

# Static Magnets are Weber Bars

w/ Valerie Domcke & Sebastian Ellis



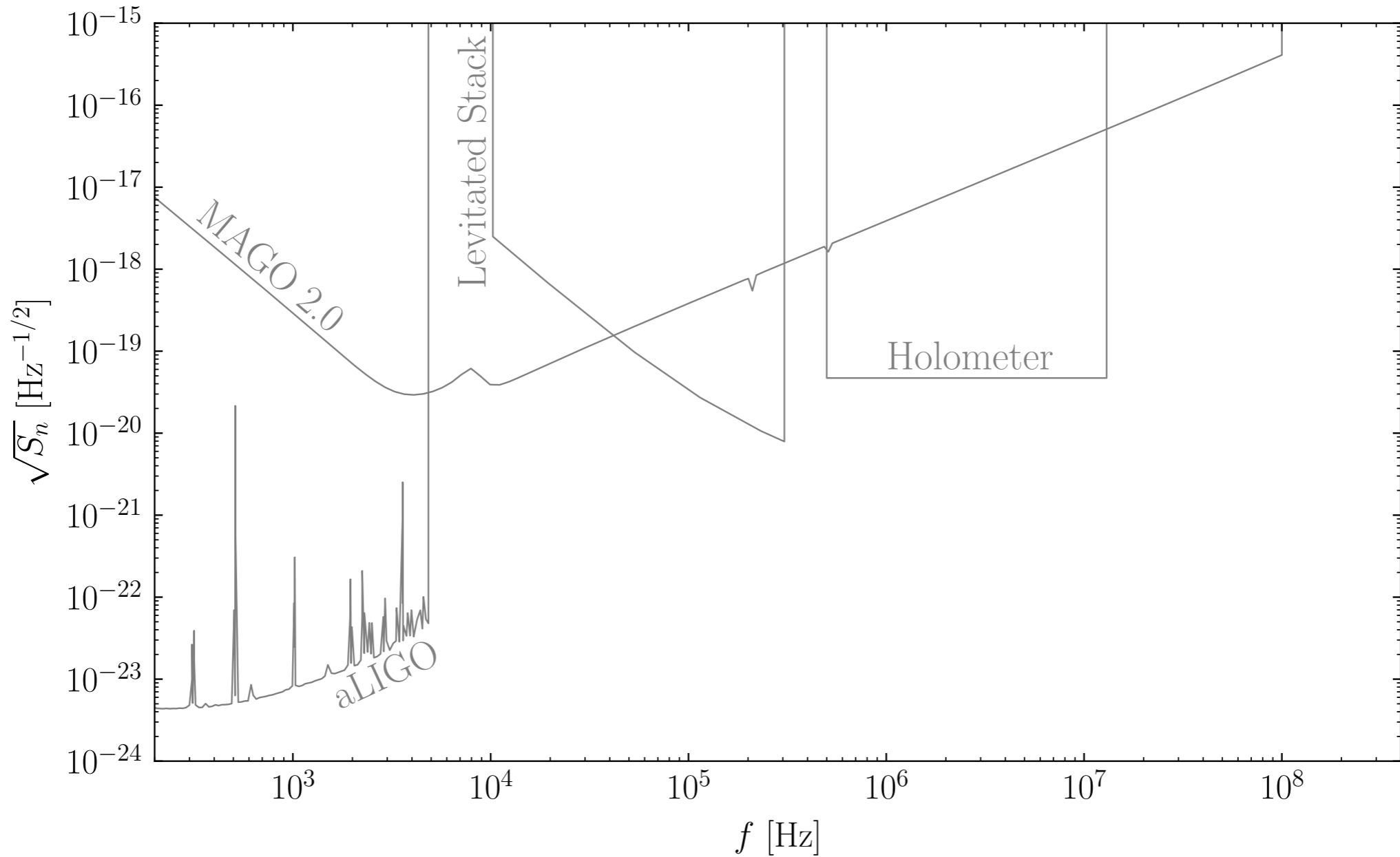
# Motivation

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What is the sensitivity of a large solenoidal magnet to gravitational waves?

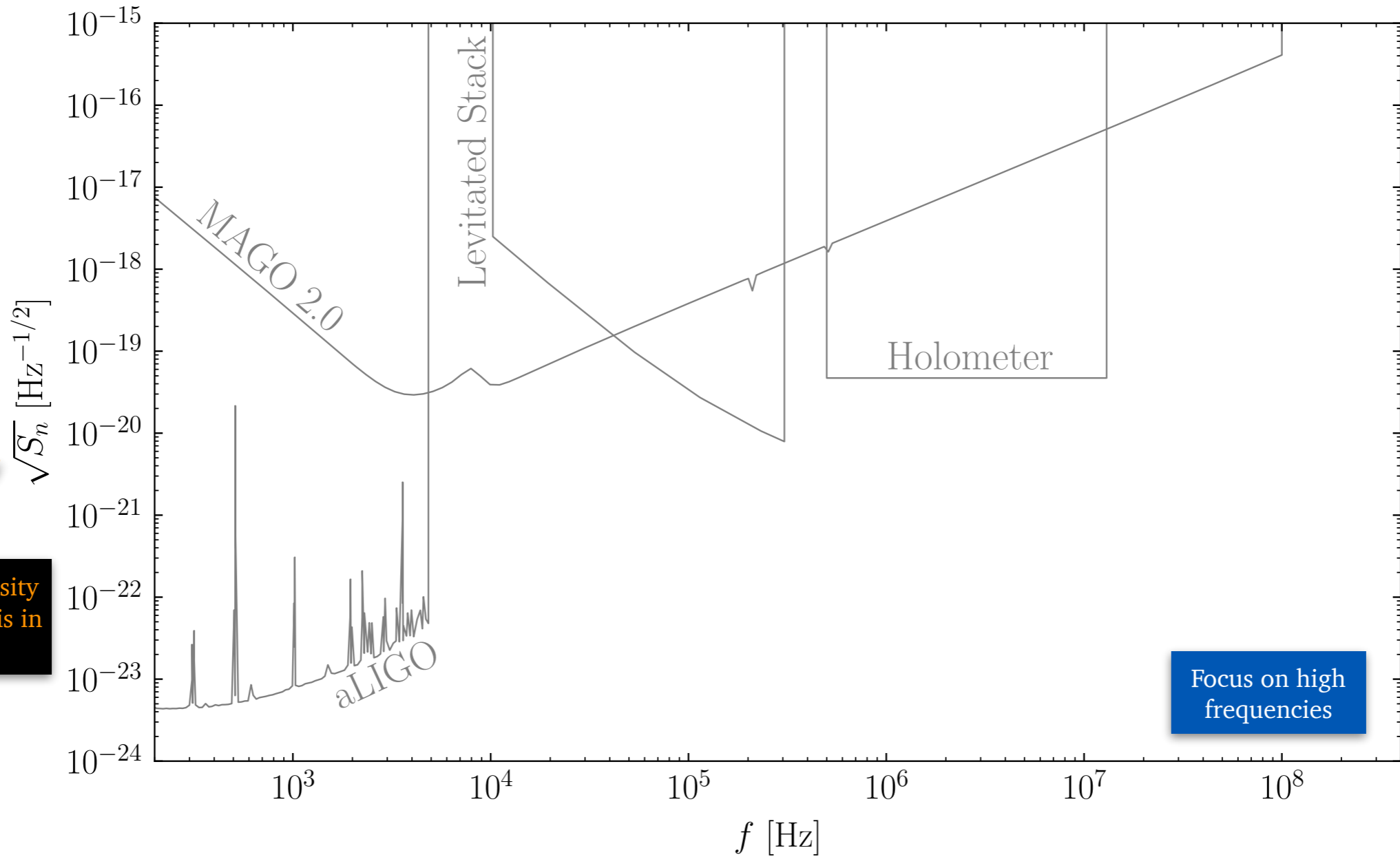
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Noise spectral density  
(How much noise is in  
the detector?)

