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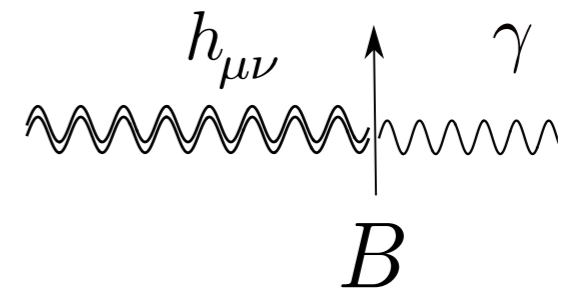
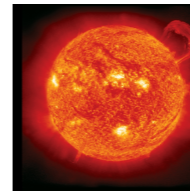
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- Motivation: the Gertsenhstein effect

Axions versus high-frequency gravitational waves

- Standard model backgrounds

Solar gravitational waves



- Conclusions

# **Motivation**

## **The Gertsenhstein effect**

**Axions versus high-frequency  
gravitational waves**

# High-frequency gravitational waves

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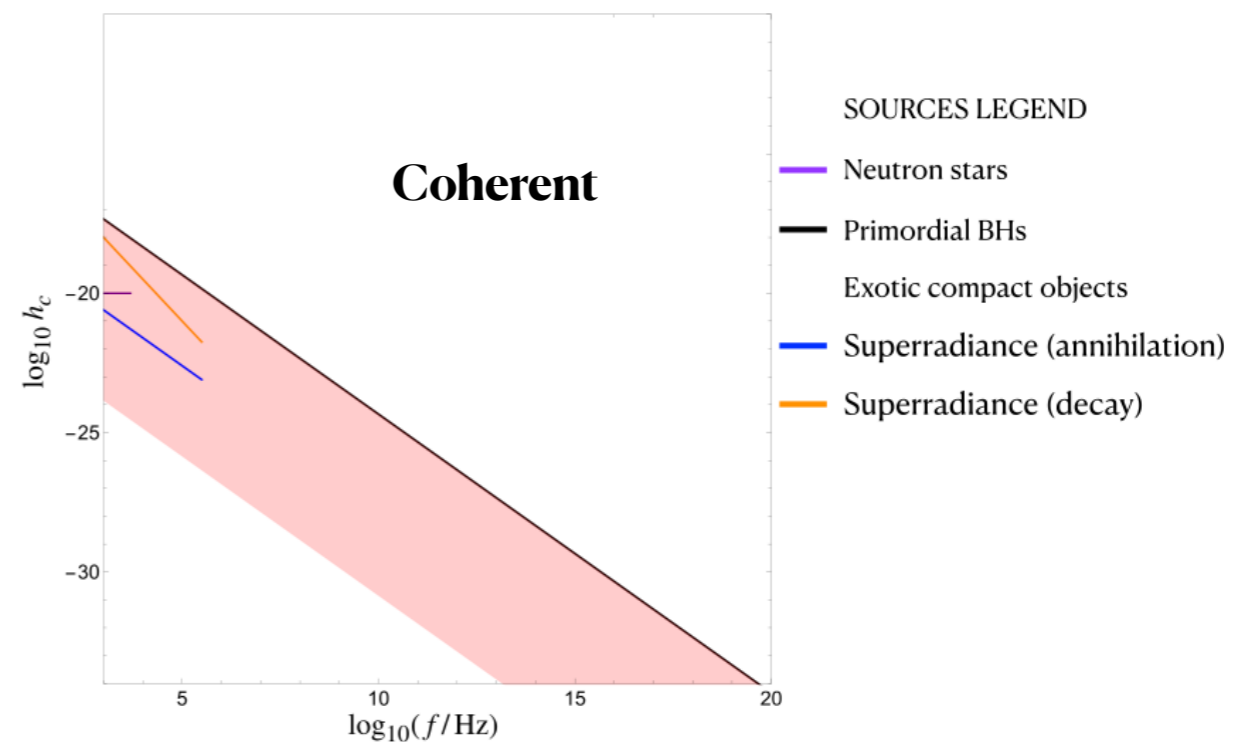
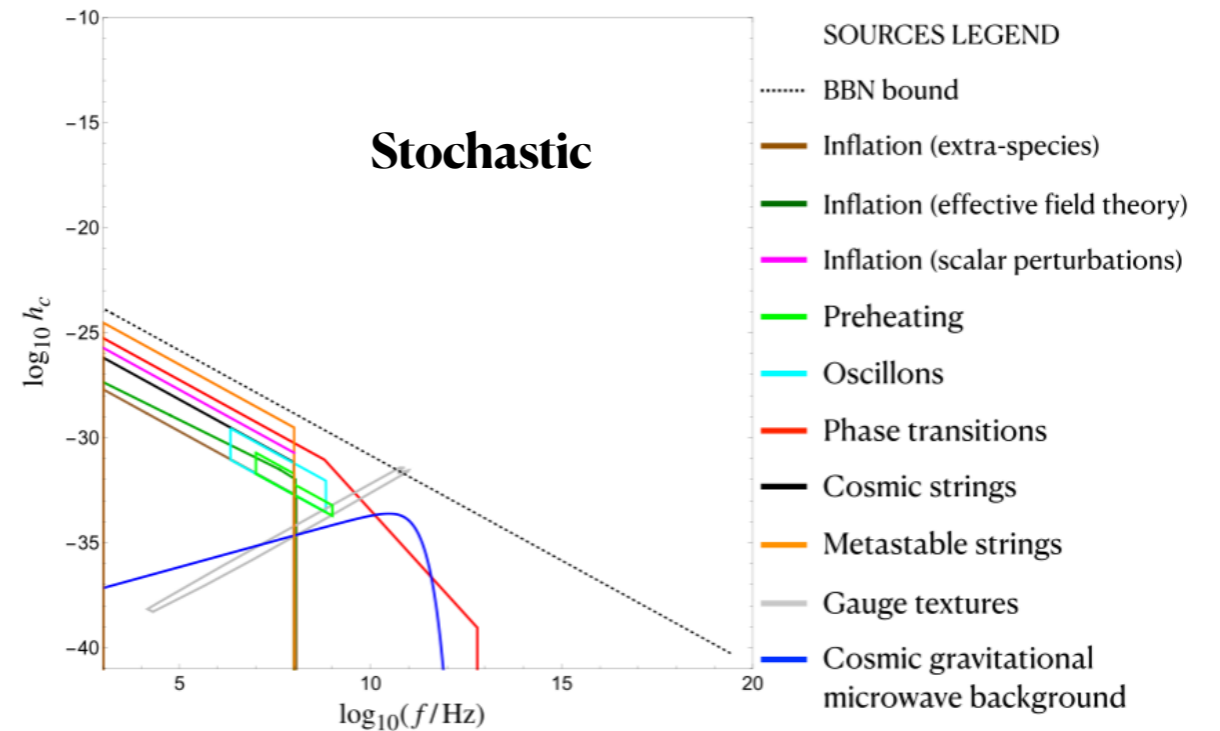
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## Challenges and opportunities of gravitational-wave searches at MHz to GHz frequencies

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# Revisiting Gertsenhstein's ideas

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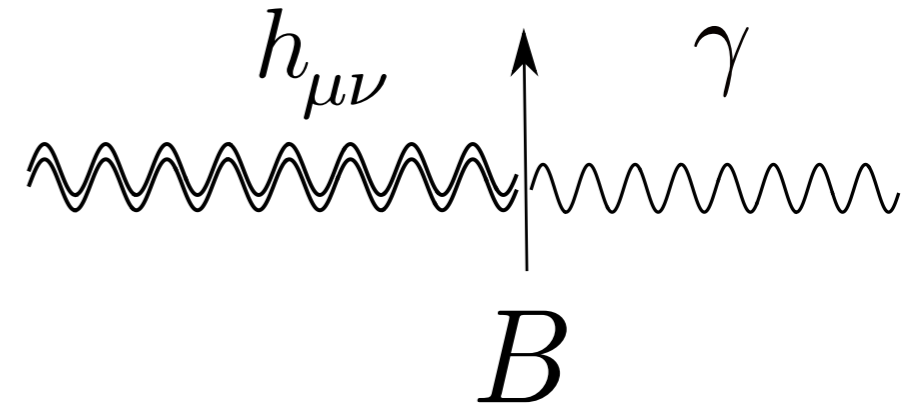
## WAVE RESONANCE OF LIGHT AND GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

M. E. GERTSENSHTEĪN

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The energy of gravitational waves excited during the propagation of light in a constant magnetic or electric field is estimated.



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## ON THE DETECTION OF LOW FREQUENCY GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

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It is shown that the sensitivity of the electromechanical experiments for detecting gravitational waves by means of piezocrystals is ten orders of magnitude worse than that estimated by Weber.<sup>[1]</sup> In the low frequency range it should be possible to detect gravitational waves by the shift of the bands in an optical interferometer. The sensitivity of this method is investigated.

