

The current sensitivity of DANCE Act-1

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Overview

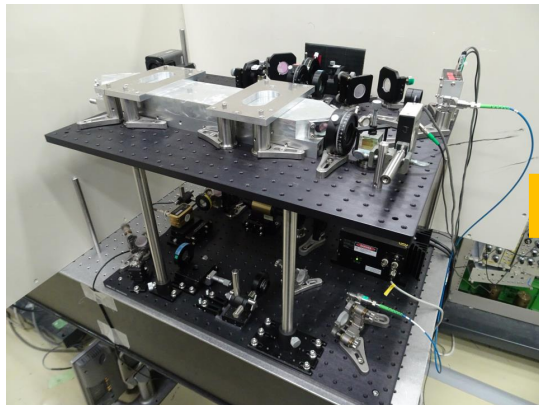
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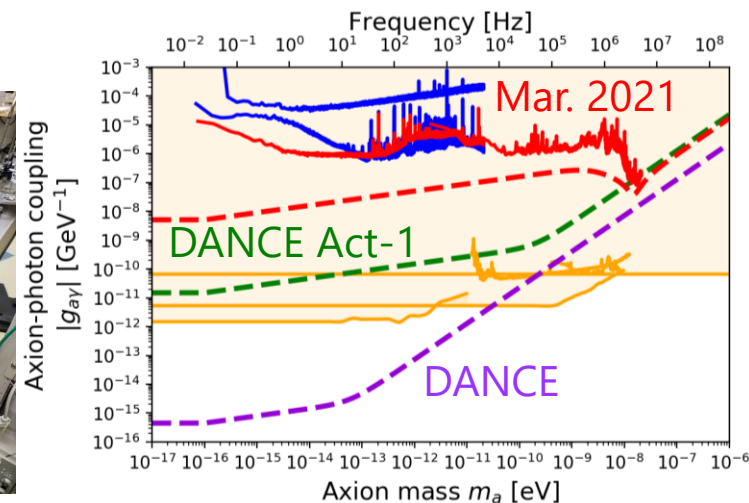
DANCE: **D**ark matter **A**xion search
with ri**N**g **C**avity **E**xperiment

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 - Obtained the data and estimated the sensitivity

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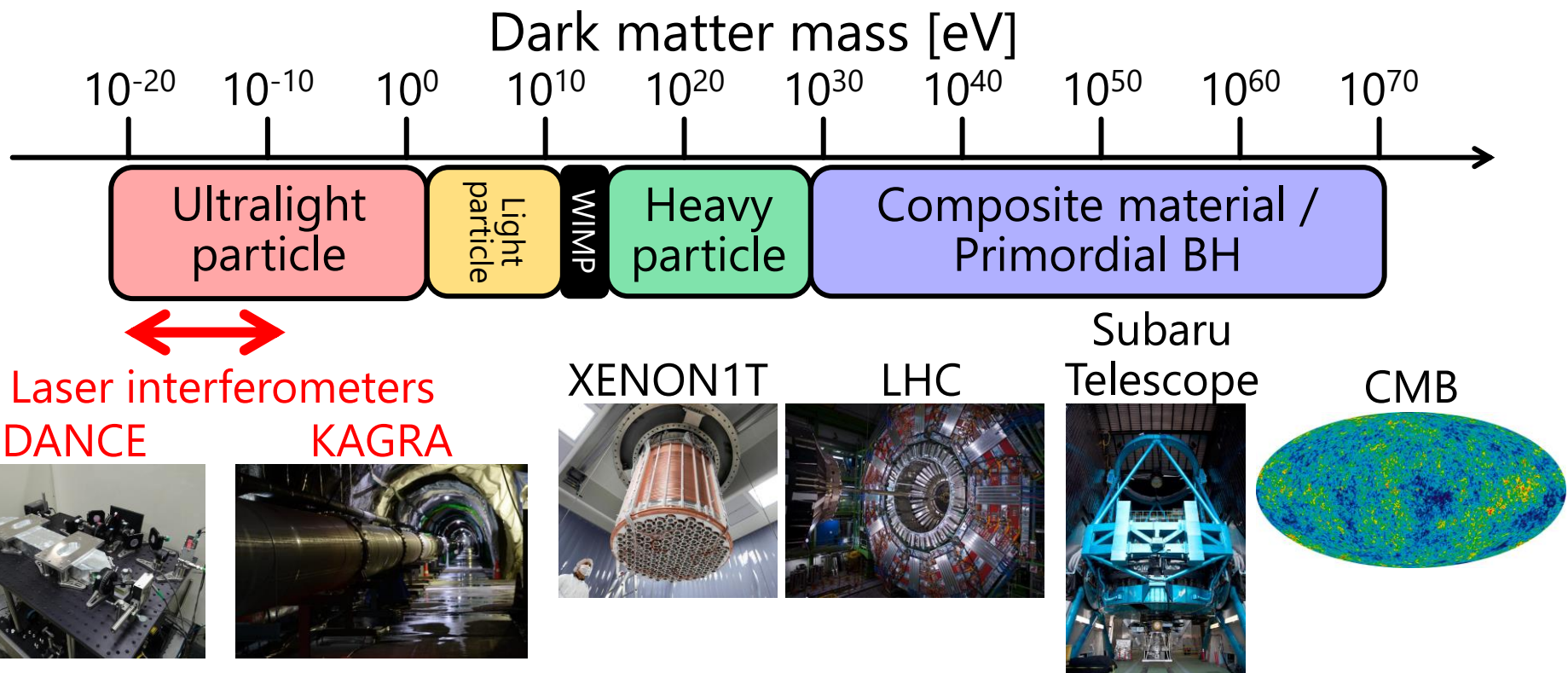


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Axion search with laser interferometers

- Need to search for dark matter in wider mass range
- Ultralight dark matter can be searched with laser interferometers
- DANCE focuses on axion dark matter



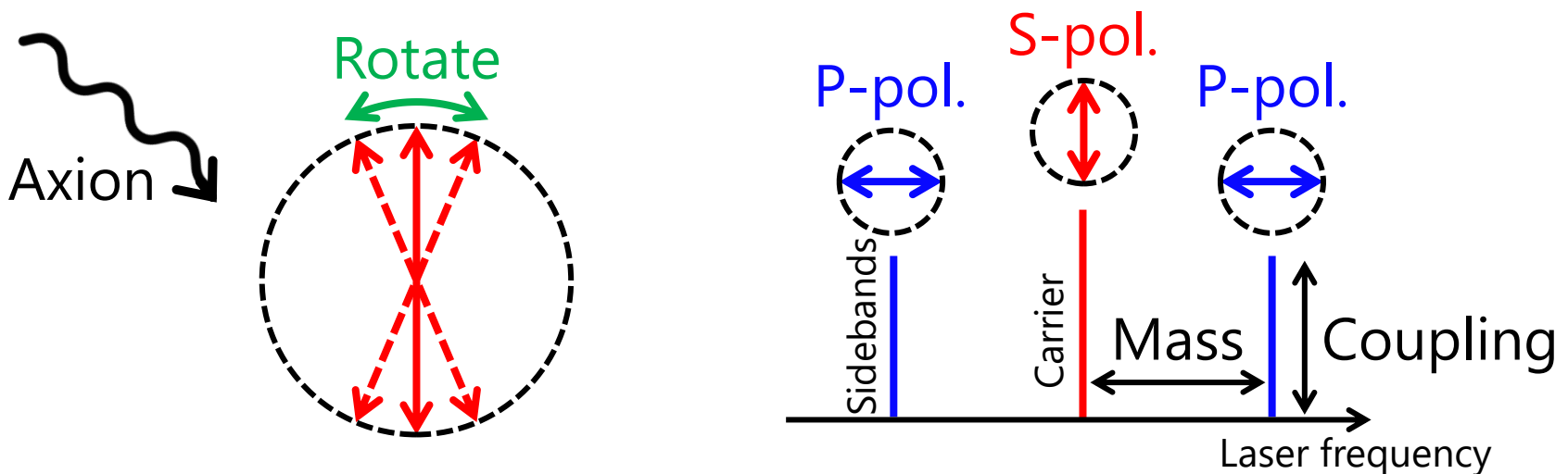
Rotation of linear polarization

- Axion-photon coupling causes phase velocity difference between left- and right-handed photons

$$c_{L/R} = \sqrt{1 \pm \frac{g_{a\gamma} a_0 m_a}{k} \sin(m_a t + \delta_\tau)}$$

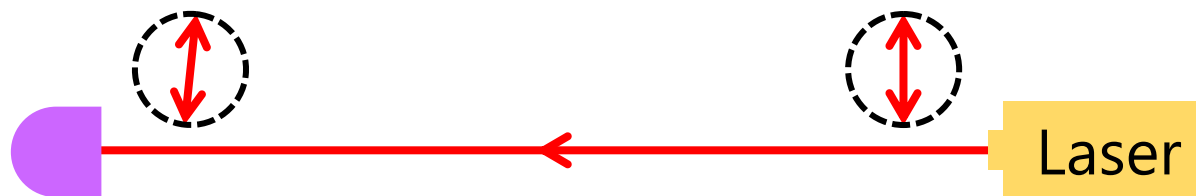
Coupling constant Axion field Axion mass

