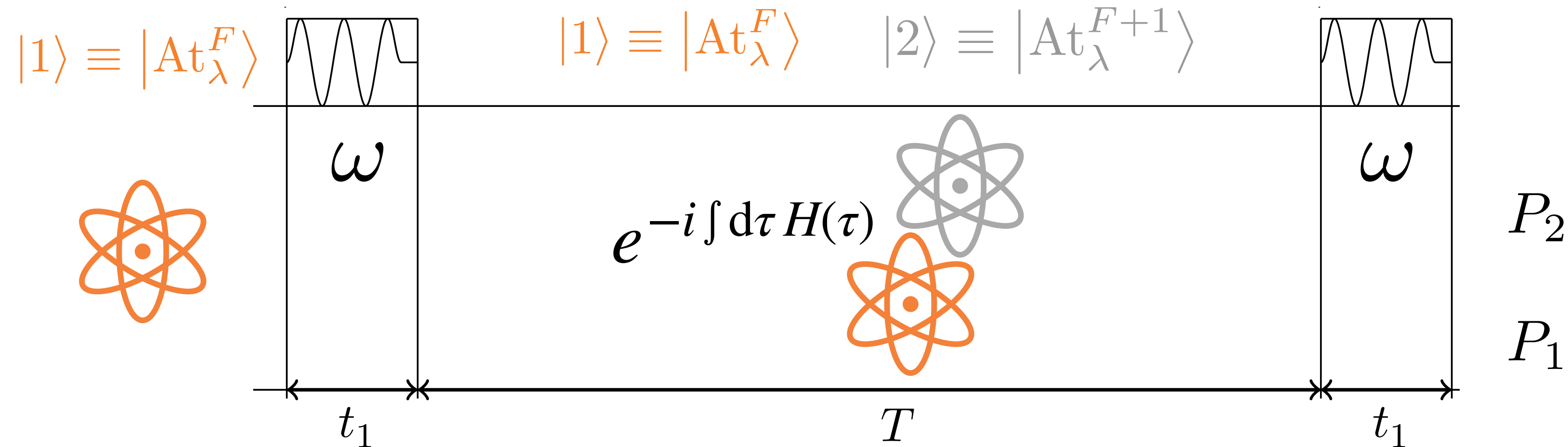
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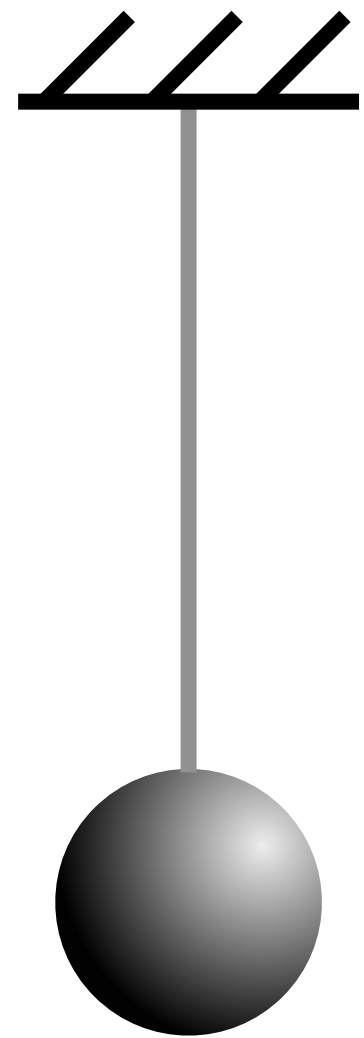
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$$[\hat{\phi}, \hat{N}] = i$$

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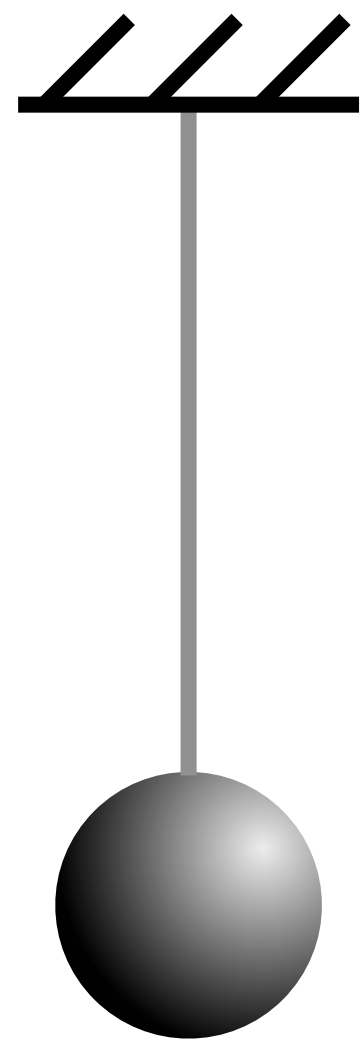
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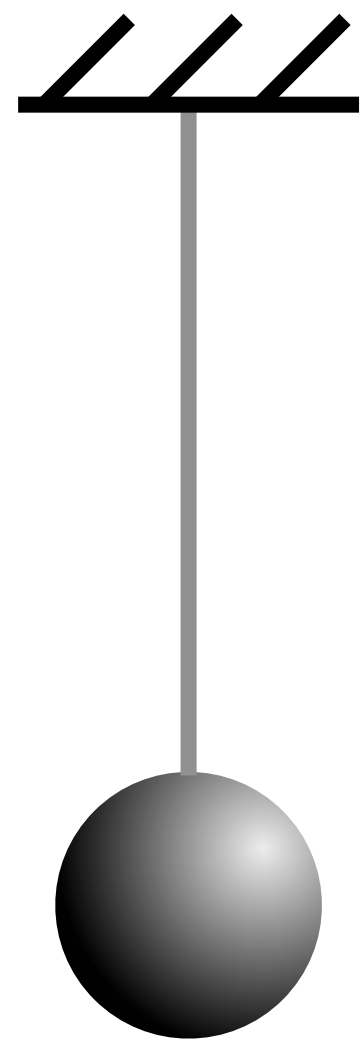
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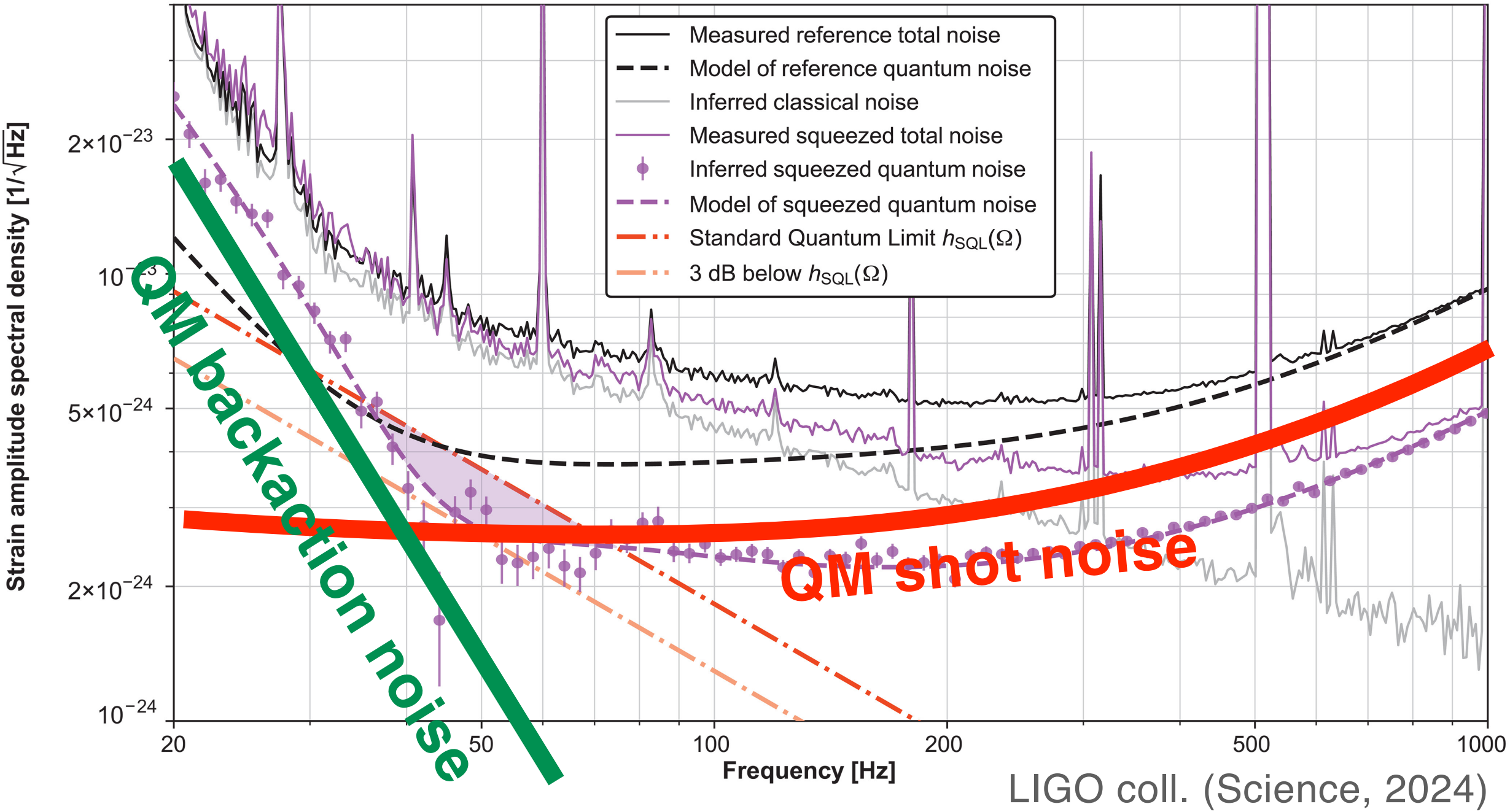
Independently of the state

This source of noise is called **back-action**

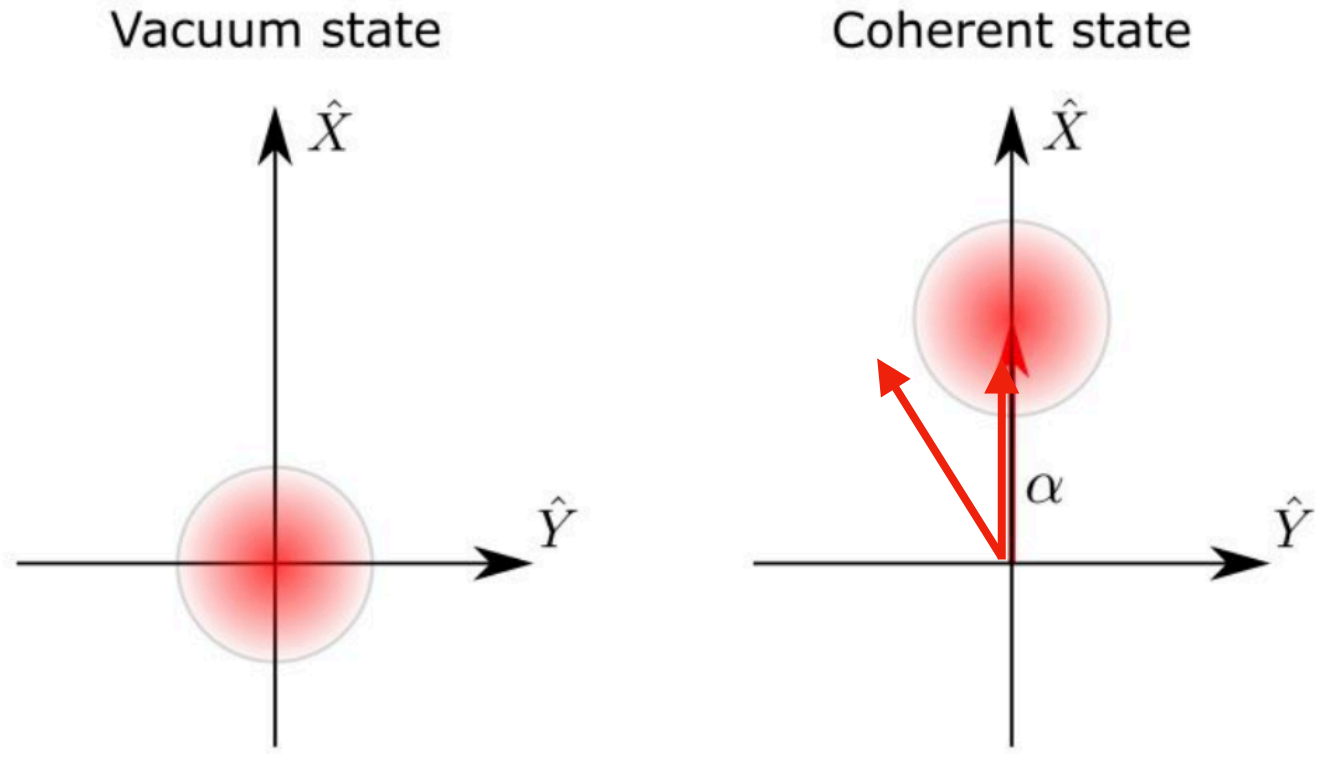
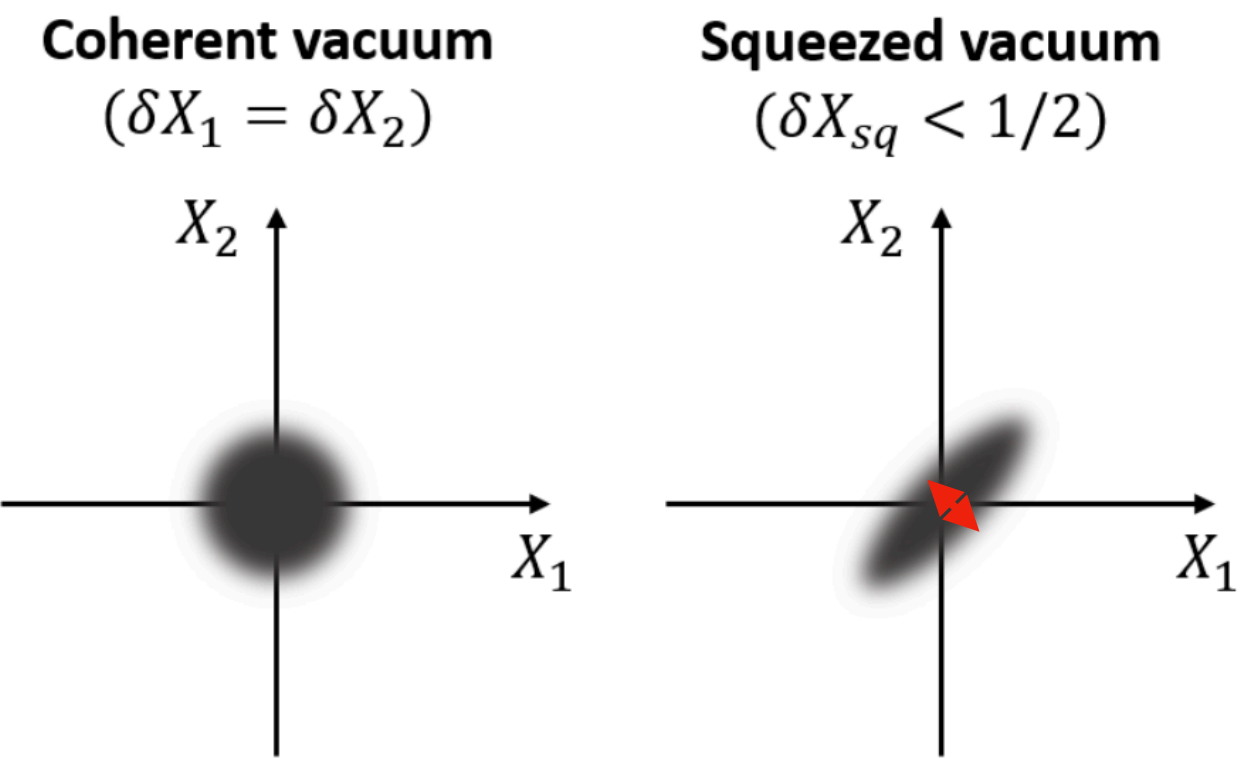
Quantum noise is already around

Even in a measurement with zero inserted photons, QM imposes a minimal noise level

Standard Quantum Limit (SQL)
usually defined as regime where QM
shot noise and back-action noise are
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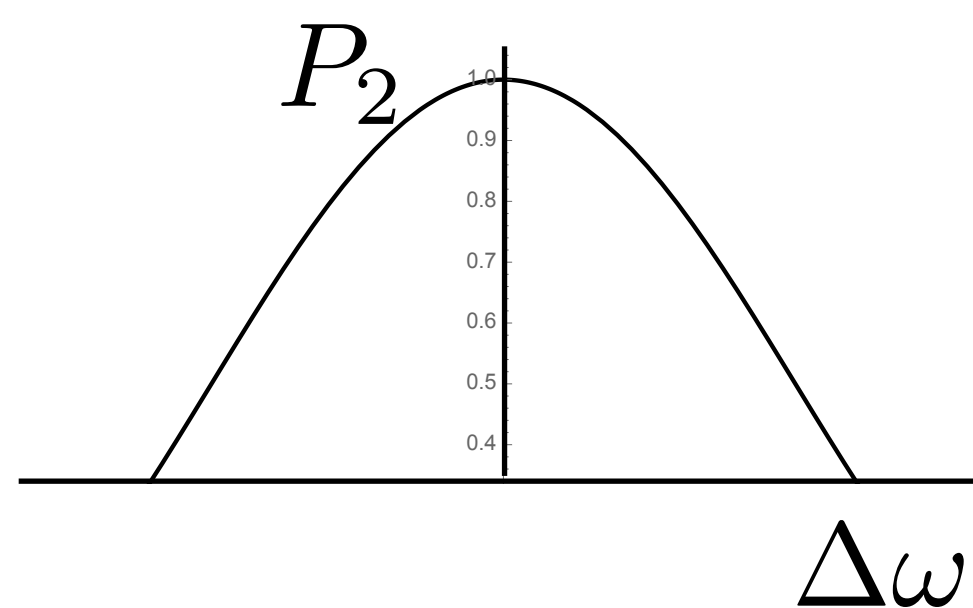
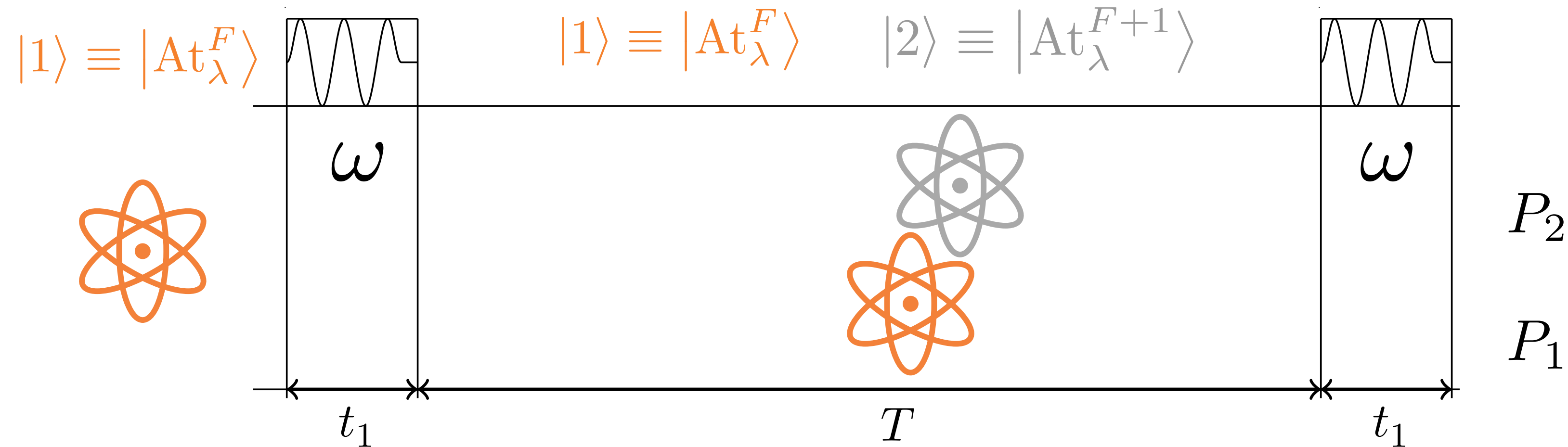
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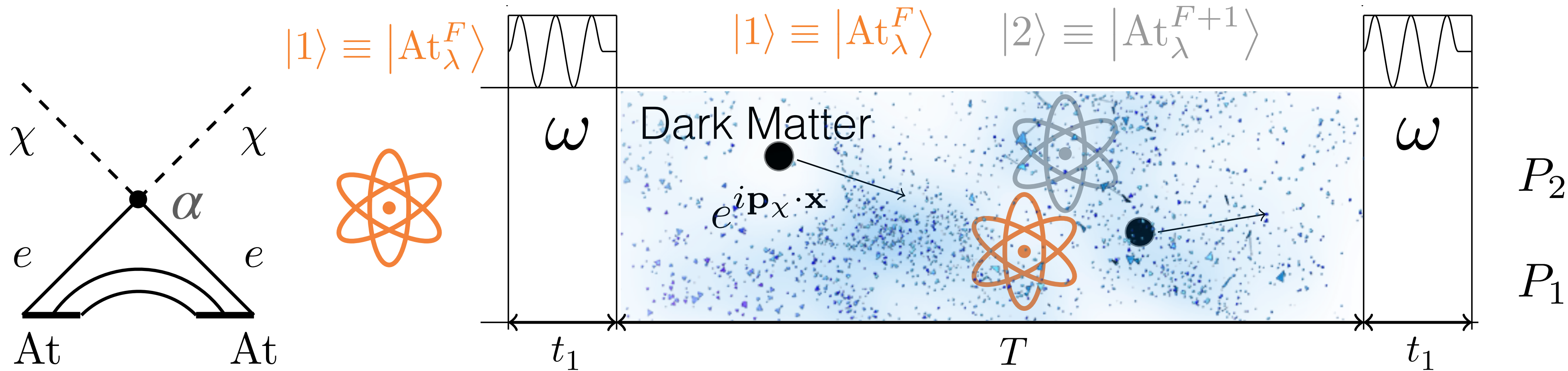
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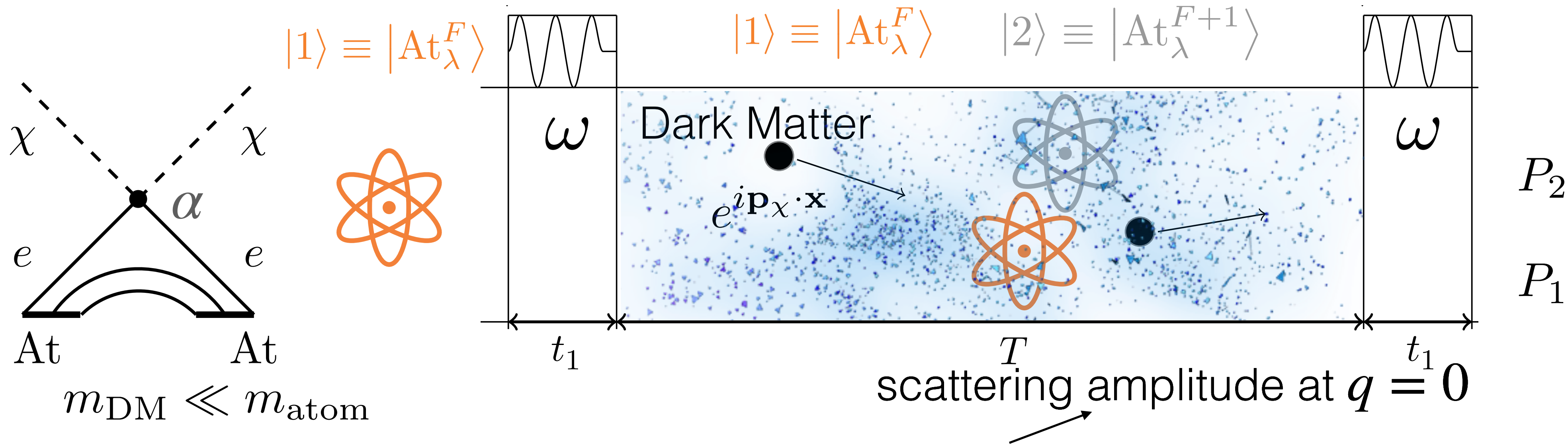


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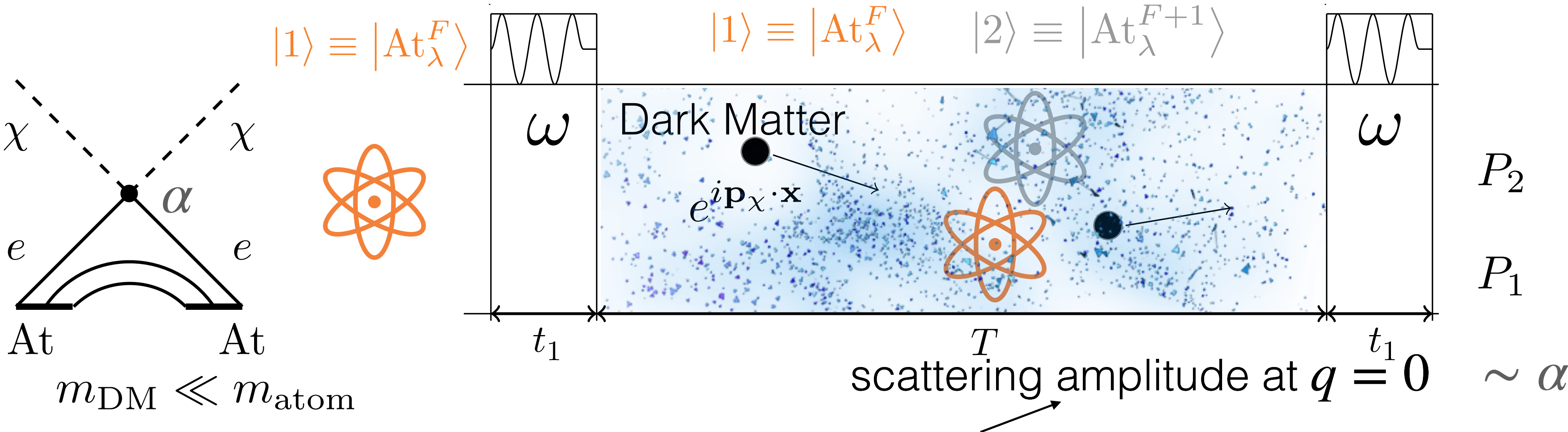
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$$N \sim 10^8$$

Also extra source of decoherence.