Terrestrial  
interferometers



# The (inverse) Gertsenhstein Effect

- The conversion of gravitational waves into electromagnetic waves is a classical process. Its rate does not involve  $\hbar$

$$P \sim GB^2L^2$$

- Cosmological conversion

Potential of Radio Telescopes as High-Frequency Gravitational Wave Detectors

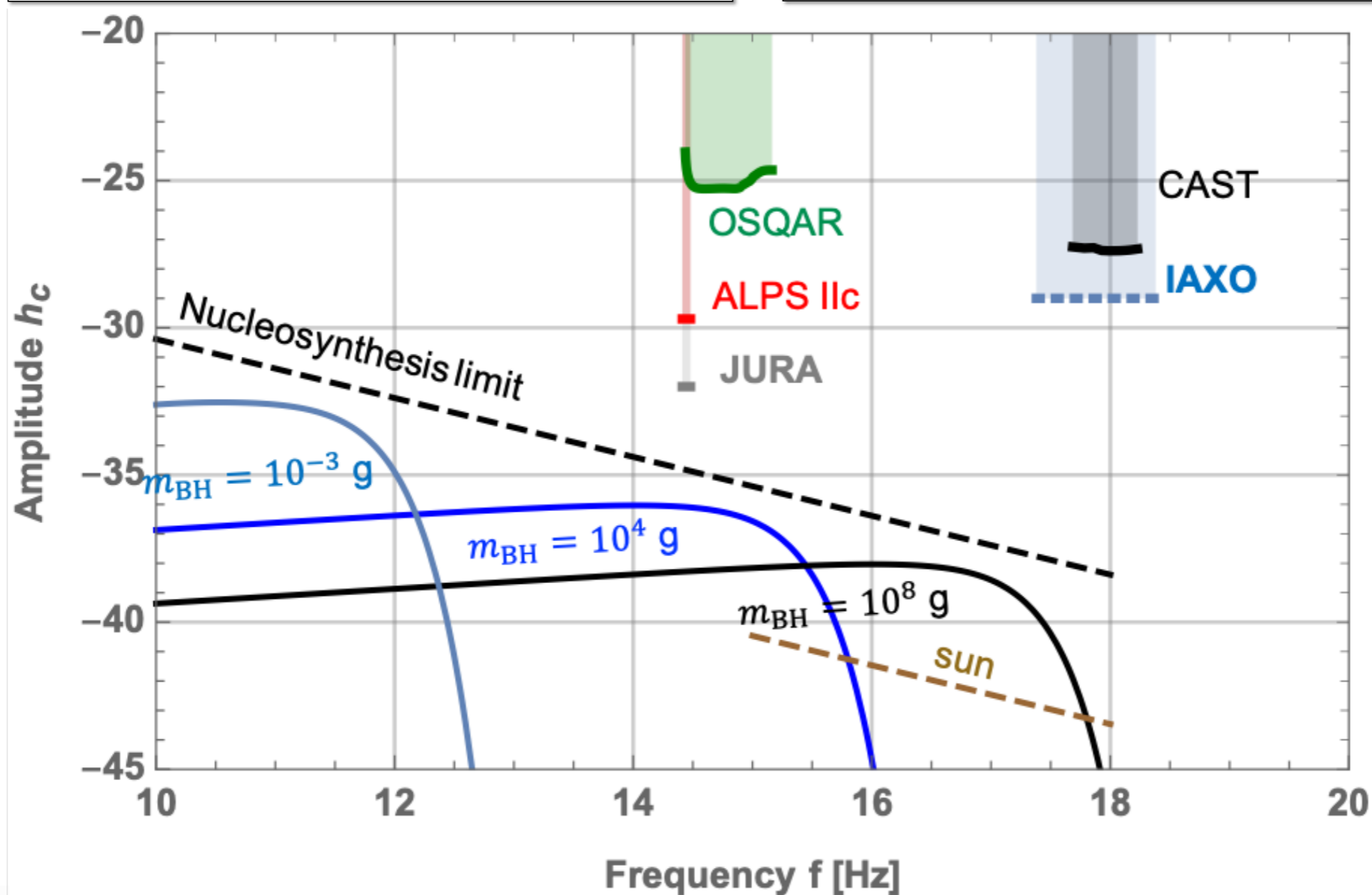
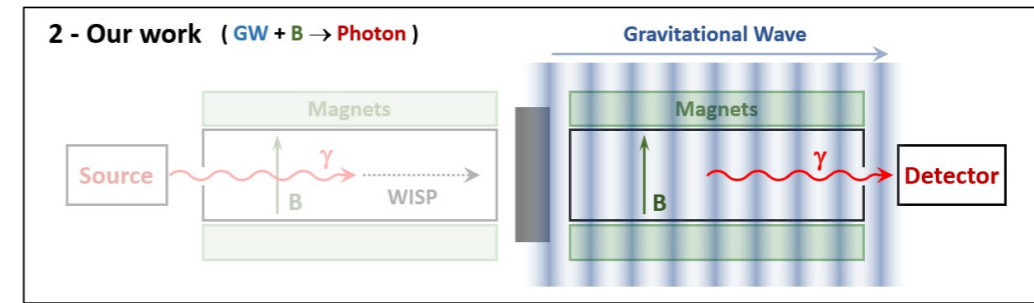
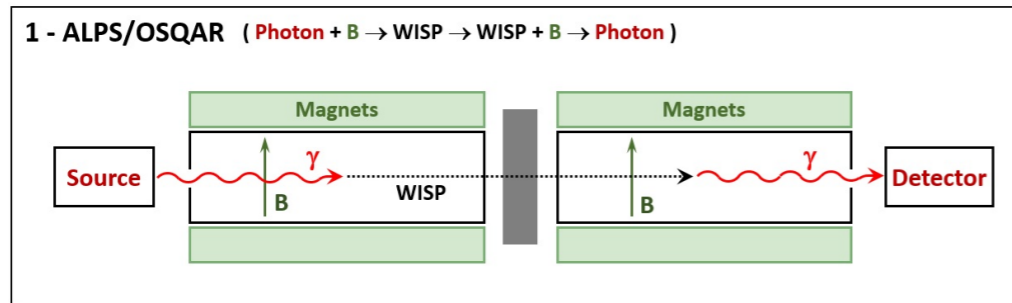
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- The process is strictly analogous to axion conversion.

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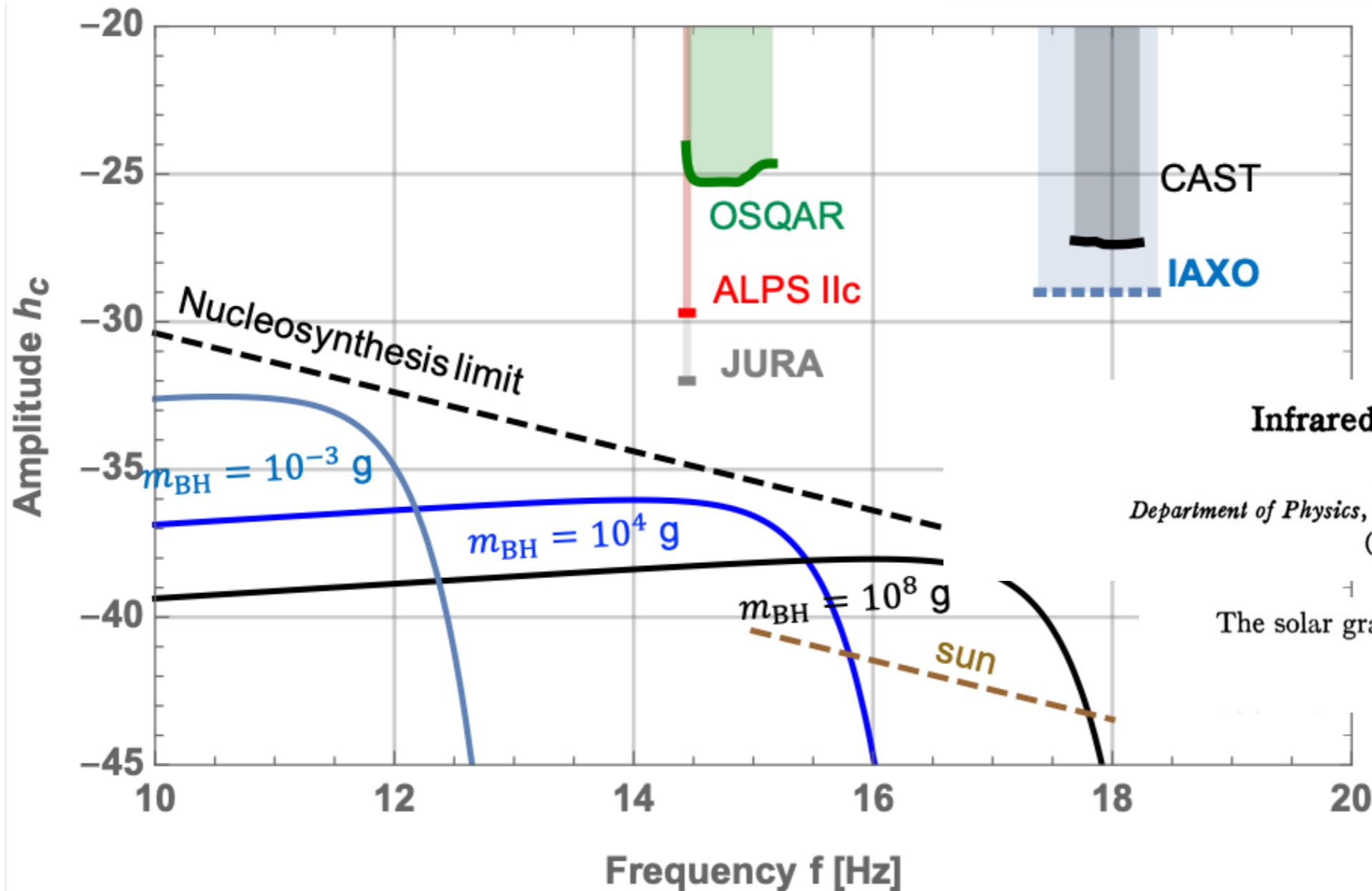
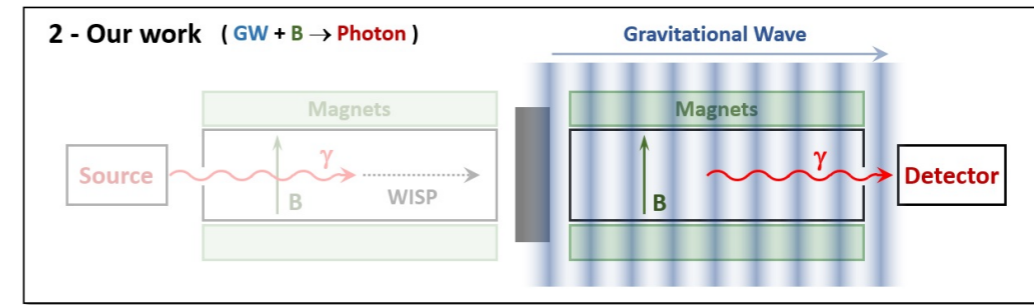
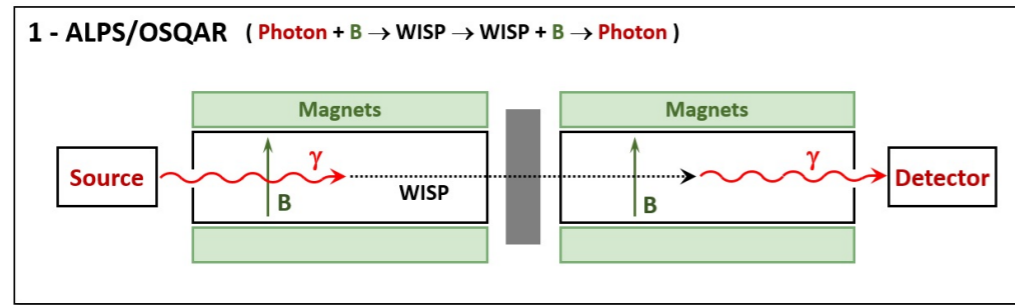
# The (inverse) Gertsenhstein Effect



