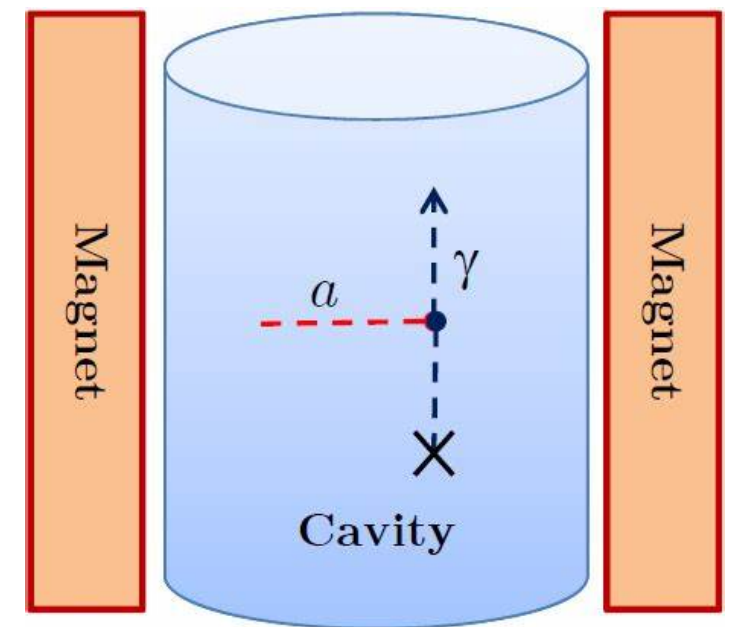
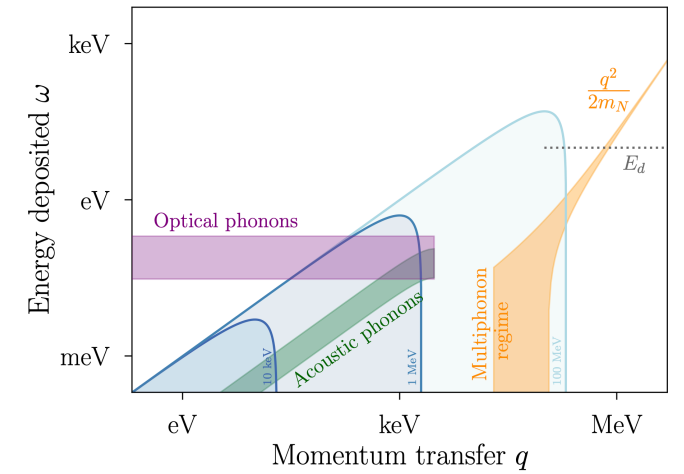
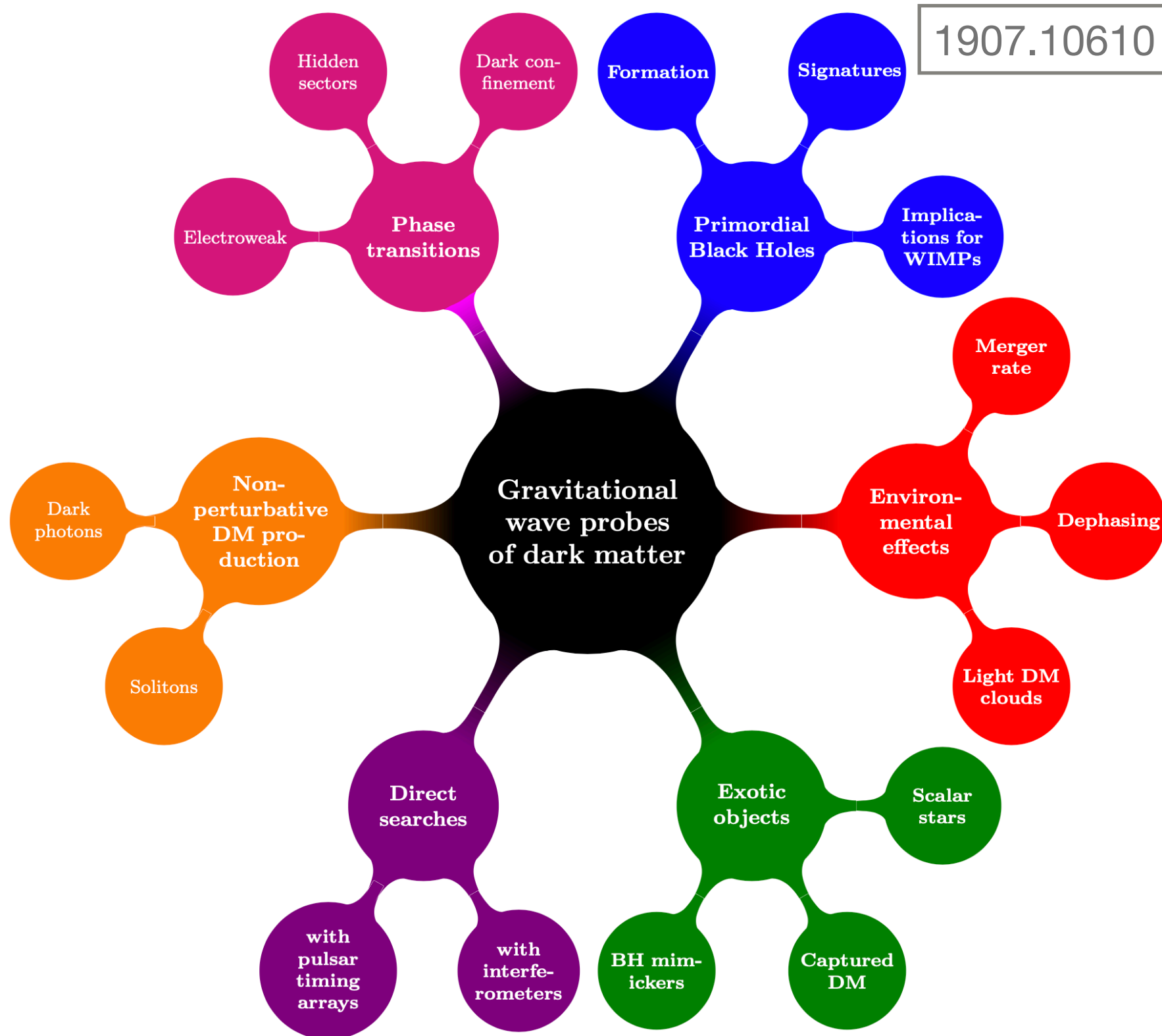


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Gravitational waves from dark oscillations or bremsstrahlung

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Modern strategies of probing dark matter



Outline

- * **GW spectrum from oscillation of dark photon**
- * **GW from oscillation of ALP**
- * **GW spectrum from graviton bremsstrahlung in DM production via Freeze-in**

Ultralight DM oscillating into GWs

Dark photon DM

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(\frac{1}{2} M_{pl}^2 R - \frac{1}{4} \hat{F}_{\mu\nu} g^{\alpha\mu} \hat{F}_{\alpha\beta} g^{\beta\nu} - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} F_{\mu\nu} g^{\alpha\mu} \hat{F}_{\alpha\beta} g^{\beta\nu} \right)$$

g : Determinant of the background metric

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \kappa h_{\mu\nu} \text{ with } |h_{\mu\nu}| \ll 1$$

ε : Mixing between photon and dark photon

Equation of motion

$$\partial_\nu \hat{F}^{\mu\nu} = \hat{j}^\mu + \partial_\nu \left(-\frac{1}{2} h \hat{F}^{\mu\nu} + \hat{F}^{\mu\alpha} h_\alpha^\nu - \hat{F}^{\nu\alpha} h_\alpha^\mu \right) + \varepsilon \partial_\nu \left(-\frac{1}{2} h F^{\mu\nu} + F^{\mu\alpha} h_\alpha^\nu - F^{\nu\alpha} h_\alpha^\mu \right)$$

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Dark photon DM

Schrodinger-like equation

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_{\parallel} \\ \gamma'_{\parallel} \\ G_{\times} \end{pmatrix} = \left[\omega + \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_{\gamma\gamma} & \Delta_{\gamma\gamma'} & \Delta_{\gamma h} \\ \Delta_{\gamma\gamma'} & \Delta_{\gamma'\gamma'} & \Delta_{\gamma'h} \\ \Delta_{\gamma h} & \Delta_{\gamma'h} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_{\parallel} \\ \gamma'_{\parallel} \\ G_{\times} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Delta_{\gamma\gamma} = \Delta_{\text{pla}} + \Delta_{\text{vac}} + \Delta_{\text{CM}},$$

Plasma effect

QED vacuum effect

Cotton-Mouton birefringence

$$\Delta_{\gamma'h} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \kappa |B_T| + \frac{1}{2} \kappa |B'_T|,$$

