

Axion Dark Matter and  
High-Frequency Gravitational Wave Searches:

Calibrating DMRadio-50L and  
ABRACADABRA -10cm



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# Outline

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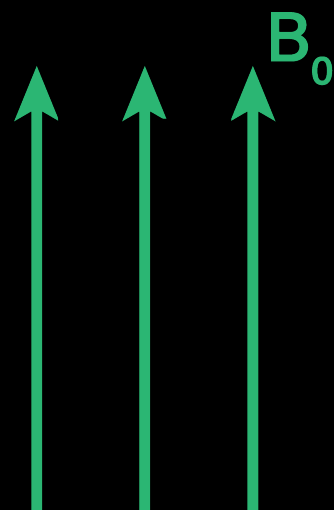
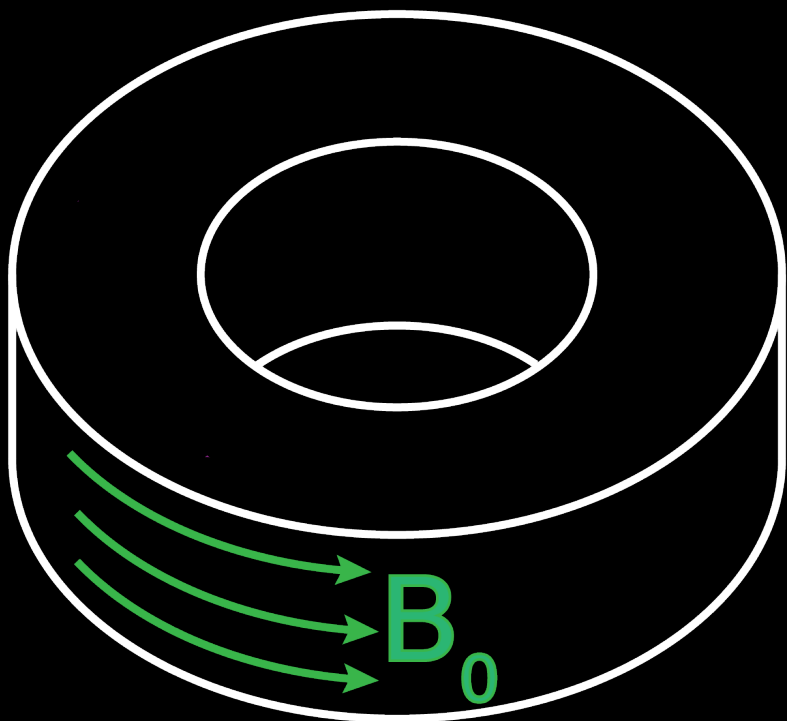
# Axion Modified Maxwell's Equations

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} - g_{a\gamma\gamma} \left( \mathbf{E} \times \nabla a - \frac{\partial a}{\partial t} \mathbf{B} \right)$$



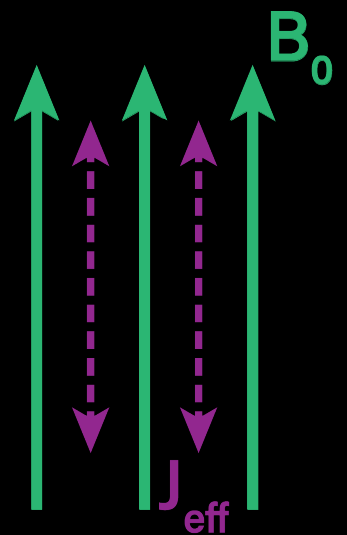
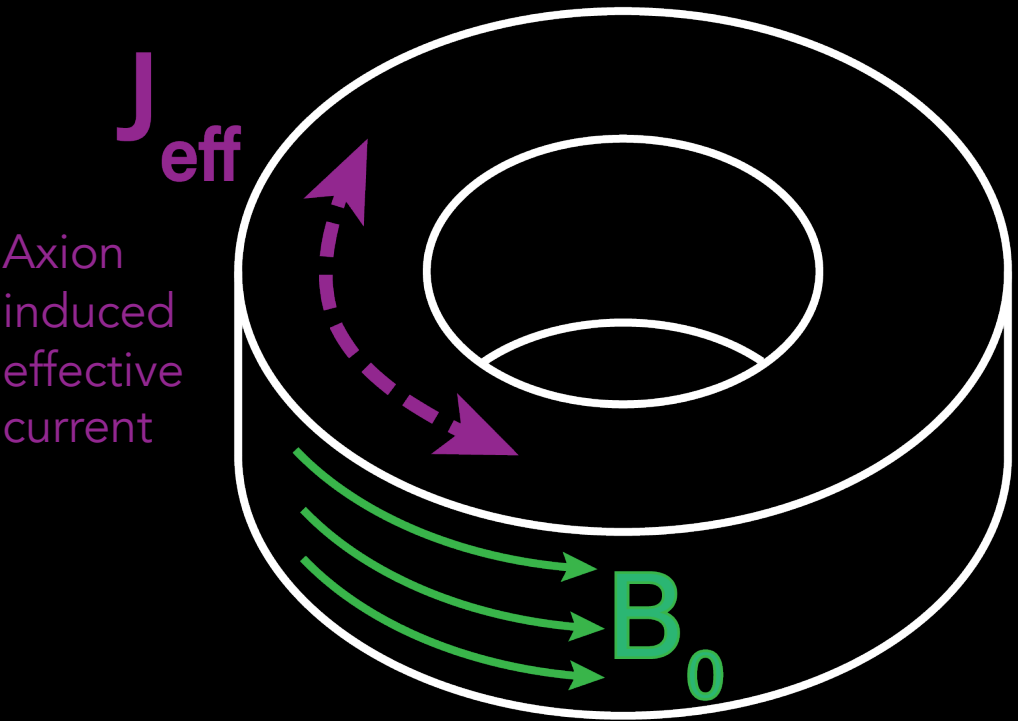
$$\mathbf{J}_{eff} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sqrt{2\rho_{DM}} \cos(m_a t) \mathbf{B}$$

# ABRA Cartoon

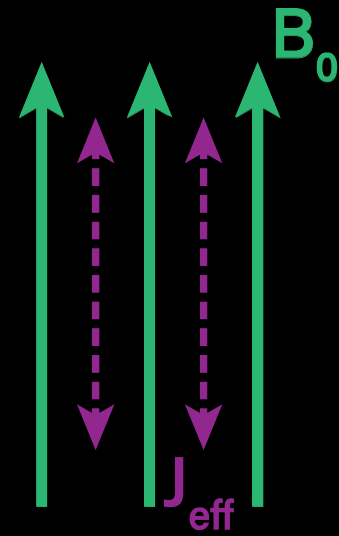
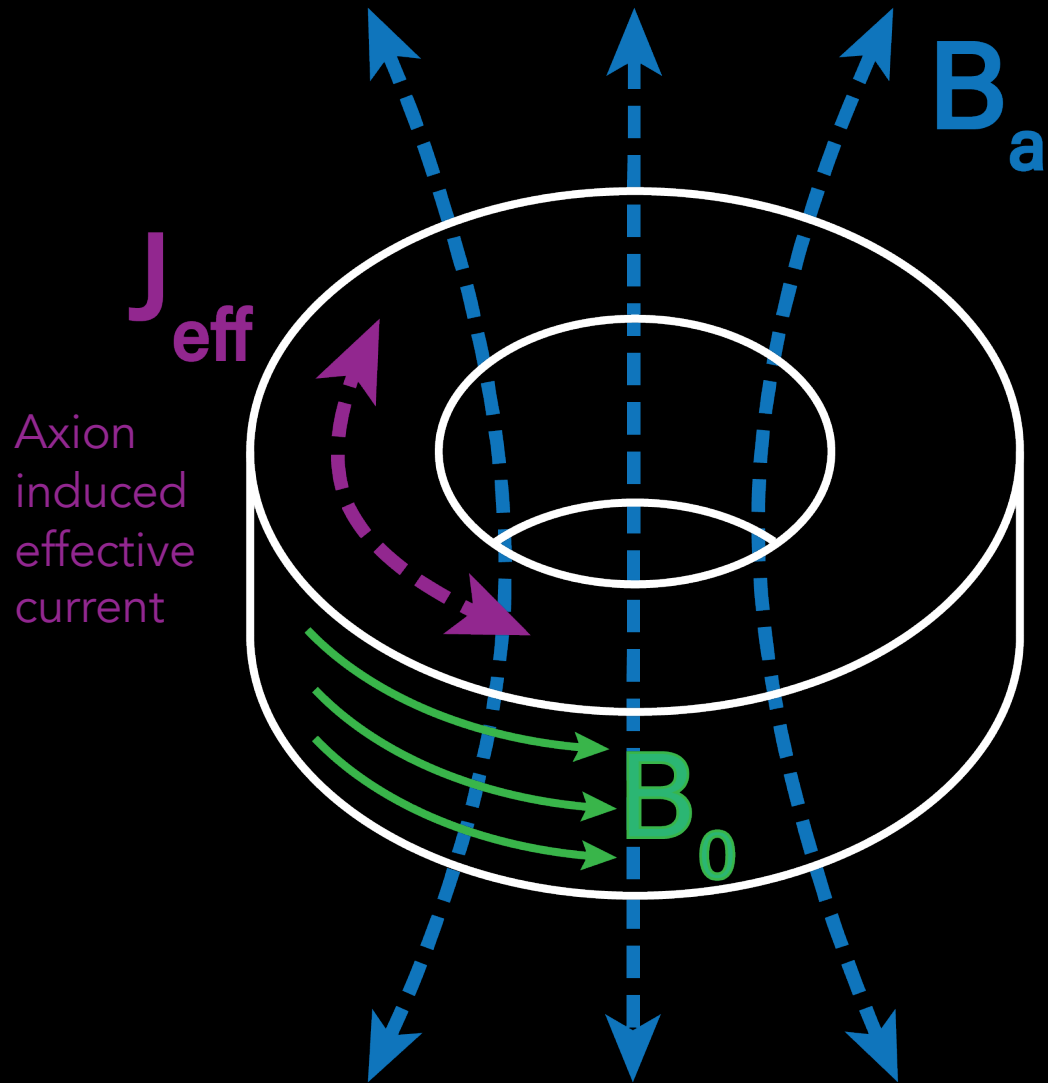