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# The (inverse) Gertsenhstein Effect



## Infrared Photons and Gravitons\*

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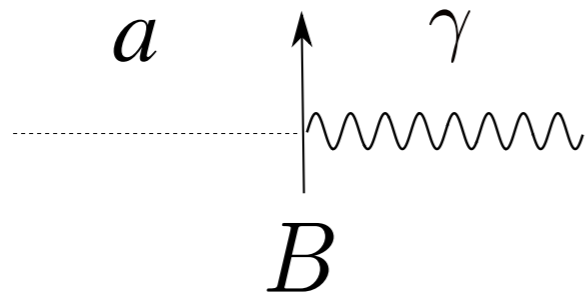
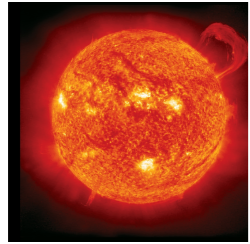
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$$P_{\odot} \simeq 6 \times 10^{14} \text{ erg/sec.} \quad (4.24)$$



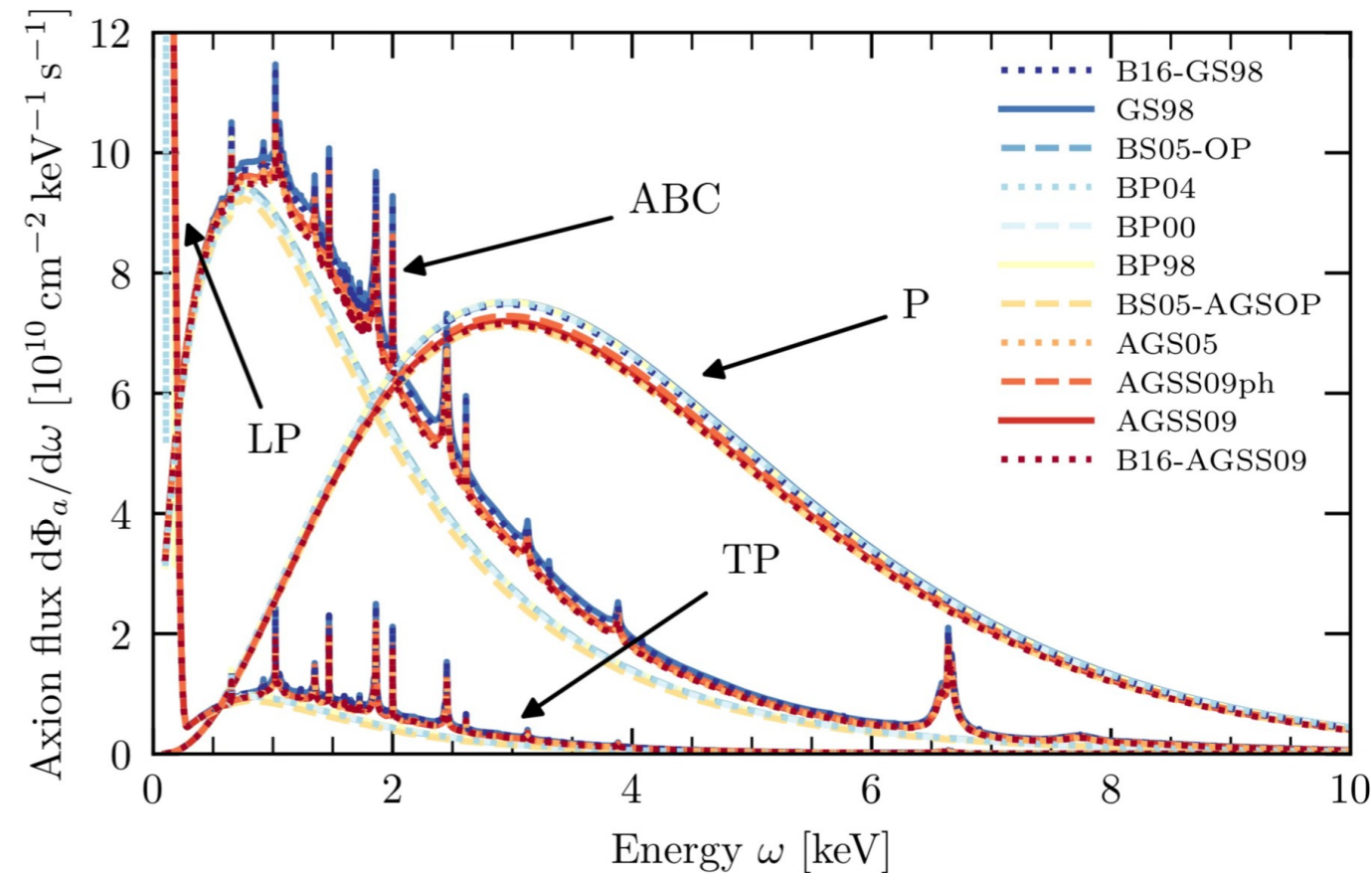
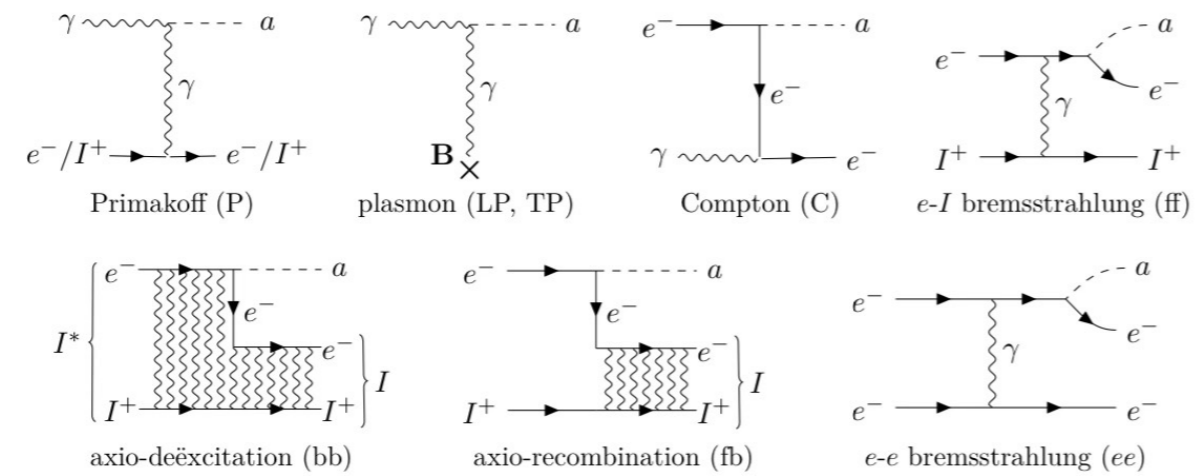
# Solar emission of axions