Focus on high  
frequencies

$$h(t) \sim h e^{-2\pi i f t}$$

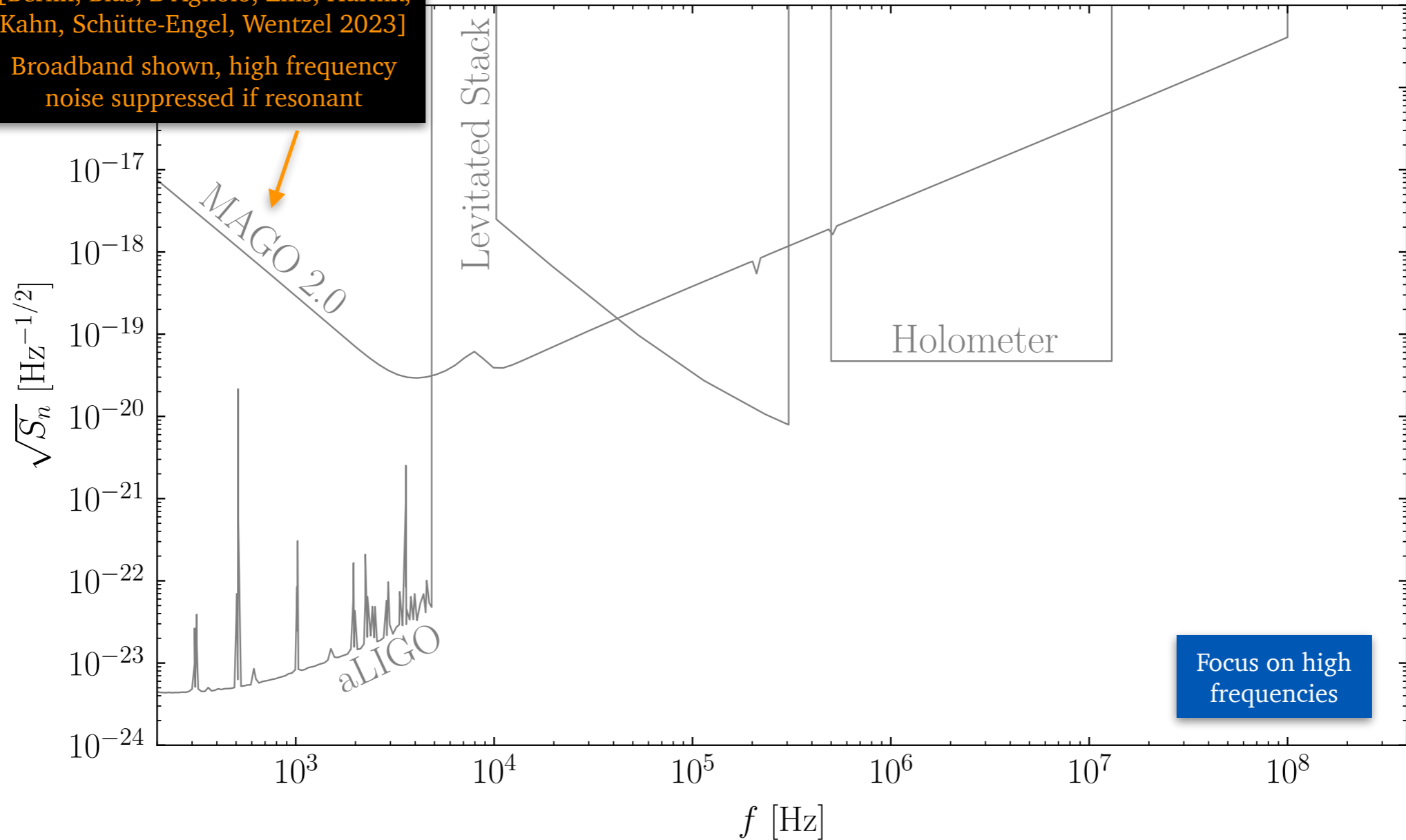


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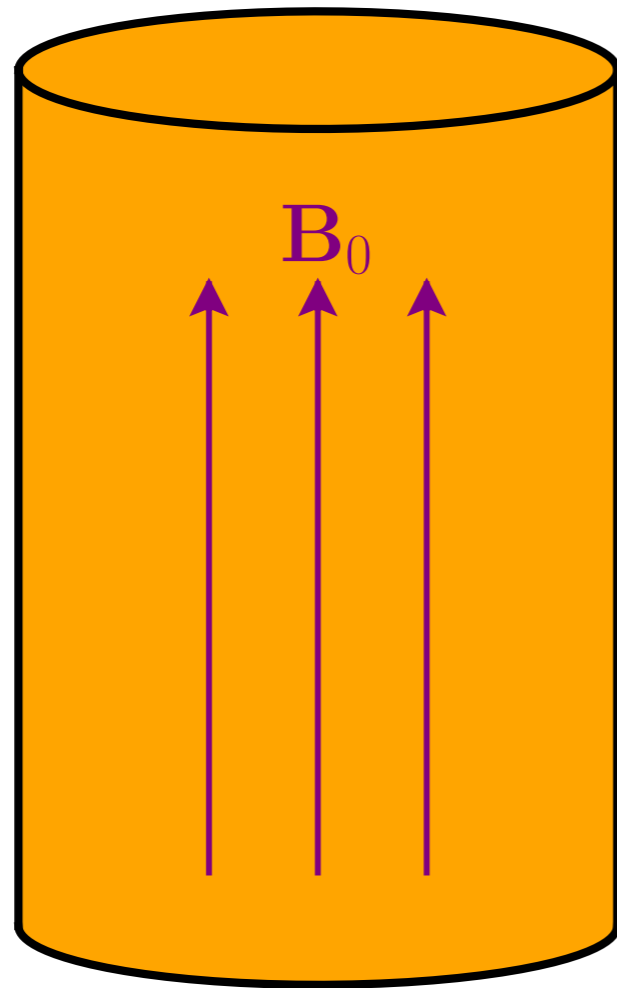
[Berlin, Blas, D'Agnolo, Ellis, Harnik, Kahn, Schütte-Engel, Wentzel 2023]

Broadband shown, high frequency noise suppressed if resonant



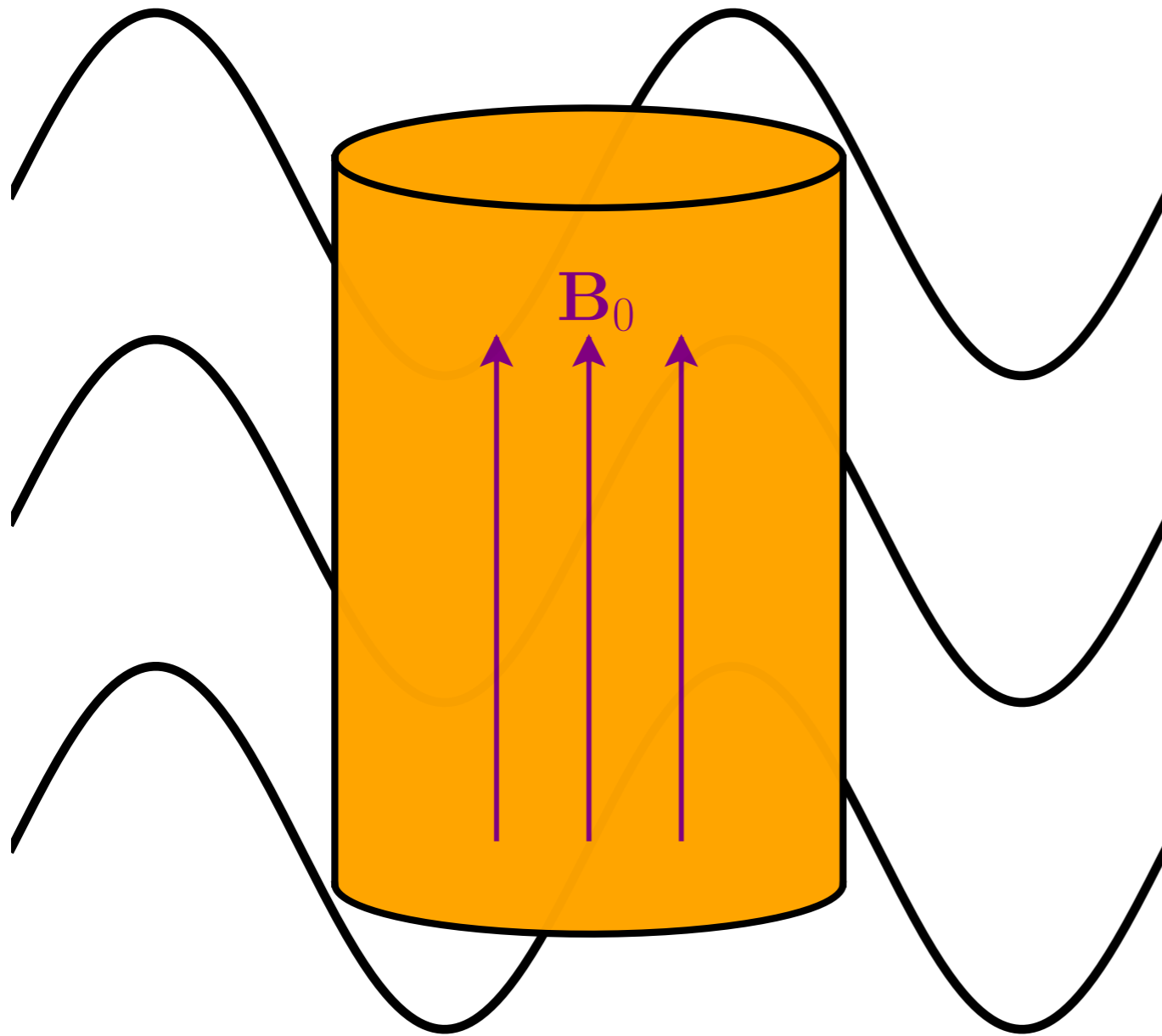
Small subset of ideas, see [Aggarwal+ 2020]

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Goal: exploit large stored energy  
in a magnetic field