- Phase velocity difference of circular polarizations makes linear polarization rotate

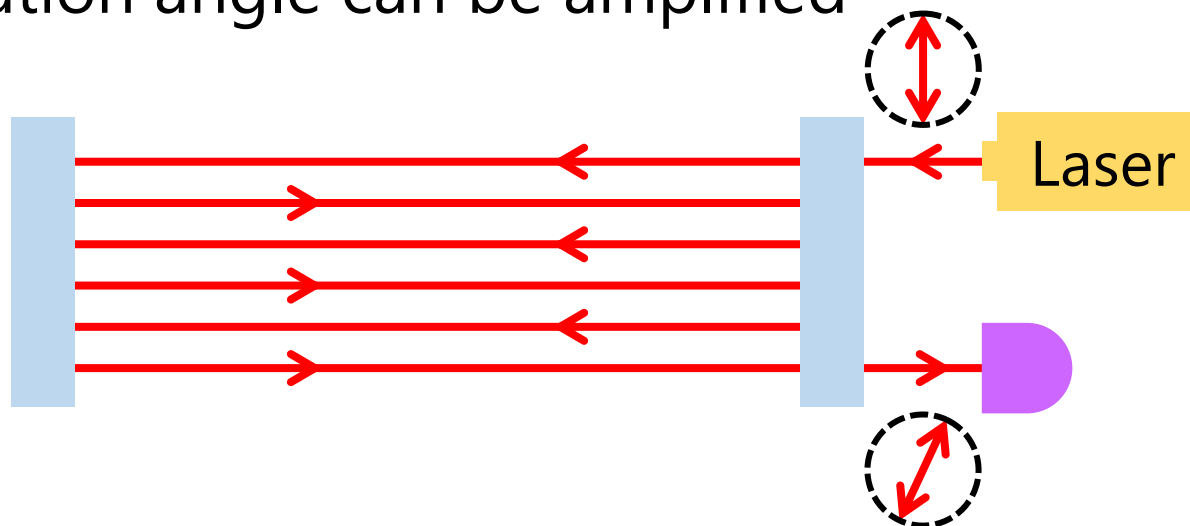


Amplification of rotation angle

- Rotation angle is too small to be observed without a cavity

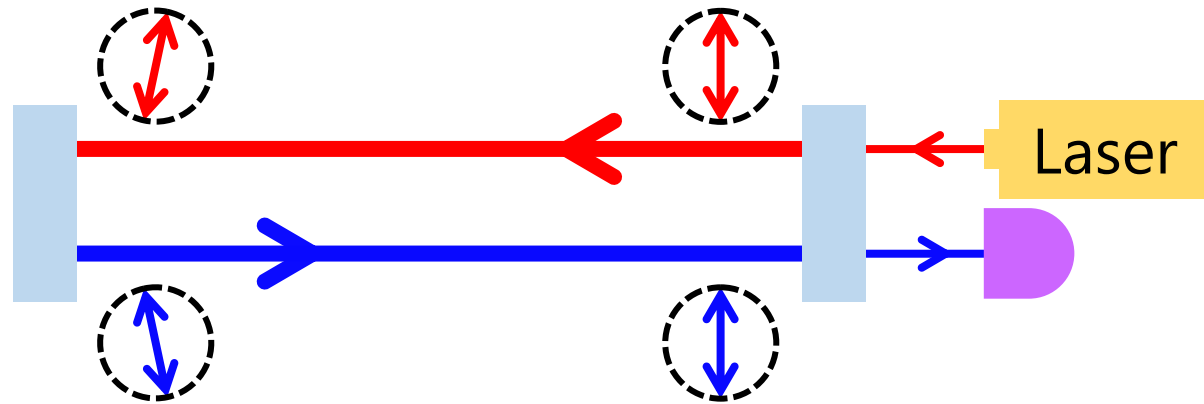


- Laser light runs between mirrors many times in a cavity
→ Rotation angle can be amplified

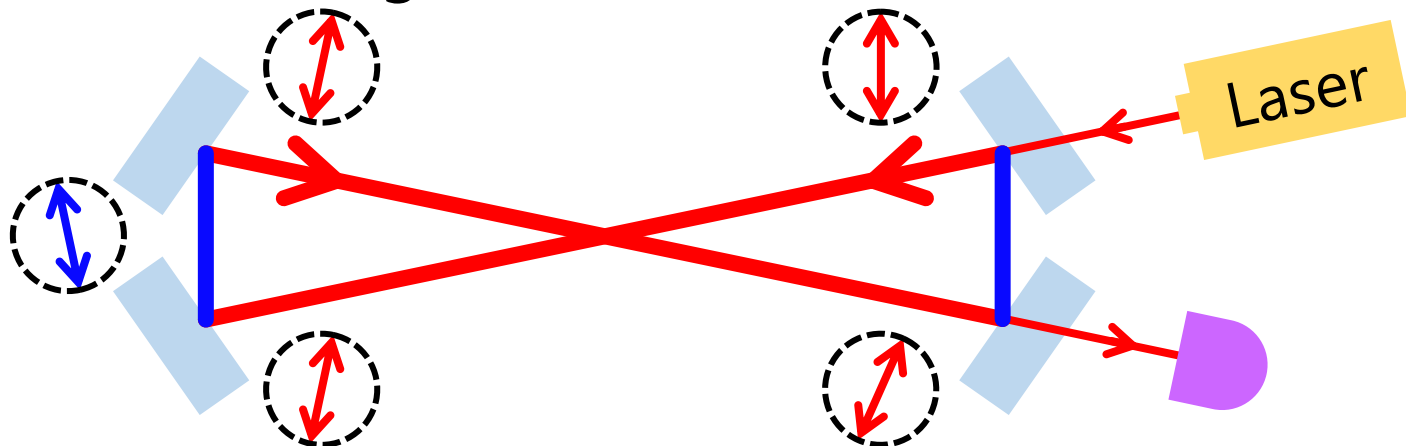


Bow-tie ring cavity

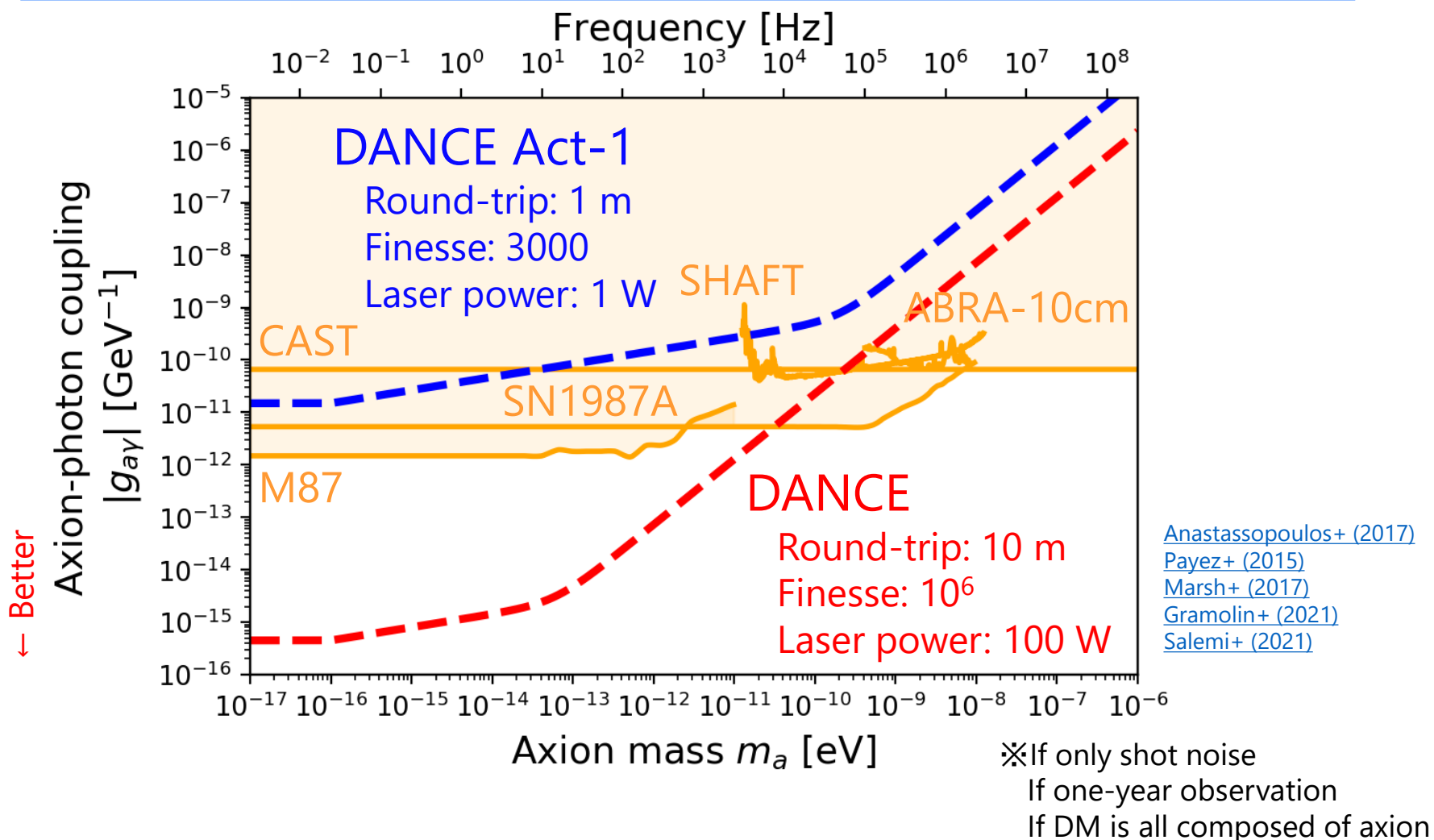
- Rotated direction is inverted in a linear cavity
→ Rotation effect is cancelled out



