

# Magnets are Weber Bars

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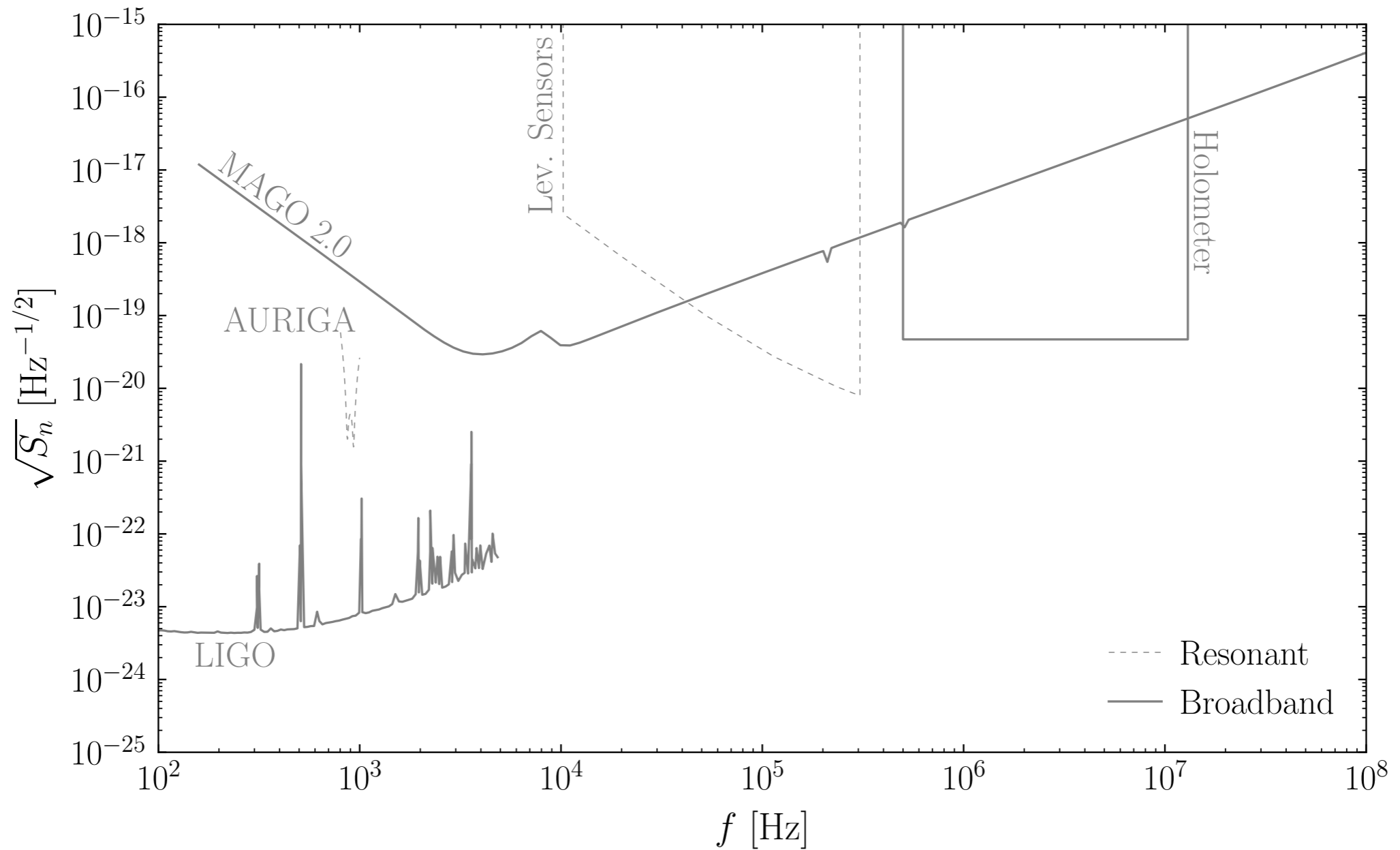
# Motivation

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How can we best exploit large magnets to search for gravitational waves?

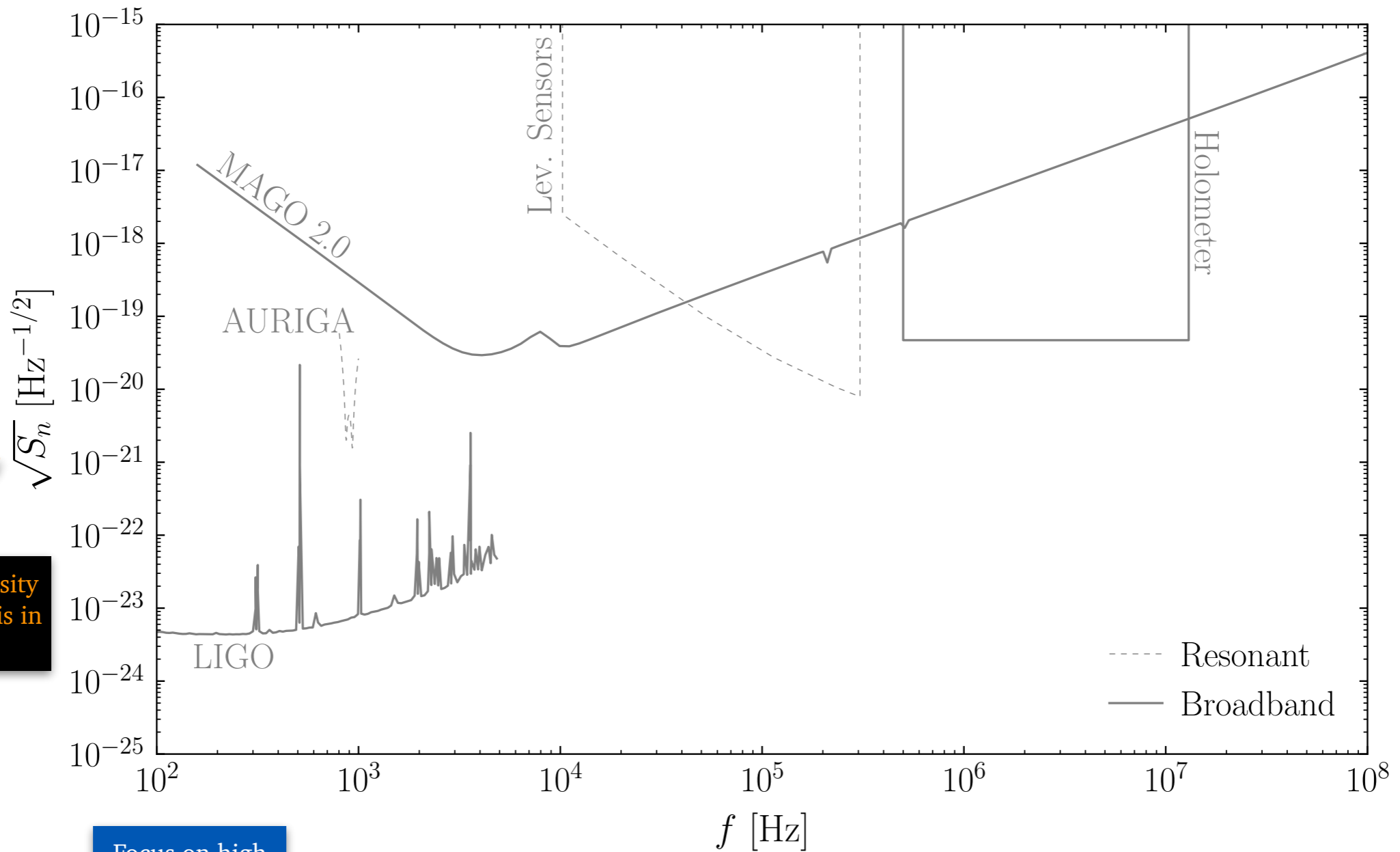
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Noise spectral density  
(How much noise is in  
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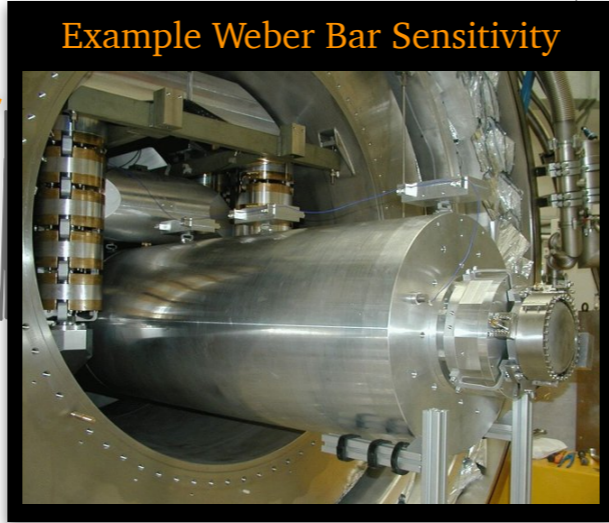
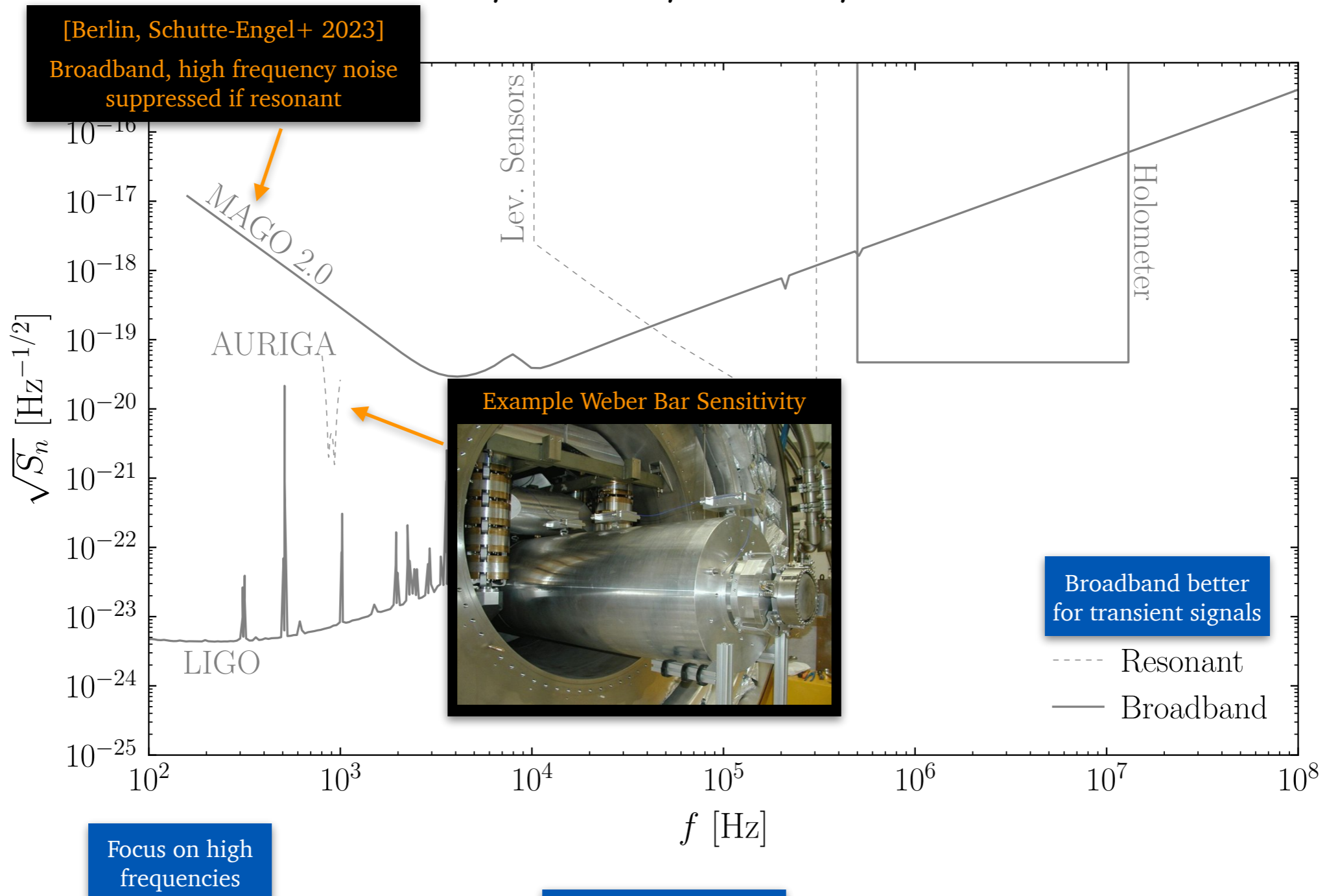
Focus on high  
frequencies