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[Badurina, Murgui, Plestid, 2024]

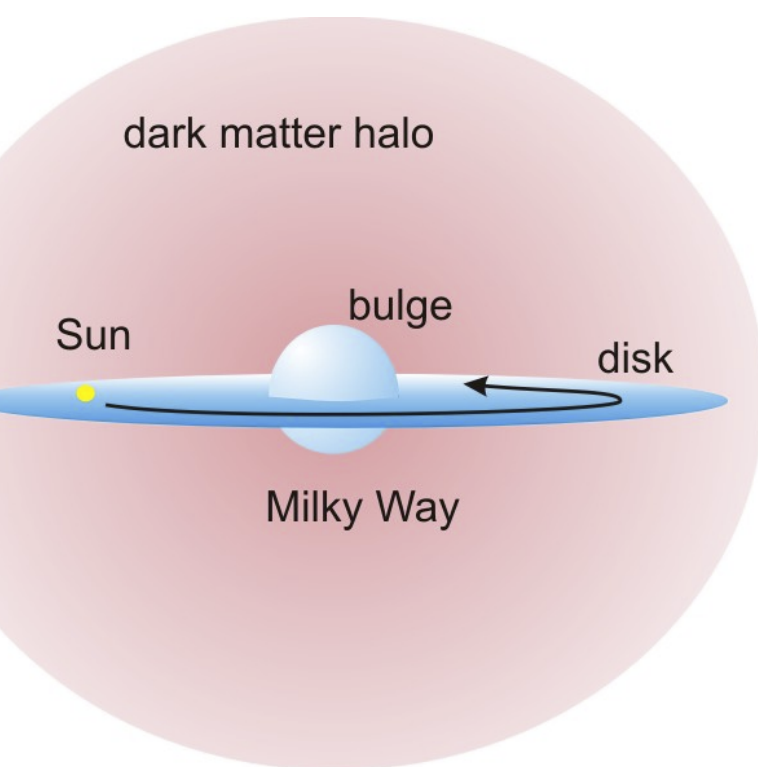
Better use density matrices

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \gamma e^{i\phi} \\ \gamma^* e^{-i\phi} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \gamma \sim \alpha^2$$

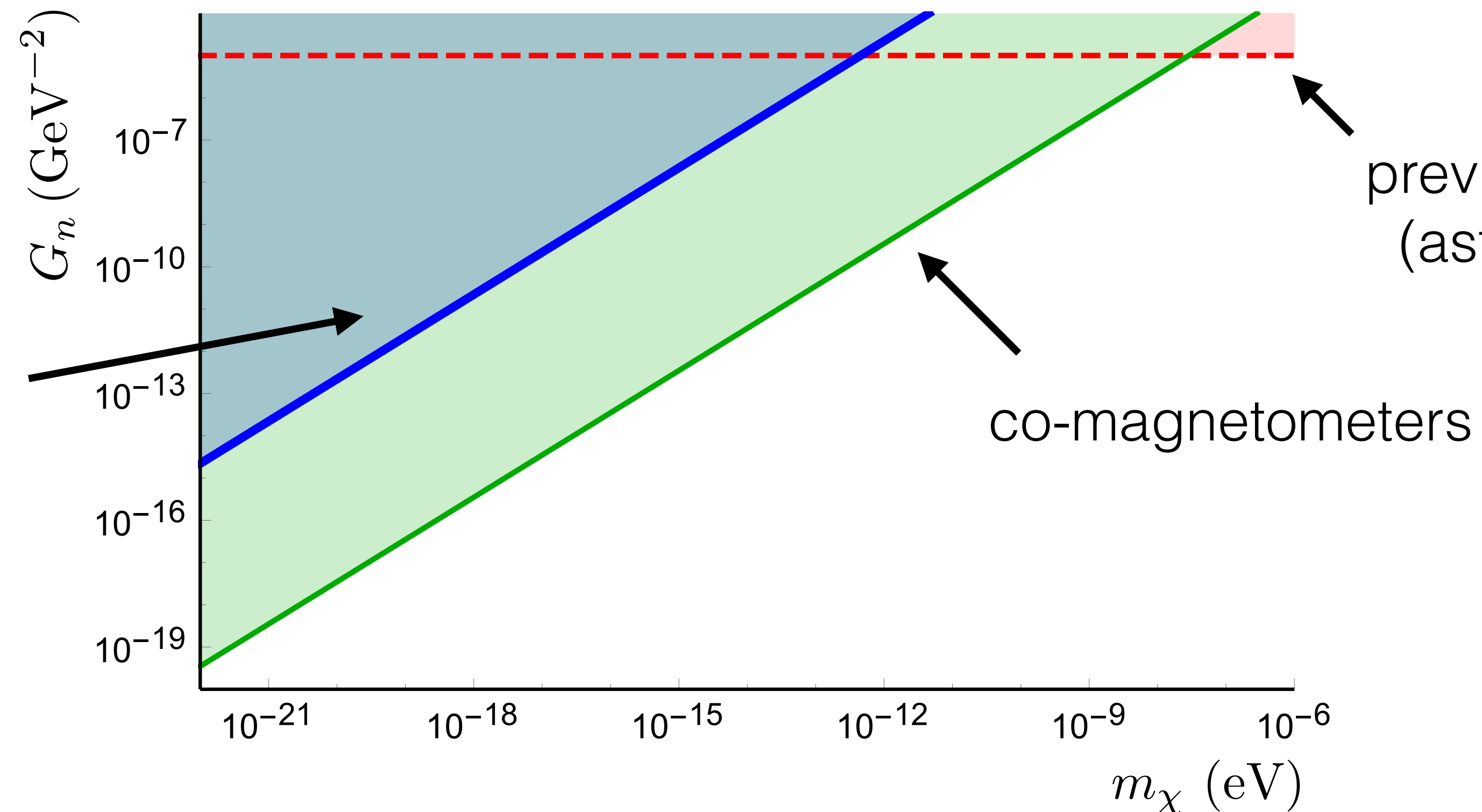
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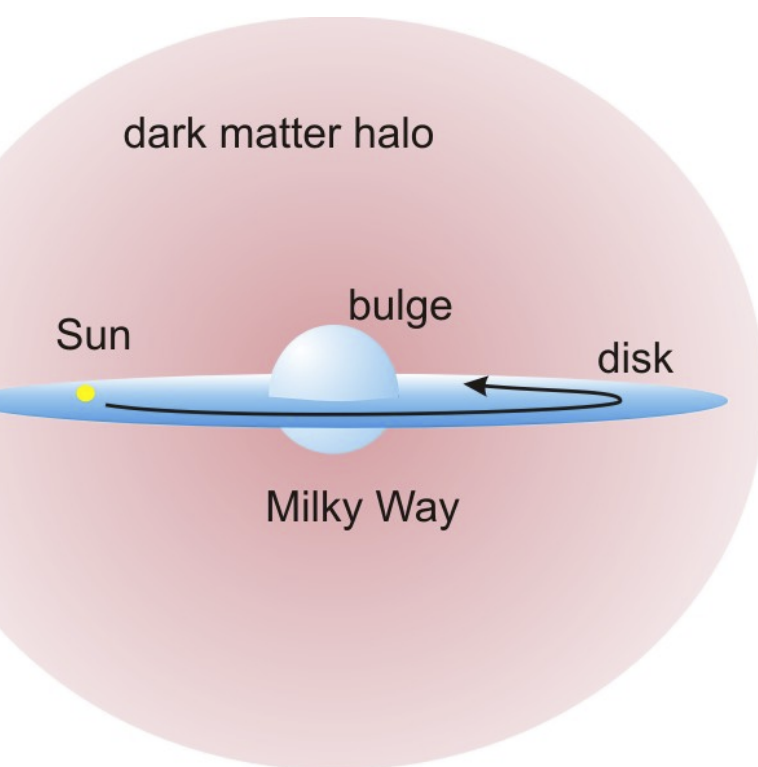
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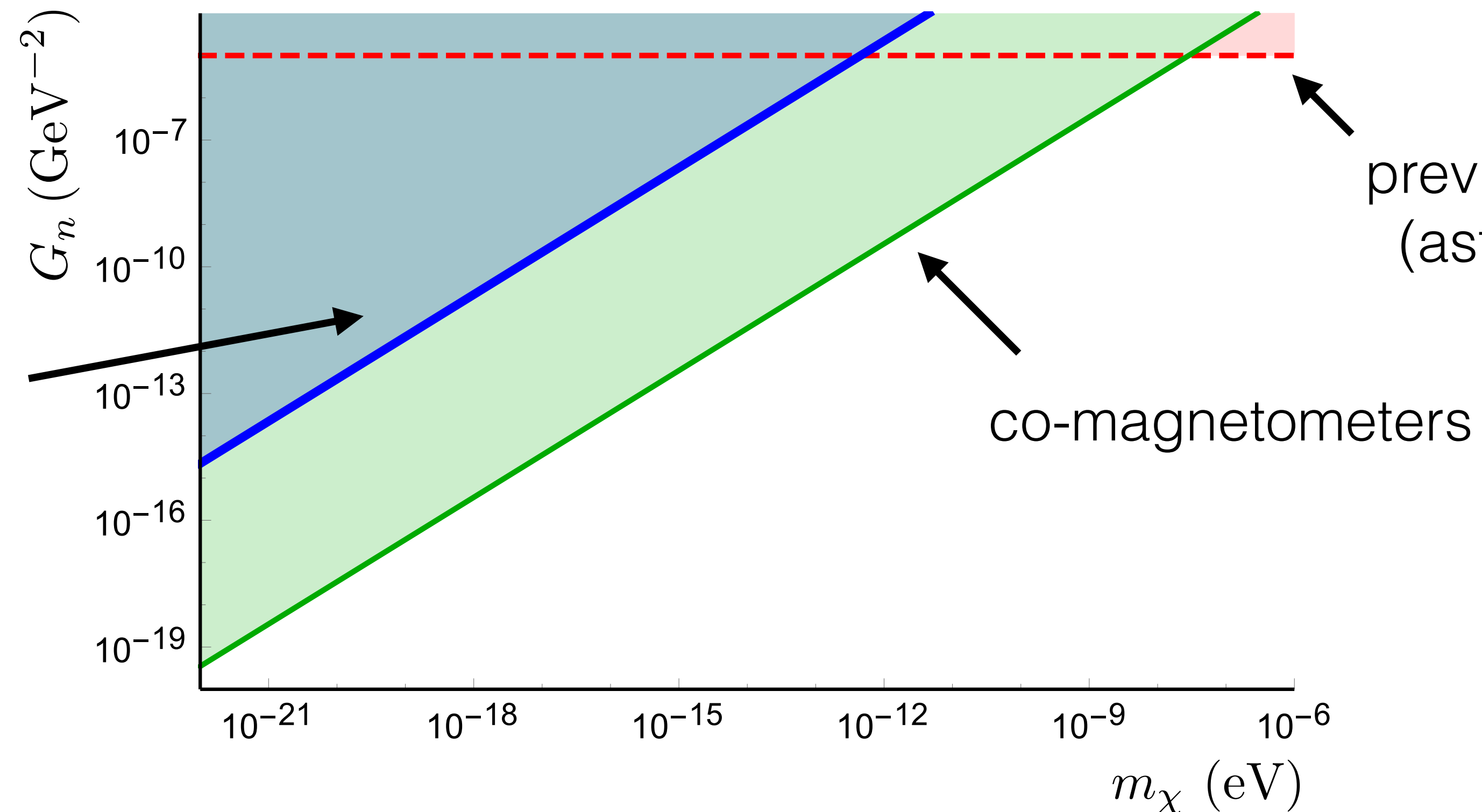
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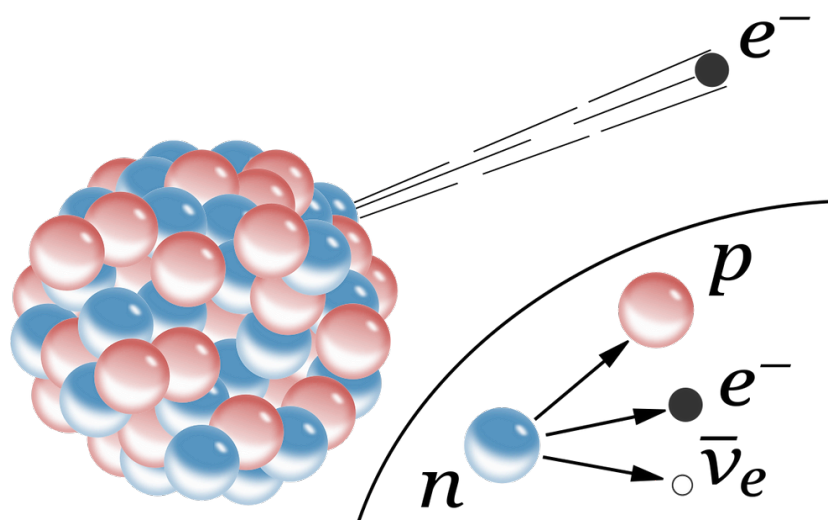
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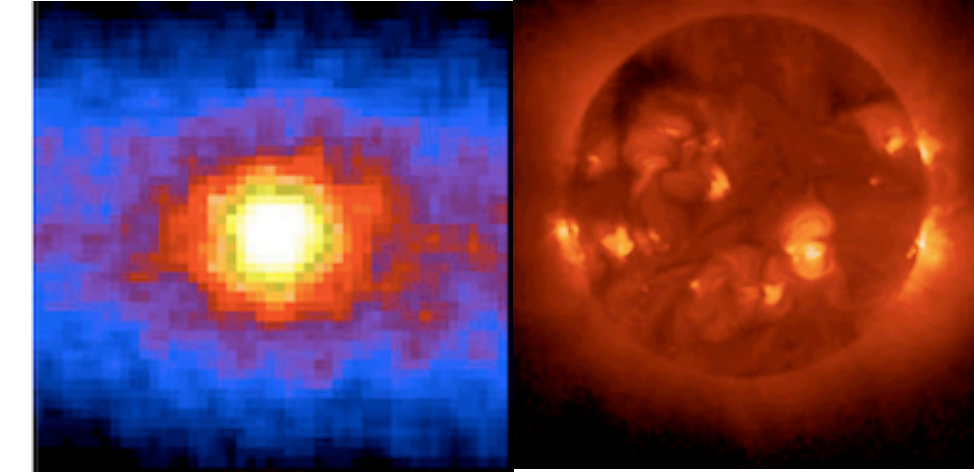
Fundamental signals of 'high' flux



Neutrinos (Standard Model + new physics portal)



Produced in **nuclear** reactions
(**inside stars/ early Universe**)



Gravitational waves (SM + new physics portal)



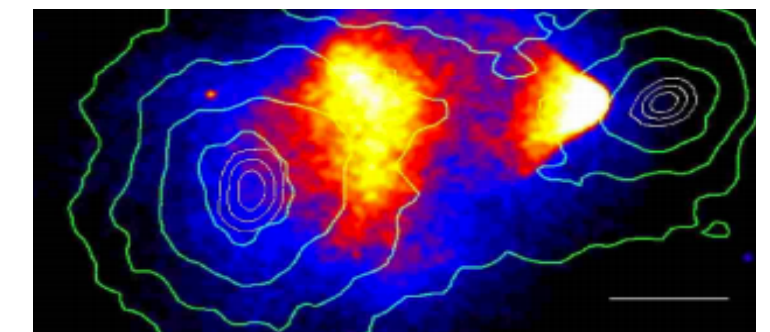
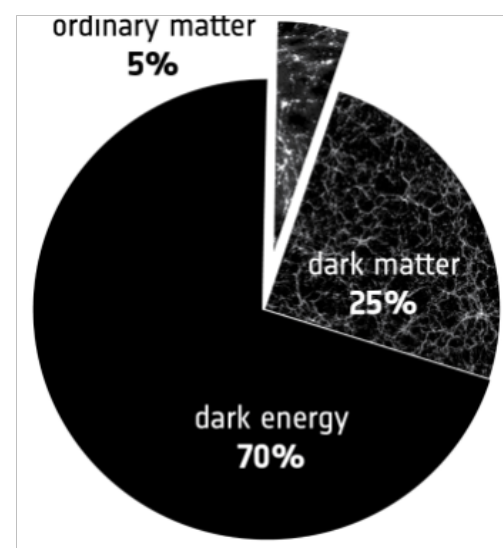
Distortions of gravitational field
Universally produced by **all** energetic events



Dark matter & Dark Energy(BSM)

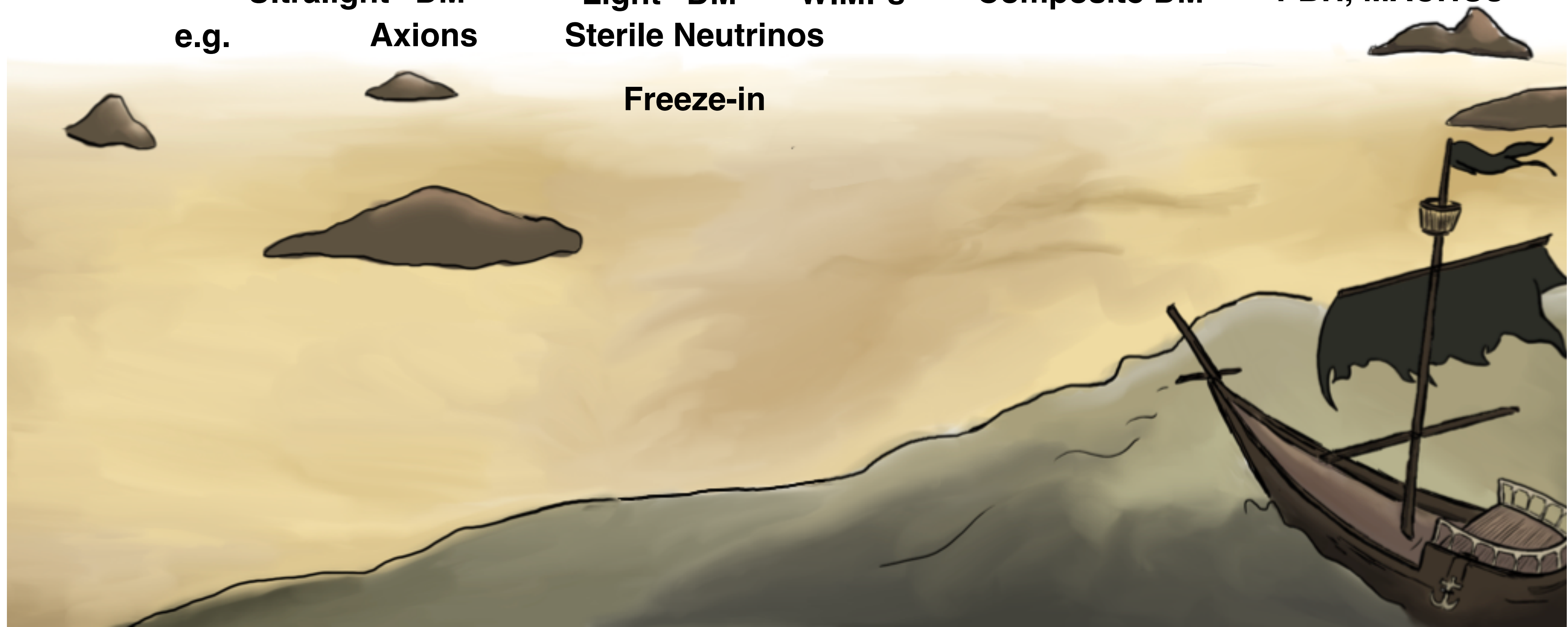
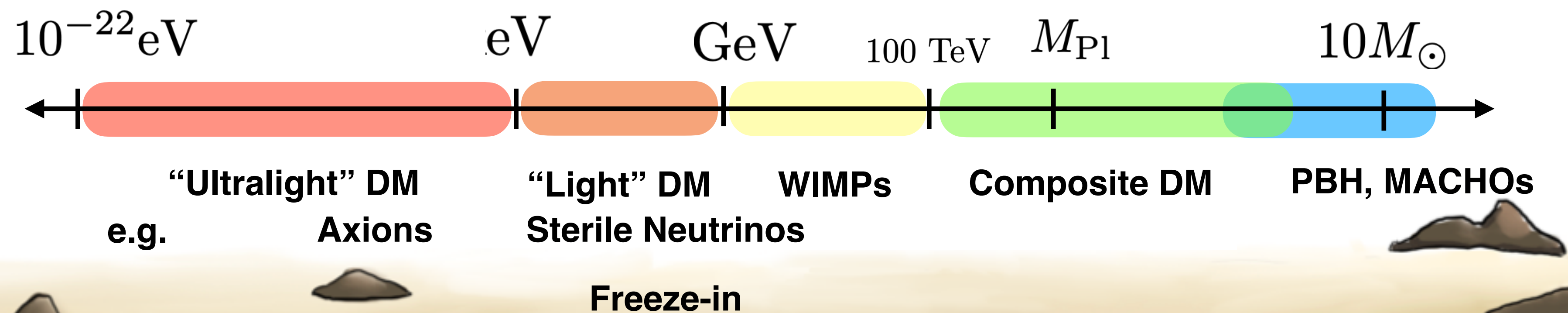


Permeates the Universe, in particular the laboratory.
Doesn't emit light, but interacts with matter



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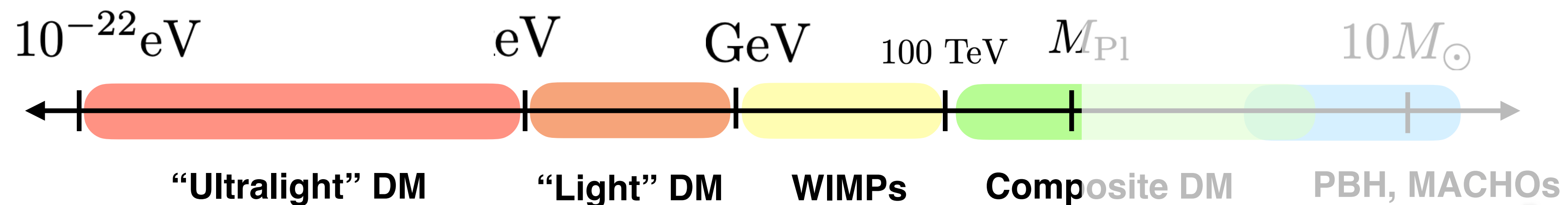
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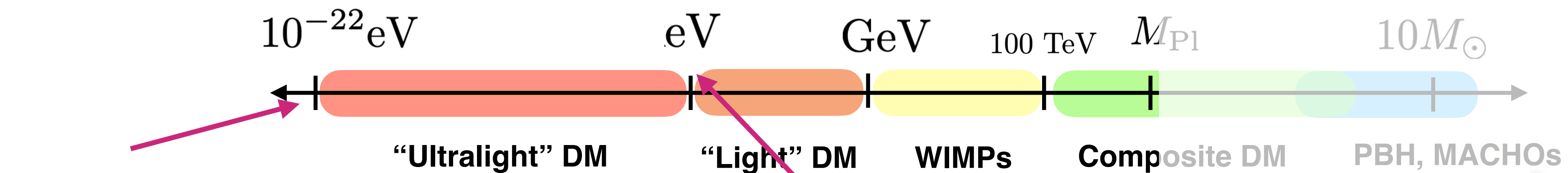
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For minimum mass, see extra slide

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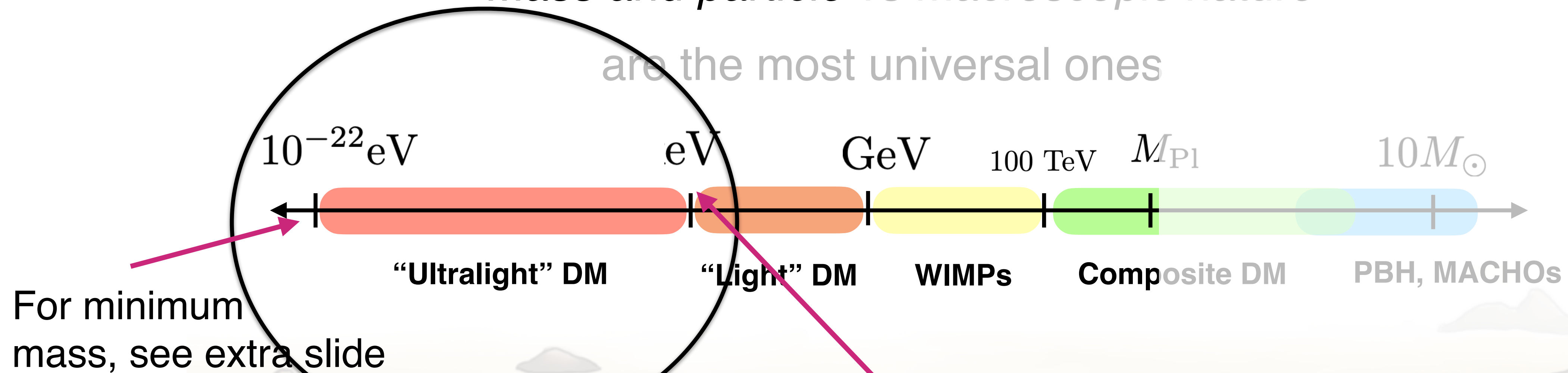


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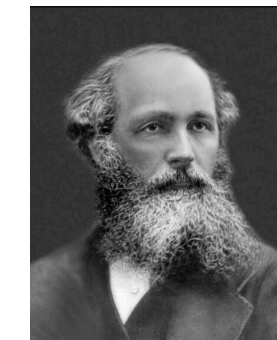
Detecting ultralight dark matter

When particles overlap in phase space, they start behaving collectively.



<https://arxiv.org/abs/2408.04696>

$\langle \hat{\phi}_{\text{DM}} \rangle \equiv \phi_{\text{DM}}$ starts behaving as **classical** field satisfying **classical** equations of motion



(as happens for quantum optics)

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \left[(\partial_\mu \hat{\phi})^2 - m^2 \hat{\phi}^2 \right] \rightarrow (\square + m^2) \phi_{\text{DM}} = 0 \rightarrow \phi_k \sim e^{i(\omega t - kx)}$$

(with suppressed fluctuations)

Non-relativistic

$$\omega_v \approx m(1 + v^2/2)$$

$$\vec{k}_v = m\vec{v}$$

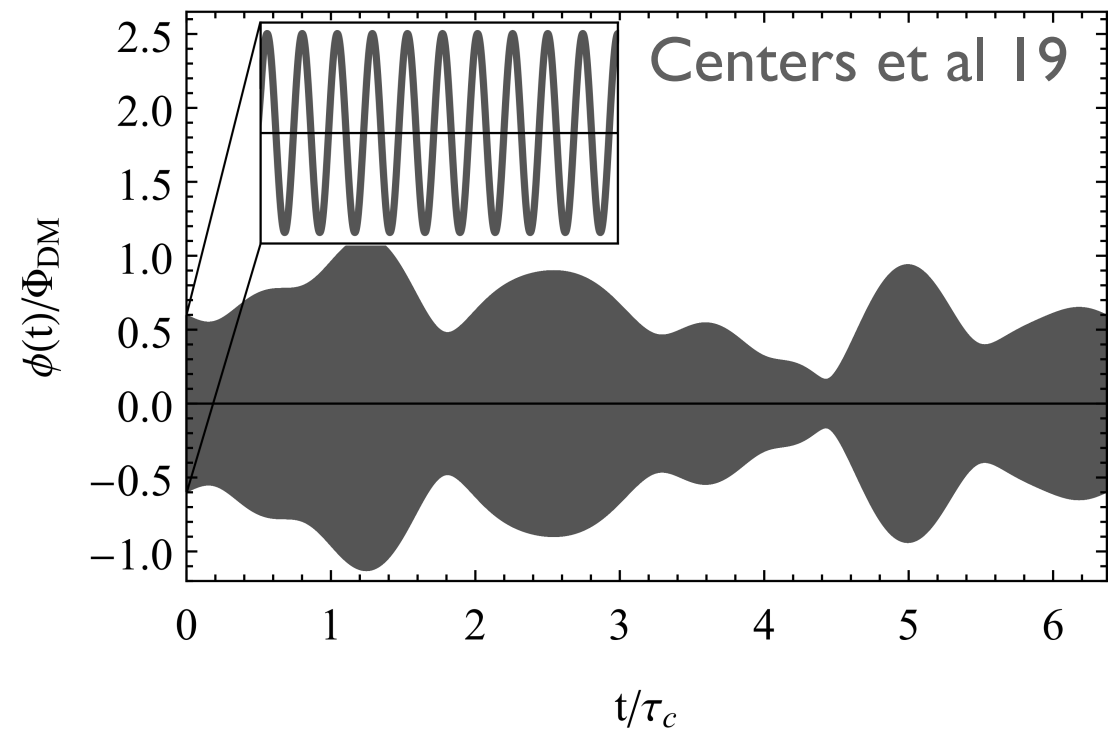
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distribution of waves interacting gravitationally in a virtualized halo

$$f(v) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{N_{\text{esc}}} \left(\frac{3}{2\pi\sigma_0^2} \right)^{3/2} e^{-\frac{3}{2} \frac{v^2}{2v_0^2}} & , v^2 < v_{\text{esc}} \\ 0 & , v > v_{\text{esc}} \end{cases}$$

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common part of oscillation

$$t_m \sim 1/m \sim \frac{10^{-15} \text{eV}}{m} s$$

adds dispersion after

$$\tau_c \sim \frac{10^6}{m} \left(\frac{10^{-6}}{\sigma_0^2} \right) \sim 10^6 \text{yr} \left(\frac{10^{-22} \text{eV}}{m} \right) \gg t_c$$

space independent at

$$d \lesssim \lambda_{\text{dB}} \sim \frac{10^{-22} \text{eV}}{m} \frac{10^{-3}}{v} \text{kpc}$$

So, at 'short' times and 'small' distances

$$\phi = \phi_0 \cos(mt + m\vec{v} \cdot \vec{x} + \varphi_0)$$

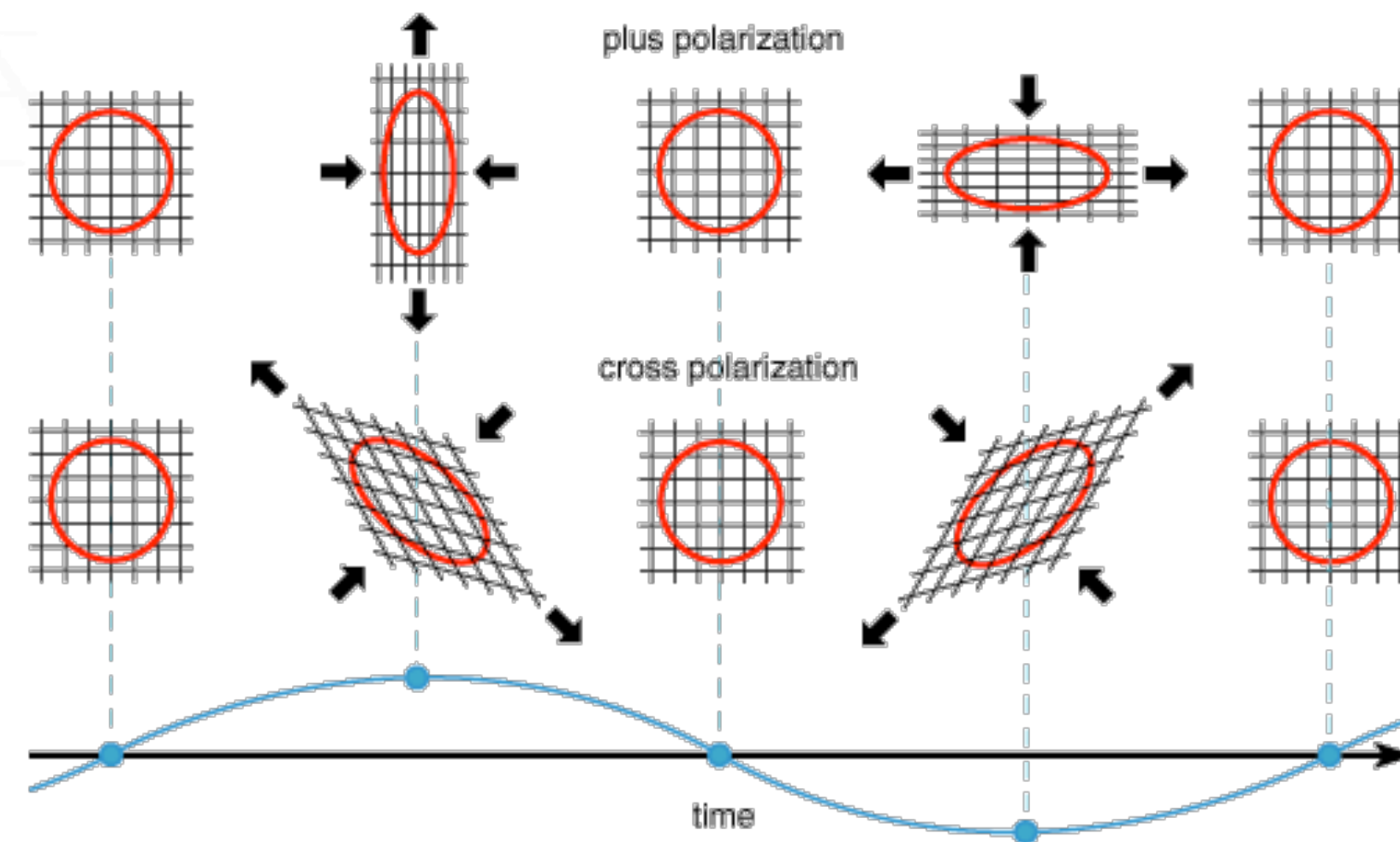
For this field, its energy density is

$$\langle \rho \rangle_t = \frac{1}{2} \langle \left(\dot{\phi}^2 + (\partial_i \phi)^2 + m^2 \phi^2 \right) \rangle_t \approx m^2 \phi_0^2 \langle \cos^2(mt + \varphi_0) \rangle_t = \frac{m^2}{2} \phi_0^2$$

GWs (essentials)

Perturbations of space-time
travelling as waves of frequency f

Characterised by 2 polarizations $h_{+,\times}$ (dimensionless)



$$h_{+,\times} \stackrel{c=1}{\approx} h_0 \cos(2\pi f(t - z) + \phi)$$

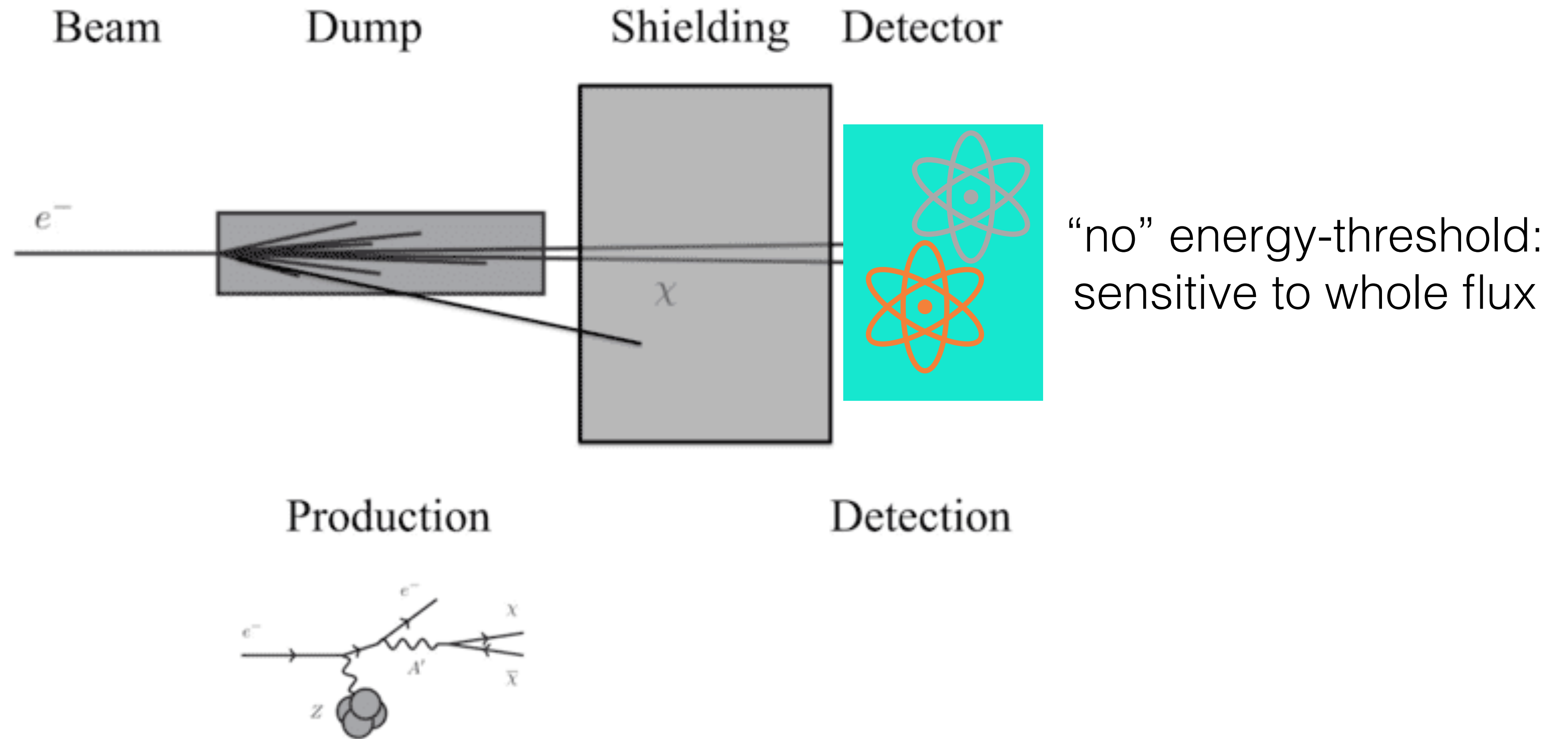
$$h_0 \approx \delta L/L \approx \delta E/E \dots$$

GWs carry energy. They have **energy density**

GWs couple to **ANYTHING** in your lab!