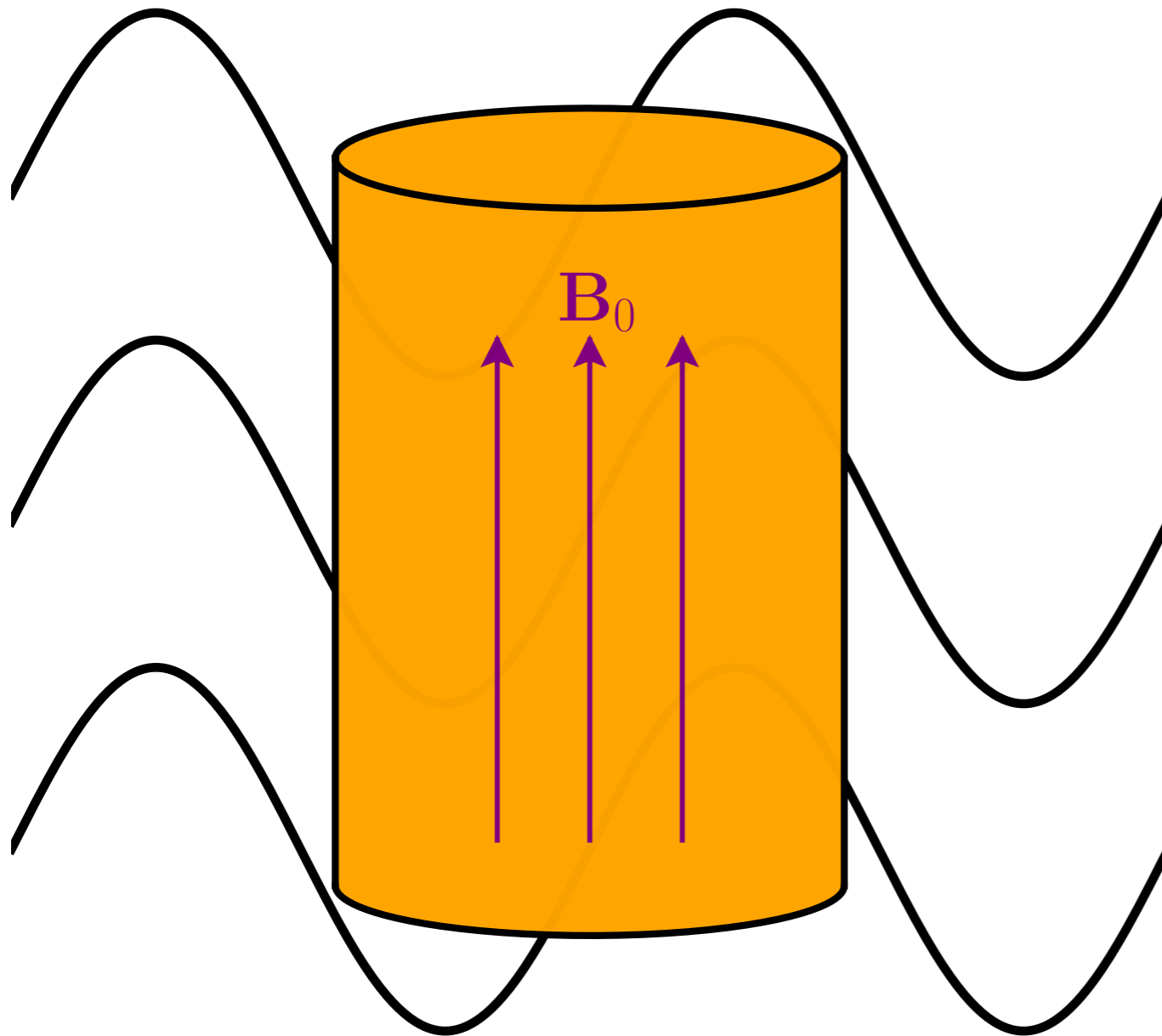
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Axion haloscopes are GW telescopes

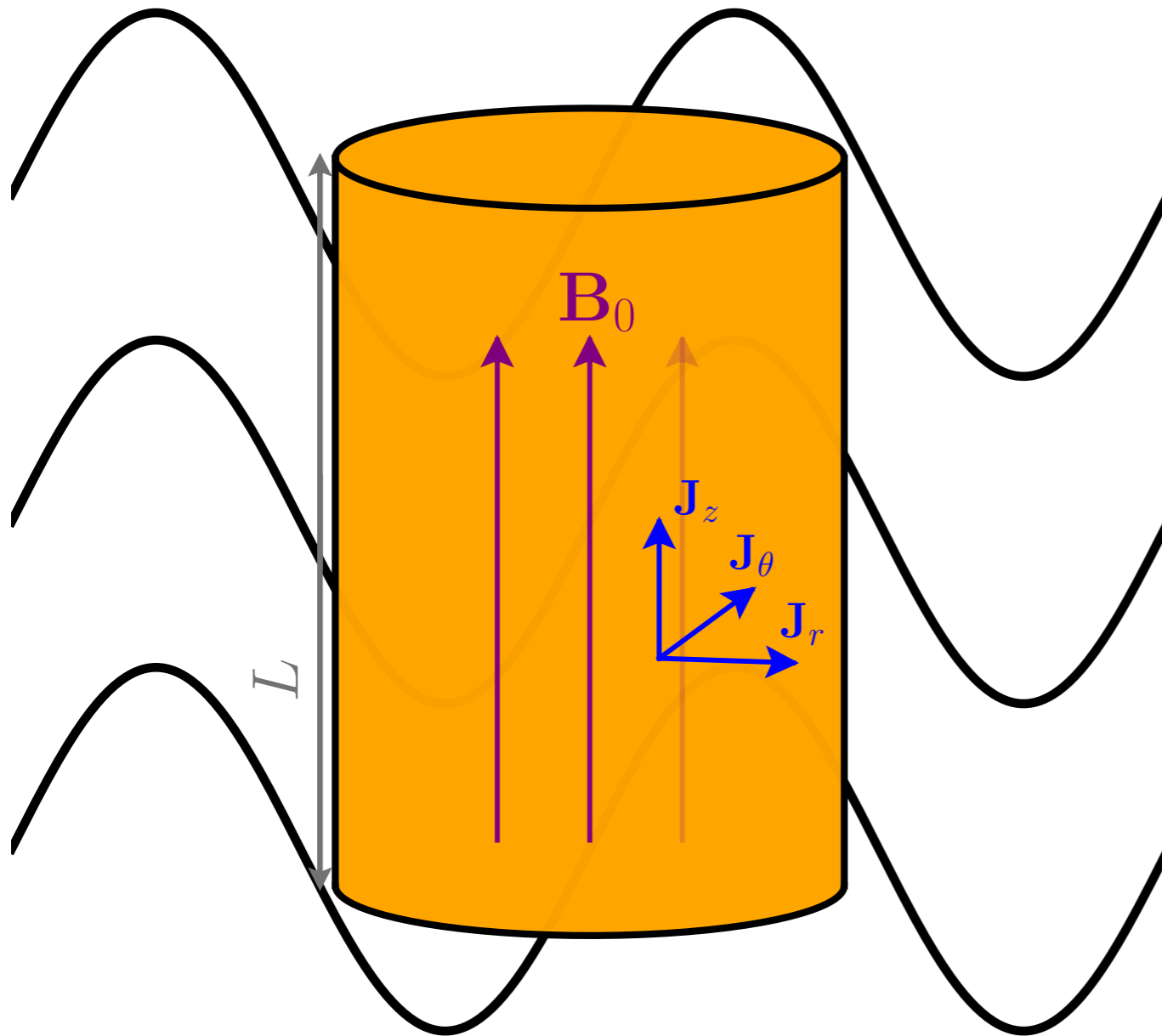
$$\text{Expand } S \supset \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( -\frac{1}{4} F^2 \right) \text{ for } g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

[Berlin, Blas, Tito D'Agnolo, Ellis, Harnik, Kahn, Schutte-Engel 2021]

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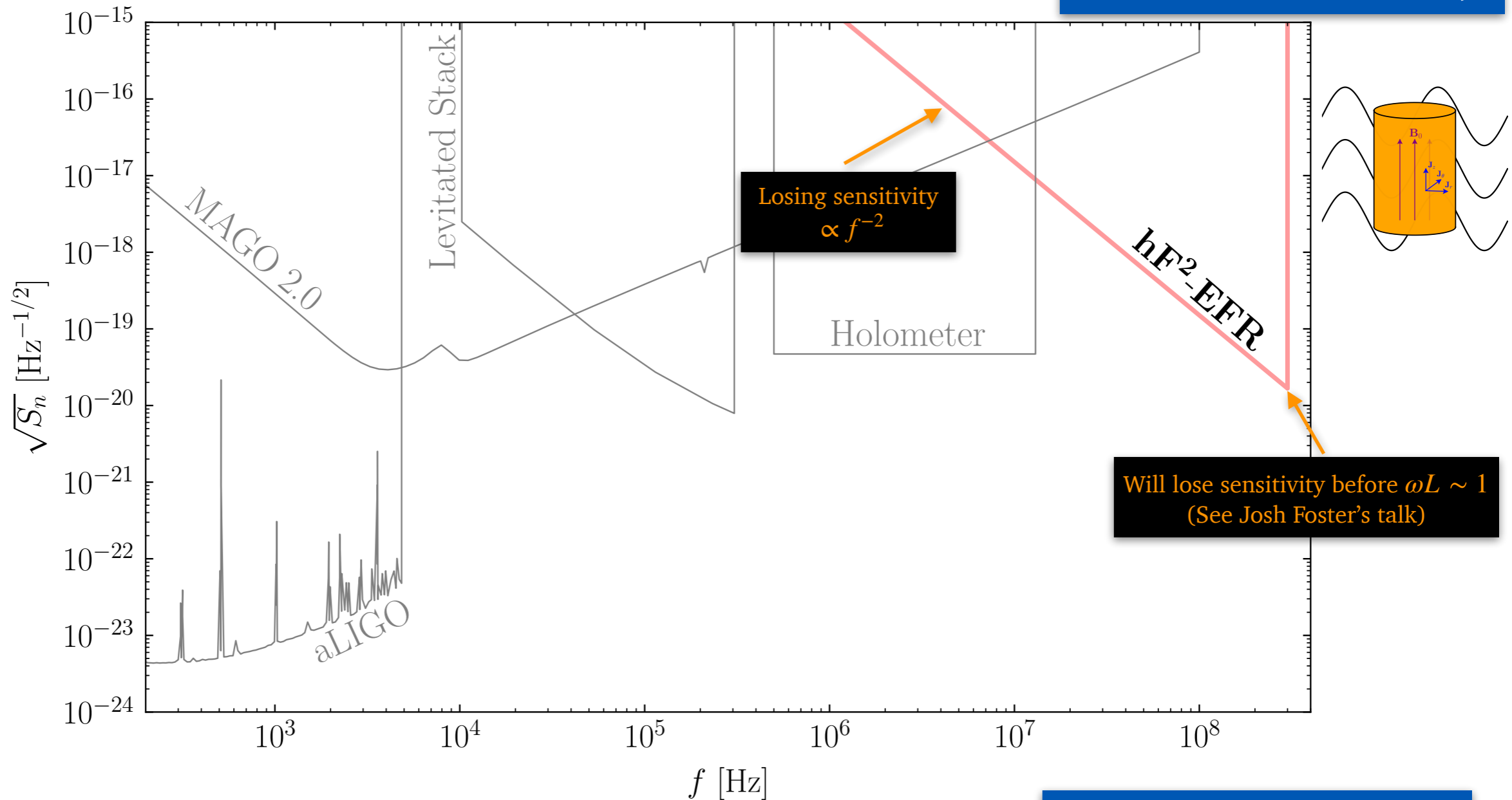
$$B_h^{\text{EM}} \sim hB_0(\omega L)^2$$