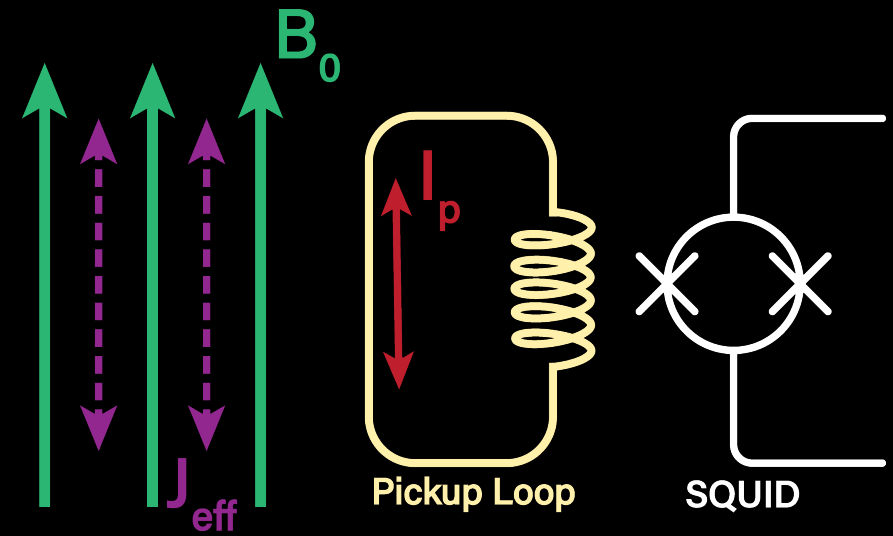
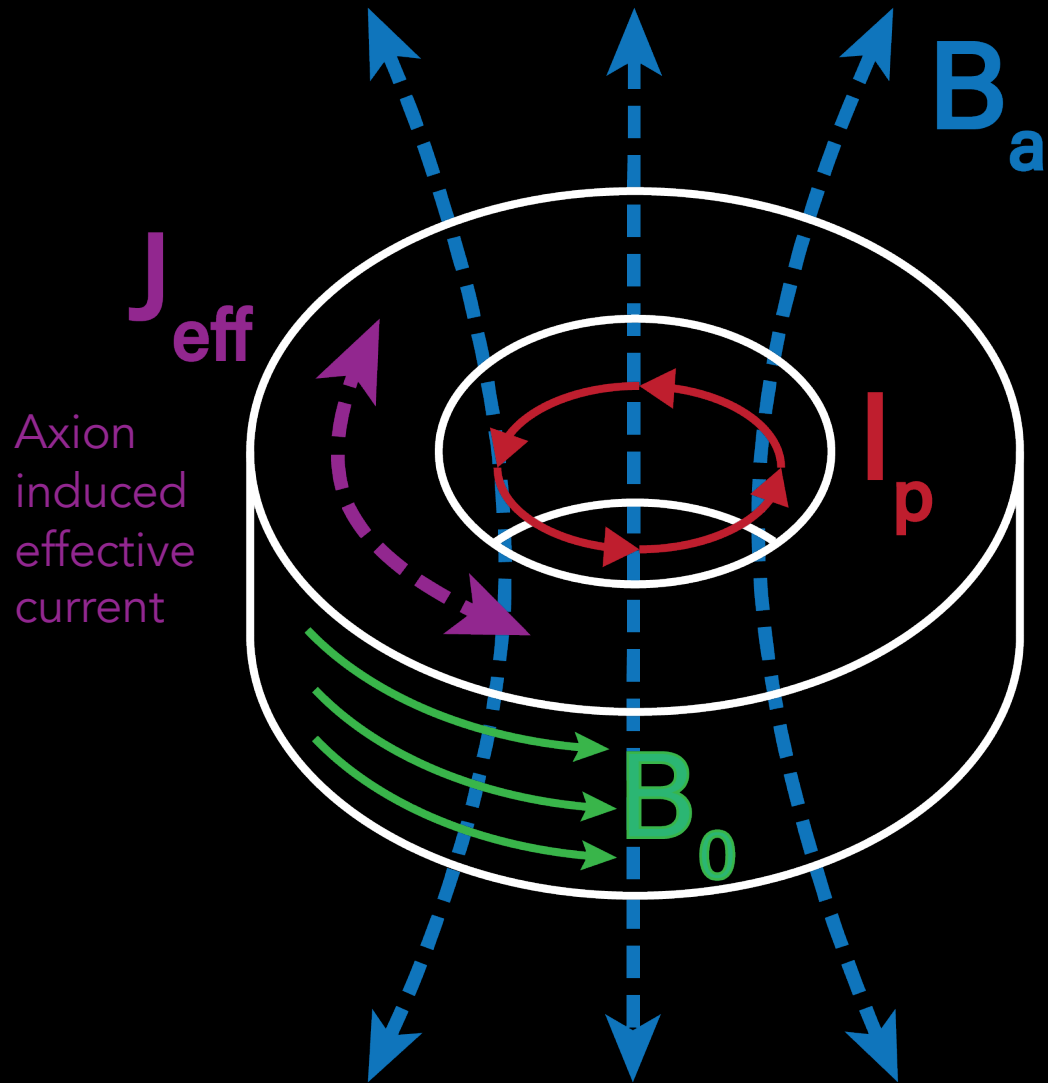
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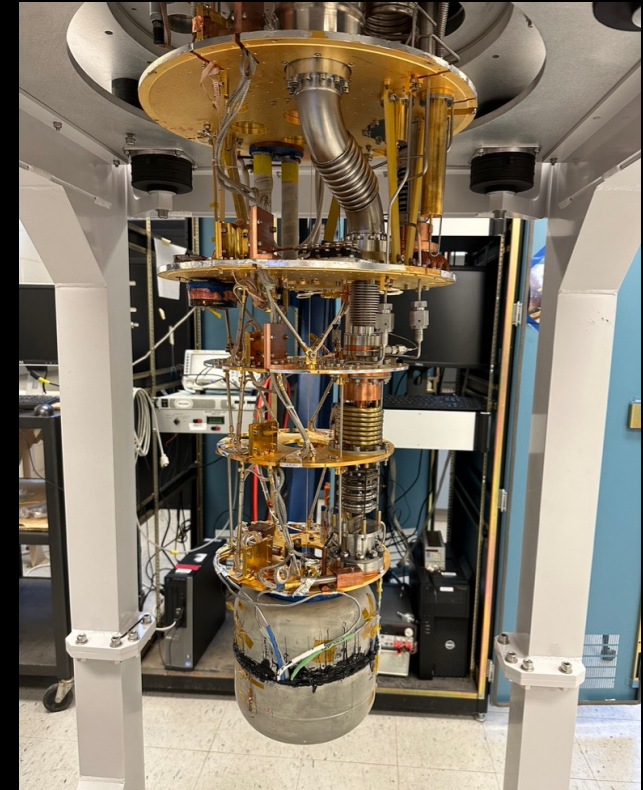
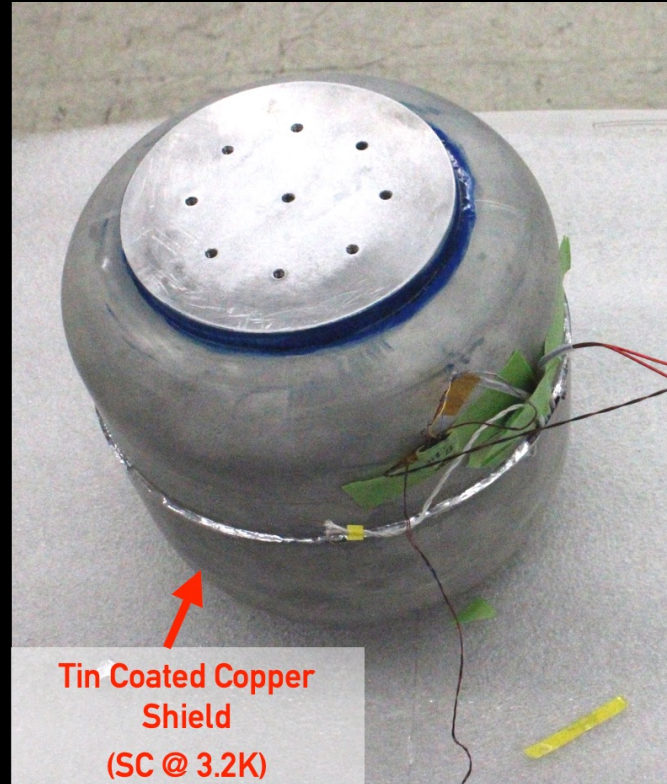
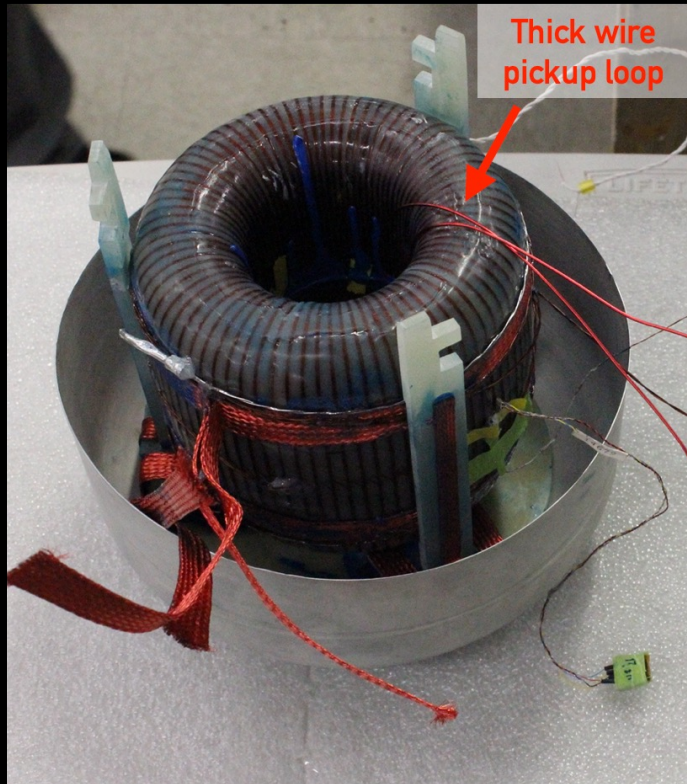
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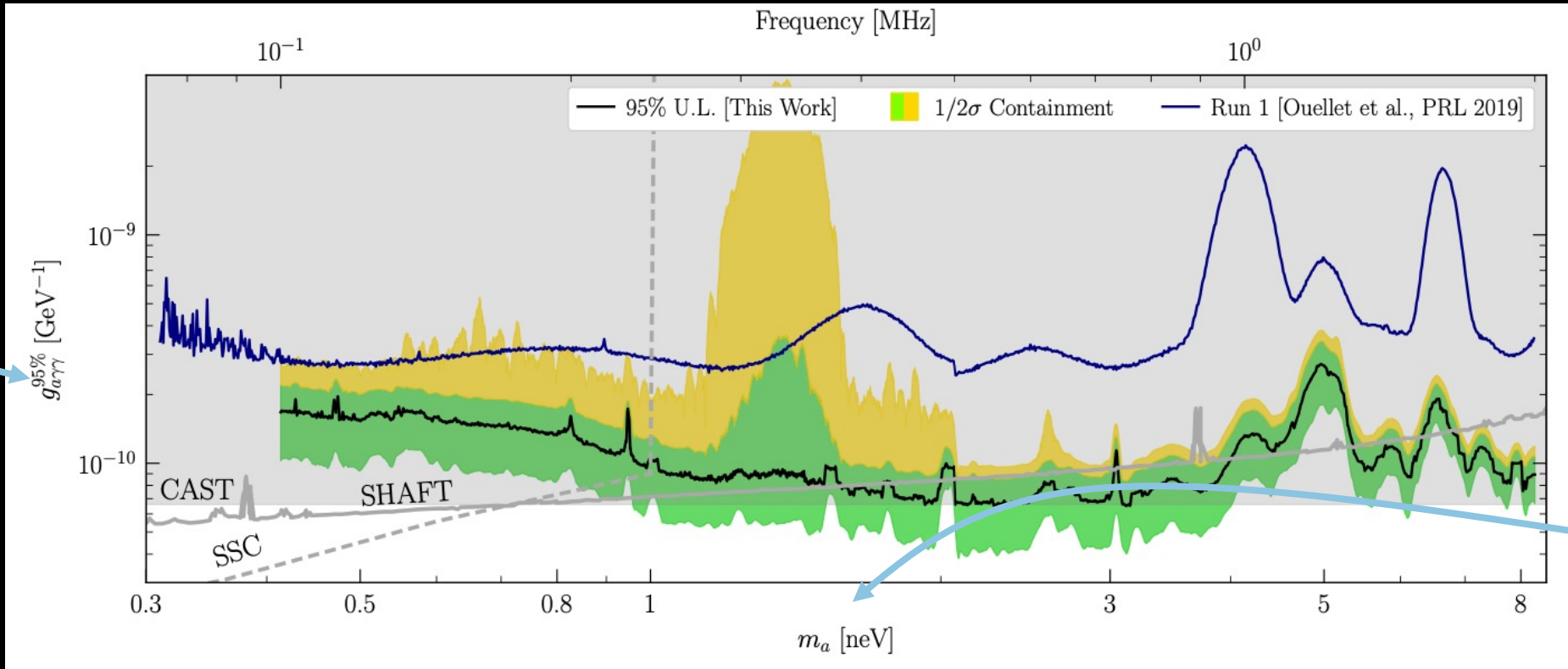


# ABRA



# ABRA Run 3

Axion to photon coupling,  $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$ , given by axion induced flux power



$m_a$  given by frequency of oscillating field

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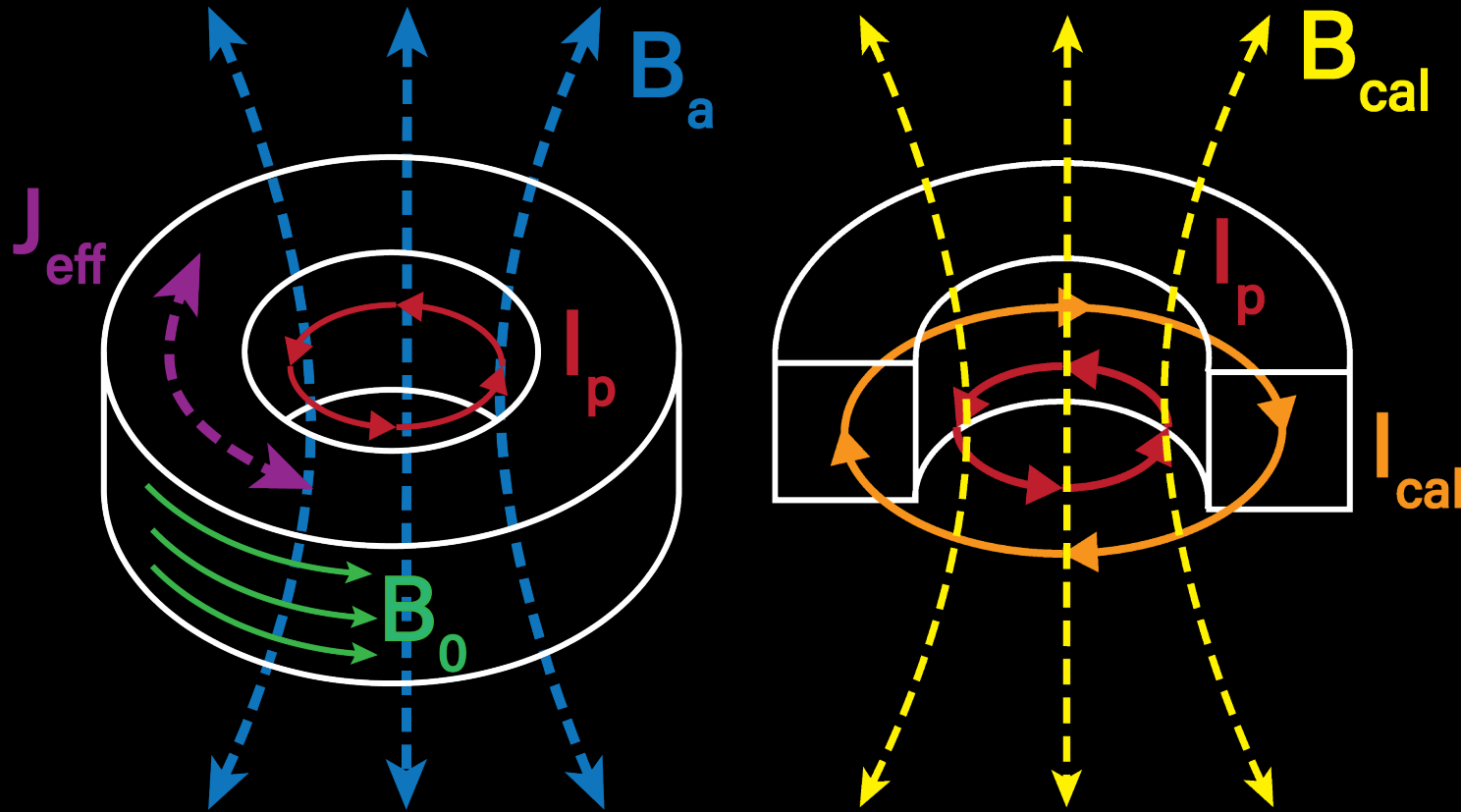
# ABRA Calibration

**Goal:** Characterize end-to-end gain of the system  
→ DAQ readout voltage to  $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$  conversion