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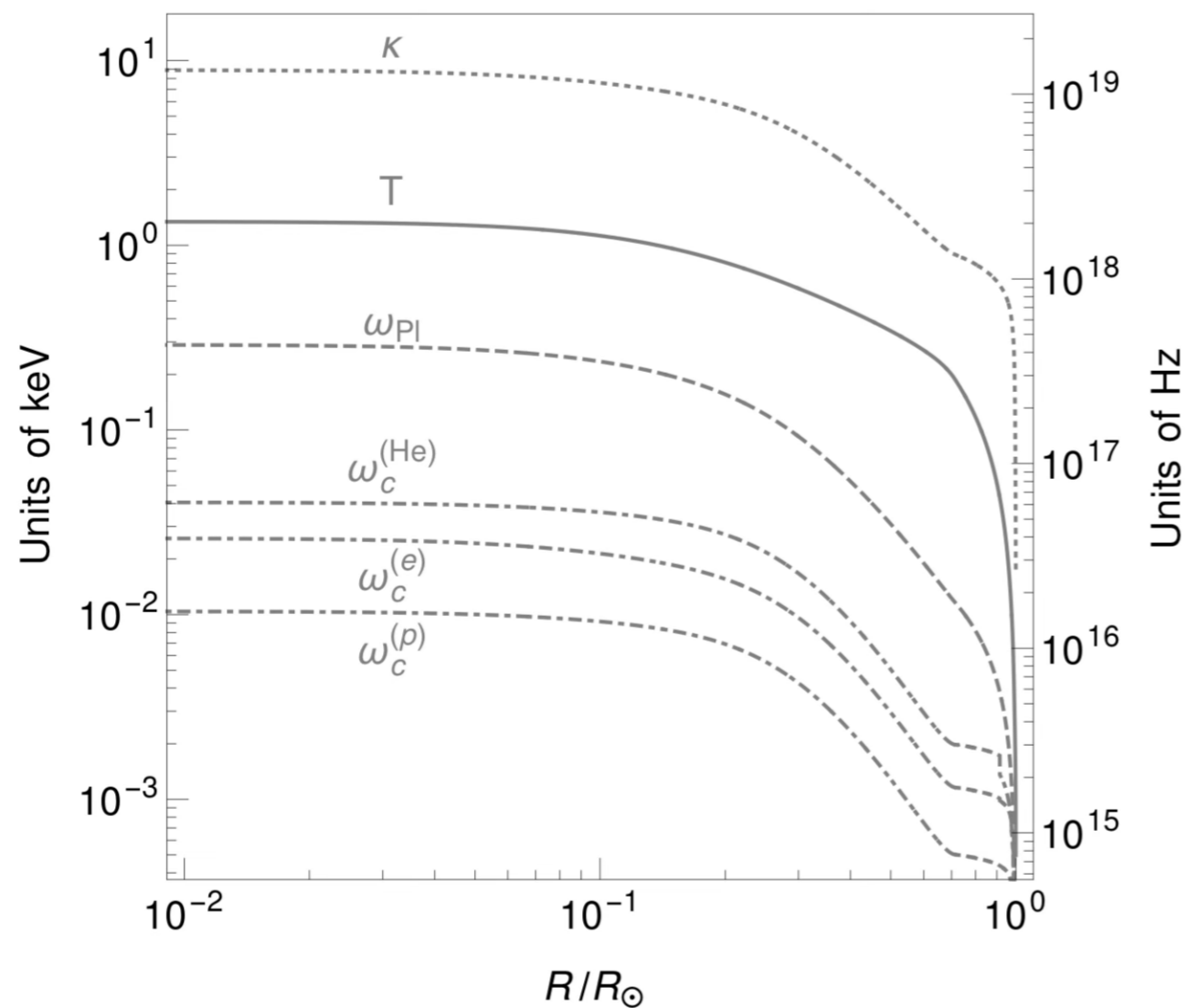
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# Solar emission of gravitational waves

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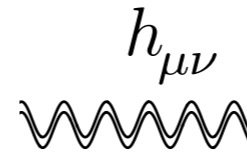
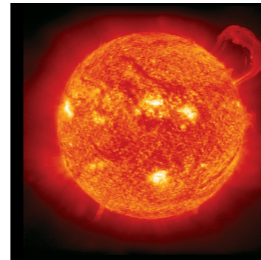
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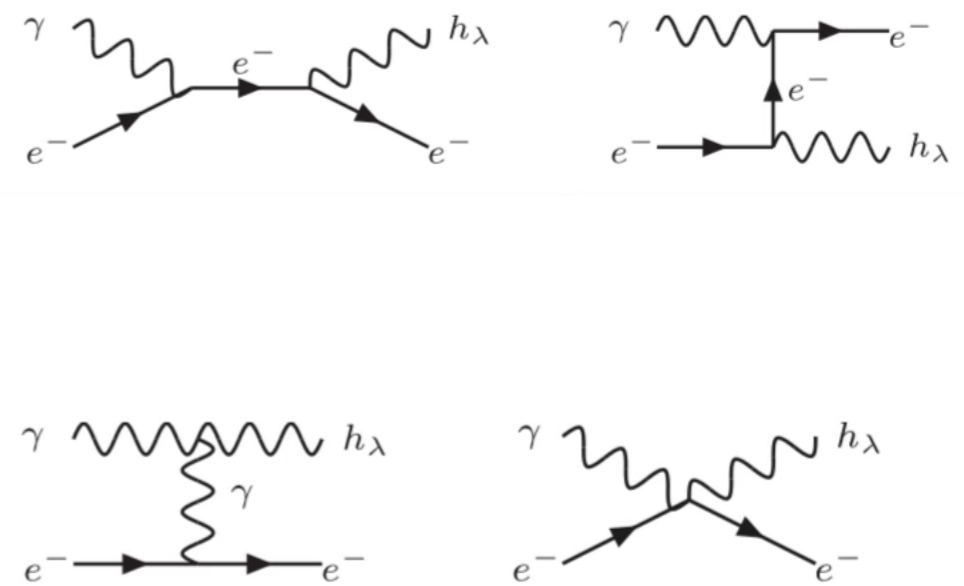
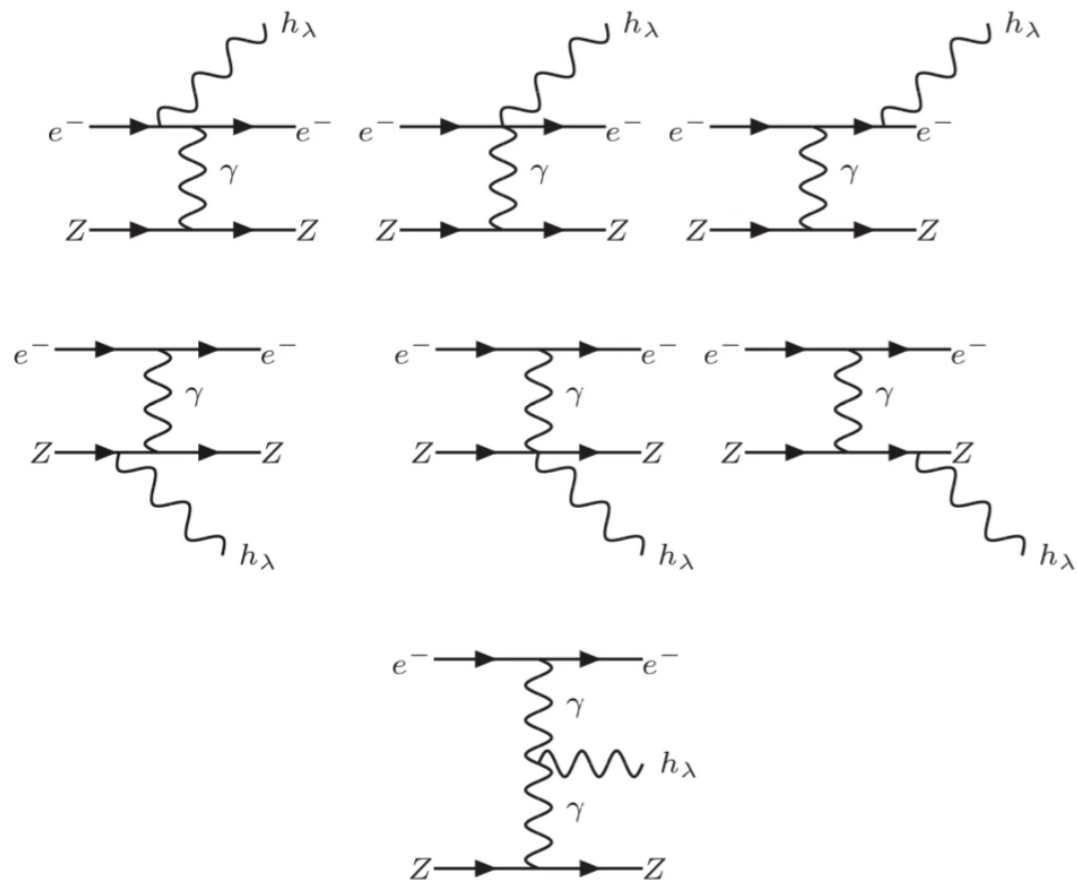
# Solar emission of gravitational waves