Leading gauge invariant contribution,  
full solenoidal calculation in  
[Domcke, Garcia-Cely, Lee, NLR 2024]

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PDF: locally inertial frame along a geodesic  $x_0$

$\omega^0$  contribution is  $\eta_{\mu\nu}$

Locally flat coordinates  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}(\omega)$  must vanish

$$0 = \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^{\mu}(x_0) \sim \partial g(x_0)$$

See [Domcke, Garcia-Cely, Lee, NLR 2024]

PDF advocated in [Berlin+ 2021],  
see also [Fortini and Gualdi 1982],  
[Marzlin 1994], [Rakhmanov 2014]

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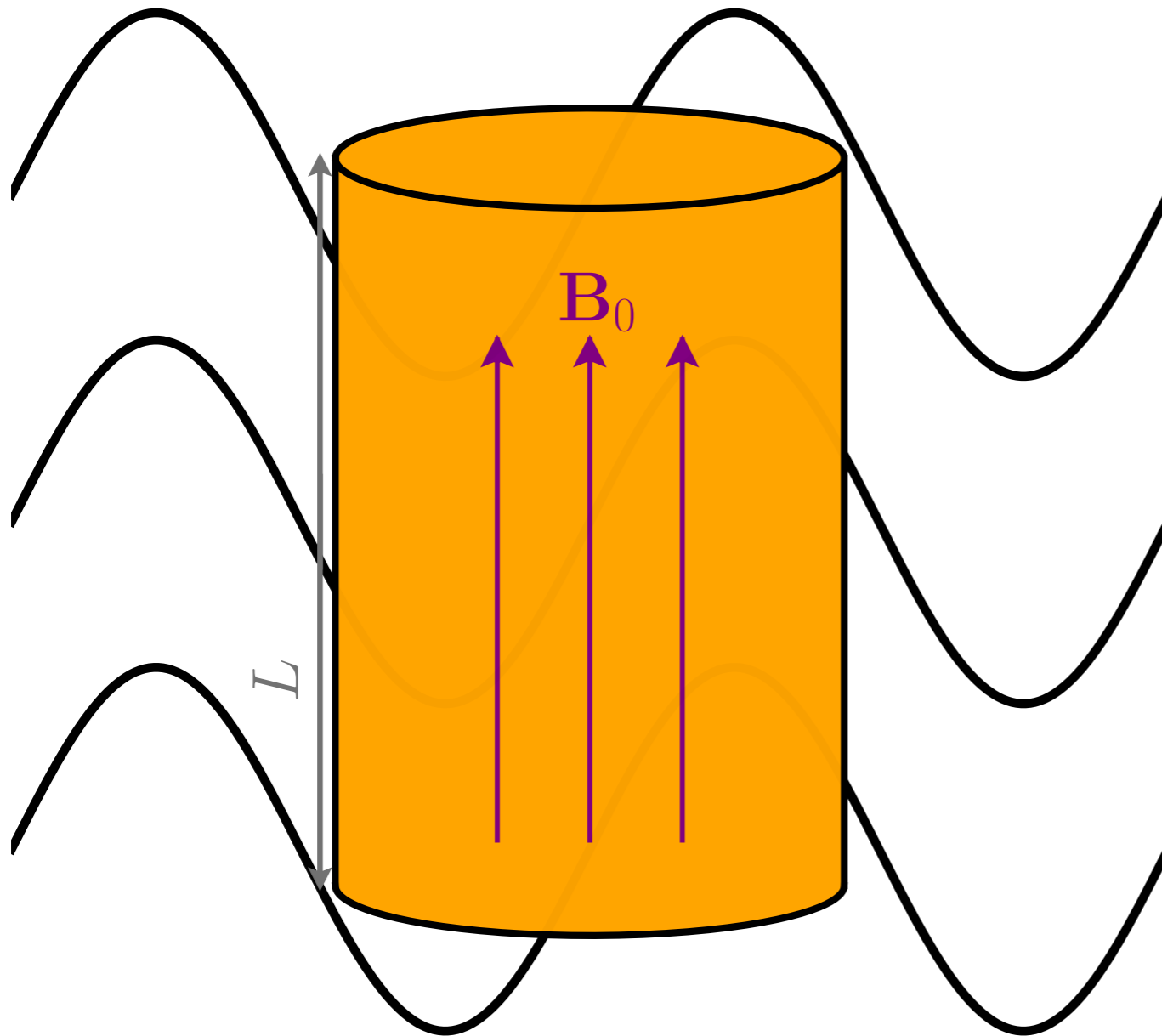
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Couples to an EM modes

$$B_h \sim \frac{\omega^2 h}{\omega^2 - \omega_{\text{EM}}^2 + i(\omega\omega_{\text{EM}}/Q_{\text{EM}})^2} \sim \omega^2 h$$