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



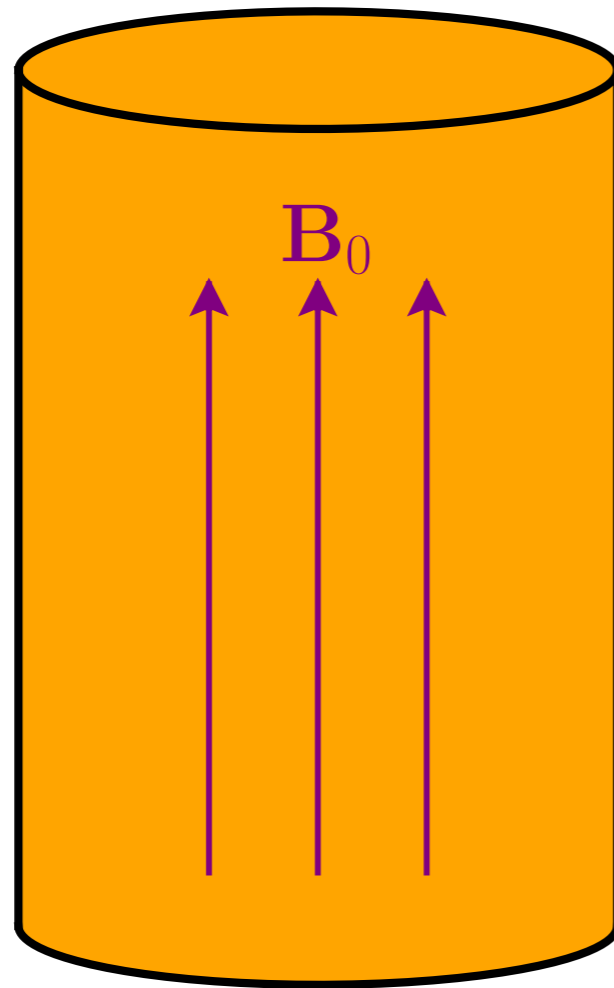
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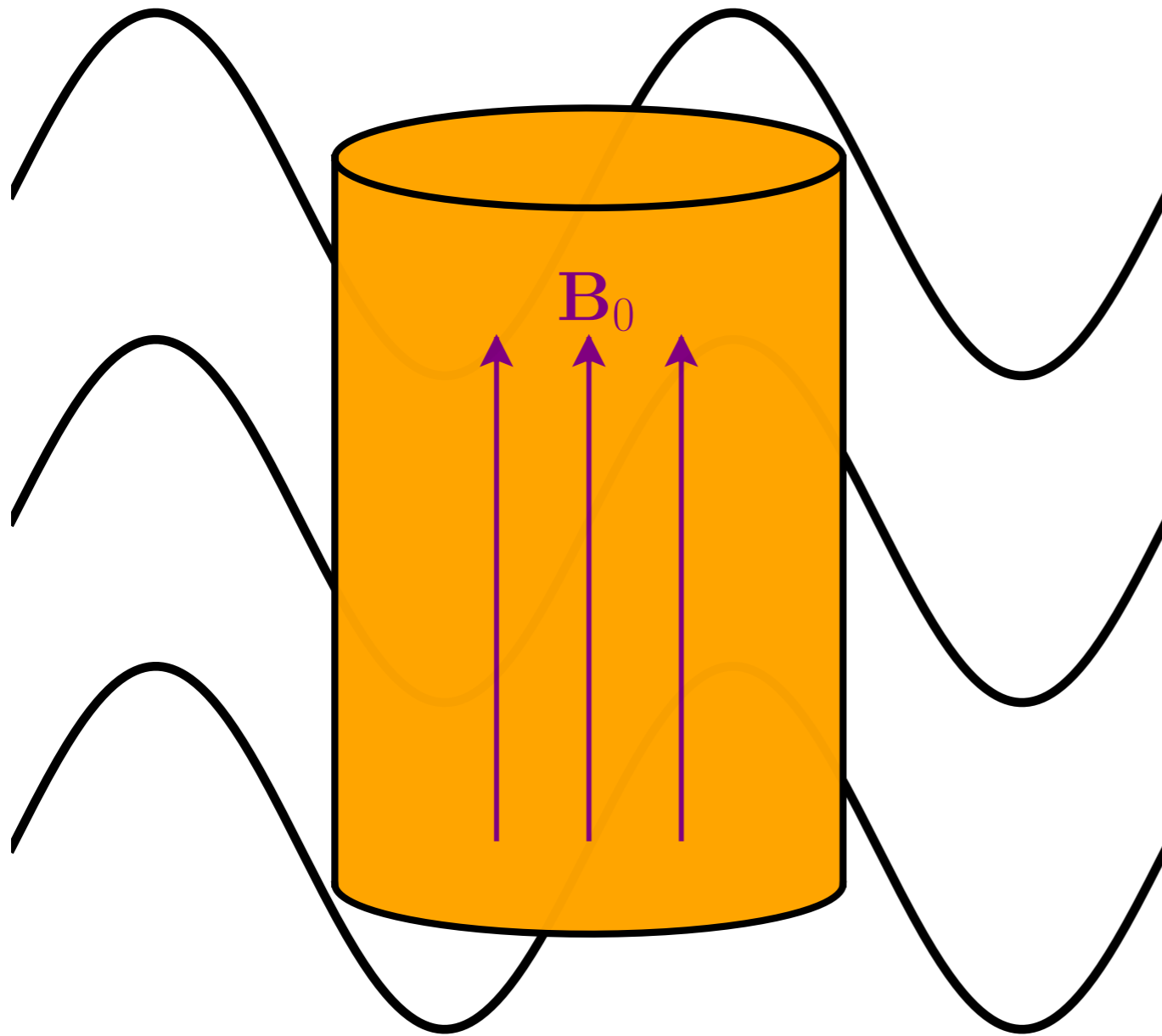
Subset of ideas, see [Aggarwal+ 2020]

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Goal: exploit large stored energy  
in a magnetic field

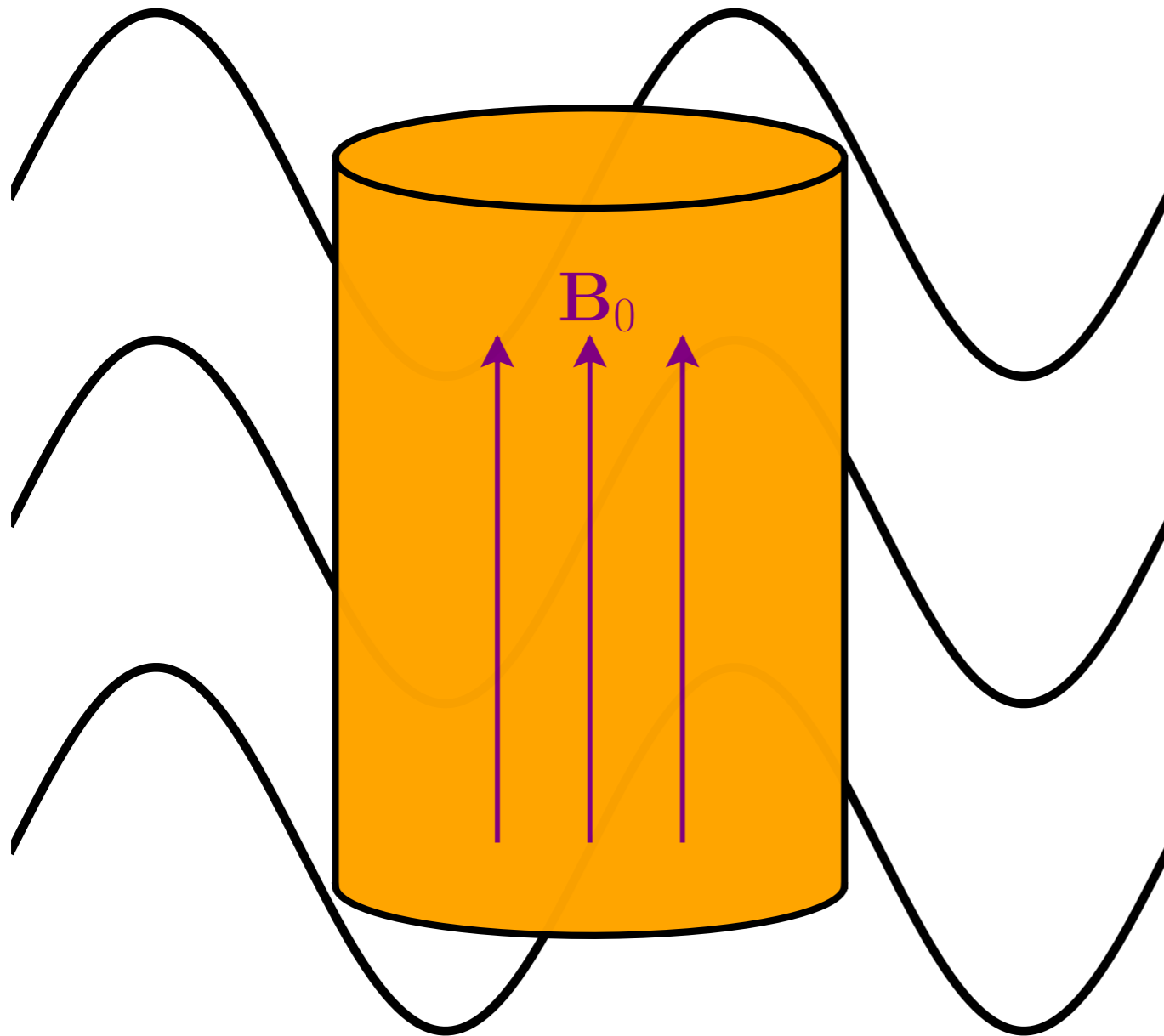
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Axion haloscopes are GW telescopes

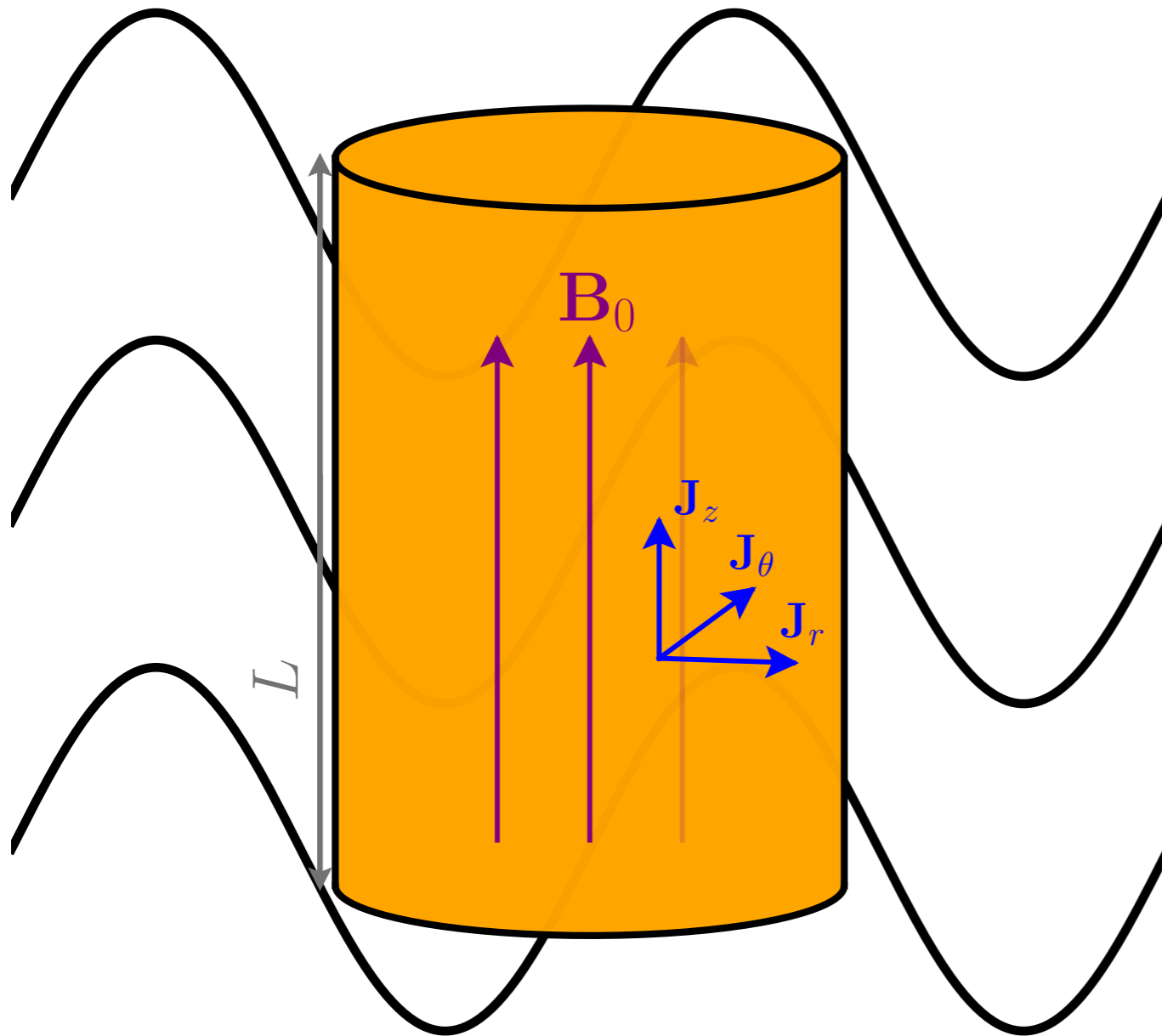
$$\text{Expand } S \supset \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( -\frac{1}{4} F^2 \right) \text{ for } g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