- A bow-tie ring cavity prevents linear polarization from inverting rotated direction



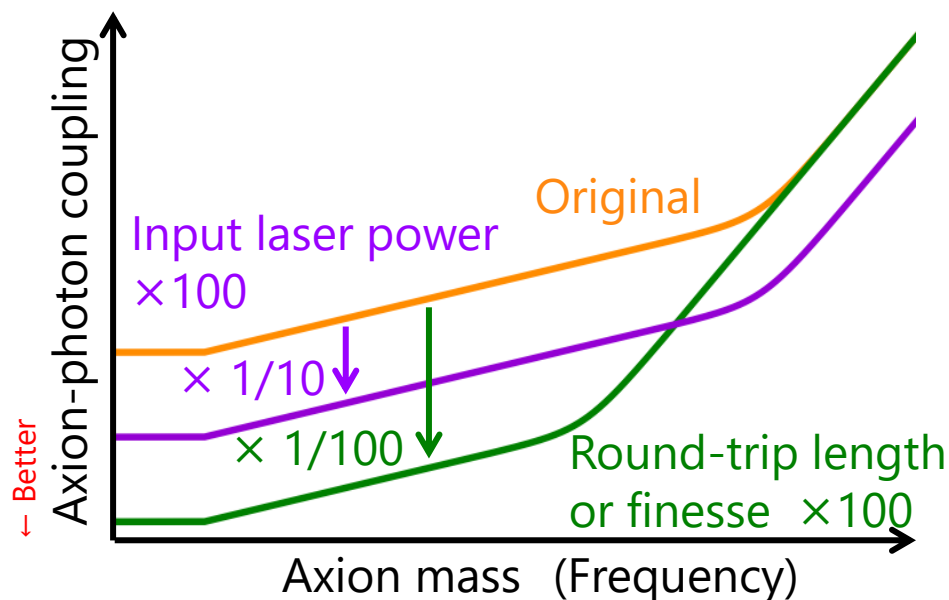
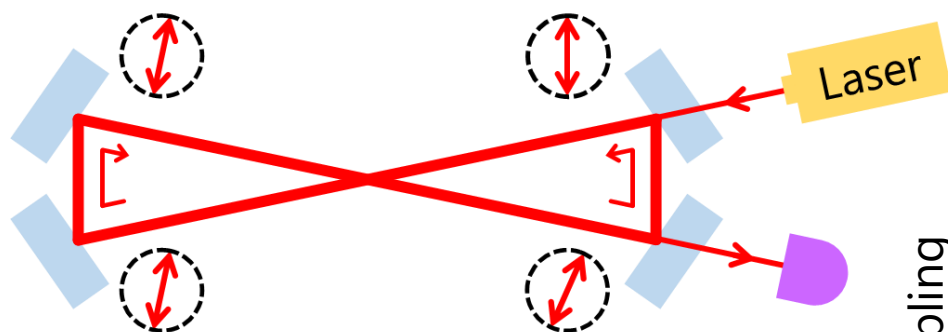
Design sensitivity of DANCE



- Shot noise is caused by fluctuations of number of photons
- Need to minimize the other noises

Important parameters (1)

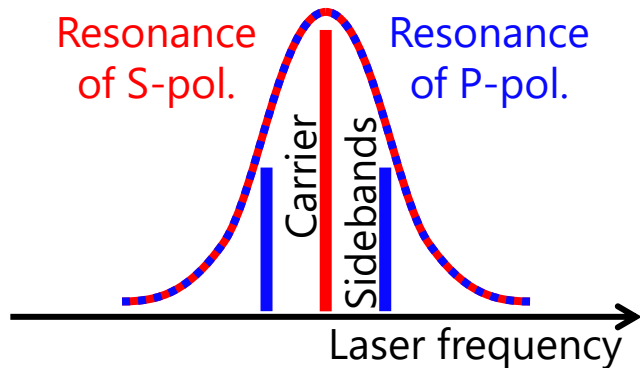
- Input laser power ... Shot noise
- Round-trip length ... Optical length
- Finesse ... Number of round trip



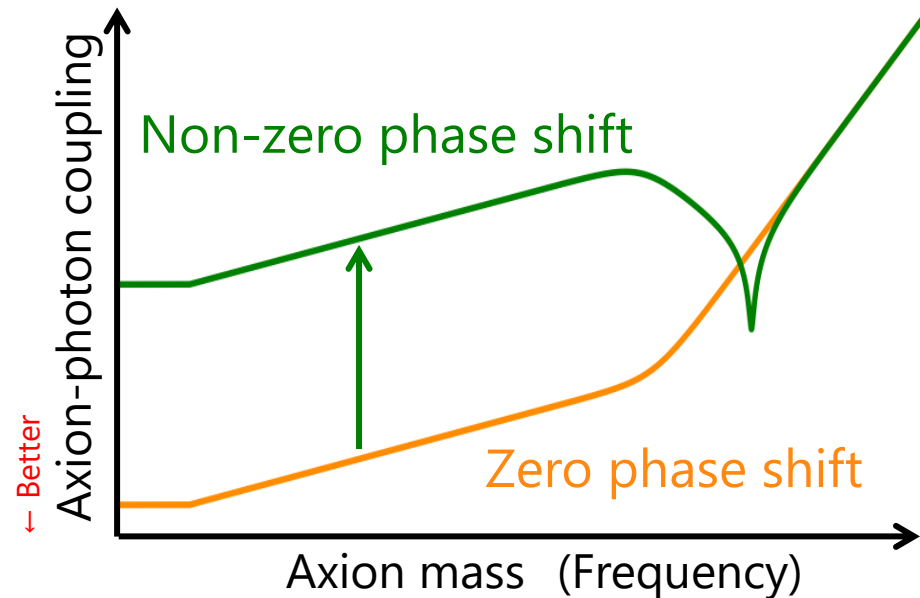
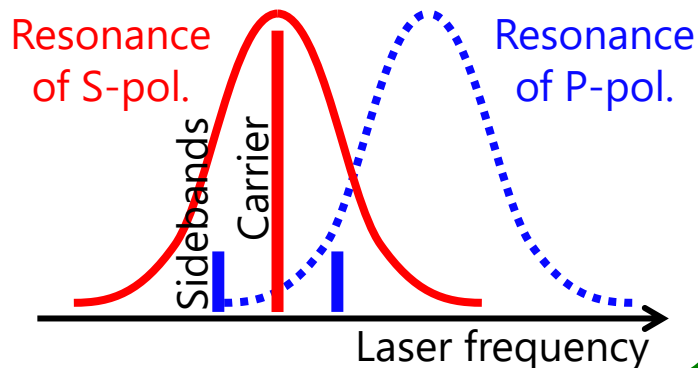
Important parameters (2)

- Resonant frequency difference between polarizations
 - ... From non-zero phase shift by mirror coating at reflections

