

Global Network of Cavities to Search for Gravitational Waves: GravNet

A novel scheme to hunt gravitational waves signatures from the early universe

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Introduction - Gravitational Waves

- Observation of gravitational waves by LIGO/Virgo is certainly a breakthrough in fundamental physics

- First observation on 14th of September 2015:

- Two ~ 30 solar mass black holes merging about 1.3 billion light-years from Earth.

- Frequency range: 10-1000 Hz

- However, there should/could be many **other sources** of gravitational waves

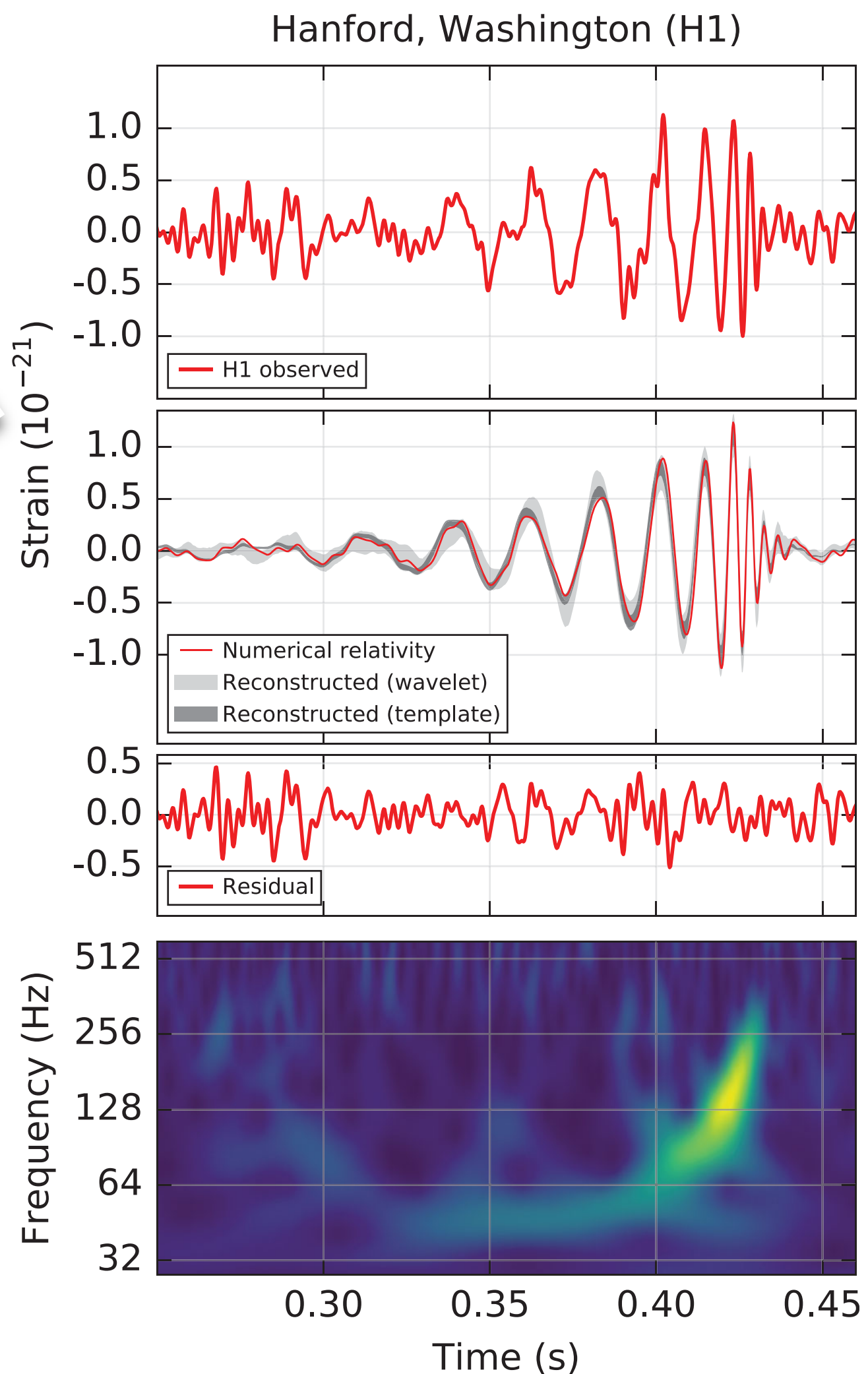
- Primordial black hole merges
- Boson clouds (BH superradiance)
- ...

- Those GW would have **frequencies in the GHz regime**

- Should search for high frequency GW

See today's talk by Maria Haney

See today's talk by Diego Blas



[PRL 116, 061102 (2016)]

[arXiv:2112.11465]

- Two contributing effects

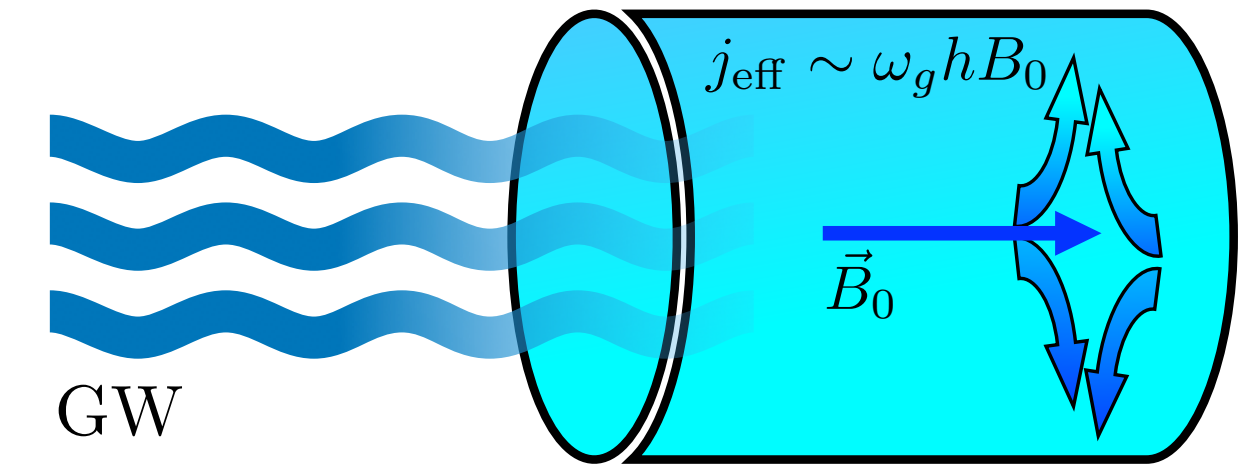
- Assuming conversion cavity with volume V within const. B-Field

- GW deforms cavity

- Oscillating change of magnetic flux
- Excitation of EM field

See talk on Monday by
Lars Fischer in T01

- Direct conversion of gravitons to photons via the inverse Gertsenshtein effect



- Resonant excitation of EM field in Cavity

- Produced EM power given by:

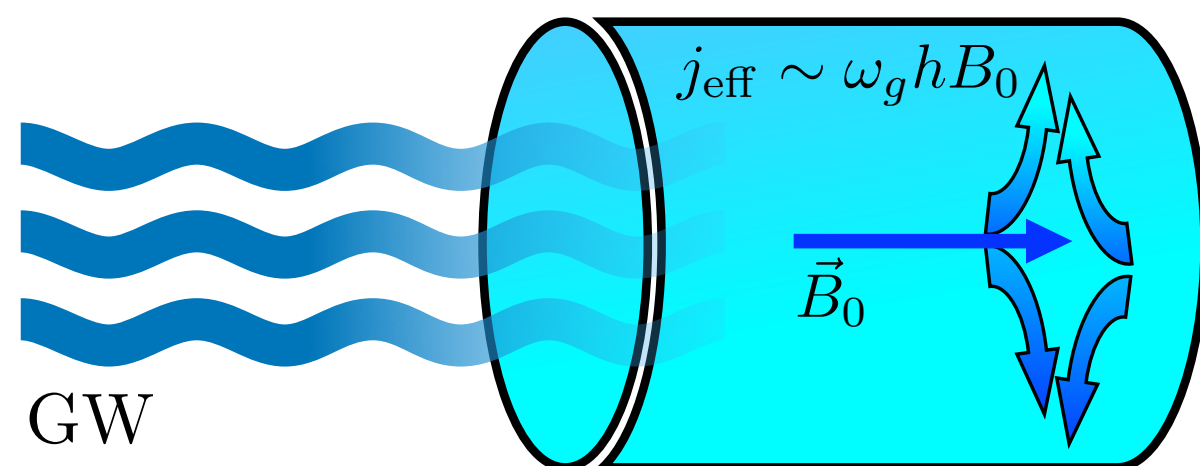
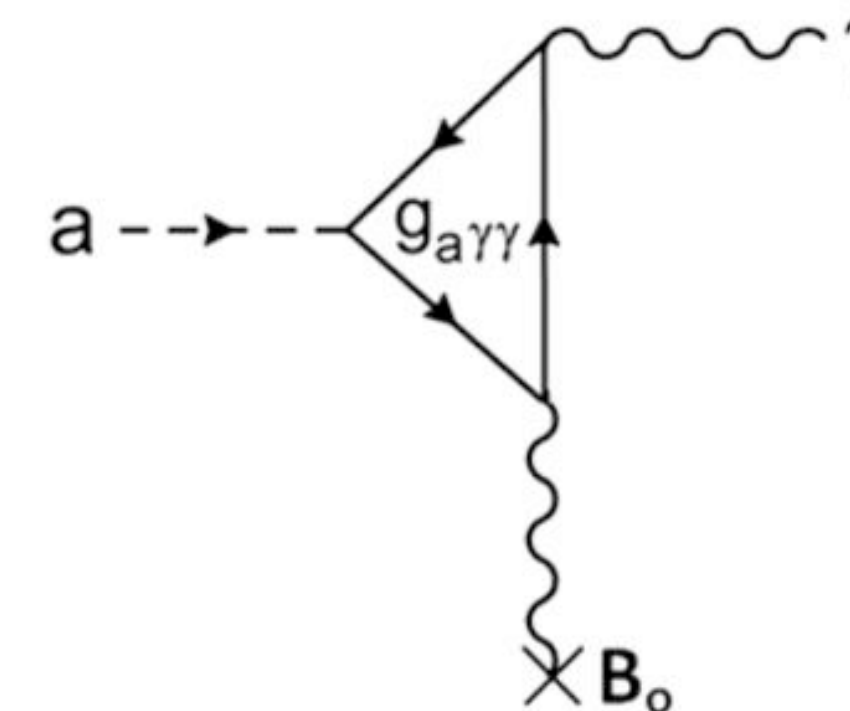
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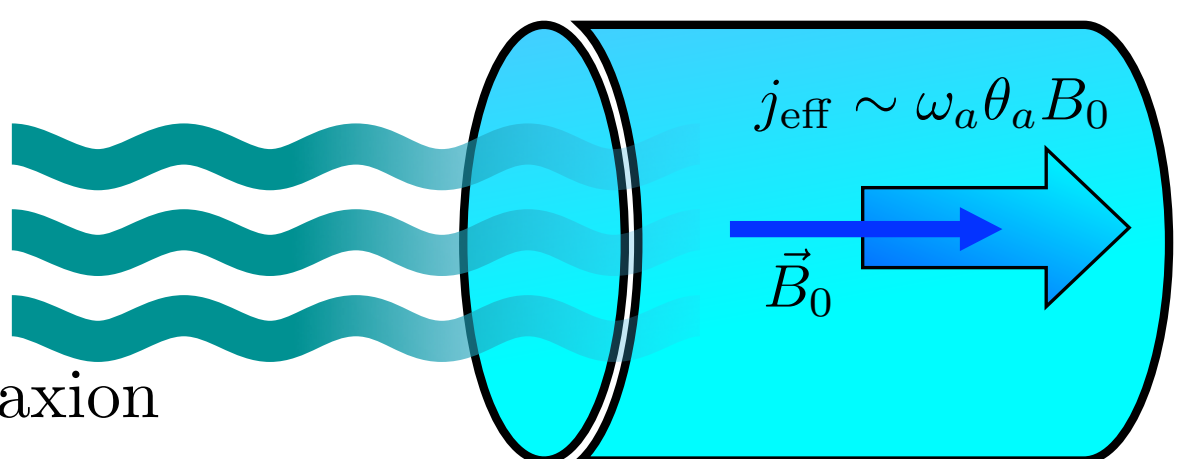
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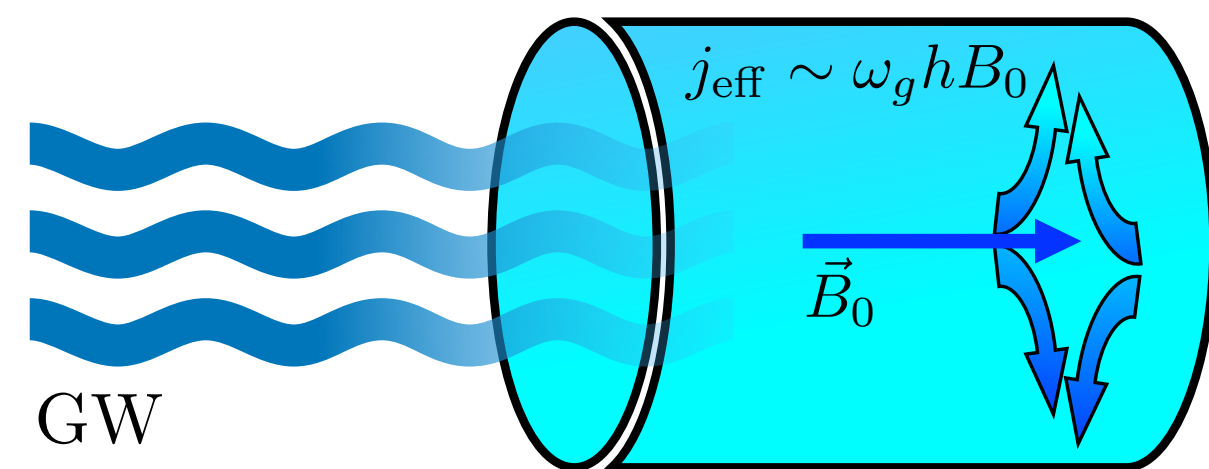
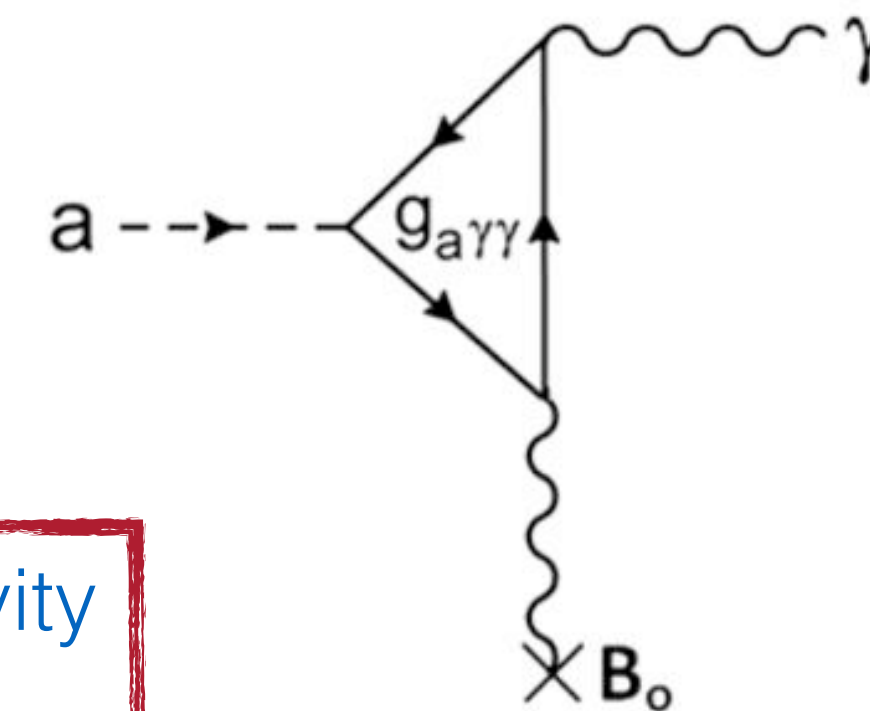
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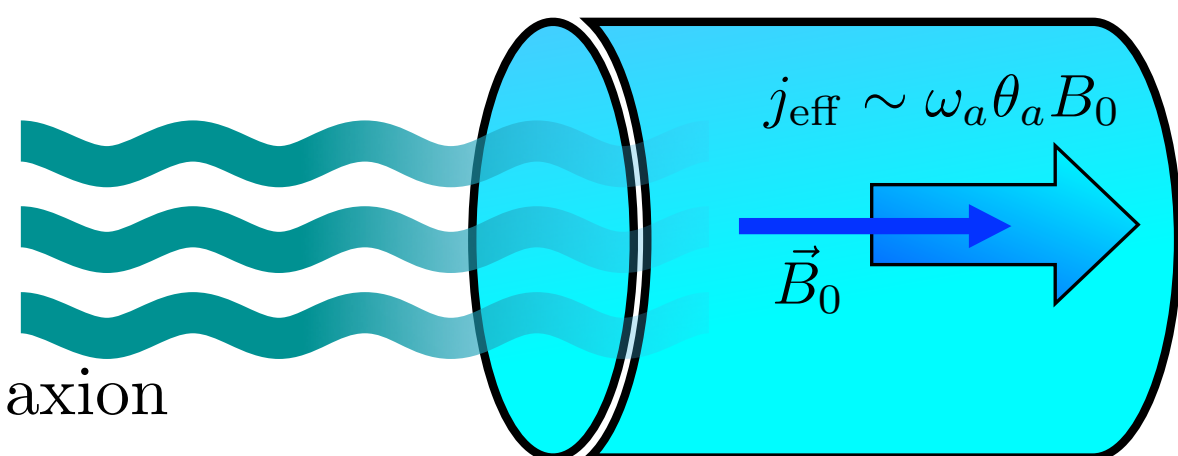
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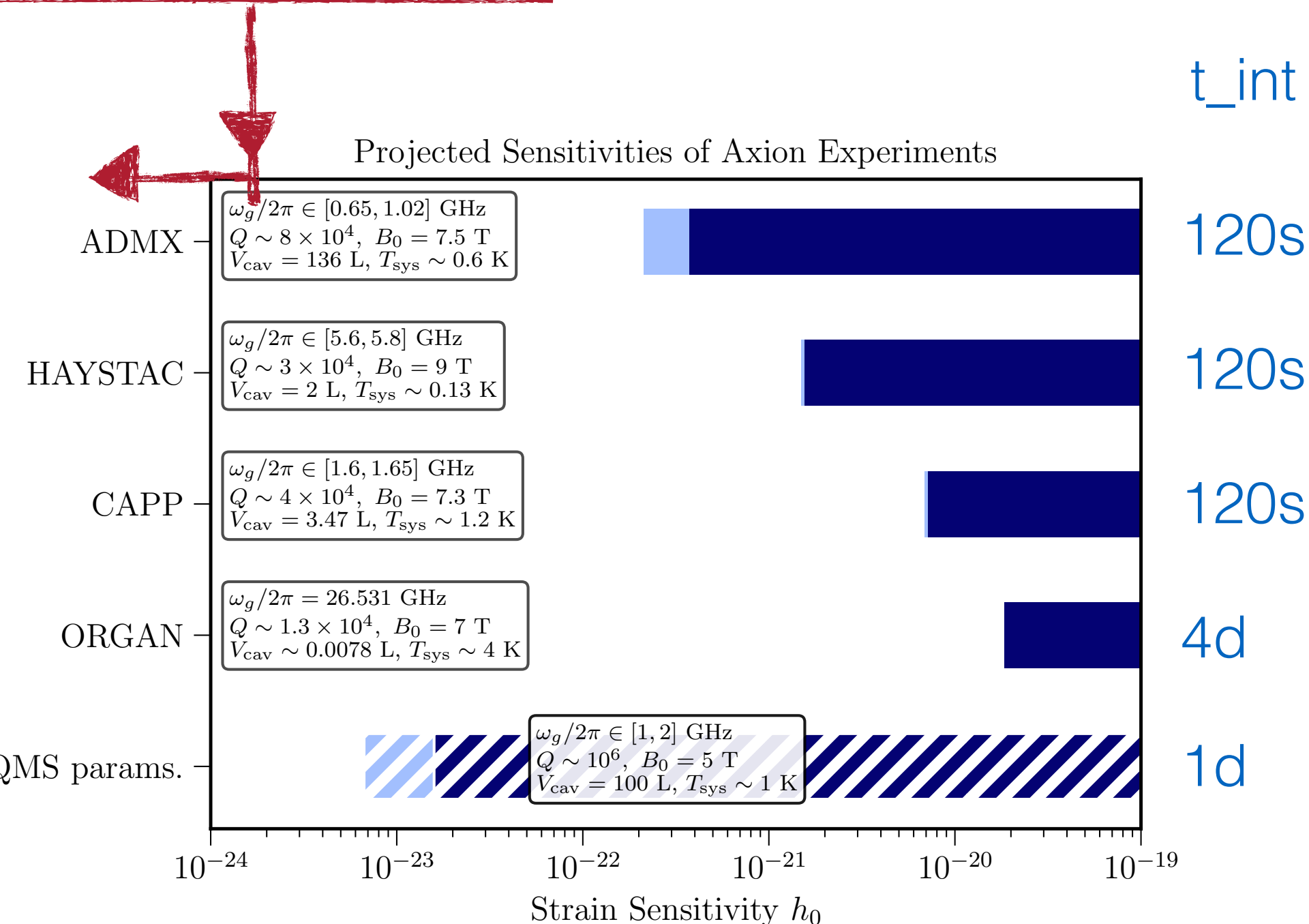
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Interesting sensitivity range for PBH