Microscopic contribution: graviton emission



Bremsstrahlung

Photoproduction



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# Solar emission of gravitational waves

## Macroscopic contribution: Hydrodynamical fluctuations

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### Gravitational wave background from Standard Model physics: qualitative features

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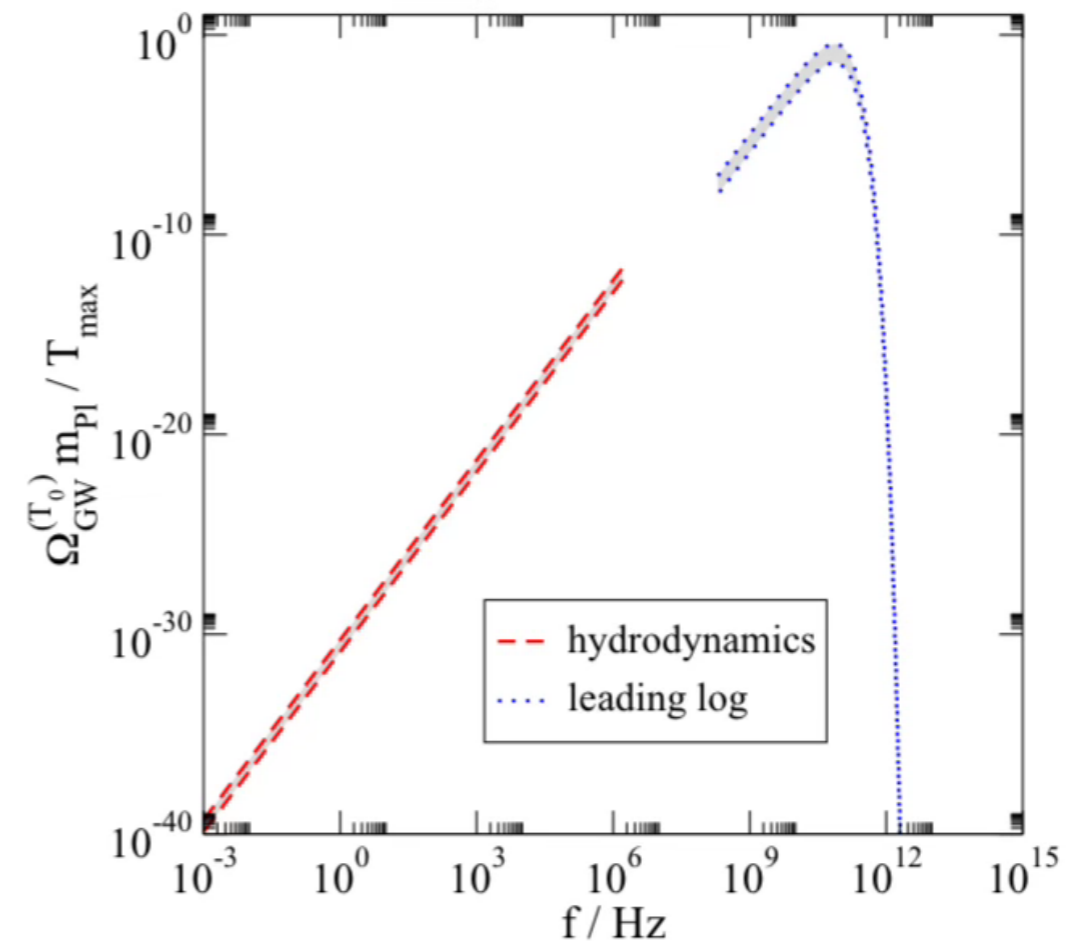
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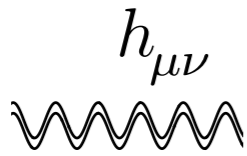
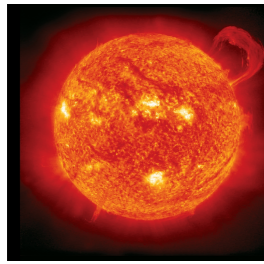
### Abstract

Because of physical processes ranging from microscopic particle collisions to macroscopic hydrodynamic fluctuations, any plasma in thermal equilibrium emits gravitational waves. For the largest wavelengths the emission rate is proportional to the shear viscosity of the plasma. In the Standard Model at