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

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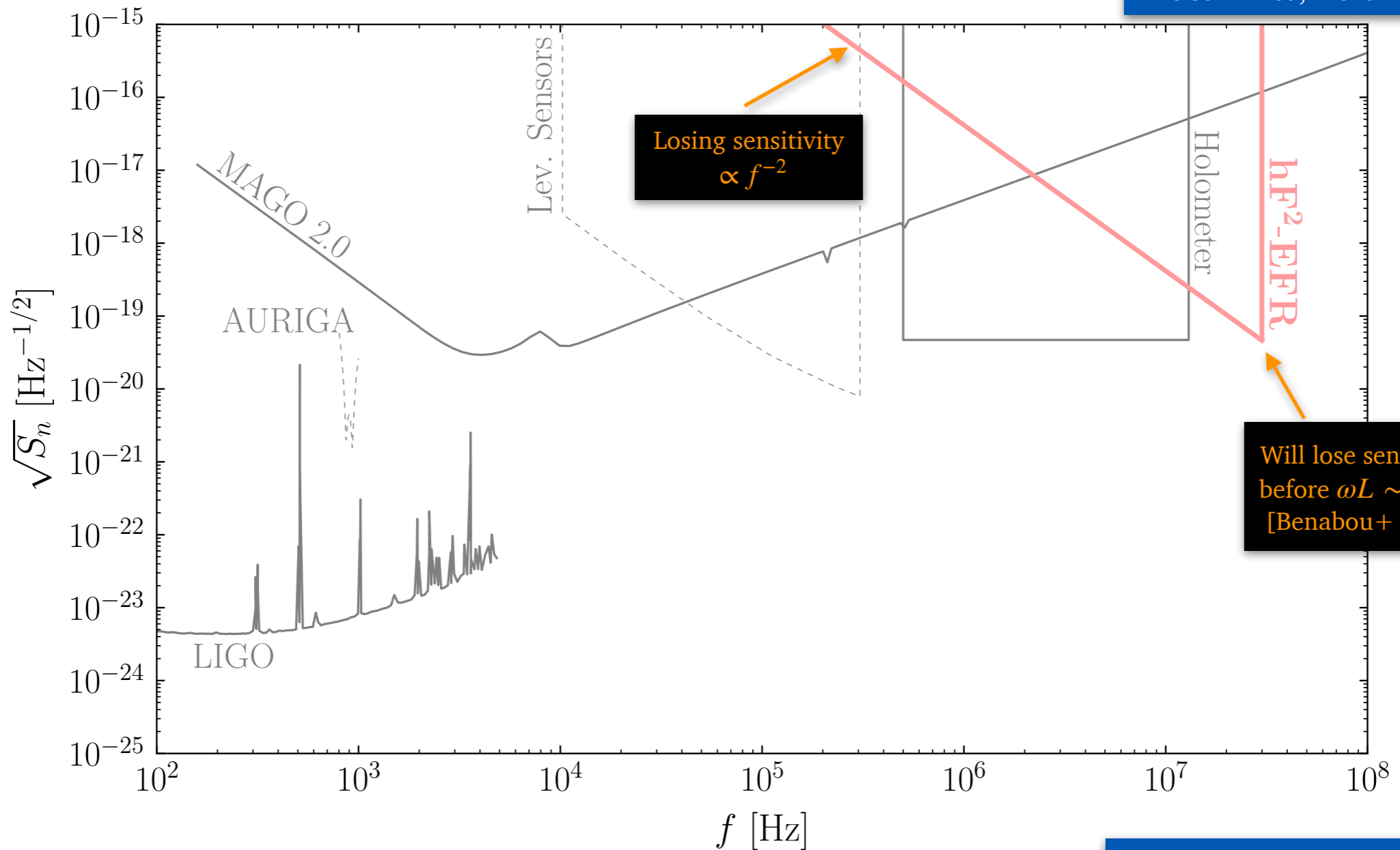
$$B_h^{\text{EM}} \sim hB_0(\omega L)^2$$

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

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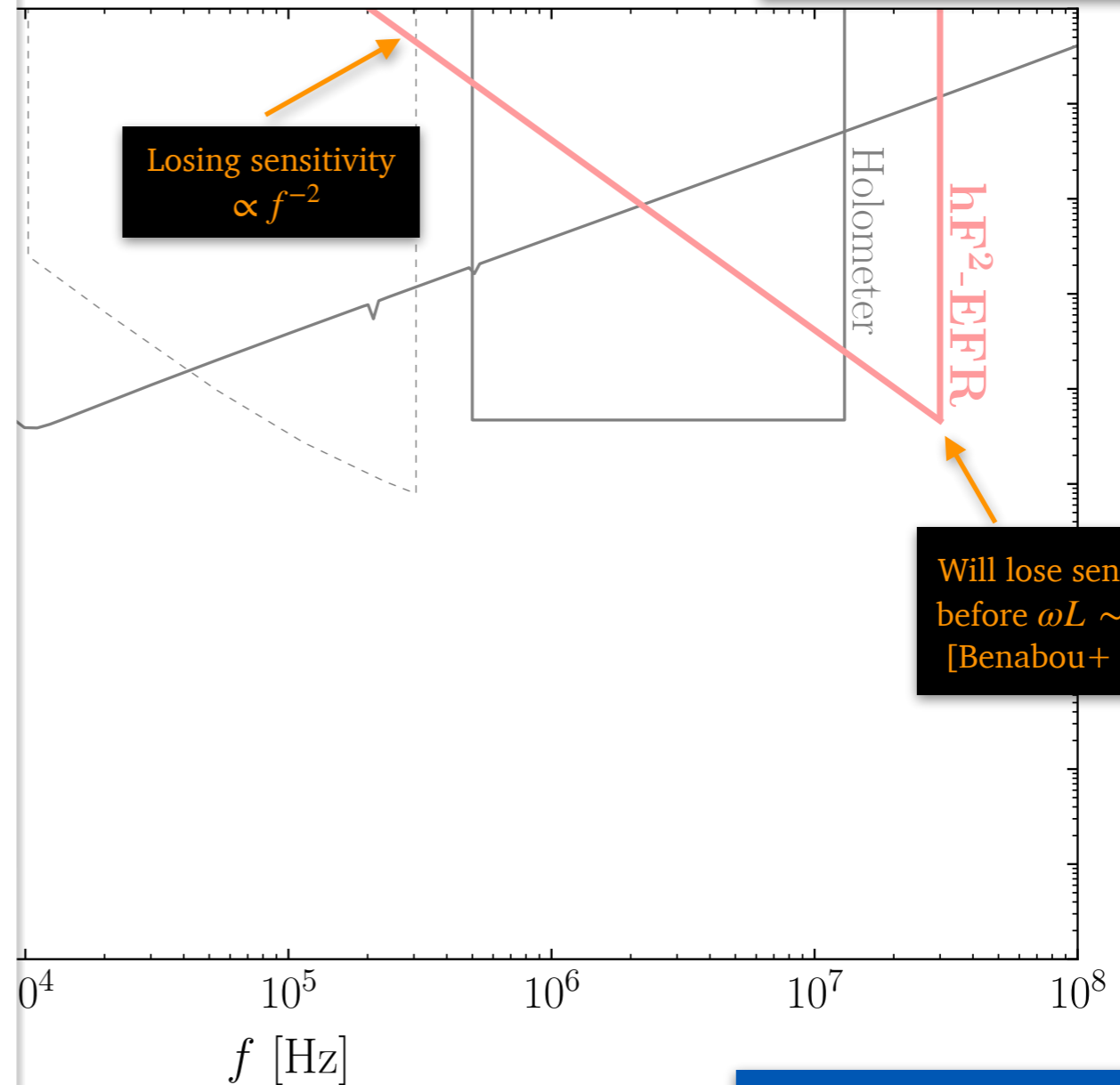
Will lose sensitivity before  $\omega L \sim 1$ , see [Benabou+ 2023]

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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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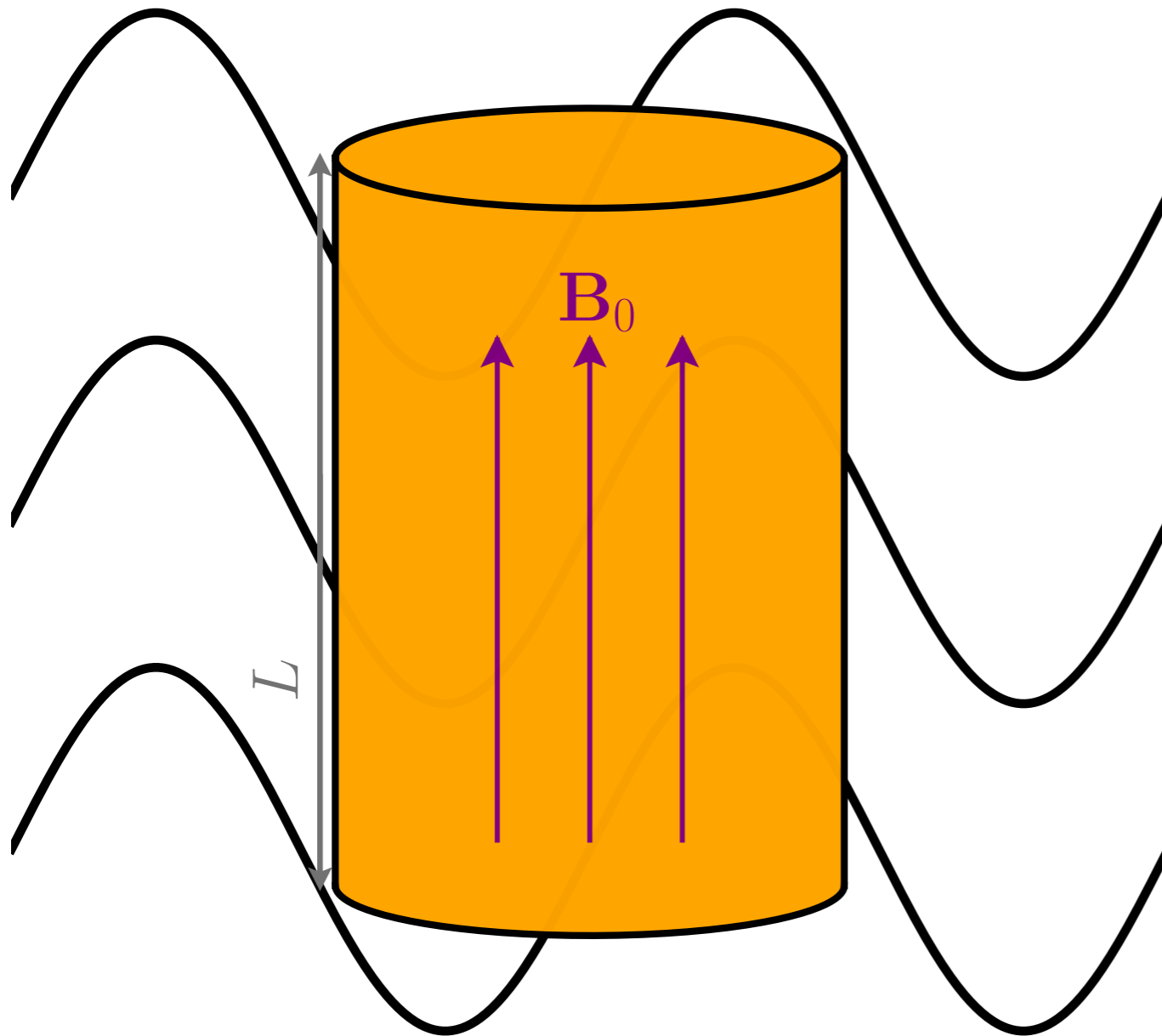
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Couples to an EM modes