Transverse to the GW propagation

$$\Delta_{\gamma'\gamma'} \approx \frac{m_{A'}^2}{2\omega}, \quad \text{DP mass}$$

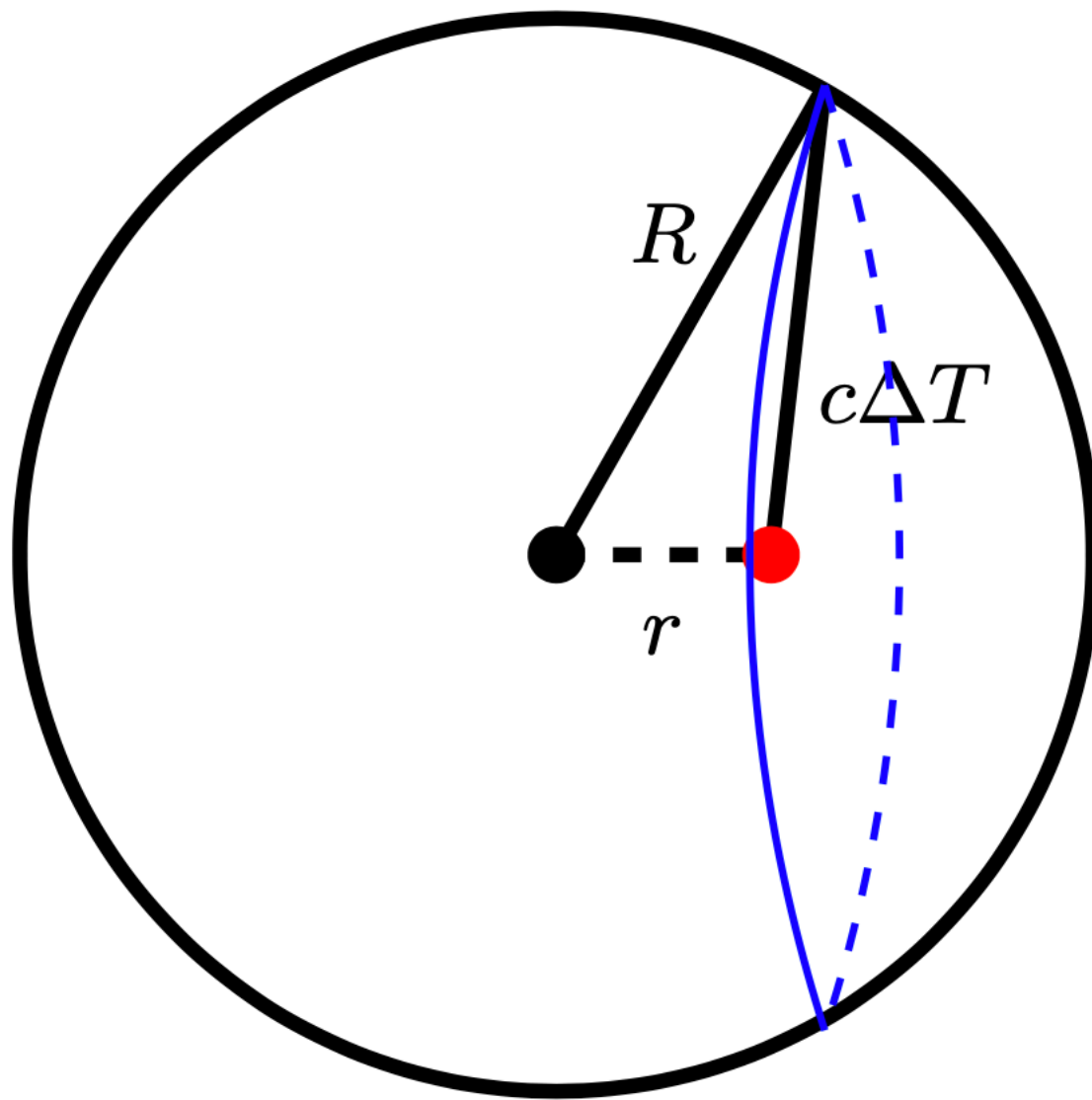
$$\Delta_{\gamma h} = \frac{1}{2} \kappa |B_T|,$$

Oscillation probability

$$P(i \rightarrow j) = \left| \sum_{\alpha} \mathcal{U}_{i\alpha}^* e^{-i\rho_{\alpha} z} \mathcal{U}_{j\alpha} \right|^2, \quad i, j \in \gamma, \gamma', G_{\times}.$$

Ultralight DM oscillating into GWs

Dark photon DM: Local relic density



Survival probability in the galaxy cluster

$$f(r, \Delta T) = \begin{cases} 1, & c\Delta T \leq R - r, \\ \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{r^2 + c^2 \Delta T^2 - R^2}{2rc\Delta T} \right), & c\Delta T > R - r, \\ 0, & c\Delta T \geq R + r, \end{cases}$$

Energy density

$$\rho_{\text{LGW}}(t_0) = \frac{1}{V_{\text{GC}}} \int_{t_0-2T}^{t_0} dt \int_0^R dr \mathcal{L}(r) \cdot f(r, t_0 - t) 4\pi r^2.$$

$$\mathcal{L}(r) = \rho_{\text{DM}}(r) \mathcal{R} \quad \text{GeV} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3} \cdot \text{s}^{-1},$$

Luminosity of the oscillation

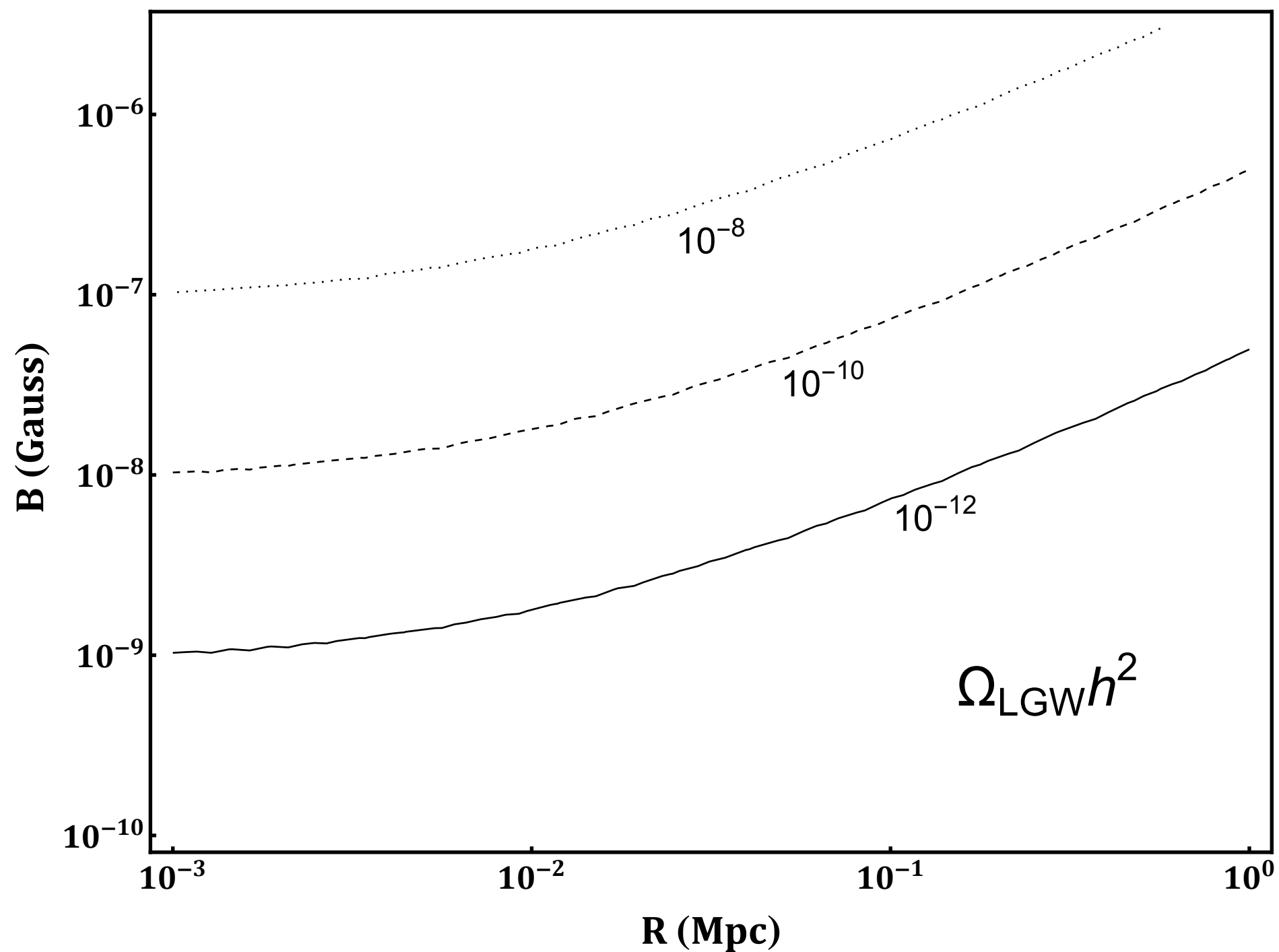
$\mathcal{R}$: conversion rate per ULDP per second