**Method:** Inject fake, axion mimetic signal through hardware



# ABRA Calibration

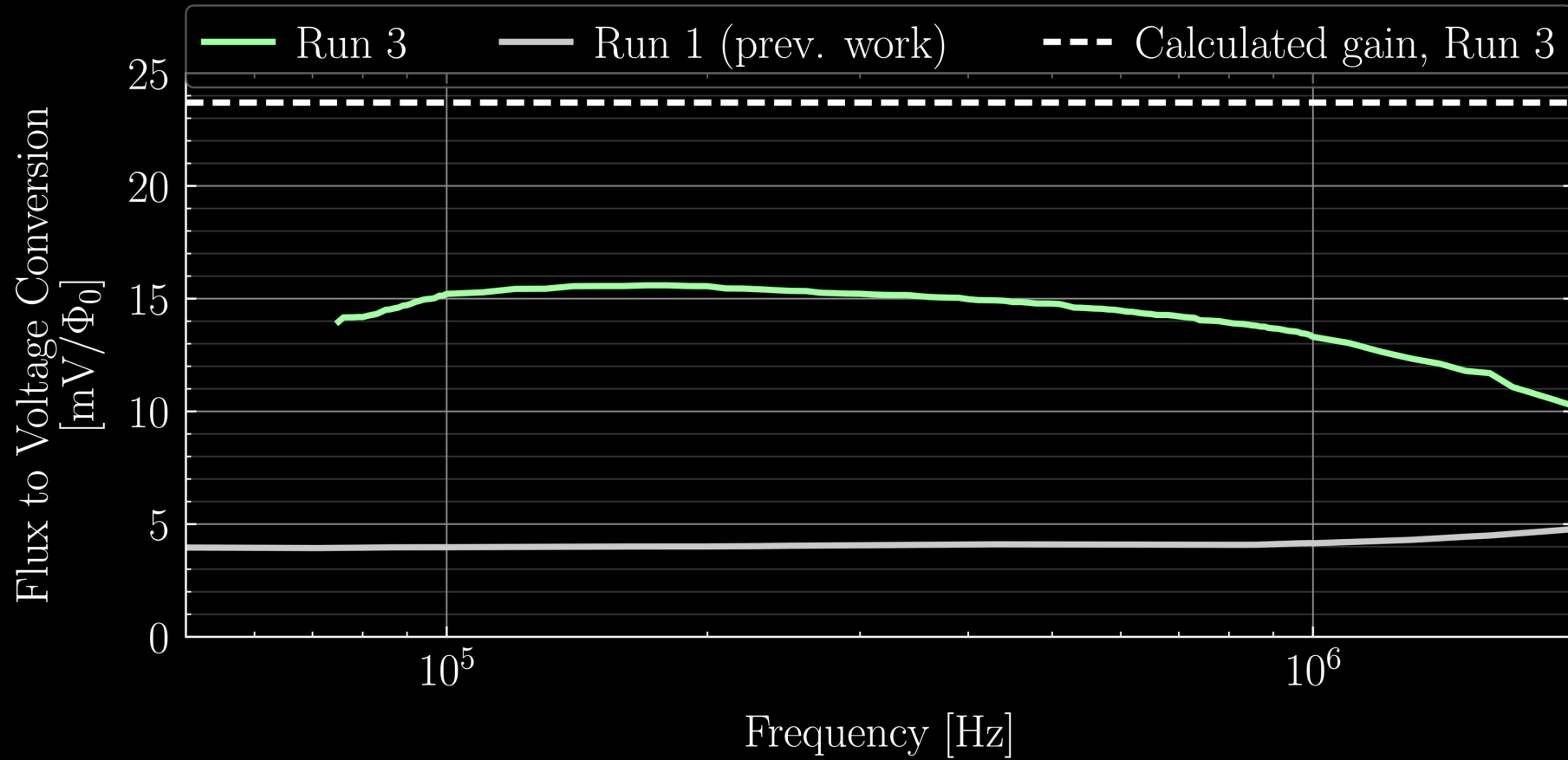


Axion excitation

Calibration scheme

Place a calibration loop in the magnet that produces an axion mimetic flux

# ABRA Calibration



Compare expected gain to measured gain at various frequencies



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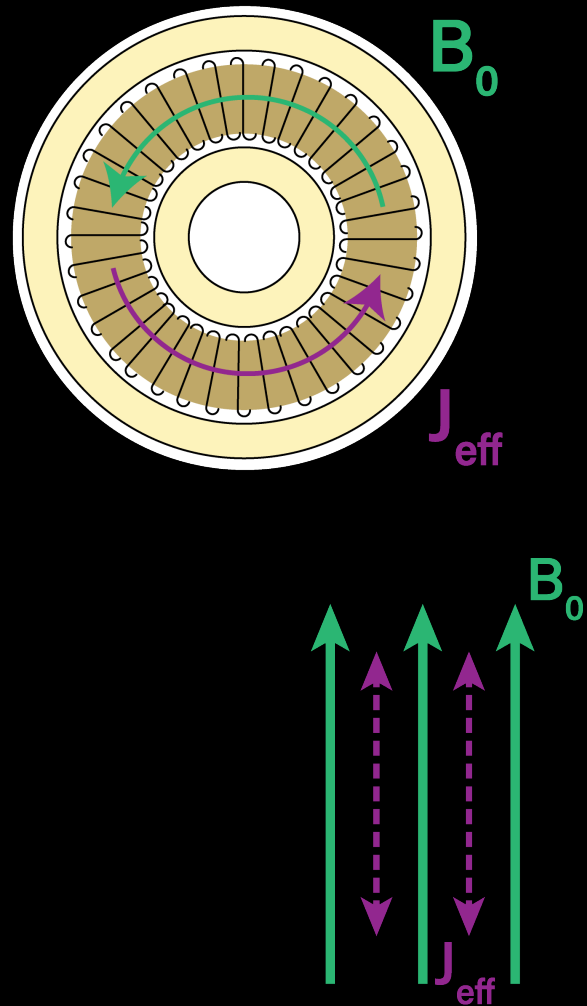
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DMRadio-50L

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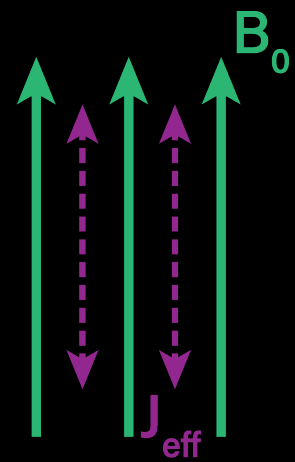
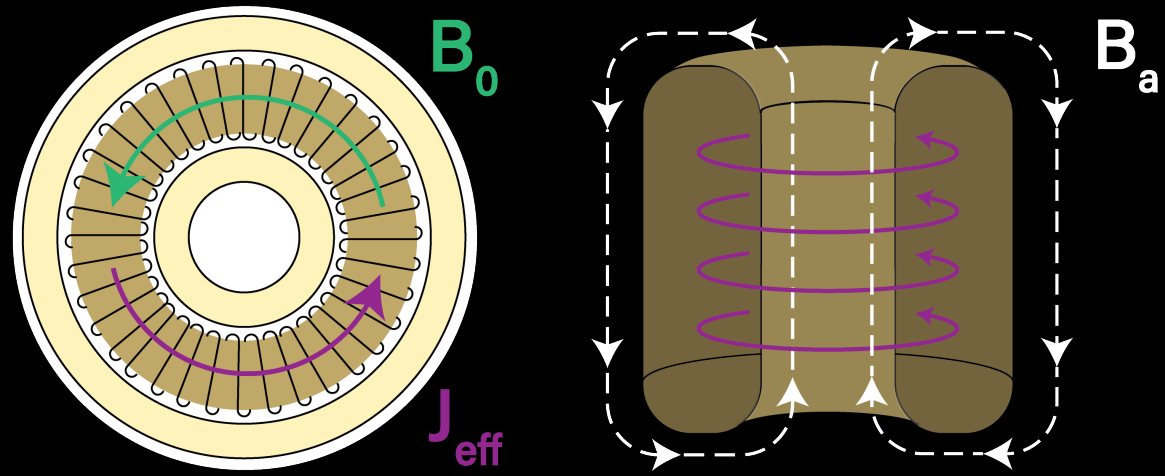
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Resonant Lumped Element Haloscope



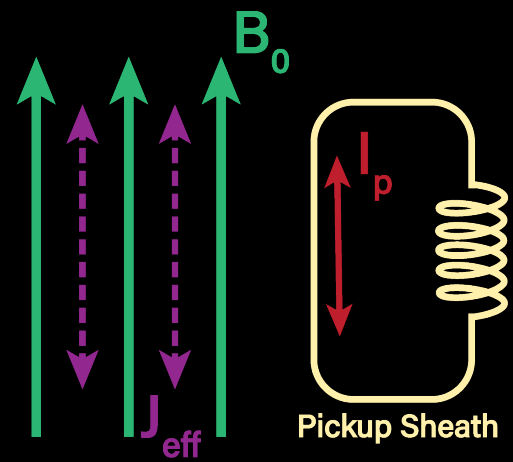
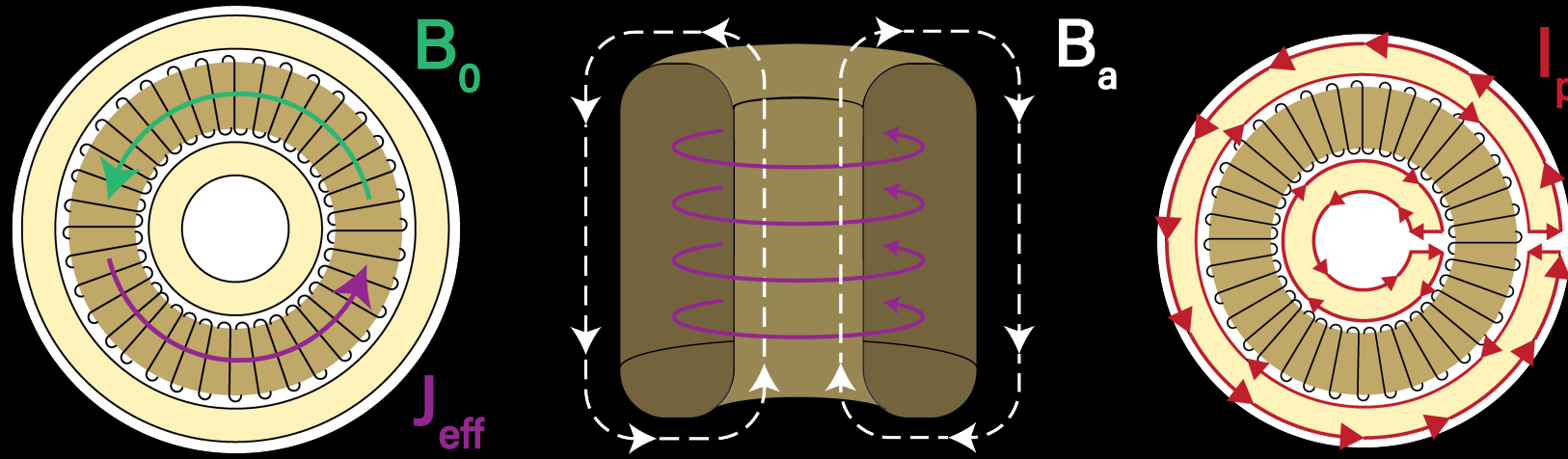
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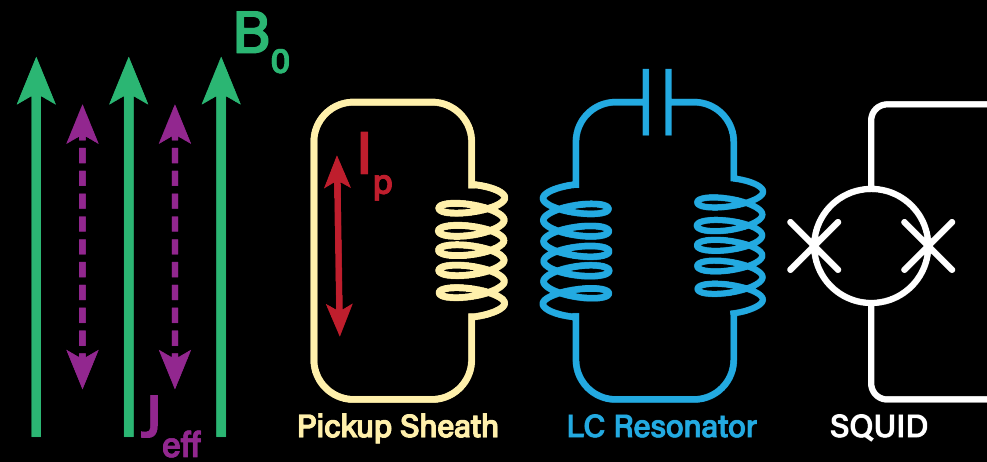
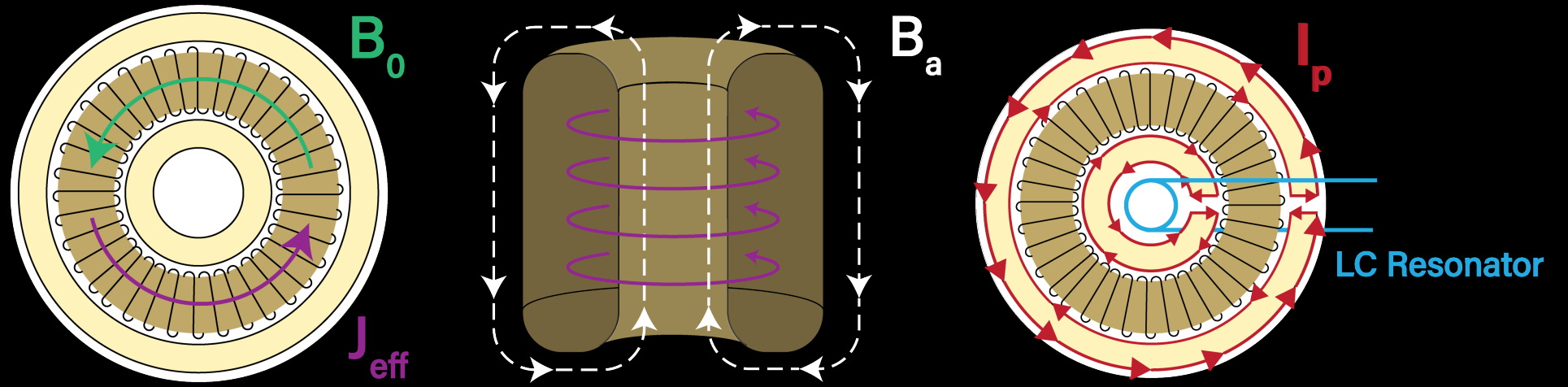
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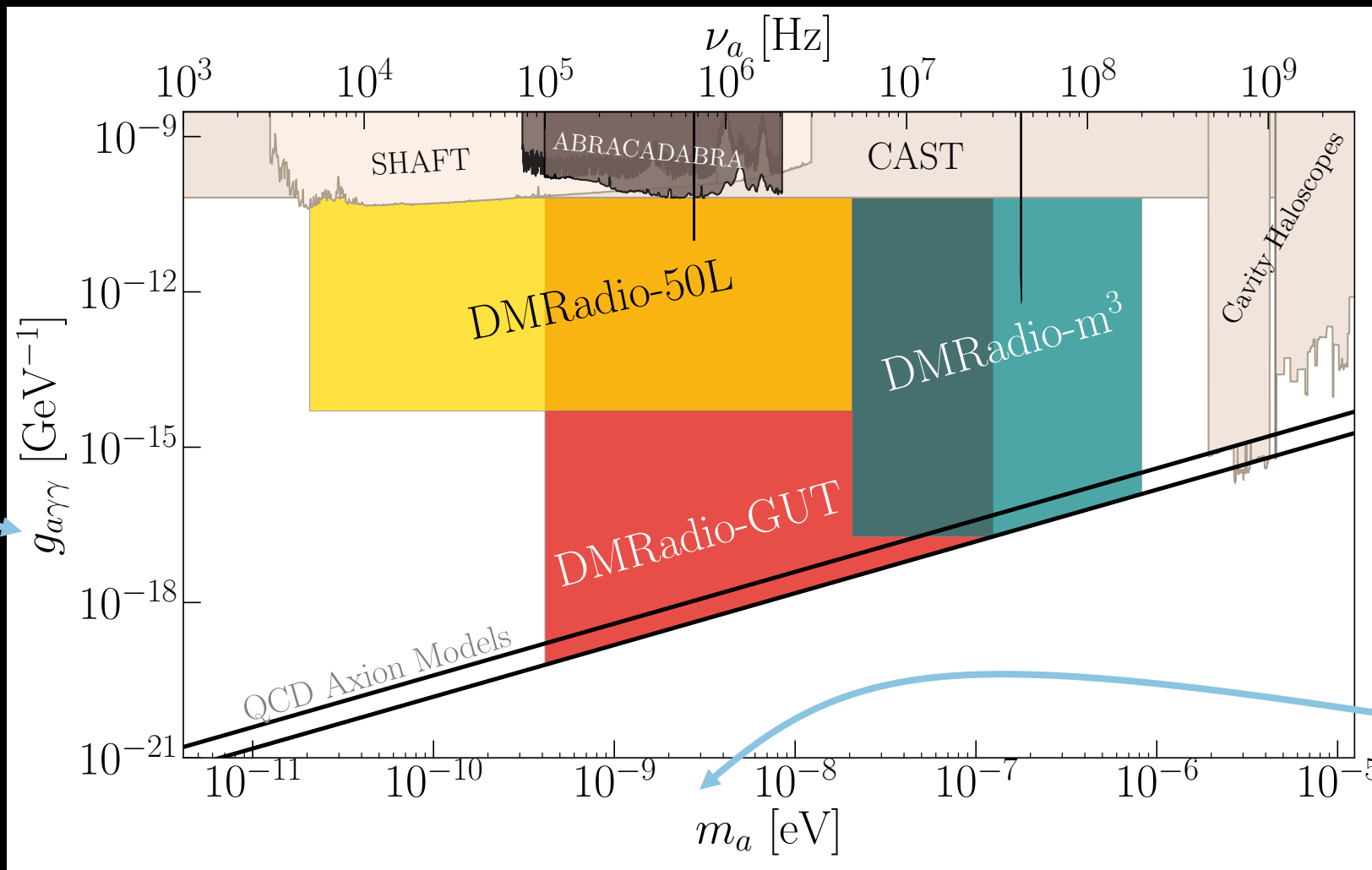
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# DMRadio-50L