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

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

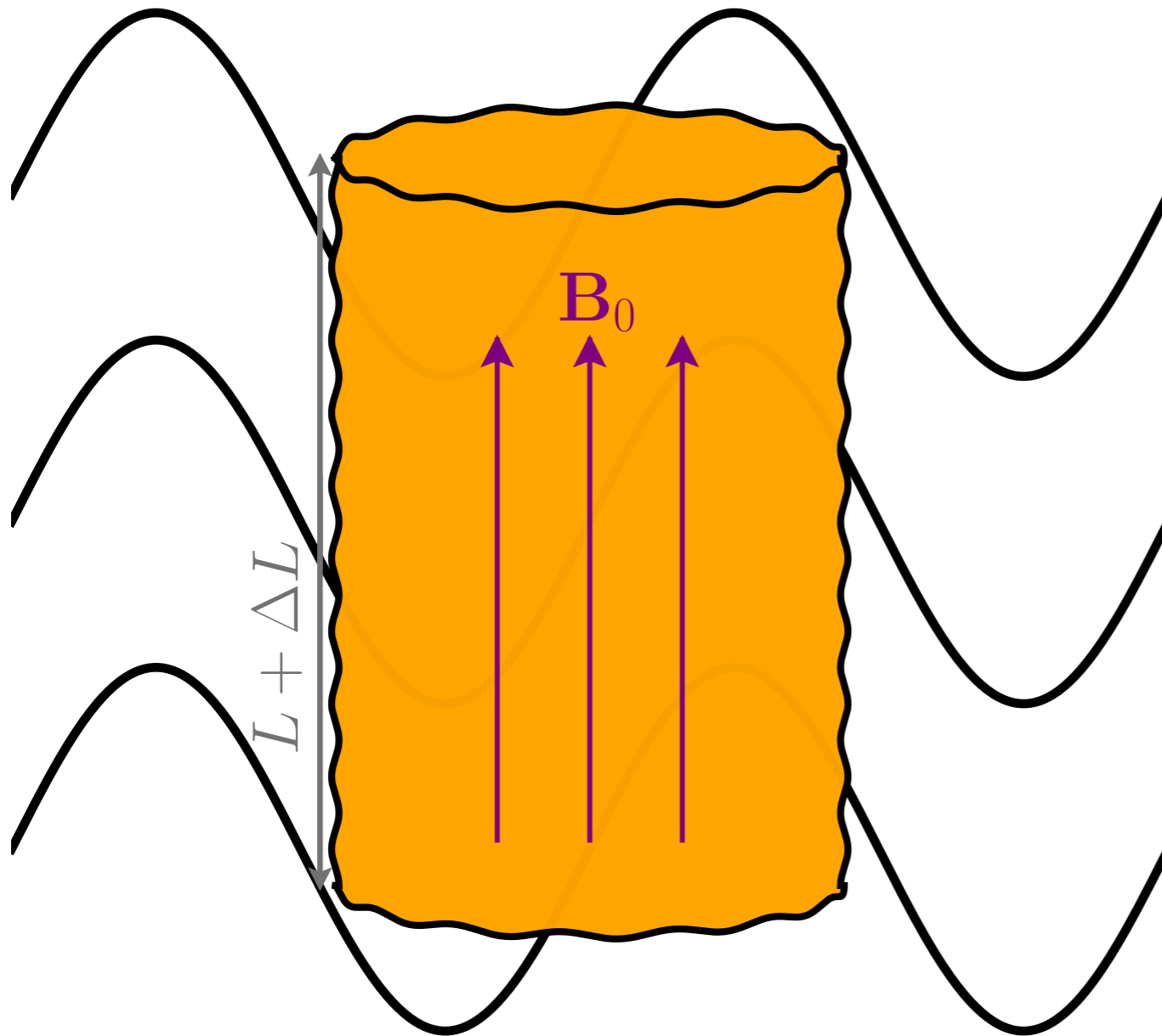
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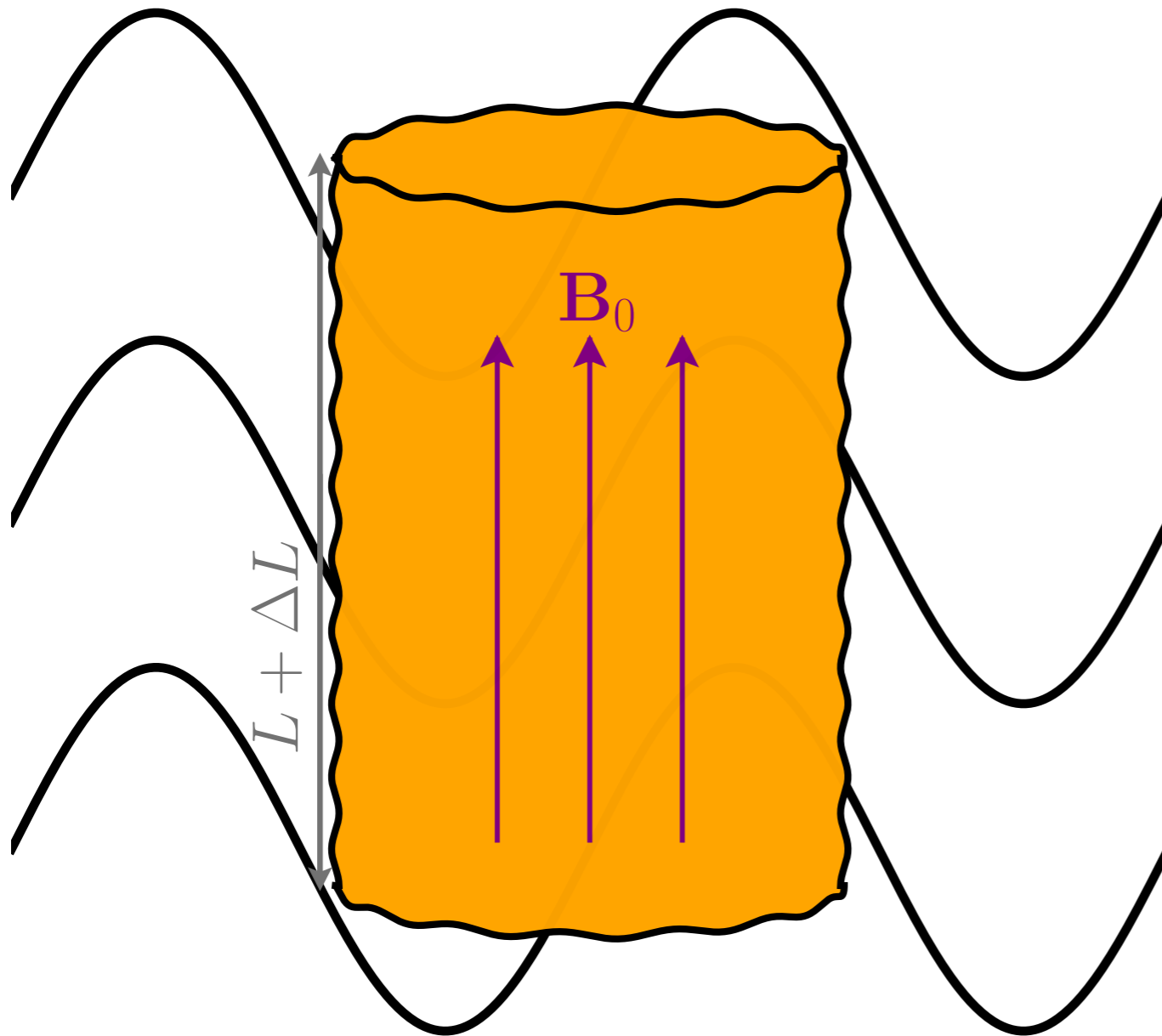
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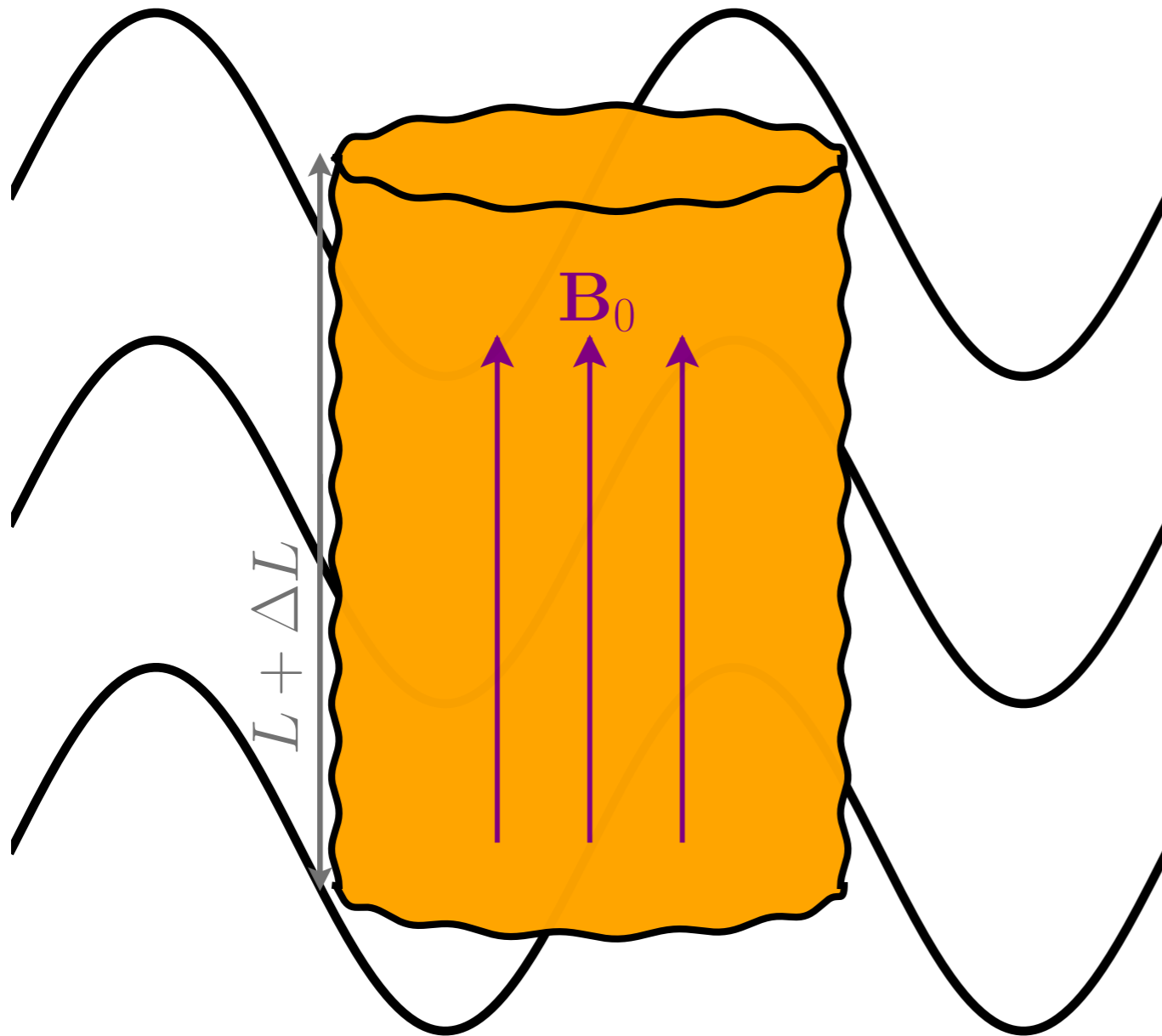
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**A magnet is a  
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**Key:** GW is coupling to mechanical not EM modes

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

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

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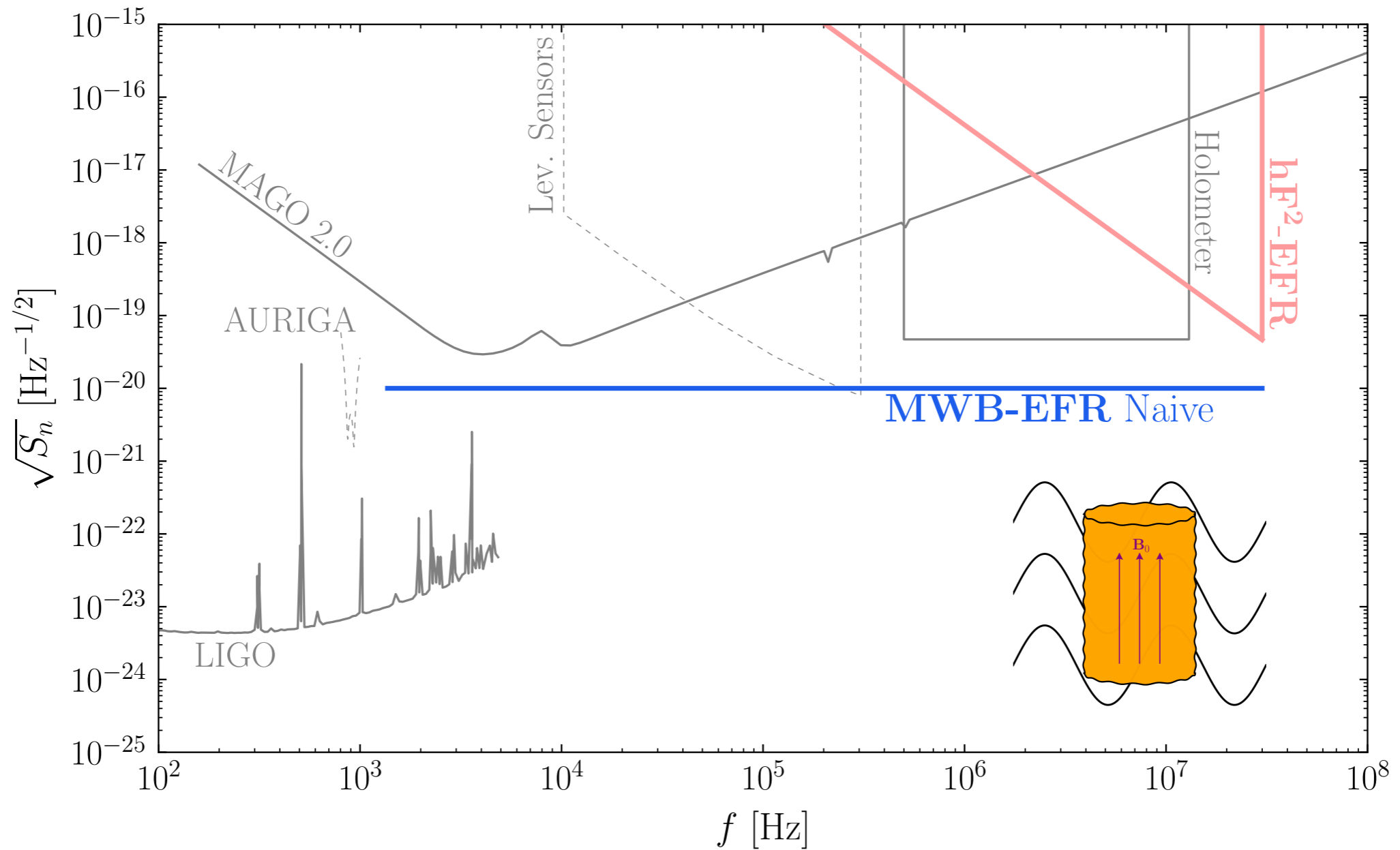
Approximate noise spectral density

$$\sqrt{S_n} \sim \Phi_{\text{SQ}} / (\kappa B_0 \pi R_p^2) \sim 10^{-20} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