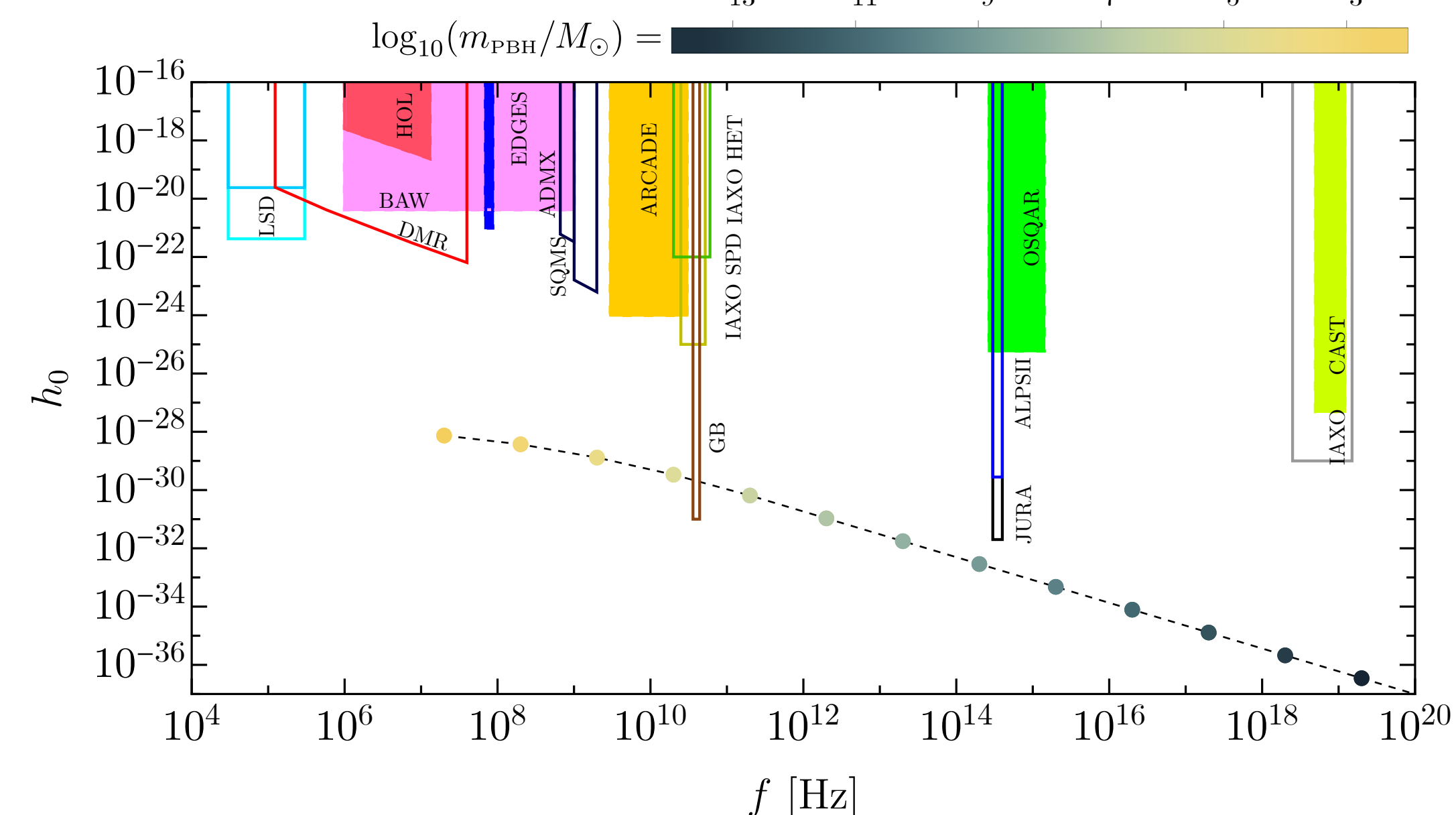
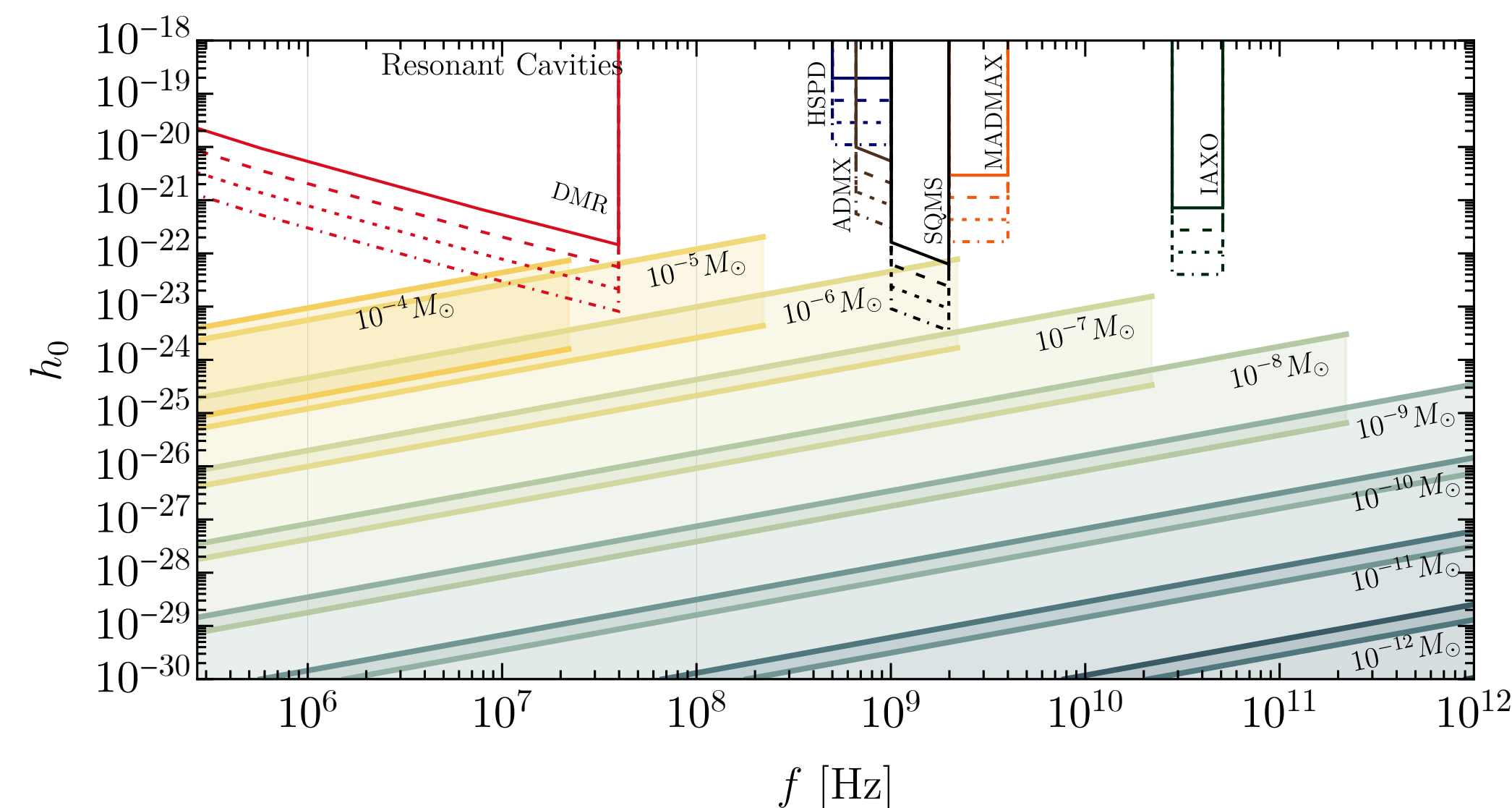
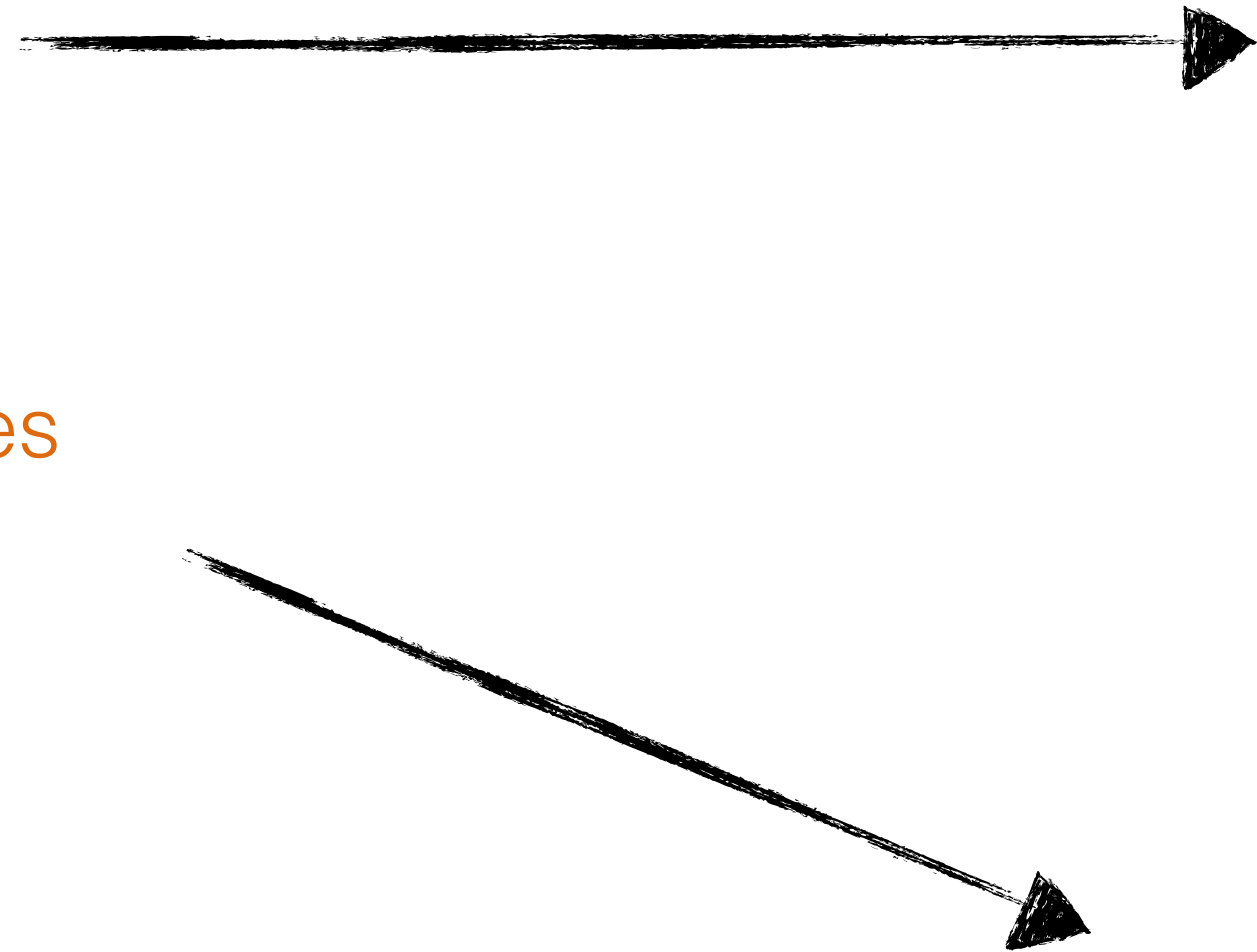