GW flux

$$\mathcal{D}_{\text{GW}} = \int \frac{dn_{\text{DM}}(r)}{dE} \frac{\mathcal{R} d^3 r}{4\pi |\vec{r} - \vec{d}|^2} \sim 1.72 \times 10^{-7} / m_{\text{ULDP}}^2 \text{ cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \cdot \text{eV}^{-1}$$

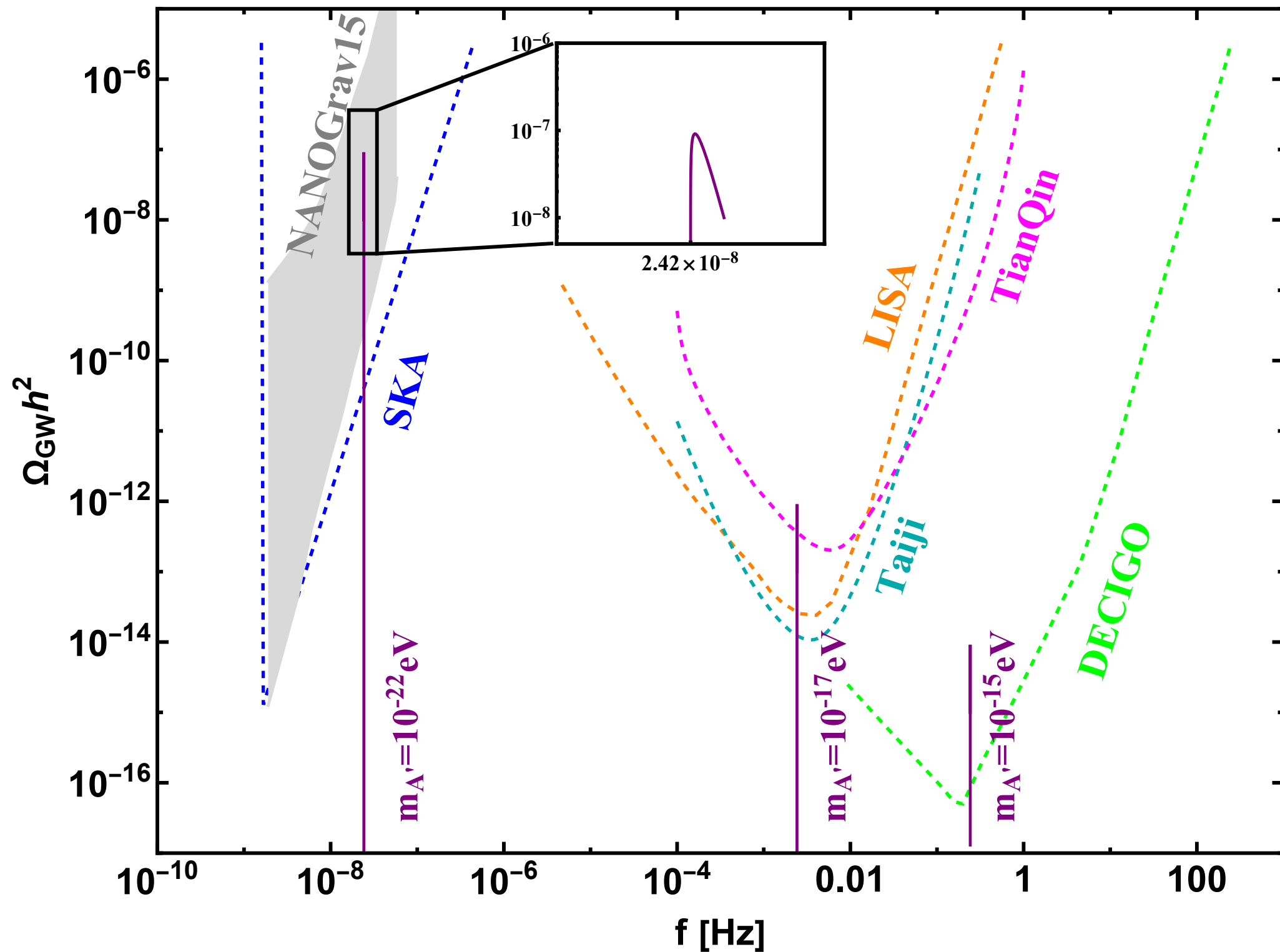
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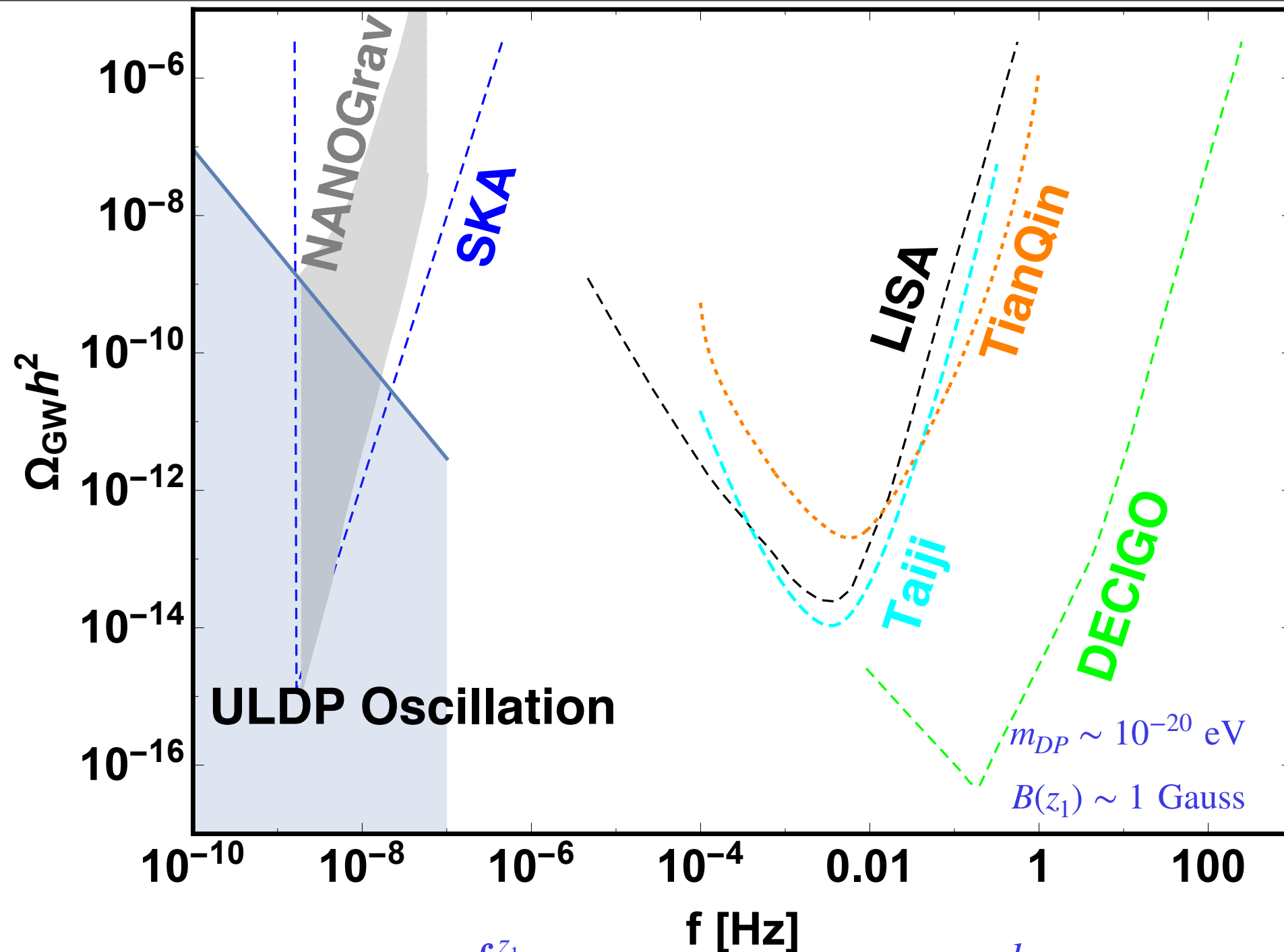
Dark photon oscillations in the early universe

Possible mechanisms for the production of primordial dark magnetic field

- PDMF can be generated during the pseudo-scalar inflation, ϕ , with the Chern-Simons interaction, $\frac{\phi}{4\pi f_a} F \widetilde{F}$.
- PDMF can be produced from the axion oscillations.
- PDMF can be generated from the oscillation of photon in the axion or some other exotic background.