Assume  $B_0 \sim 10 \text{ T}$ ,  
 $R_p \sim 0.4 \text{ m}$

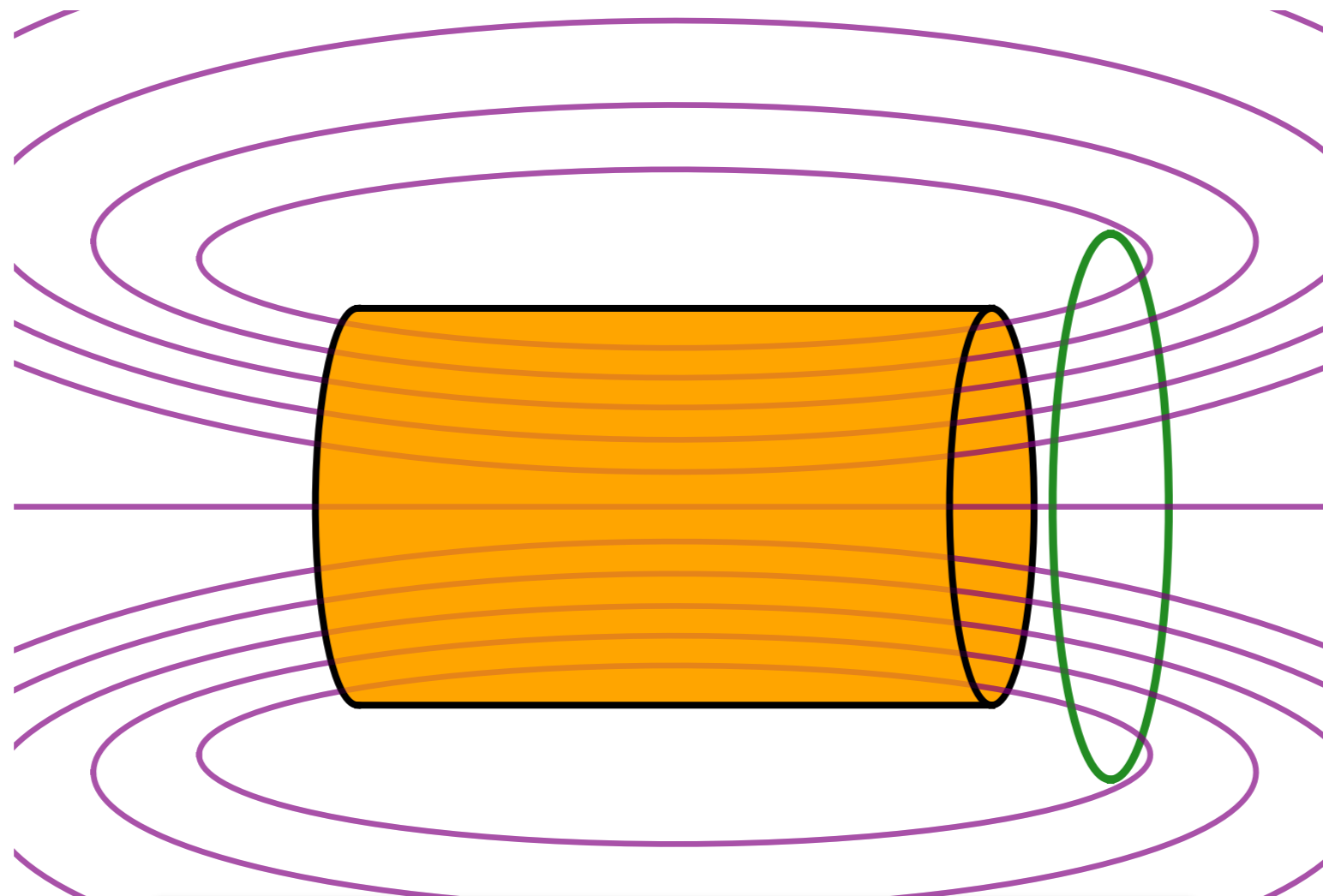
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# Detailed Sensitivity

Consider sensitivity in three regimes



Place pickup loop outside magnet

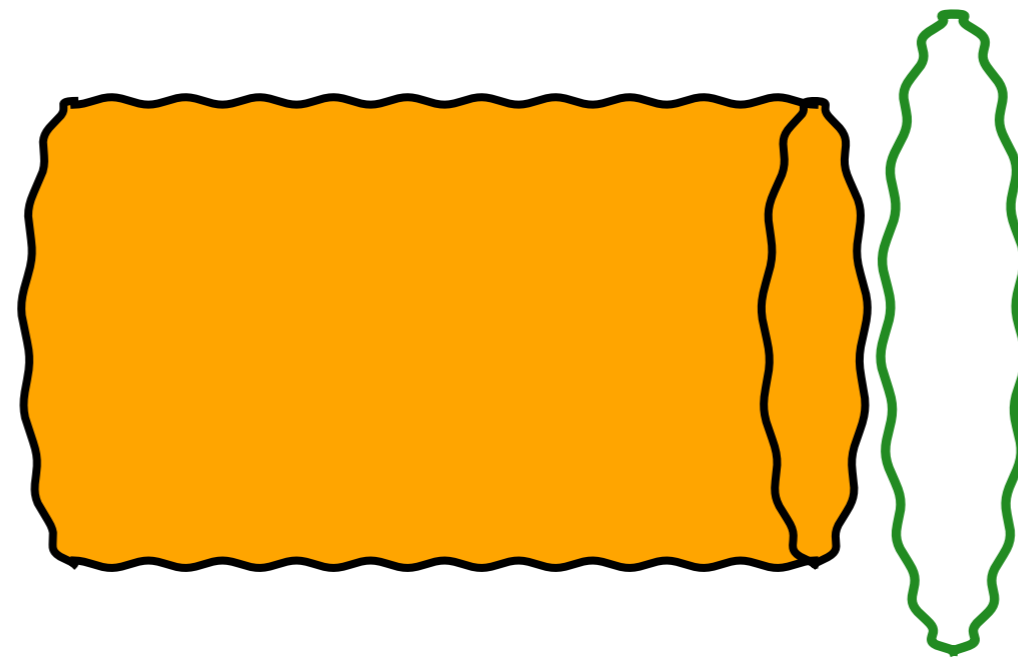
- Run in parallel to axion experiments
- Loop can be larger than magnet bore



# Detailed Sensitivity

Regime 1:  $\omega_{\text{mech}} \ll \omega \ll \omega_{\text{EM}}$

Treat magnet and loop as freely falling



Loop fluctuations enhanced when in a region of large  $B_0$  gradient

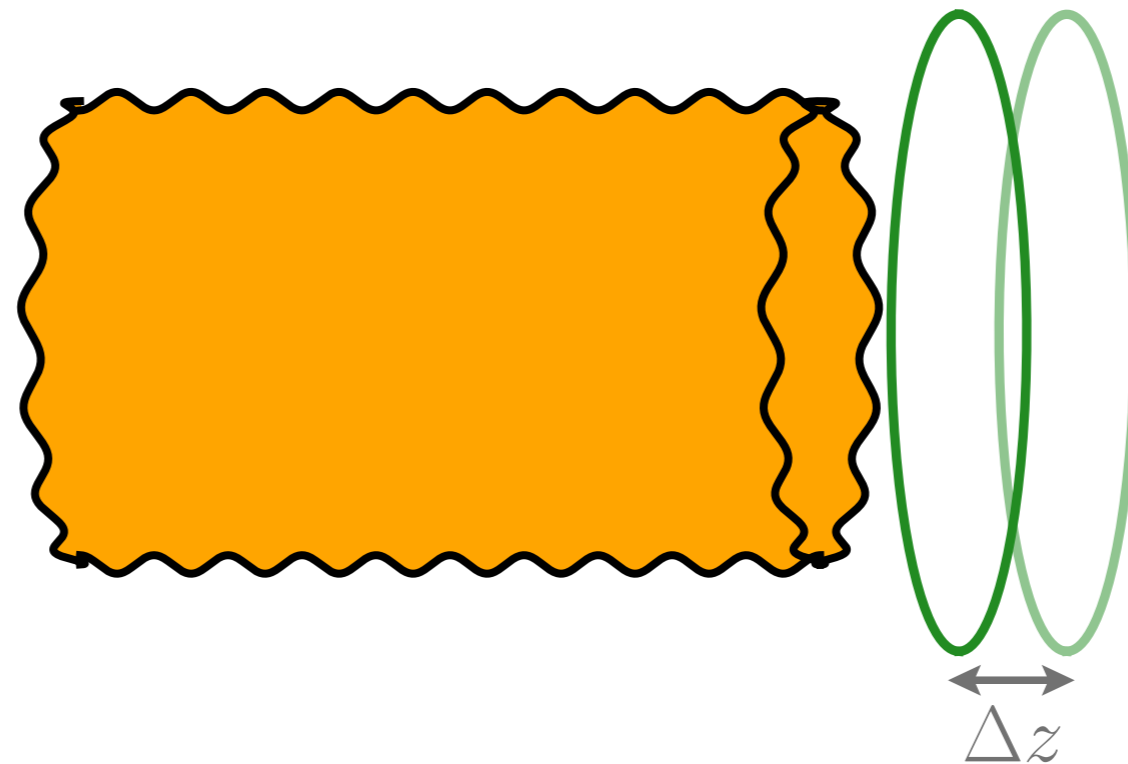
$$S_n \simeq \frac{8L_p}{LB_0^2 A_p^2} S_{\text{SQ}}$$

Valid up to  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  factor due to exact loop position and GW incident direction ( $L, L_p$  SQUID, pickup inductances)

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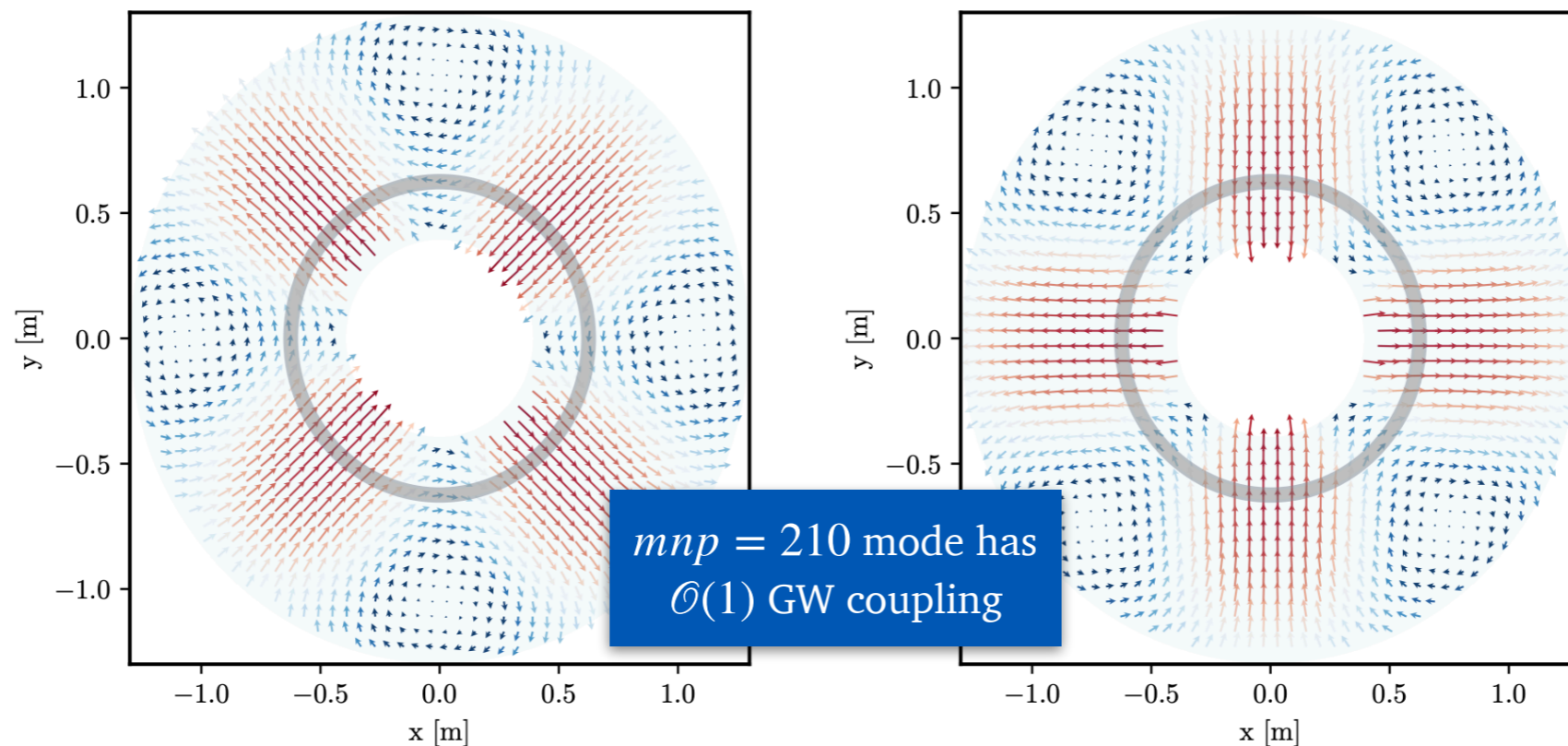
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Compute the mechanical modes of the magnet with Navier-Cauchy eq.