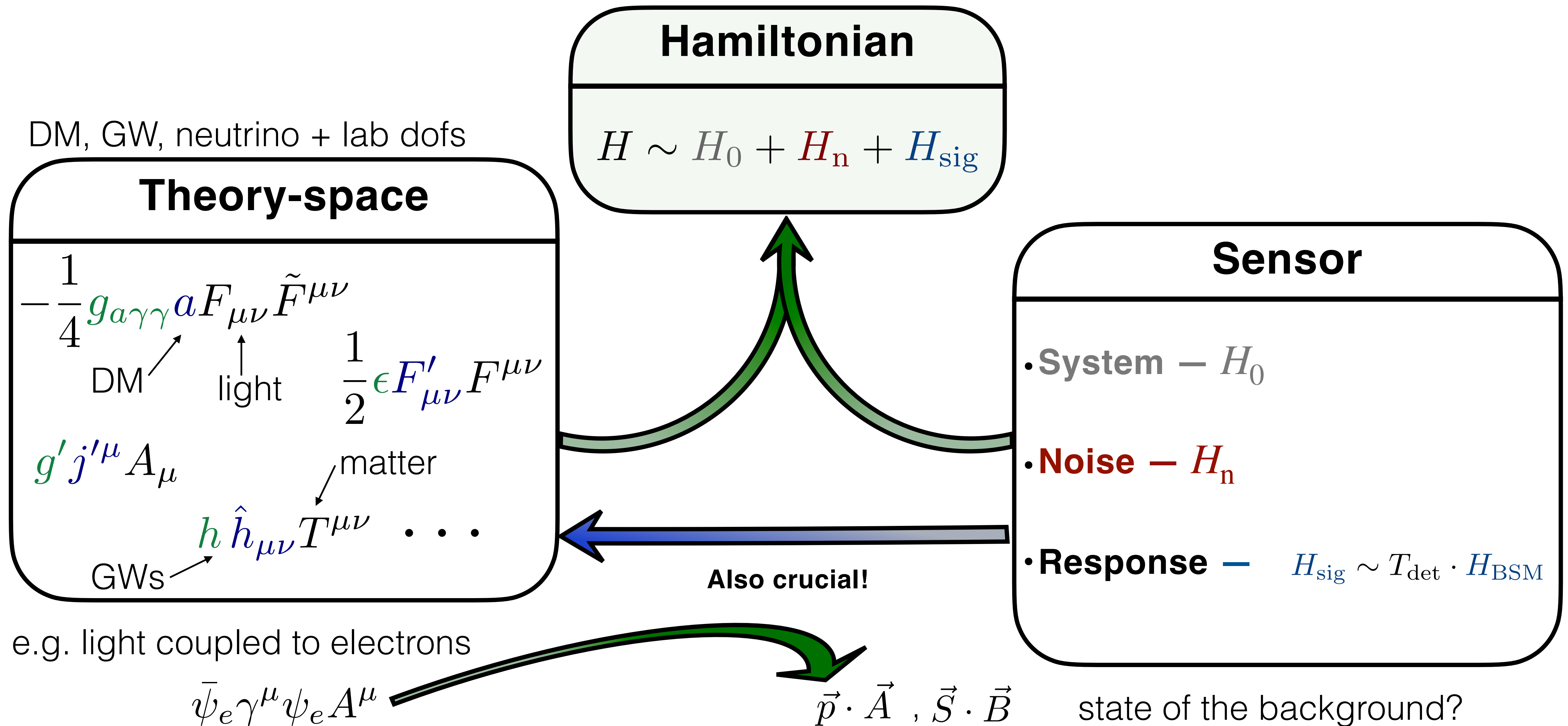
May also be relevant for machine made backgrounds

advantage of being table top



Searching for fundamental backgrounds with QS

How do these backgrounds affect precision measurements



Searching for fundamental backgrounds with QT

How do these backgrounds affect precision measurements



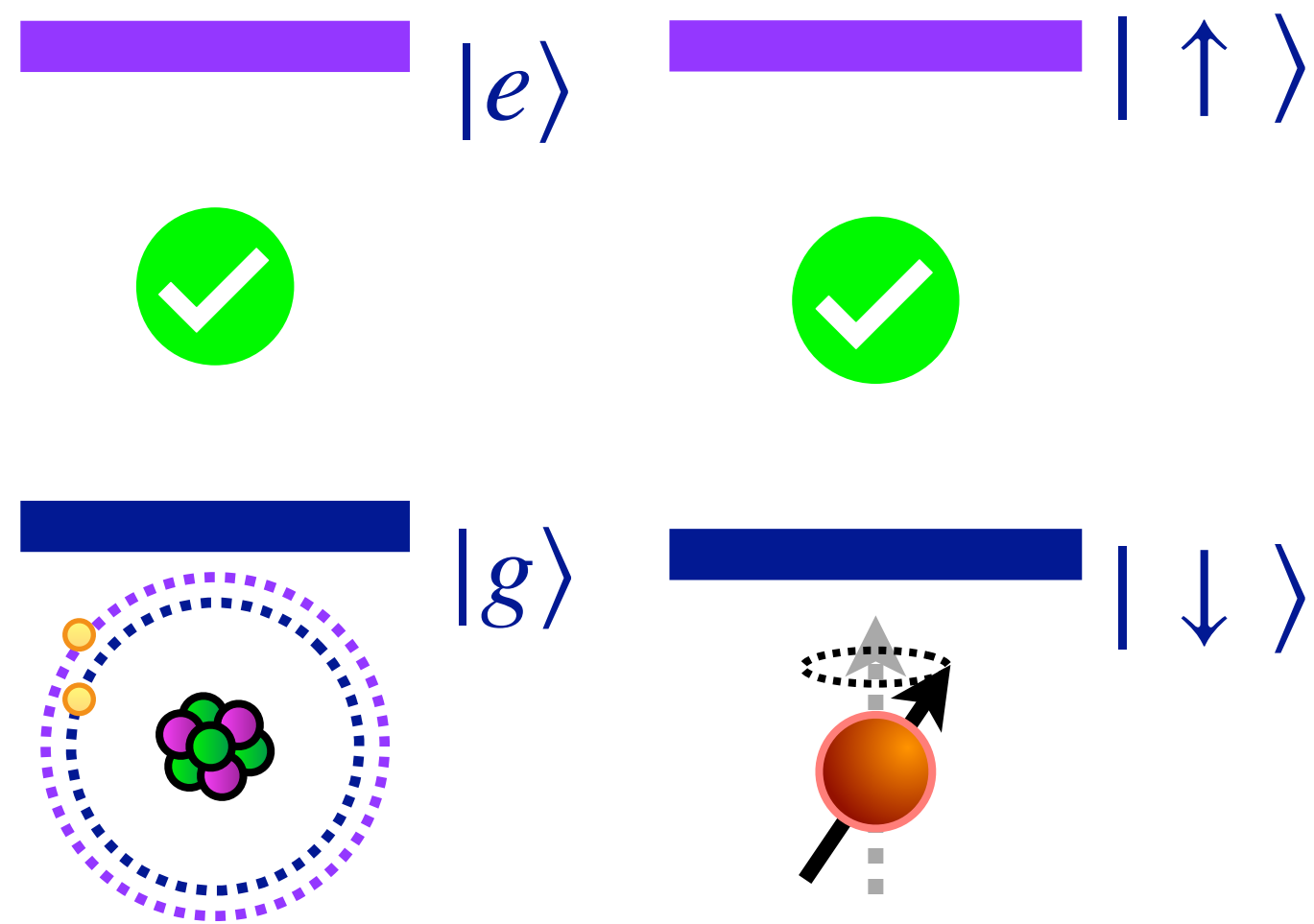
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(see before)

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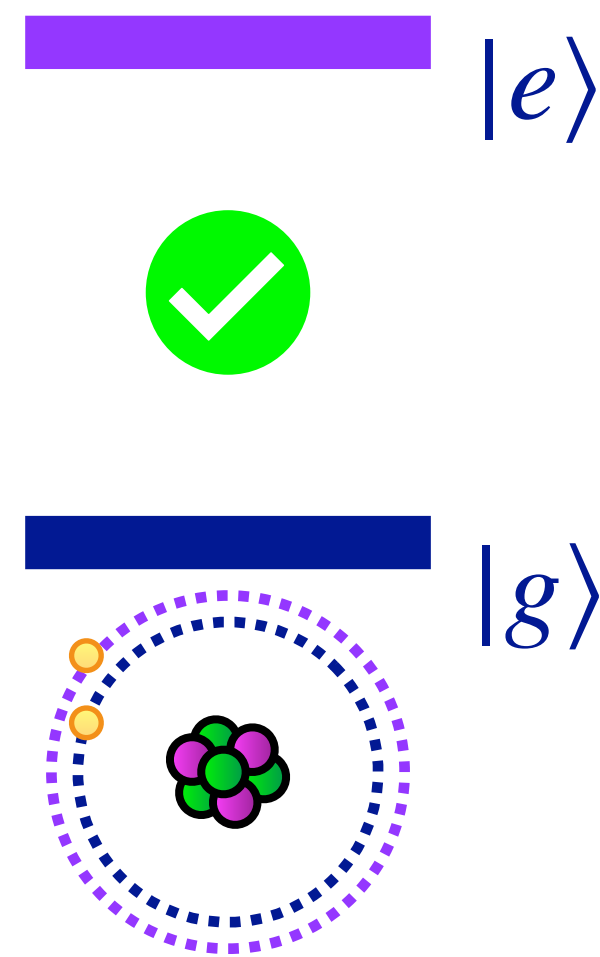


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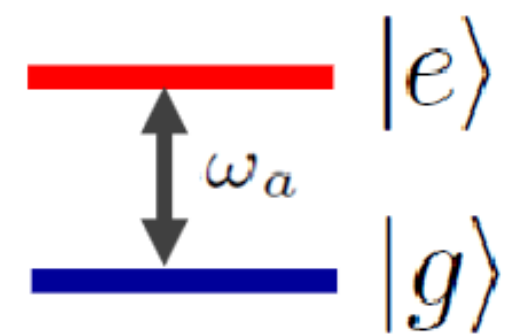
Long-baseline atomic interferometers

Dimopoulos et al 0712.1250

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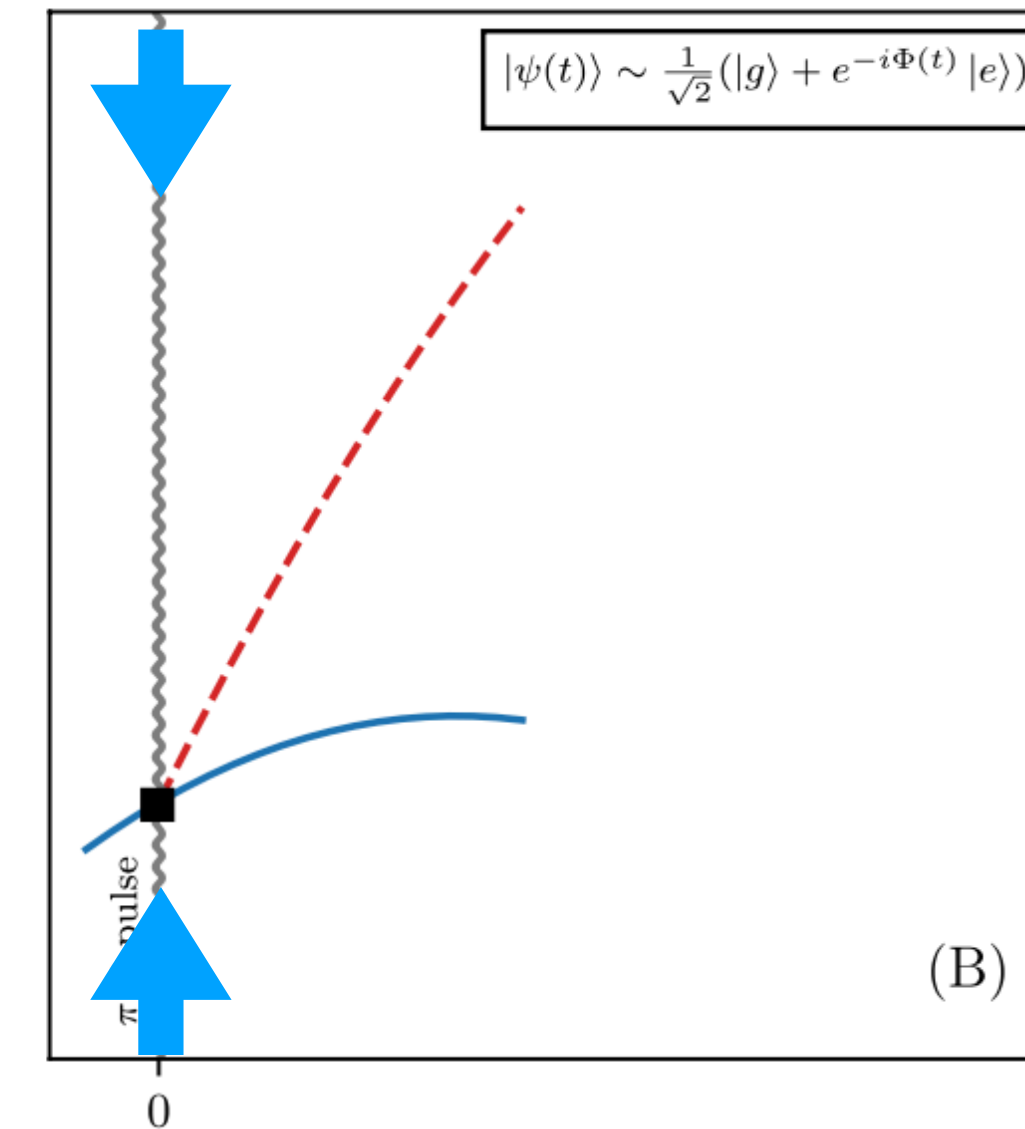
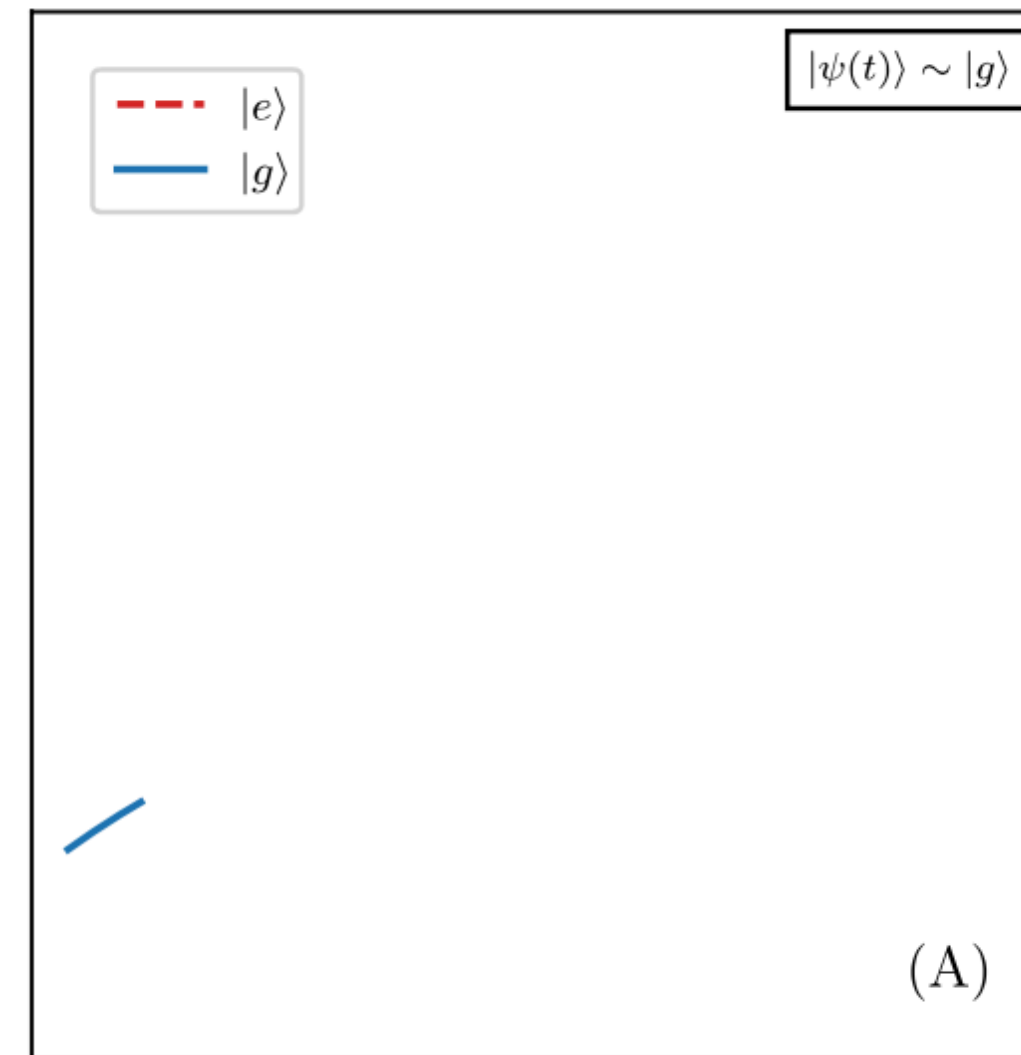
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Basic concept:
atoms in free fall
with two possible states

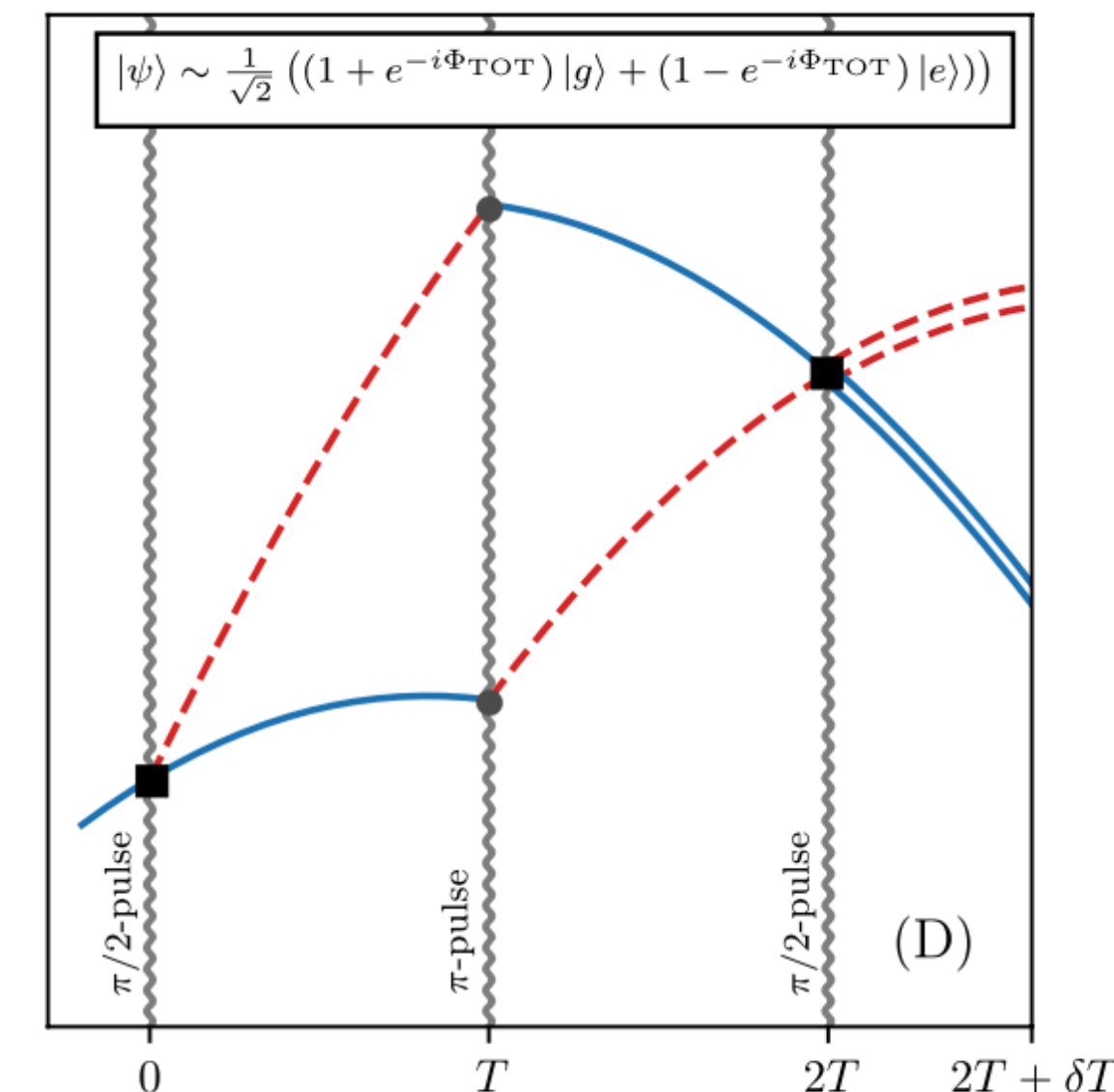
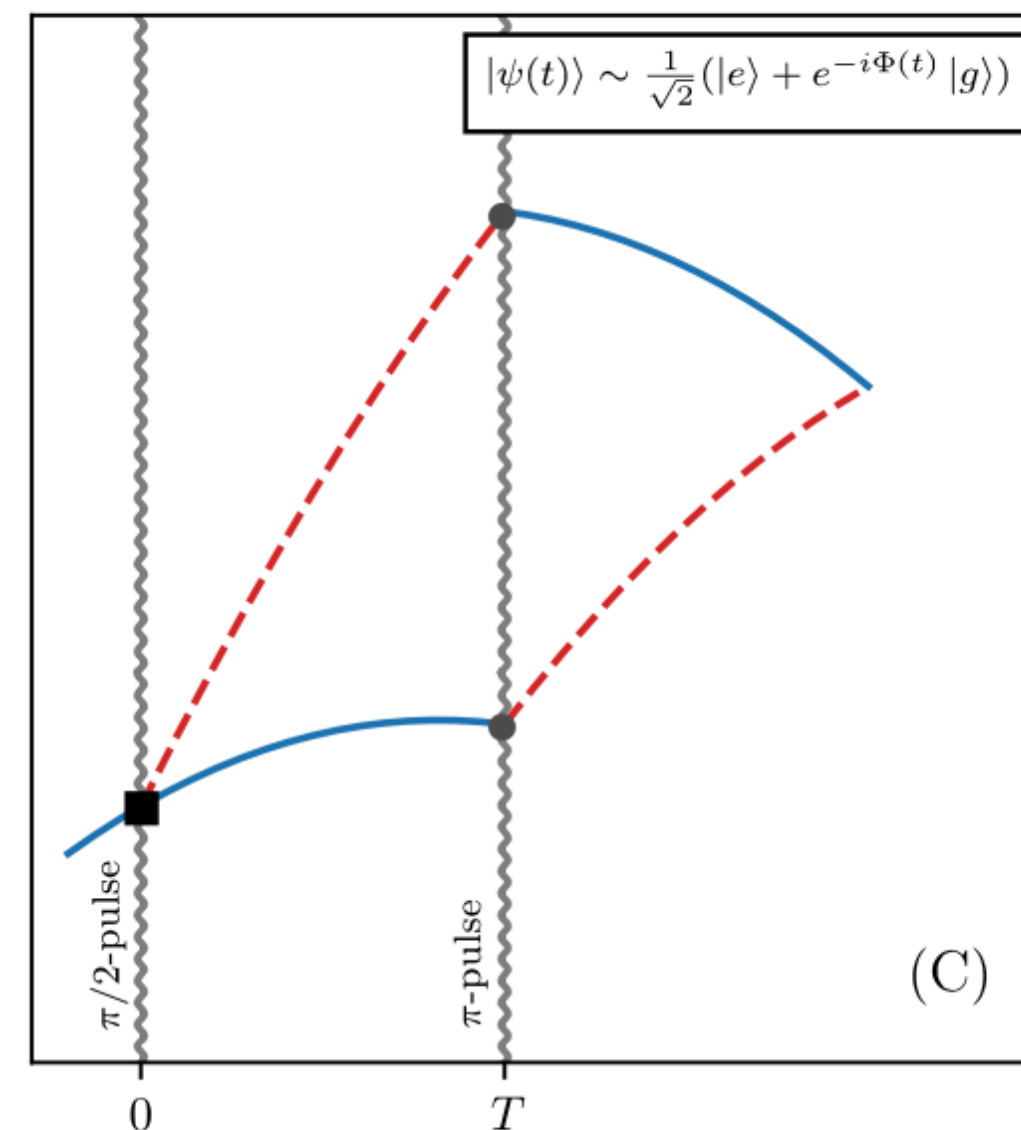


$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt}|\psi(0)\rangle$$

Height



L



Time

The phase difference
of the two states
arranged to be

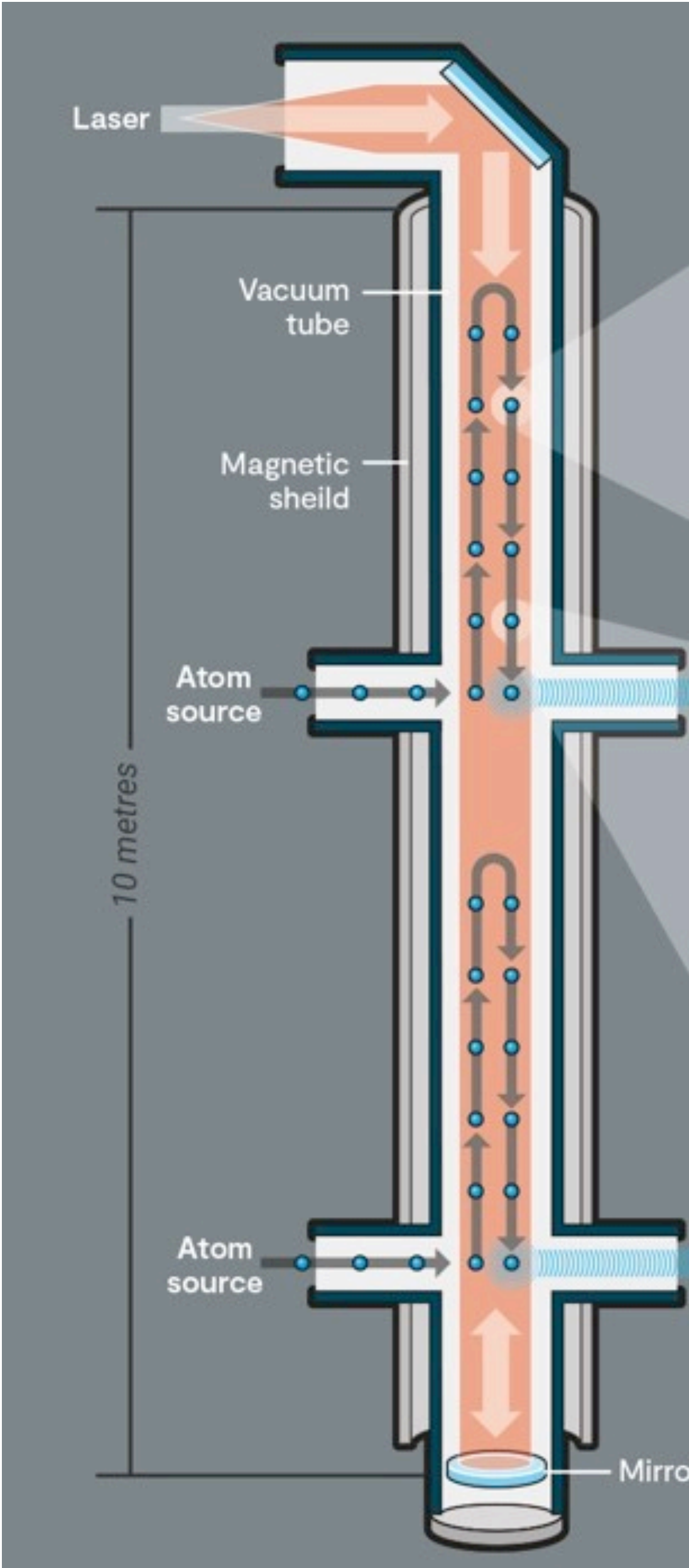
$$\phi \propto \omega_A L / c$$

Optimized with more than one AI

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e.g. Badurina et al 2108.02468