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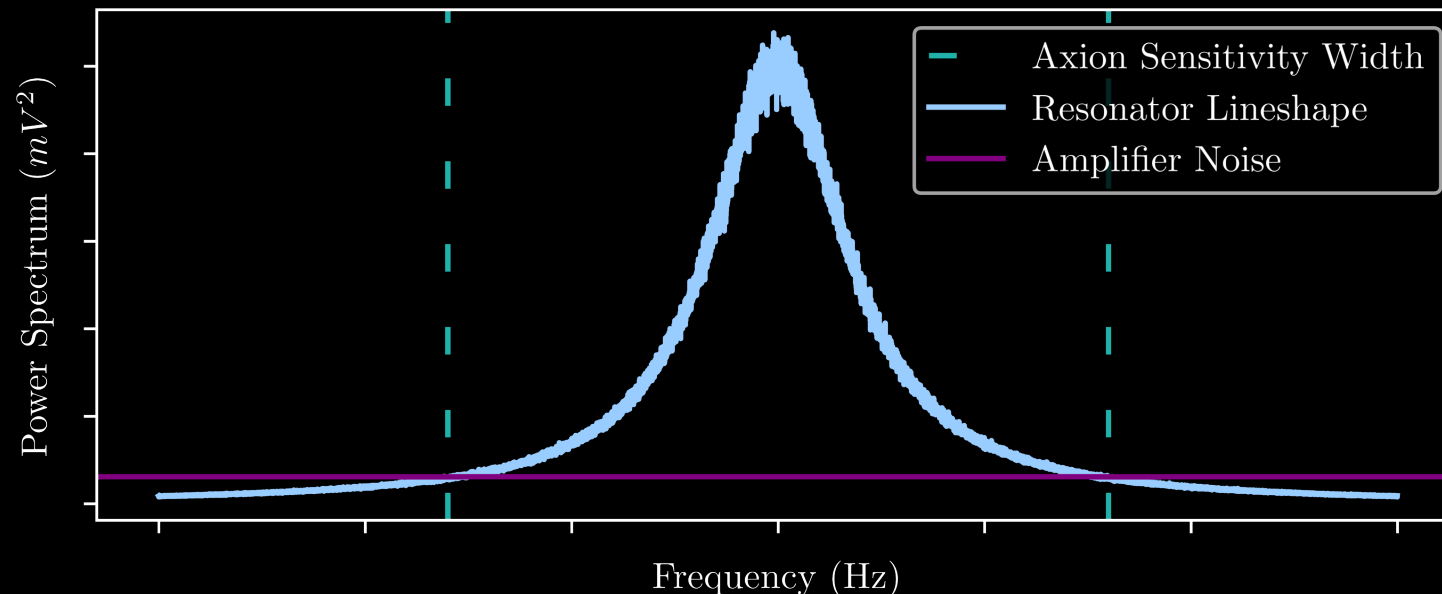


$m_a$  given by frequency of oscillating field

# DMRadio-50L Calibration

Goal 1: Characterize end-to-end gain of the system for all tuning steps  
DAQ readout voltage to  $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$  conversion

Goal 2: Calibrate resonant frequency at each tuning step  
 $\omega_0$  and  $Q$  of resonant components



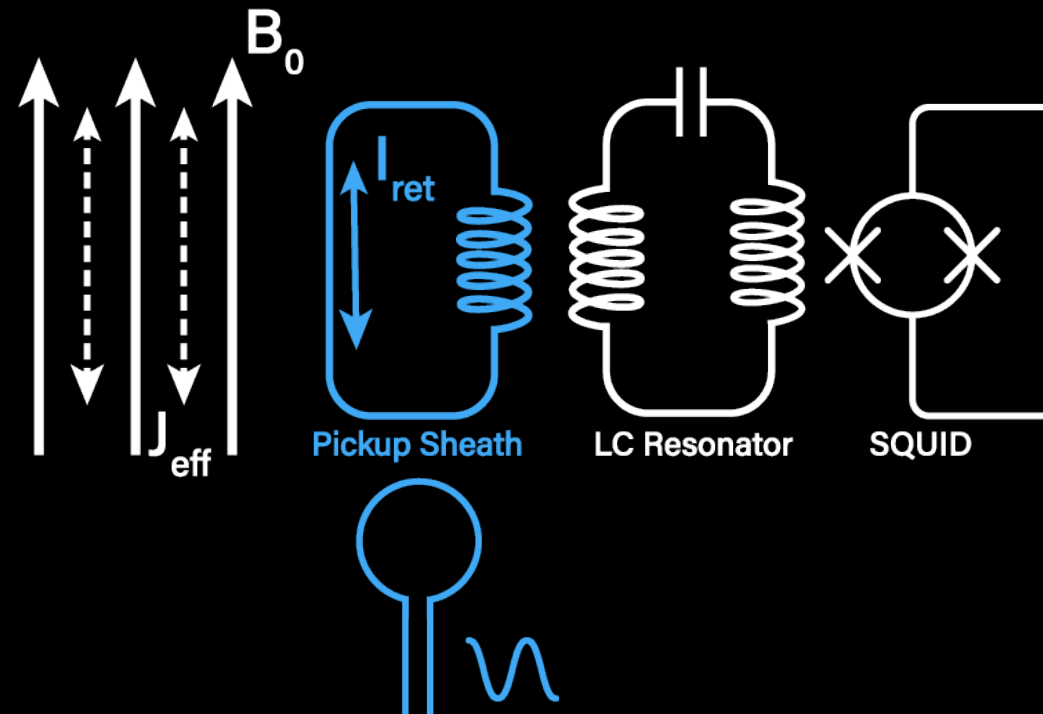
# DMRadio-50L Calibration

1. Excite pickup structure to perform end-to-end calibration
  - Axion mimetic injection
2. Measure individual components to get  $\omega_0$ , amplification, and Q factor
  - Sideband injection
  - Ringdown measurement

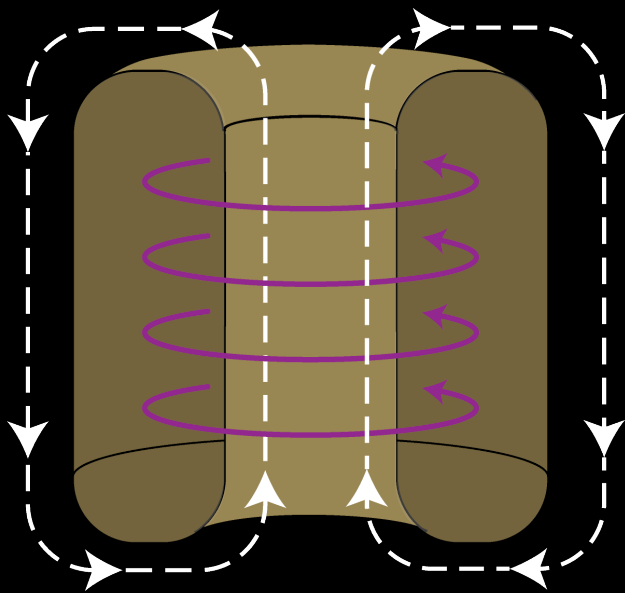


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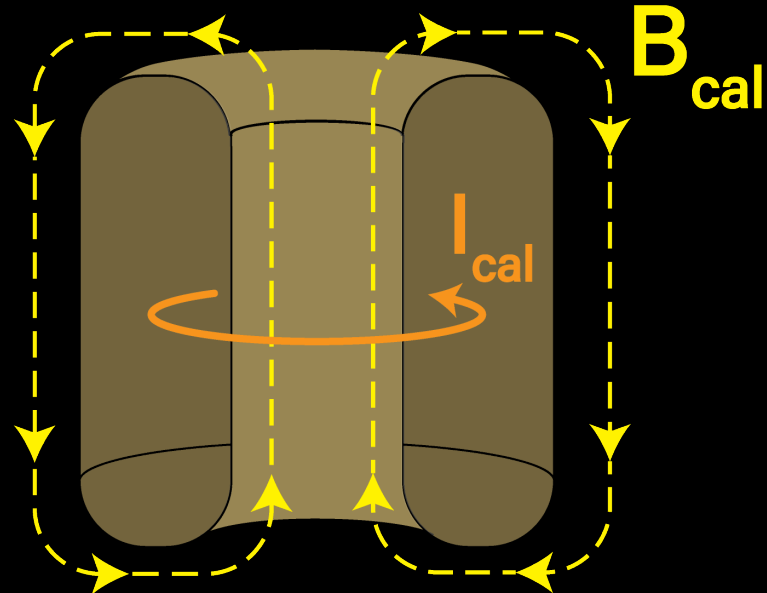


# Axion Mimetic Injection



Axion excitation

$B_a$



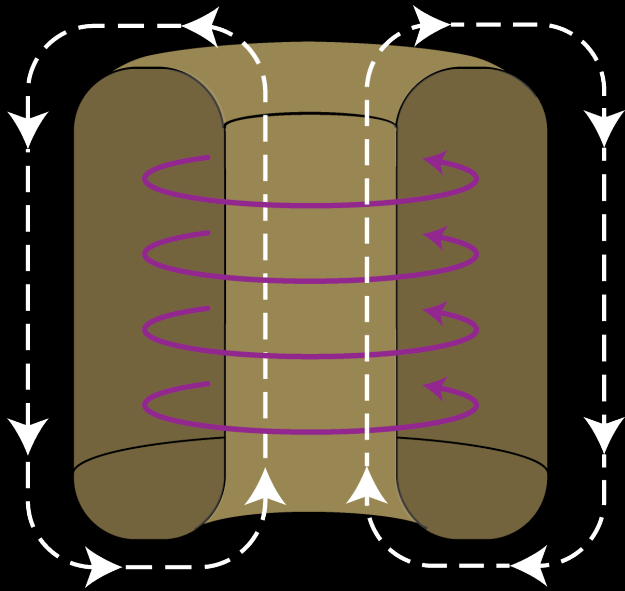
Calibration scheme

$B_{cal}$

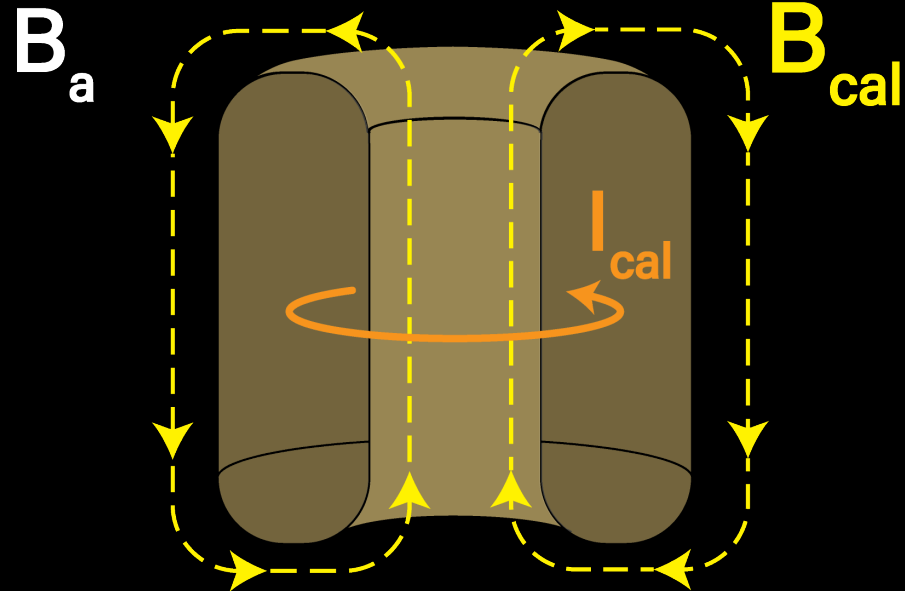
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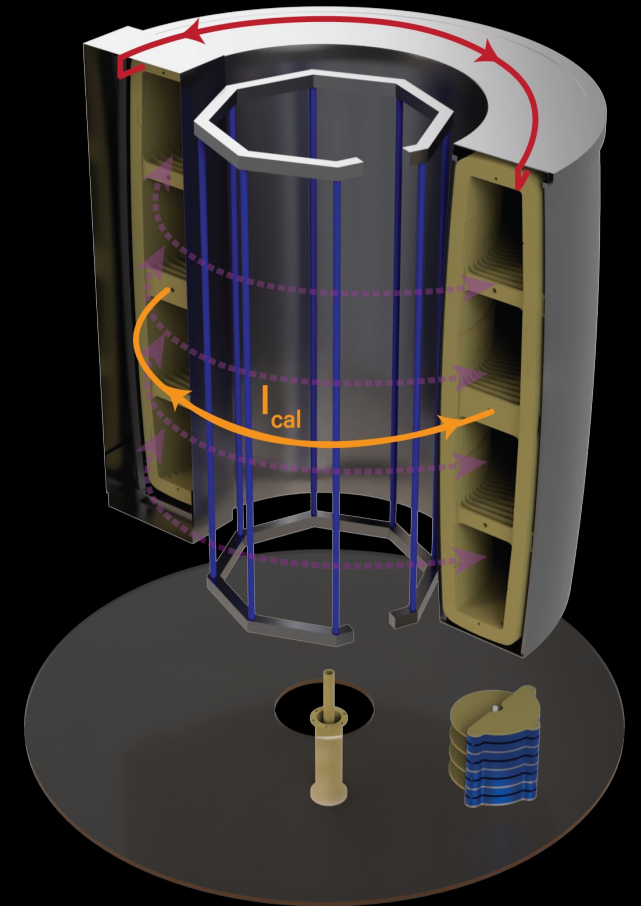
- Magnet enclosed in high Q sheath