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

$\mathbf{U}$ : displacement field

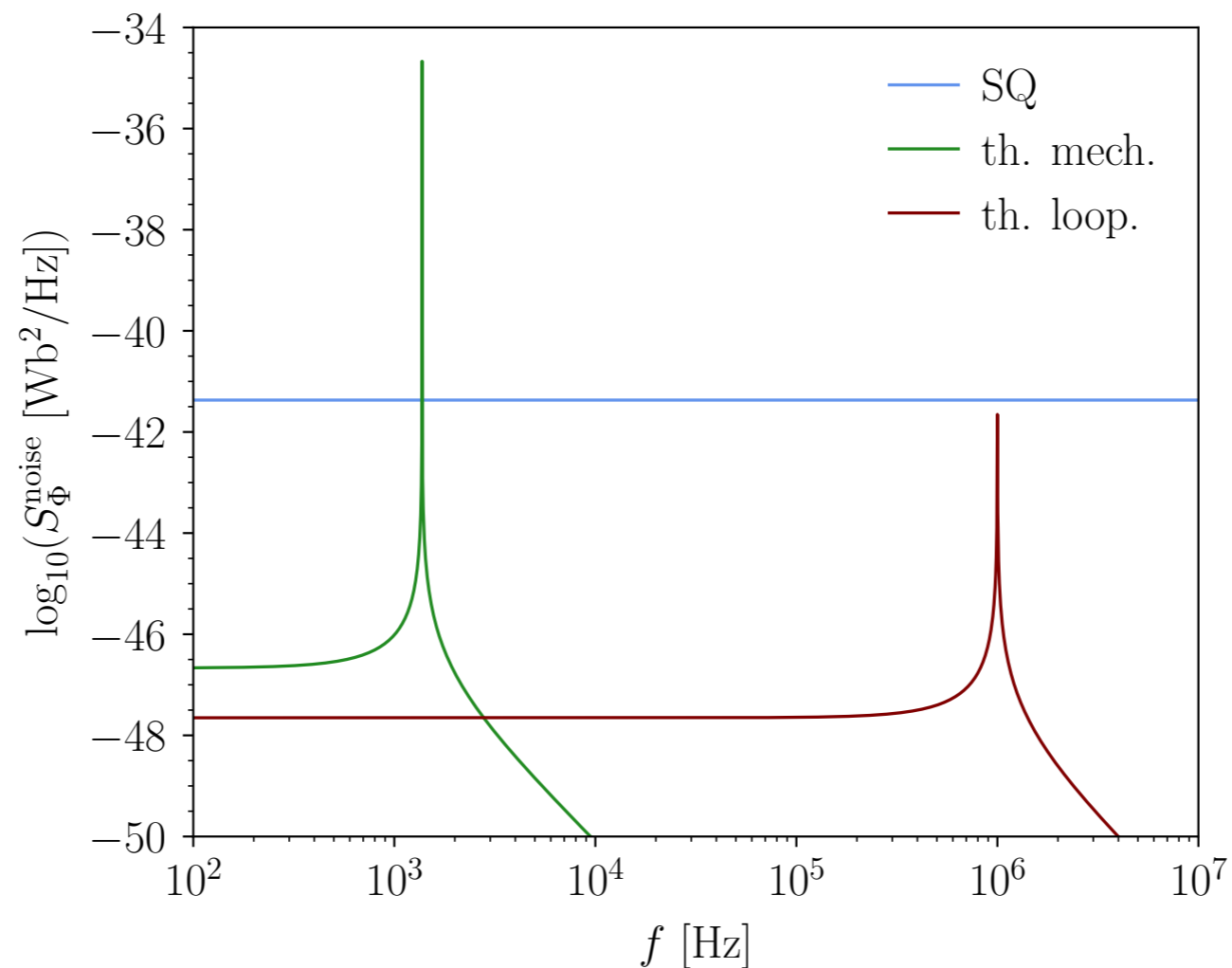


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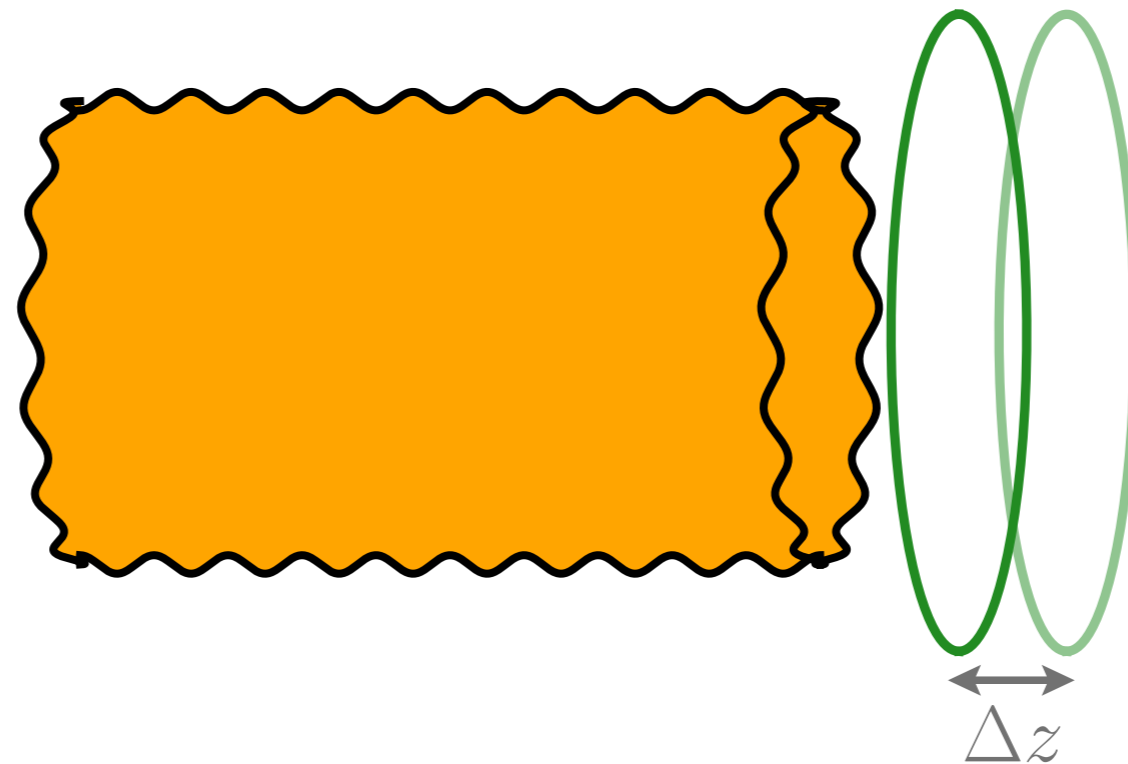
Thermal vibrations of the magnet also resonantly enhanced



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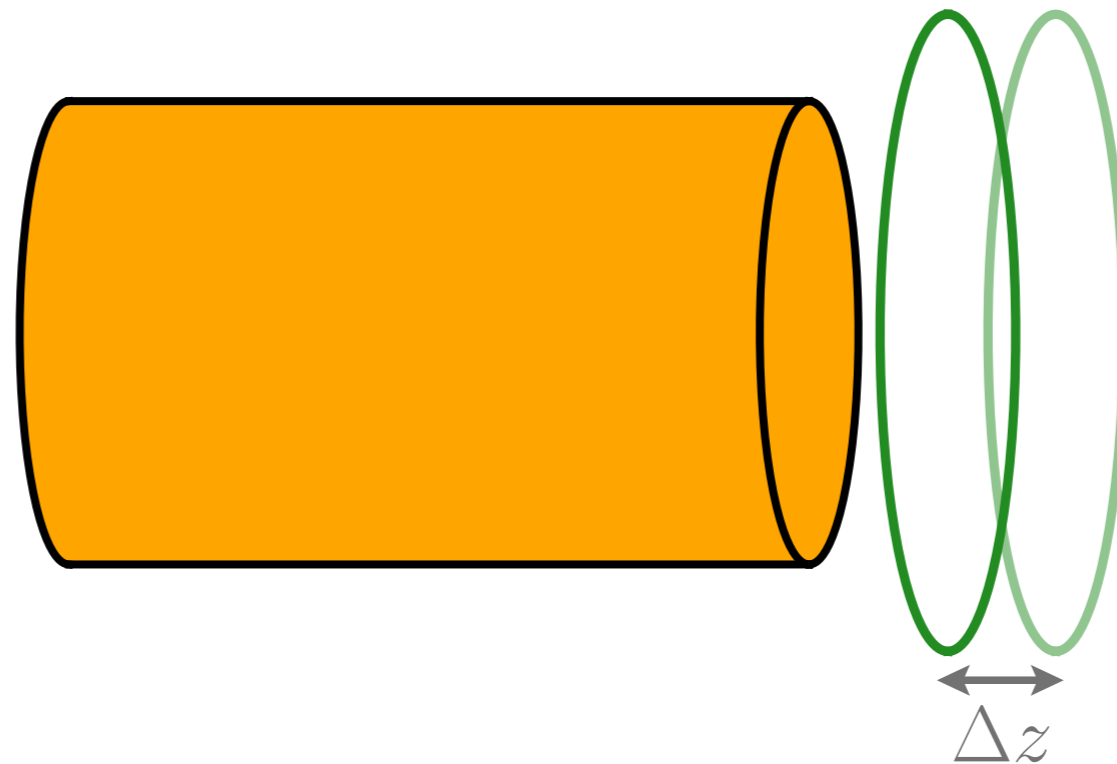
$$S_n \approx \frac{4T}{M(\eta_{210}L)^2 \omega_{\text{mech}}^3 Q_{\text{mech}}}$$

Fig. & bkg. enhanced by  $B_0$ , dependence vanishes ( $\eta$  overlap factor)

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Regime 3:  $\omega_{\text{mech}} \gg \omega$

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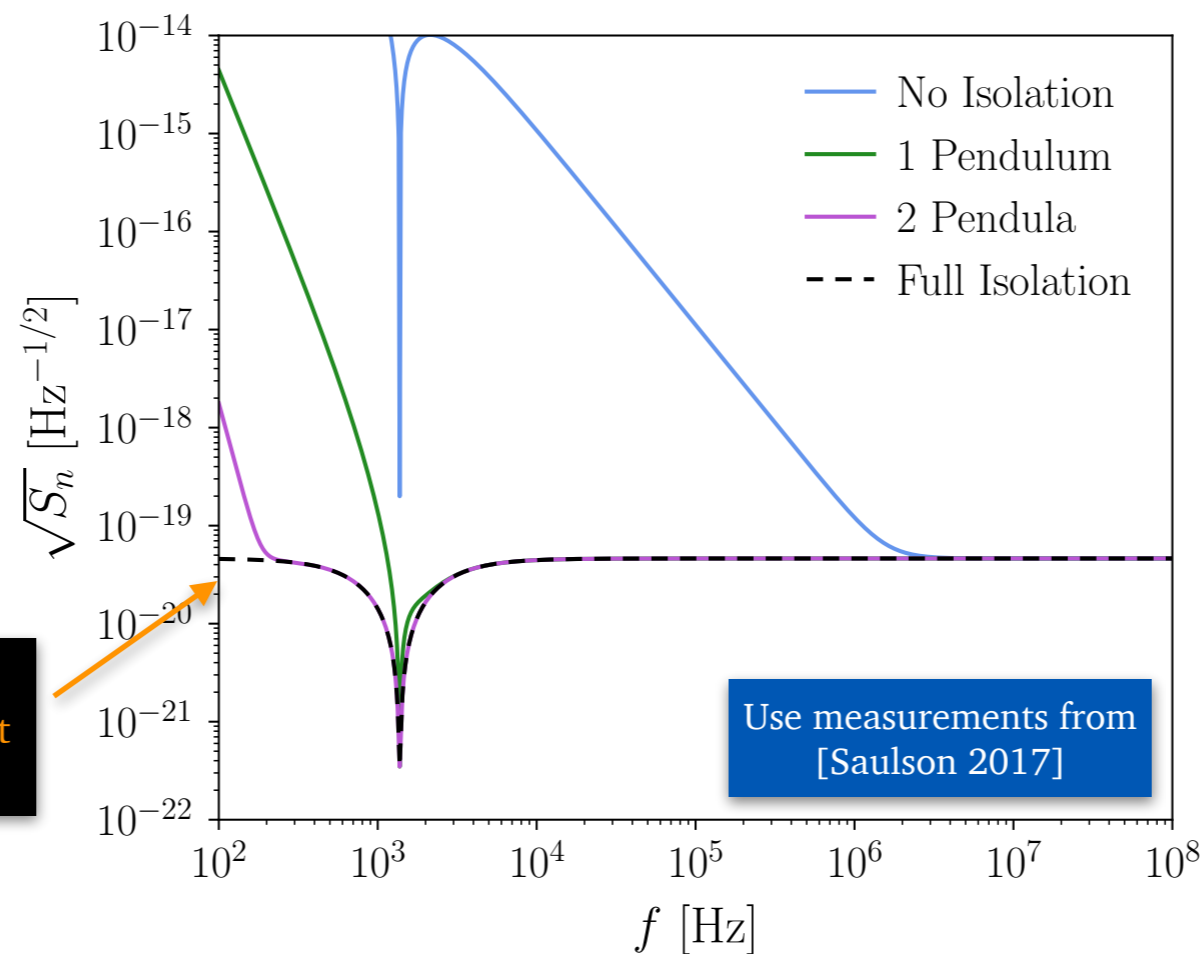


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Sensitivity as in regime 1 up to seismic noise