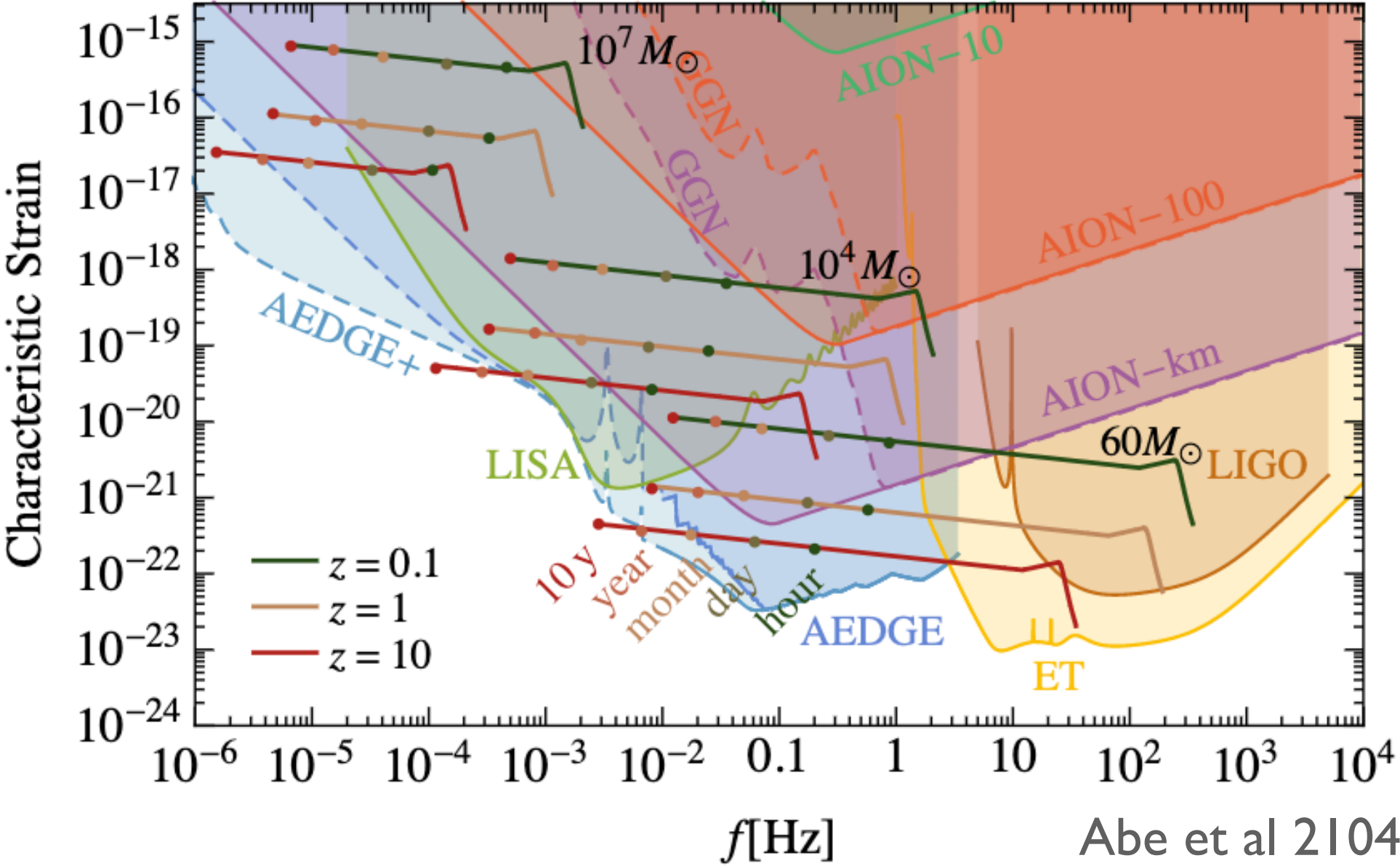
GWs (h) change distances

$$\delta L \sim hL$$

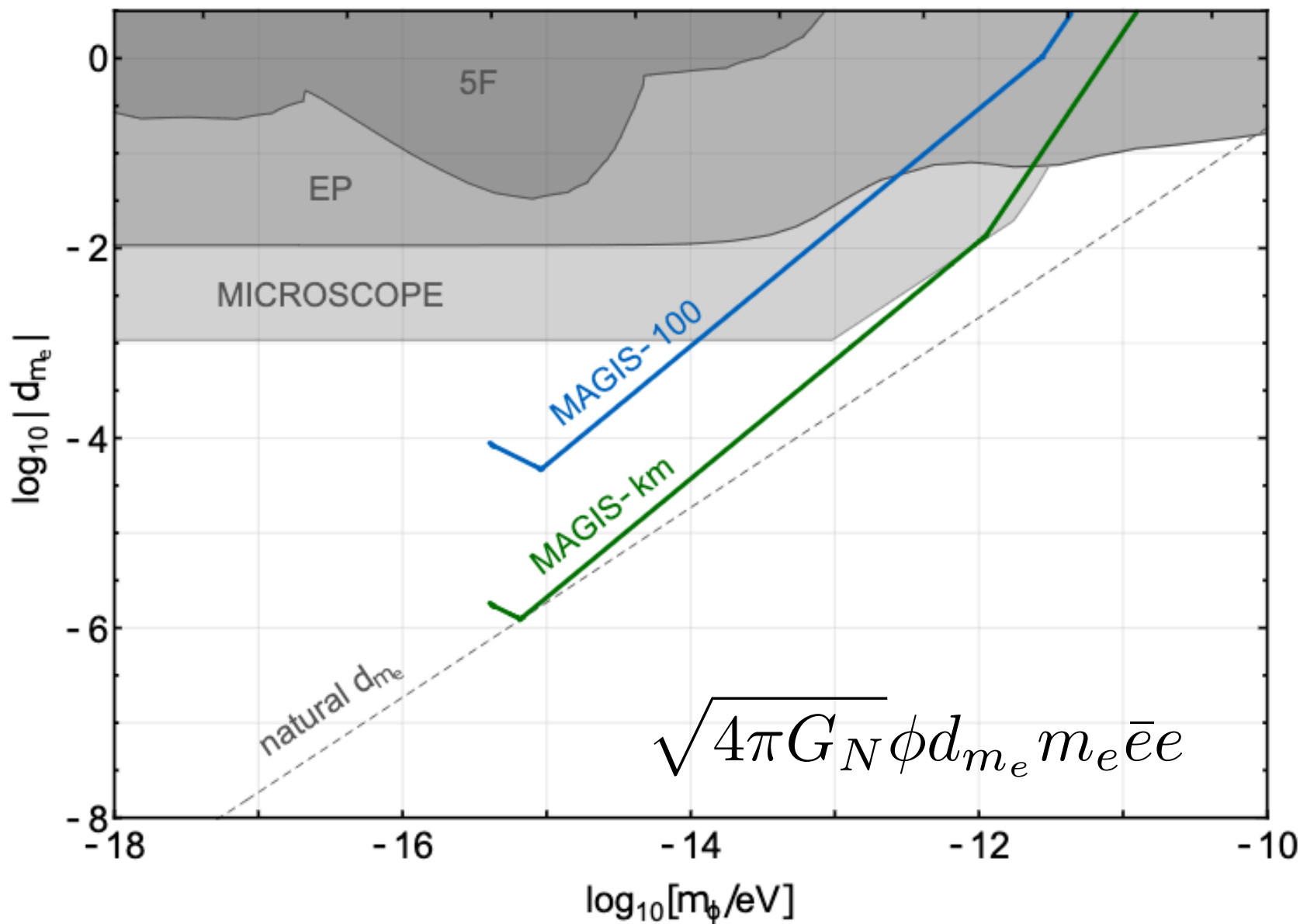
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DM (ϕ_{DM}) may change the “energy” levels

$$\delta\omega_a \sim g_c \omega_a \phi_{DM}$$



Abe et al 2104.02835



Current status

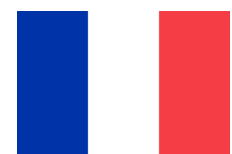
Site location:



M. Abe et al., *Matter-wave Atomic Gradiometer Interferometric Sensor (MAGIS-100)*, [arXiv:2104.02835](#).

Status

100 m



B. Canuel et al., *Exploring gravity with the MIGA large scale atom interferometer*, *Sci. Rep.* **8** (2018), no. 1 14064, [[arXiv:1703.02490](#)].

~ 200 m?



B. Canuel et al., *ELGAR—a European Laboratory for Gravitation and Atom-interferometric Research*, *Class. Quant. Grav.* **37** (2020), no. 22 225017, [[arXiv:1911.03701](#)].

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M.-S. Zhan et al., *ZAIGA: Zhaoshan Long-baseline Atom Interferometer Gravitation Antenna*, *Int. J. Mod. Phys. D* **28** (2019) 1940005, [[arXiv:1903.09288](#)].

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L. Badurina et al., *AION: An Atom Interferometer Observatory and Network*, *JCAP* **05** (2020) 011, [[arXiv:1911.11755](#)].

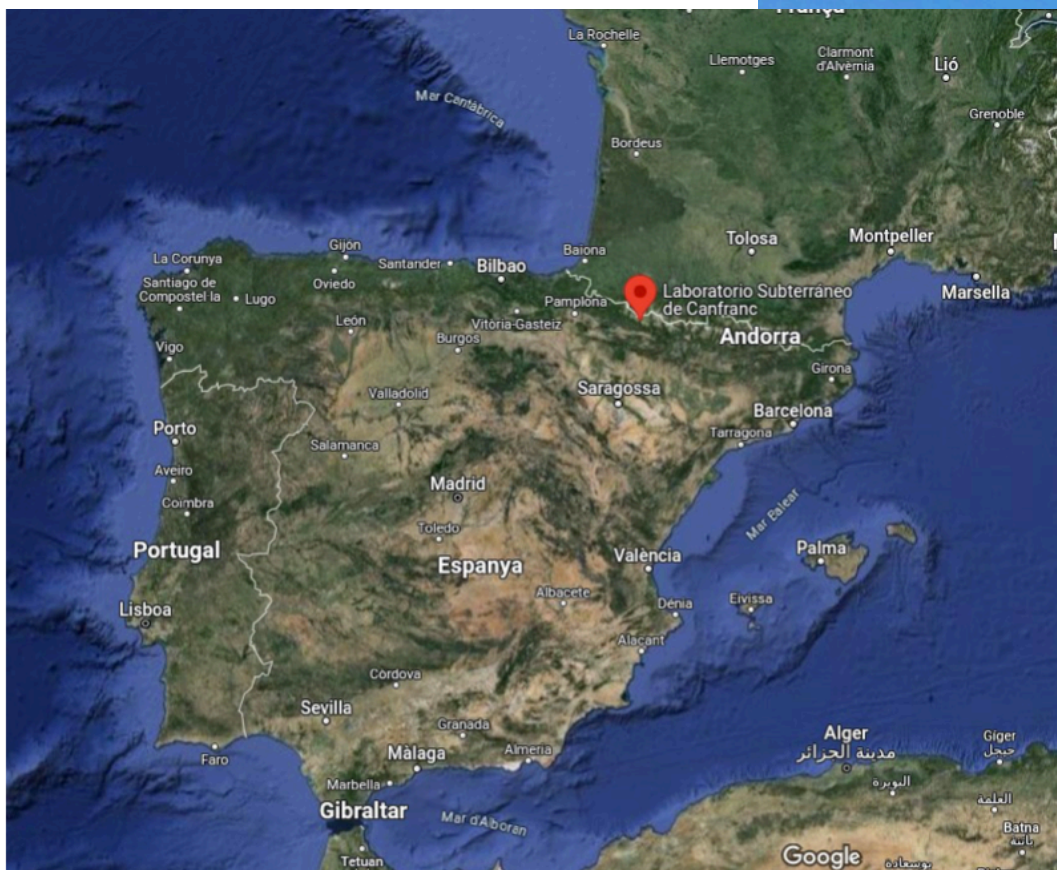
10 m



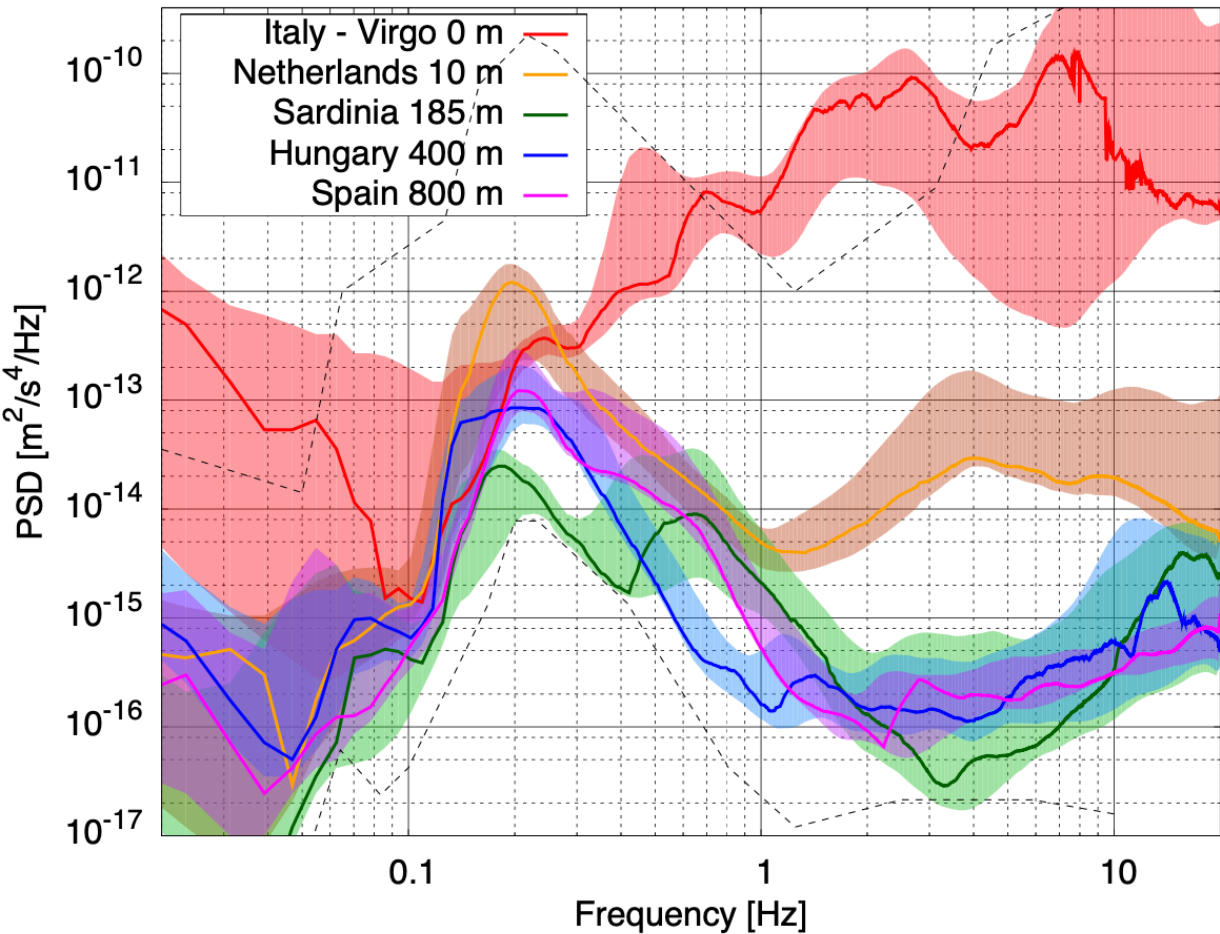
AEDGE Collaboration, Y. A. El-Neaj et al., *AEDGE: Atomic Experiment for Dark Matter and Gravity Exploration in Space*, *EPJ Quant. Technol.* **7** (2020) 6, [[arXiv:1908.00802](#)].

40 km?

Current search for vertical shafts with right conditions (**Canfranc** (Spain)?) talk to me!



M G Beker et al 2012 *J. Phys.: Conf. Ser.* **363** 012004



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Terrestrial Very-Long-Baseline Atom Interferometry

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hep-ph/2507.17825

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States evolving in the presence of a vector potential pick up a phase

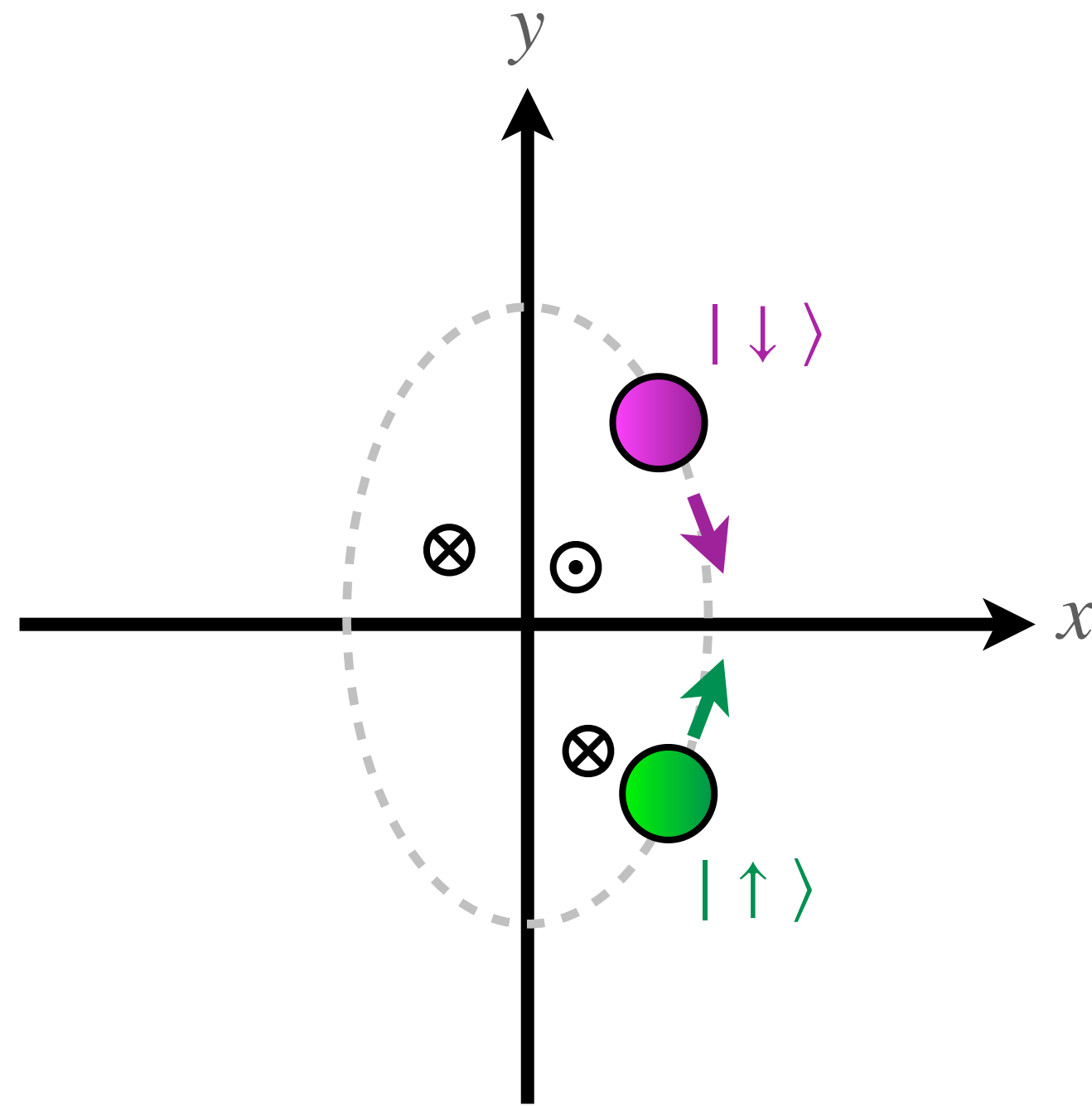
$$\varphi = \oint d\mathbf{l} \cdot \mathbf{A}$$

Counter-propagation of entangled spin & position state
means relative phase of $\varphi_{\uparrow} - \varphi_{\downarrow}$ measurable

$$\Delta\varphi = 2 \int_0^T \frac{d\mathbf{S}}{dt} \cdot \mathbf{B} dt \quad \frac{d\mathbf{S}}{dt} \simeq \frac{y_d N \Delta k}{m_{\text{ion}}}$$

Morally equivalent to a motional magnetic moment

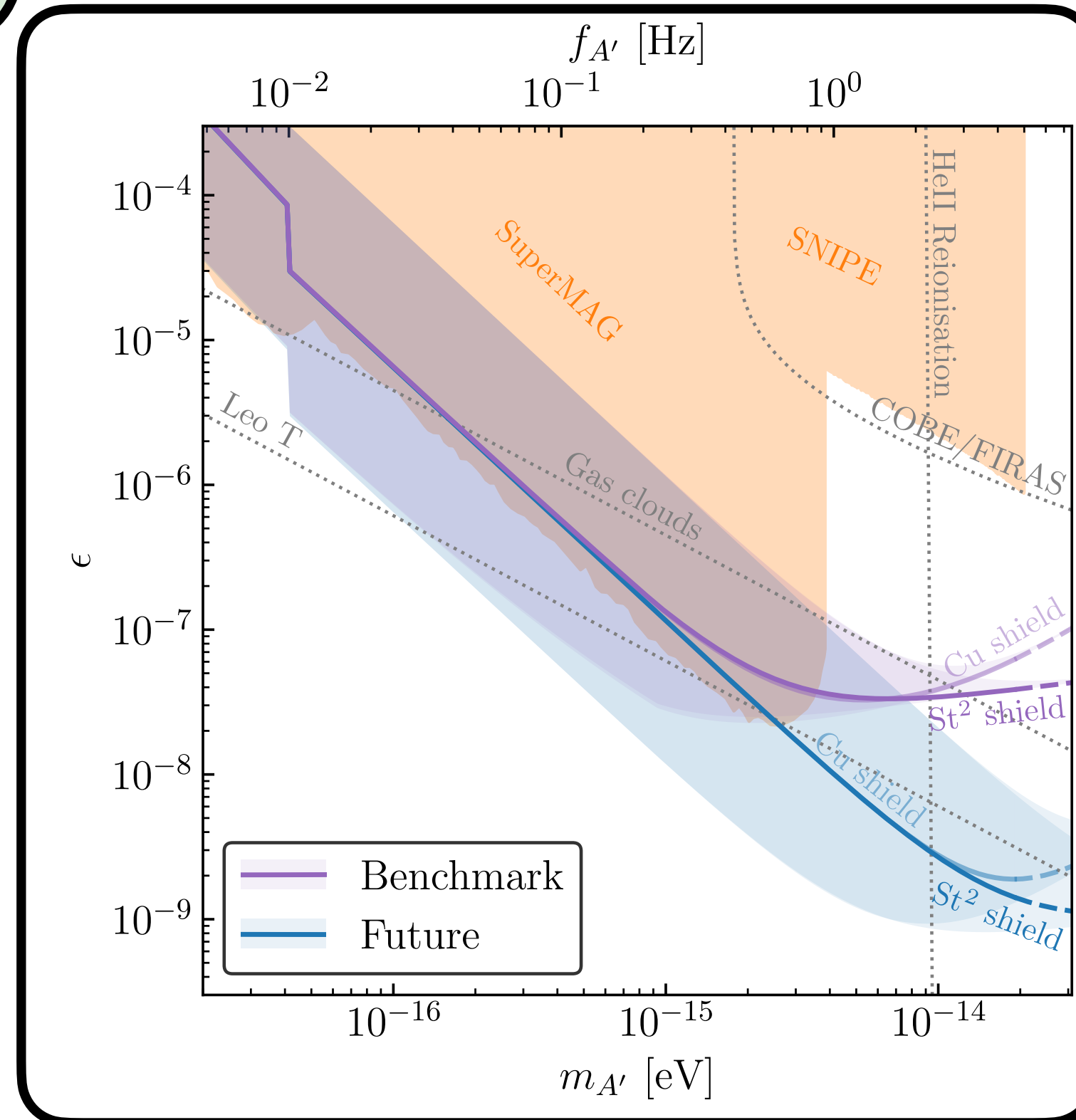
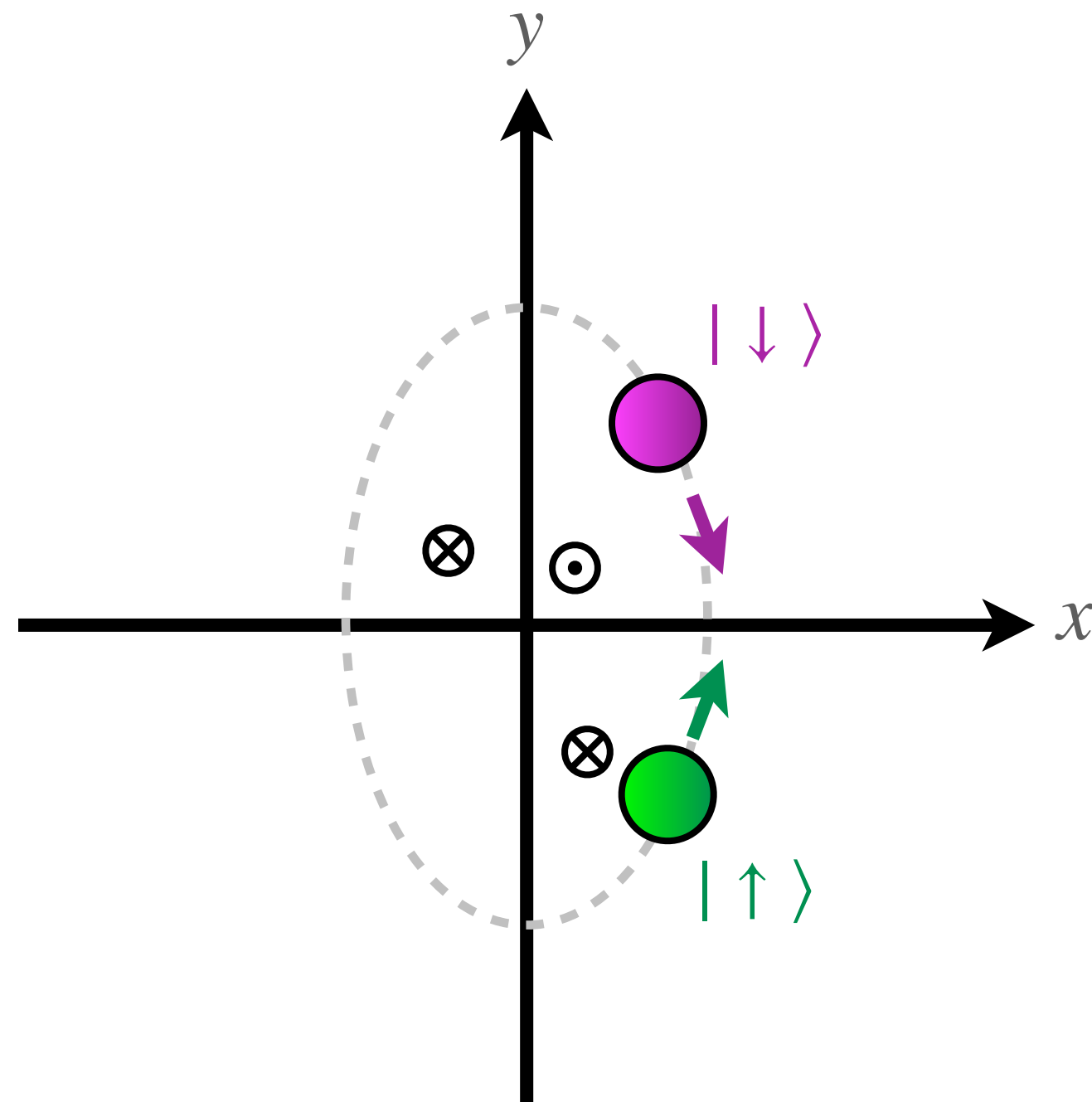
$$\mu \sim \mu_B y_d N \Delta k \frac{m_e}{m_{\text{ion}}}$$