Ultralight DM oscillating into GWs

Dark photon oscillations in the early universe



$$\rho_{\text{SGW}} = \int_{z_0}^{z_1} n_{\text{ULDPO}}(z_0) \mathcal{R}(z) m_{\text{ULDPO}} \frac{dz}{(1+z)^2 H(z)}$$

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- * GW from oscillation dark photon
- * **GW from oscillation of axion-like particles**
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Axion-like particle as DM

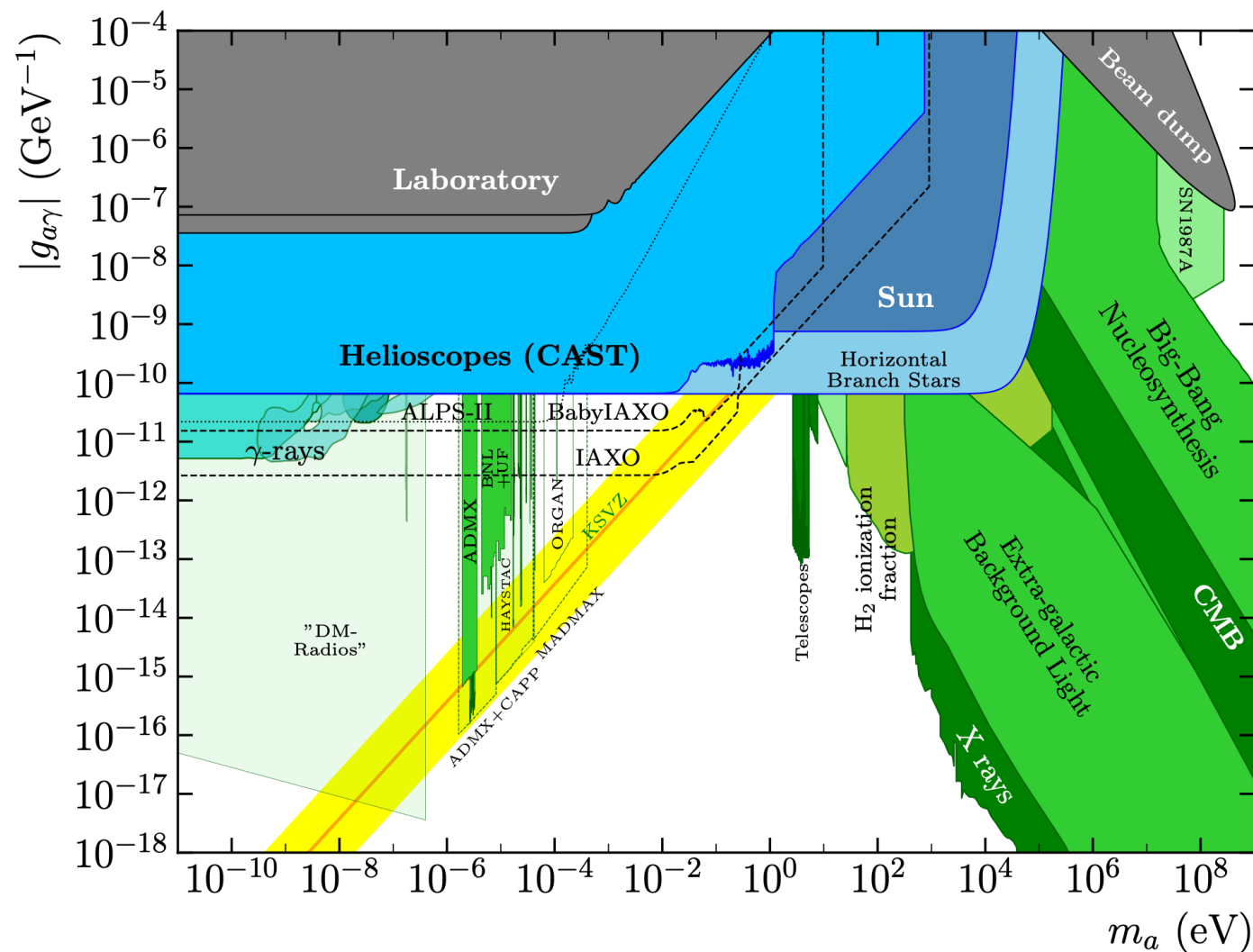
*CP Conservation in the Presence of Pseudoparticles**

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We give an explanation of the *CP* conservation of strong interactions which includes the effects of pseudoparticles. We find it is a natural result for any theory where at least one flavor of fermion acquires its mass through a Yukawa coupling to a scalar field which has nonvanishing vacuum expectation value.

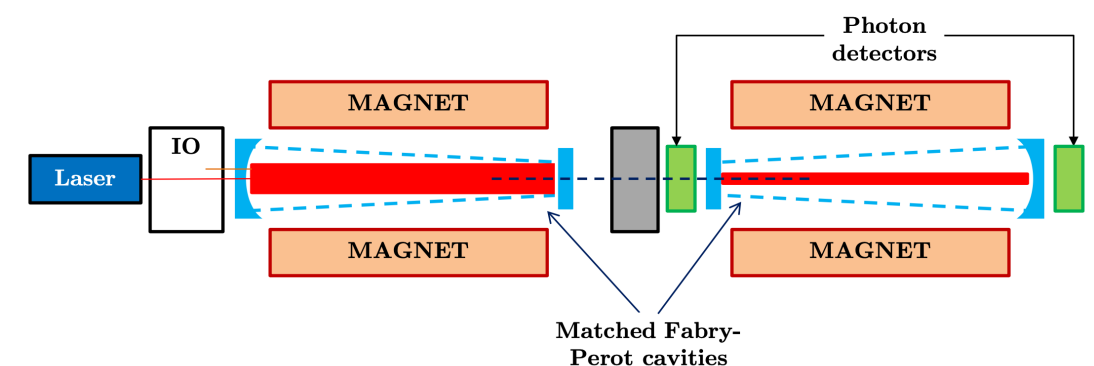


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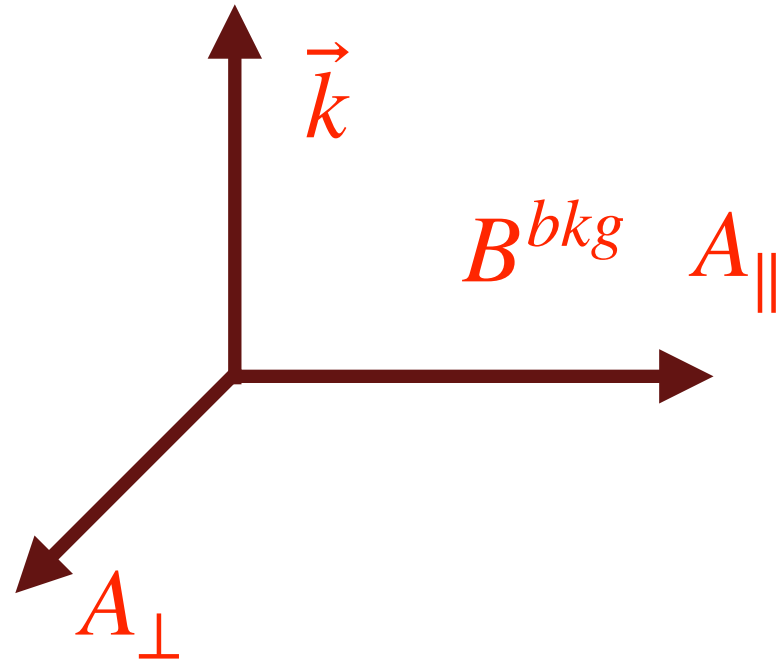
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Axion-like particle as DM



$$\Delta_{\gamma\gamma} = \Delta_{\text{pla}} + \Delta_{\text{vac}} + \Delta_{\text{CM}}$$

$$\Delta_a = \frac{m_a^2}{2\omega}$$

$$\Delta_{\gamma h} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \kappa B_T$$

$$\Delta_{a\gamma} = \frac{g B_T}{\sqrt{3}}$$

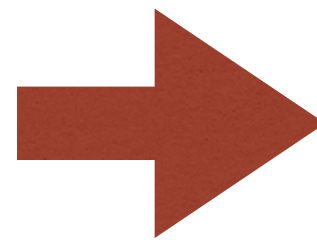
$$\left(\omega - i\partial_z + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Delta_{\gamma h} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \Delta_{\gamma h} & \Delta_{\gamma\gamma}^\perp & 0 & \Delta_R & \Delta_{a\gamma} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \Delta_{\gamma h} & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta_R & \Delta_{\gamma h} & \Delta_{\gamma\gamma}^\parallel & \Delta_{a\gamma} \\ 0 & \Delta_{a\gamma} & 0 & \Delta_{a\gamma} & \Delta_a \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} G_\times^\omega \\ A_\parallel^\omega \\ G_+^\omega \\ A_\perp^\omega \\ a \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad i\partial_z \begin{pmatrix} G_\times^\omega \\ A_\parallel^\omega \\ a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Delta_{\gamma h} & 0 \\ \Delta_{\gamma h} & \Delta_{\gamma\gamma} & \Delta_{a\gamma} \\ 0 & \Delta_{a\gamma} & \Delta_a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} G_\times^\omega \\ A_\parallel^\omega \\ a \end{pmatrix}$$