[Detecting high-frequency gravitational waves with microwave cavities
Asher Berlin, Diego Blas, Raffaele Tito D'Agnolo, Sebastian A.R. Ellis
arXiv:2112.11465]

High Frequency Gravitational Waves

- Several well motivated beyond the standard model sources:

- Primordial black hole mergers
 - Chirp signals
- GW from boson clouds around BHs
 - (BH super radiance)
 - Monochromatic over long timescales
- Stochastic GW background
 - Even lower energy



- Displayed expected experimental sensitivities for PBHs:

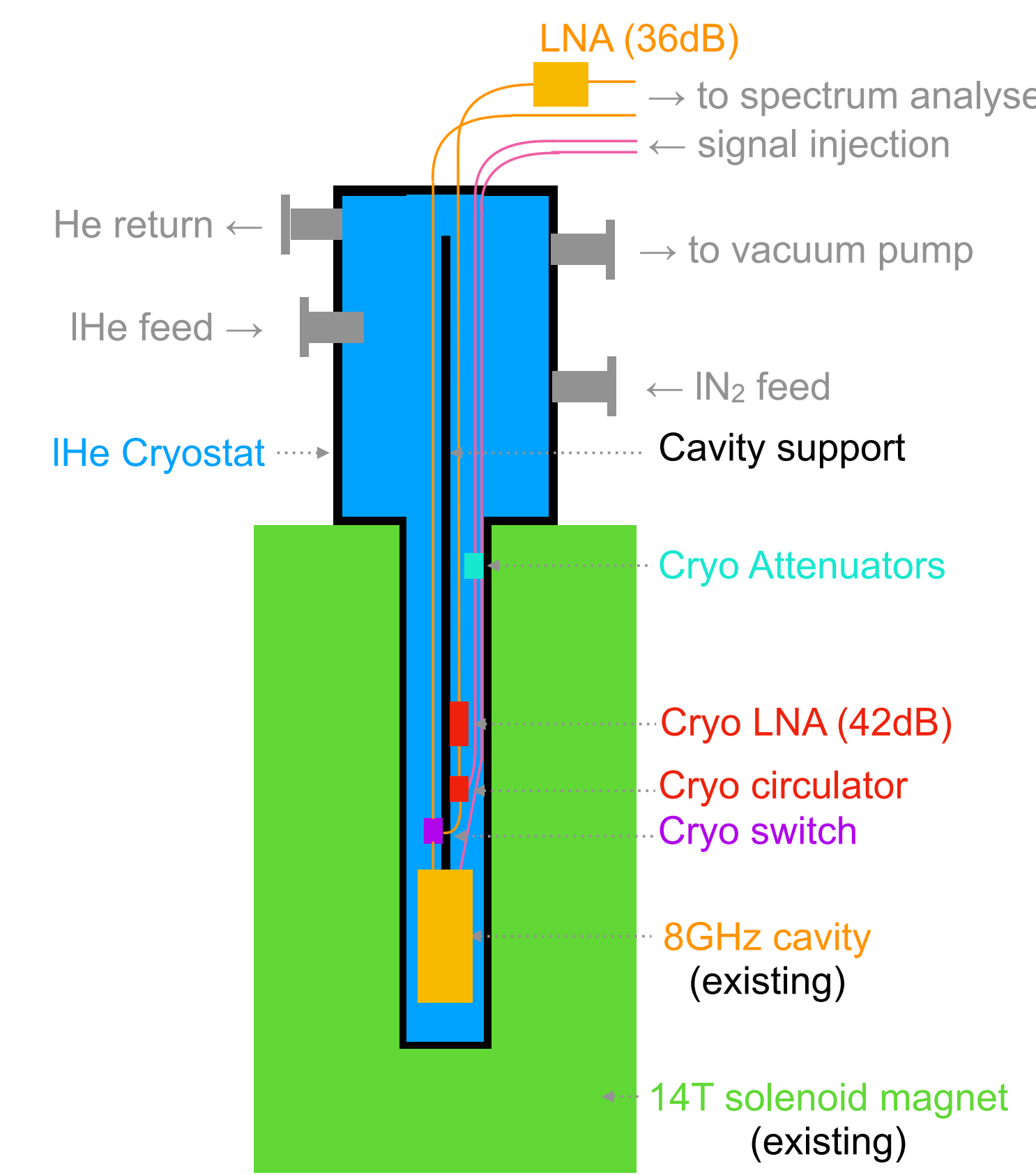
- Assuming GW signal long enough to ring up cavity
- E.g.: given for ADMX, SQMS @ $m_{PBH} \approx 10^{-10} M_{\odot}$

[Gabriele Franciolini, Anshuman Maharana, Francesco Muia; arXiv:2205.02153v1]

Typical setup

- **Supax:** superconducting axion search @ Mainz
 - First results on dark photons presented in poster by [Tim Schneemann](#)
 - Will study spherical cavities
 - Study of new SC materials for resonant cavity experiments

[arXiv:2308.08337]



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Metamaterials

- Depends on cavity material:
 - High purity copper: $\sim 5 \cdot 10^4$
 - **Superconducting:** difficult in high magnetic field!
 - Target: 10^6
 - Achieved: $3 \cdot 10^5$ (CAPP, non tunable)
 - Materials under study: Nb₃Sn, HTS materials (YBCO)

- Up to 14T magnets in use
 - Up to 20T envisioned
 - Larger fields - smaller volume

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- Phase aligned combination voltages from of N cavities:

$$V_{comb} = \frac{it\omega}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_i V_i e^{i\phi_i} \propto \sqrt{N} V_0$$

$V_i = V, \phi_i = \phi$

- Hence the **signal power scales linearly in N!**

- **Assumed single setup**

- 14T B-field, about 10cm diam., 30cm long
- 3 spherical cavities @5GHz, SC, high Q
- 1s integration time

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Setup	Supax	GravNet
Shape	cyl.	spher.
f_0 [GHz]	8.3	5.0
Volume [l]	0.128	0.21
Q_0	39600	10^6
η	0.08	0.6
T_{sys} [K]	5	0.1
B [T]		14
int. time		1 s
n cavities	1	3
noise power [W]	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-21} W$	$6.2 \cdot 10^{-23} W$
$h_0(P_{sig} = P_{noise})$	$7.1 \cdot 10^{-21}$	$5.2 \cdot 10^{-23}$

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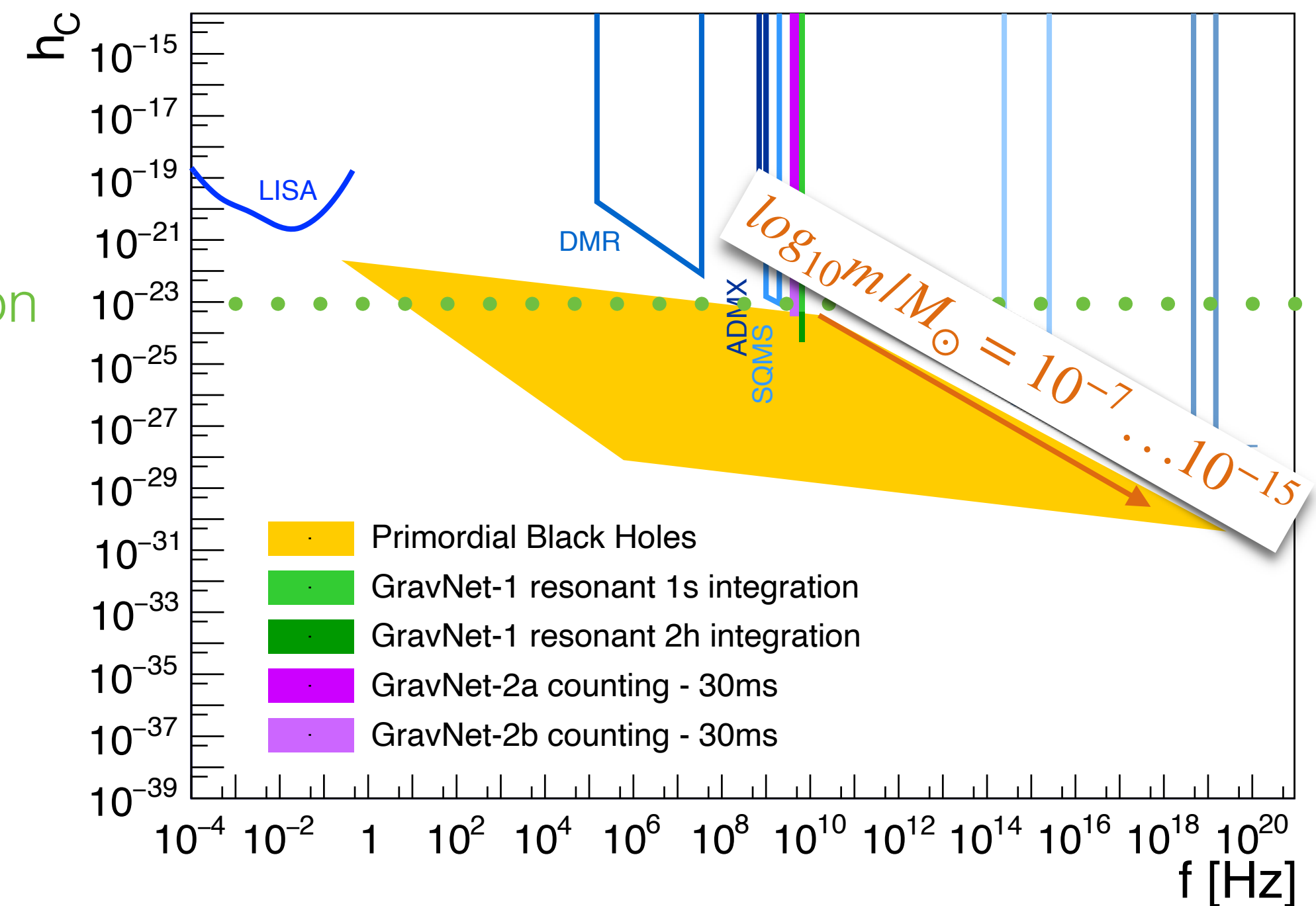
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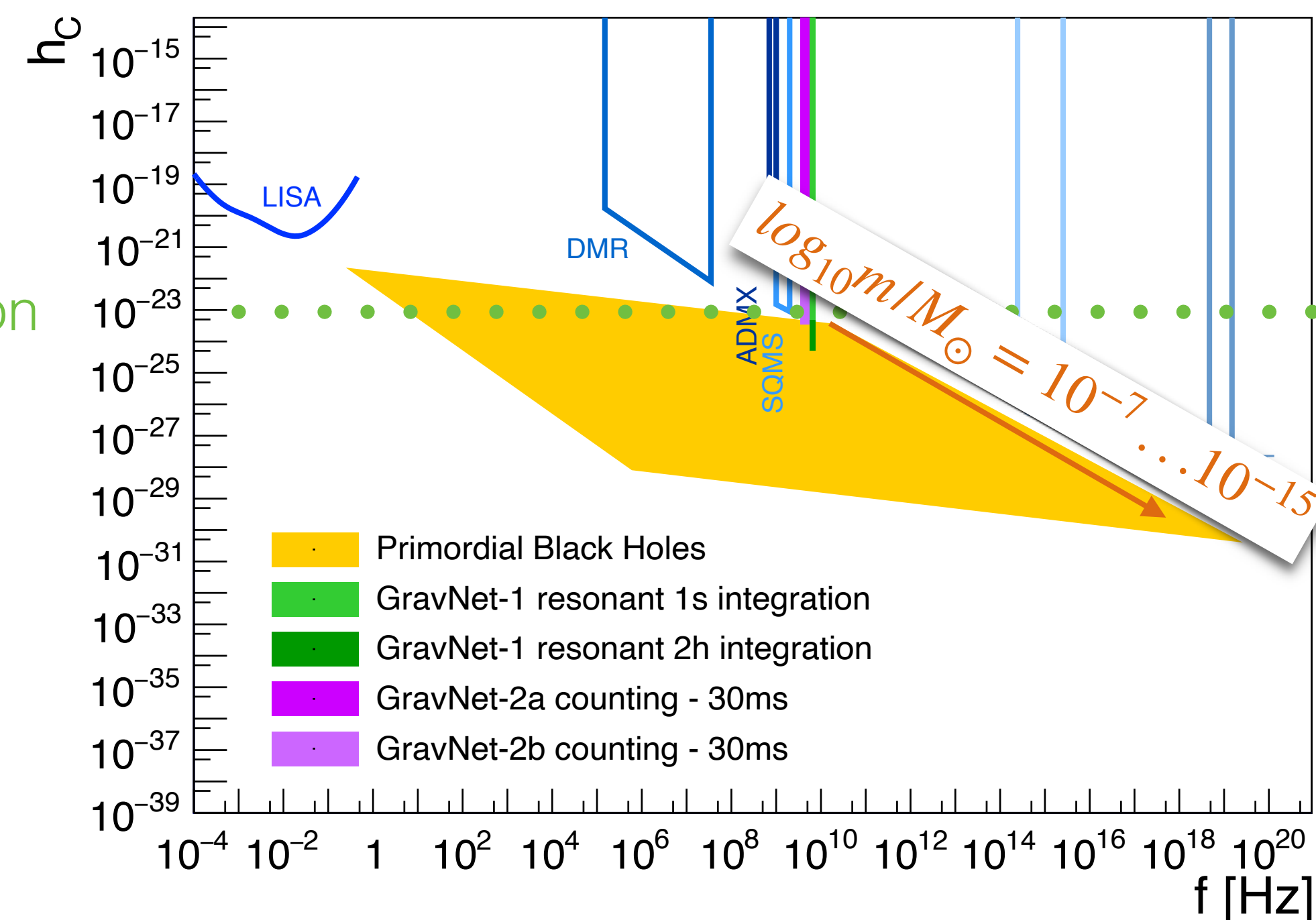
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- No frequency tuning needed:

- PBH signals are fast transients
- Single frequency sufficiency



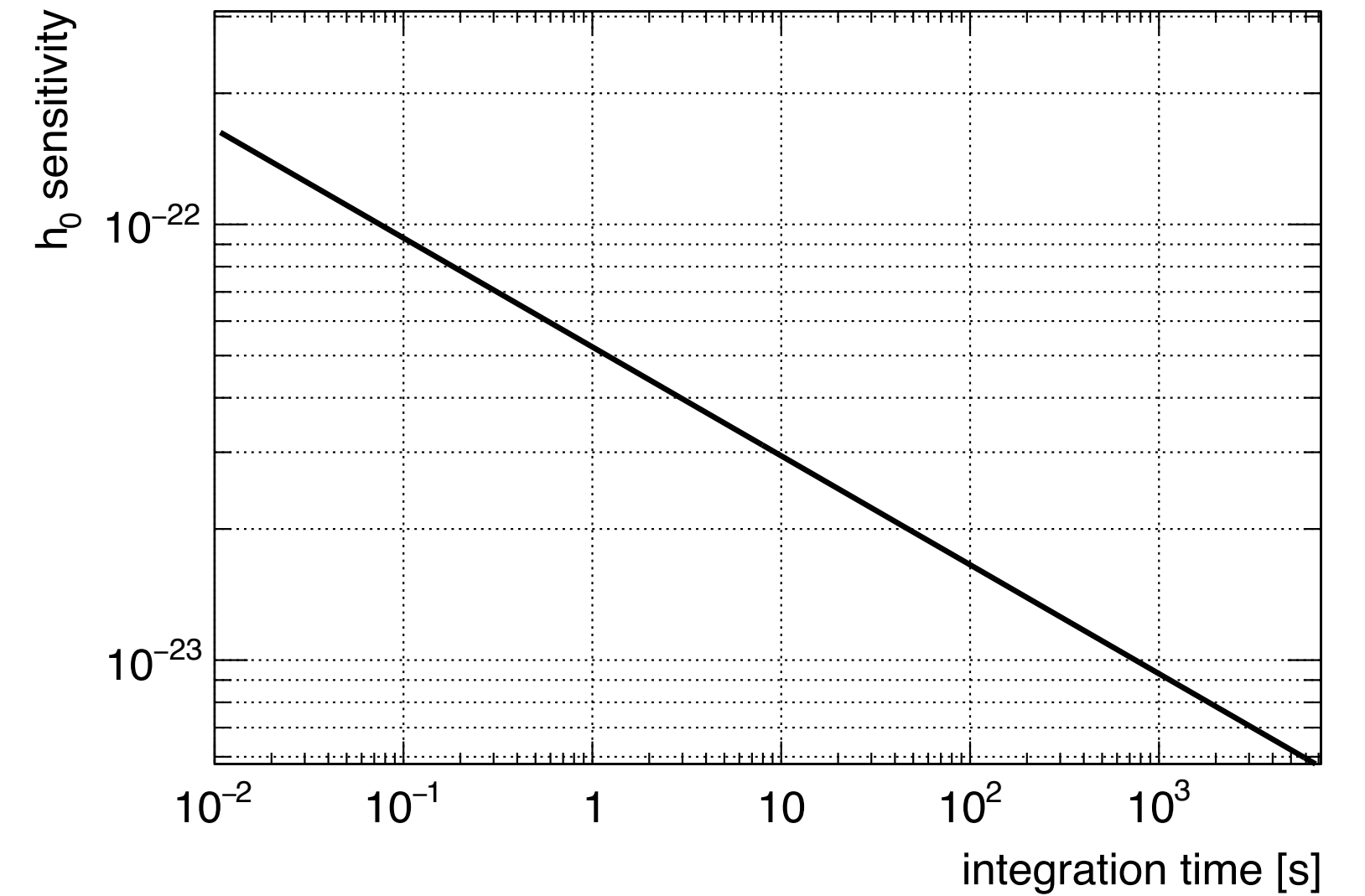
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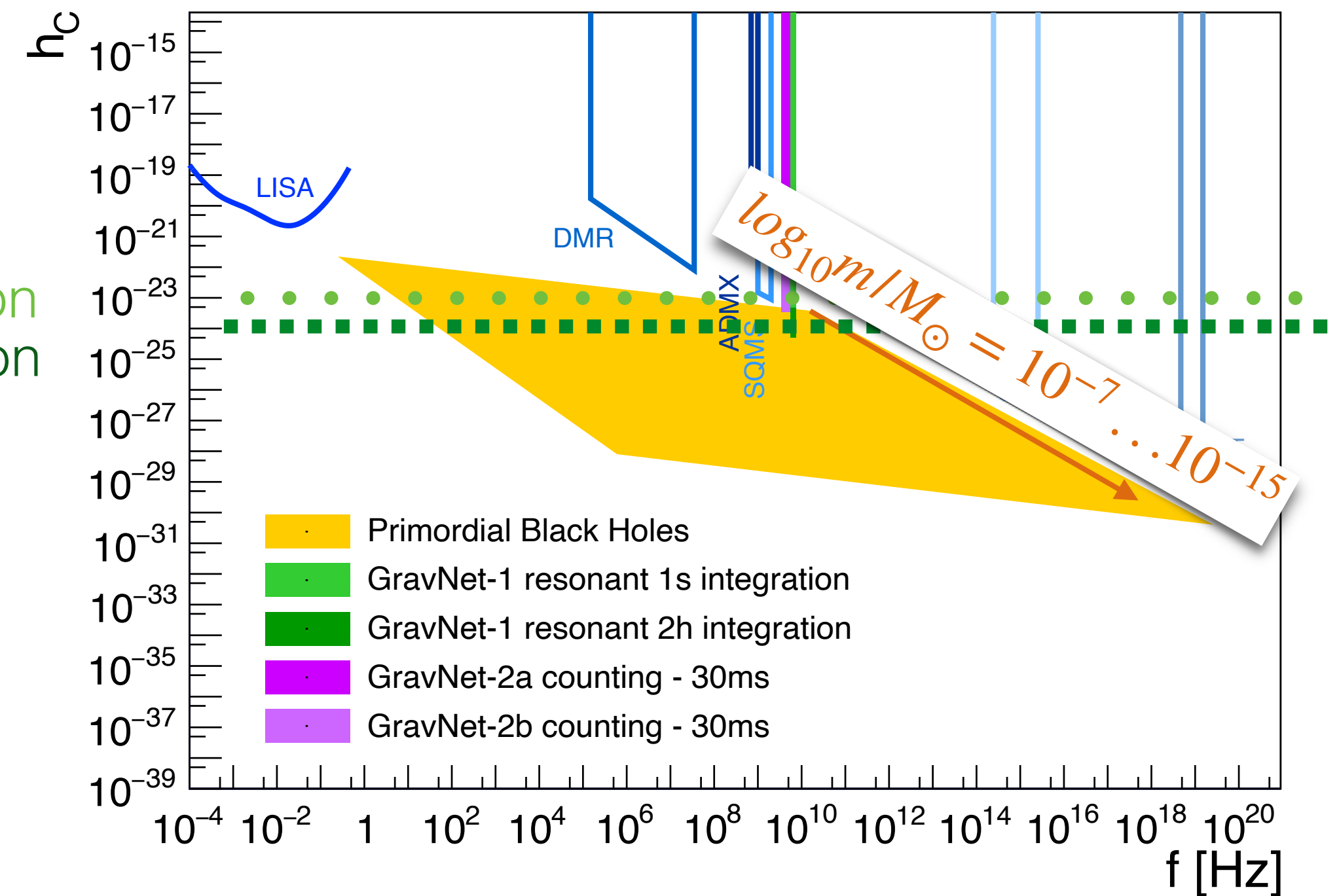
- Longer integration times

- Sensitivity gain with integration time $t^{1/4}$

$$h_0 < 10^{-24}, \text{ 2h integration time}$$



1s integration
2h integration



- GW strain: largest if merging is imminent (closest to innermost stable circular orbit)

- Frequency drift large

$$\dot{f} = \frac{96}{5} \pi^{8/3} m_c^{5/3} f^{11/3} \simeq 4.62 \times 10^{11} \text{ Hz}^2 \left(\frac{m_{\text{PBH}}}{10^{-9} M_\odot} \right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{f}{\text{GHz}} \right)^{11/3}$$

- To resonantly excite a cavity:

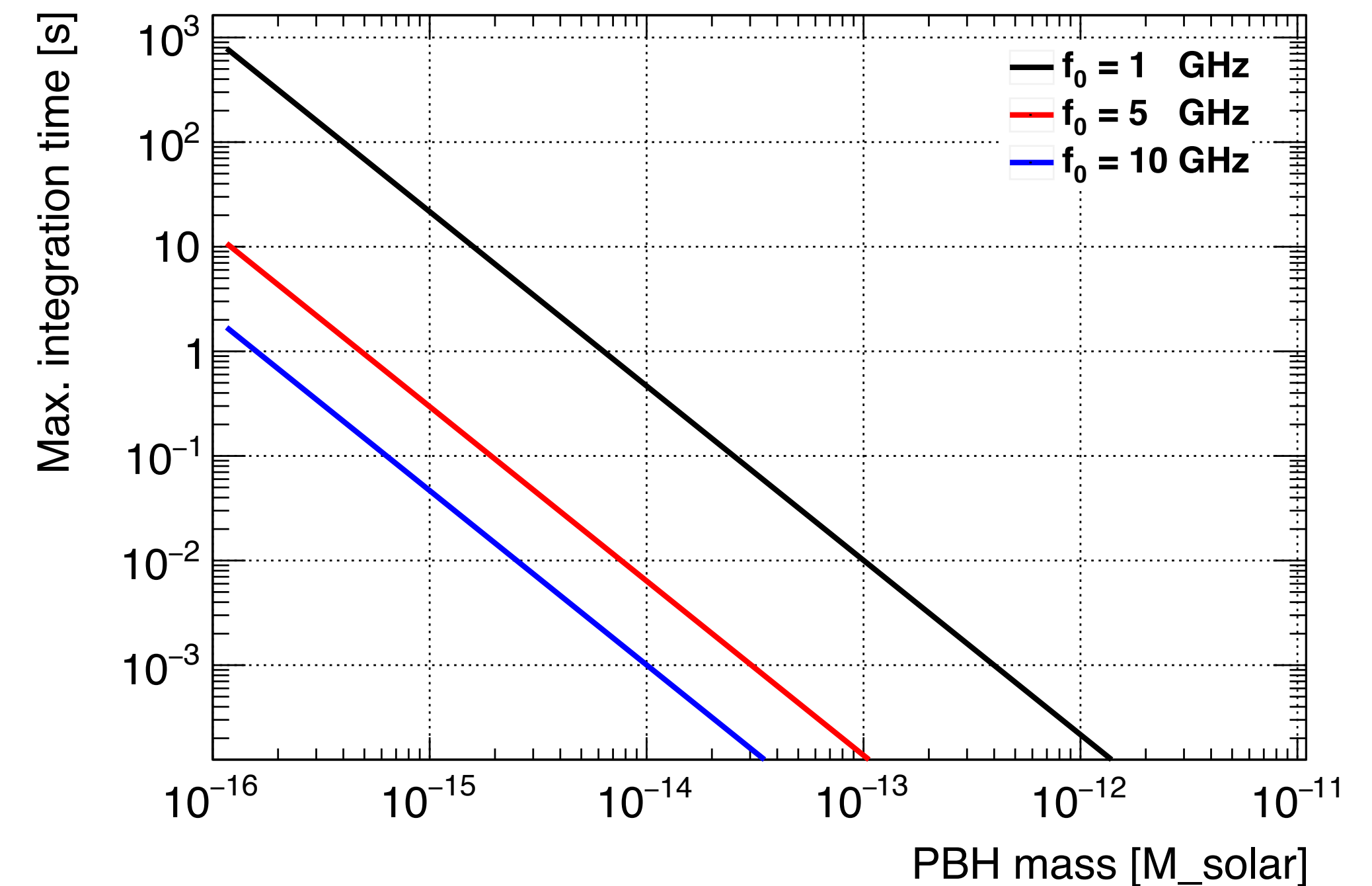
- GW frequency must stay within resonator bandwidth

- $\omega/Q \approx 10^{10} \text{ Hz} / 10^6 = 10 \text{ kHz}$

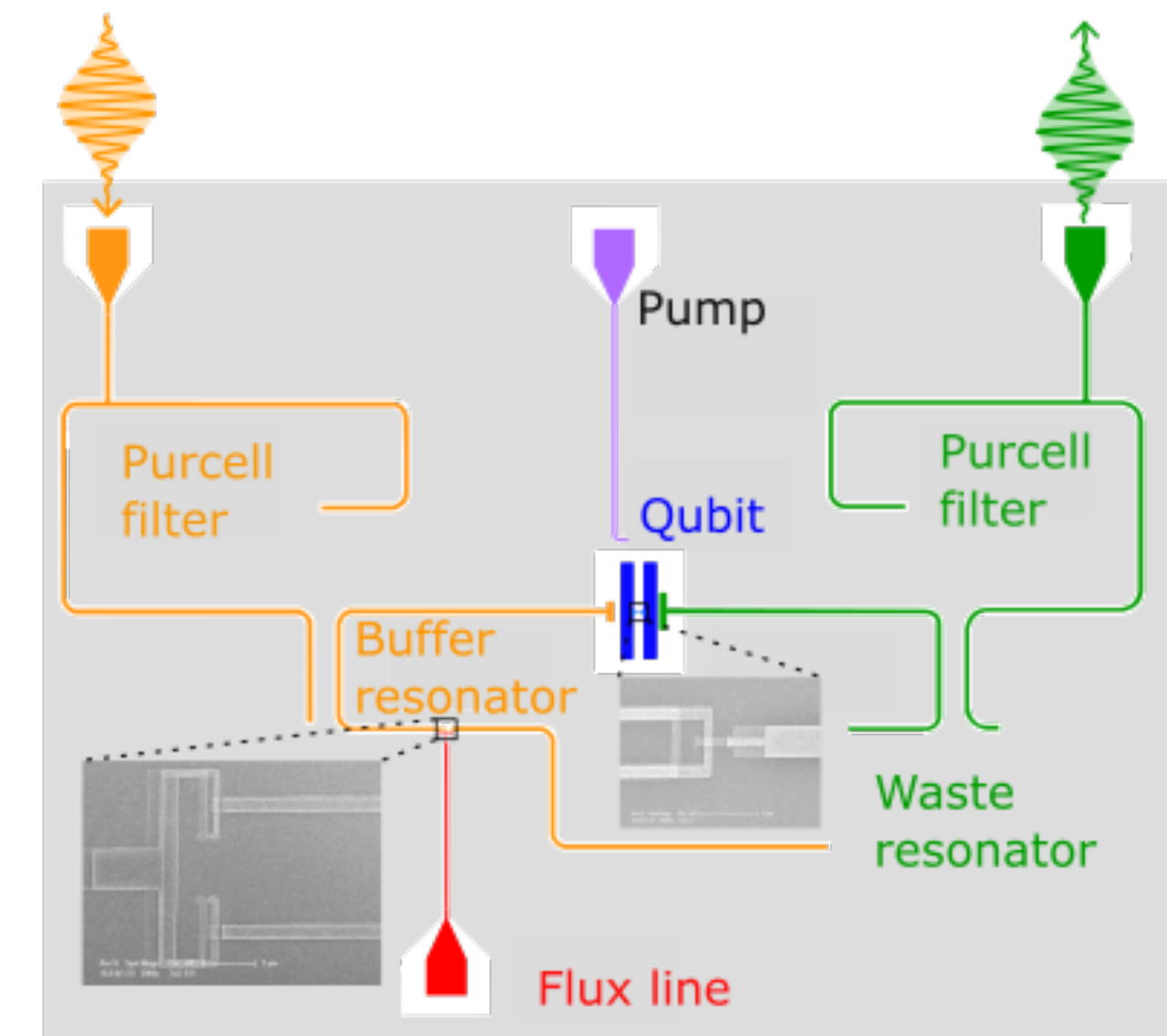
- Very short integration times O(ms) or below for larger BH masses

- Resonant detection difficult for HFGWs from PBH mergers!

- Alternative?



- Recent progress in R&D for single RF photon counters
- Several technologies under study
 - Current Biased Josephson Junctions [arXiv:2302.07556]
 - Kerr Josephon Parametric amplifiers [arXiv:2308.07084]
 - Transmon Q-Bit readout [arXiv:2307.03614]
- Shown single photon efficiency: 43% @ 90 Hz dark count rate



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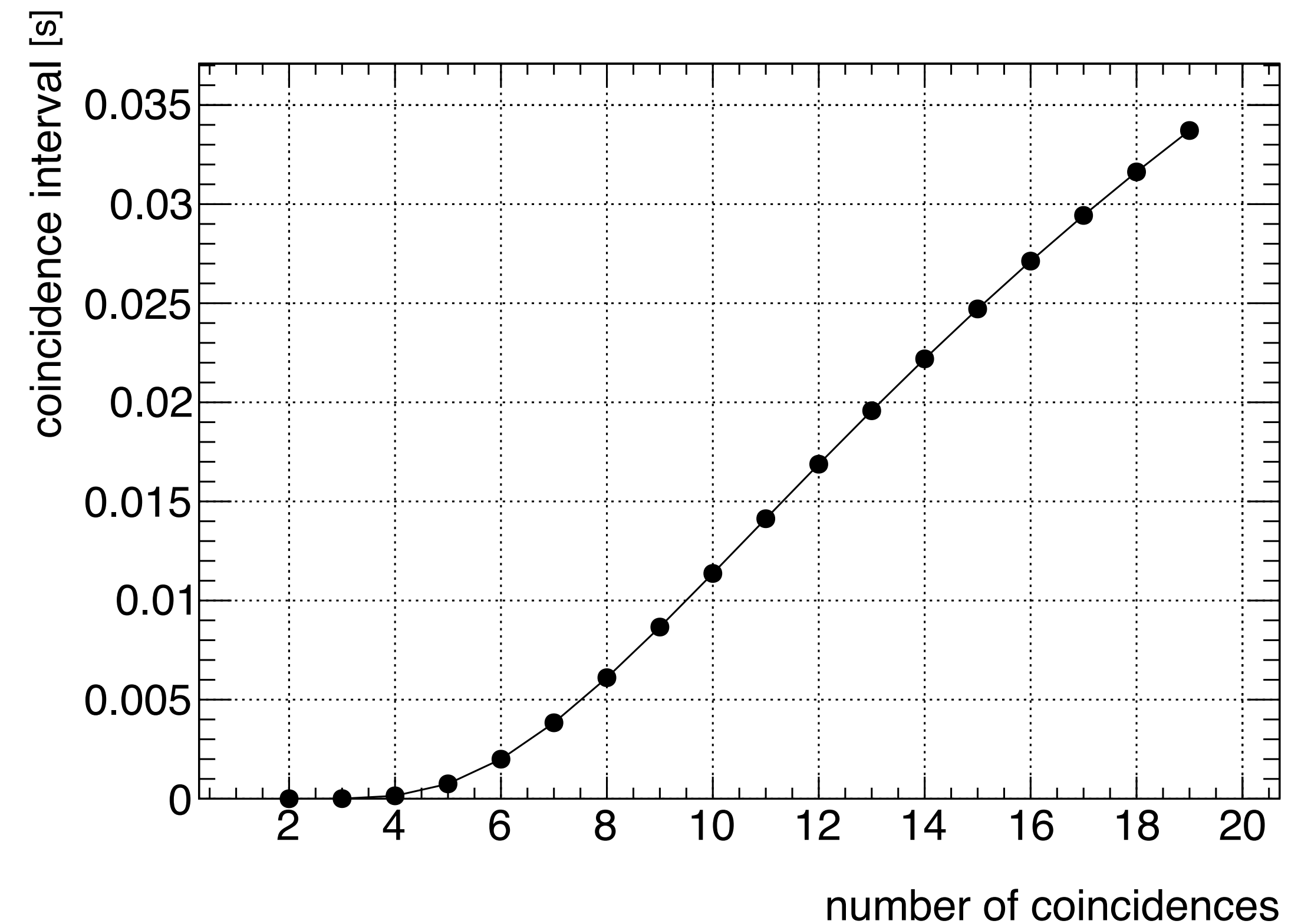
- Measurement boils down to a **coincidence measurement** !
- Coincidence window and needed number of coincident detectors optimised depending on
 - Background rate (thermal, detector noise)
 - Signal Rate