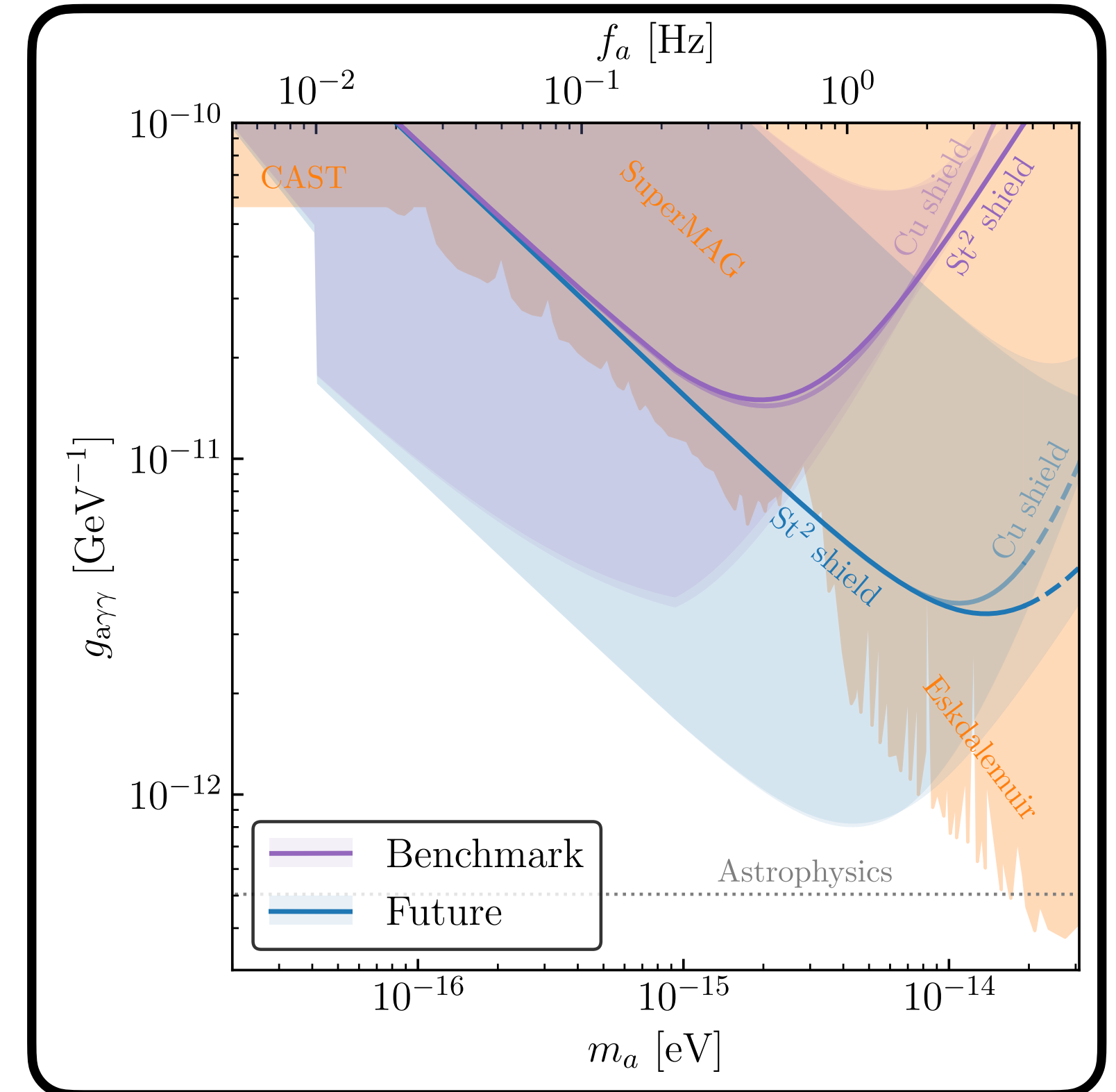
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$$B_{A'} \sim \epsilon(m_{A'} R_{\oplus}) \sqrt{\rho_{\text{DM}}}$$



$$B_a \sim g_{a\gamma\gamma}(m_a R_{\oplus}) \frac{\sqrt{\rho_{\text{DM}}}}{m_a} B_{\oplus}$$

Entangling multiple ions increases sensitivity* linearly in N_{ion}

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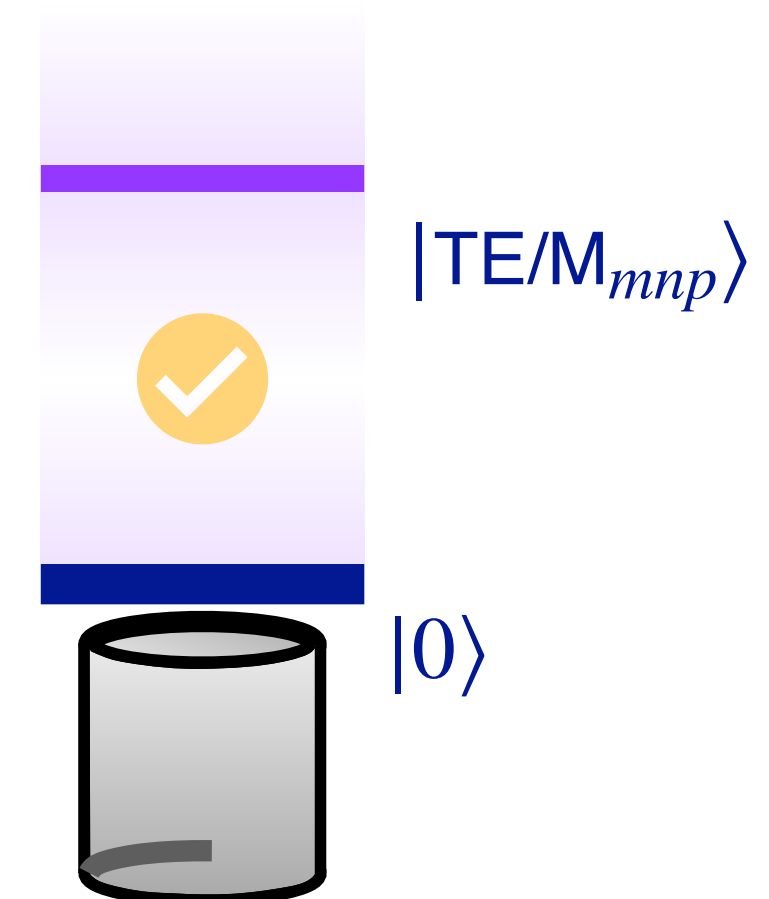


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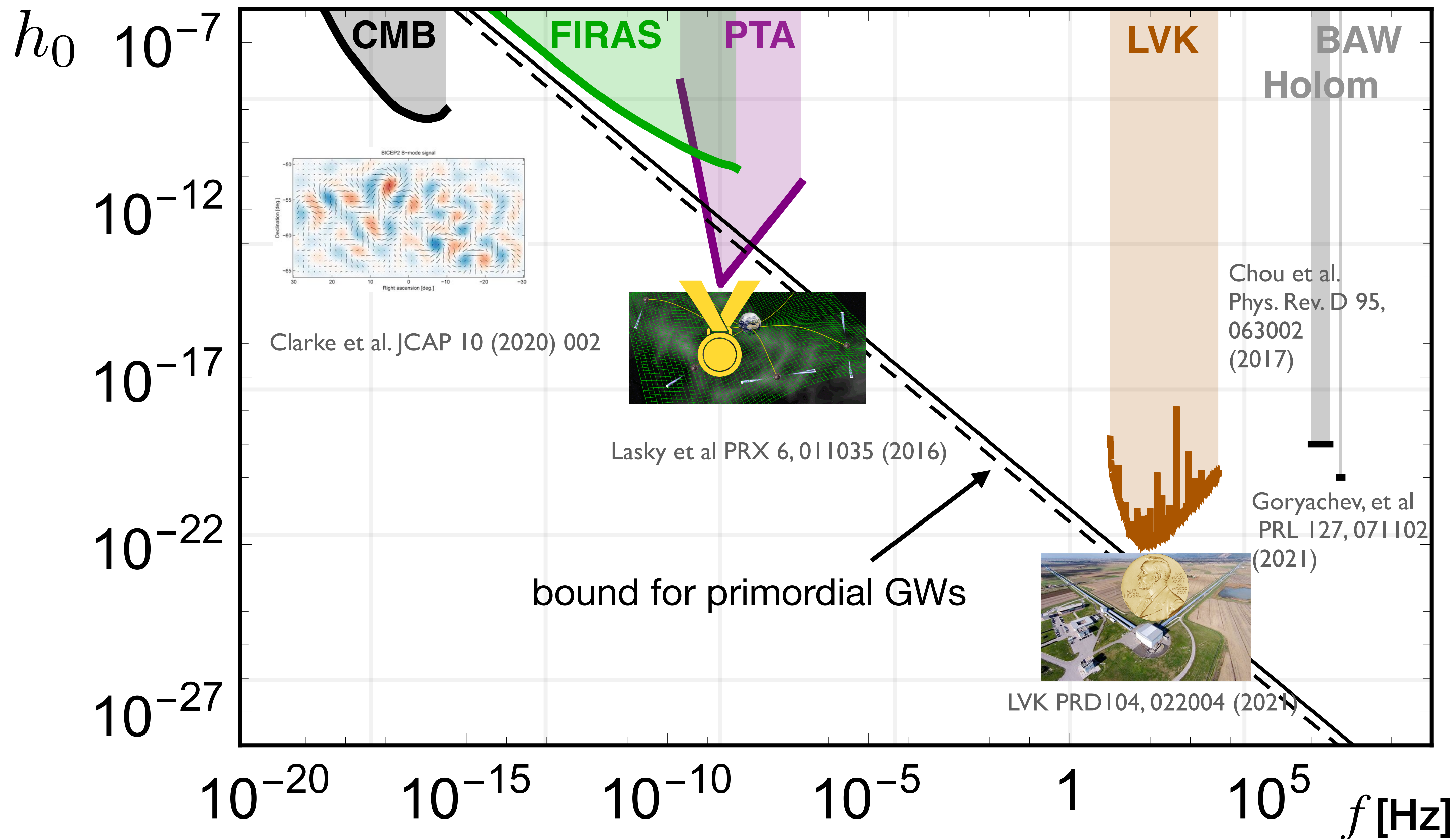
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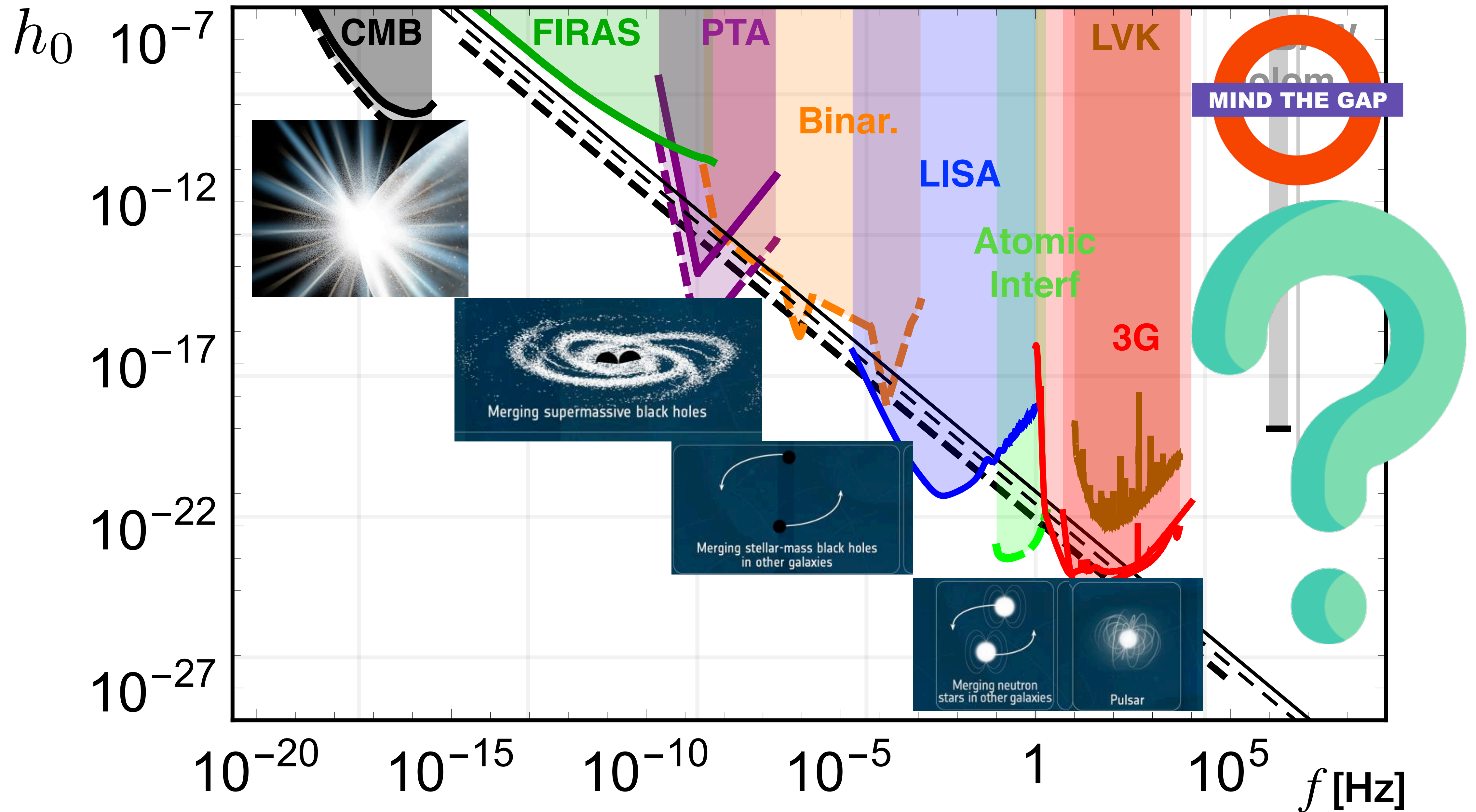
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GWs soundscape today

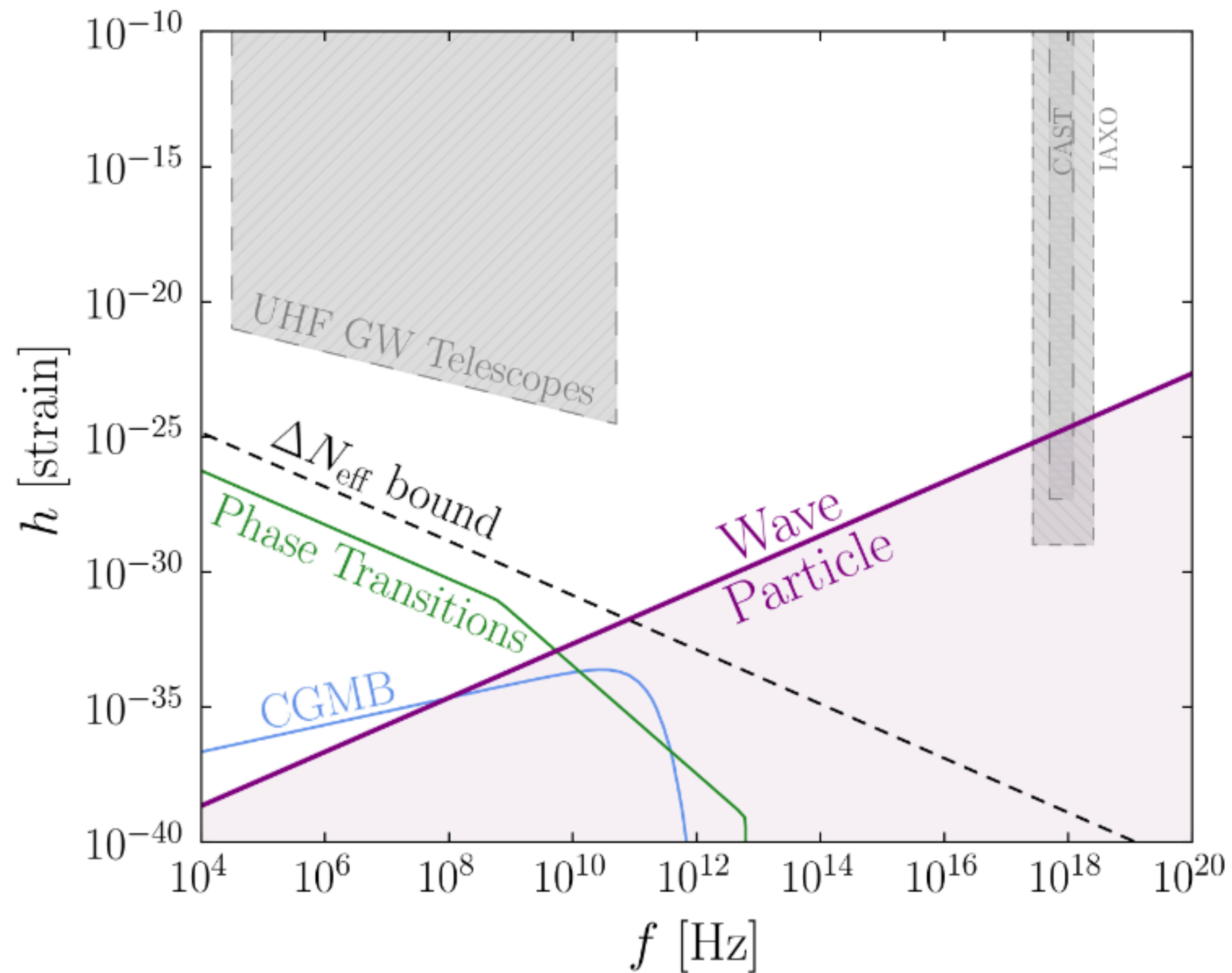


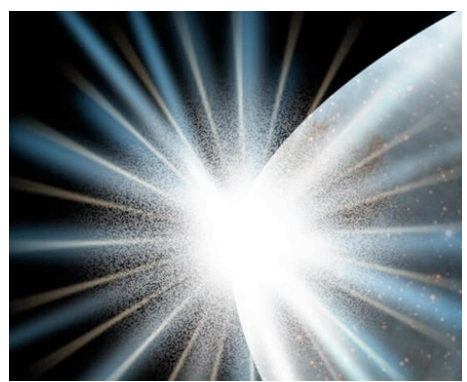
GWs soundscape ca. 2040



Where are gravitons hiding?

Carney et al. 2308.12988



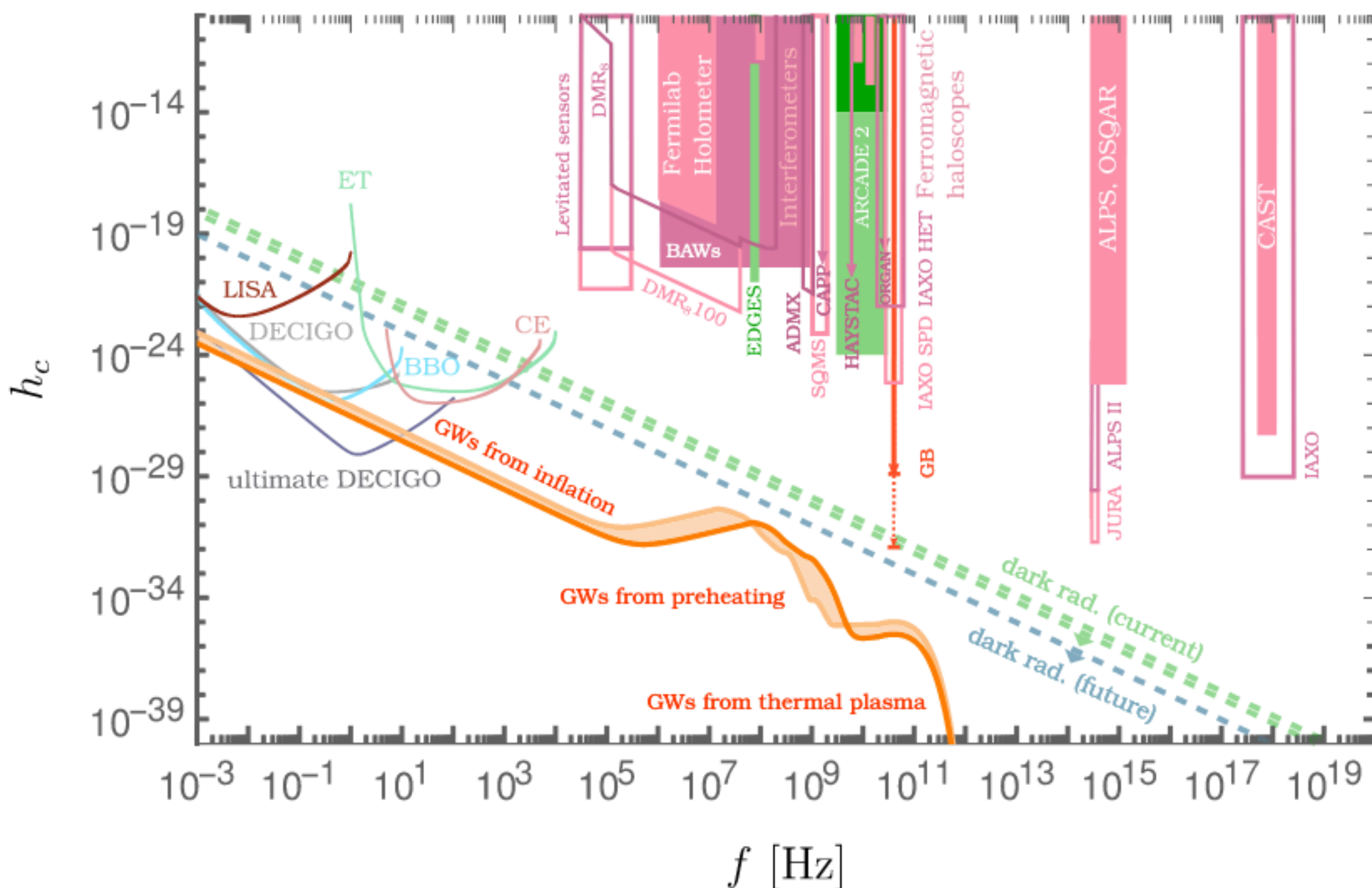


Sources of UHFGW: where to aim



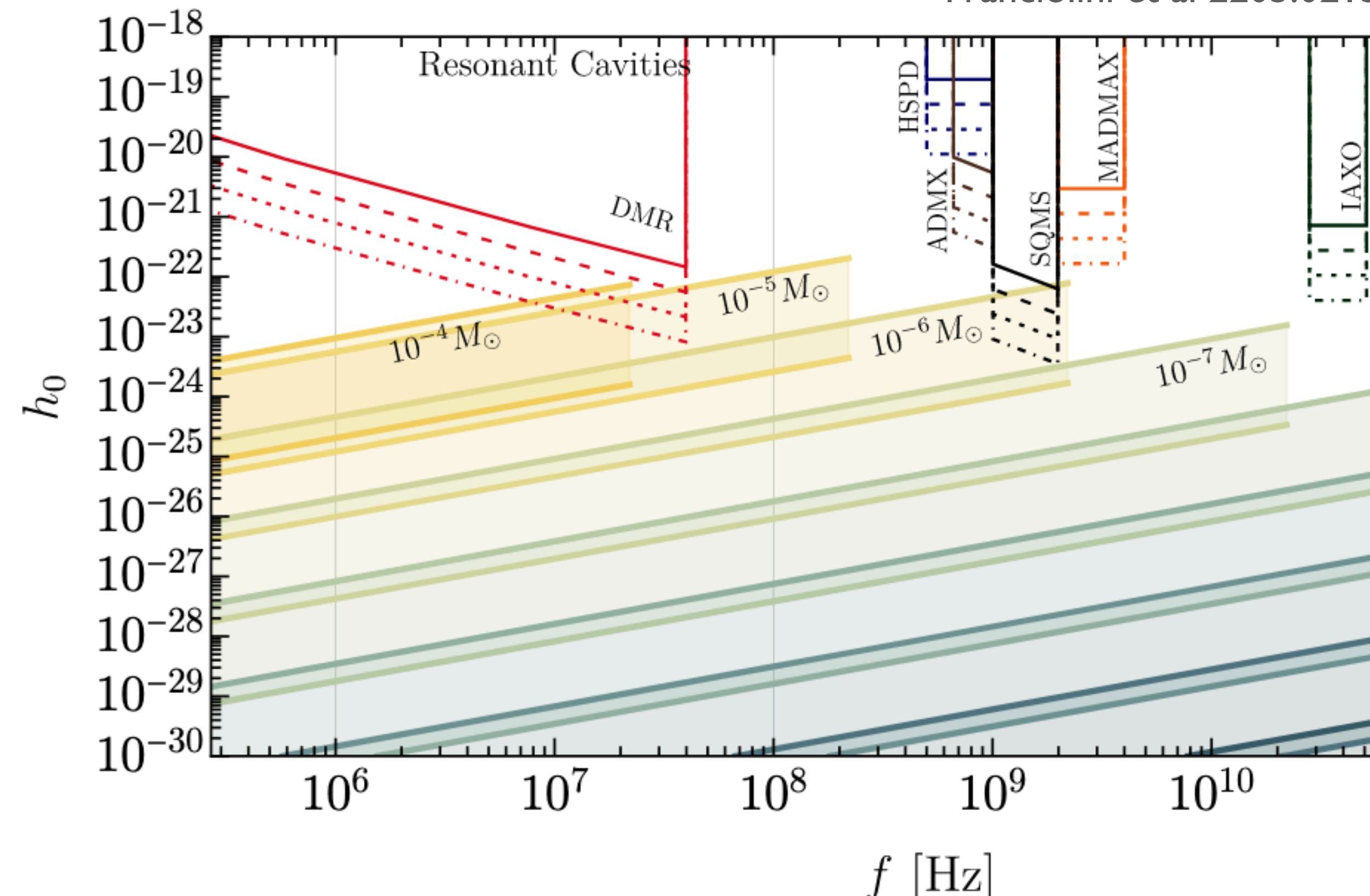
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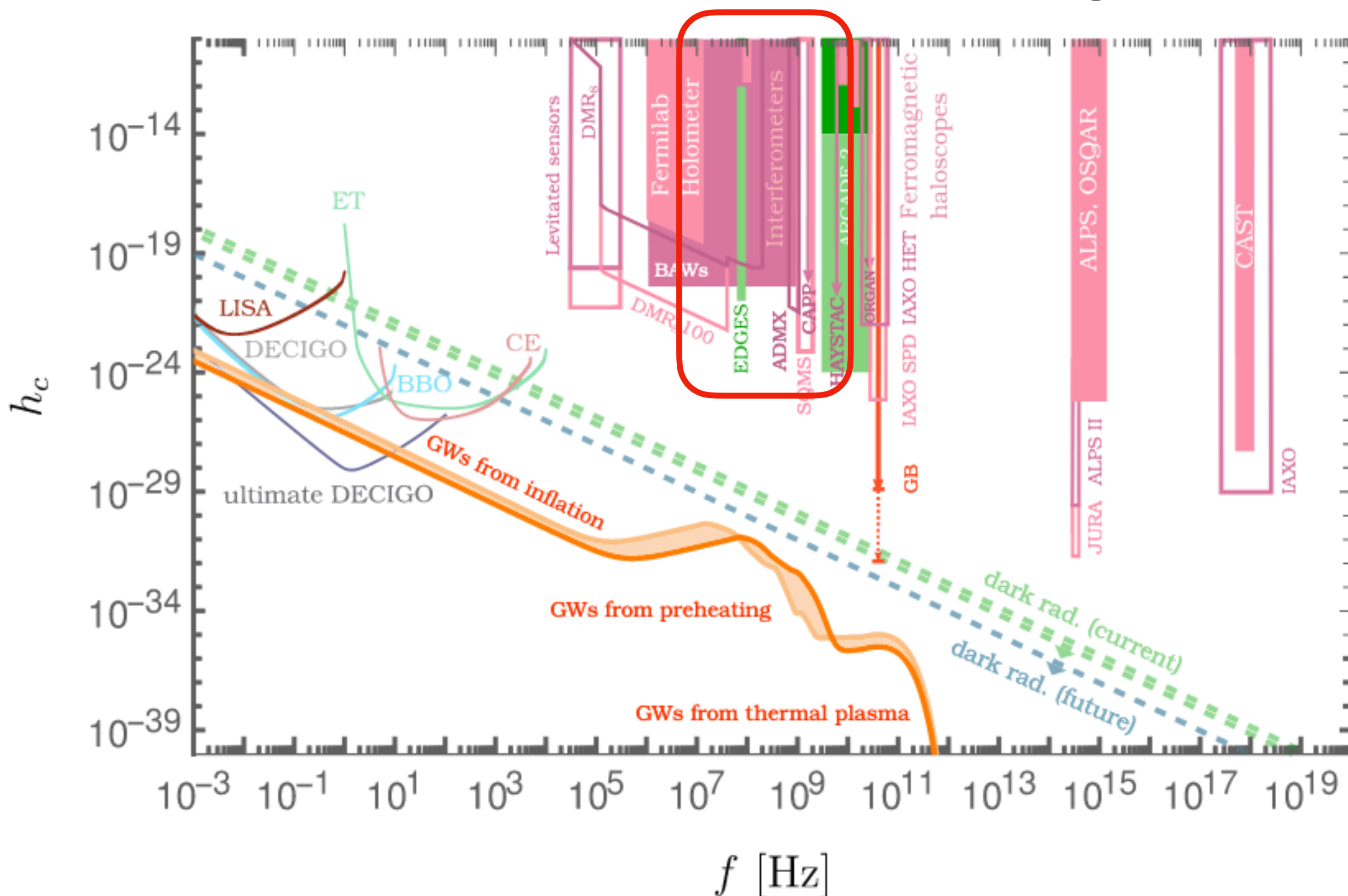