Ultralight DM oscillating into GWs

A: $\Delta_a = 0$ in the early universe: Three texture zeros in the Hamilton

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\Delta_{\gamma a}}{\sqrt{\Delta_{\gamma a}^2 + \Delta_{g\gamma}^2}} & 0 & \frac{\Delta_{\gamma h}}{\sqrt{\Delta_{\gamma a}^2 + \Delta_{g\gamma}^2}} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}\Delta_{\gamma h}}{\sqrt{\eta^2 - \Delta_{\gamma\gamma}\eta}} & -\sqrt{\frac{\eta - \Delta_{\gamma\gamma}}{2\eta}} & \frac{\sqrt{2}\Delta_{\gamma a}}{\sqrt{\eta^2 - \Delta_{\gamma\gamma}\eta}} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}\Delta_{\gamma h}}{\sqrt{\eta^2 + \Delta_{\gamma\gamma}\eta}} & -\sqrt{\frac{\eta + \Delta_{\gamma\gamma}}{2\eta}} & \frac{\sqrt{2}\Delta_{\gamma a}}{\sqrt{\eta^2 + \Delta_{\gamma\gamma}\eta}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Delta_{\gamma h} & 0 \\ \Delta_{\gamma h} & \Delta_{\gamma\gamma} & \Delta_{\gamma a} \\ 0 & \Delta_{\gamma a} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\Delta_{\gamma a}}{\sqrt{\Delta_{\gamma a}^2 + \Delta_{g\gamma}^2}} & 0 & \frac{\Delta_{\gamma h}}{\sqrt{\Delta_{\gamma a}^2 + \Delta_{g\gamma}^2}} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}\Delta_{\gamma h}}{\sqrt{\eta^2 - \Delta_{\gamma\gamma}\eta}} & -\sqrt{\frac{\eta - \Delta_{\gamma\gamma}}{2\eta}} & \frac{\sqrt{2}\Delta_{\gamma a}}{\sqrt{\eta^2 - \Delta_{\gamma\gamma}\eta}} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}\Delta_{\gamma h}}{\sqrt{\eta^2 + \Delta_{\gamma\gamma}\eta}} & -\sqrt{\frac{\eta + \Delta_{\gamma\gamma}}{2\eta}} & \frac{\sqrt{2}\Delta_{\gamma a}}{\sqrt{\eta^2 + \Delta_{\gamma\gamma}\eta}} \end{pmatrix}^T$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \left(\Delta_{\gamma\gamma} - \sqrt{4\Delta_{\gamma h}^2 + \Delta_{\gamma\gamma}^2 + 4\Delta_{\gamma a}^2} \right) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \left(\Delta_{\gamma\gamma} + \sqrt{4\Delta_{\gamma h}^2 + \Delta_{\gamma\gamma}^2 + 4\Delta_{\gamma a}^2} \right) \end{pmatrix}$$



$$P(a \rightarrow h) \propto \frac{2\Delta_{\gamma h}^2}{\eta^2 - \eta\Delta_{\gamma\gamma}}$$

Ultralight DM oscillating into GWs

A: $\Delta_a \neq 0$ in the early universe: Two texture zeros in the Hamilton

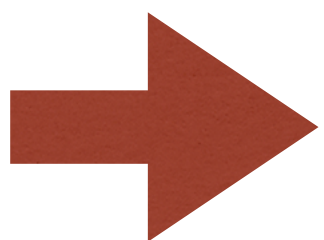
According to the method of Vista

$$\mathcal{U}^T \cdot H \cdot \mathcal{U} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda - 2\sqrt{\frac{p}{3}} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\varphi}{3}\right) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda - 2\sqrt{\frac{p}{3}} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\varphi}{3}\right) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda + 2\sqrt{\frac{p}{3}} \cos\left(\frac{\varphi}{3}\right) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\Delta_{\gamma\gamma} + \Delta_a}{3} \quad p = -\frac{(\Delta_{\gamma\gamma} + \Delta_a)^2}{3} + \Delta_\gamma \Delta_a - \Delta_{a\gamma}^2 - \Delta_{h\gamma}^2 \quad q = -\lambda^3 + \lambda(\Delta_\gamma \Delta_a - \Delta_{a\gamma}^2 - \Delta_{h\gamma}^2) + \Delta_a \Delta_{h\gamma}^2$$

$$\mathcal{U} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_2 \lambda_3 (\Delta_a + \eta \lambda_1)}{\Delta_a (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) (\eta \lambda_1 + \lambda_3)}} & \eta \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_1 \lambda_3 (\Delta_a - \eta \lambda_2)}{\Delta_a (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) (\lambda_3 - \eta \lambda_2)}} & \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 (\lambda_3 - \Delta_a)}{\Delta_a (\eta \lambda_1 + \lambda_3) (\lambda_3 - \eta \lambda_2)}} \\ -\eta \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_1 (\Delta_a + \eta \lambda_1)}{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) (\eta \lambda_1 + \lambda_3)}} & \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_2 (\Delta_a - \eta \lambda_2)}{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) (\lambda_3 - \eta \lambda_2)}} & \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_3 (\lambda_3 - \Delta_a)}{(\eta \lambda_1 + \lambda_3) (\lambda_3 - \eta \lambda_2)}} \\ \eta \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_1 (\lambda_3 - \Delta_a) (\Delta_a - \eta \lambda_2)}{\Delta_a (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) (\eta \lambda_1 + \lambda_3)}} & -\sqrt{\frac{\lambda_2 (\lambda_3 - \Delta_a) (\Delta_a + \eta \lambda_1)}{\Delta_a (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) (\lambda_3 - \eta \lambda_2)}} & \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_3 (\Delta_a + \eta \lambda_1) (\Delta_a - \eta \lambda_2)}{\Delta_a (\eta \lambda_1 + \lambda_3) (\lambda_3 - \eta \lambda_2)}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\varphi = \arccos\left(\frac{3^{3/2} q}{2p^{3/2}}\right)$$



$$P_{(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)}(z) = \left| \sum_{j=1}^3 \mathcal{U}_{\alpha j} e^{-iE_j z} \mathcal{U}_{\beta j}^* \right|^2$$

Second order interference induced DM-GW transition.

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Freeze-in Mechanism

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DM with negligible coupling with the plasma: $\mathcal{L} \supset -\beta \phi \bar{\psi} \psi$,

Boltzmann equation:

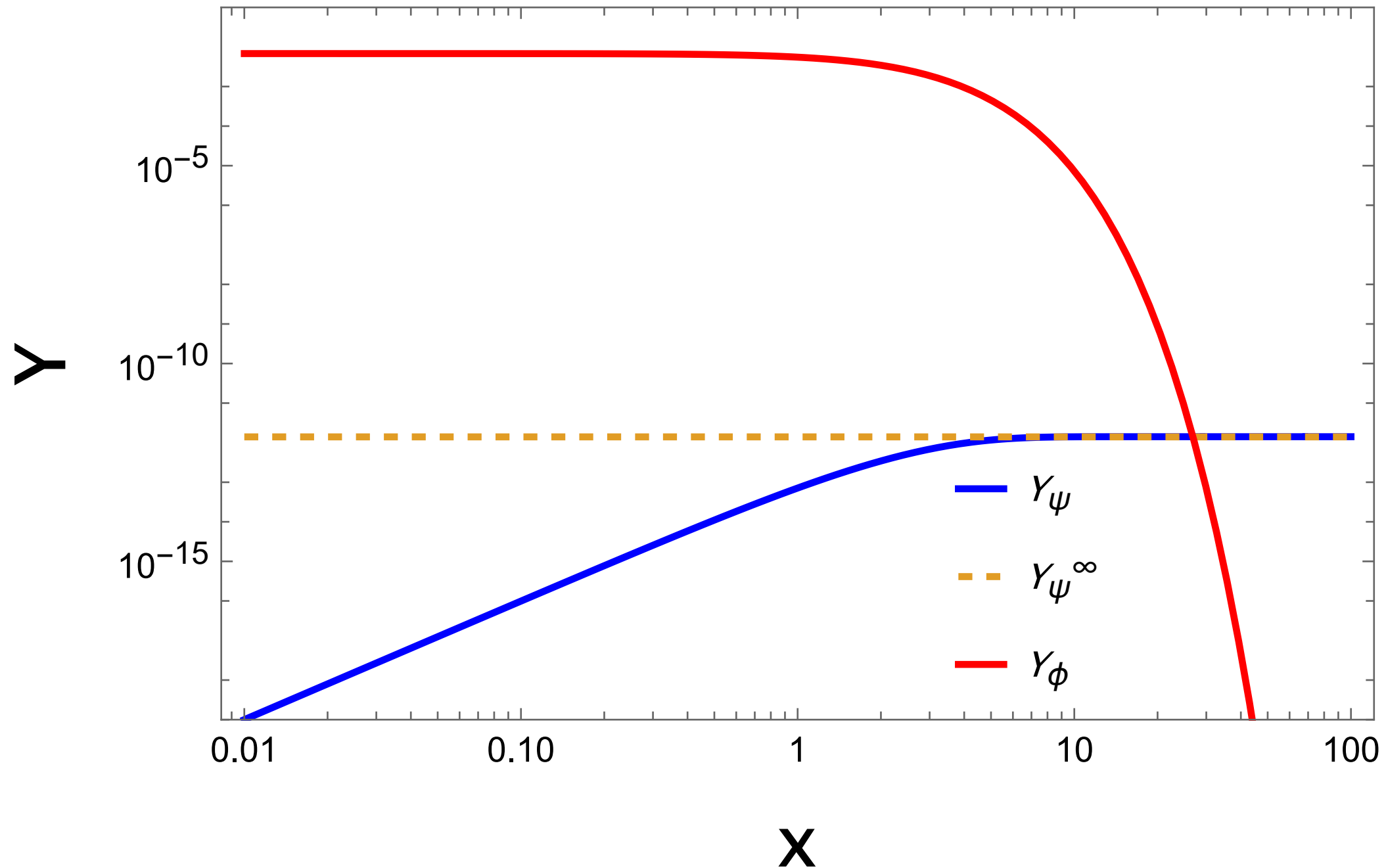
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dn_\psi}{dt} + 3Hn_\psi &= g_\phi \int d\Pi_\phi d\Pi_\psi d\Pi_{\bar{\psi}} (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_\phi - p_\psi - p_{\bar{\psi}}) |\mathcal{M}|_{\phi \rightarrow \psi \bar{\psi}}^2 f_\phi \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi^2} m_\phi^2 T K_1(m_\phi/T) \Gamma_{\phi \rightarrow \psi \bar{\psi}}, \end{aligned}$$

Boltzmann equation of comoving number density:

$$\frac{dY_\psi}{dx} = \frac{90\sqrt{90}}{(2\pi)^6} \frac{M_P}{\sqrt{g_*^\rho g_*^S}} \frac{\beta^2}{m_\phi} x^3 K_1(x), \longrightarrow Y_\psi^\infty = \frac{135\sqrt{90}}{2(2\pi)^5} \frac{M_P}{\sqrt{g_*^\rho g_*^S}} \frac{\beta^2}{m_\phi}.$$

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Ultraviolet Freeze-in Mechanism

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DM with high dimensional coupling with the plasma: $\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{\Lambda} \chi \chi^\dagger \bar{f} f$,

Boltzmann equation:

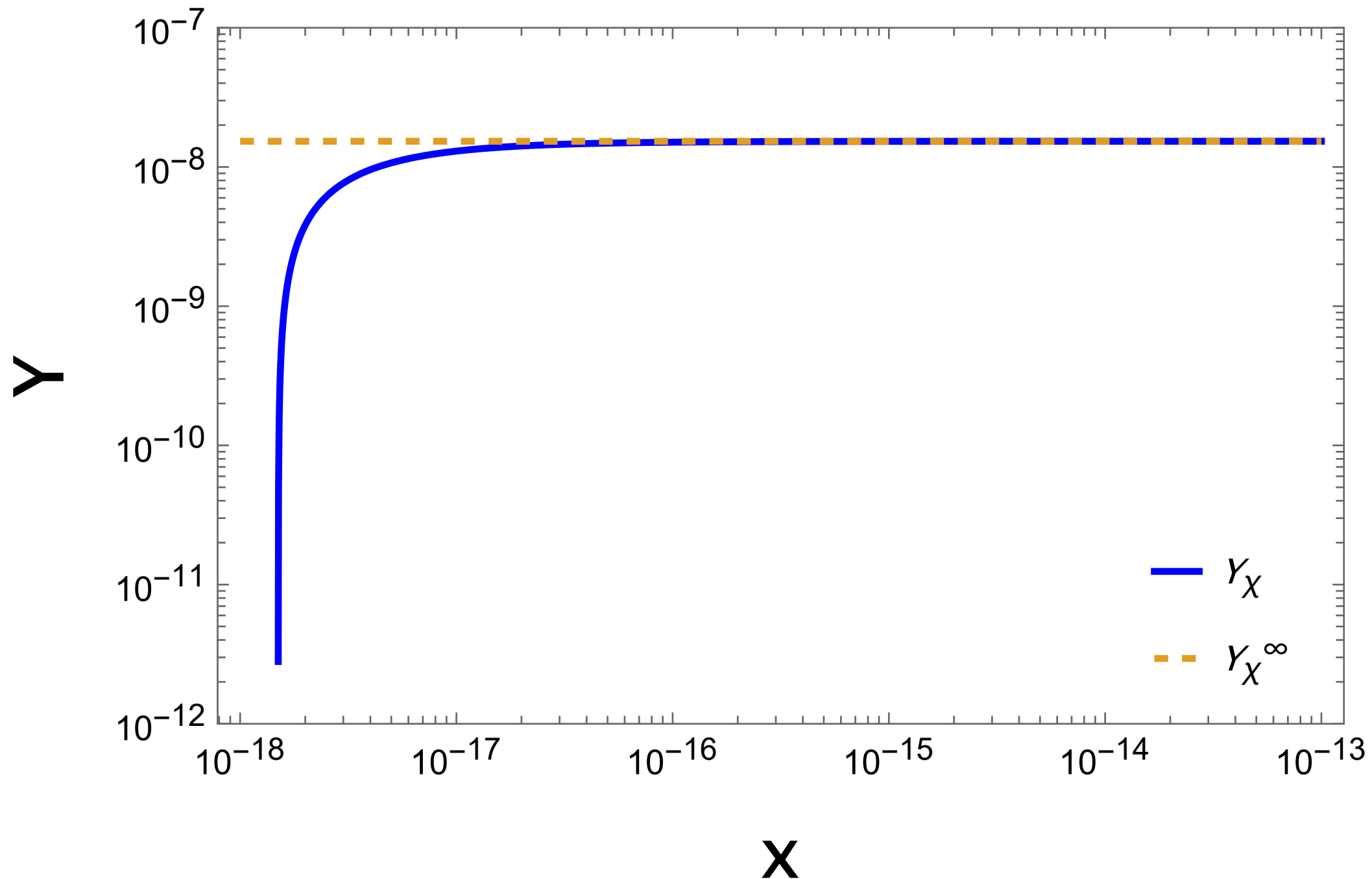
$$\frac{dn_\chi}{dt} + 3Hn_\chi = g_f g_{\bar{f}} \int d\Pi_f d\Pi_{\bar{f}} d\Pi_\chi d\Pi_{\chi^\dagger} (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_f + p_{\bar{f}} - p_\chi - p_{\chi^\dagger}) |\mathcal{M}|_{f\bar{f} \rightarrow \chi\chi^\dagger}^2 \mathcal{F}_f \mathcal{F}_{\bar{f}},$$

For comoving number density:

$$\frac{dY_\chi}{dT} = -\frac{45\sqrt{90}}{2\pi^3(2\pi)^5} \frac{1}{g_*^S \sqrt{g_*^\rho}} \frac{M_P}{\Lambda^2} \longrightarrow Y_\chi^\infty \simeq \frac{180\sqrt{90}}{(2\pi)^8} \frac{1}{g_*^S \sqrt{g_*^\rho}} \frac{M_P T_R}{\Lambda^2}$$