$$\omega \ll \omega_{\text{EM}} \sim 500 \text{ MHz}$$

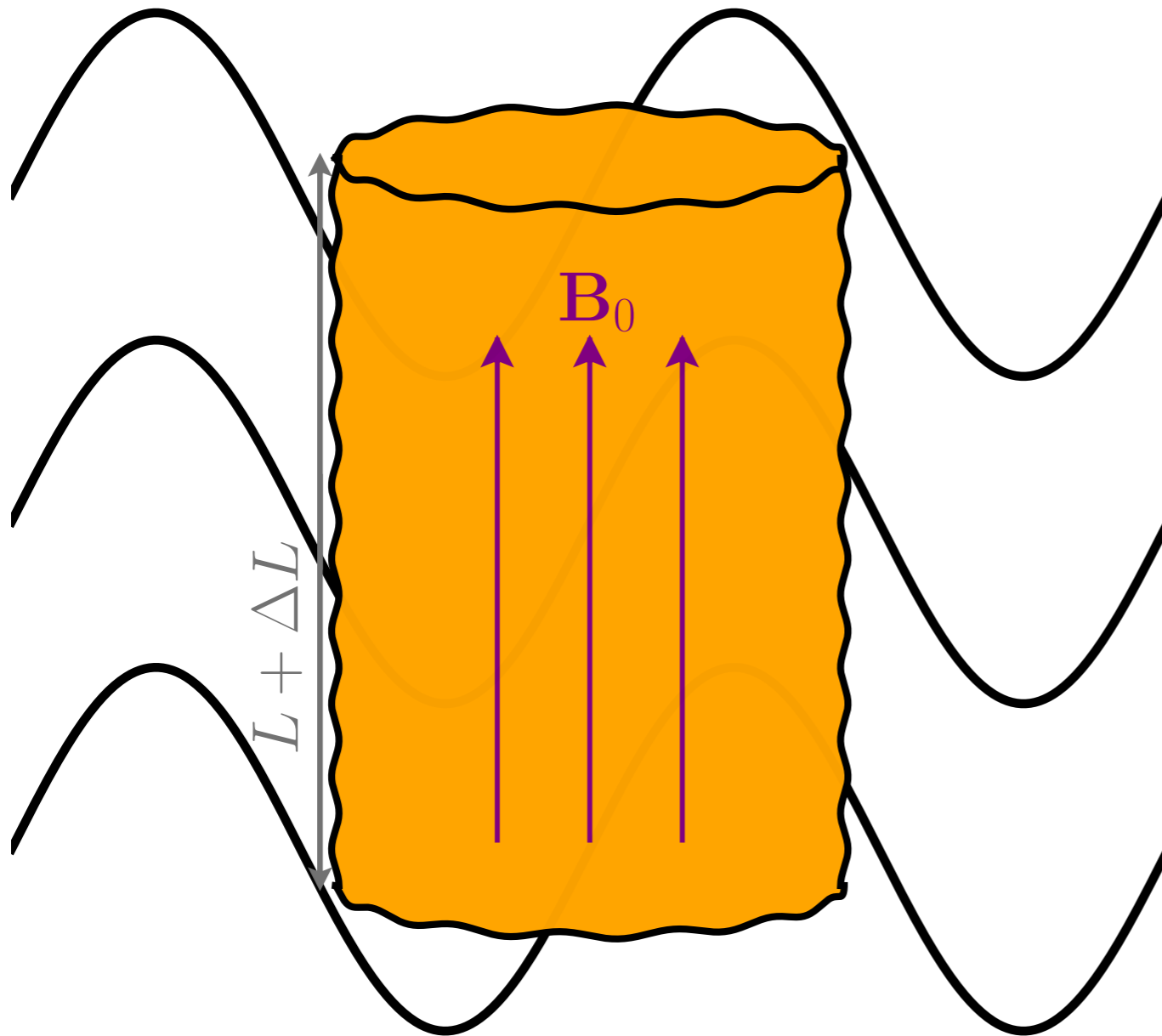
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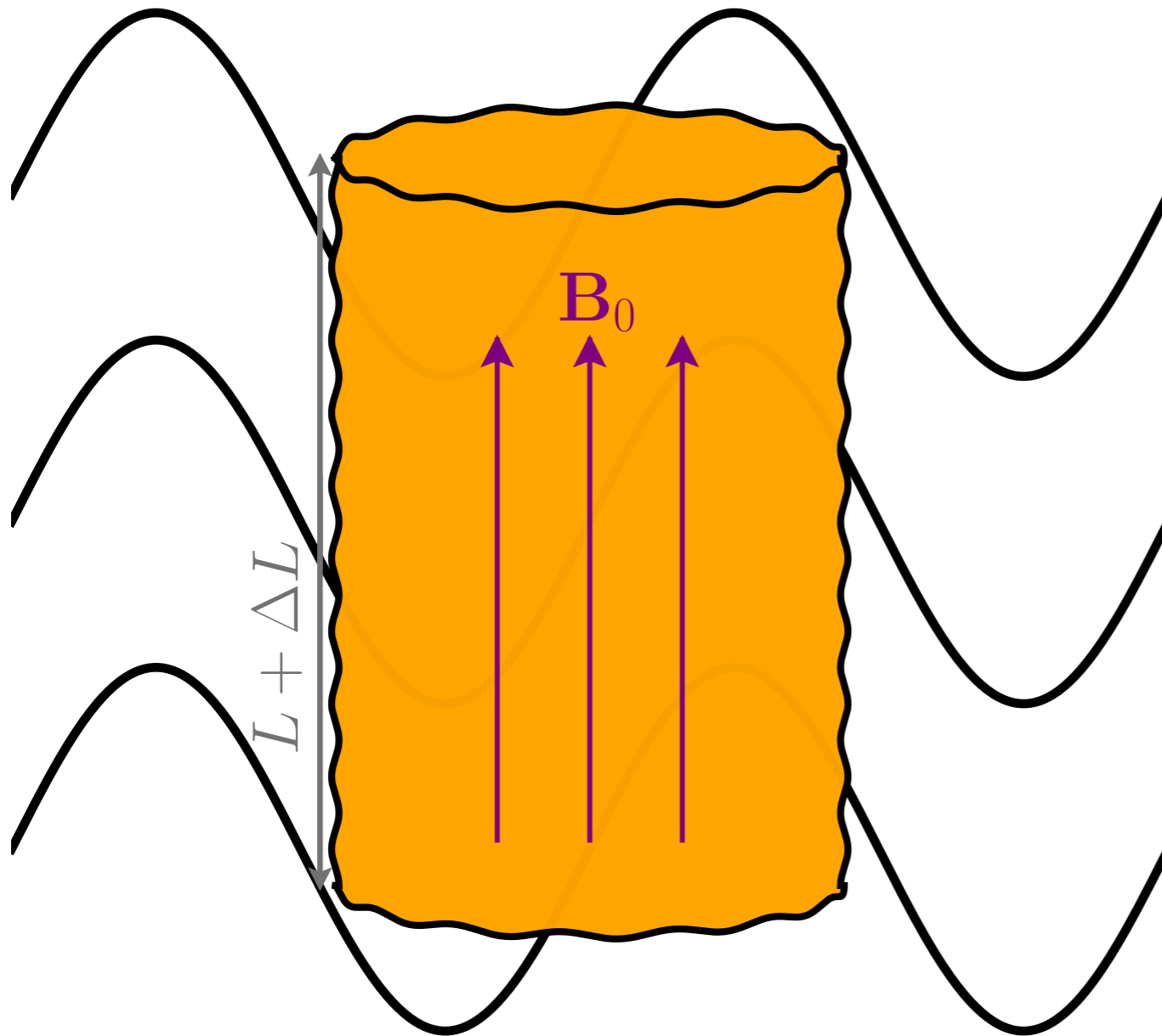
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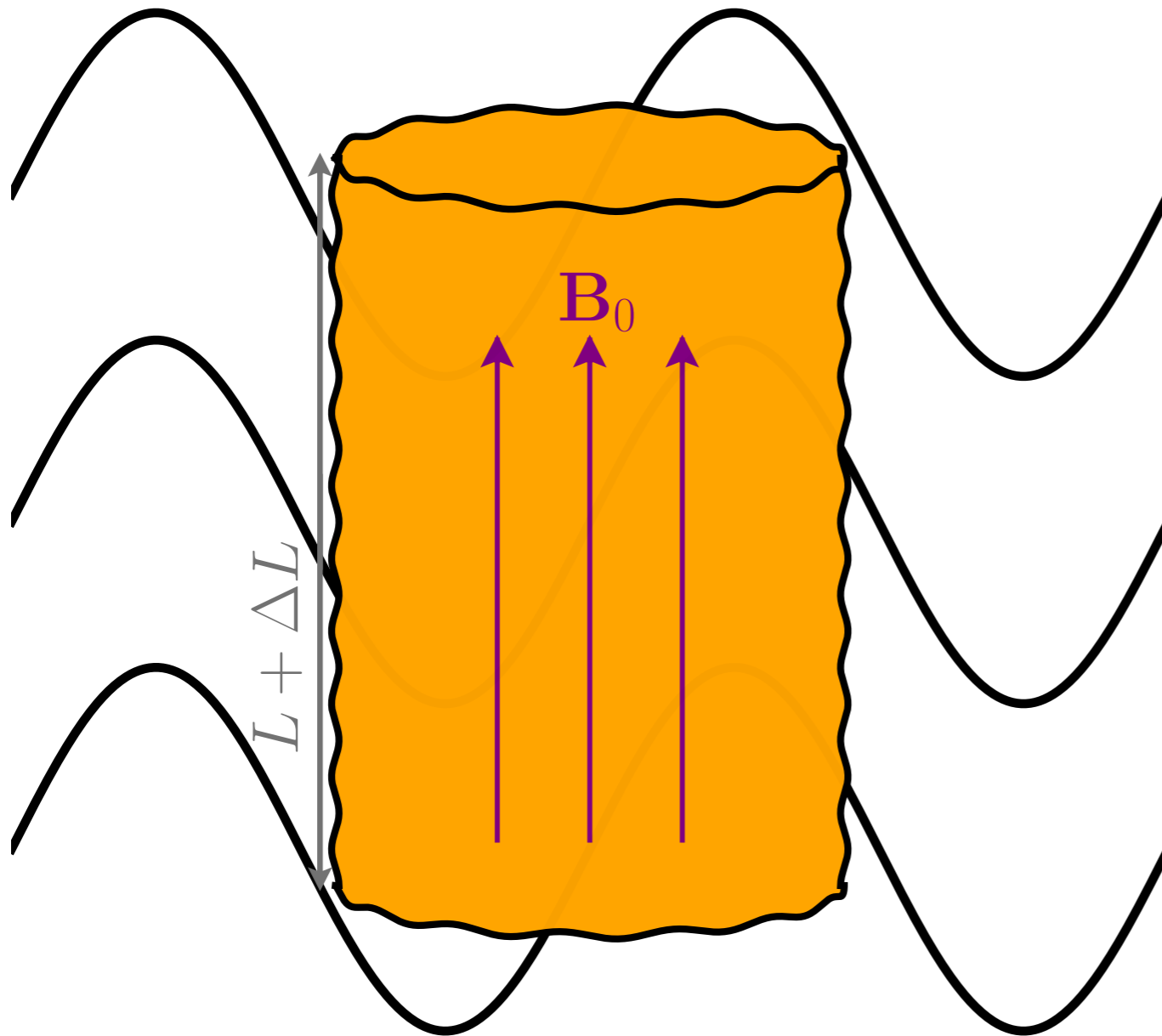
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$$\rho \ddot{\mathbf{U}} = (\lambda + \mu) \nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{U}) + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{U} + \mathbf{f}_g$$

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Recompute  $\mathbf{B}$  from Biot-Savart, find

$$B_h \sim hB_0$$

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**Key:** GW is coupling to mechanical not EM modes