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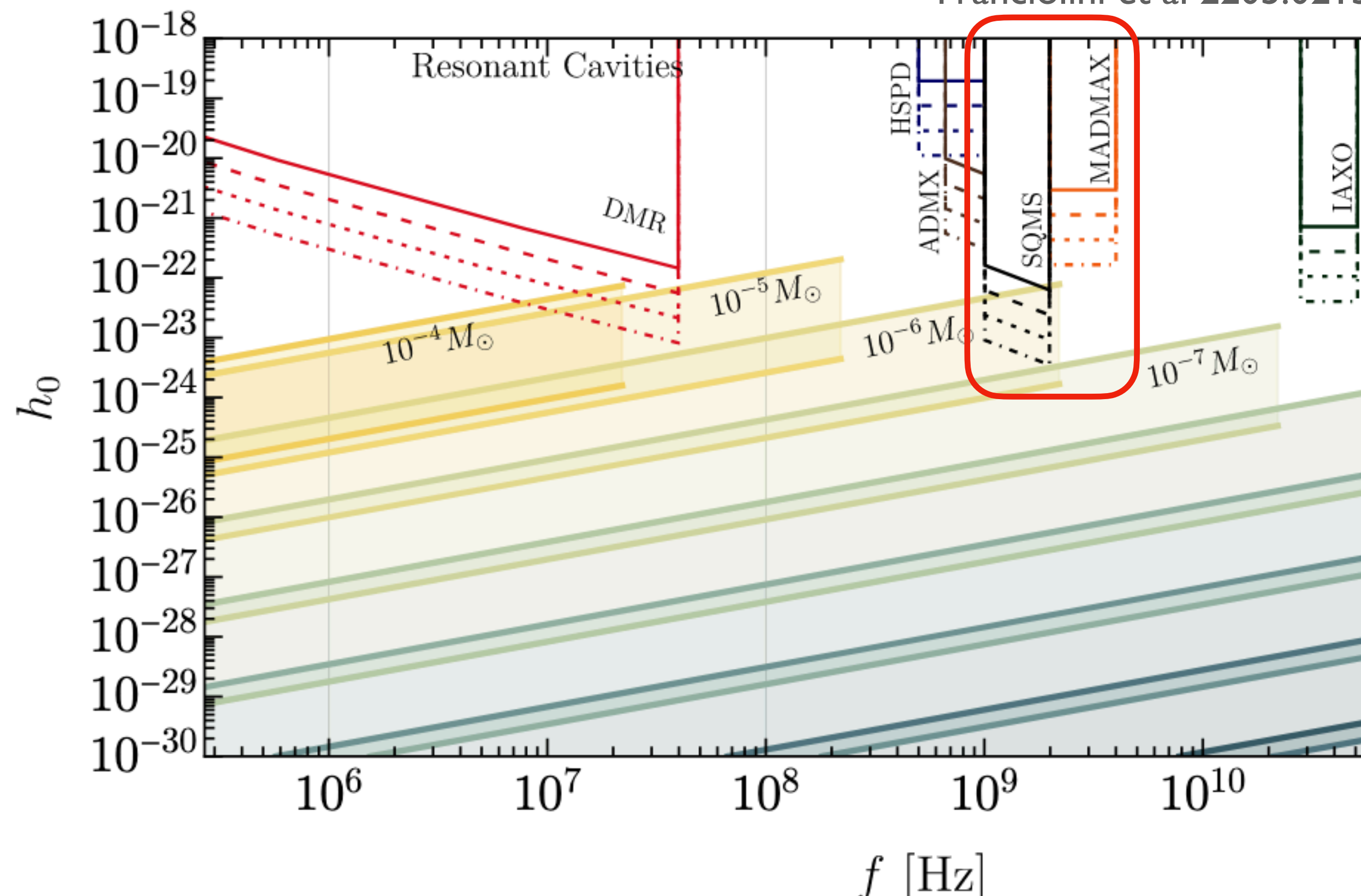
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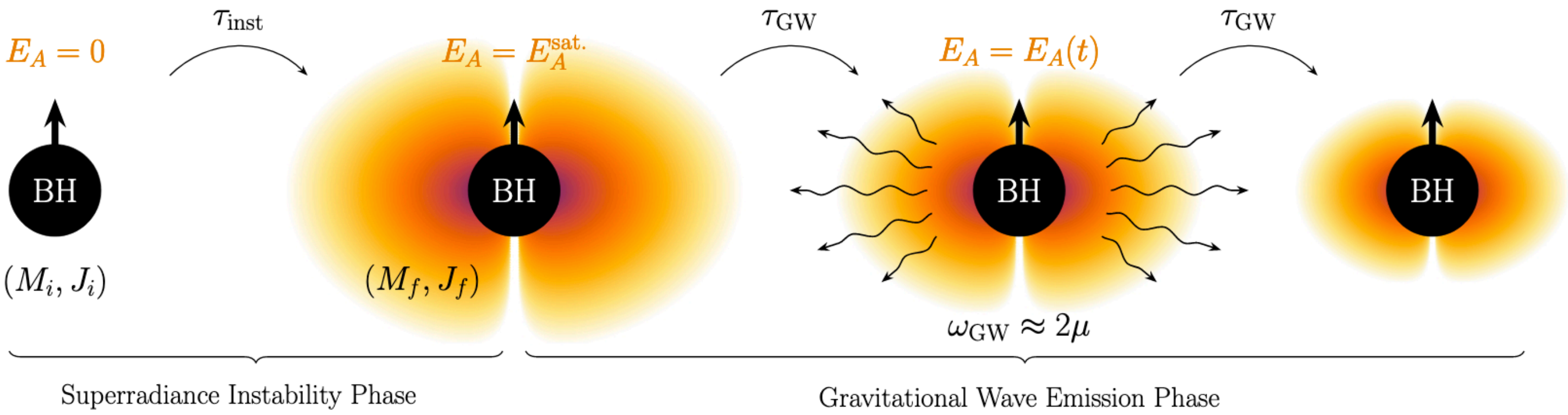


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All transient sources

SR

from Tsukada et al, '20



$$h \sim 10^{-23} \left(\frac{\Delta a_*}{0.1} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ kpc}}{D} \right) \left(\frac{M_b}{1 M_\odot} \right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{0.2} \right)^7 \quad (M_b/M_\odot) \sim (10^3 \text{ Hz}/\omega_{\text{gw}})$$

$$t \sim 10^5 \text{ yrs} \times (\text{MHz}/\omega_g)^2$$

BBH merger

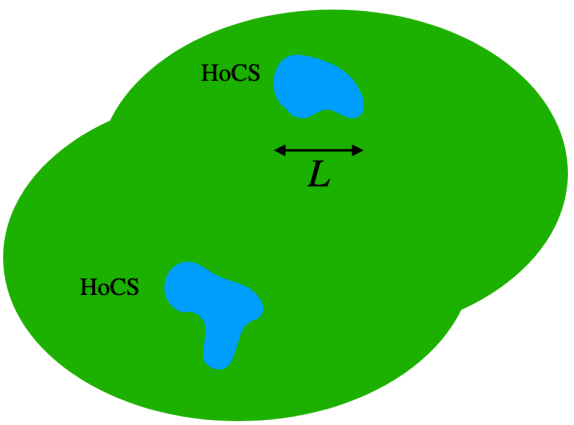
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$$h_0 \sim 10^{-29} \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ pc}}{D} \right) \left(\frac{M_b}{10^{-11} M_\odot} \right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{\omega_g}{1 \text{ GHz}} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$\tau_b \sim 10^{-3} \text{ s} \left(\frac{10^5}{Q} \right) \left(\frac{10^{-11} M_\odot}{M_b} \right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{1 \text{ GHz}}{\omega_g} \right)^{8/3}$$

NS/NS mergers

Casalderrey et al. 2210.03171



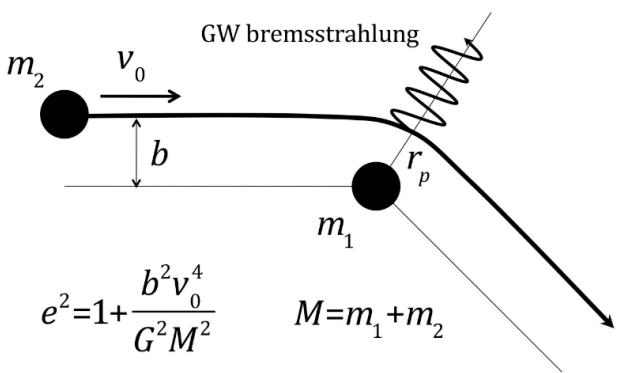
MHz

$$h_c^{\text{obs}} \simeq 2.1 \times 10^{-24} v_f^2 \left(\frac{100 \text{ Mpc}}{d} \right)$$

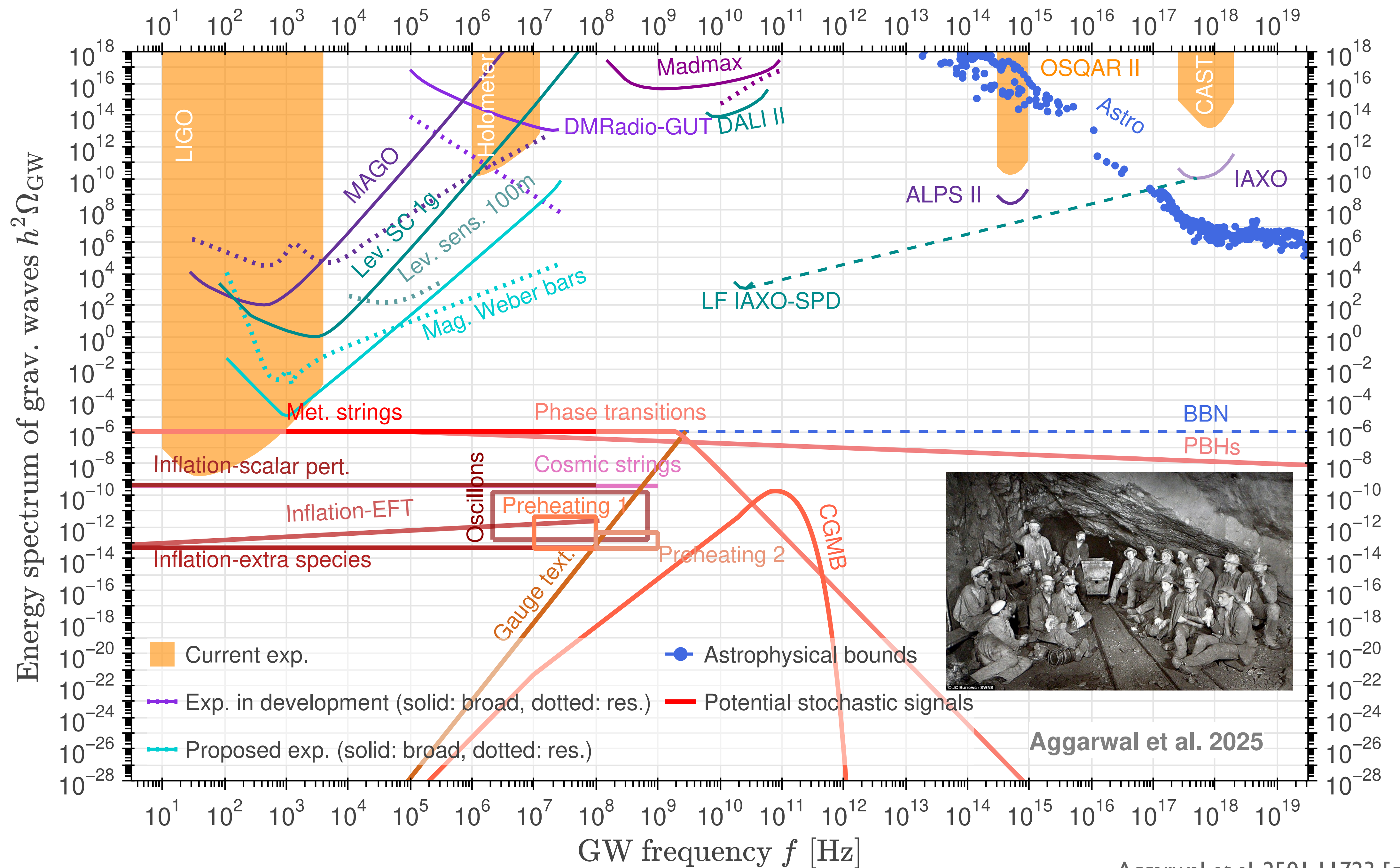
$$\Delta t \simeq L \simeq 1.7 \times 10^{-2} \text{ ms}$$

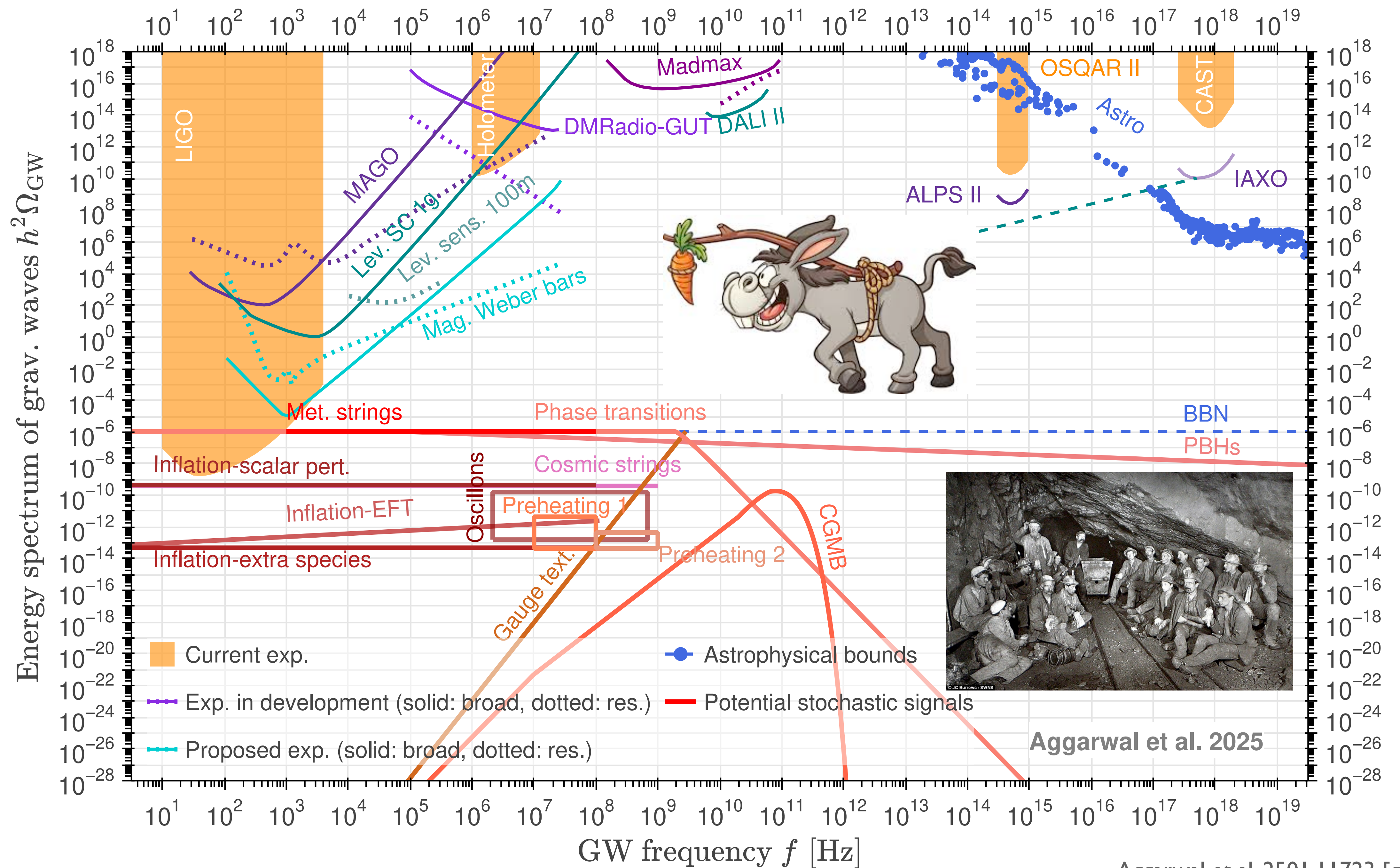
Hyperbolic encounters of PBH

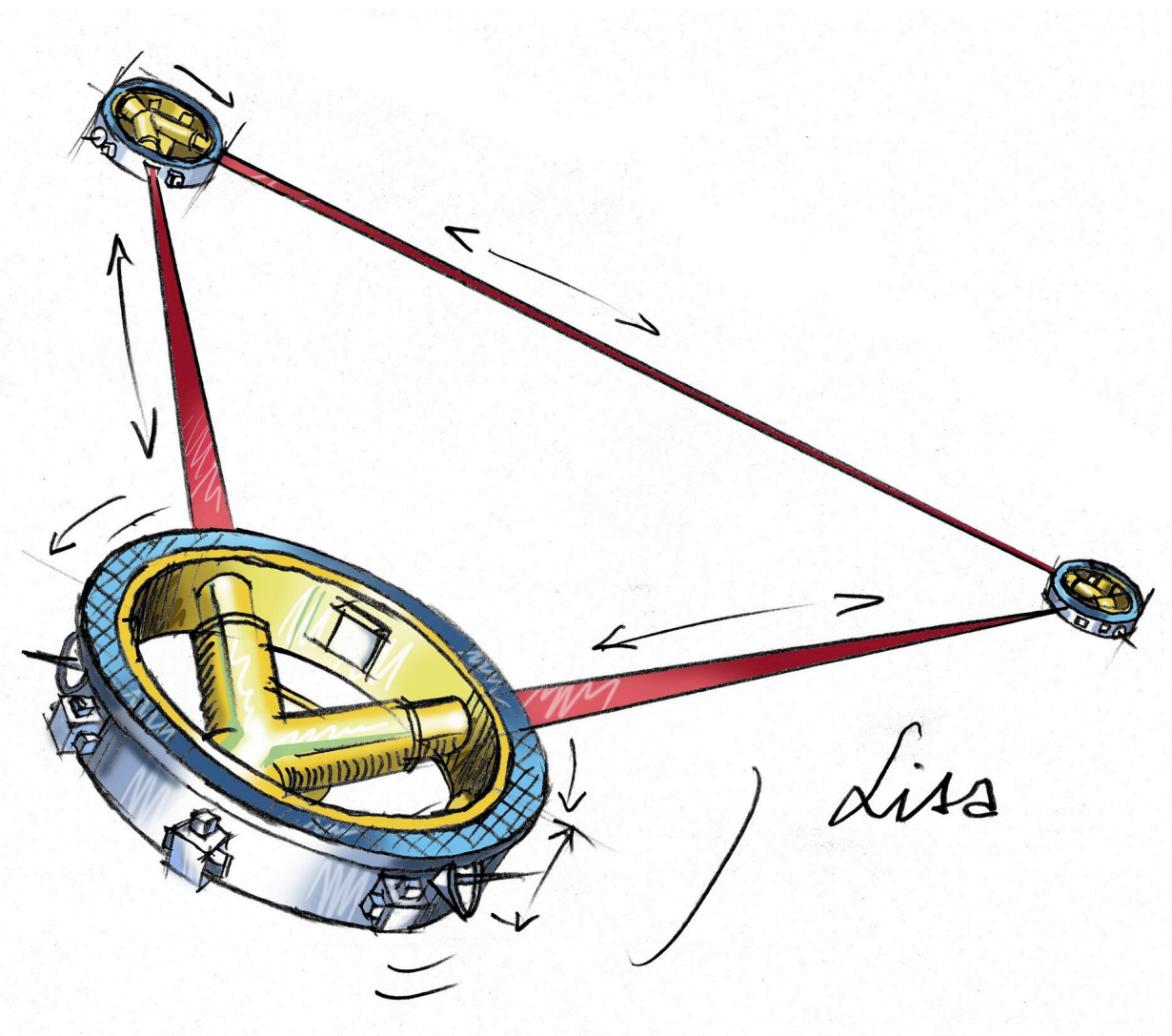
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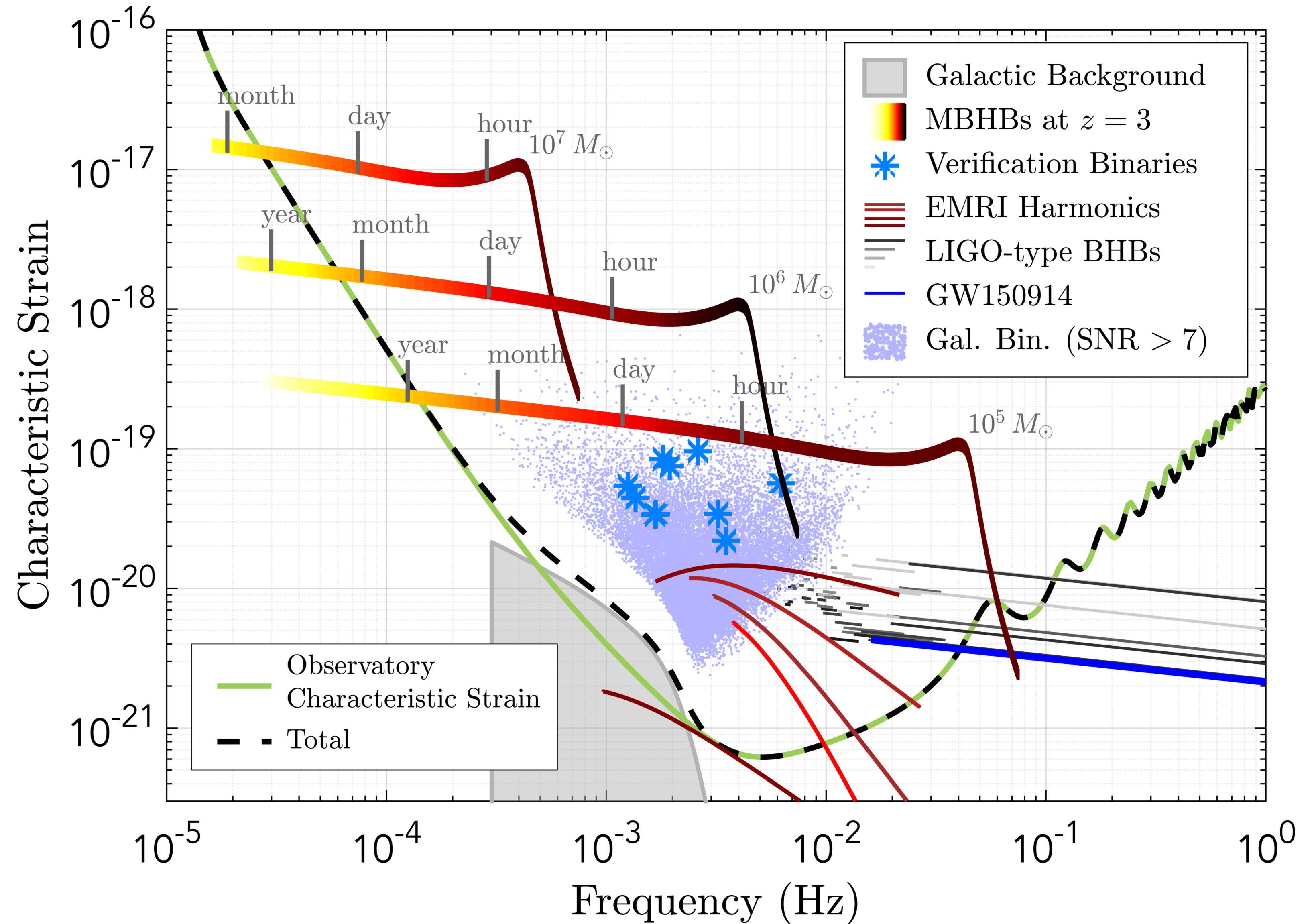
$$t_{1/2} \simeq 1 \text{ ms} \left(\frac{b}{10^{-8} \text{ AU}} \right) \left(\frac{0.01}{\beta} \right) (e - 1) \sqrt{\frac{3 \ln 2}{e + 35(1 + e)e}}$$

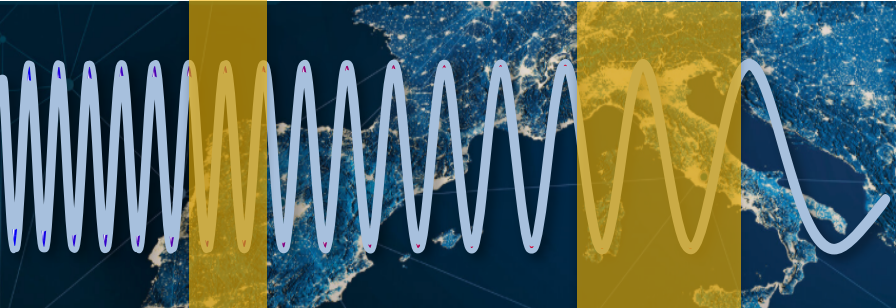






Compare with LISA





Interaction of GWs with your sensors

$$h_{+, \times} \approx h_0 \cos(2\pi f(t - z) + \phi)$$

EM coupling

Spin coupling

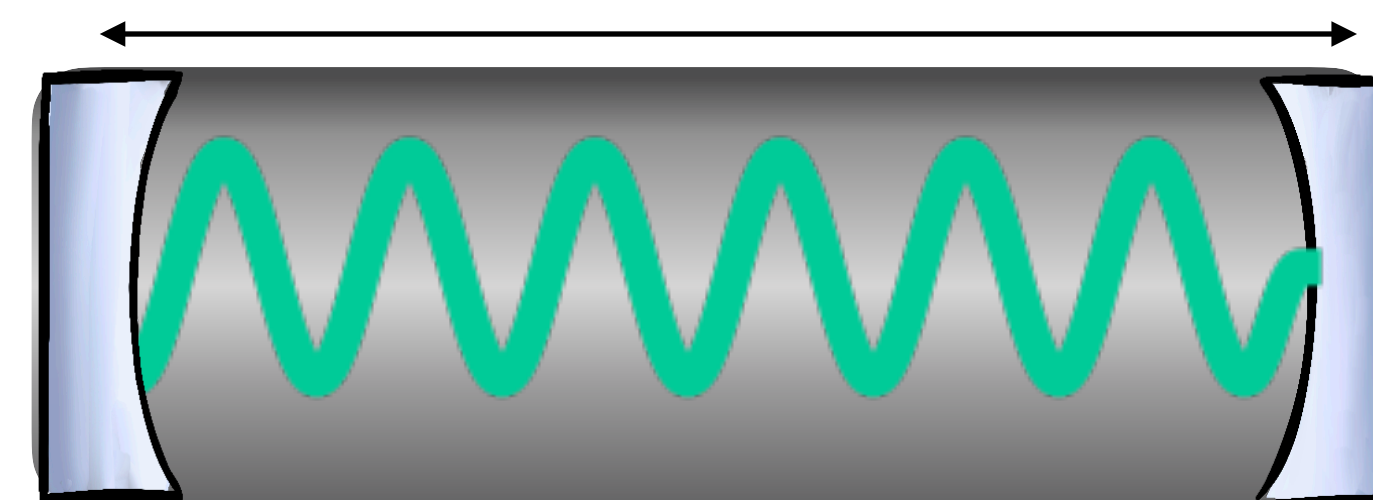
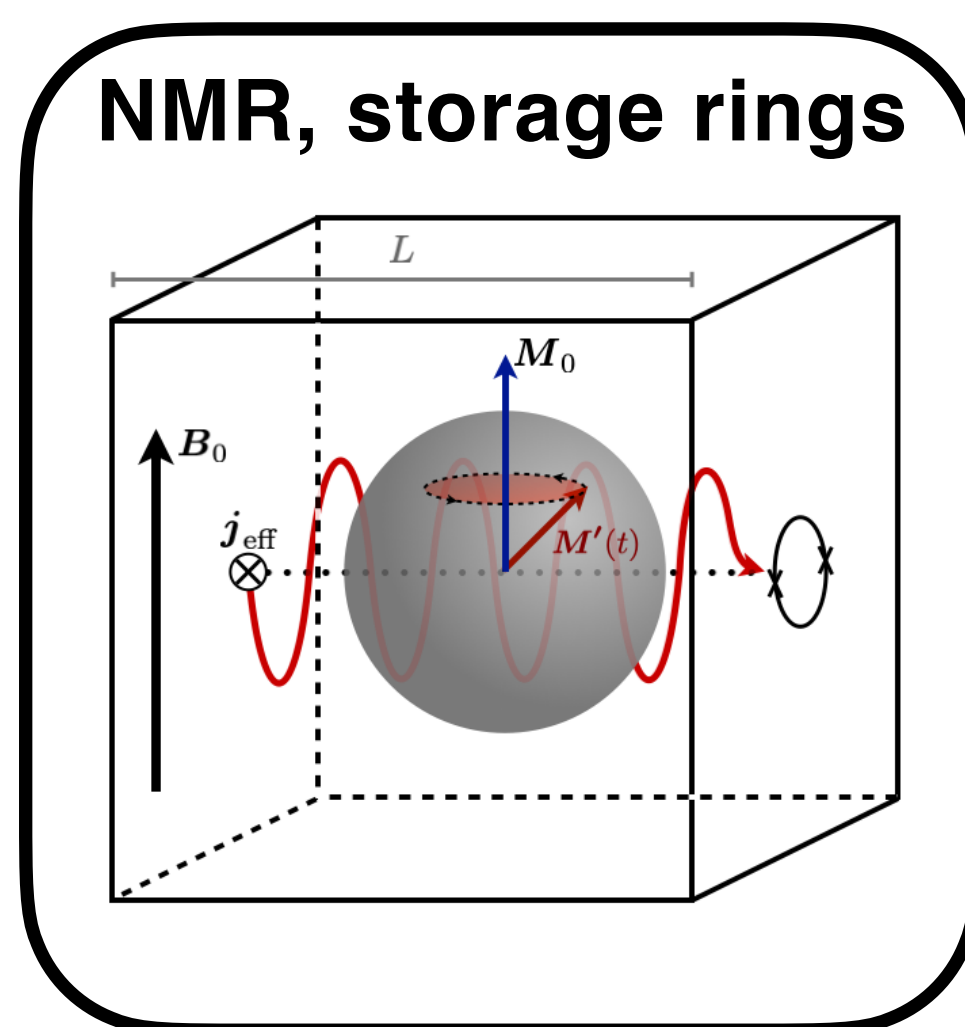
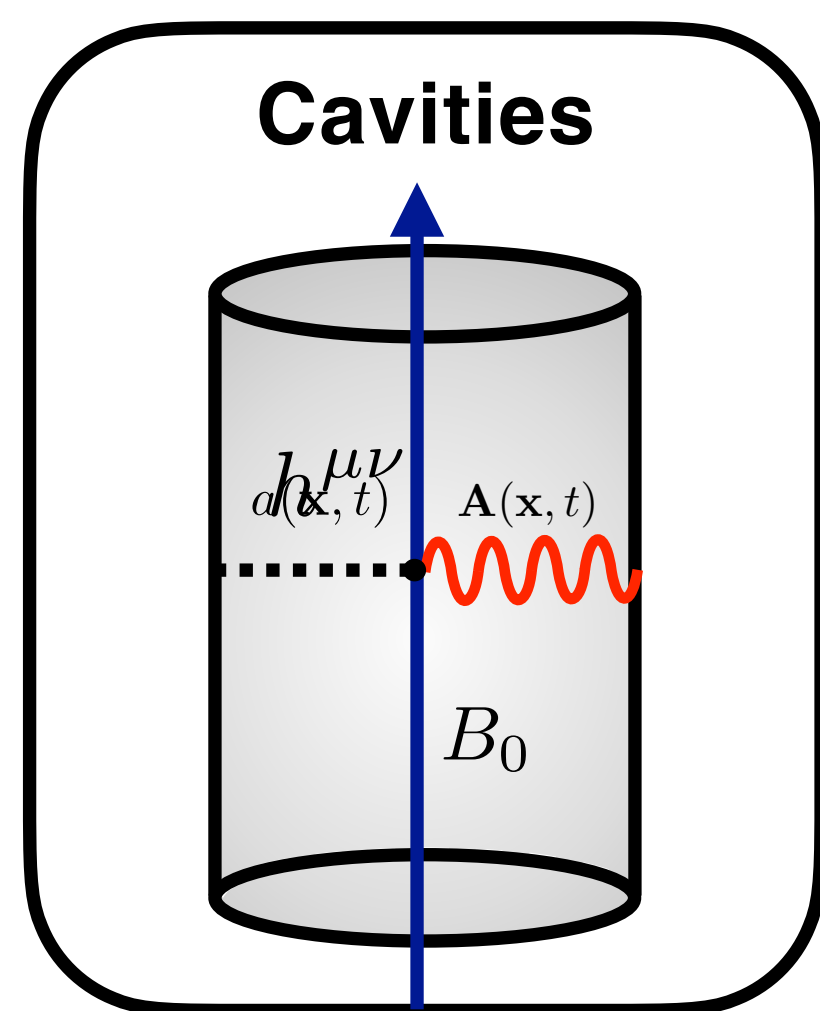
Energy/mechanical coupling

$$\mathcal{H}_{gw}^{lab} \supset \left[A^\nu \partial_\nu \left(\frac{1}{2} h F^{\mu\nu} + h^\nu_\alpha F^{\alpha\mu} - h^\mu_\alpha F^{\alpha\nu} \right) \right] + \left[B_i h_{ij}(t_\psi) \Sigma^j \right] + \left[E_\psi \ddot{h}_{ij}(t_\psi) x^i_\psi x^j_\psi \right]$$

h+EM field = current!