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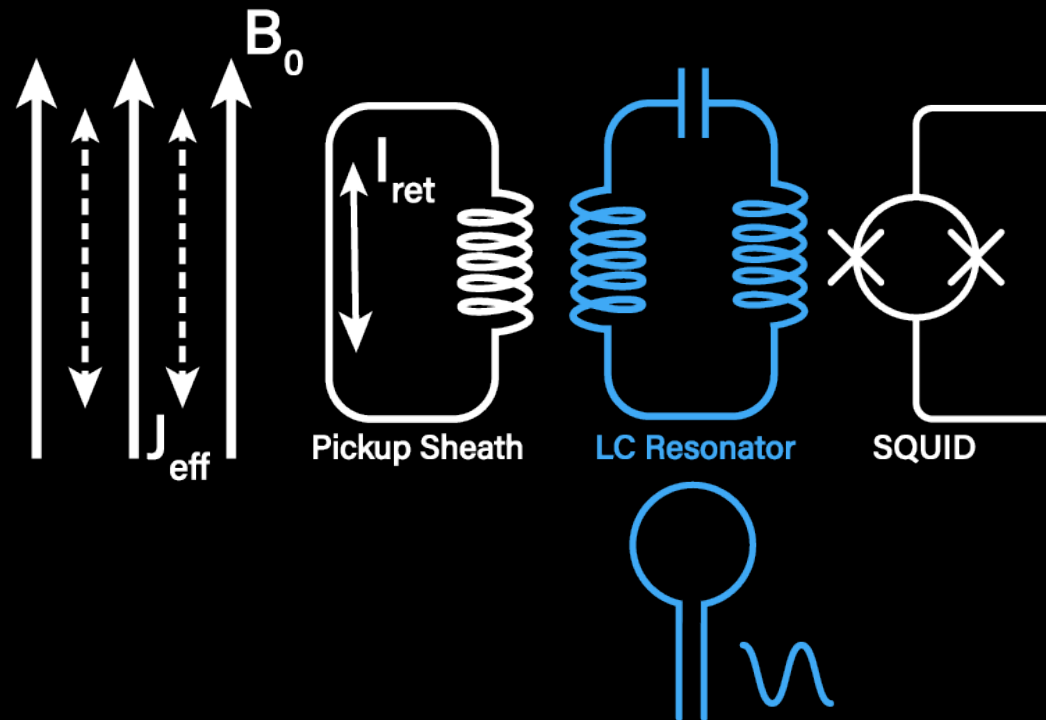


Calibration scheme



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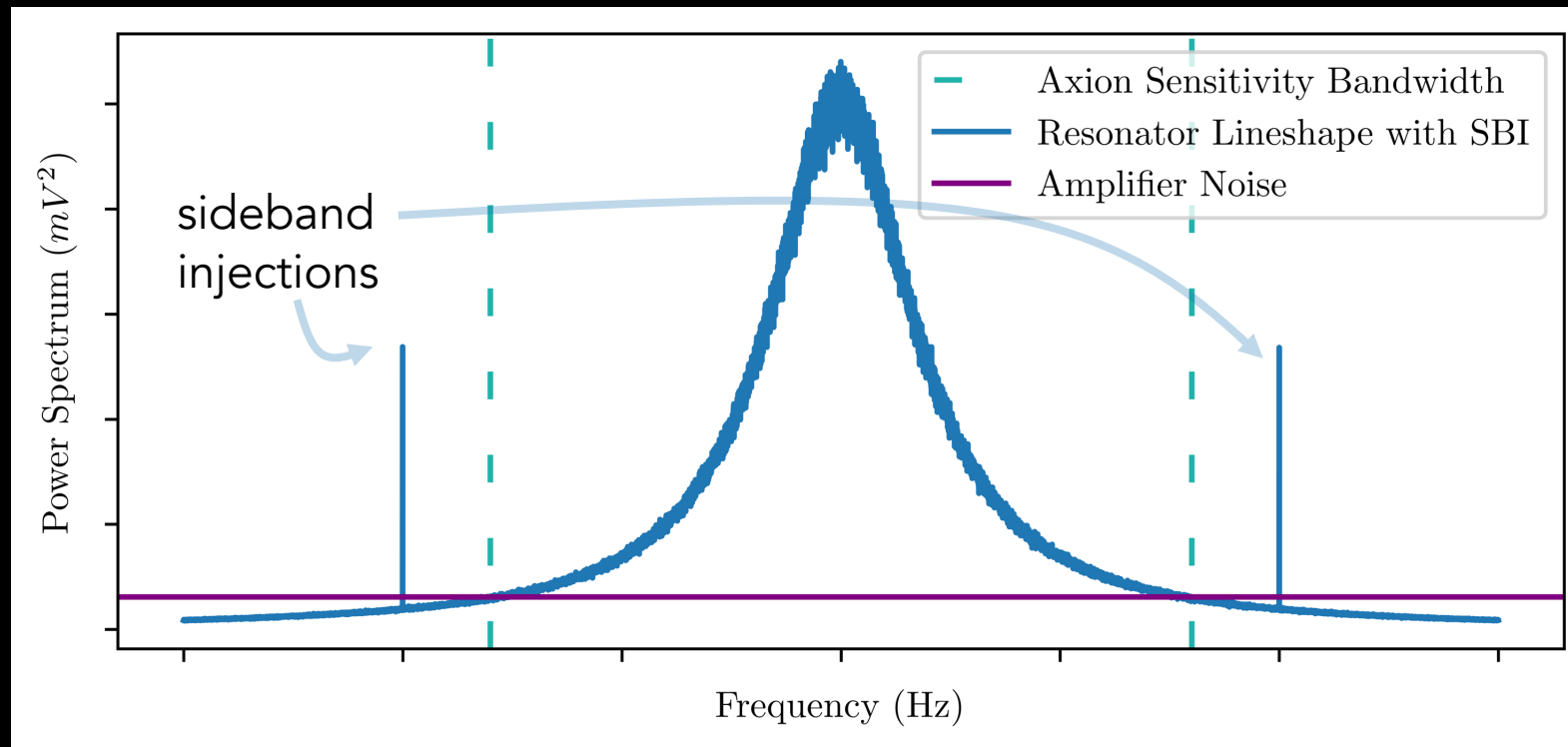
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# Sideband Injection

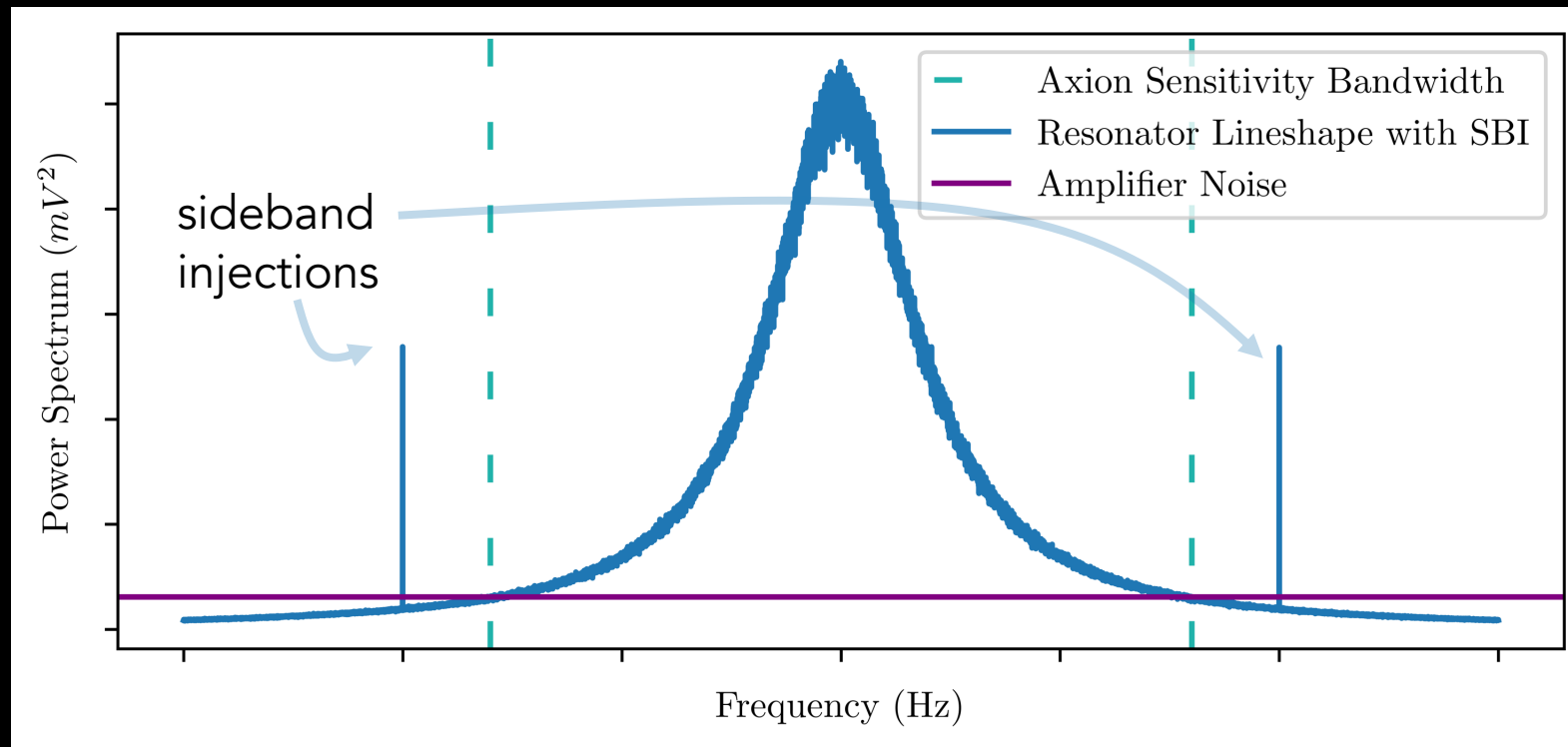
- Inject two monotonic tones outside of axion signal band

$$\left(\frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega}\right)_{AS} = \frac{\delta}{Q} \quad \left(\frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega}\right)_{SBI} = \left(\frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega}\right)_{AS} \times \text{frac}_{SBI} = \frac{10}{Q}$$



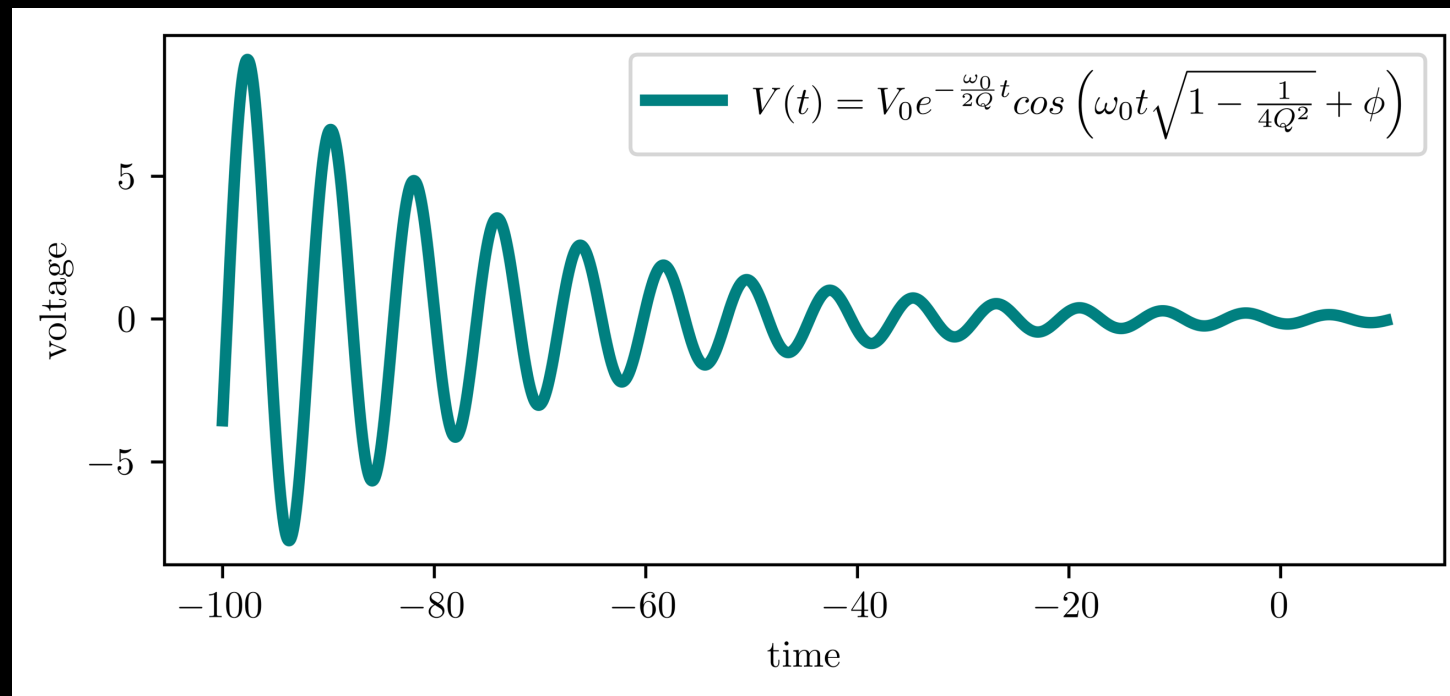
# Sideband Injection

- Compare  $V_{in}/V_{out}$  of SBI frequency to get SQUID amplification
- Measure SQUID amplification at each tuning step
- Calibration simultaneous with data taking



# Ringdown Measurement

- Inject on-resonance signal directly onto resonator
- Record free decay
- $N_{\text{cycles}}$  to half amplitude gives  $Q$  factor and  $\omega_0$
- Demonstrated with DMRadio Pathfinder



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# ABRACADABRA Gravitational Wave Search

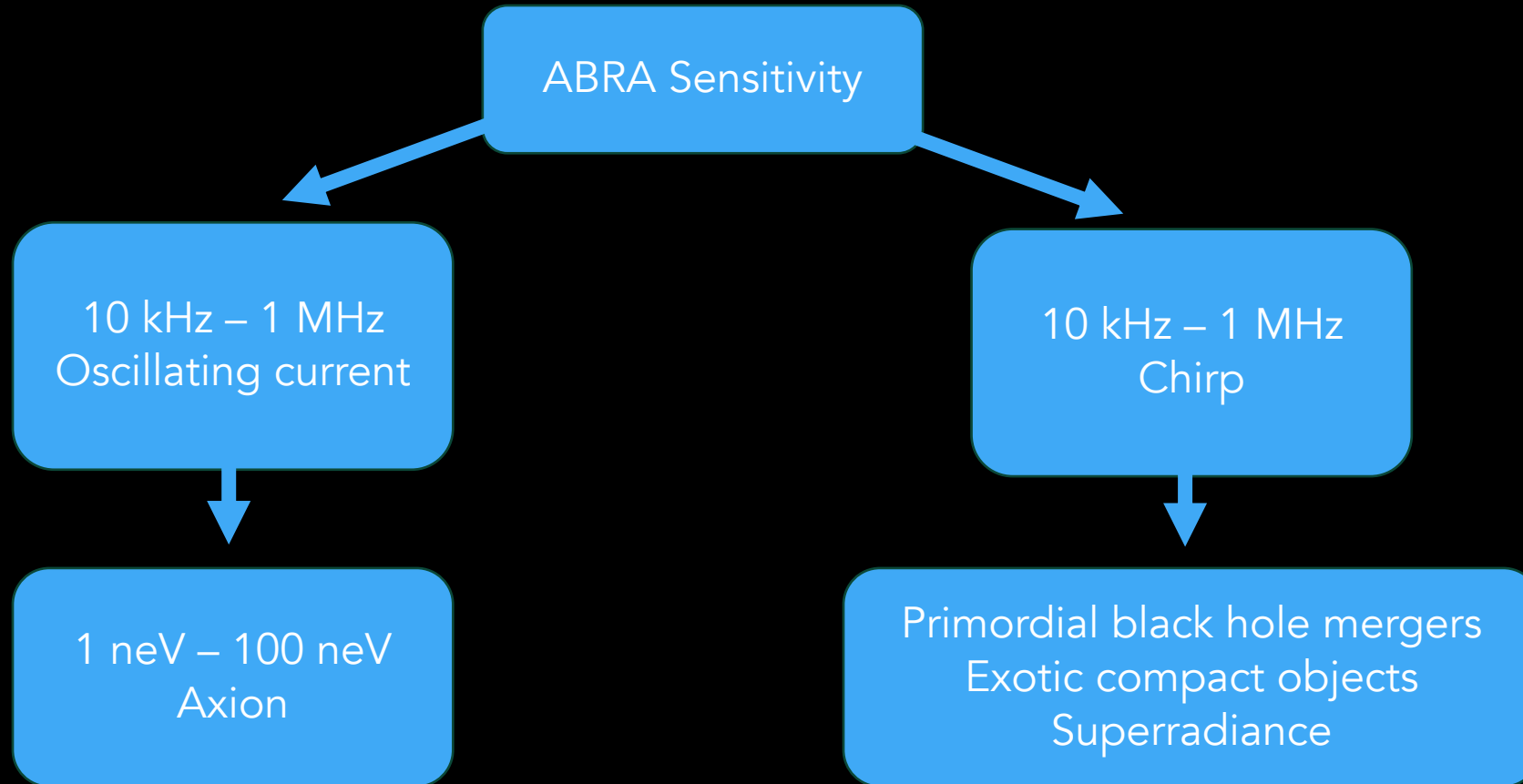
axions and high frequency gravitational waves

