High Frequency GW Bounds from Galactic Neutron Stars

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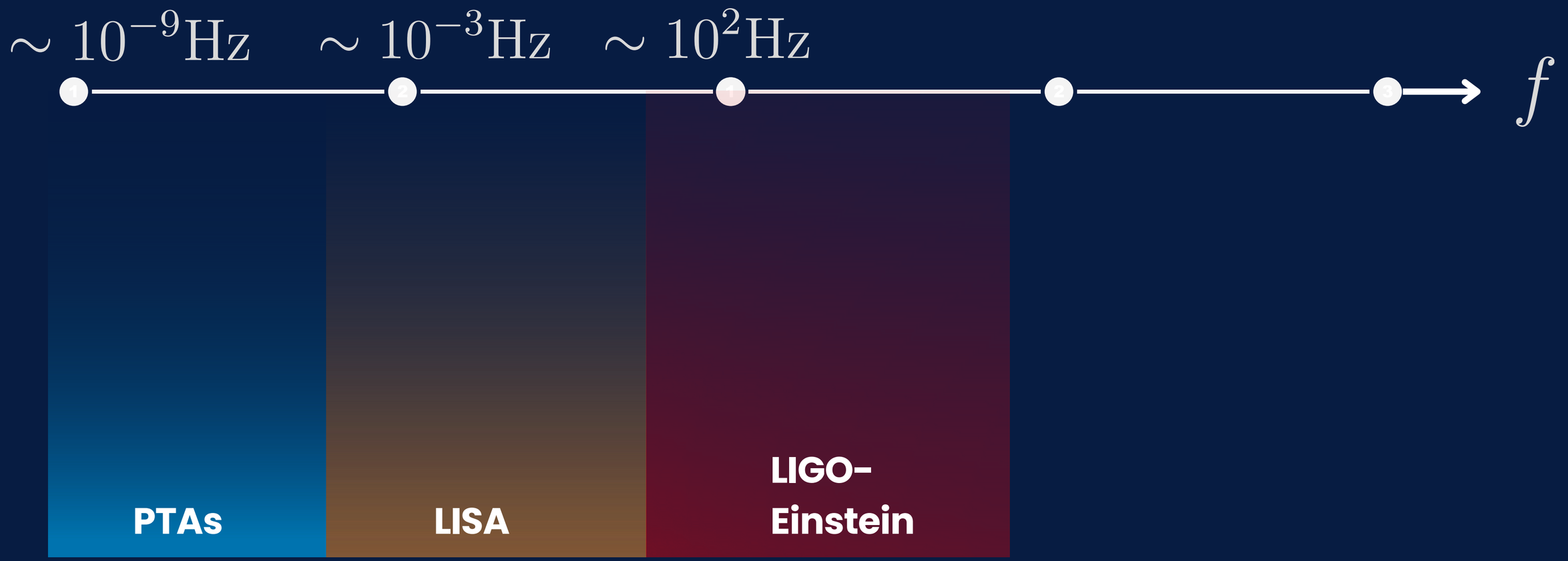