NMR anomalous B

$\delta L \sim hL$ (shaking walls)
L



mode mixing when boundaries move

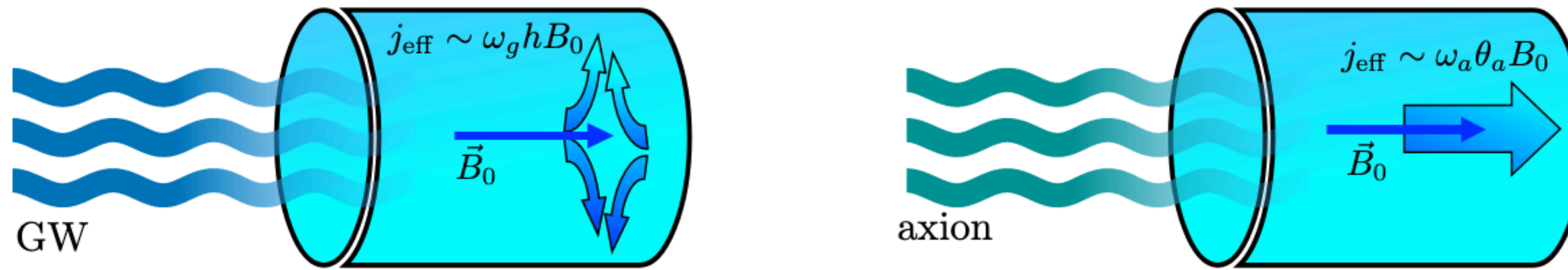


modify clocks at different locations

Ex1. GWs interact with light

$$\mathcal{H}_{gw}^{lab} \supset A^\nu \partial_\nu \left(\frac{1}{2} h F^{\mu\nu} + h^\nu_\alpha F^{\alpha\mu} - h^\mu_\alpha F^{\alpha\nu} \right)$$

j_{eff}^μ



High Q cavities seem in strong \vec{B}_0 seem a good idea!

$$\partial_\nu F^{\mu\nu} = j_{\text{eff}}^\mu = (-\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}, \nabla \times \mathbf{M} + \partial_t \mathbf{P})$$

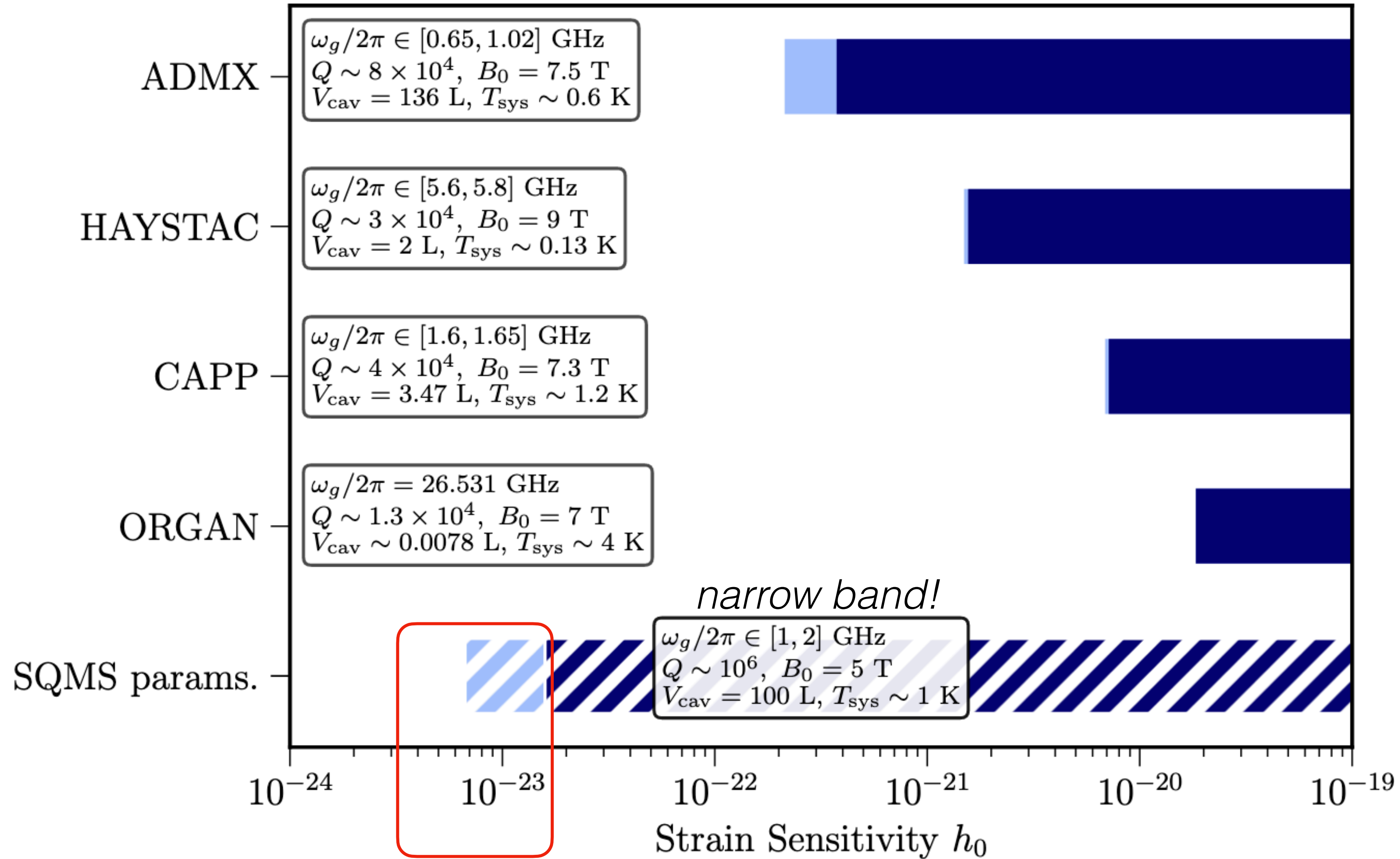
Berlin, DB et al 2112.11465

$$\text{Power} \leq 1.9 \times 10^{-22} \text{ W}$$

$$P_{\text{axion}} = 1.9 \times 10^{-22} \text{ W}$$

Projected Sensitivities of Axion Experiments

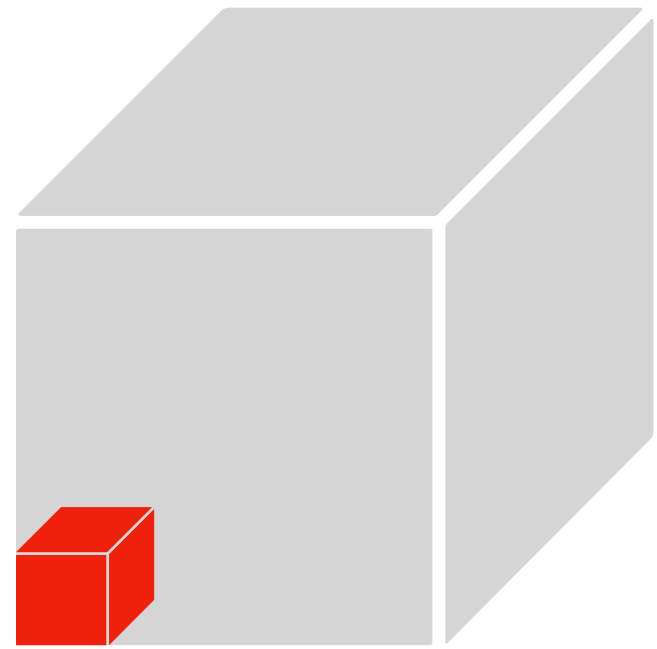
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$$h_0 \gtrsim 3 \times 10^{-22} \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ GHz}}{\omega_g/2\pi} \right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{0.1}{\eta_n} \right) \left(\frac{8 \text{ T}}{B_0} \right) \left(\frac{0.1 \text{ m}^3}{V_{\text{cav}}} \right)^{5/6} \left(\frac{10^5}{Q} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{T_{\text{sys}}}{1 \text{ K}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{\Delta\nu}{10 \text{ kHz}} \right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{1 \text{ min}}{t_{\text{int}}} \right)^{1/4}$$

Ex2. GWs exciting solids

a solid affected by a external source (e.g. x direction)



$dm(x + u(x, t))$

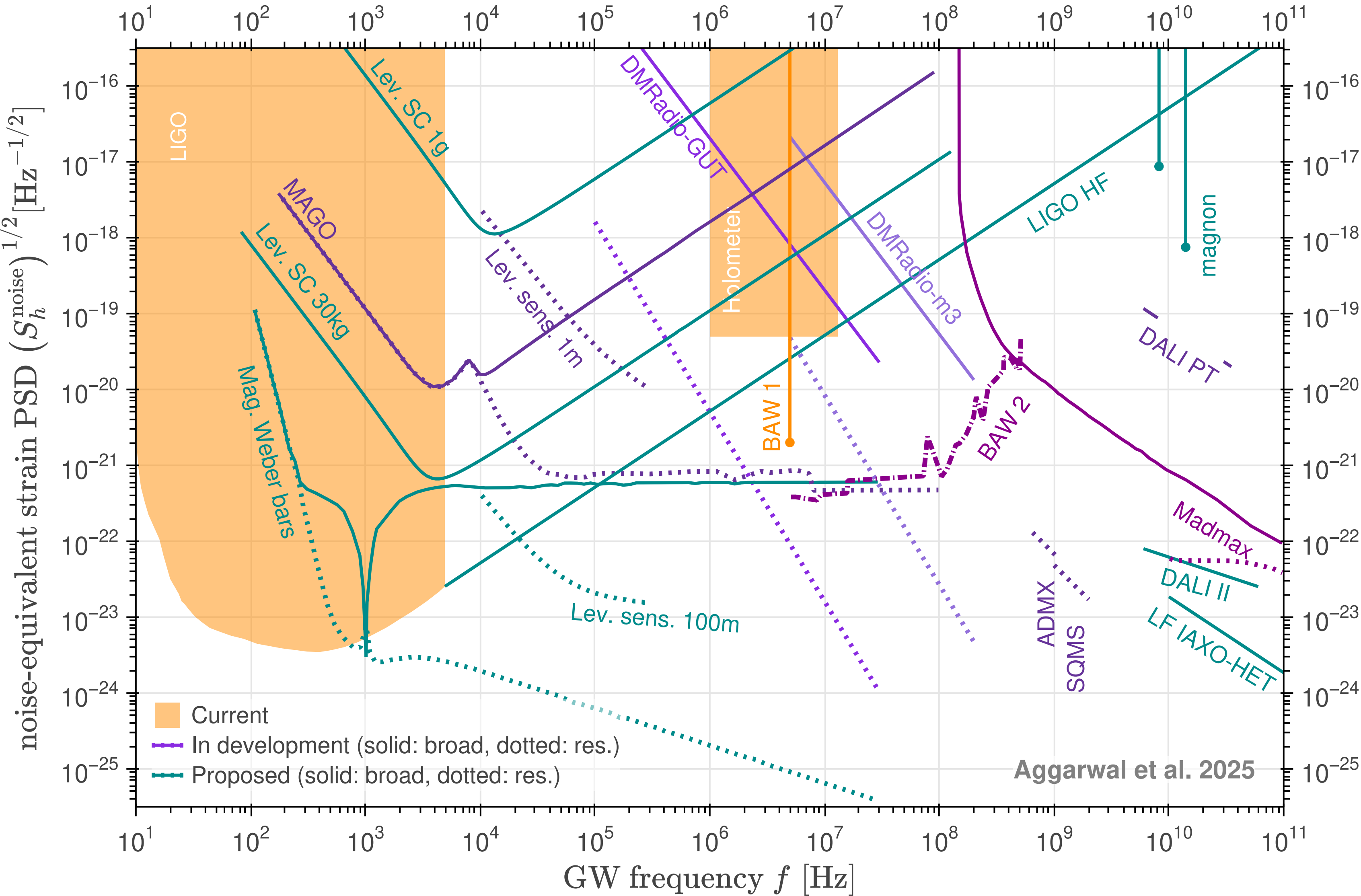
$$dm \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - v_s^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right) = dF_x(t, x),$$

$$dF_i = \frac{1}{2} \ddot{h}_{ij}^{TT} x^j dm$$



searched for many years (Weber bars)

One can use any
mechanical resonator

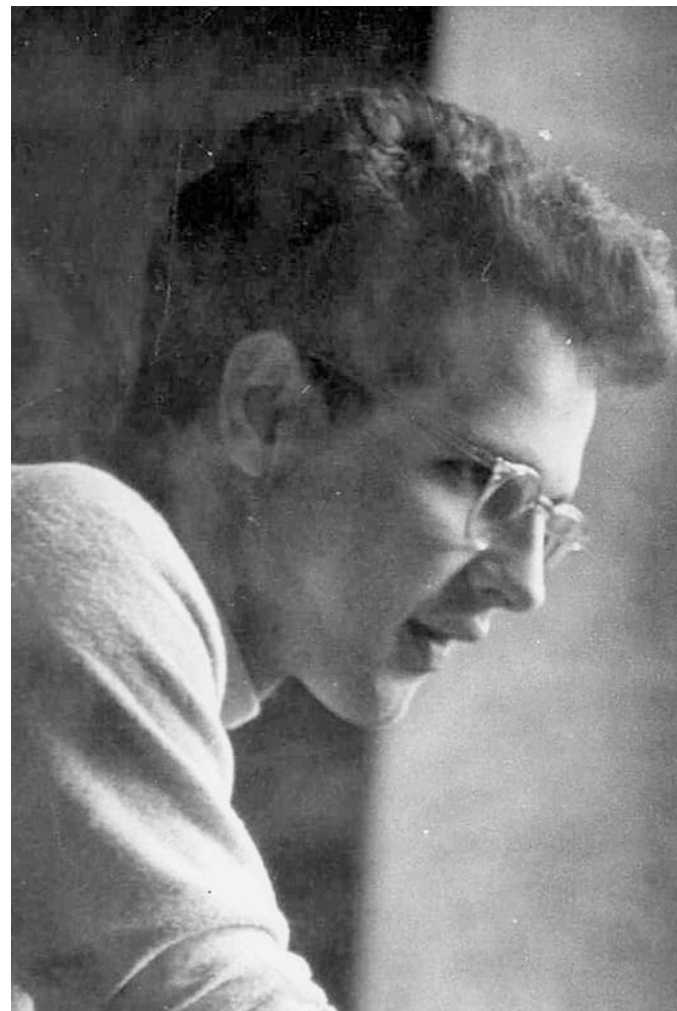


LIGO lesson for prospects

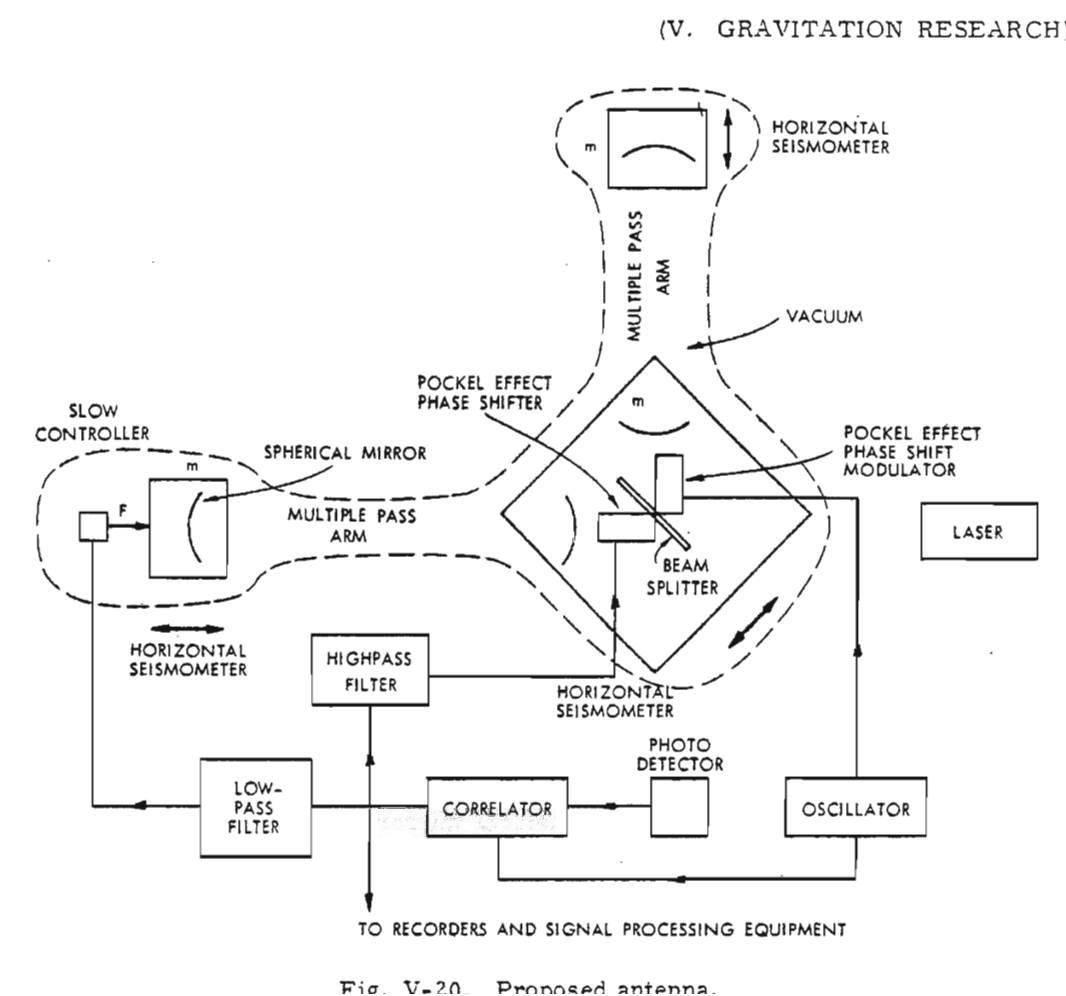
A very exploratory field...

we still need to **deeply think what's better** for the future

Rainer Weiss, ca. 1972



LIGO concept
Weiss 1972



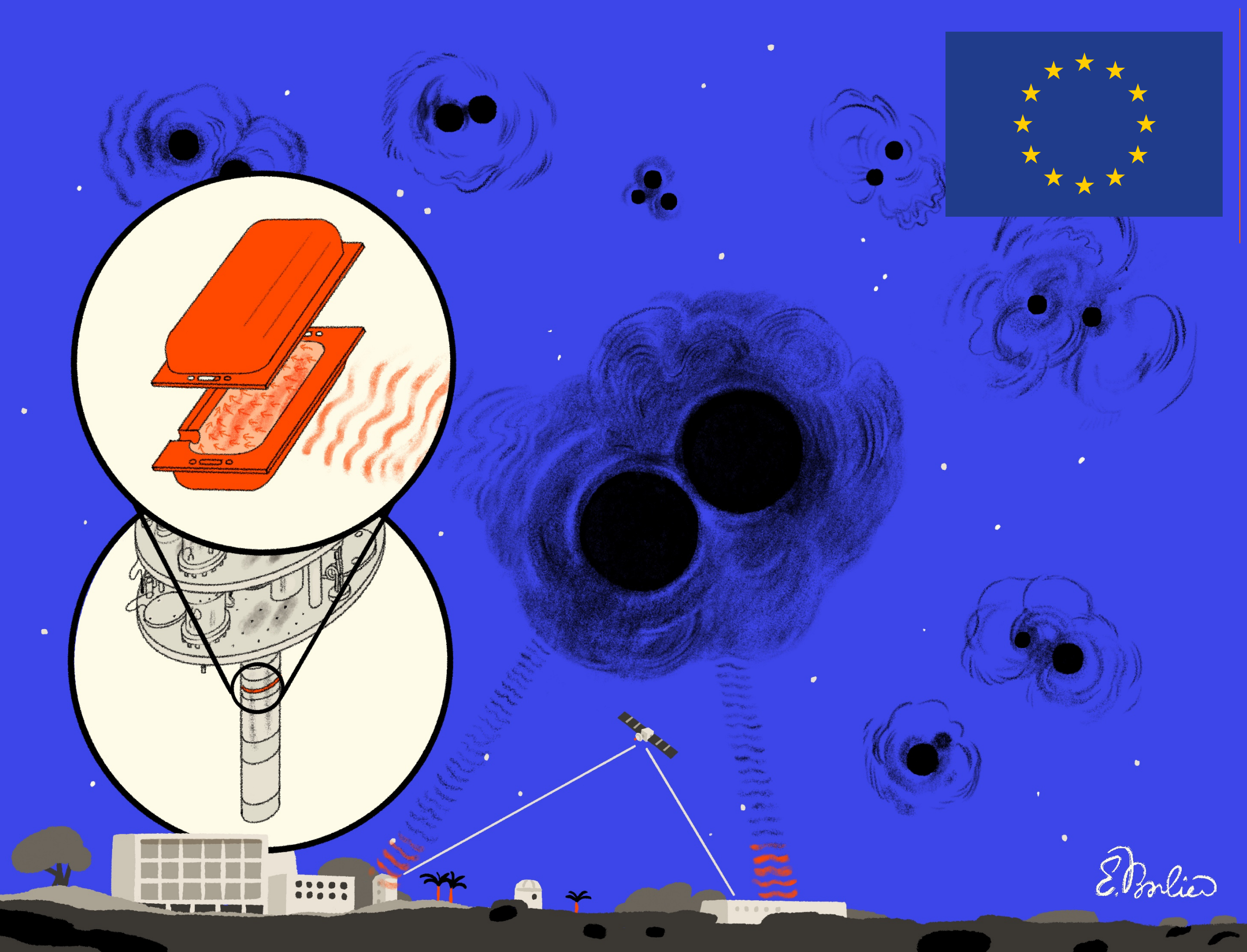
For continuous gravitational waves, the minimum detectable gravitational wave metric spectral density is then

$$h^2(f) > \frac{4}{f^2} \frac{\Delta x_n^2(f)}{\Delta f} \approx \frac{4 \times 10^{-33}}{f^2(\text{cm})} \text{ Hz}^{-1}.$$



Rainer Weiss &
LIGO, 2017





GravNet A Global Network for the Search for
High Frequency Gravitational Waves

**New eyes to explore
the dark universe**



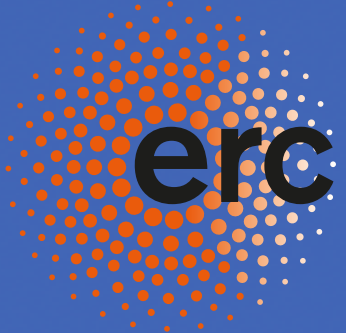
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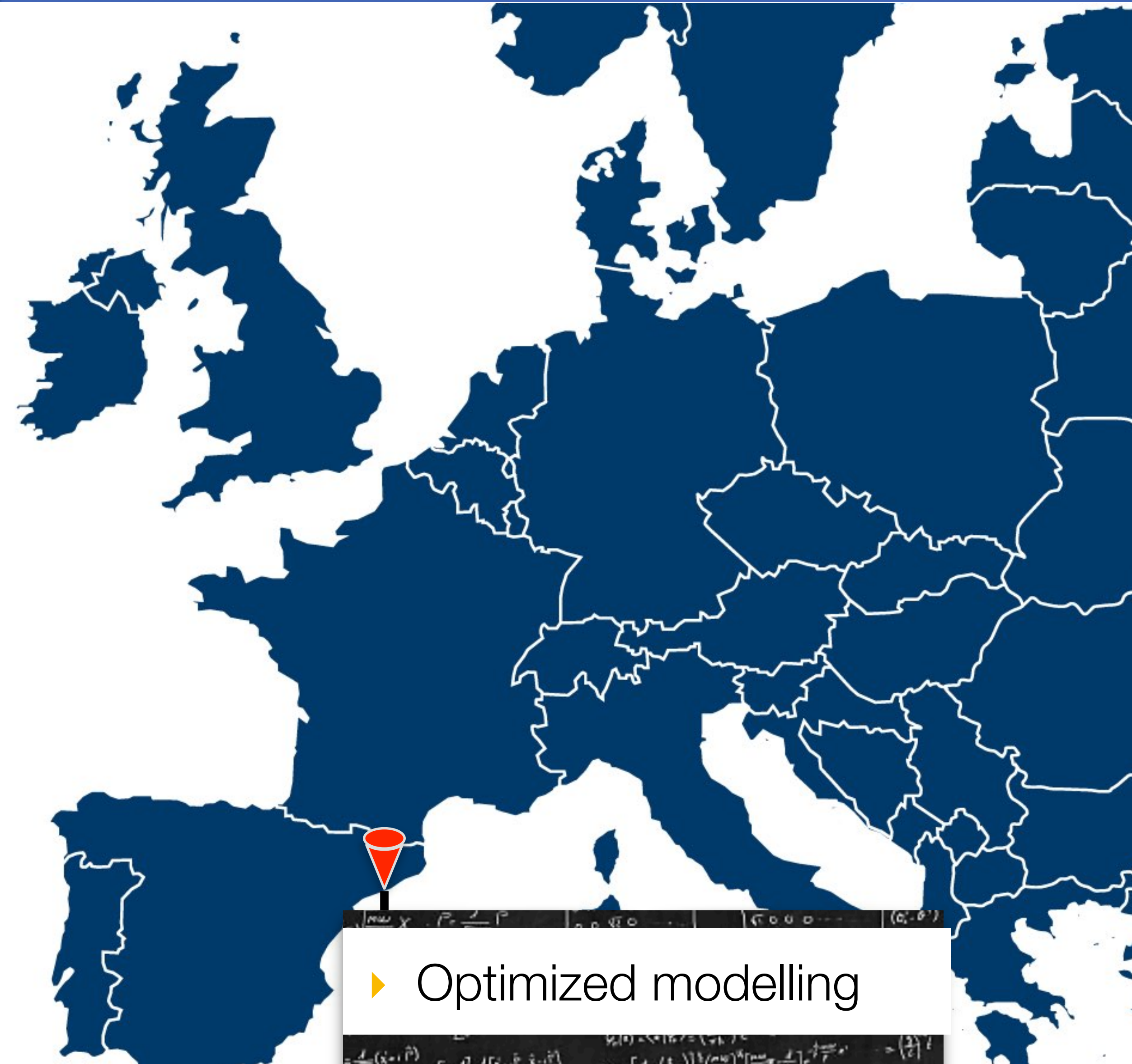
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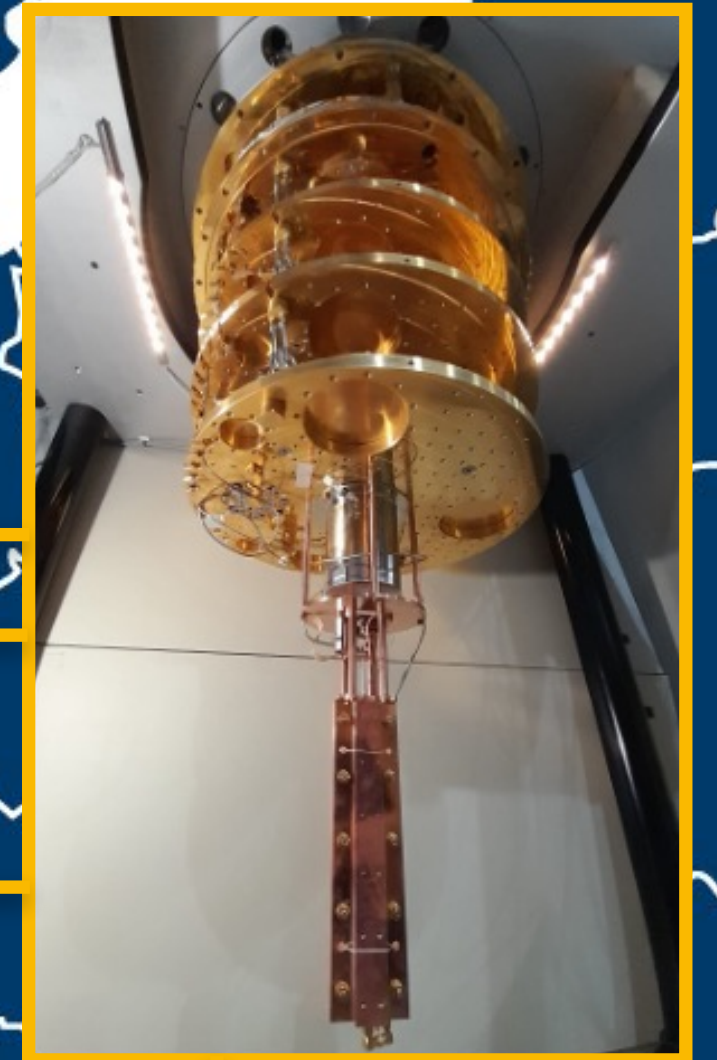
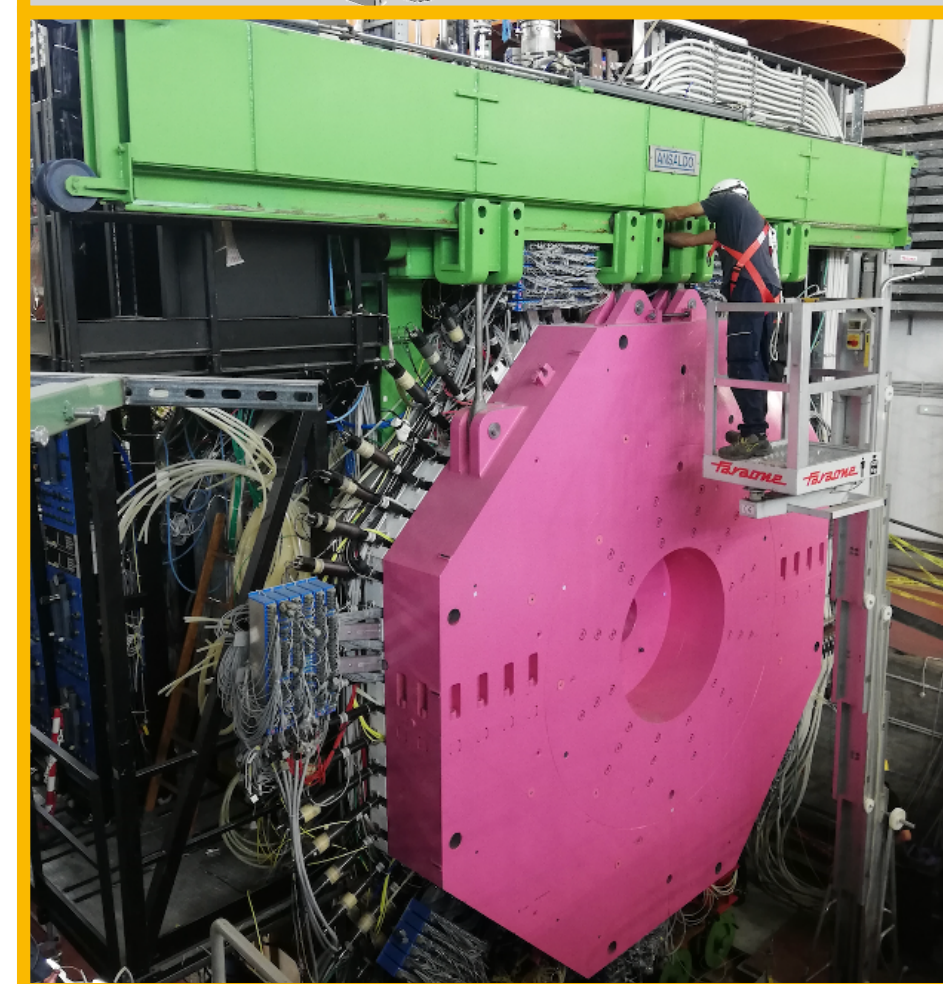
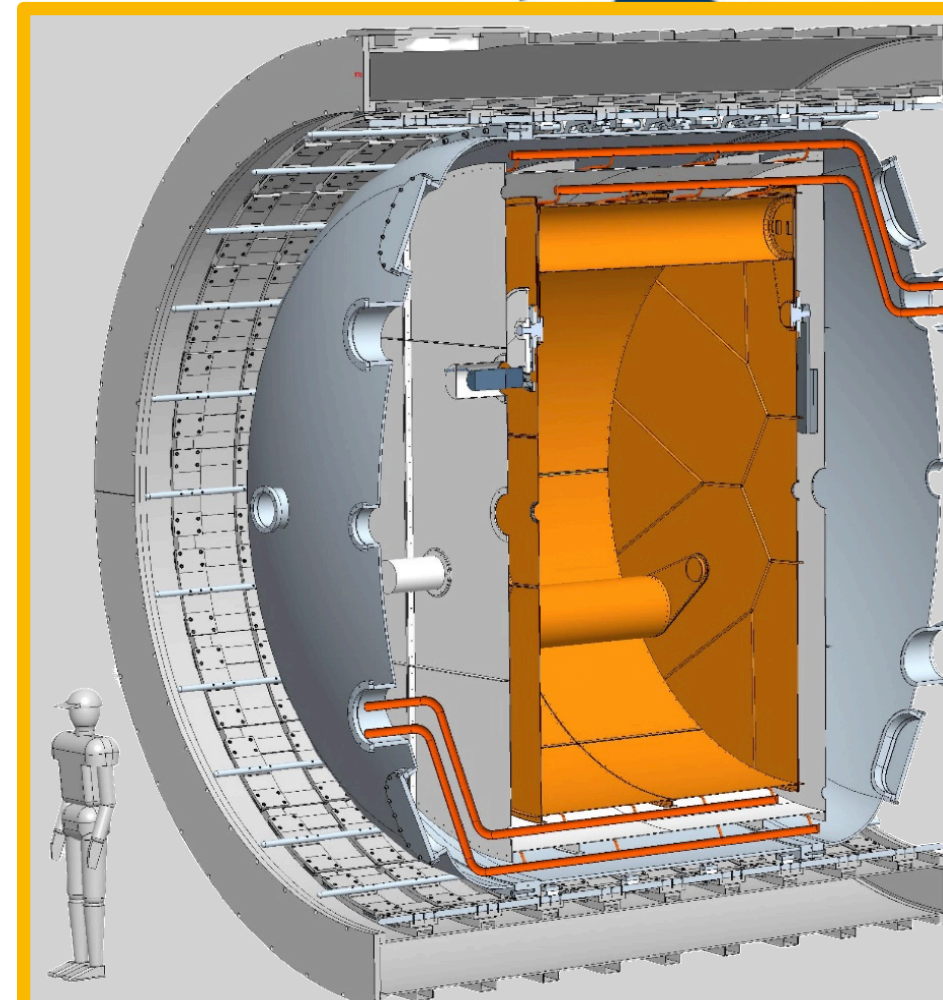
▶ Optimized modelling