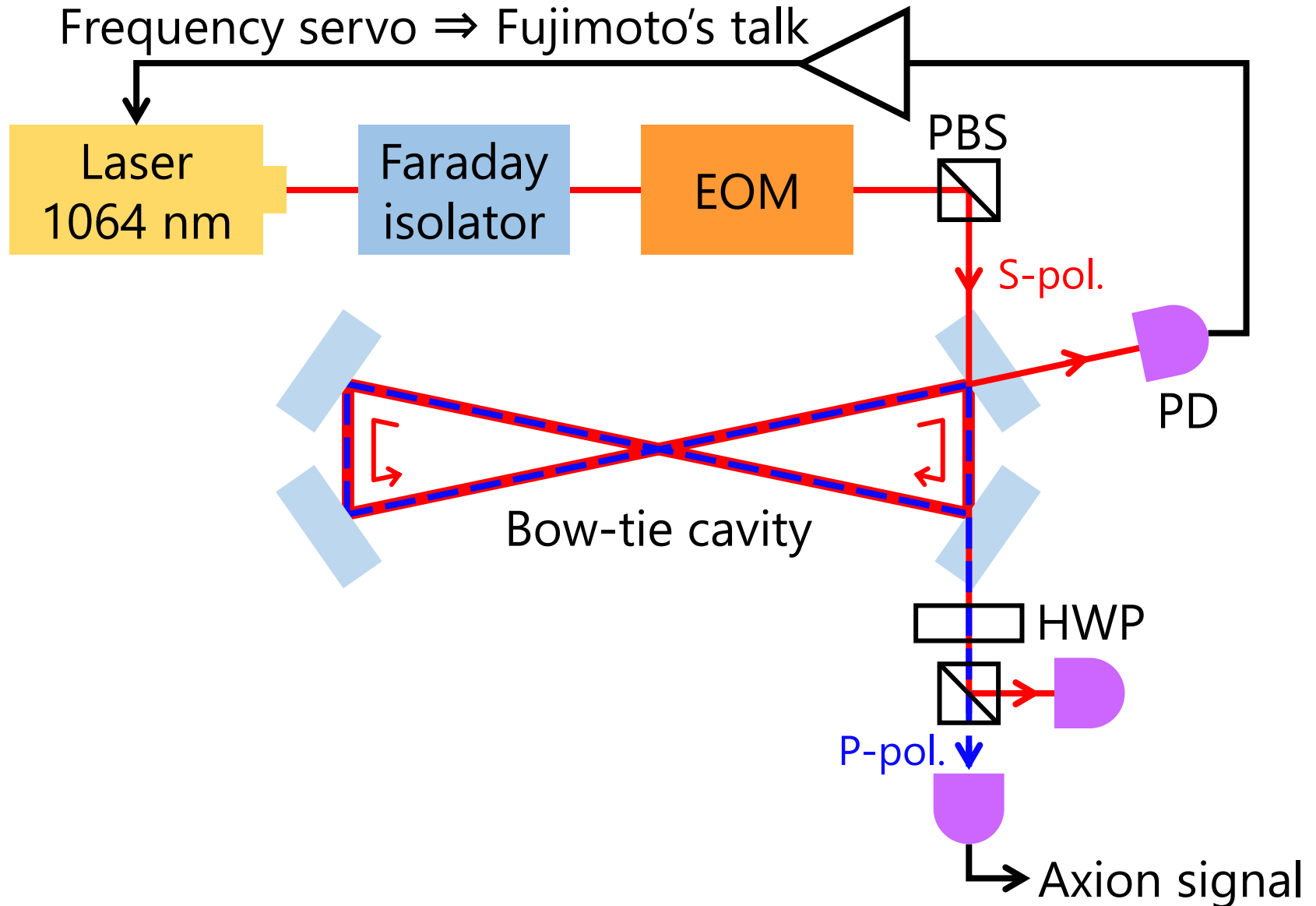
Zero phase shift



Non-zero phase shift



Experimental setups of DANCE

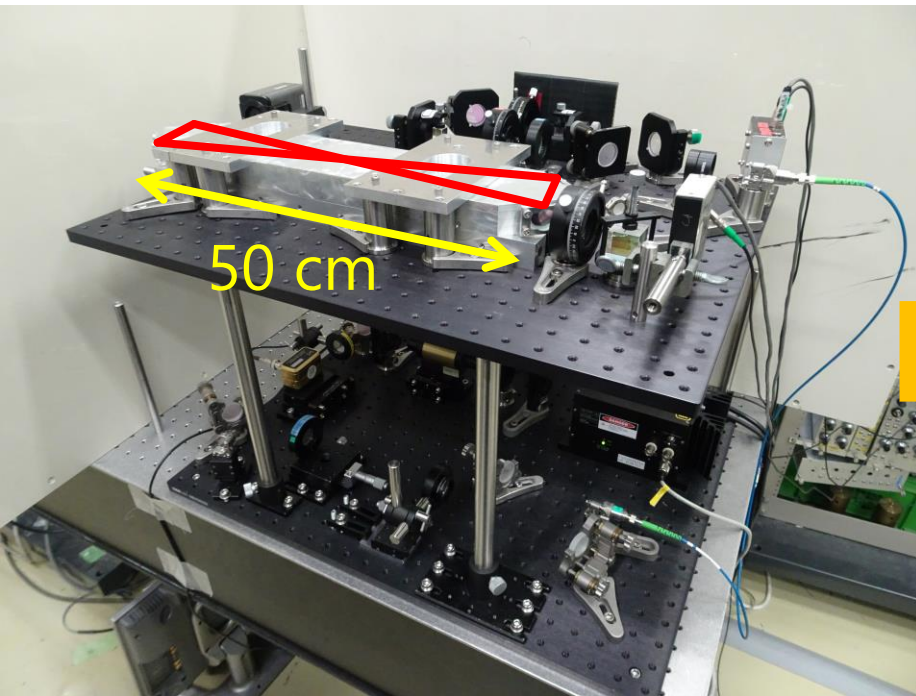


Progress of the experiment

DANCE Act-1

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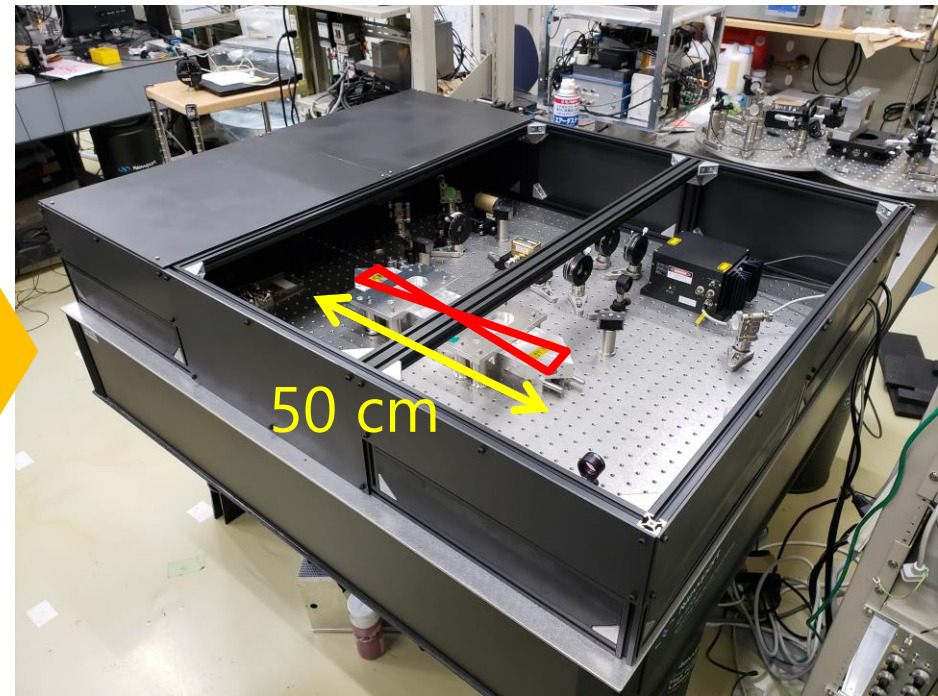
(Apr. 2019 – Nov. 2020)



DANCE Act-1

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(Dec. 2020 – Now)

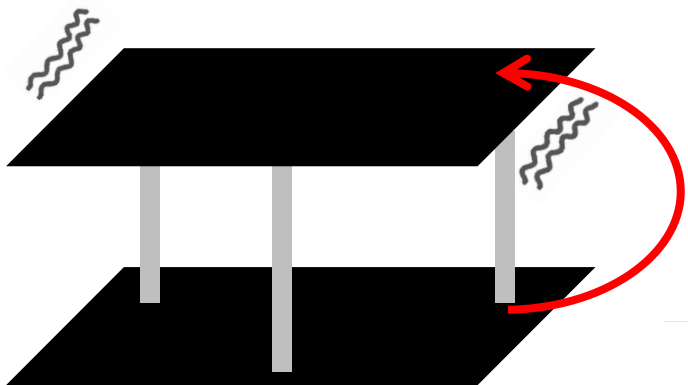


Optical table and optical fiber

Issues of ver. Nov. 2020

- Built a two-story optical table
- Lifted laser light with an optical fiber

Unstable setup

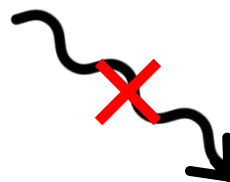


Loss of 50 %
Large intensity noise

Improvement of ver. Mar. 2021

- Assembled the optics on the first floor without the fiber
- Surrounded the optical table by aluminum plates

Wind
Light



More stable frequency servo
Easier to avoid natural light

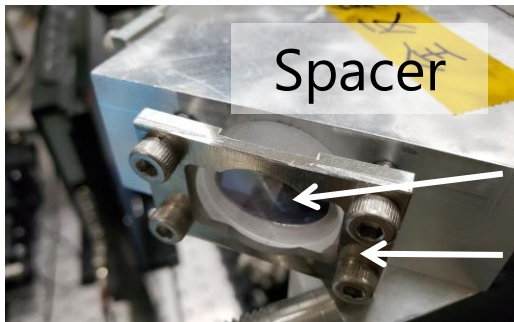
Mirrors and alignment

Issues of ver. Nov. 2020

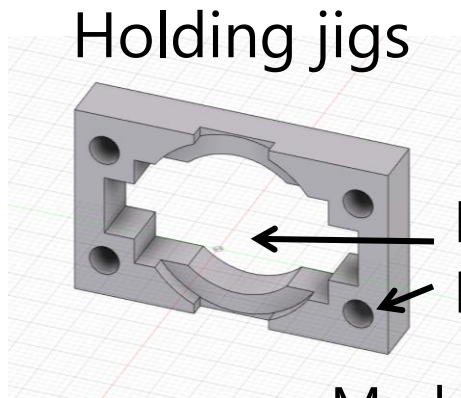
- Mirrors had low reflectivity and large loss
- Mirror alignment was not accurate due to holding jigs → Small finesse