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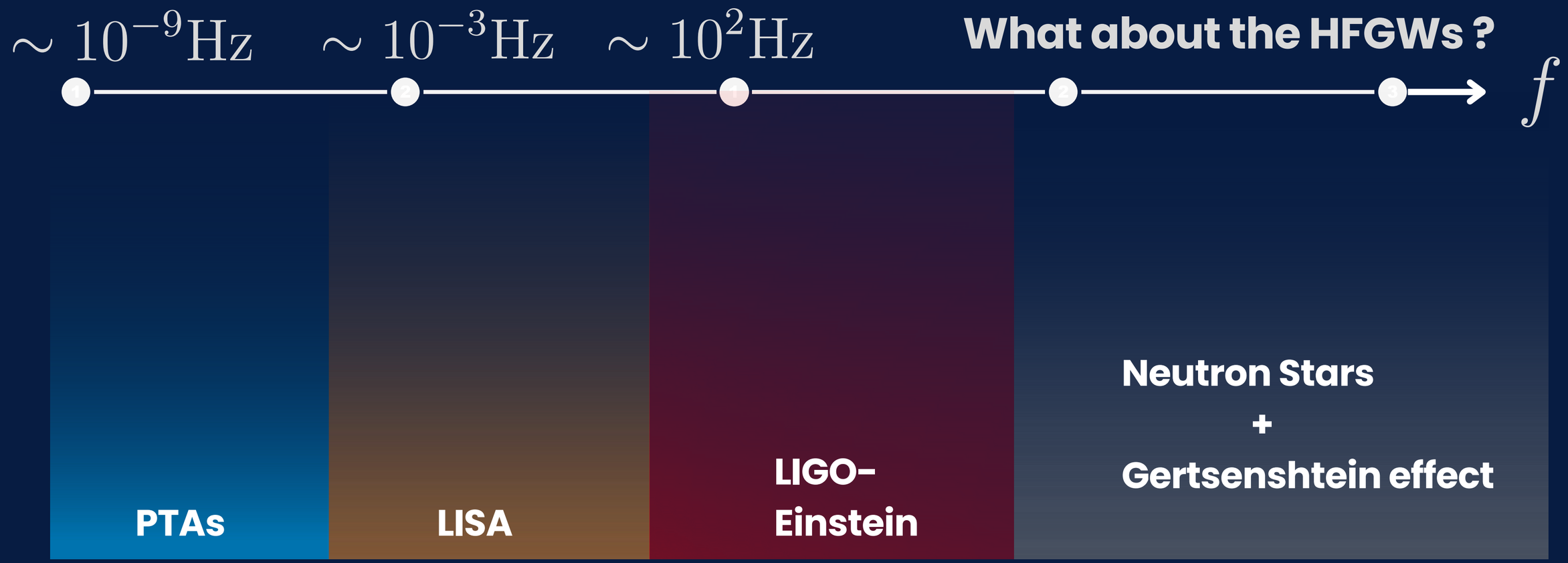
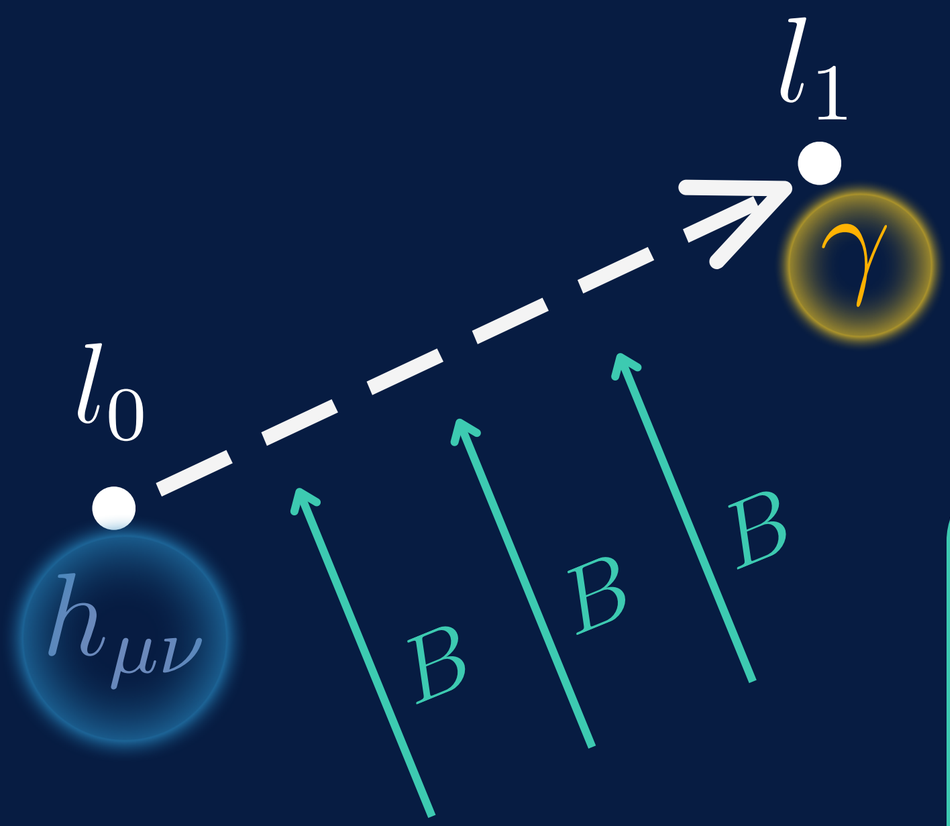