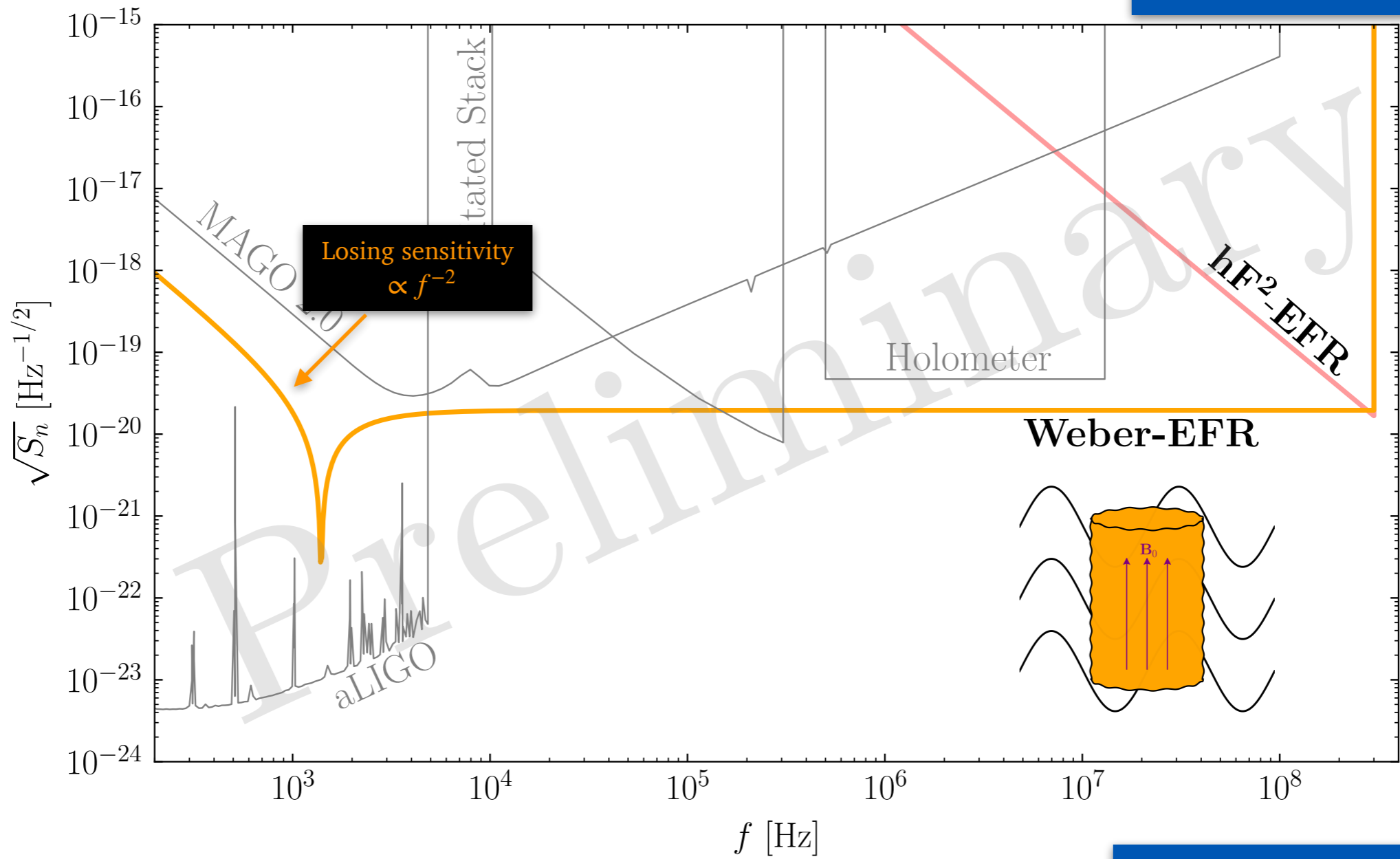
$$B_h \sim \frac{\omega^2 h}{\omega^2 - \omega_{\text{Mech}}^2 + i(\omega \omega_{\text{Mech}} / Q_{\text{Mech}})^2} \sim h$$

$$\omega \gg \omega_{\text{Mech}} \sim 5 \text{ kHz} \sim c_s \omega_{\text{EM}}$$

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**Weber-EFR**

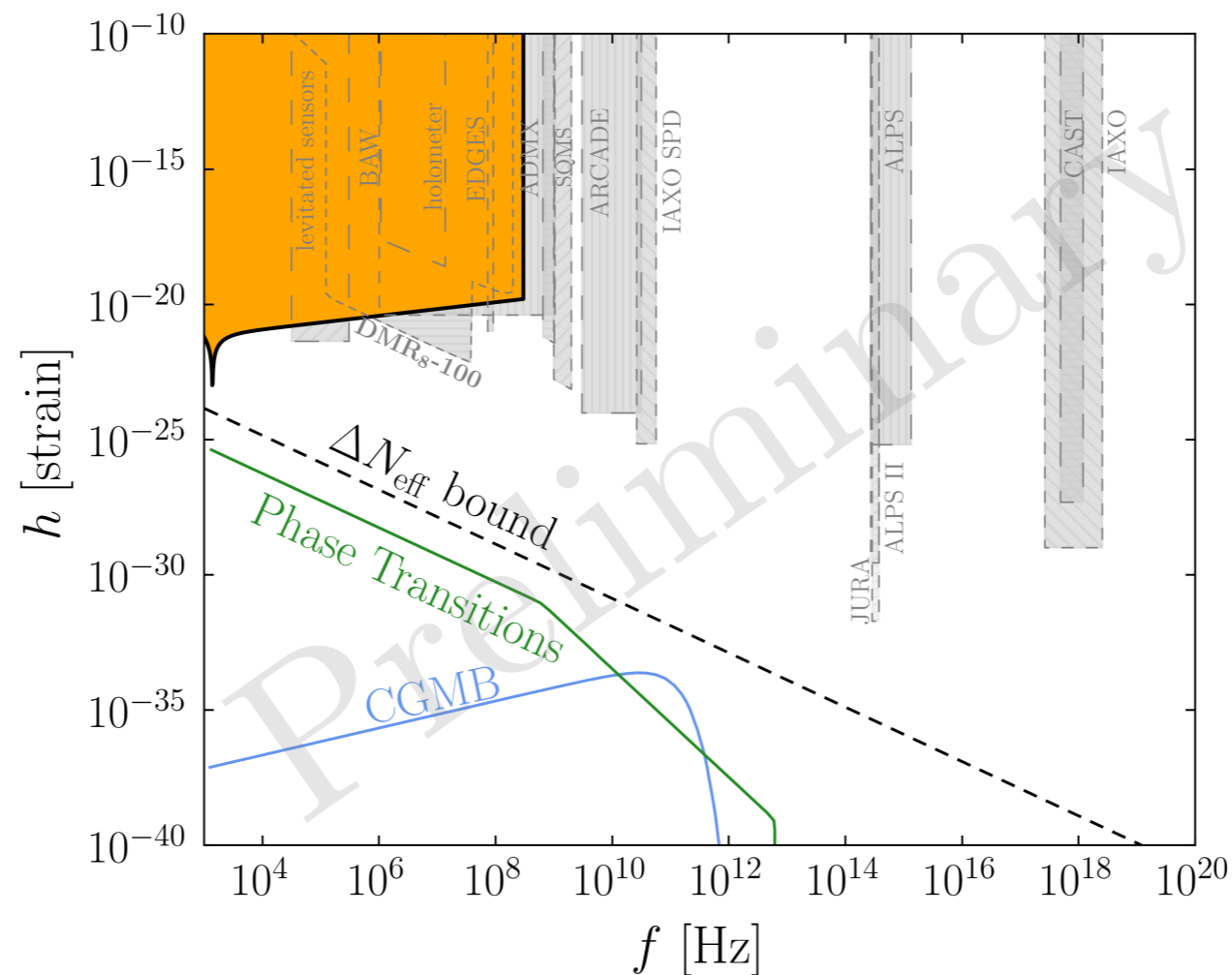
As for axion, improves with resonant readout (also true for MAGO 2.0)



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aLIGO also has sensitivity to a few kHz