Improvement of ver. Mar. 2021

- Changed to mirrors with high reflectivity and small loss
- Improved alignment by changing mirror holding jigs → Improved finesse



Mirror
Holding jigs



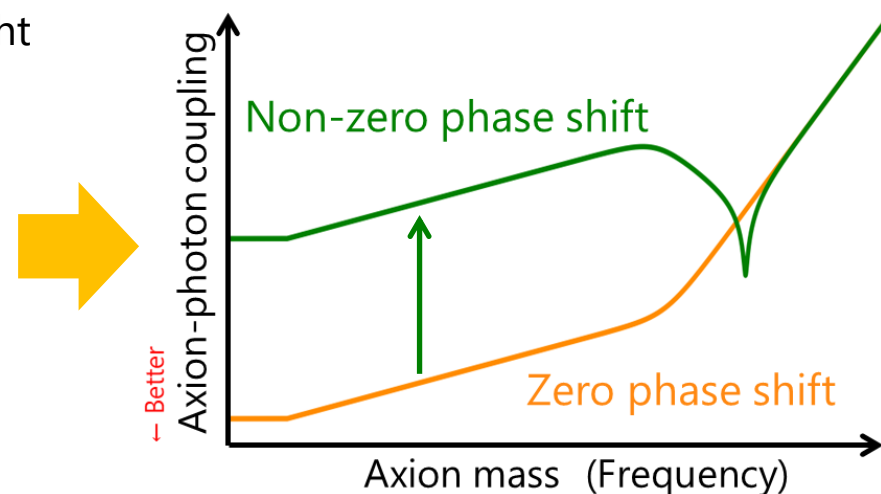
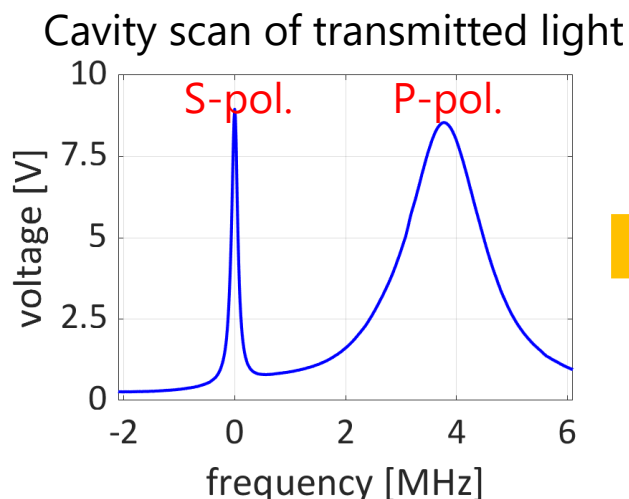
Holding jigs

Hole for mirrors
Holes for screws

Made margins smaller

Performance evaluation of the cavity

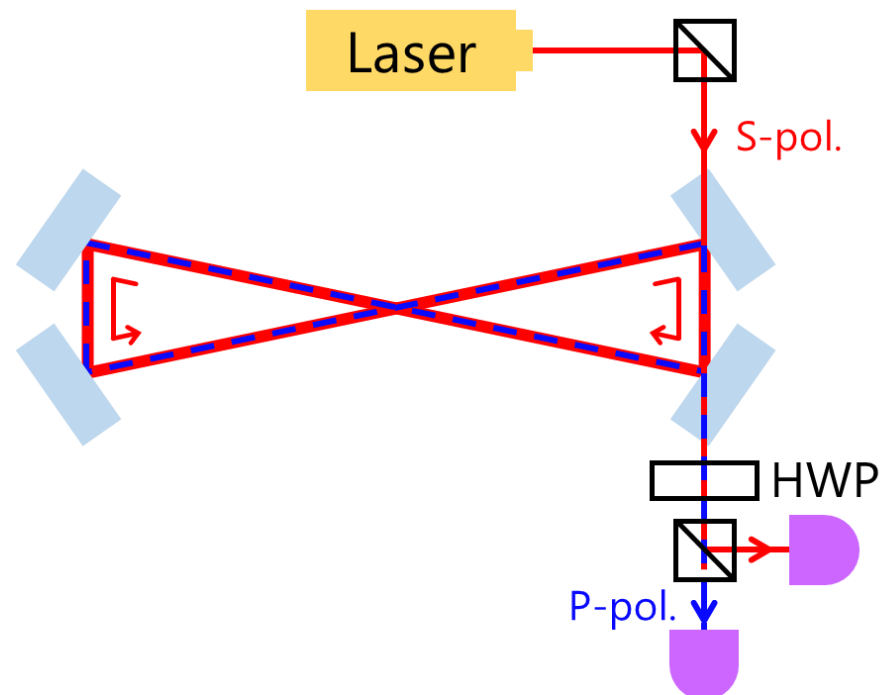
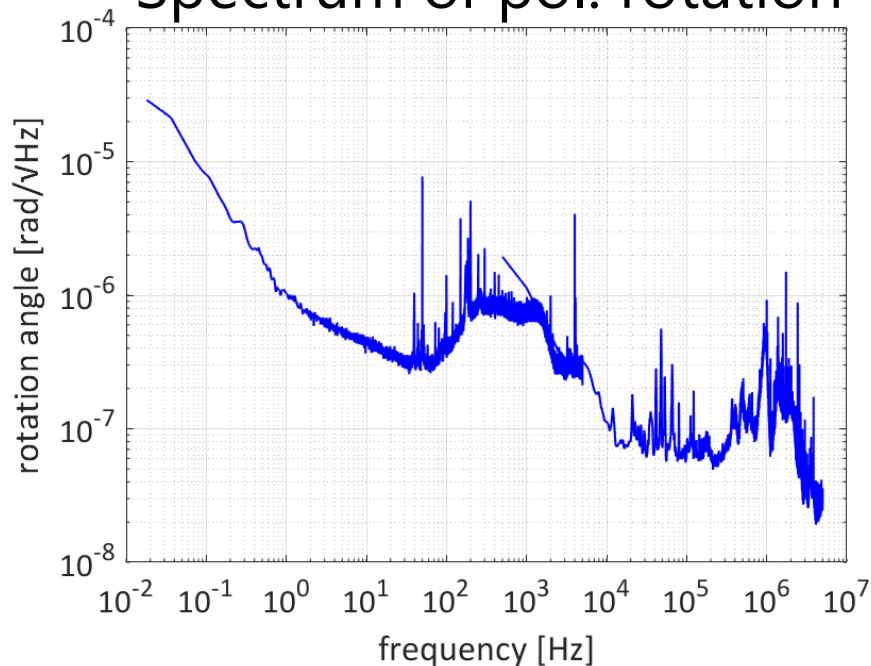
	Design values	Ver. Nov. 2020	Ver. Mar. 2021
Input laser power	1 W	~40 mW	274(14) mW
Transmitted laser power	1 W	~1.2 mW	158(8) mW
Finesse for carrier	3×10^3	525(19) (P-pol.)	$2.80(34) \times 10^3$ (S-pol.)
Finesse for sidebands	3×10^3	~300 (S-pol.)	193(10) (P-pol.)
Resonant frequency difference between polarizations	0 Hz	~28 MHz	3.92(16) MHz