The Gertsenshtein Effect



- GWs convert into photons in a strong magnetic field

Conversion probability for gravitons travelling from l_0 to l_1 :

$$P_{g\to\gamma}(f) = \left| \int_{\ell_0}^{\ell_1} \mathrm{d}\ell\, \Delta_{\mathrm{M}}(\ell) \exp\left\{ -i \int_{\ell_0}^{\ell} \mathrm{d}\ell'\, \Delta_{\gamma}\left(\ell'\right) \right\} \right|^2$$

- The mixing term is $\Delta_M \sim B$
- Effective photon mass Δ_γ

(Gertsenshtein, 1962)
(Raffelt, Stodolsky 1987)

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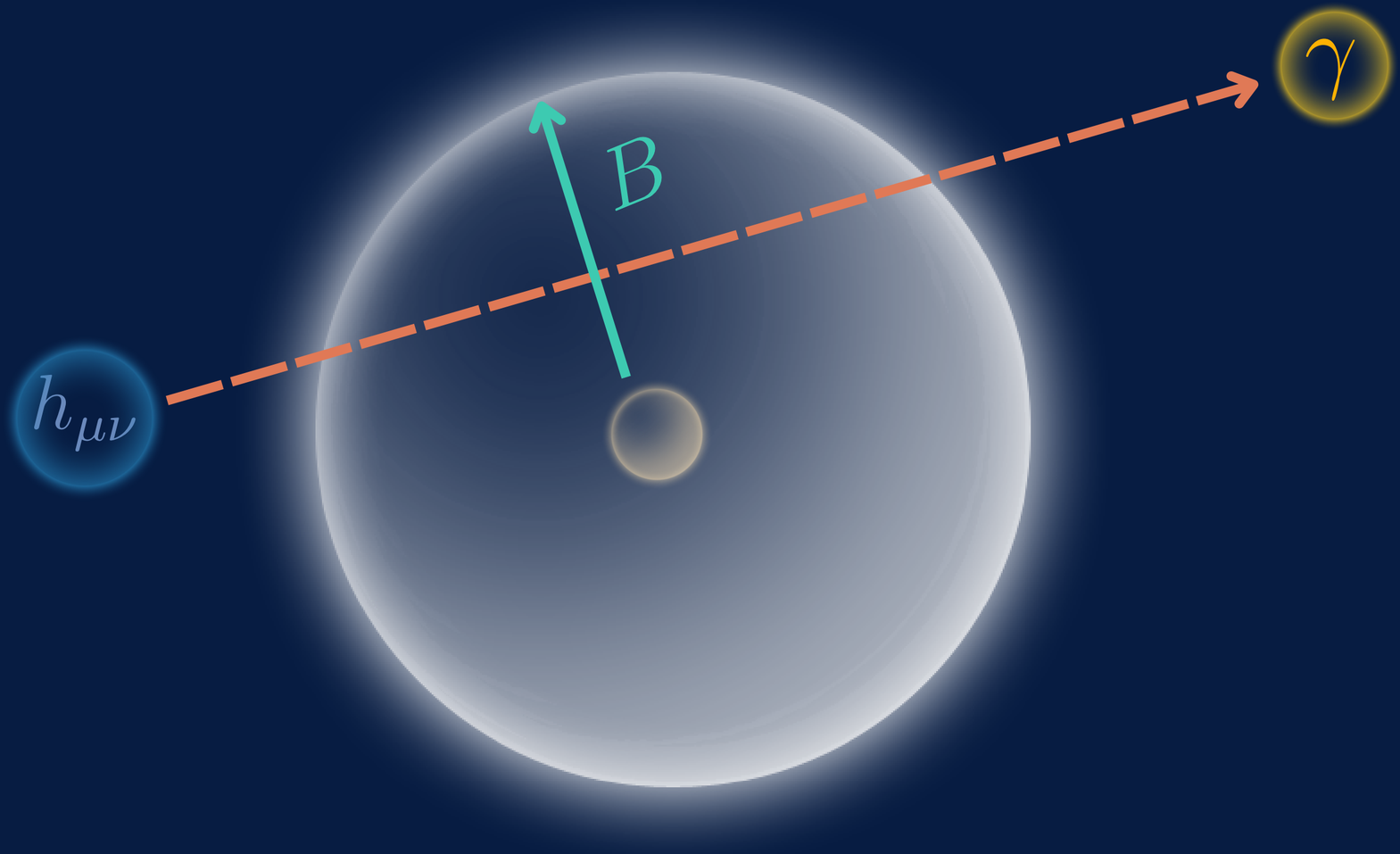