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \nabla \times \mathbf{M} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}}{\partial t}$$

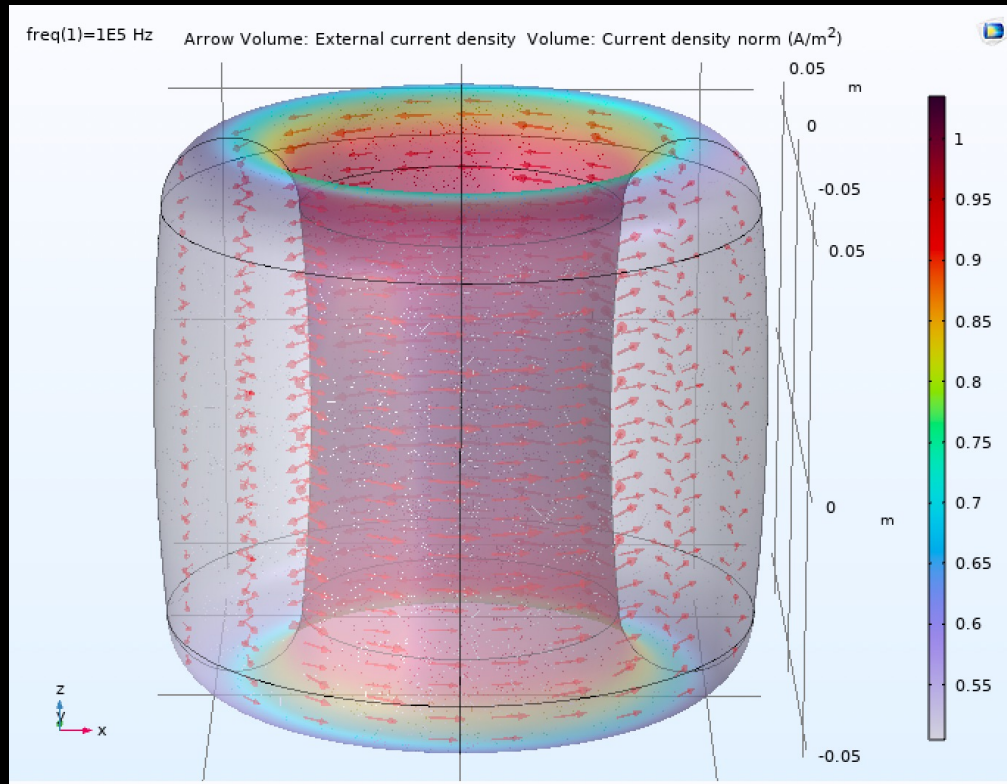


$$j_{eff}^{\mu} = \partial_{\nu} \left( -\frac{1}{2} h F^{\mu\nu} + F^{\mu} h_{\alpha}^{\nu} - F^{\nu\alpha} h_{\alpha}^{\mu} \right)$$

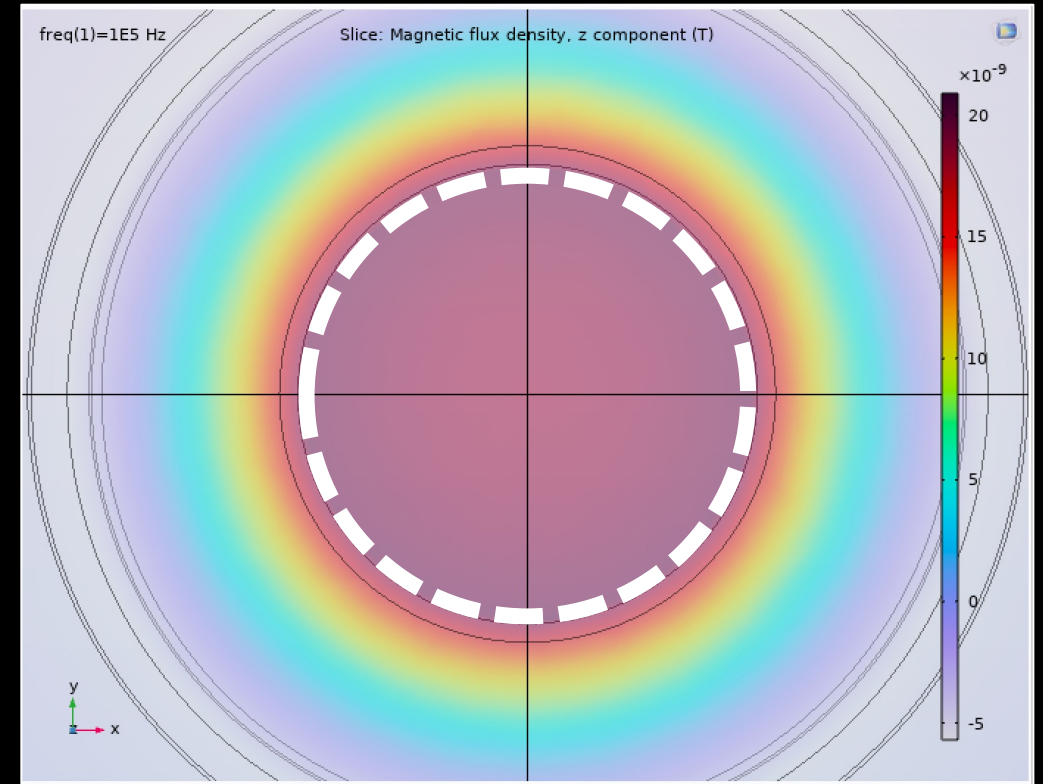
# Gravitational Wave Sources



# Axion Signal

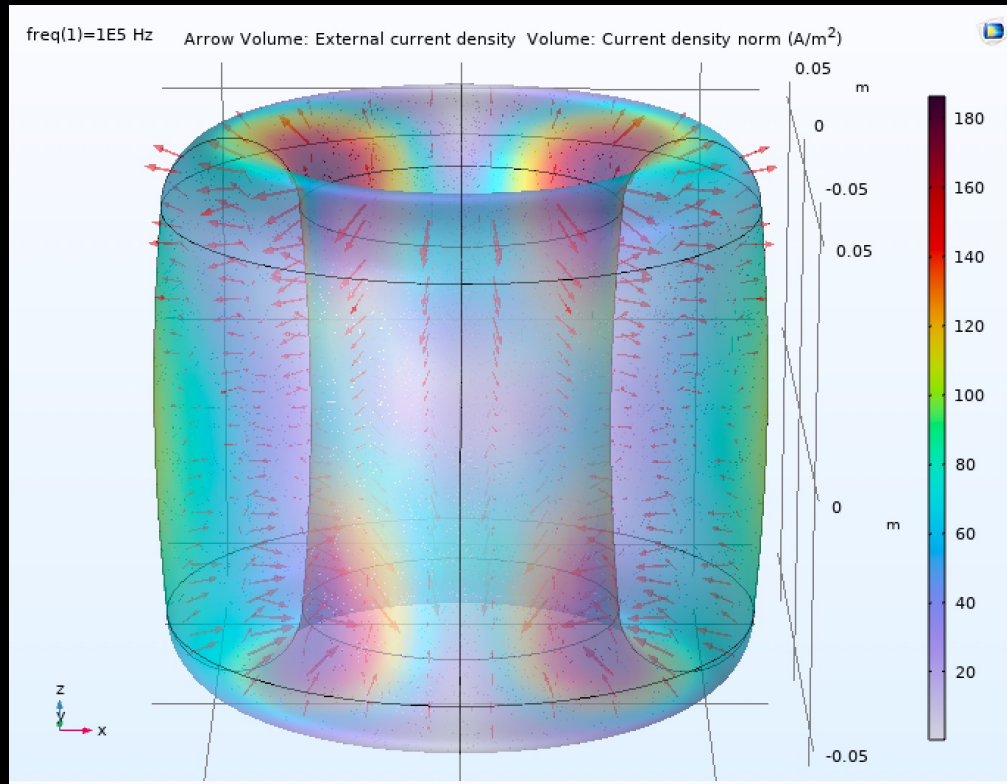


Axion current in the ABRACADABRA toroidal magnet

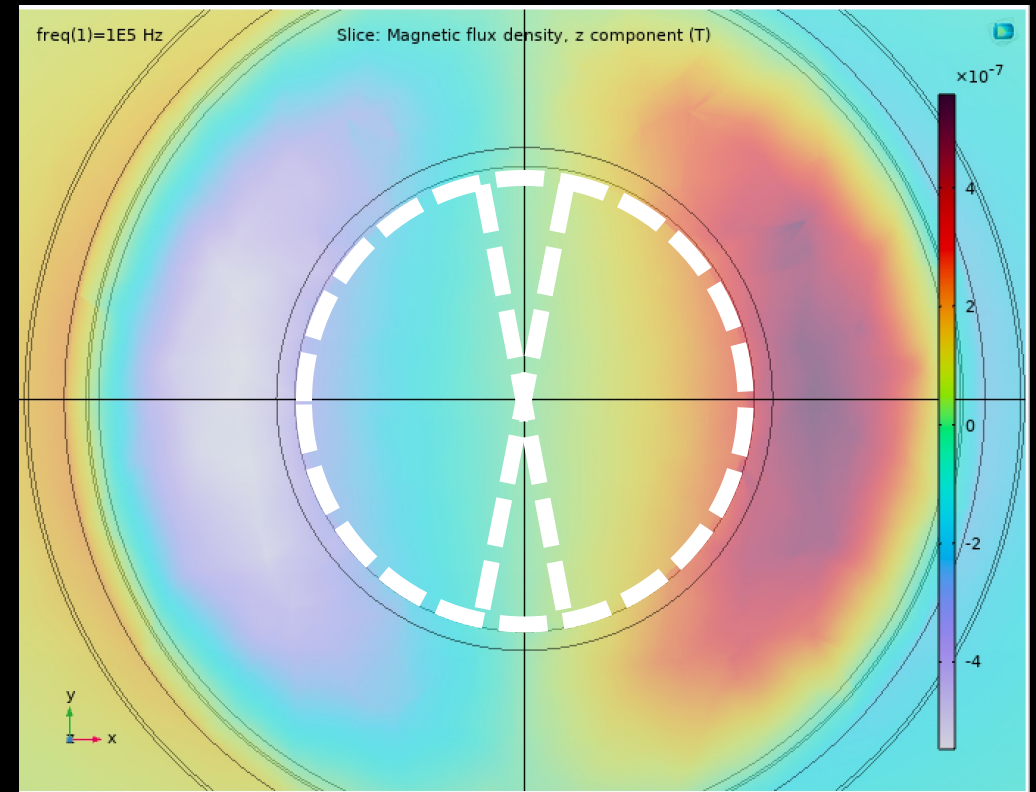


The z-component of the magnetic field resulting from an axion effective current

# Gravitational Wave Signal

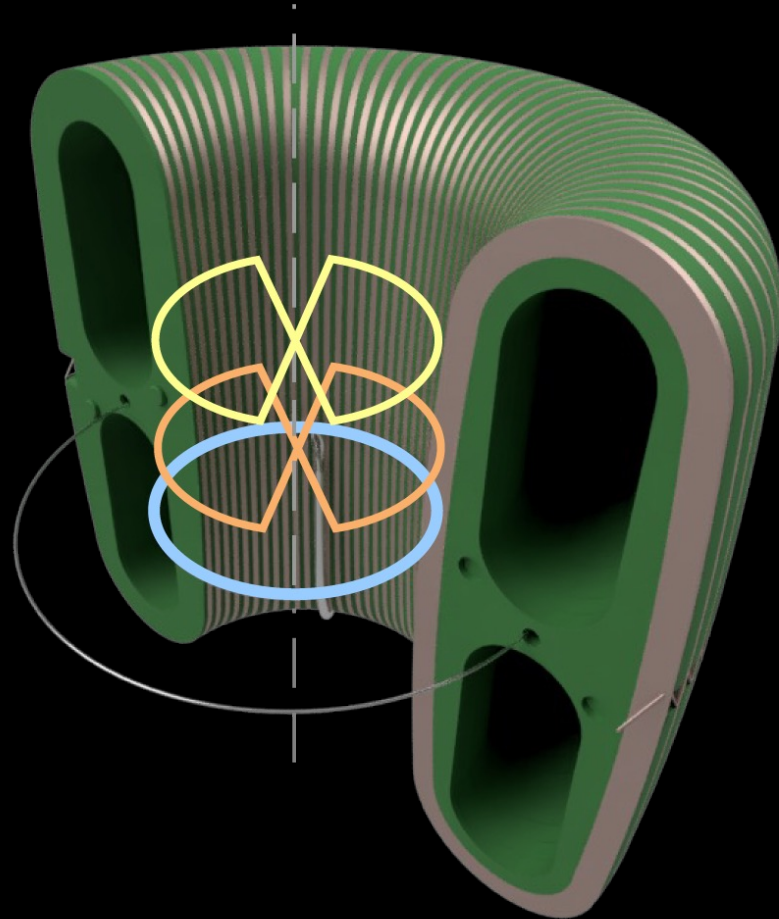


Gravitational wave current in the ABRACADABRA toroidal magnet



The z-component of the magnetic field resulting from a gravitational wave effective current

# Gravitational Wave Detector Geometry



Gravitational wave calibration loop

Gravitational wave pickup loop

Axion pickup loop

Axion calibration loop

# ABRA Grav Calibration

Goal 1: Characterize gain of the system

DAQ readout voltage to gravitational wave induced flux conversion

Goal 2: Prove simultaneity of axion and gravitational wave

Does a gravitational wave signal excite the axion pickup loop (and vice versa)?