- Background rate:

- Average thermal power in cavity @ 0.1K $\sim 4 \times 10^{-23}$ W, corresponding to 10 photons / s @ 5 GHz
- Could be lowered going to lower temperatures (challenging)
- Assuming advances in the near future on the single photon sensors:
 - Detector dark count rate will drop significantly -> negligible

- Parameter used for Calculation:

- Allowed accidental coincidence rate: $\leq 1/\text{year}$
- Background rate: 10 Hz
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Photon Counting - Signal efficiency

- Overall signal efficiency dependent on detector efficiency, coincidence window and signal photon flux:

- $\epsilon_{single} = \epsilon_{det} \Delta t_{coincidence} \Phi_{sig}$ Φ_{sig} = signal photon flux

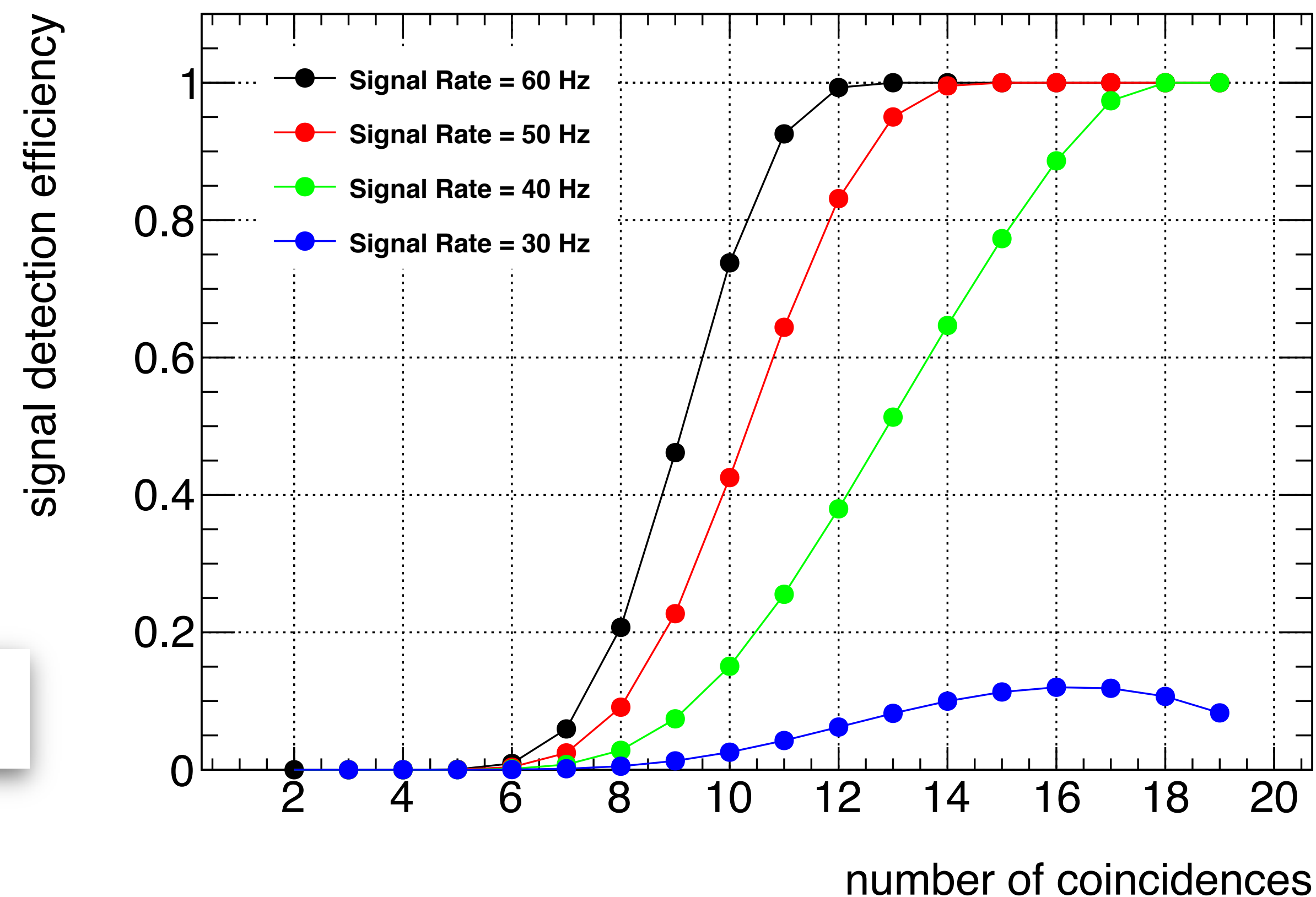
- $\epsilon_{tot} = \sum_{i>k} \binom{N}{k} p^k (1-p)^{N-k}$, $p = \epsilon_{single}$, k = number of required coincidences, N = number of detectors