Typical Neutron Star

$$T \approx \mathcal{O}(1)\,\mathrm{s}$$

$$R \approx 10\,\mathrm{km}$$

Magnetosphere

$$B(r) = B_0 (r/R)^{-3}$$

$$B_0 \approx 10^{13}\,\mathrm{Gauss}$$

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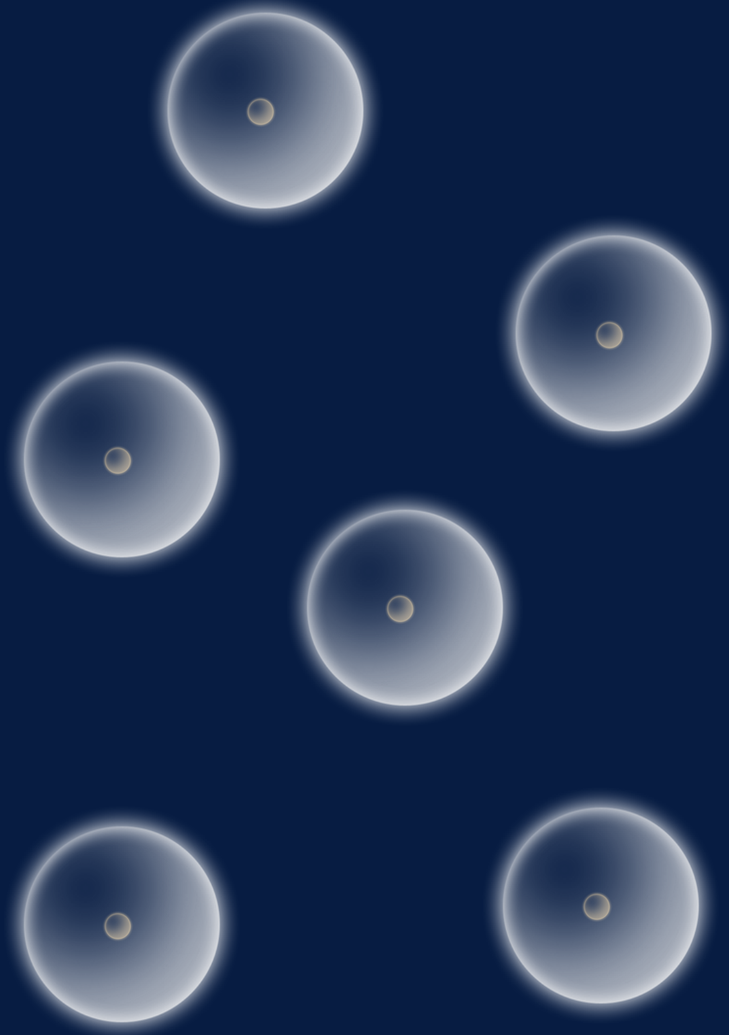