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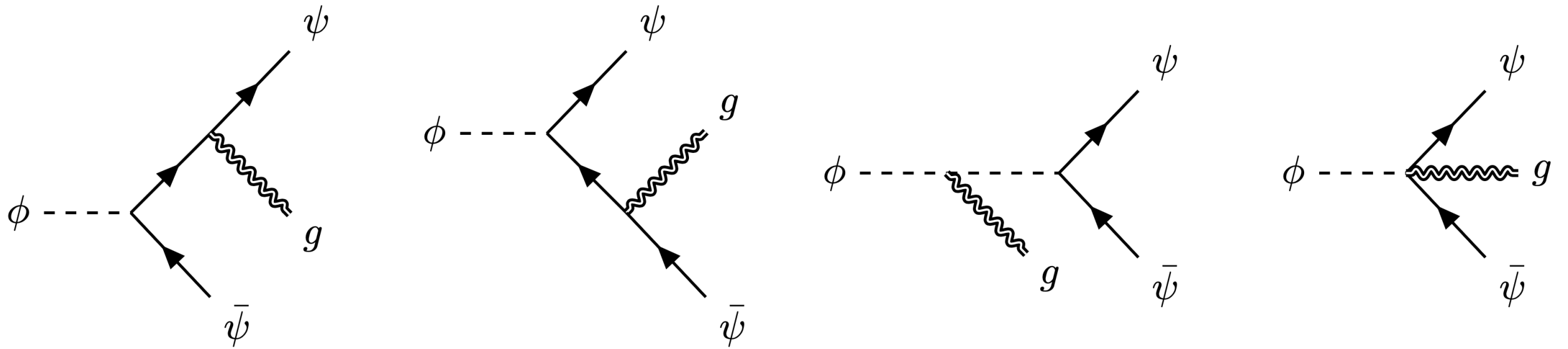
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1. A nice mechanism to address the DM production; 2. Difficult to be tested in the laboratory

Graviton bremsstrahlung in the freeze-in process

IR freeze-in case:



Boltzmann equation:

$$\frac{d\rho_{GW}}{dt} + 4H\rho_{GW} = g_\phi \int d\Pi_\phi d\Pi_\psi d\Pi_{\bar{\psi}} d\Pi_g (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_\phi - p_\psi - p_{\bar{\psi}} - p_g) |\mathcal{M}|^2 f_\phi \omega$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dY_{GW}}{d\omega} \right) = \frac{T^2}{m_\phi} \frac{1}{HTS^{4/3}} \frac{dC_{\phi \rightarrow \psi \bar{\psi} g}}{d\omega} = \left(\frac{45}{2\pi^2 g_*^S(T)} \right)^{4/3} \frac{\beta^2 \sqrt{90}}{4(2\pi)^6 \sqrt{g_*^P(T)}} \frac{\omega_D^2}{M_P T_D^2}$$

$$\times K_1(x) x^2 \left(1 - \frac{2\omega_D}{T_D} \frac{1}{x} \right) \left[2 - \frac{2T_D}{\omega_D} x + \left(\frac{T_D}{\omega_D} x \right)^2 \right]$$

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Redshift of graviton

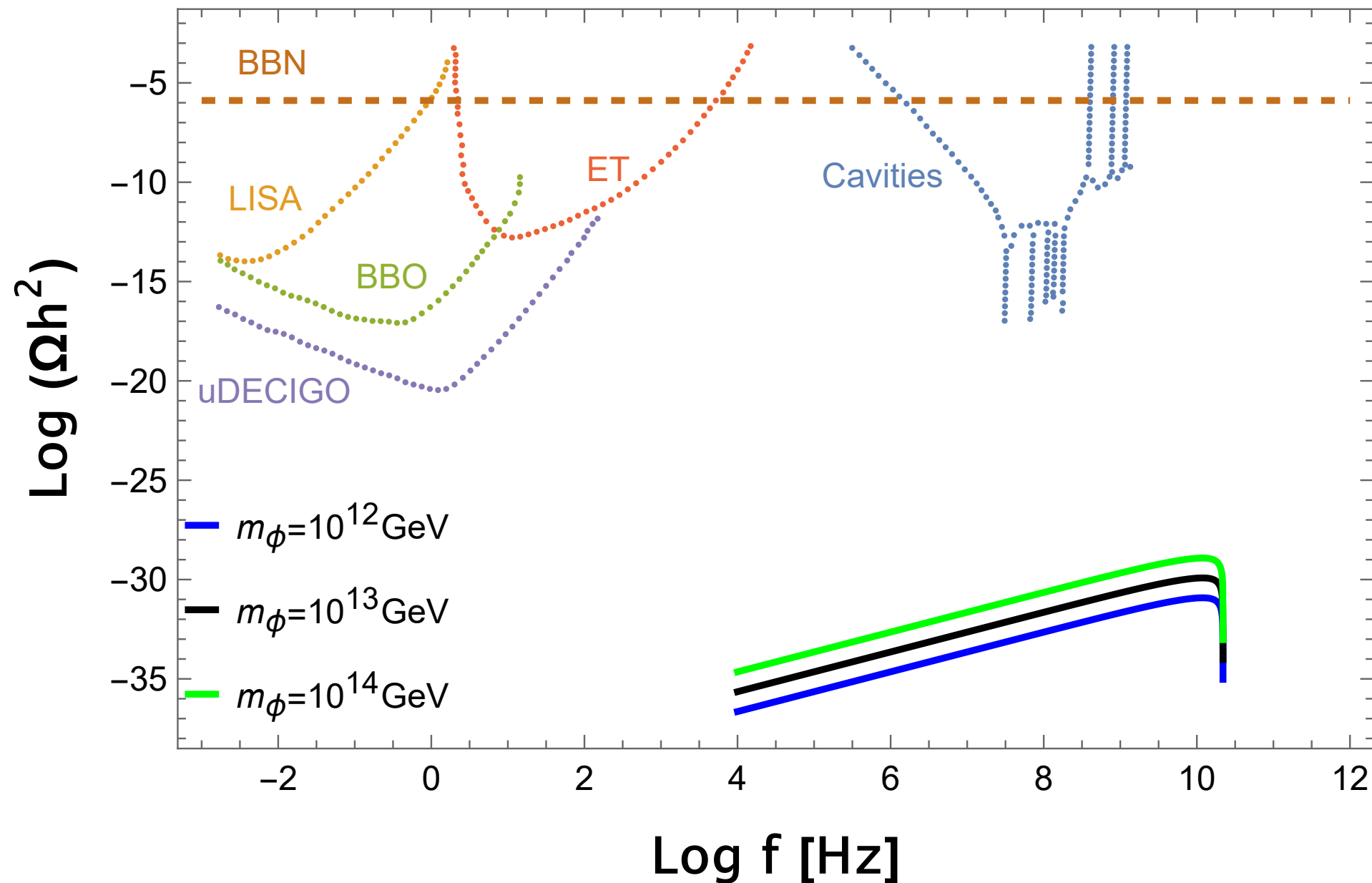
$$\omega(T) = \omega_D \frac{a(T_D)}{a(T)} = \left(\frac{g_*^S(T)}{g_*^S(T_D)} \right)^{1/3} \frac{T}{T_D} \omega_D$$

GW Spectrum

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{GW}(f) &\equiv \frac{1}{\rho_{cr,0}} \frac{d\rho_{GW}(T_0)}{d \ln \omega_0} = \frac{1}{\rho_{cr,0}} \frac{dY_{GW}^\infty}{d \ln \omega_D} S^{4/3}(T_0) \\ &= \frac{T_0^4}{\rho_{cr,0}} \frac{g_*^S(T_0)}{g_*^S(T_D)} \frac{\sqrt{90} \beta^2 T_D}{2(2\pi)^5 \sqrt{g_*^\rho(T_D)} M_P} \frac{f}{T_0} \times \\ &\quad \left[8 - 6\pi^2 \frac{f}{T_0} \left(\frac{g_*^S(T_D)}{g_*^S(T_0)} \right)^{1/3} + 24\pi^2 \frac{f^2}{T_0^2} \left(\frac{g_*^S(T_D)}{g_*^S(T_0)} \right)^{2/3} - 8\pi^4 \frac{f^3}{T_0^3} \frac{g_*^S(T_D)}{g_*^S(T_0)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Graviton bremsstrahlung in the freeze-in process