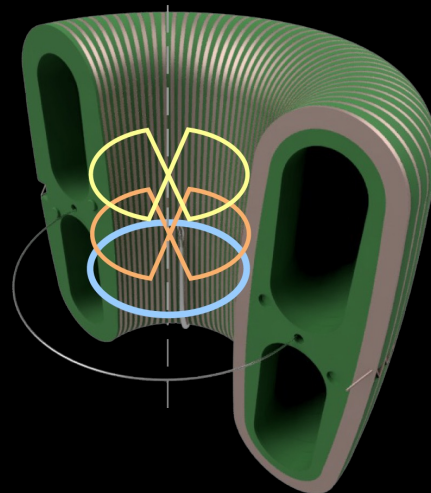
# ABRA Grav Calibration

Inject axion mimetic signal through calibration loop

1. Read out axion pickup → Measure axion end-to-end gain
2. Read out grav pickup → Measure cross talk

Inject gravitational wave signal through calibration loop

3. Read out axion pickup → Measure cross talk
4. Read out grav pickup → Measure grav end-to-end gain



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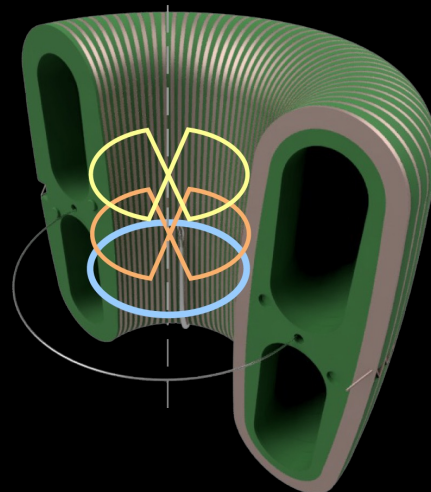
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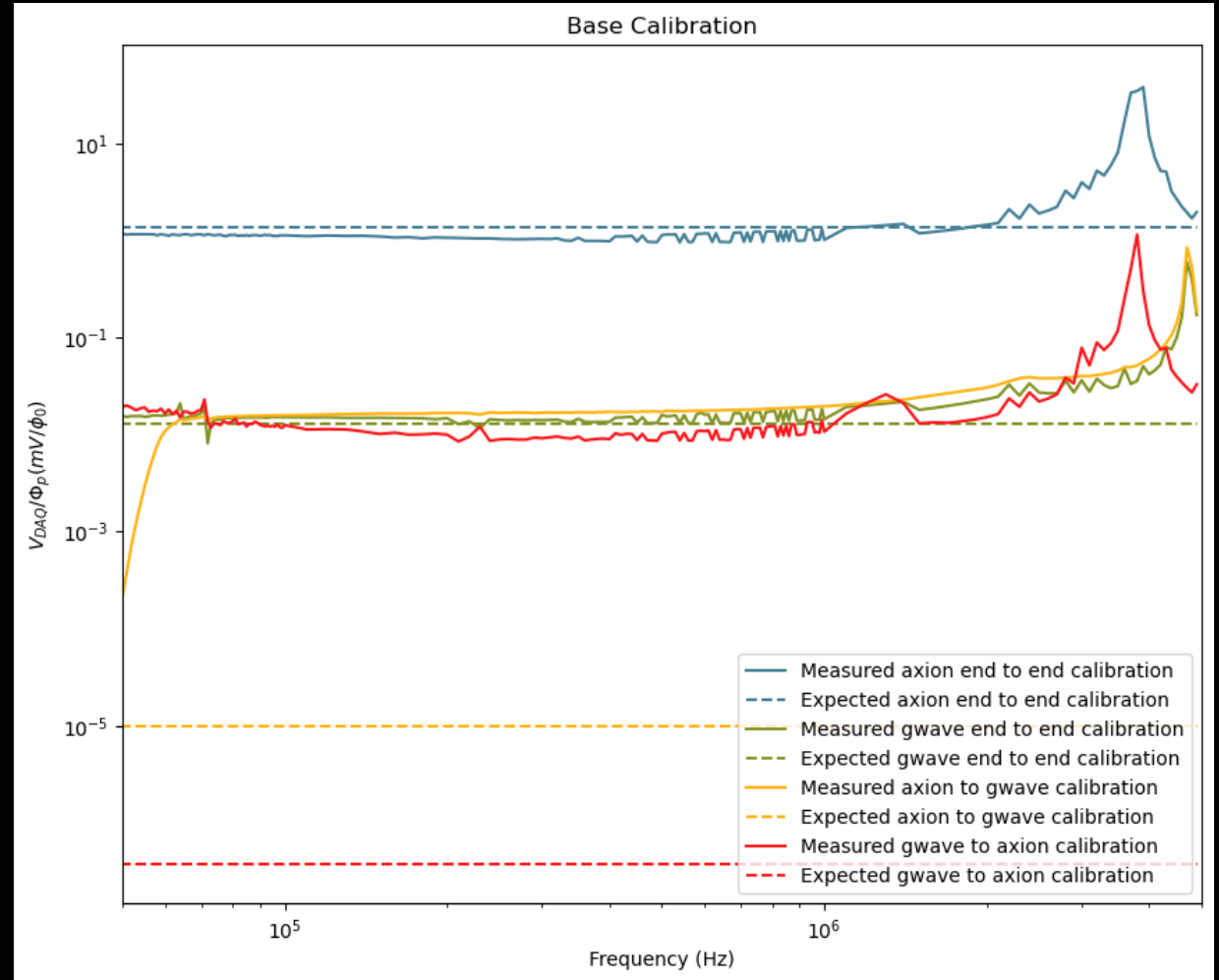
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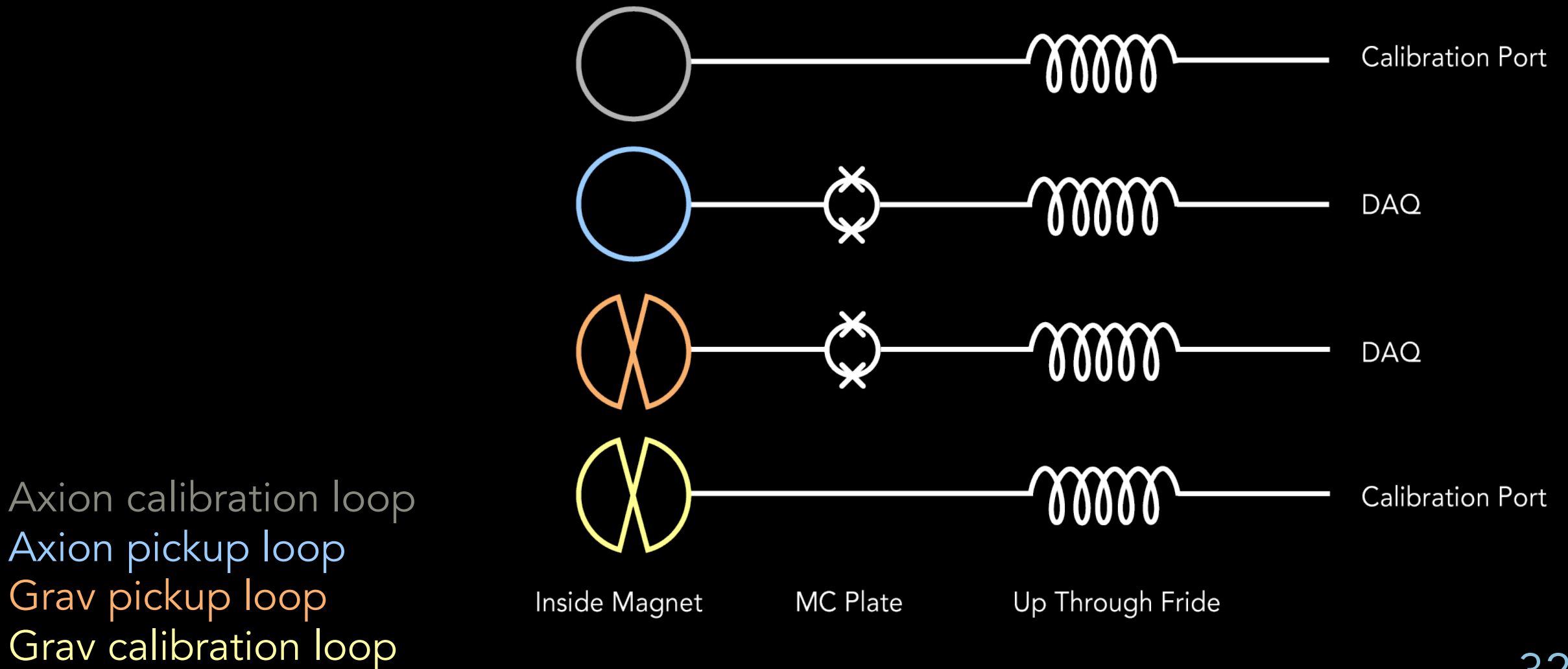


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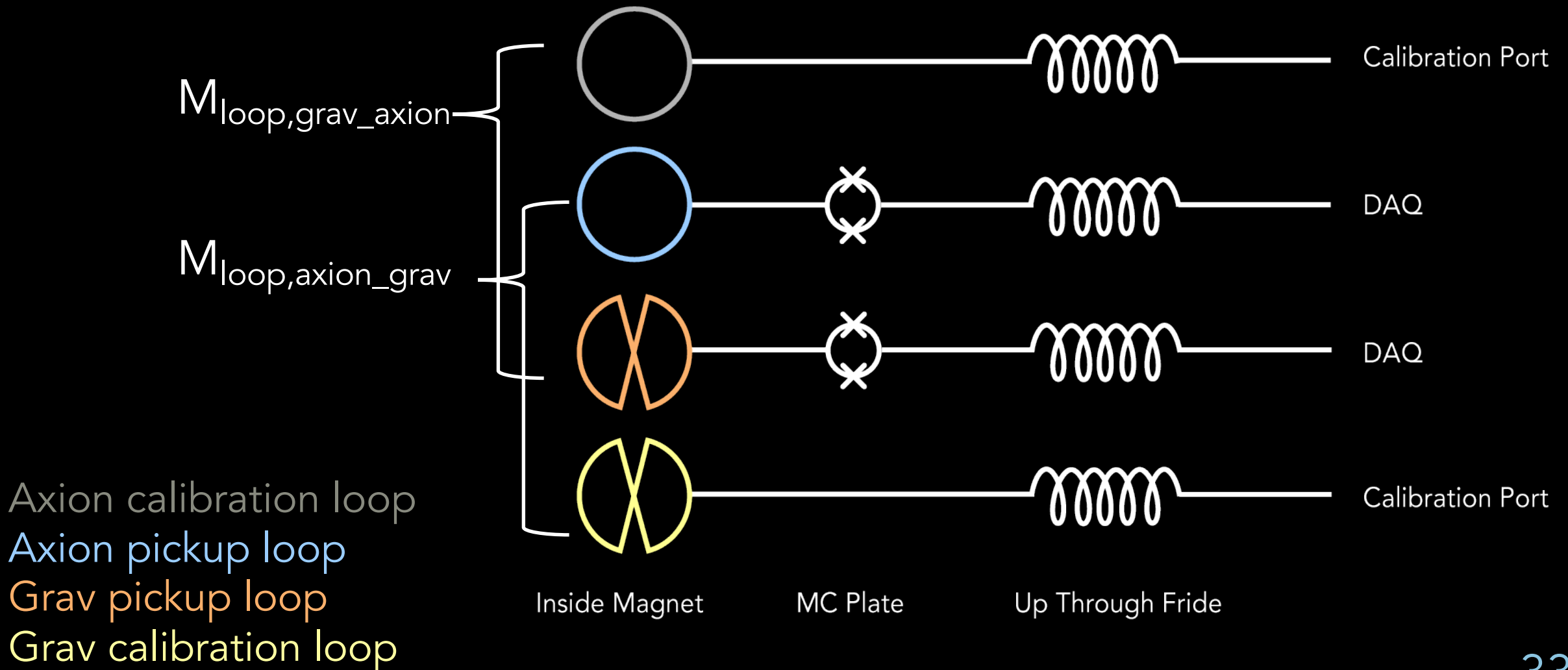
Gain of off-diagonal components (cross talk measurements) larger than expected



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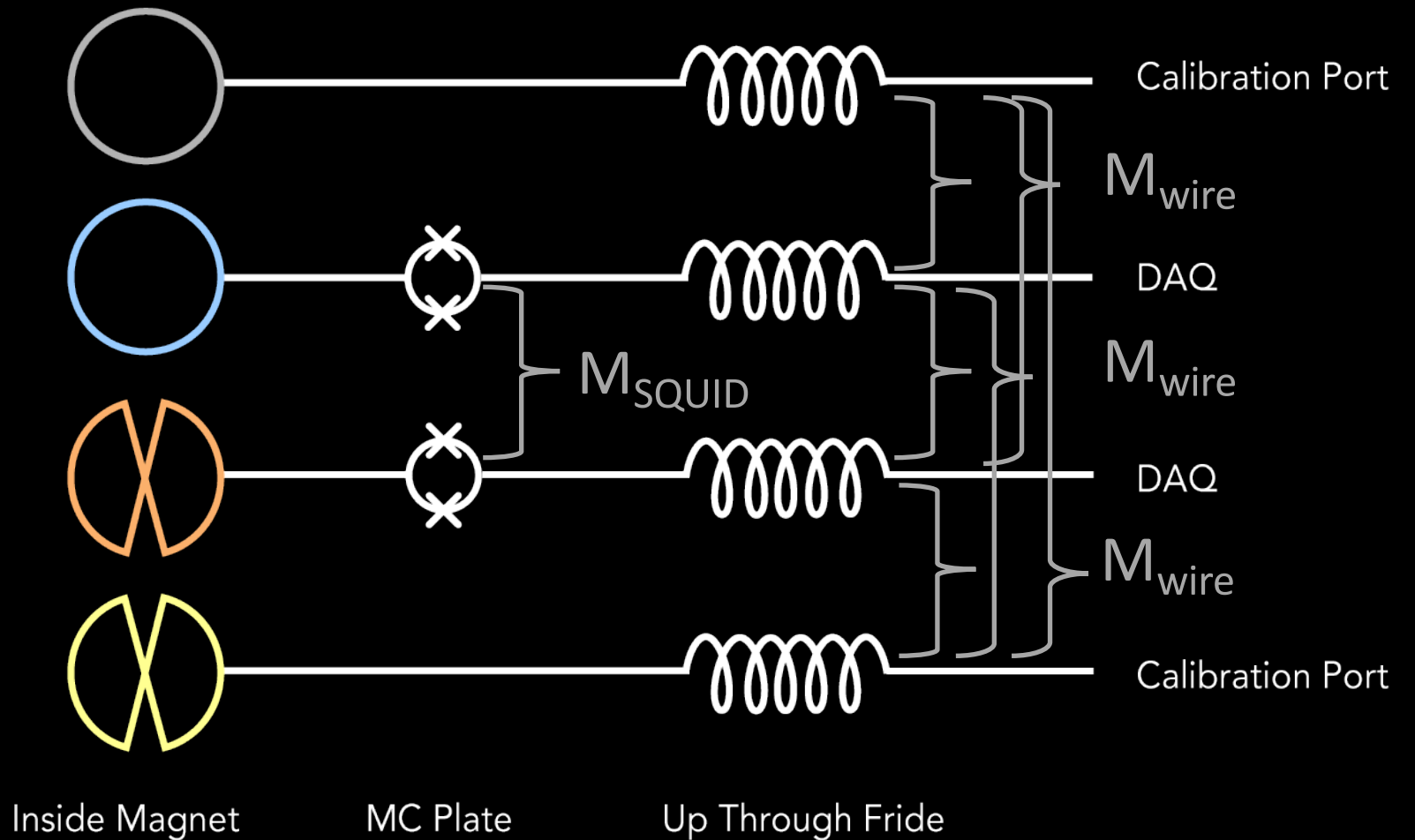


# ABRA Grav Calibration

Could also be caused by SQUID and wire cross talk.