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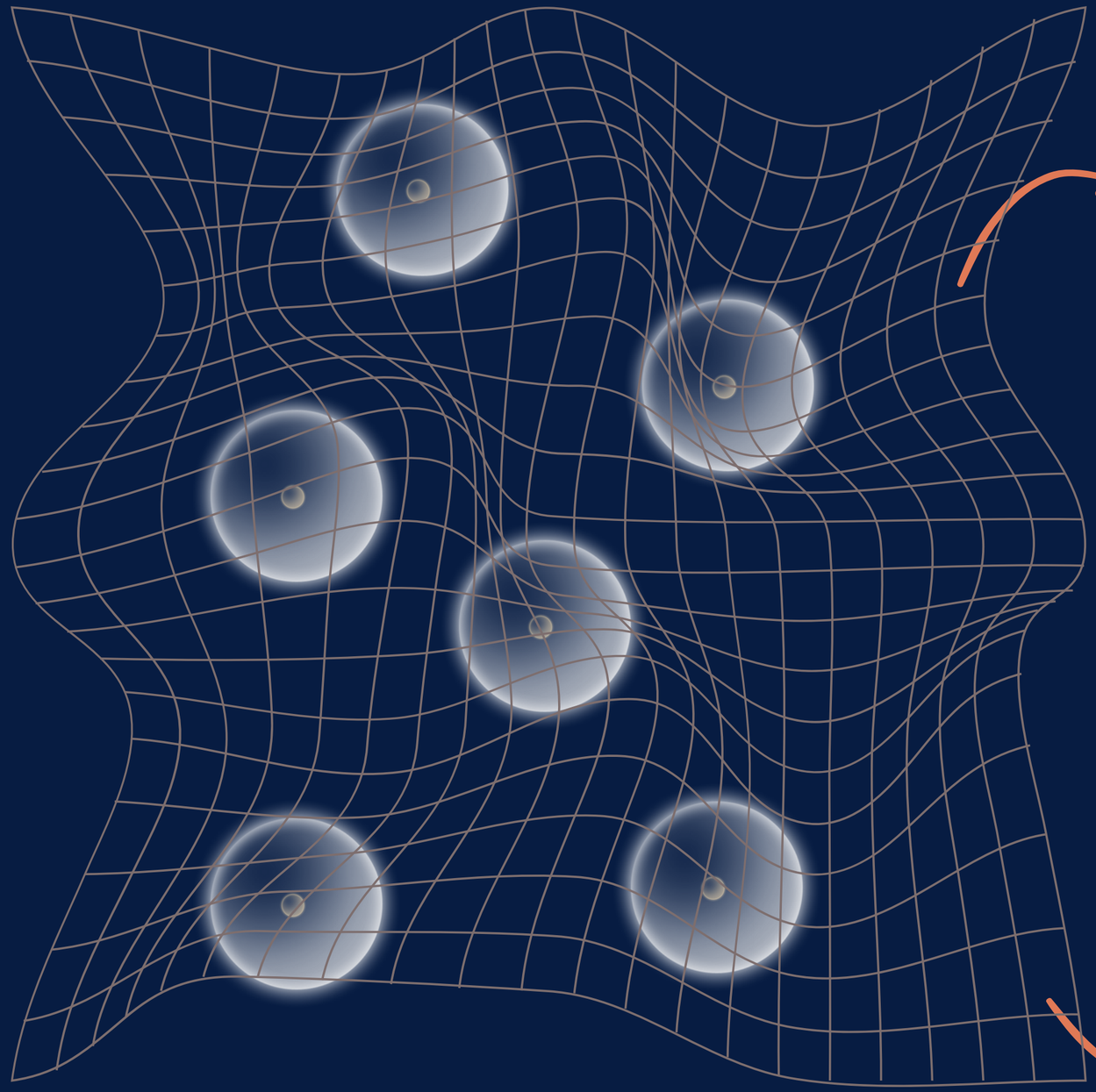