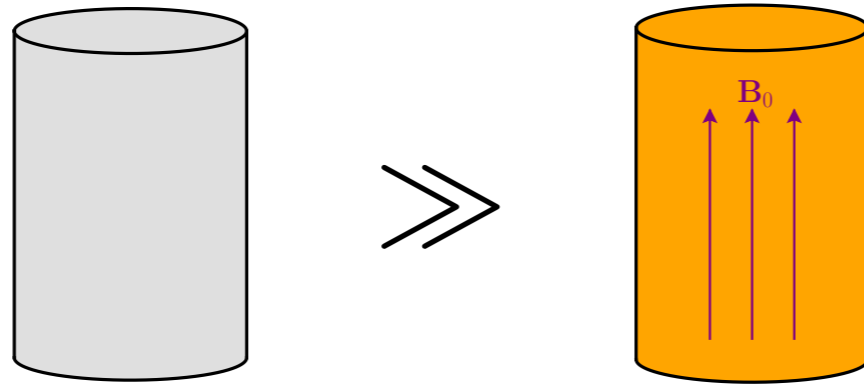
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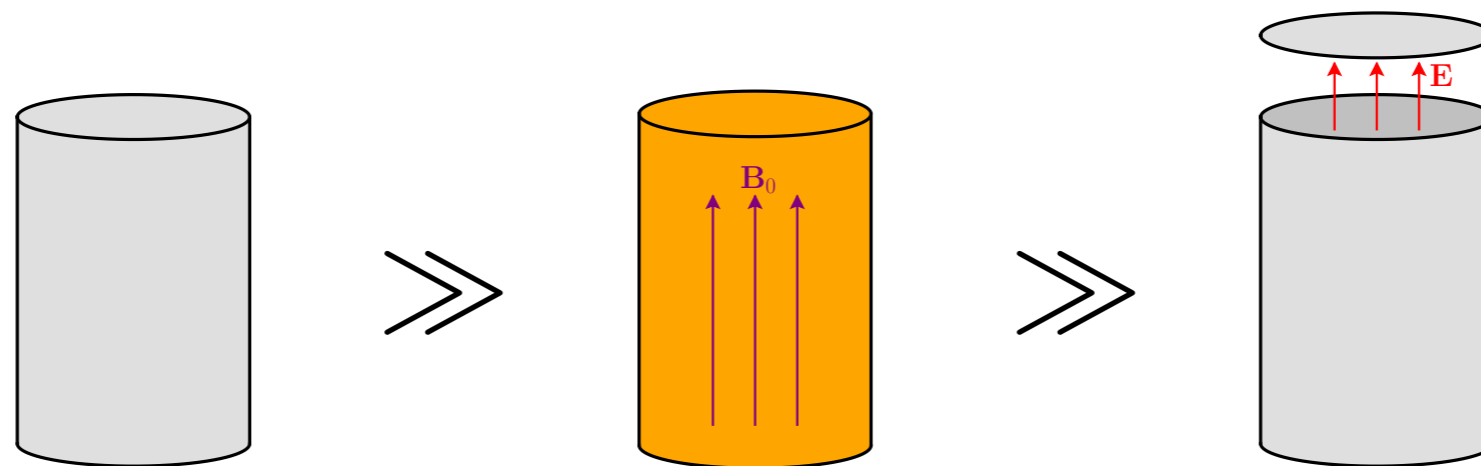
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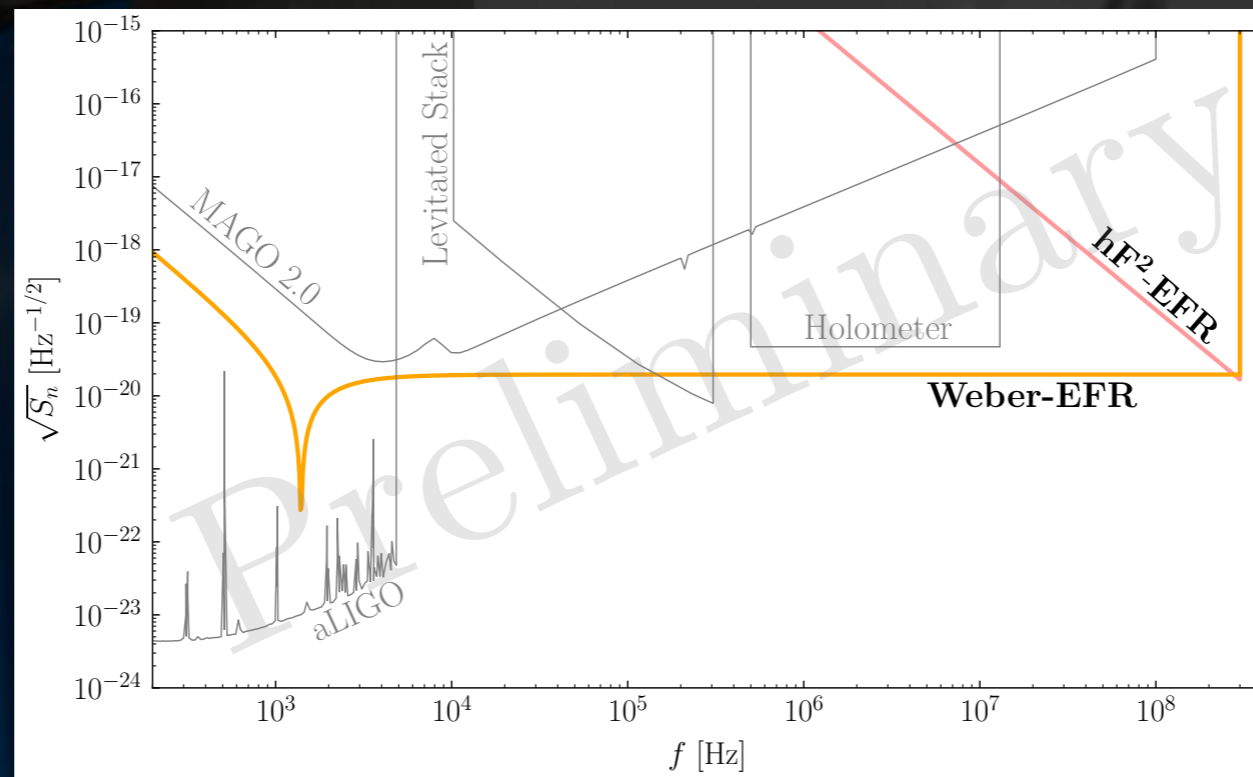
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# Conclusion

Static magnets can have leading sensitivity to high-frequency gravitational waves



[Domcke, Ellis, NLR]