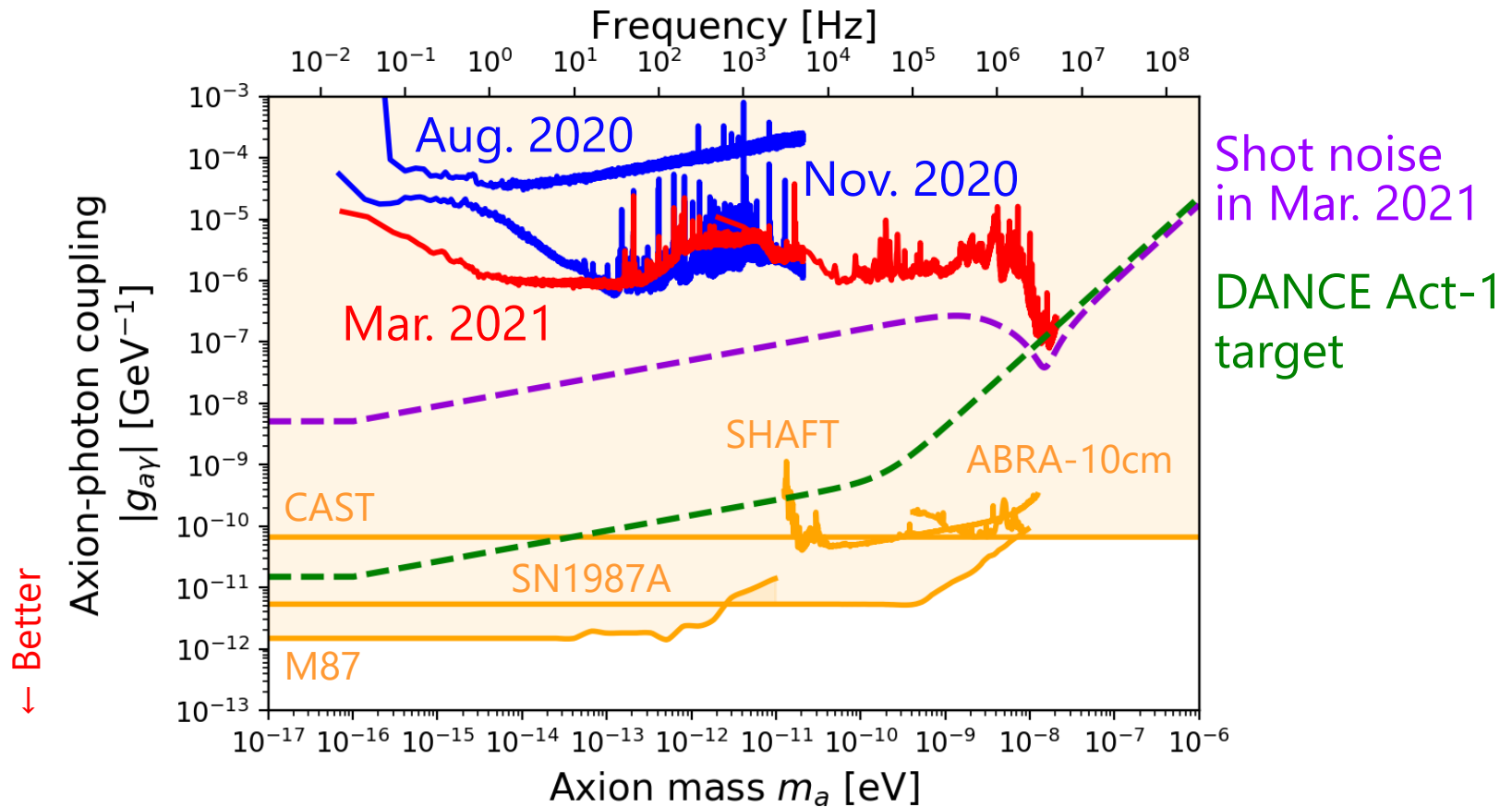
Signal calibration

- Fixed HWP to make a little amount of P-pol.
- Recorded amount of P-pol. $P_P(t)$ and total amount of transmitted light $P_{\text{tot}}(t)$ for 50 min
- Electric field amplitude of them $E_{P,\text{tot}}(t) = \sqrt{P_{P,\text{tot}}(t)}$
- Rotation angle of linear polarization $\phi(t) = \frac{E_P(t)}{E_{\text{tot}}}$

Spectrum of pol. rotation



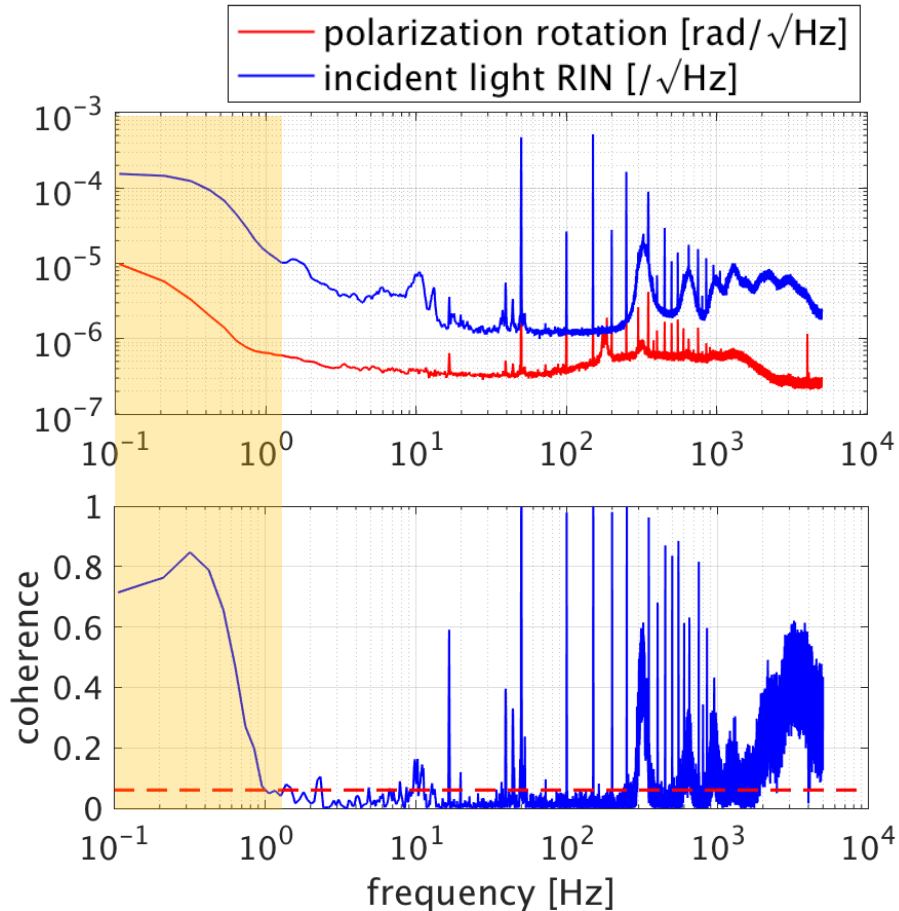
The estimated sensitivity (if one-year observation)



- The sensitivity was gradually improved
- Need to reduce noises to reach shot noise in Mar. 2021
- Need to lessen resonant frequency difference between pol. and inject higher laser power to achieve DANCE Act-1 target