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GW background

$$f \;, h_c$$

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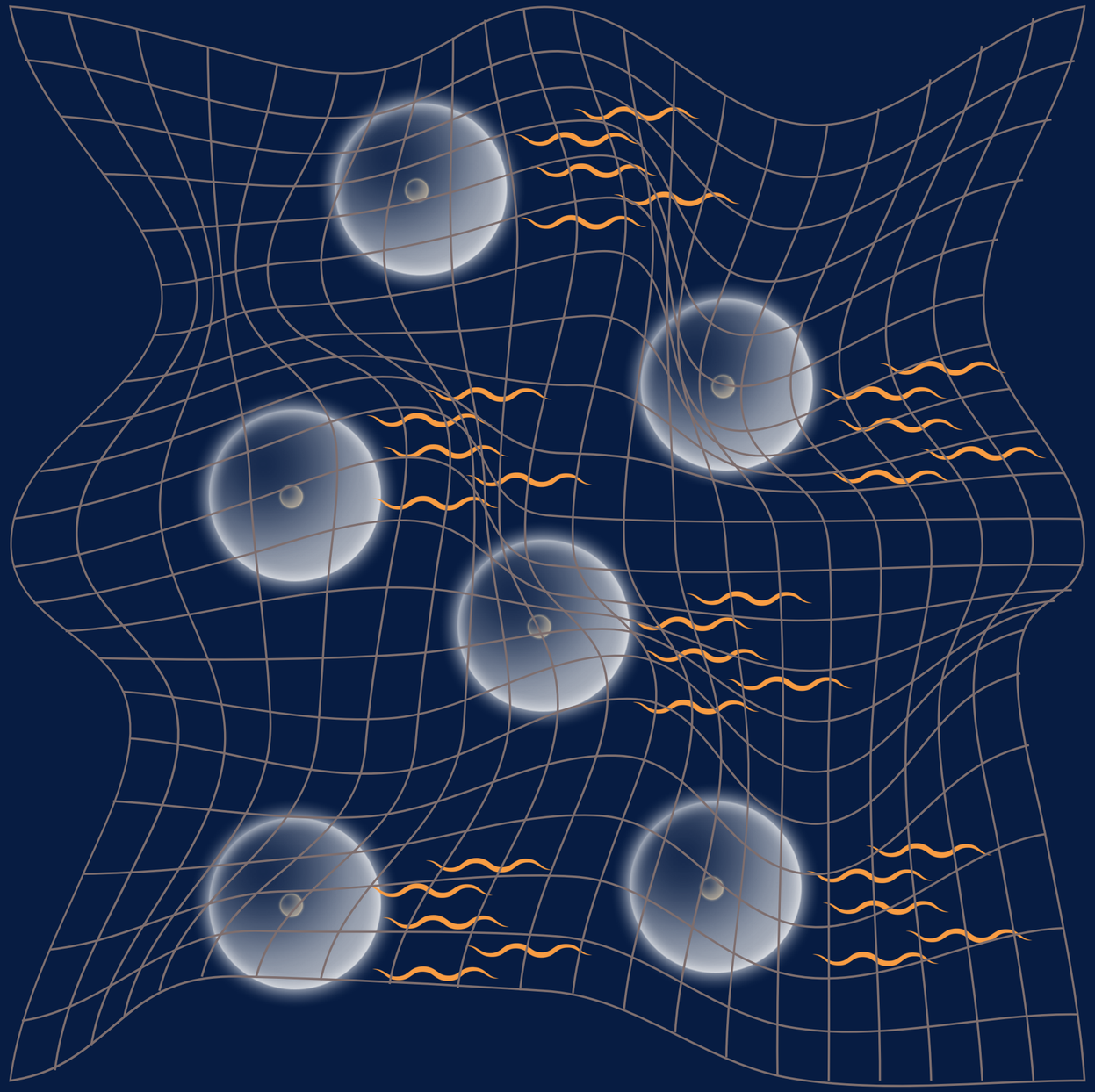
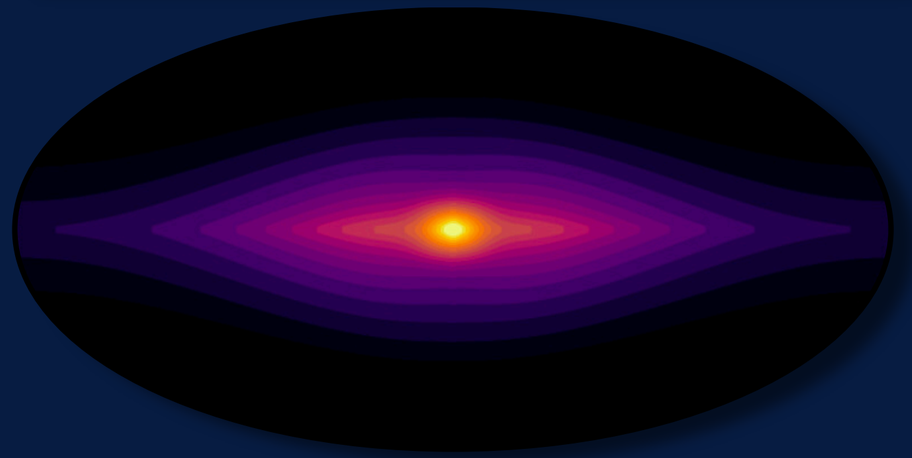


$$f = 10^{15}\,\mathrm{Hz}$$

$$h_c = 10^{-25}$$

$$\log\left(f \times \frac{\partial F_\gamma^{\mathrm{galac.}}}{\partial f}\right)\,[\mathrm{erg}/(\mathrm{cm}^2\,\mathrm{s}\,\mathrm{sr})]$$

$-18.5 \quad -18.0 \quad -17.5 \quad -17.0 \quad -16.5$



The Results

Constraints on the HFGW spectrum