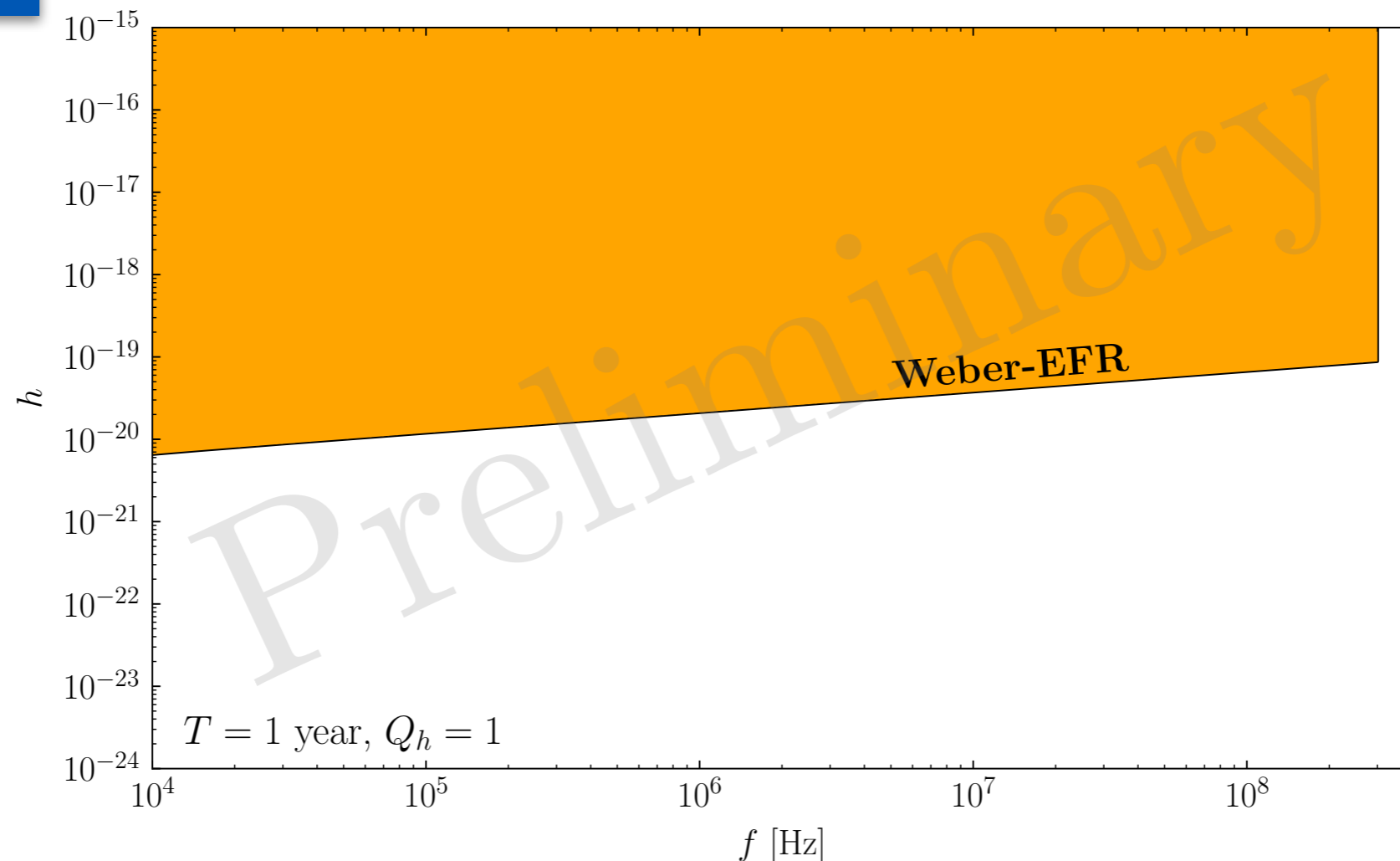
Backup Slides

# Sensitivity to $h$

For a stochastic signal described by  $(\bar{\omega}_h, Q_h)$ , reach

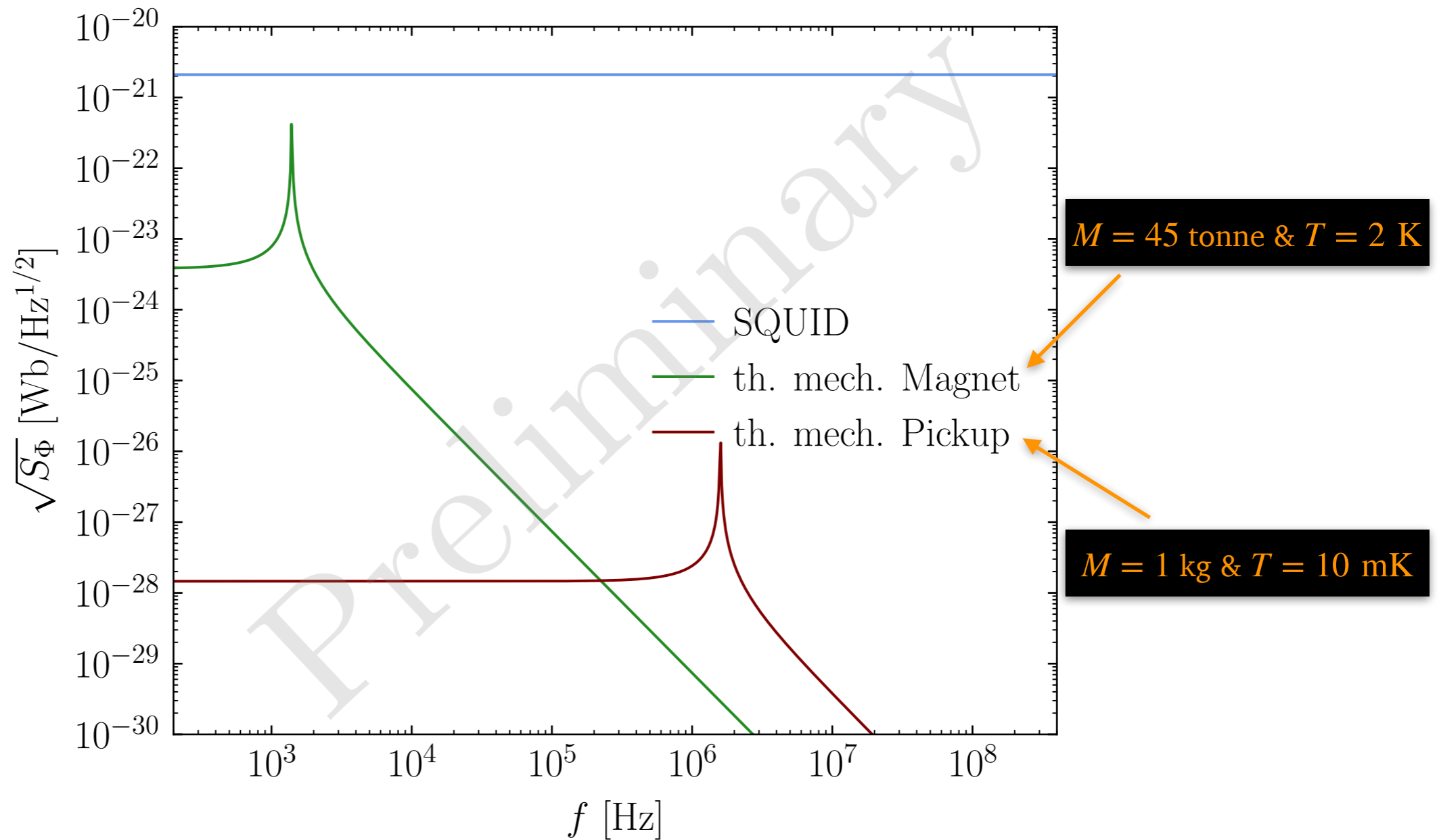
$$h \simeq \sqrt{S_n(\bar{\omega})} \left[ \frac{\bar{\omega}_h}{TQ_h} \right]^{1/4} \simeq \sqrt{S_n(\bar{\omega})} \text{ Hz} \left( \frac{\bar{f}}{1 \text{ Mhz}} \right)^{1/4} \left( \frac{T}{1 \text{ year}} \right)^{-1/4} \left( \frac{Q_h}{1} \right)^{-1/4}$$

Assumes  $S_n(\omega)$  flat over the range signal has support



# Backgrounds

For a broadband readout



# Comparison of Stored Energies

$$\text{Elastic: } \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2x^2$$

$$U_M \sim 2 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ J} \times h^2 \left( \frac{f}{10 \text{ kHz}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{M}{1000 \text{ kg}} \right) \left( \frac{L}{1 \text{ m}} \right)^2$$

$$\text{Magnetic: } \frac{1}{2\mu_0}B^2V$$

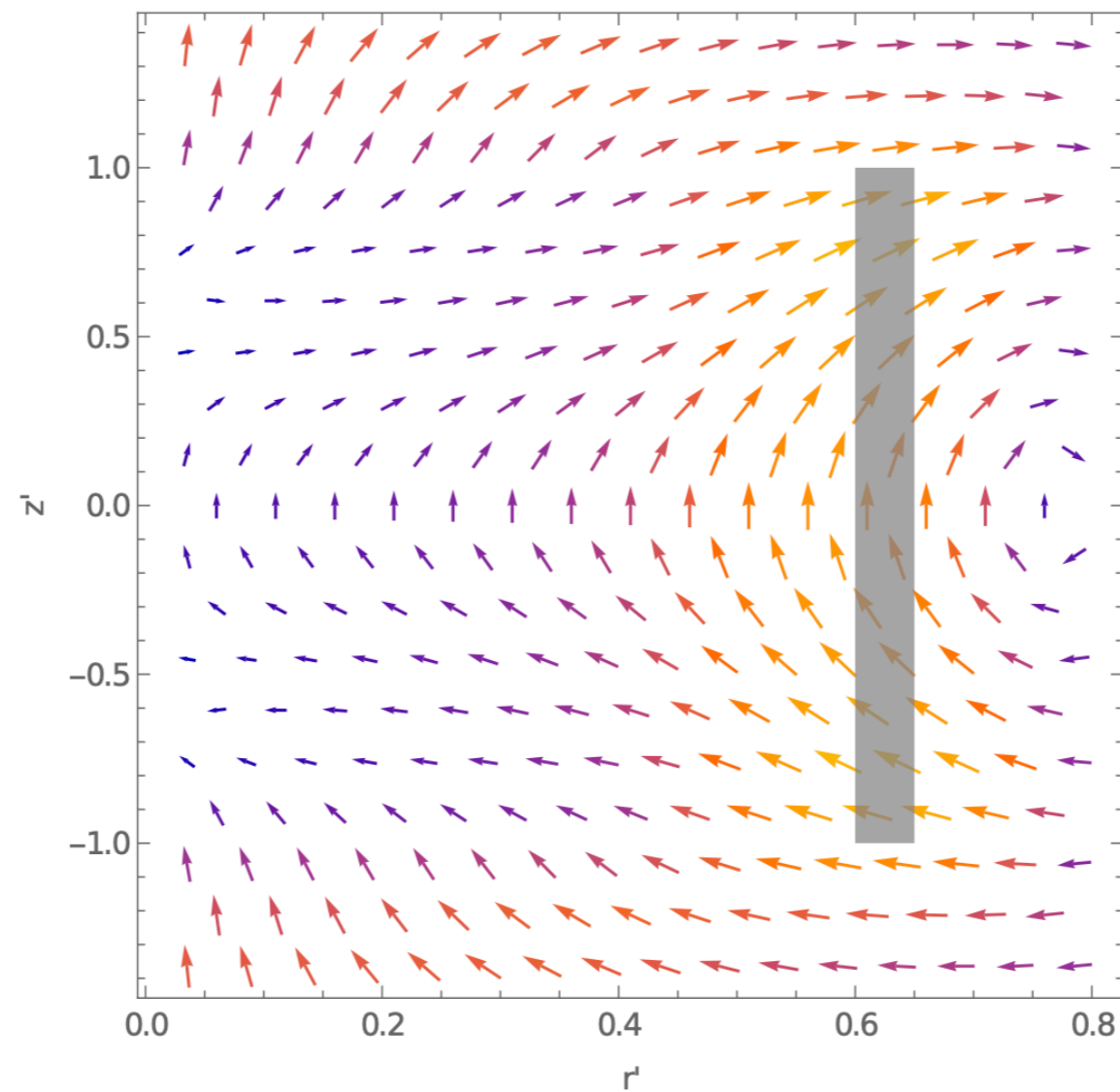
$$U_B \sim 4 \cdot 10^7 \text{ J} \times h^2 \left( \frac{B_0}{10 \text{ T}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{L}{1 \text{ m}} \right)^3$$

$$\text{Electric: } \frac{1}{2}CV^2$$

$$U_E \sim 5 \cdot 10^5 \text{ J} \times h^2 \left( \frac{C}{10^{-8} \text{ F}} \right) \left( \frac{E}{10 \text{ MV/m}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{L}{1 \text{ m}} \right)^2$$

# $B_h$ profile

Response to  $h^+$  &  $\hat{\mathbf{k}} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}$  in the y-z plane



# Proper Detector Frame

TT gauge: GW is a plane wave  $\sim e^{i(\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}-\omega t)}$

Proper Detector Frame: more involved

$$h_{00} = \omega^2 F(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}) \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{r}, \quad b_j \equiv r_i h_{ij}^{\text{TT}} \Big|_{\mathbf{r}=0},$$

$$h_{0i} = \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 [F(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}) - iF'(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})] \left( \hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{r} b_i - \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{r} \hat{k}_i \right),$$

$$h_{ij} = -i\omega^2 F'(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}) \left( |\mathbf{r}|^2 h_{ij}^{\text{TT}} \Big|_{\mathbf{r}=0} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{r} \delta_{ij} - b_i r_j - b_j r_i \right),$$

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 h_{ij} &= -i\omega^2 F'(\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r} - \omega t) \mathbf{e}_{ij} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_{\mu\nu}(x) &= \underbrace{g_{\mu\nu}(x_0)}_{=\eta_{\mu\nu}} + \underbrace{(x - x_0)^\alpha \partial_\alpha g_{\mu\nu}(x_0)}_{=0 \quad (\because \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\mu(x_0)=0)} \\
 &\quad + \underbrace{(x - x_0)^\alpha (x - x_0)^\beta \partial_\alpha \partial_\beta g_{\mu\nu}(x_0)}_{\mathcal{O}(\omega^2 R^2)} + \dots
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Use Fermi normal coordinates

Locally inertial coordinates  
along a geodesic [Fermi 1922]

$$h_{ij} = -2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{(n+3)!} \hat{R}_{ikjl, m_1 \dots m_n} r_k r_l r_{m_1} \dots r_{m_n},$$

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$\hat{R}$  is evaluated at the  
coordinate origin

[Fortini and Gualdi 1982], [Marzlin 1994], [Rakhmanov 2014]

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Proper detector frame:  
Fermi normal coordinates transformed to the non-inertial reference frame of the detector

[Ni, Zimmermann 1978]

Non-inertial corrections (Earth's gravity, Coriolis effect, etc) are irrelevant at higher frequencies - effectively can just use Fermi normal coordinates