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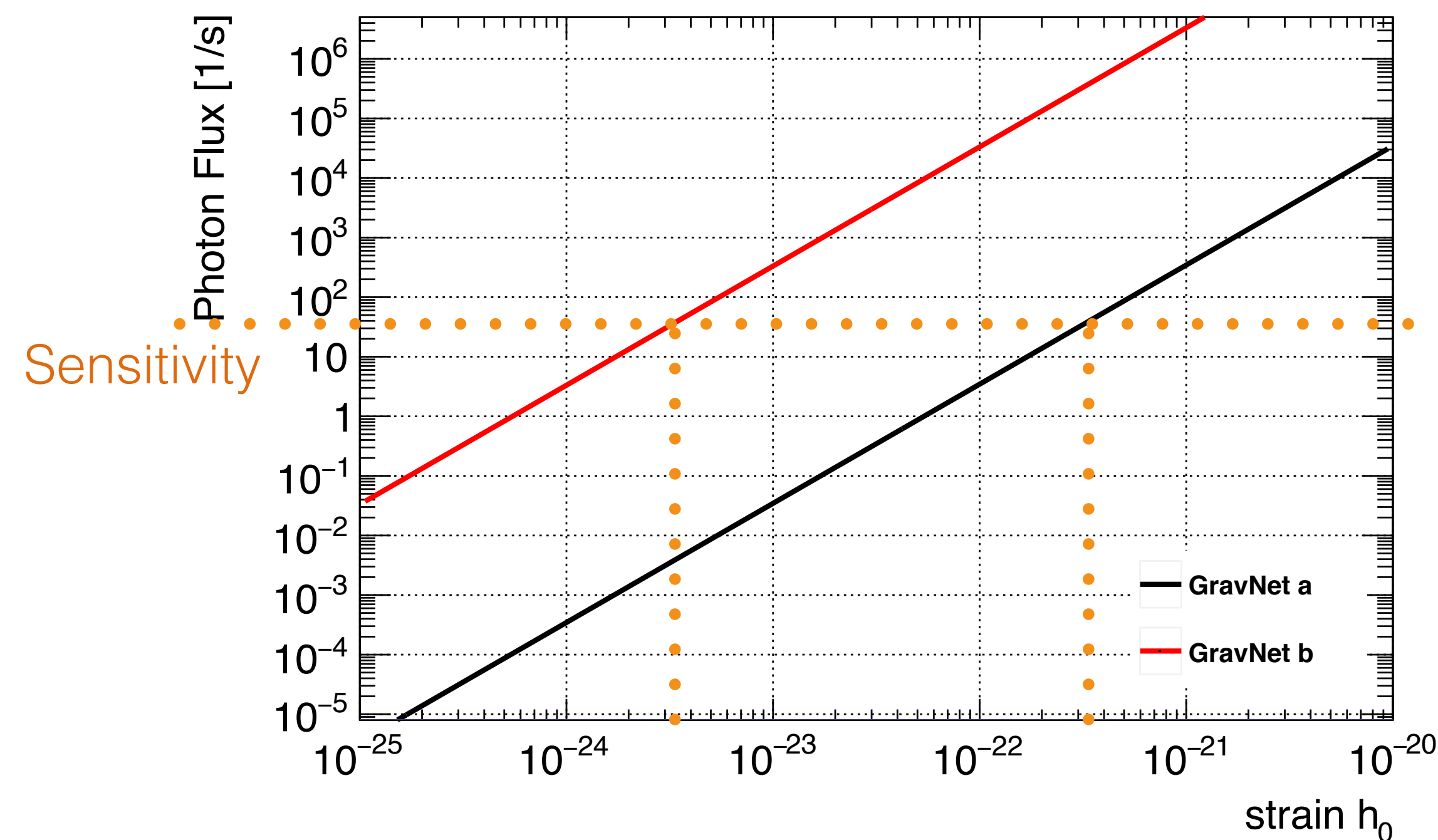
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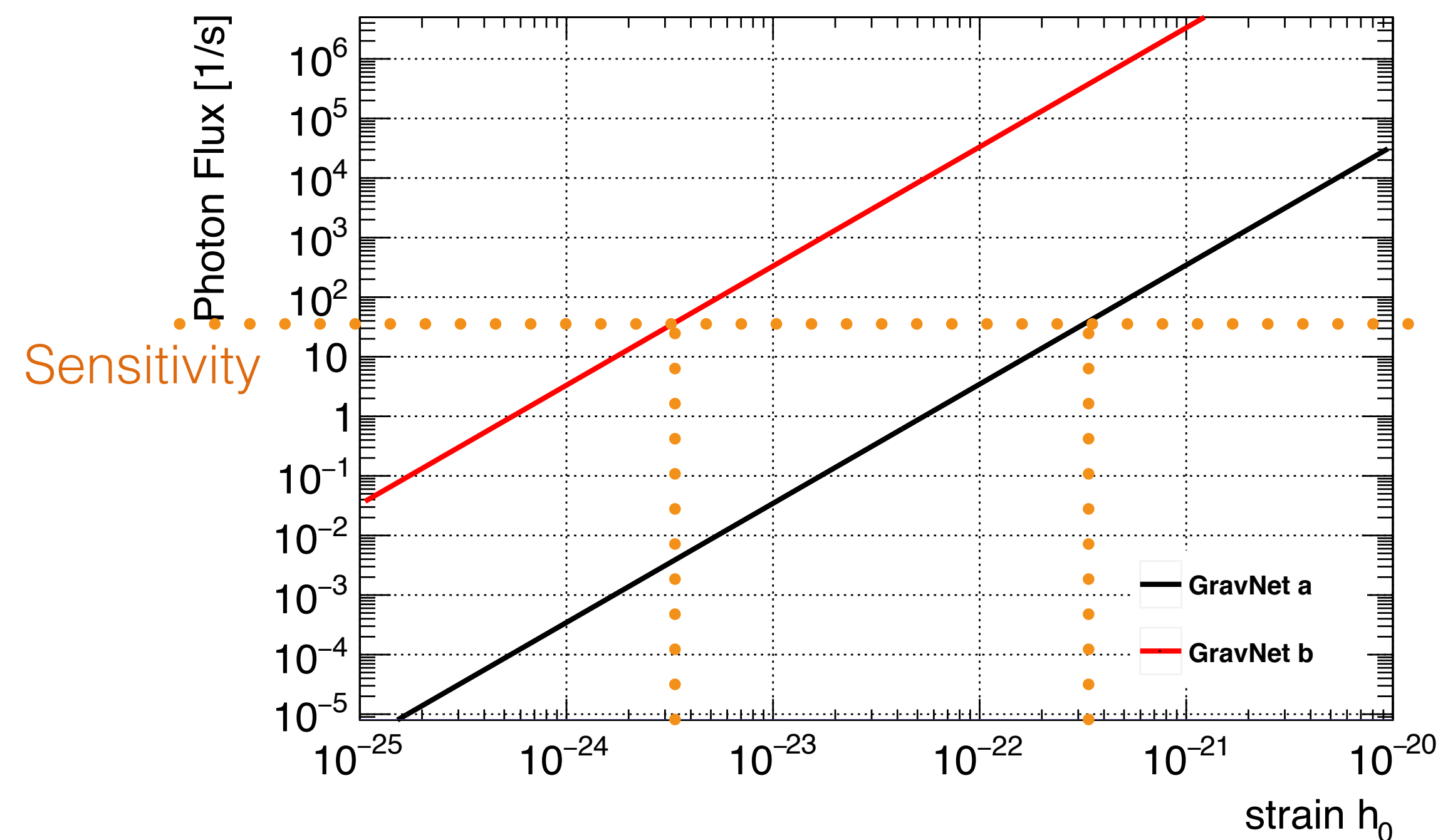
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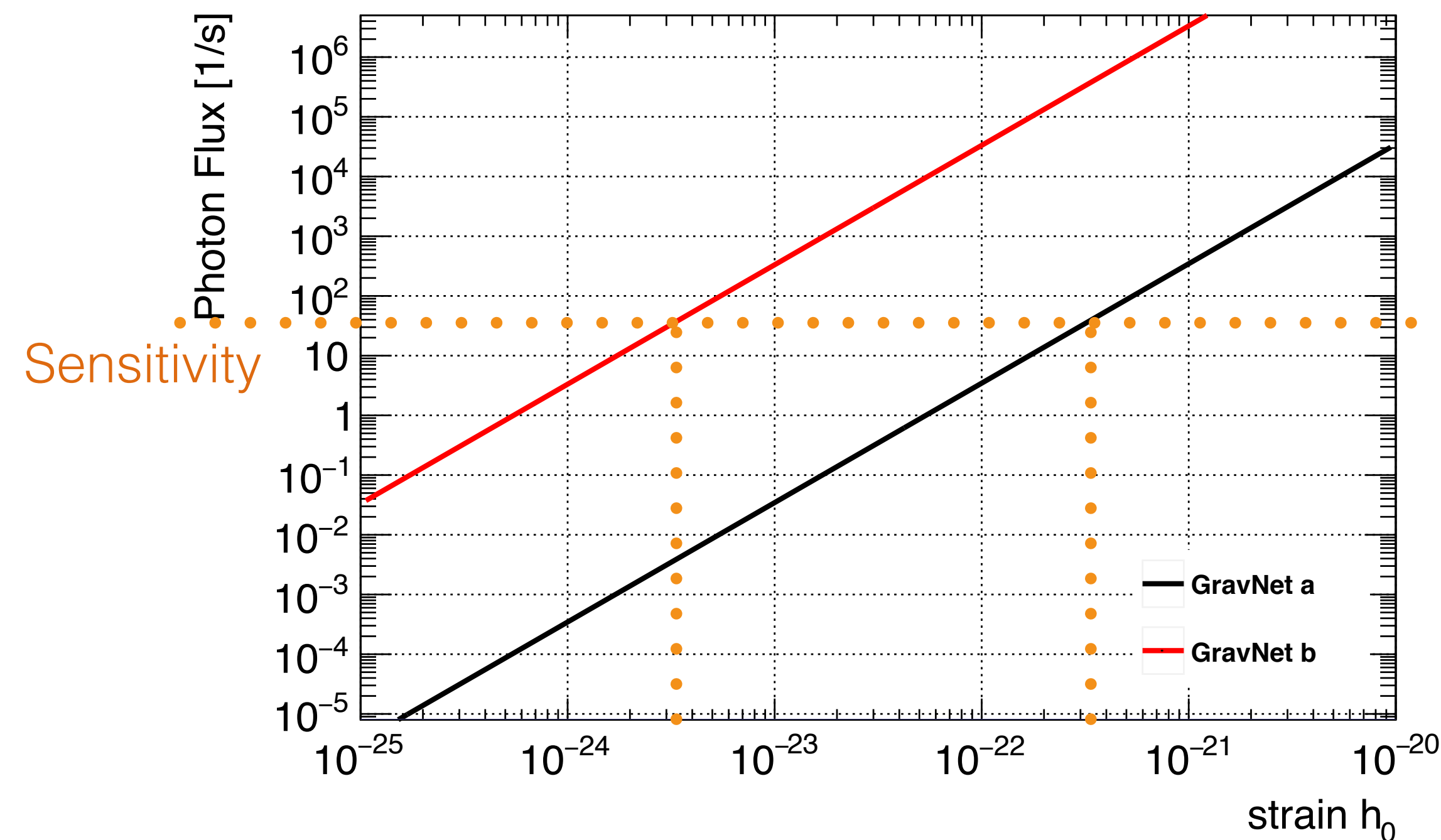
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Significant room for improvements:
more detectors, larger volumes, higher detector efficiency

- To increase the sensitivity of halo scope style experiments we suggest to build a **global network of detectors**
 - Remember: SNR scales linear with number of detectors!

- Integrating measurement:**
 - Sample RF data and combine phase aligned

- Typical integration times too long to be sensitive to BH merges!

- Single frequency sufficient to hunt for PBH mergers!
- Could even combine measurements at different frequencies

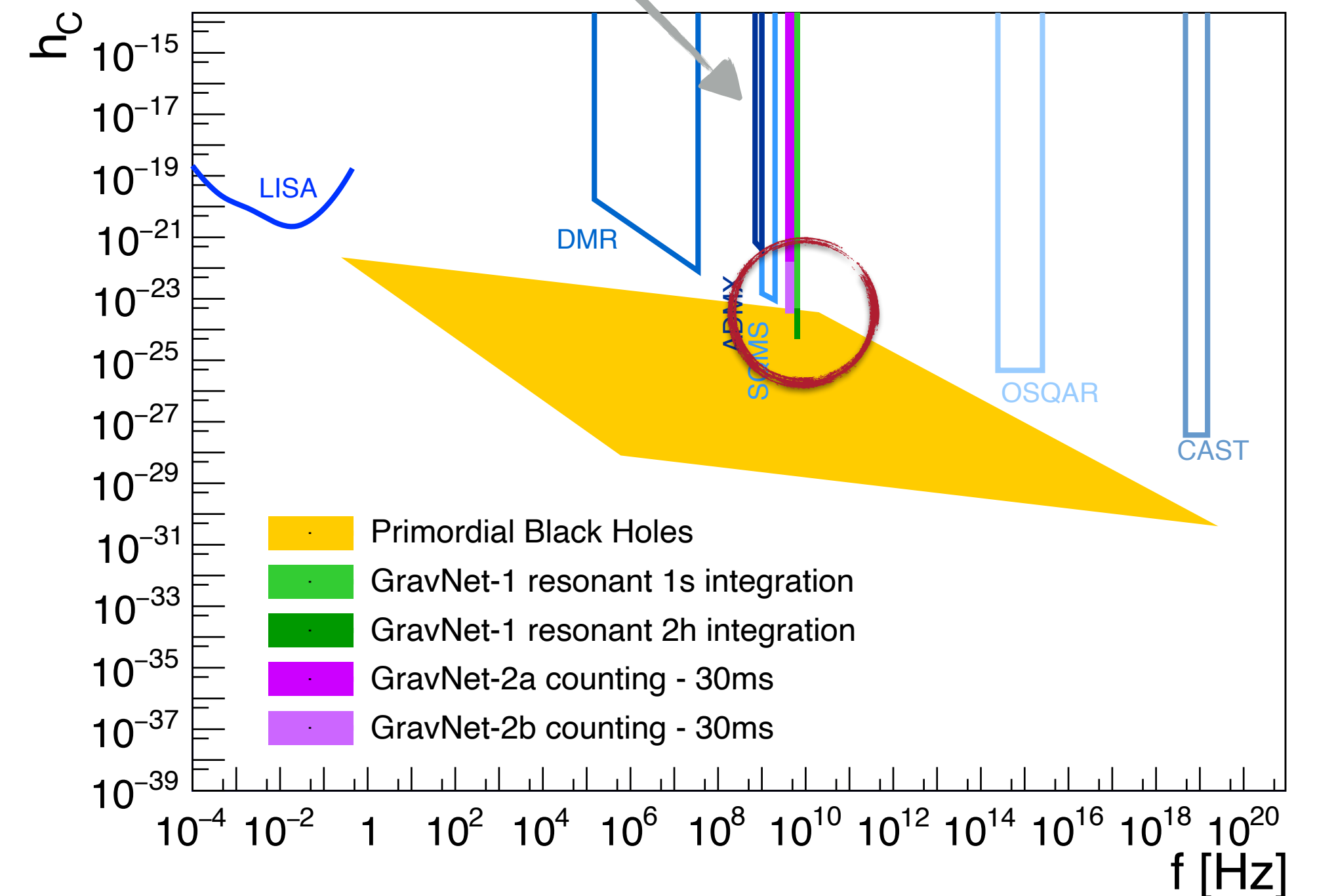
$t_{\text{int}} > O(100\text{s})$ [arXiv:2112.11465]

- Photon counting style experiments:**
 - Recent advancements in single RF photon detection allows to use coincidences of several detectors
- Using 20 independent detectors:

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Requires large meta material cavities (high frequency @ large volume)



[arXiv:2308.11497]

GravNet is an idea up for discussion

- Many advantages in combining efforts to hunt for UHFGWs in coordinated way
- GravNet would significantly improve the sensitivity on high frequency gravitational waves
 - Based on commercial magnet systems, which is comparatively cheap
 - Worldwide collaboration would share costs automatically with local lab-based experiments
 - Easy exchange of R&D results and integration at all locations
- Sensitivity to the PBH parameter space with existing technologies!

Interested? Let's have a coffee!