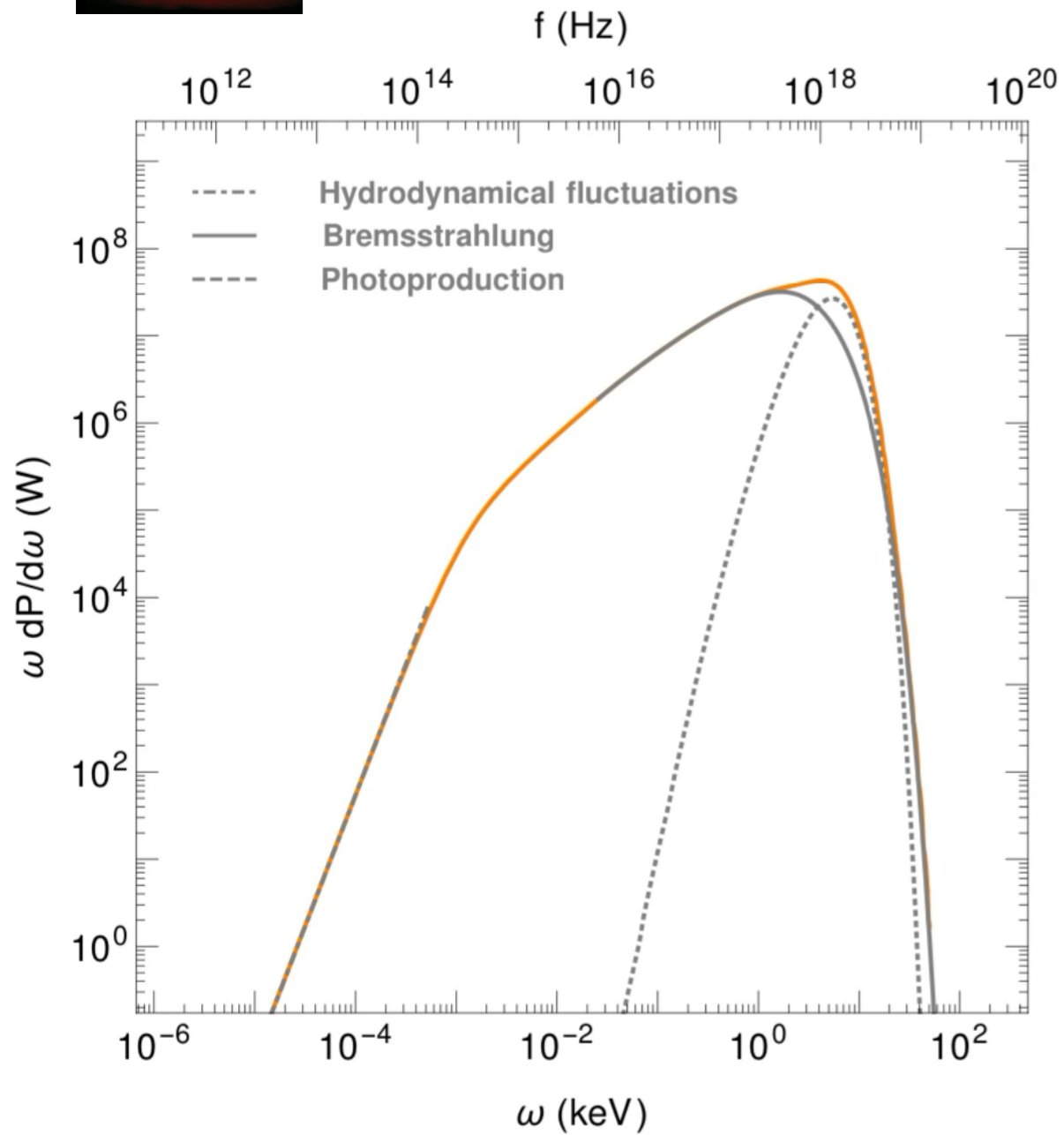




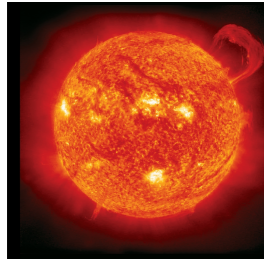
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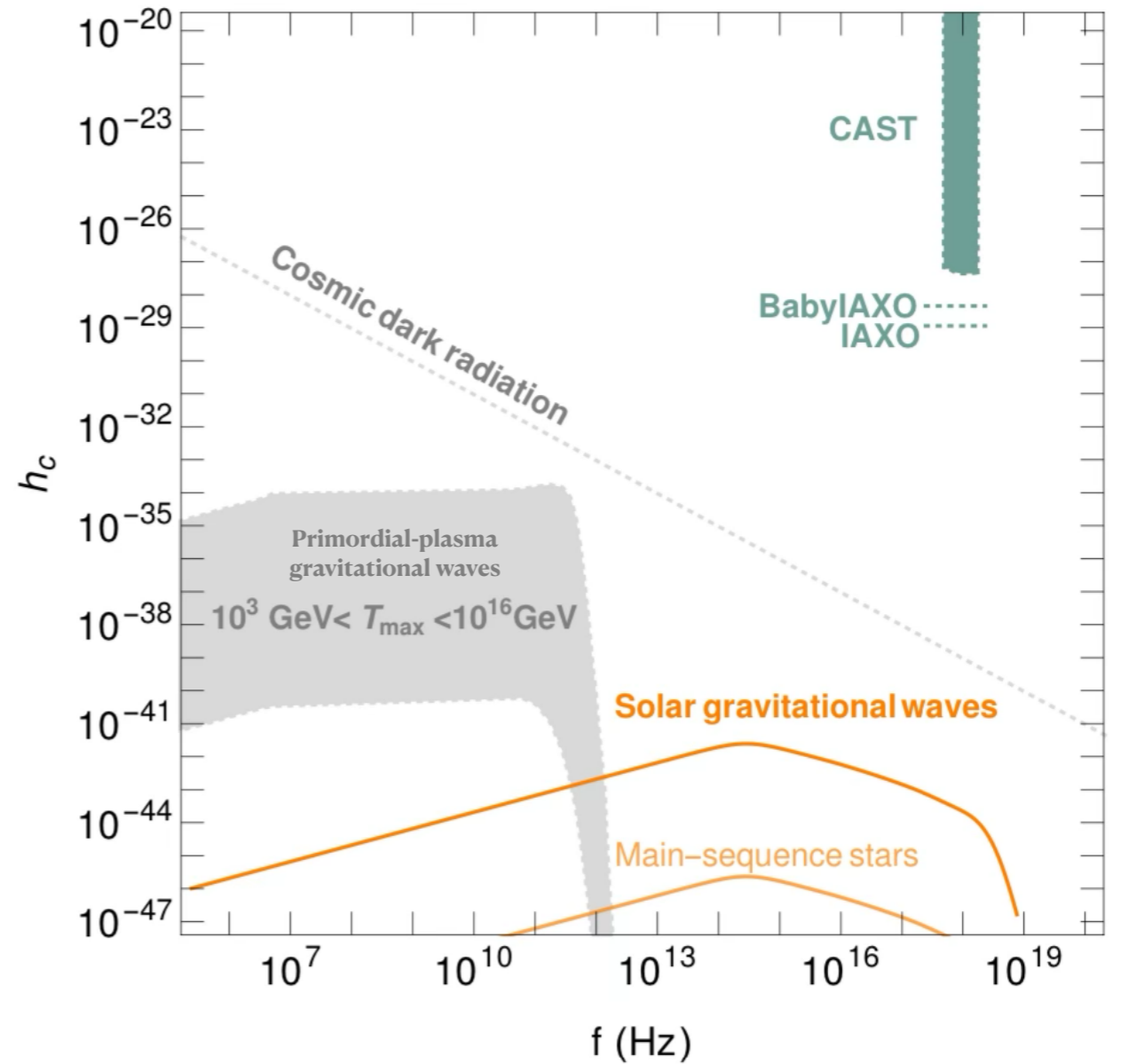
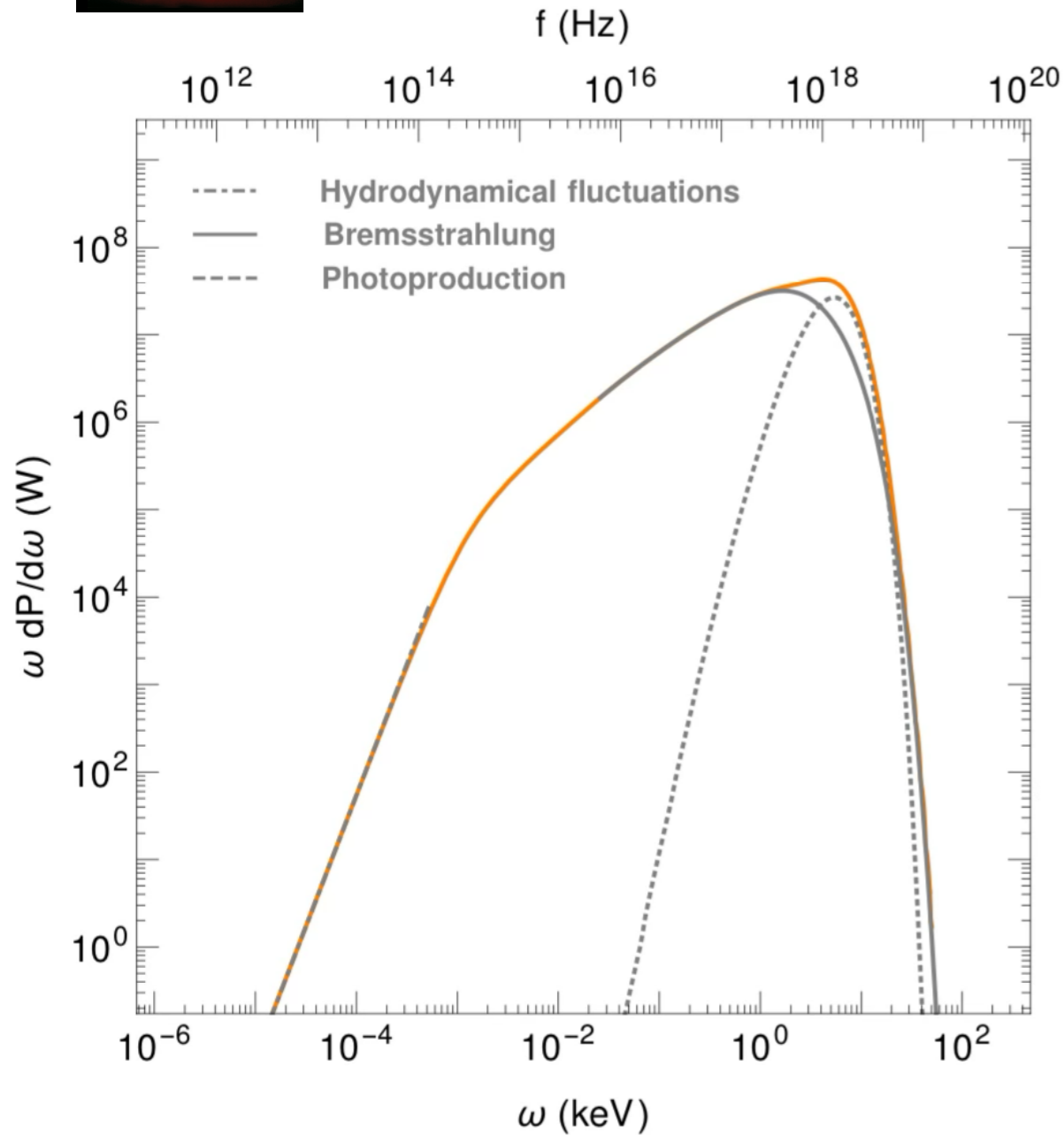
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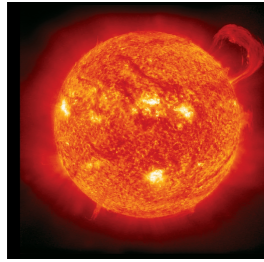