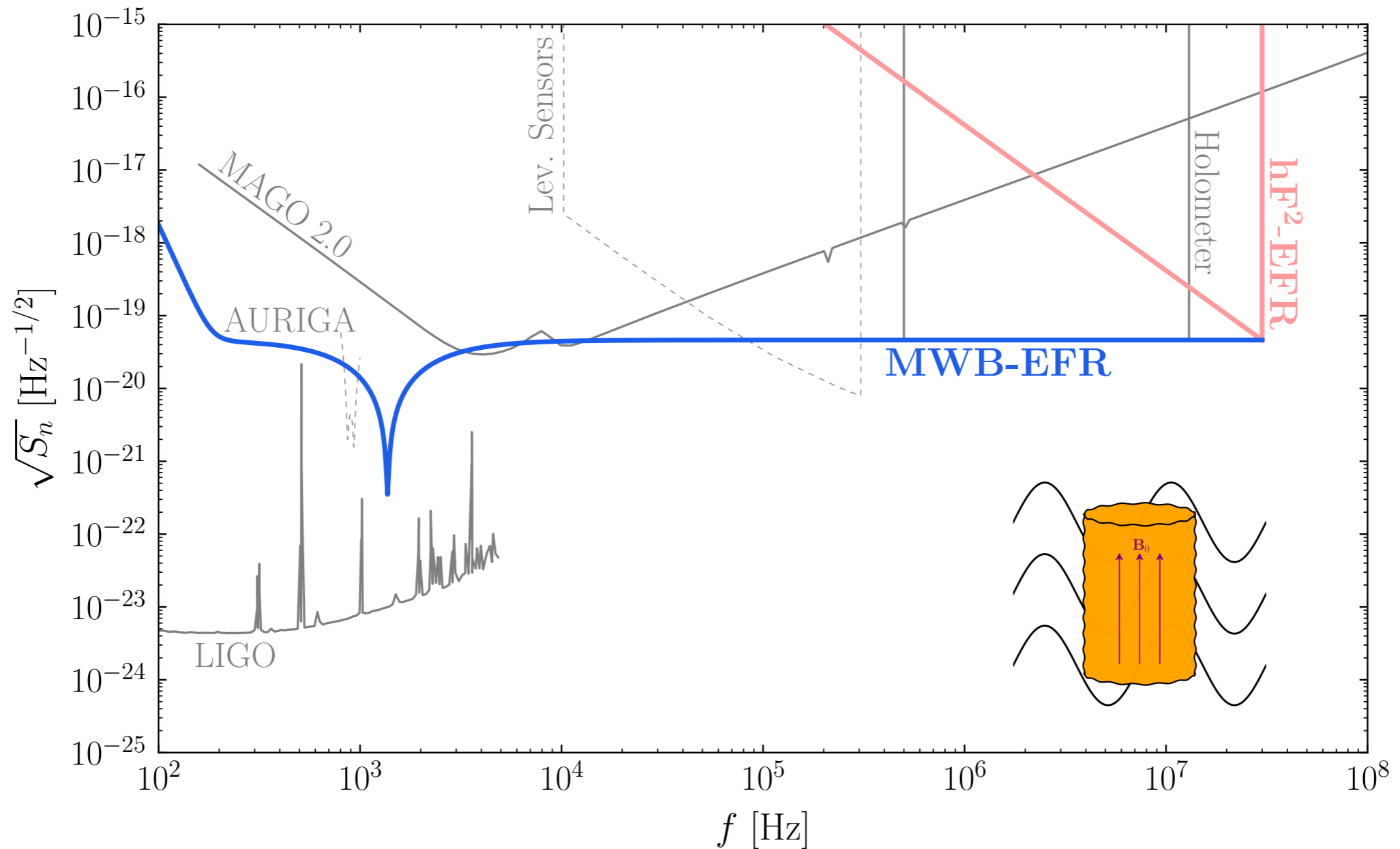
Can't win forever,  
eventually gravity gradient  
noise [Saulson 1984]

Use measurements from  
[Saulson 2017]

Suggests also important  
for e.g. DMRadio

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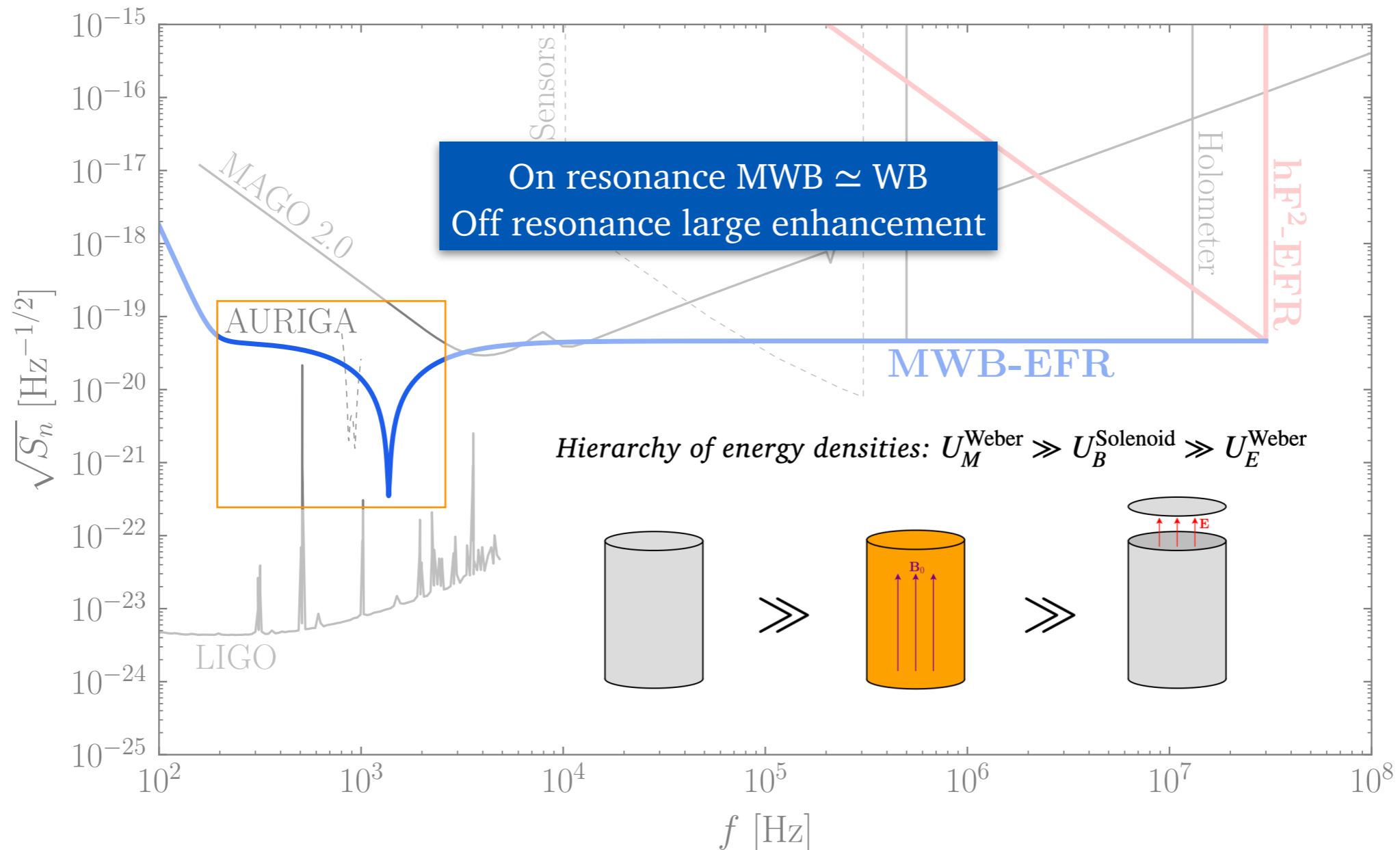
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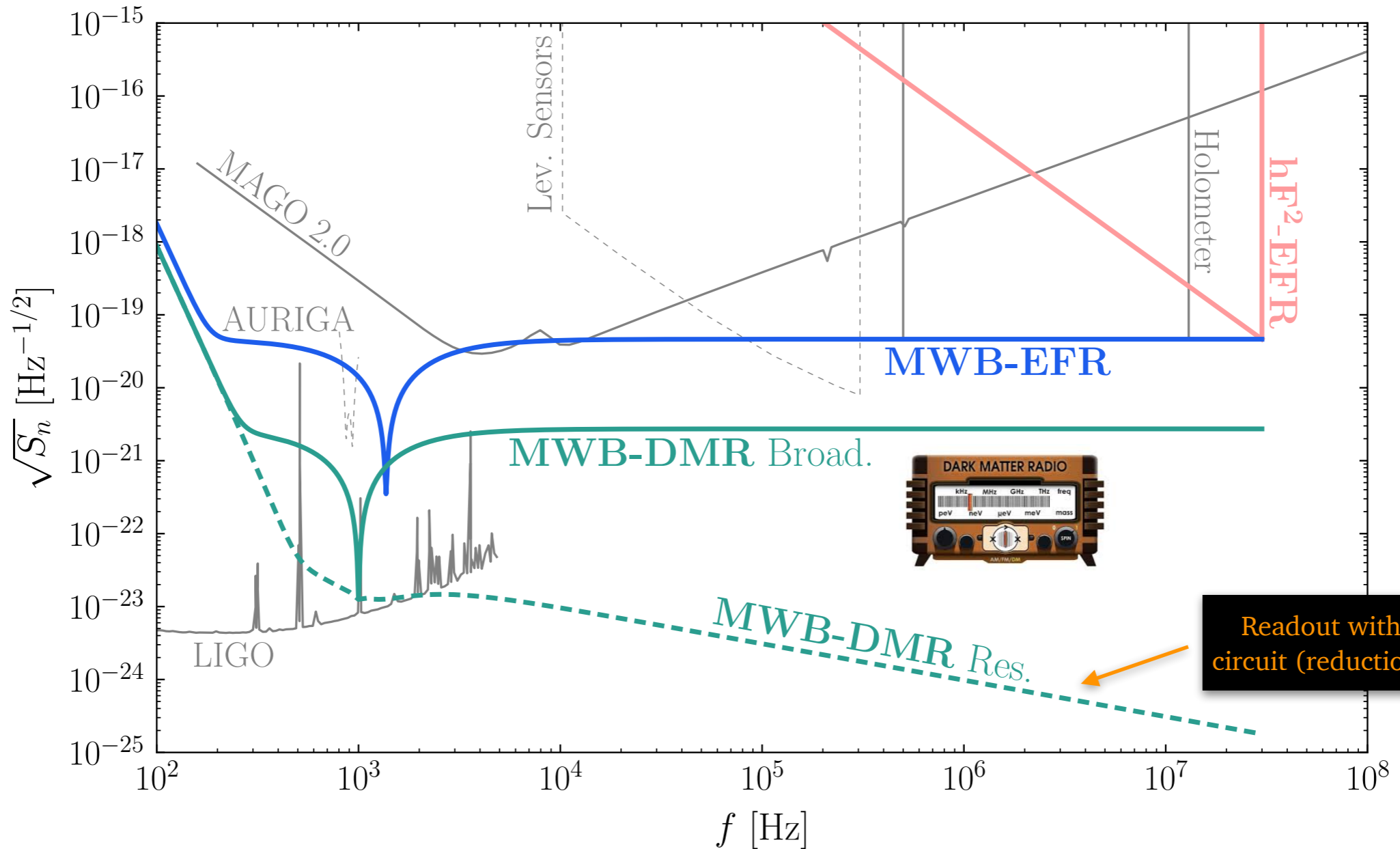
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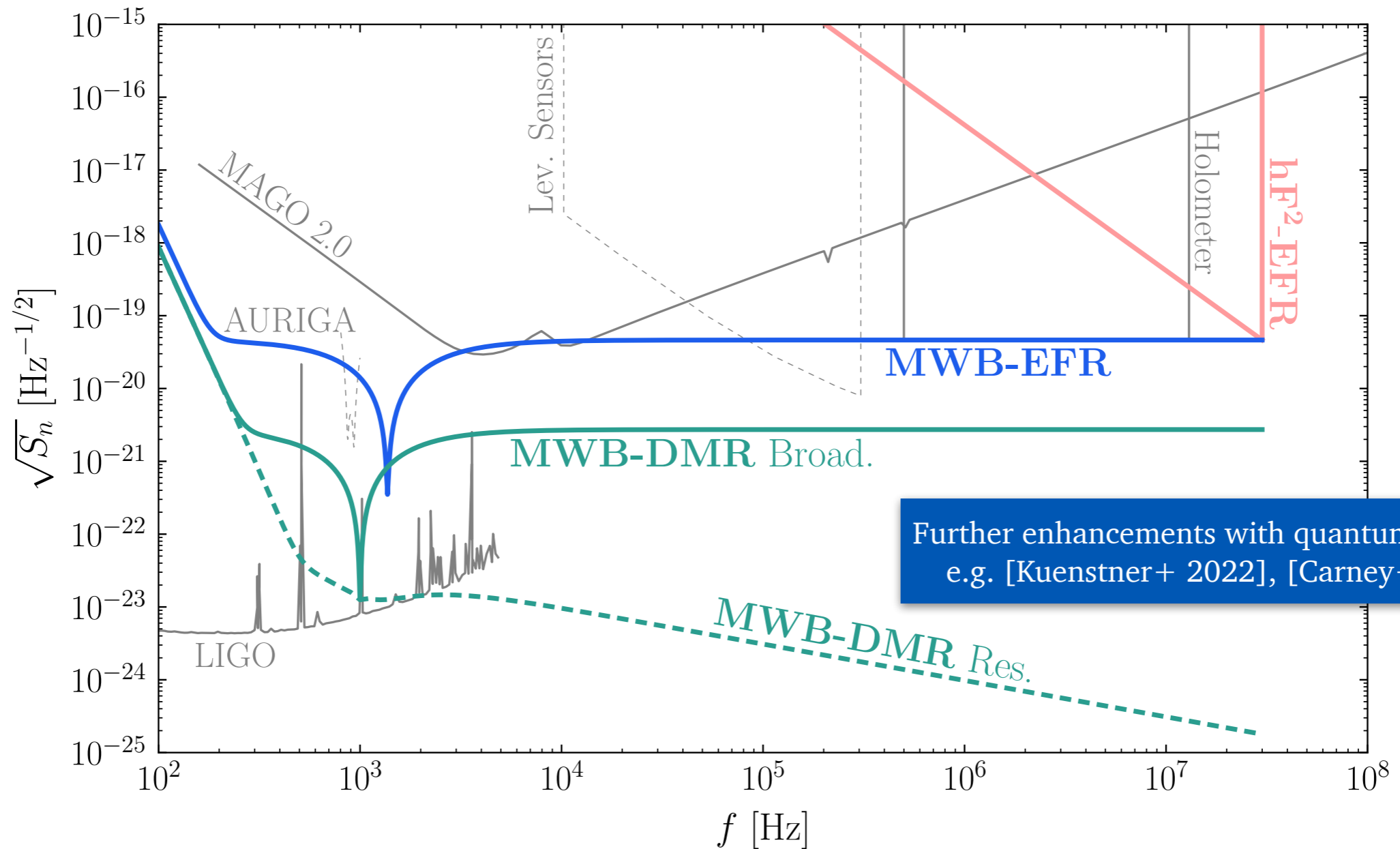
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EFR:  $B_0 = 10 \text{ T}, T = 4 \text{ K}, R_p = 0.4 \text{ m}, Q_{\text{mech}} = 10^6$   
 DMR:  $B_0 = 16 \text{ T}, T = 0.02 \text{ K}, R_p = 3 \text{ m}, Q_{\text{mech}} = 10^7$