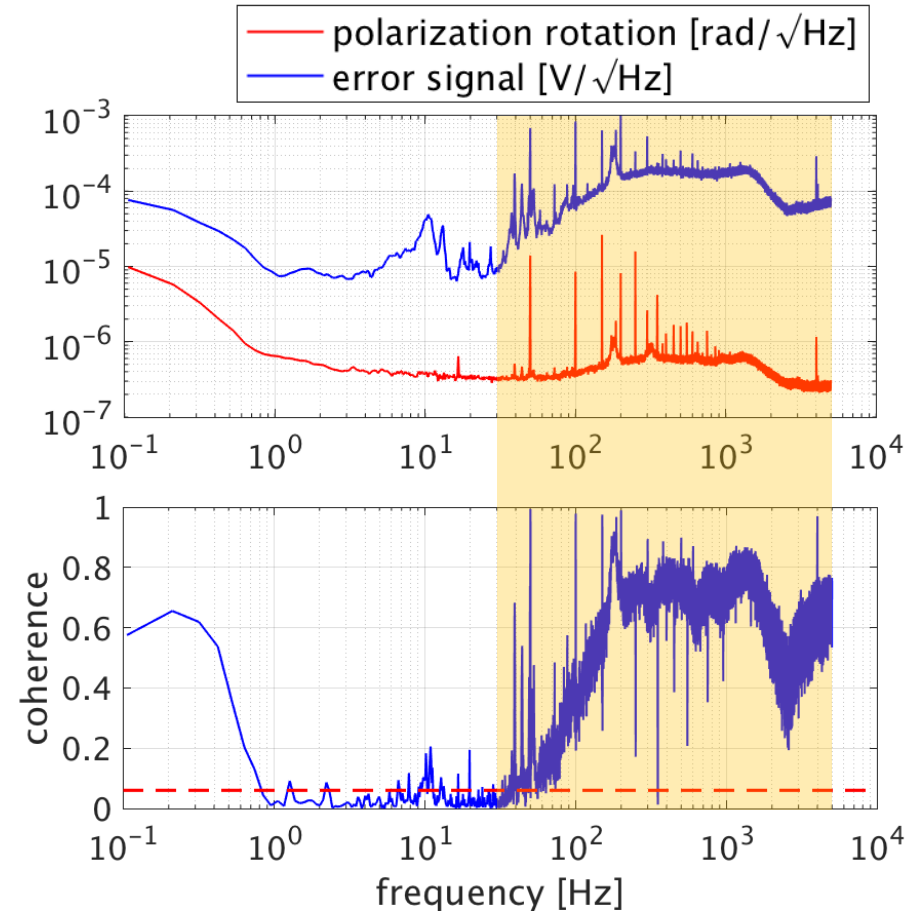
Discussion for current noises

Correlation with incident light



Suggested to be limited by laser intensity noise in 0.1 Hz-1 Hz

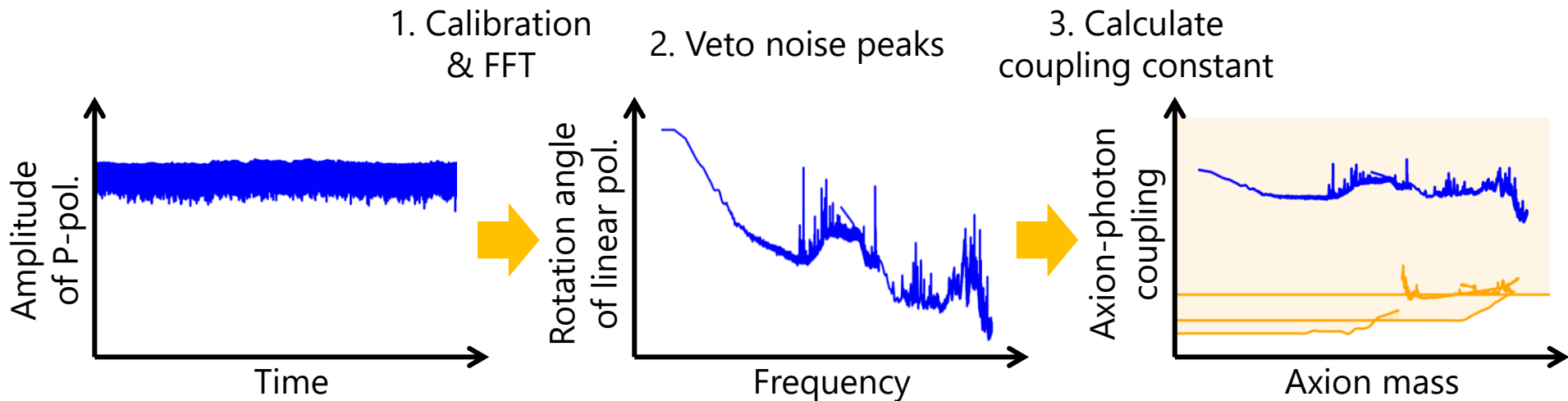
Correlation with error signal



Suggested to be limited by external noises such as mechanical vibration in 30 Hz-5 kHz

Future plans

- Plan to observe for a week and analyze the data
 - Final preparations underway for data acquisition
 - Data analysis environment is under construction



- Plan to build a new setup of DANCE Act-1 in order to improve the sensitivity $\Rightarrow$ Fujimoto's talk

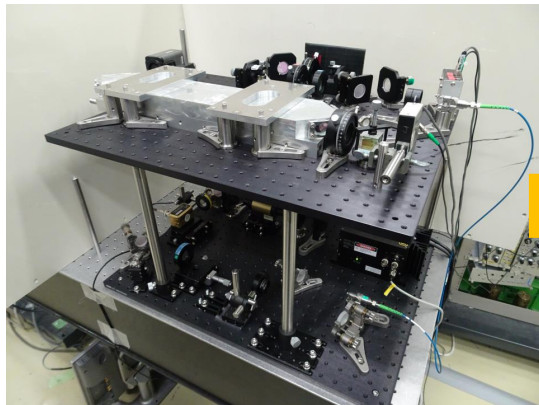
Summary

- A new experiment to search for axion dark matter with a ring cavity (**DANCE**)

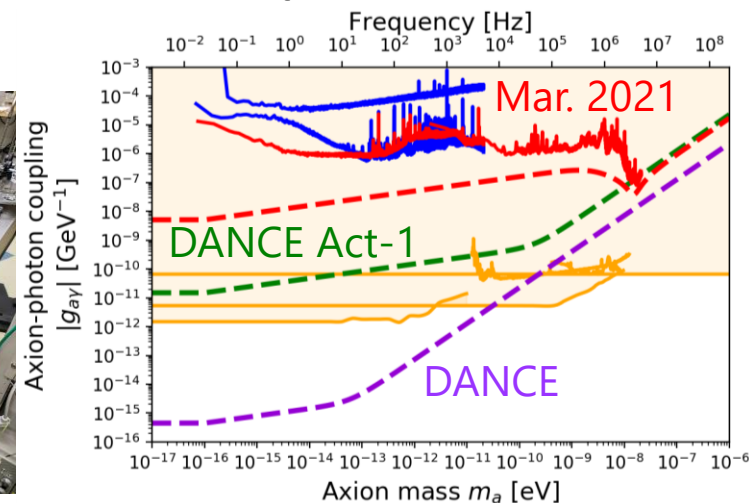
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 - Improved and evaluated the optics
 - Improved finesse and laser power
 - Found resonant frequency difference between pol.
 - Obtained the data and estimated the sensitivity
 - $9 \times 10^{-7} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$ at 10^{-13} eV if observe for a year

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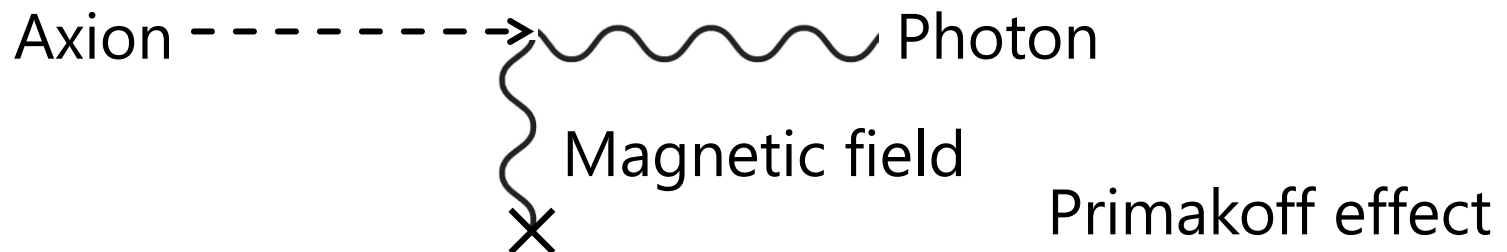
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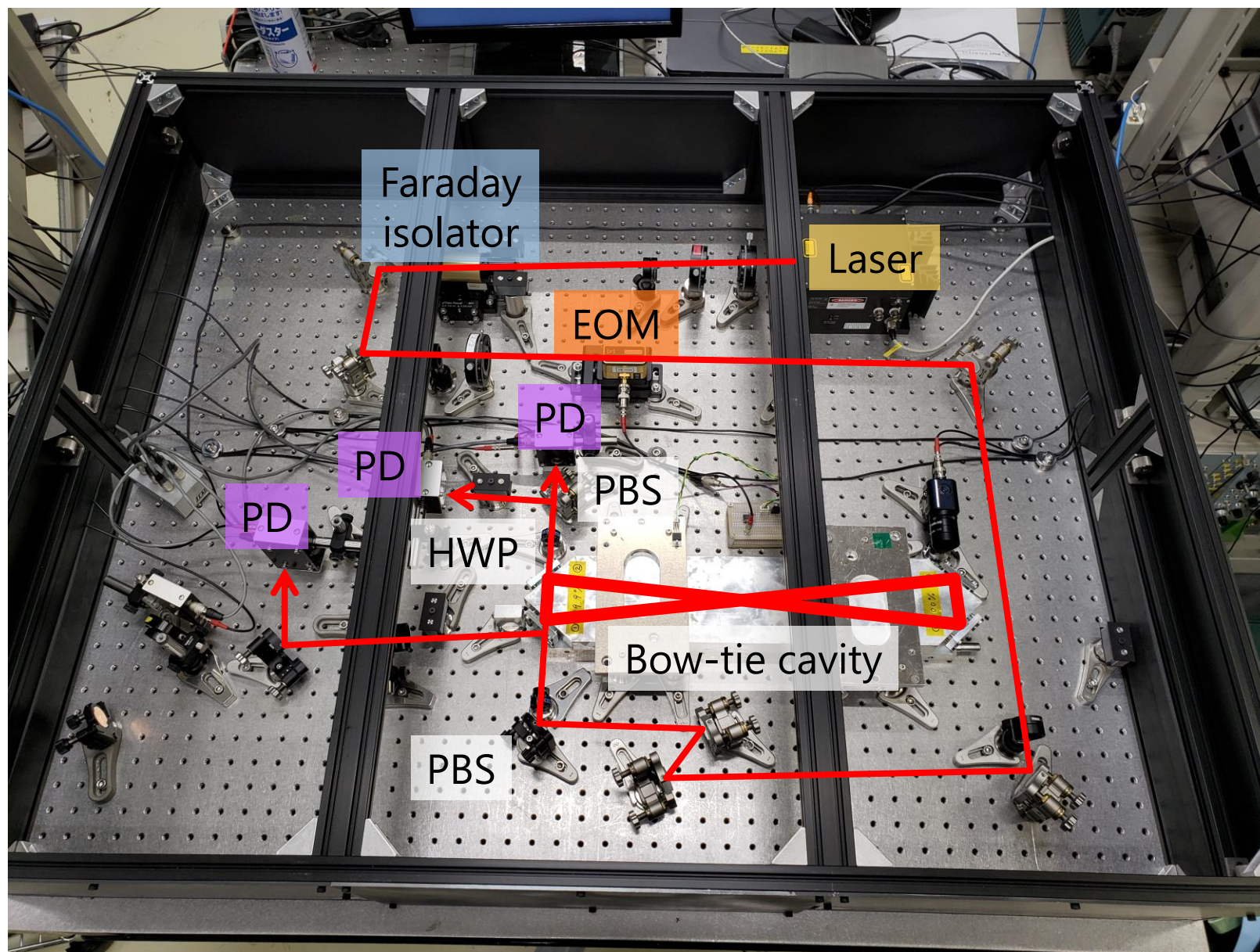
Extra Slides