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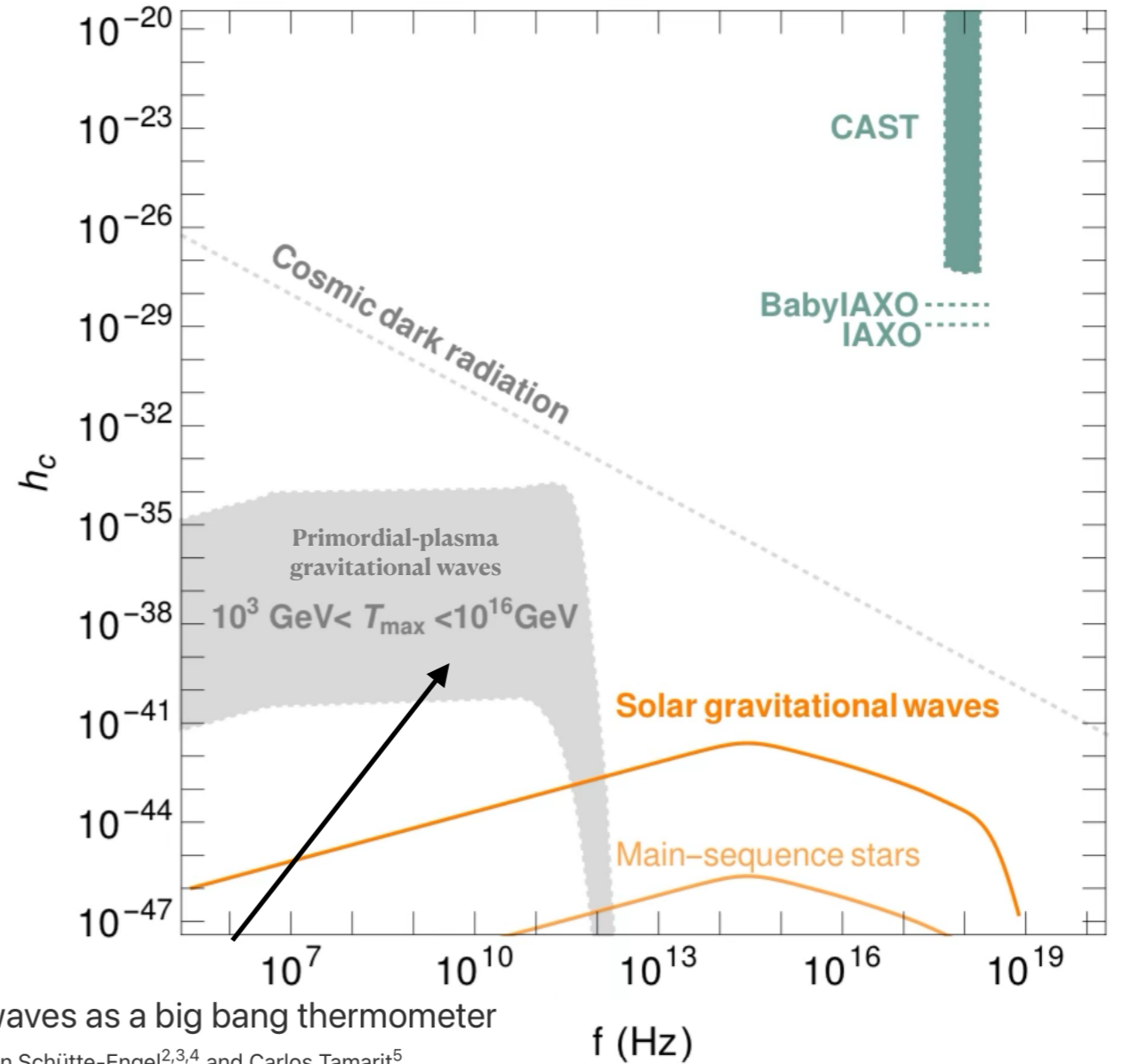
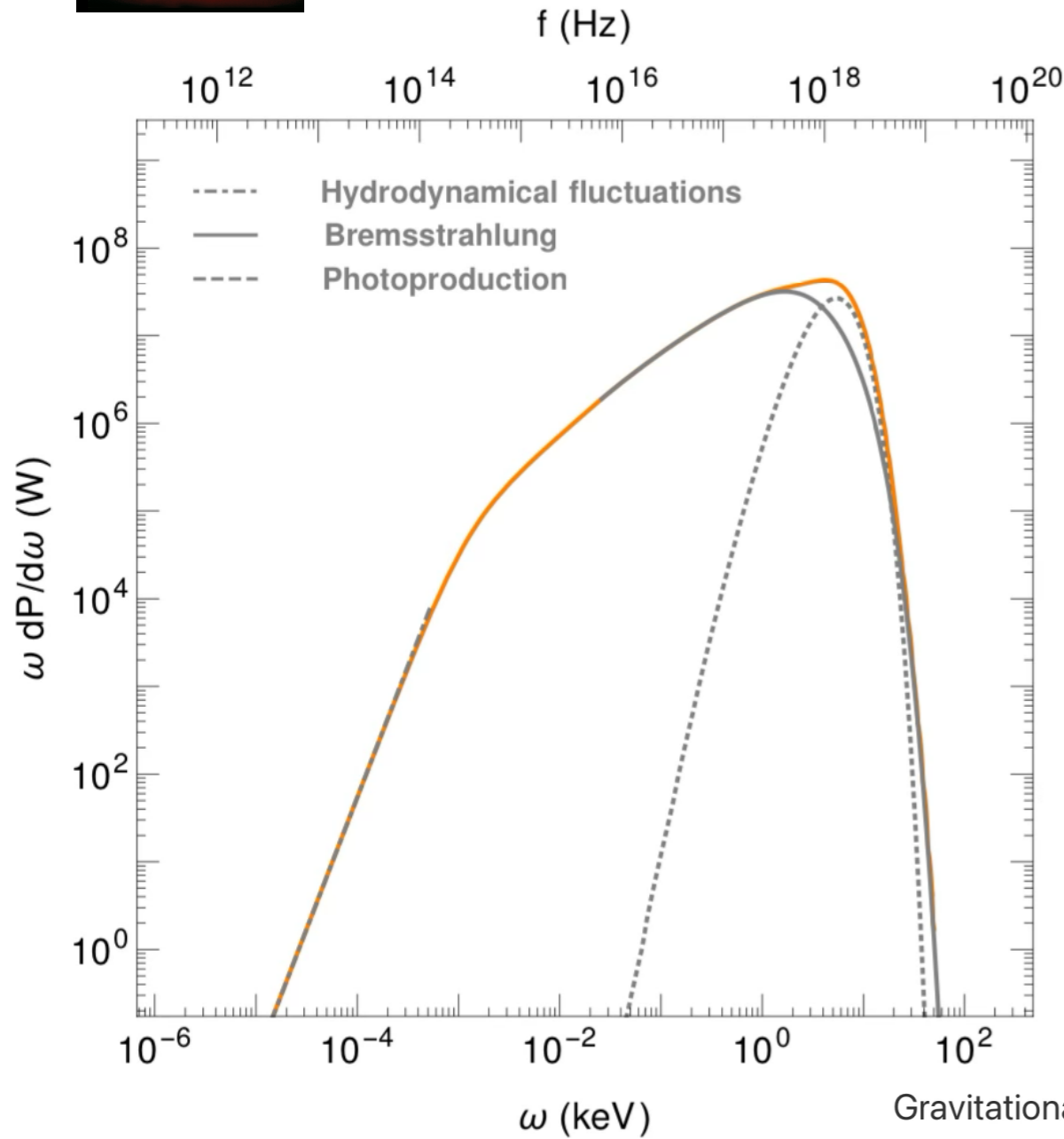
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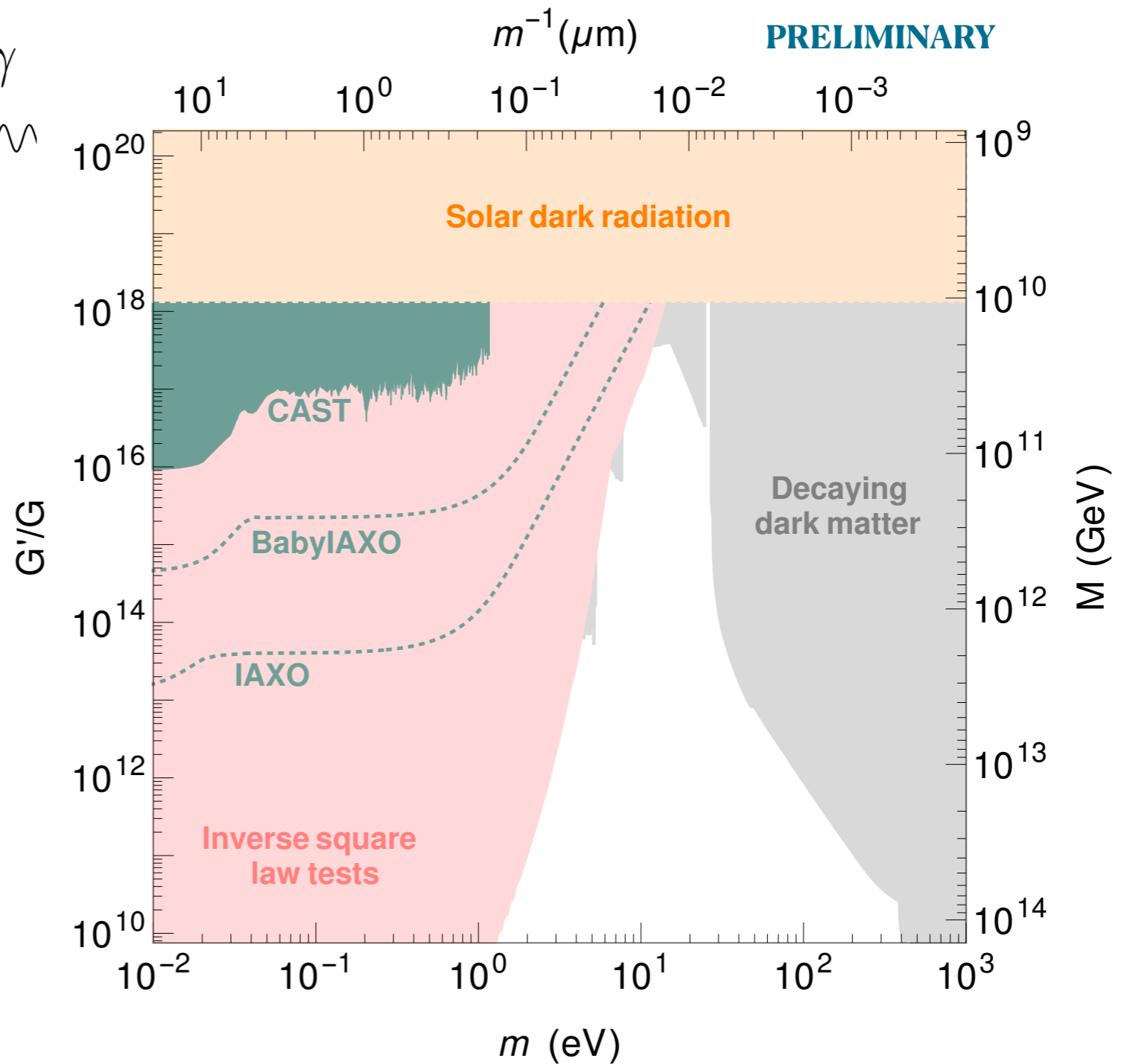
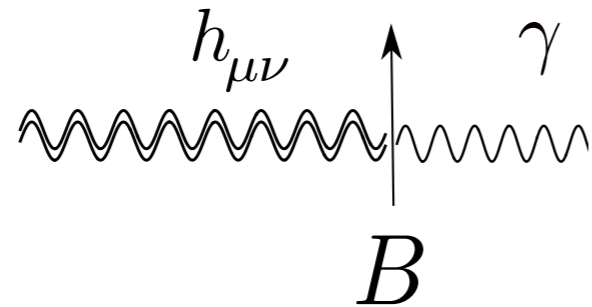
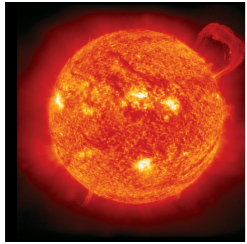
Gravitational waves as a big bang thermometer