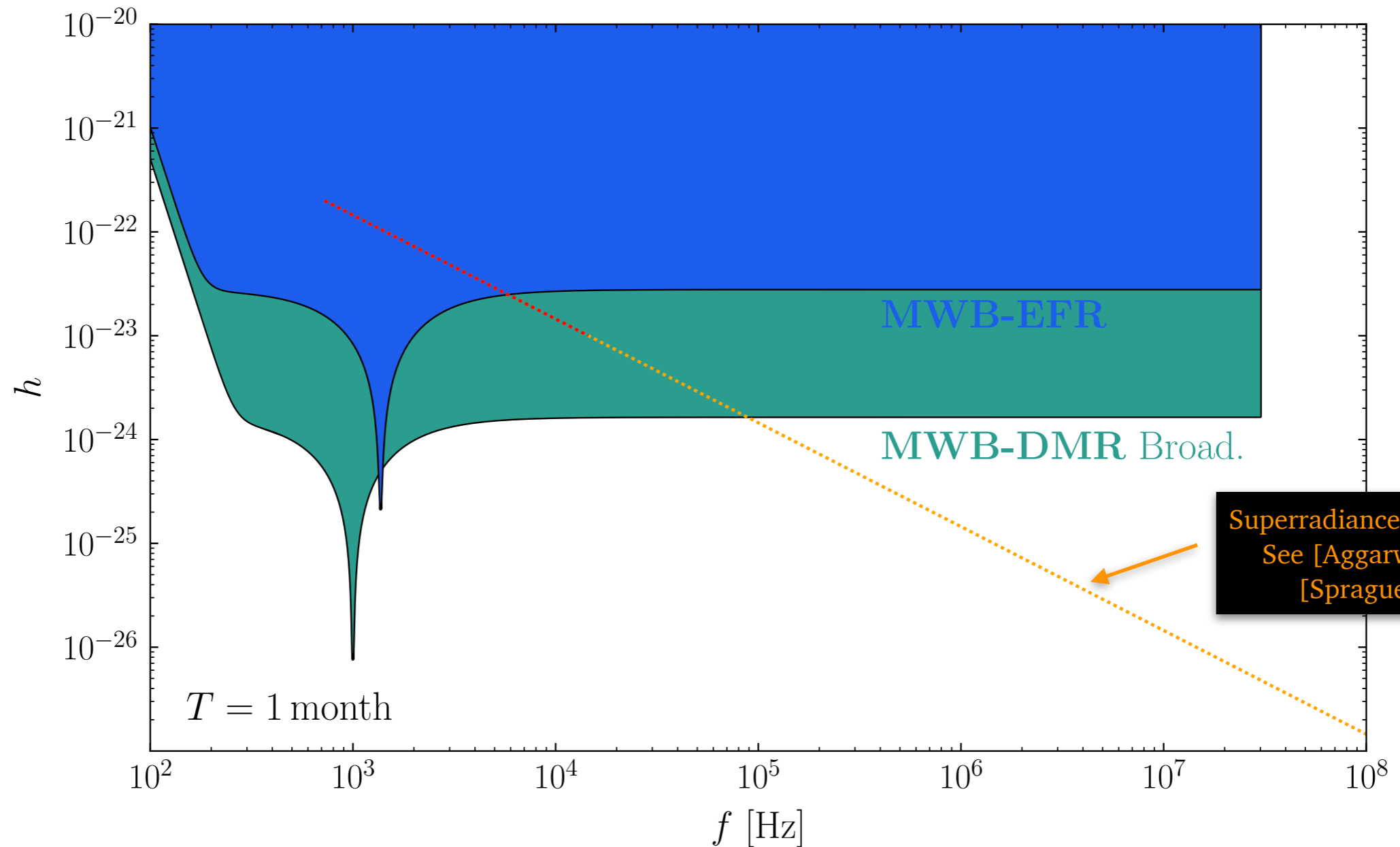
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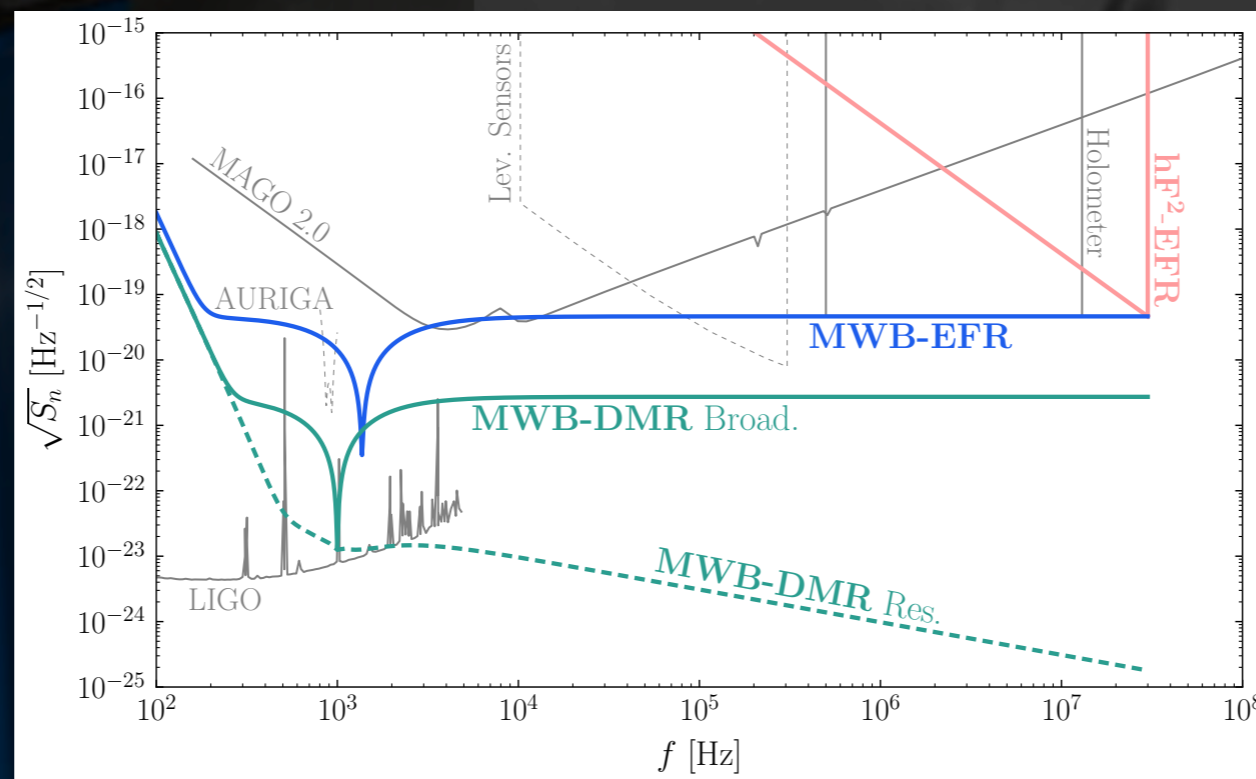
Reach for persistent monochromatic signal  $h \sim \sqrt{S_n/T}$



Currently studying the reach to various signals  
w/ [Domcke, Ellis, Ning, Schutte-Engel]

# Conclusion

Magnets can have leading sensitivity to high-frequency gravitational waves

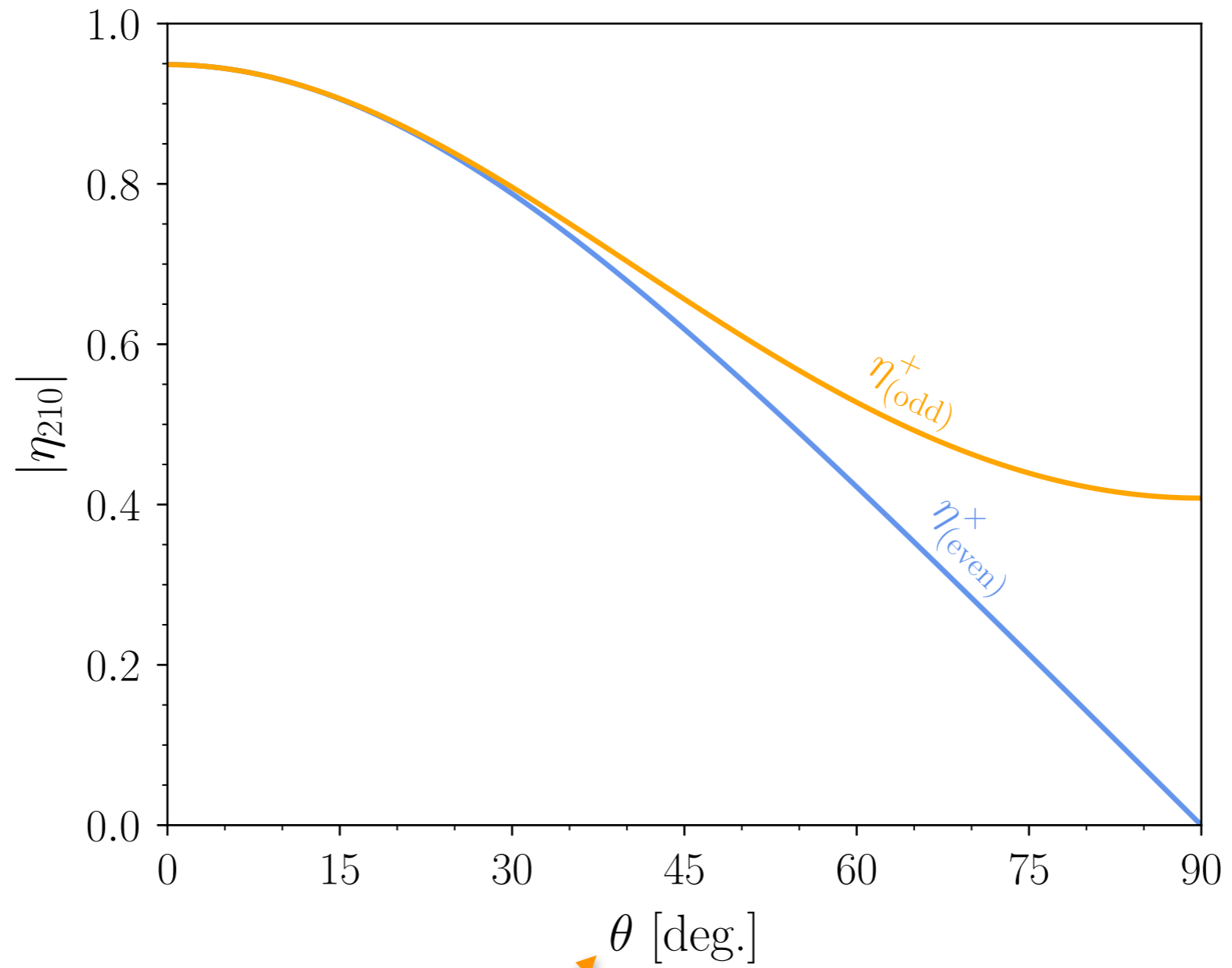


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Backup Slides

# Overlap Factor



Angle from the z-axis

# Proper Detector Frame

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Proper Detector Frame: more involved

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

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

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

$$F(\xi) = (e^{i\xi} - 1 - i\xi) / \xi^2 = -1/2 + \mathcal{O}(\xi)$$

See [Berlin, Blas, Tito D'Agnolo, Ellis, Harnik, Kahn, Schutte-Engel 2021],  
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Use Fermi normal coordinates

Locally inertial coordinates  
along a geodesic [Fermi 1922]

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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