Tests underway to disentangle cross talk source.

Axion calibration loop  
Axion pickup loop  
Grav pickup loop  
Grav calibration loop



# Summary

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$\Delta$ BRACADABRA  $\rightarrow$  -10 cm

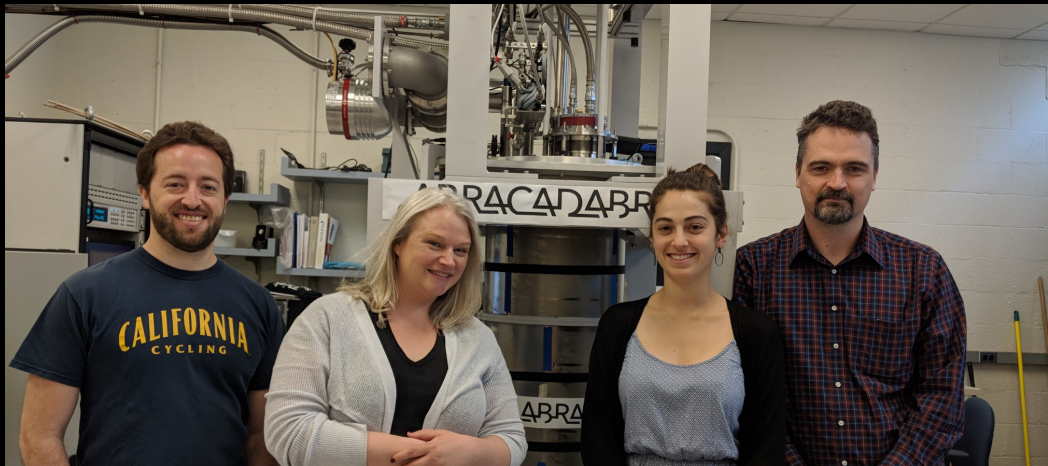
DMRadio-50L

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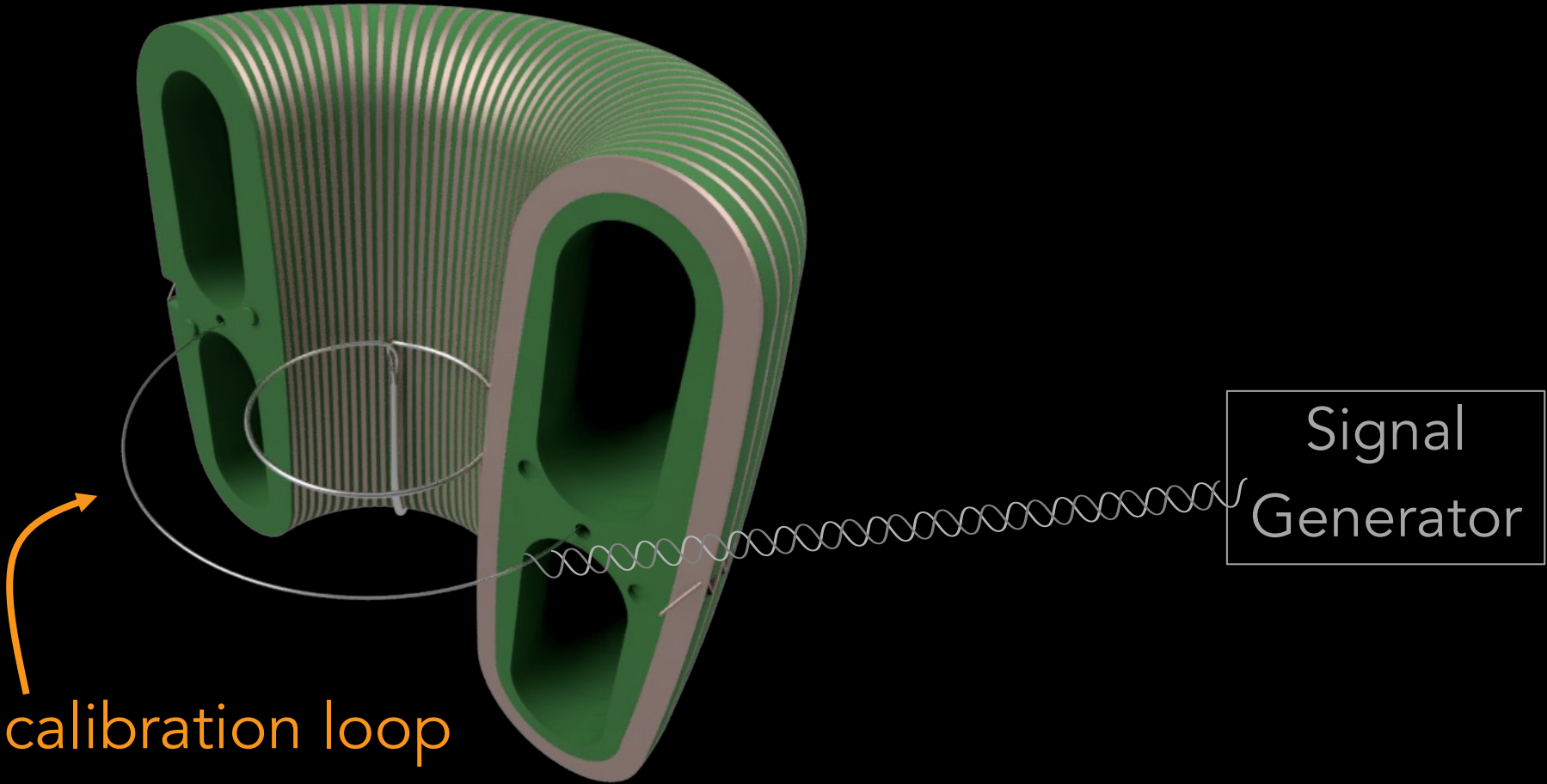
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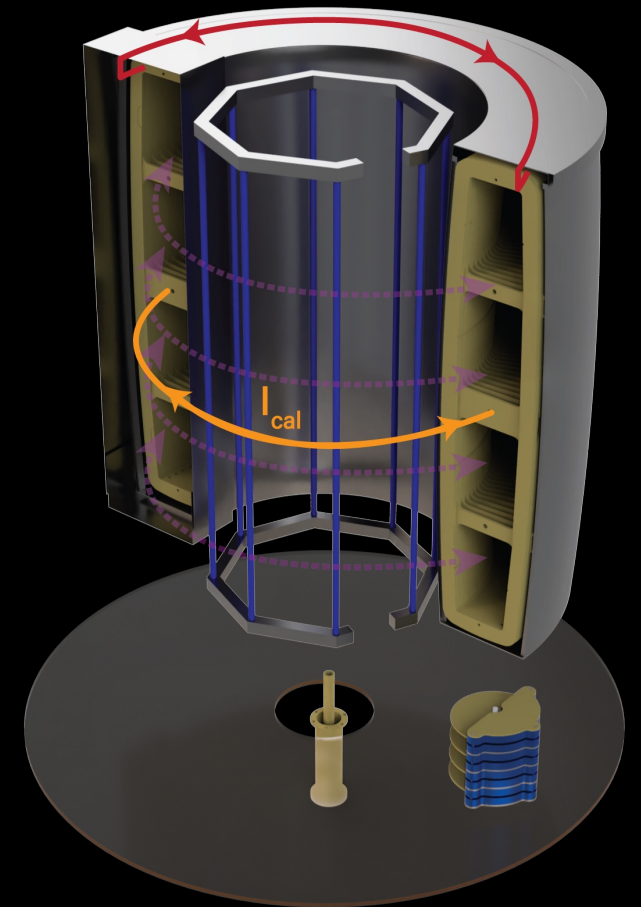
# ABRA Calibration





# Axion Mimetic Injection

- Magnet enclosed in high Q sheath
- To keep high Q factor, need to minimize conductive toroidal elements
- Cannot take data with axion mimetic loop in detector



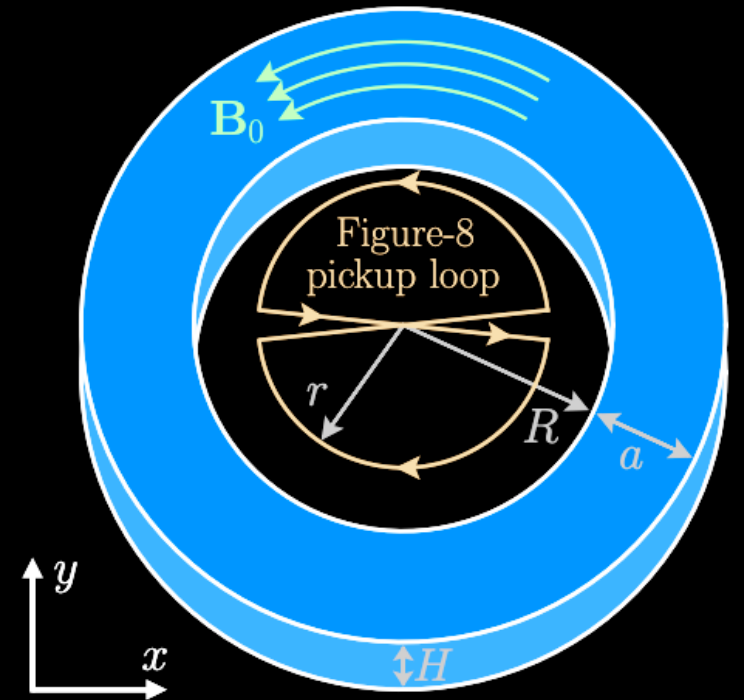


# Gravitational Wave Sources

- Primordial black holes (1 kHz – 1e11 GHz)
- Exotic compact objects (1 kHz – 1e11 GHz)
- Superradiance (1 kHz – 300 kHz)

# Gravitational Wave Figure of Merit

$$\Phi_8 = \frac{e^{-i\omega t}}{3\sqrt{2}} \omega^2 B_{\max} r^3 R \ln(1 + a/R) s_{\theta_h} \\ \times \left( h^\times s_{\phi_h} - h^+ c_{\theta_h} c_{\phi_h} \right).$$



# Gravitational Wave Strain Limits

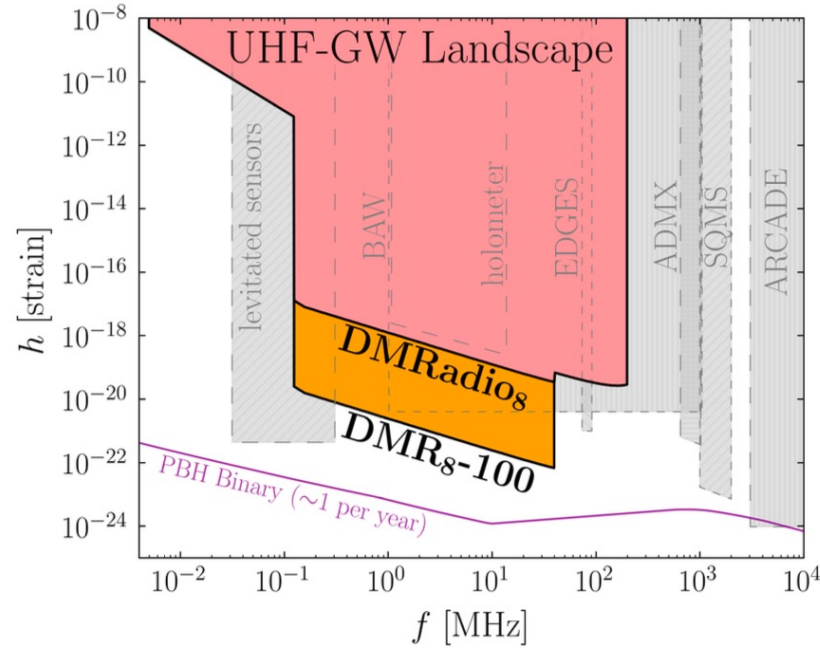


FIG. 1. The UHF-GW experimental landscape, with the approach introduced in this work shown in color.  $\text{DMR}_{\text{radios}}$  shows the projected reach of the full suite of DMRadio instruments (50L,  $m^3$ , and GUT) adopting our advocated figure-8 pickup loop geometry. Looking to the far future, we also show the reach of an upscaled DMRadio with a magnetic field volume of  $100 \text{ m}^3$ , labelled  $\text{DMR}_{8-100}$ . A subset of existing proposals in this frequency range are shown in grey, taken from Refs. [1, 2], as well as an estimate for the required sensitivity to see one signal from primordial black hole (PBH) binaries per year. Additional specifics are provided in the text.

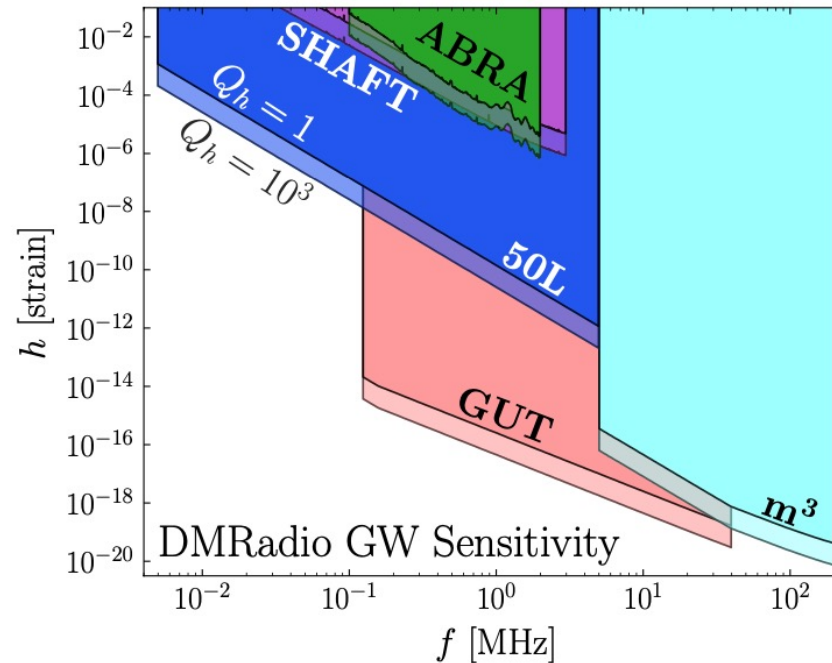


FIG. 3. The GW strain sensitivity of low-mass axion haloscopes. We recast the existing limits obtained by ABRA [6] (green) and SHAFT [7] (purple). For DMRadio we use the projected future sensitivity of the three instruments that will make up that program: 50L (blue),  $m^3$  (cyan), and GUT (pink) [10, 11]. In each case, results are shown for two choices of the GW signal coherence,  $Q_h = 1$  (opaque) and  $Q_h = 10^3$  (transparent). All results assume a circular pickup loop, for results using the optimal figure-8, see Fig. 1.

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