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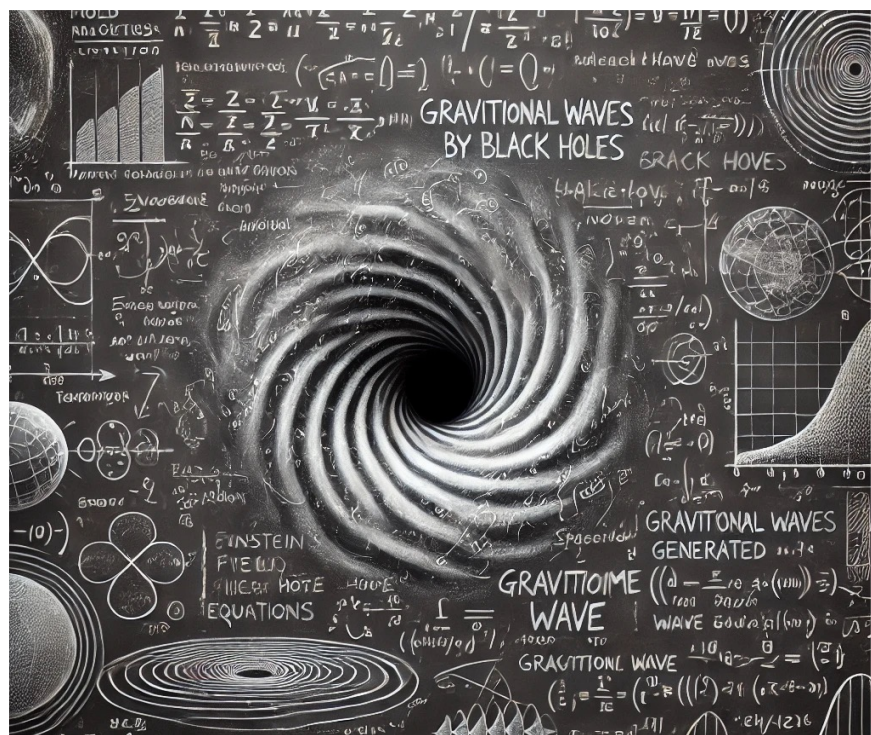
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 - ▶ operation of three cavities in one magnet
- ▶ One large resonant cavity (100 MHz)

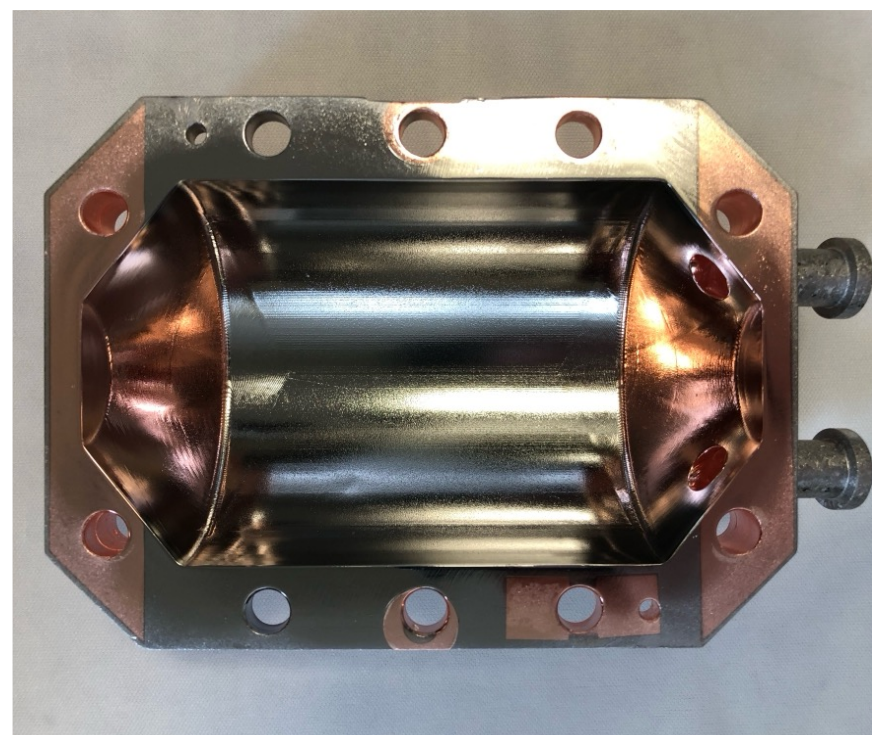


- ▶ Optimized modelling

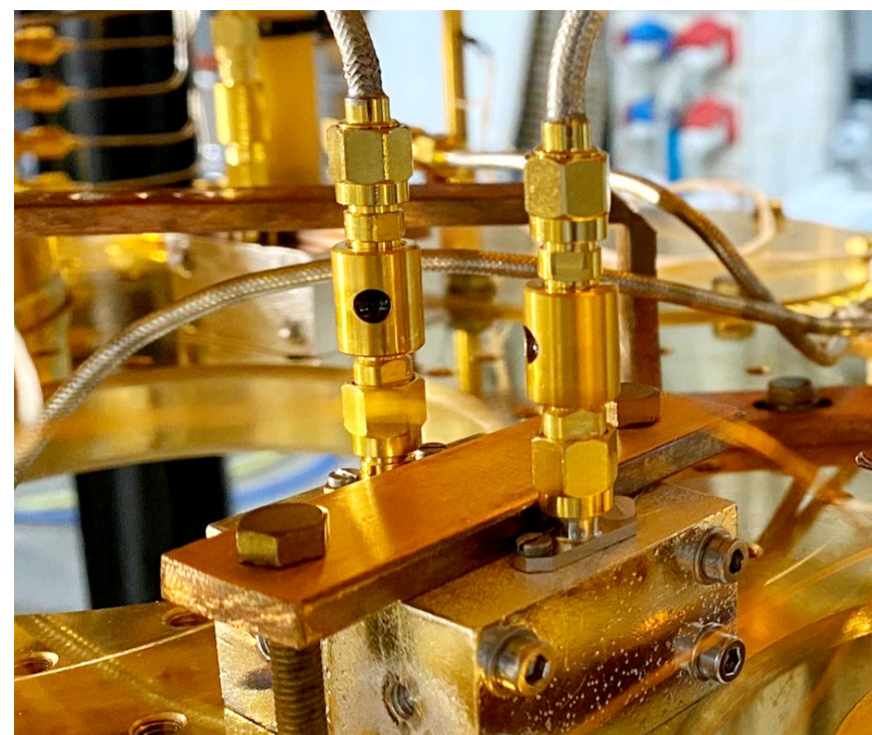
GravNet



Source Modeling
and Data Analysis



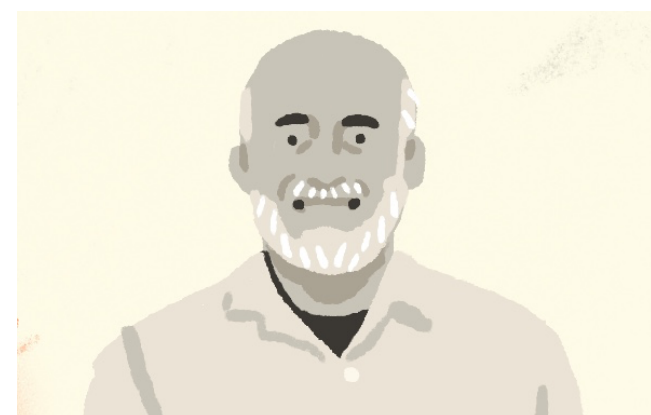
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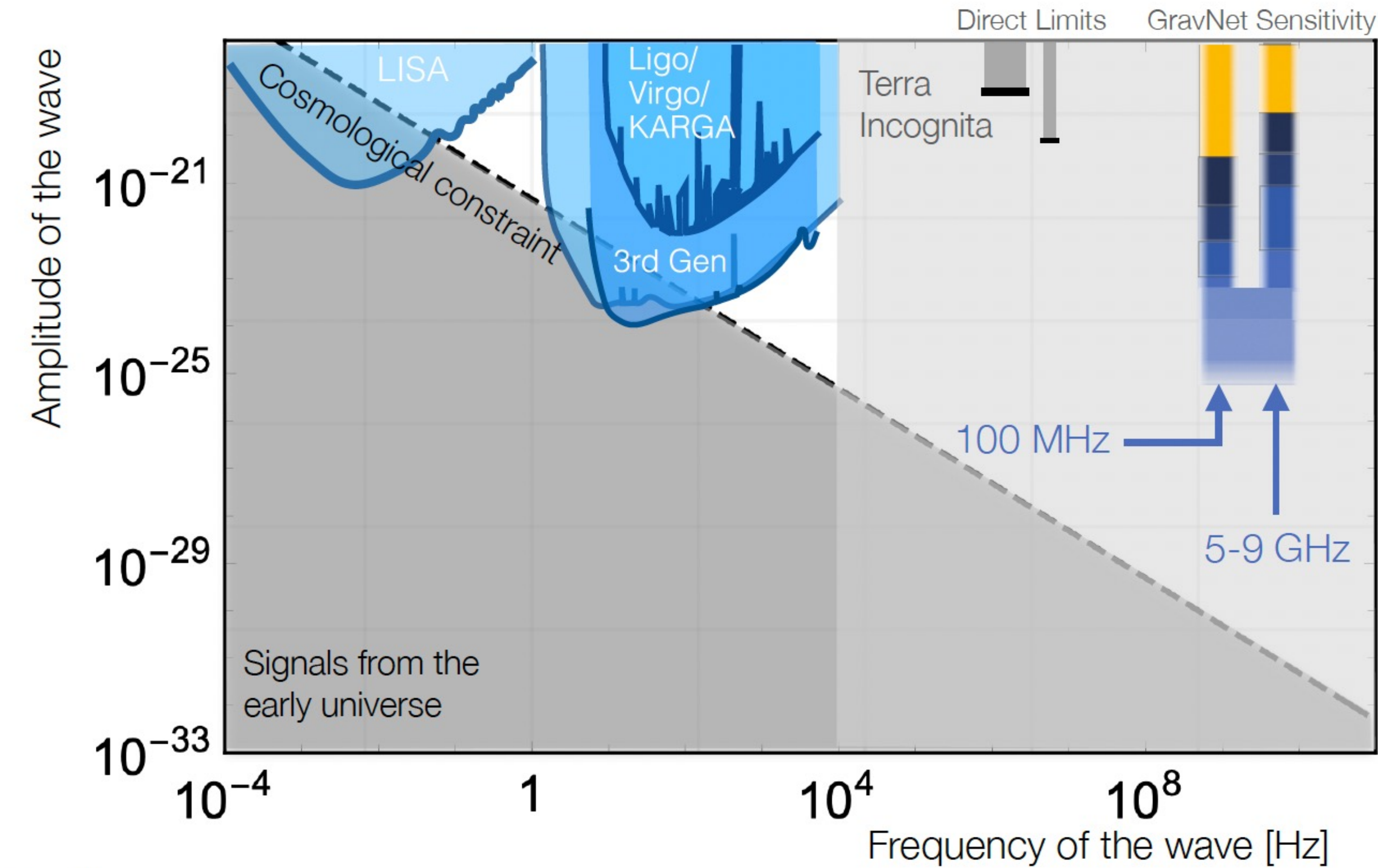
Quantum Sensing



Network
Operation



EM coupling



GravNet

- ▶ GravNet Baseline
- ▶ Modelling and Data Analysis
- ▶ Cavity Design & Construction
- ▶ Quantum Amplifiers and Sensors
- ▶ Network Operation
- ▶ Combination of different frequencies
- ▶ Adding further detectors to network

$$h_0 \approx 6.0 \times 10^{-23} \left(\frac{1 \text{ T}}{B_0} \right) \left(\frac{0.14}{\eta} \right) \left(\frac{\text{m}^3}{V} \right)^{5/6} \left(\frac{10^6}{Q_{\text{eff}}} \right)^{1/2} \\ \times \left(\frac{T_{\text{sys}}}{\text{K}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{\Delta f}{\text{kHz}} \frac{1 \text{ min}}{t_{\text{eff}}^{\text{int}}} \right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{\text{GHz}}{\omega_n/2\pi} \right)^{3/2},$$

GravNet collaboration

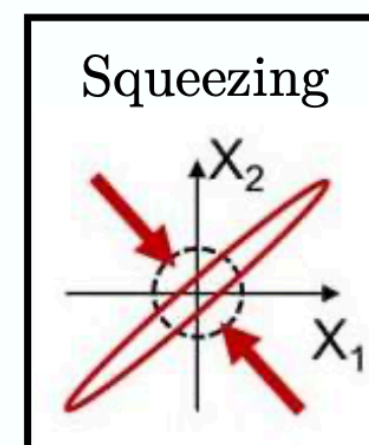
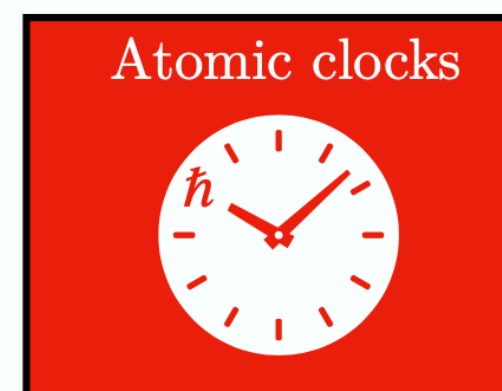
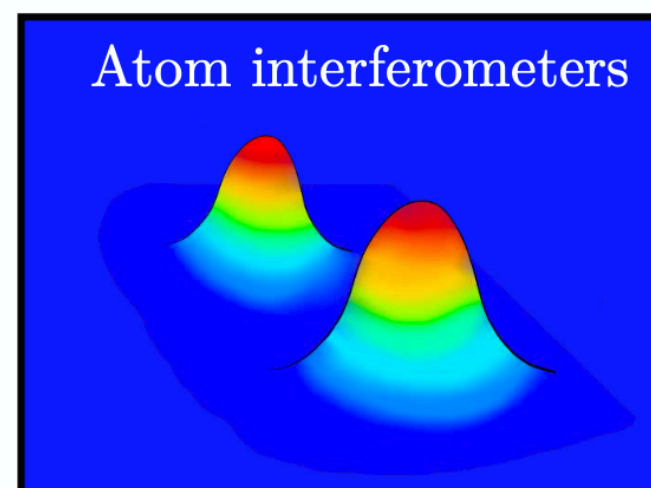
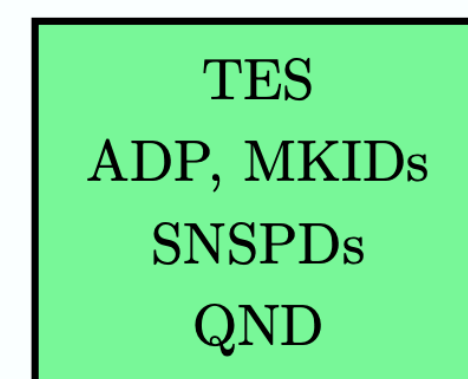
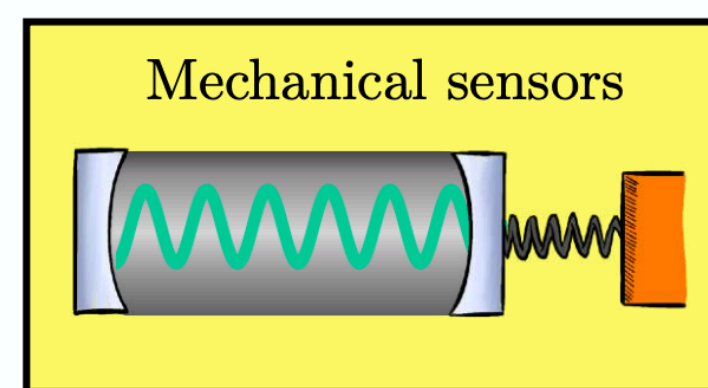
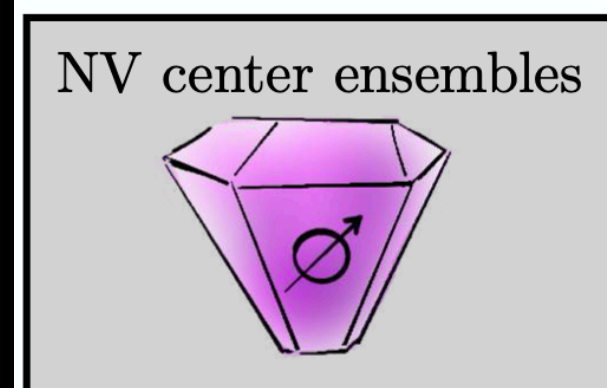
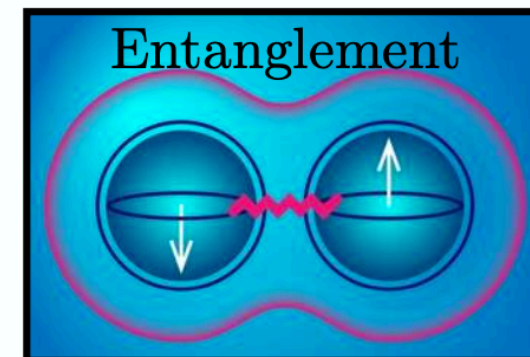
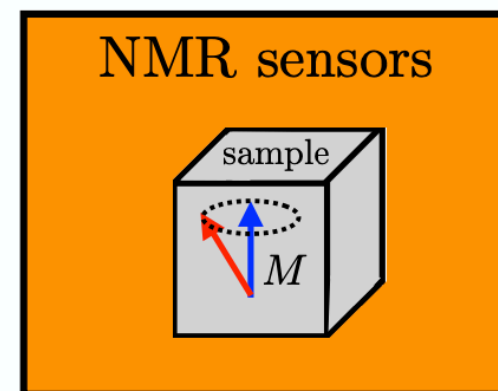
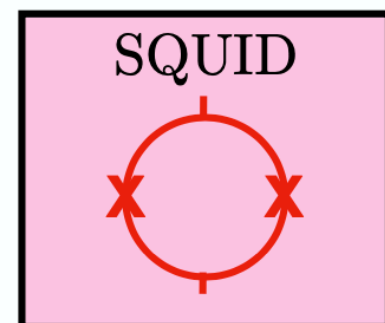


- ▶ Since March 2025:
 - ▶ We extend the project to a global collaboration
 - ▶ GWs generate peculiar signals in all detectors
- ▶ Generate a global network of detectors getting as many sites/expertise/techniques as possible
 - ▶ Challenges to combine data
 - ▶ Common data taking campaigns to start in 2026
 - ▶ MoU ready, first global activities happening, first formalities about to happen
- ▶ Talk to us! (There are not entry requirements beyond having a device/theoretical expertise/sensing/network... etc expertise)

Quantum sensing (metrology) for HEP/Grav/Cosmo

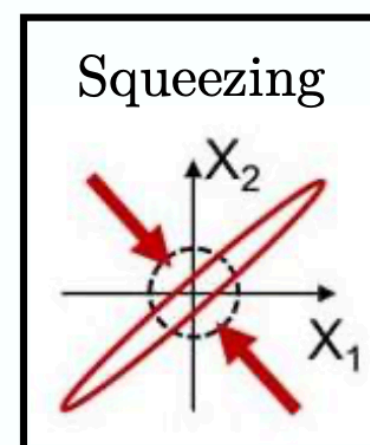
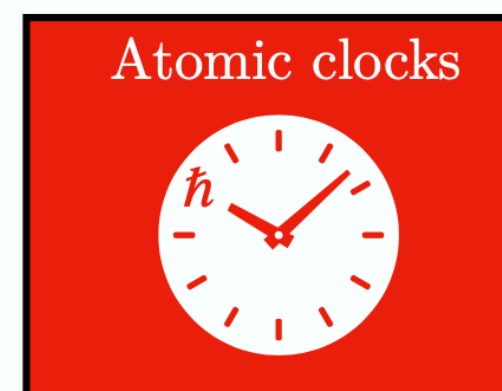
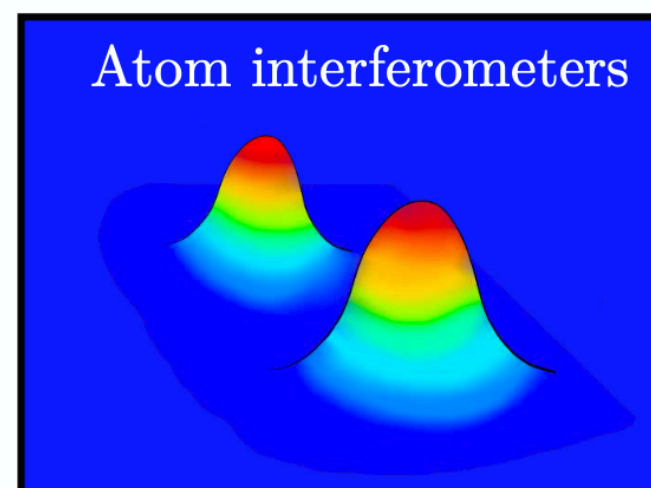
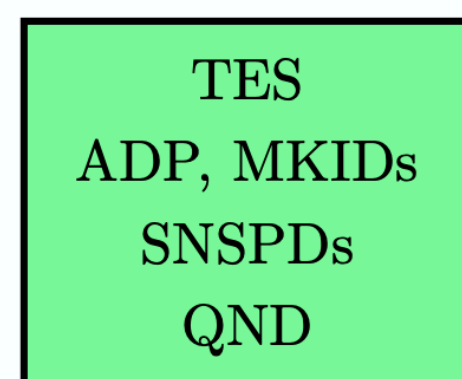
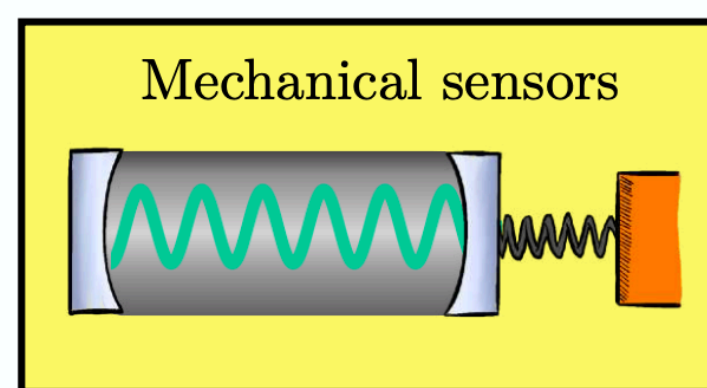
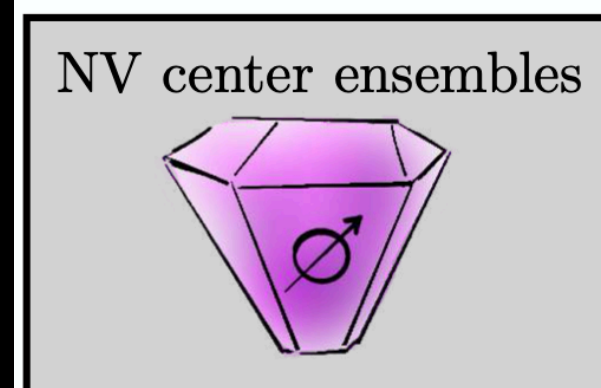
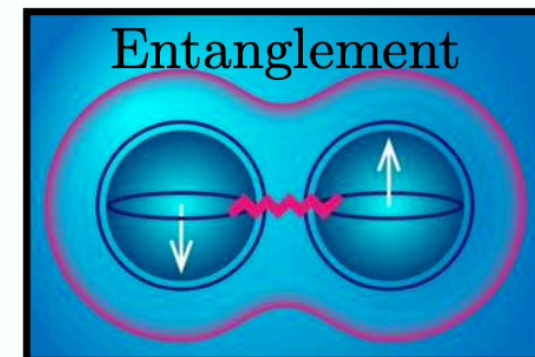
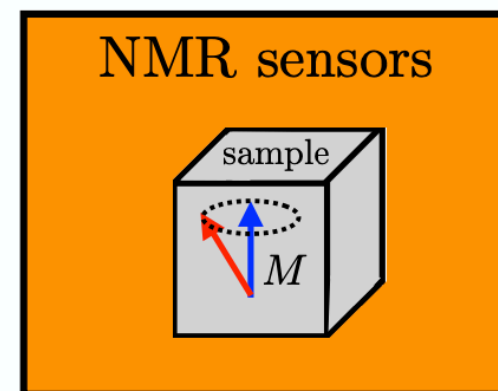
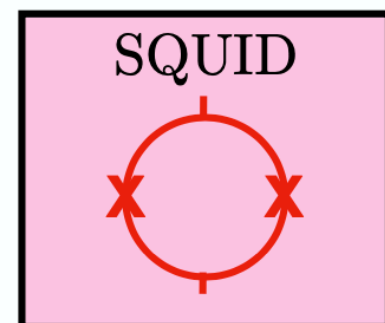
- Quantum sensing/devices
 - Provide new ways to detect backgrounds
 - **Low thresholds** ideally for “substantial” fluxes with **tiny cross-sections**.
- Tasks for HEP/Grav/Cosmo practitioners
 - Going **from HEP/Grav/Cosmo dofs** to **QSen dofs**
 - Evaluate them to provide $H = H_0 + H_{\text{int}}$
- Some examples: dark matter, neutrino and GW searches in
 - Co-magnetometers (maybe also for beam-dumped? neutrino searches?)
 - Large baseline interferometers
 - SRF Cavities
- ✱ Many more to come: we are **not** fully exploiting the quantum world!
 - ✱ Playing with **entanglement, squeezing, q network**, etc still at its infancy.

Quantum Device



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Quantum Device



And more...



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