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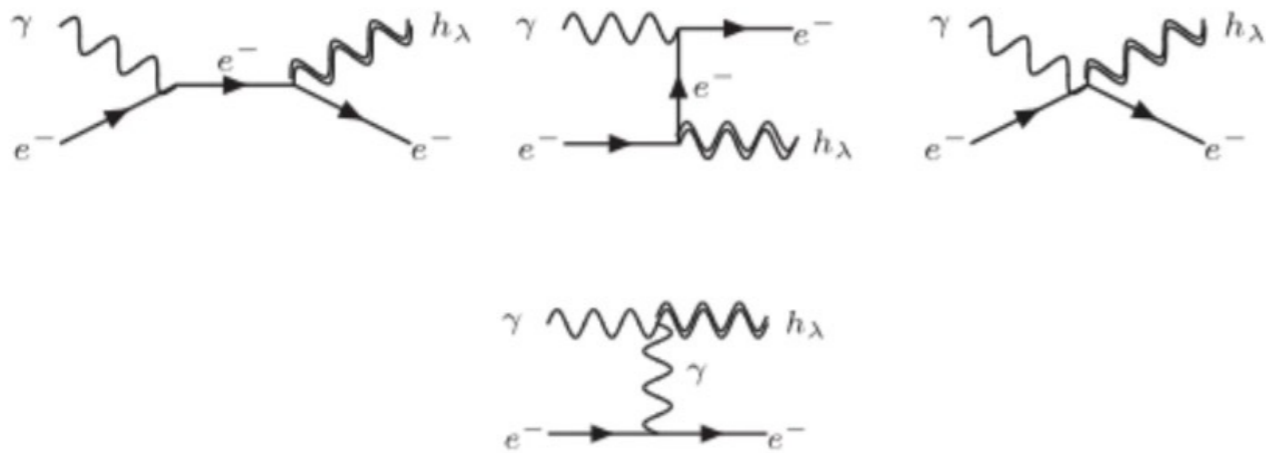


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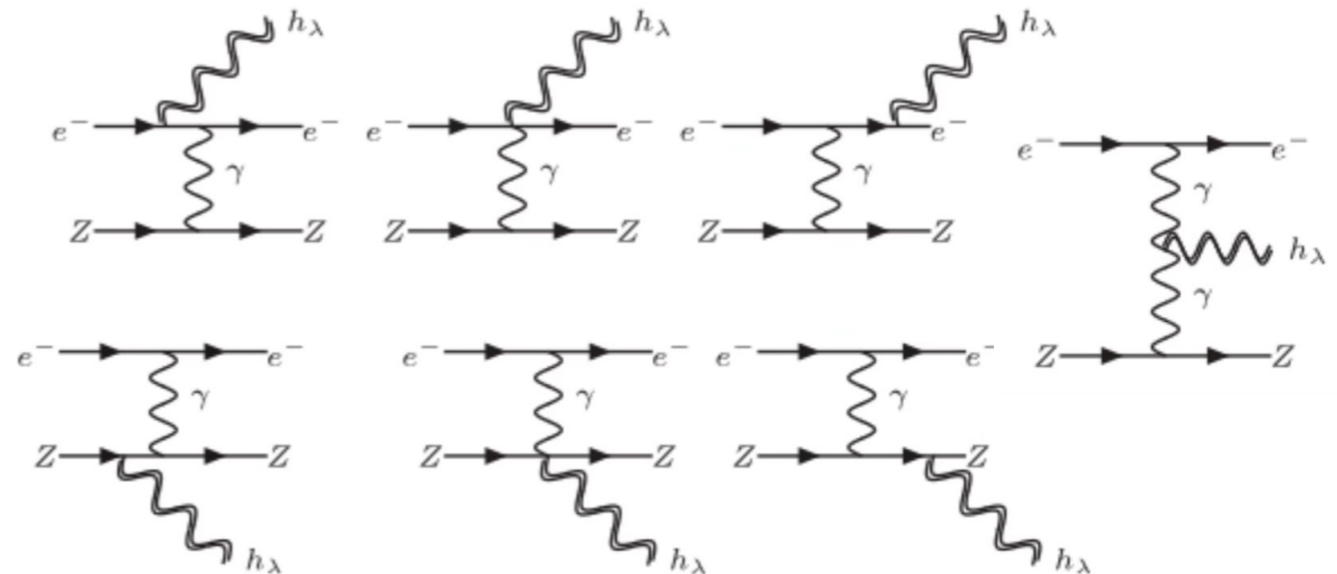
Collision	$\lambda$	$\frac{d\Gamma}{d\omega dV}$	
Photo-production $\gamma Z \rightarrow Z h_\lambda$	$\pm 2$	$n_\gamma n_Z G' Z^2 \alpha \pi \delta(\omega - p_i) \int d\cos\theta \cot^2 \frac{\theta}{2} [1 + \cos^2 \theta] F(\theta)$	$F(\theta) = \frac{(2\omega \sin \frac{\theta}{2})^2}{\kappa^2 + (2\omega \sin \frac{\theta}{2})^2}$
	$\pm 1$	0	
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Bremsstrahlung $eZ \rightarrow eZ h_\lambda$	$\pm 2$	$\frac{32 n_e n_Z G' Z^2 \alpha^2 p_i}{15\omega} \left( \frac{1}{m_e} + \frac{1}{m_Z} \right) \left( 3(1 + \xi^2)L + 10\xi + \mathcal{O}(\xi_s^2) \right)$	$\xi = \frac{p_f}{p_i}, \quad \xi_s = \frac{\kappa}{p_i}$  $\omega = E_i(1 - \xi^2)$
	$\pm 1$	0	
	0	$\frac{16 n_e n_Z G' Z^2 \alpha^2 p_i}{45\omega} \left( \frac{1}{m_e} + \frac{1}{m_Z} \right) \left( (1 + \xi^2)L + 30\xi + \mathcal{O}(\xi_s^2) \right)$	
Bremsstrahlung $ee \rightarrow ee h_\lambda$	$\pm 2$	$\frac{16 n_e^2 G' \alpha^2 p_i}{15\omega m_e} \left( \left( 6(1 + \xi^2) - \frac{3(1 - \xi^2)^4 + 7(1 - \xi^4)^2}{2(1 + \xi^2)^3} \right) L + 20\xi - \frac{6\xi(1 + \xi^4)}{(1 + \xi^2)^2} + \mathcal{O}(\xi_s^2) \right)$	$L = \log \sqrt{\frac{(1 + \xi)^2 + \xi_s^2}{(1 - \xi)^2 + \xi_s^2}}$
	$\pm 1$	0	
	0	$\frac{16 n_e^2 G' \alpha^2 p_i}{15\omega m_e} \left( \left( \frac{1}{3}(1 + \xi^2) - \frac{(1 - \xi^2)^4 + 29(1 - \xi^4)^2}{12(1 + \xi^2)^3} \right) L + \frac{29\xi}{3} + \frac{2\xi^3}{3(1 + \xi^2)^2} + \mathcal{O}(\xi_s^2) \right)$	

PRELIMINARY

## 1. Photoproduction



## 2. Bremsstrahlung



# Conclusions

- The high-temperature plasma within the solar interior generates stochastic gravitational waves.
- We reexamined this phenomenon due to its significance as the primary source of high-frequency gravitational waves in the solar system.
- Our analysis builds upon existing studies of axion emission from the Sun, particularly regarding the treatment of plasma effects.
- Similar to several well-motivated signals from the Early Universe, we find that the resulting gravitational wave spectrum is several orders of magnitude below the current sensitivity of axion helioscopes, such as (Baby)IAXO.
- This study represents a step toward establishing a multi-frequency gravitational wave background from Standard Model processes, analogous to that of neutrinos.
- Our approach can be extended to other stellar plasmas, such as those in white dwarfs and neutron stars, as well as to early Universe stages following nucleosynthesis, where plasmas are also non-relativistic.
- Whether future advancements will enable the necessary sensitivity to probe these signals remains an open question.