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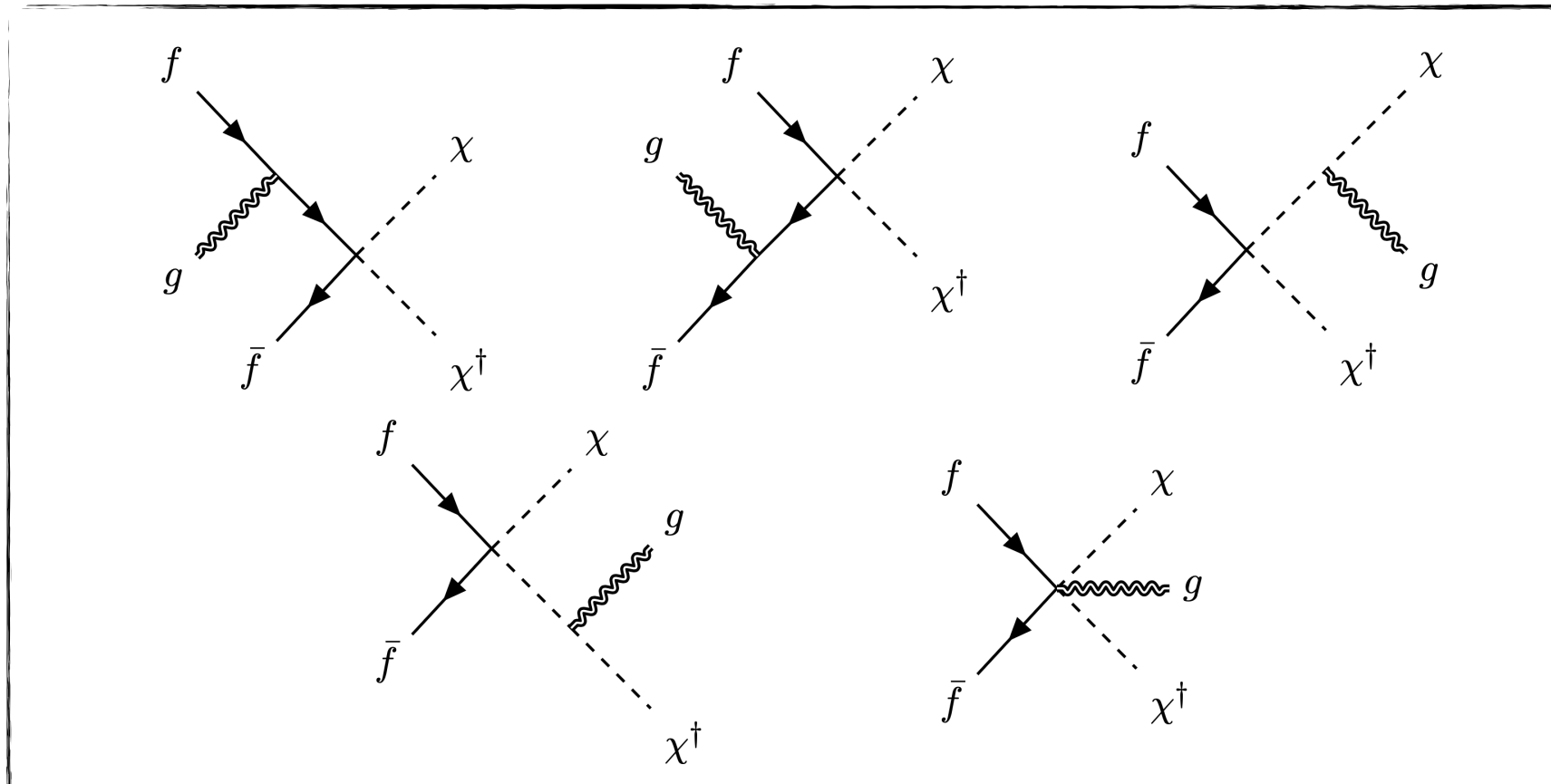


Max frequency:

$$f_{max} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \omega_D^{max} \frac{a(T_D)}{a(T_0)} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{m_\phi}{2} \left(\frac{g_*^S(T_0)}{g_*^S(T_D)} \right)^{1/3} \frac{T_0}{T_D} \simeq 2.3 \times 10^{11} \text{ Hz}$$

Graviton bremsstrahlung in the freeze-in process

UV freeze-in case:



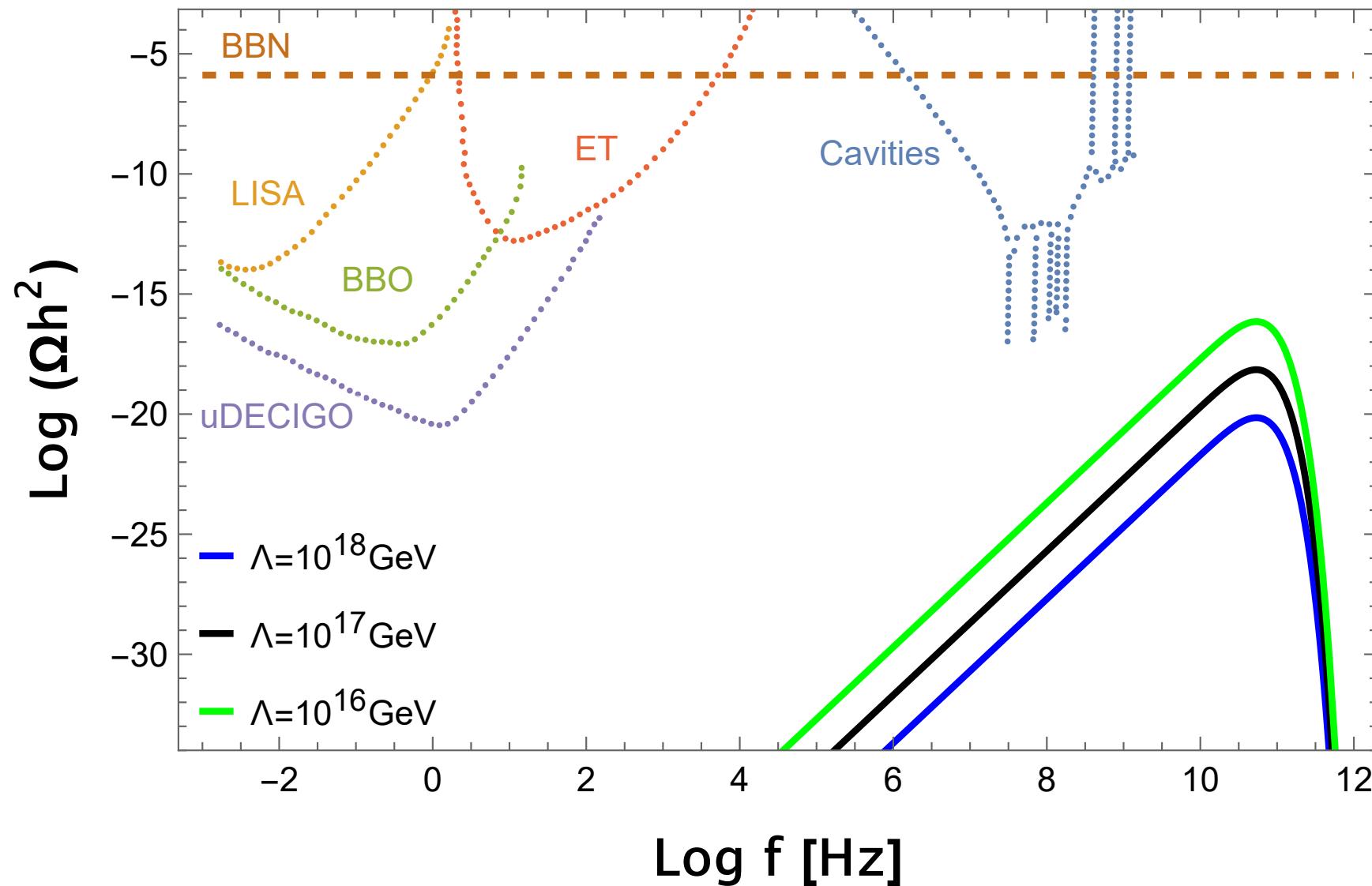
Differential collision term for GWs:

$$\frac{d}{d\omega} C_{f\bar{f} \rightarrow \chi\chi^\dagger g} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^7} \frac{T^6 \omega^2}{M_P^2 \Lambda^2} G_{1,3}^{3,0} \left(\frac{\omega^2}{T^2} \middle| \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 0, 2, 3 \end{matrix} \right)$$

$$\frac{dY_{GW}^\infty}{d\omega_E} = \left(\frac{45}{2\pi^2 g_*^S(T_E)} \right)^{4/3} \frac{\sqrt{90}}{\sqrt{g_*^\rho(T_E)}} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^8} \frac{\omega_E^2 T_R^2}{M_P \Lambda^2 T_E^2} G_{1,3}^{3,0} \left(\frac{\omega_E^2}{T_E^2} \middle| \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 0, 2, 3 \end{matrix} \right)$$

Graviton bremsstrahlung in the freeze-in process

UV freeze-in case:



Spectrum at peak frequency $\Omega_{GW} h^2(f_{peak}) = 7.1 \times 10^{-17} \left(\frac{T_R}{10^{16} \text{ GeV}} \right)^3 \left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{10^{32} \text{ GeV}^2} \right)^{-1}$

Conclusion

We have calculated GW spectrum arising from dark matter related process:

- **Nano-hertz GW can be induced from oscillation of superlight DM.**
- **O(1) Hz GW can be induced from WIMP triggered phase transition.**
- **High frequency GW can be induced from graviton bremsstrahlung of DM production process.**

More systematic study is needed to build connection between dark matter and GW.

Thank you for your attention