Axion

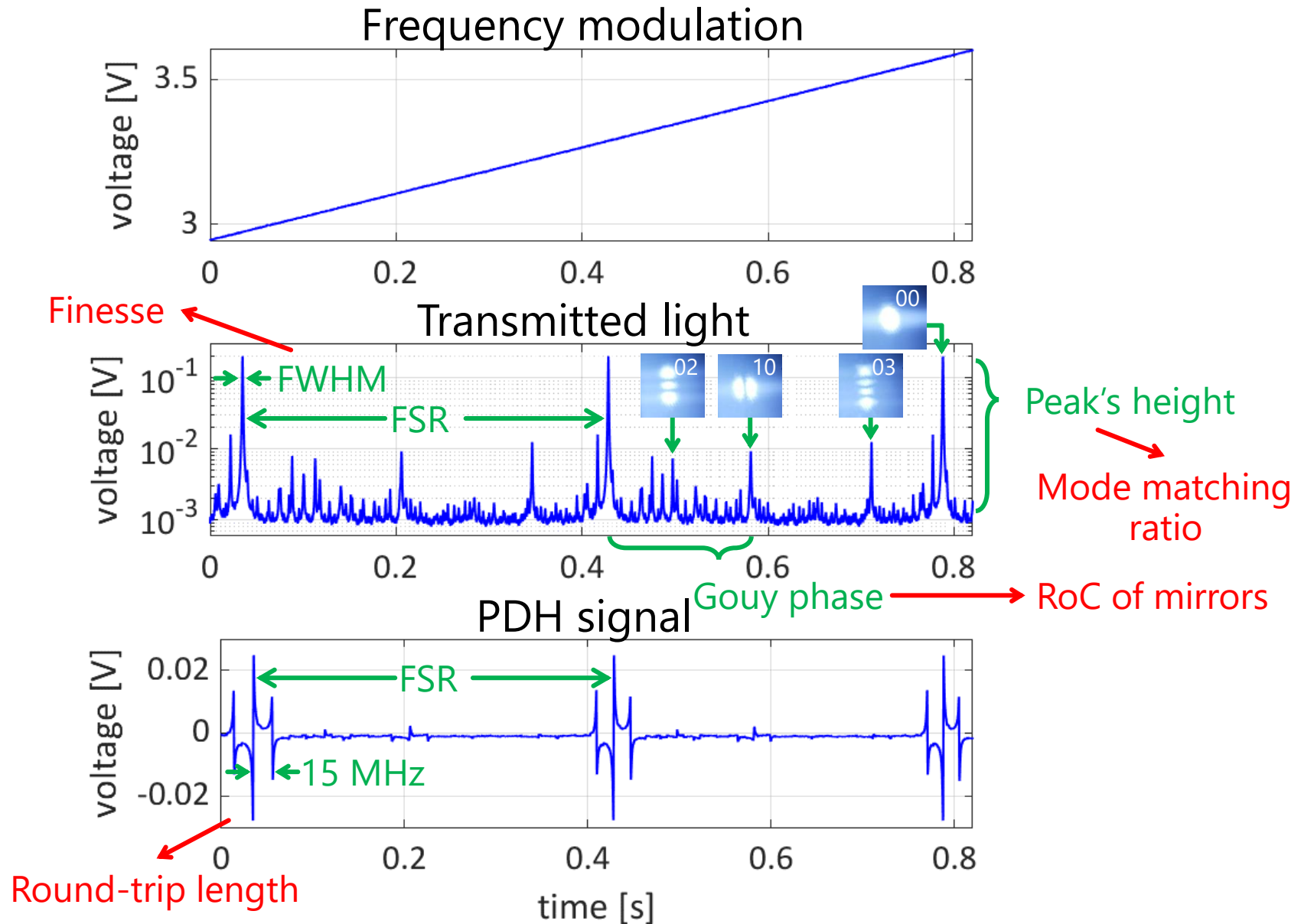
- Hypothetical particles to solve the strong CP problem in QCD
- Many kinds of axion-like particles (ALPs) are predicted by superstring theory
 - One of the candidates for dark matter
- Various methods of measuring **axion-photon coupling**, especially by using **magnetic field**, are proposed in many treatise



Picture of experimental setups



Cavity scan



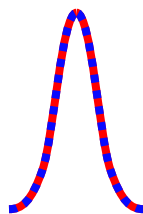
Performance evaluation of the cavity

	Design values	Ver. Nov. 2020	Ver. Mar. 2021
Reflectivity of mirrors	Low: 99.9 % High: 100 %	Low: 99.9 % High: 99.95 % (Measured with P-pol.)	Low: 99.90(2) % High: <99.99 % (Designed for S-pol. by Layertec)
Finesse for carrier	3140	525(19) (P-pol.)	$2.80(34) \times 10^3$ (S-pol.)
Finesse for sidebands	3140	~300 (S-pol.)	193(10) (P-pol.)
Resonant frequency difference between polarizations	0 Hz	~28 MHz	3.92(16) MHz
Round-trip length	99.4 cm	102(4) cm	97.1(4.5) cm
RoC of mirrors	all 100 cm	95.6(3.7) cm	98.3(2.2) cm
Incident angle	42 deg	40.9(2.4) deg	42.3(1.4) deg
Mode matching ratio	<99 %	83.03(9) %	82.3(1.6) %
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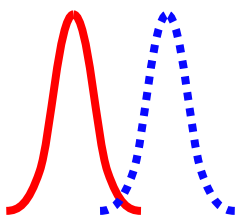
Important parameters (3)

- Finesse difference between polarizations
 - ... From mirrors' reflectivity difference
- Resonant frequency difference between polarizations
 - ... From non-zero phase shift by mirror reflections

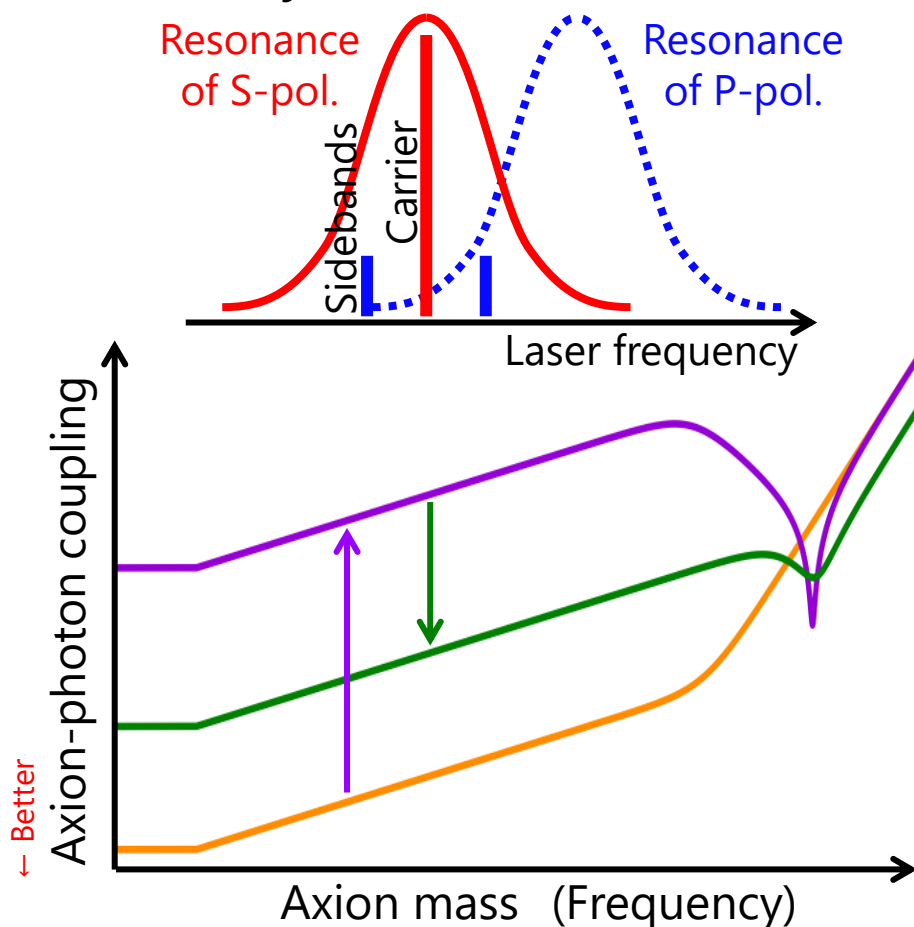
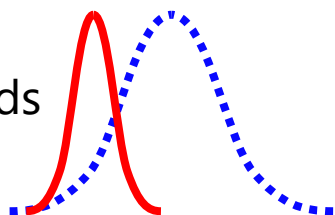
- Finesse for carrier = Finesse for sidebands
- Zero phase shift



- Finesse for carrier = Finesse for sidebands
- Non-zero phase shift



- Finesse for carrier > Finesse for sidebands
- Non-zero phase shift



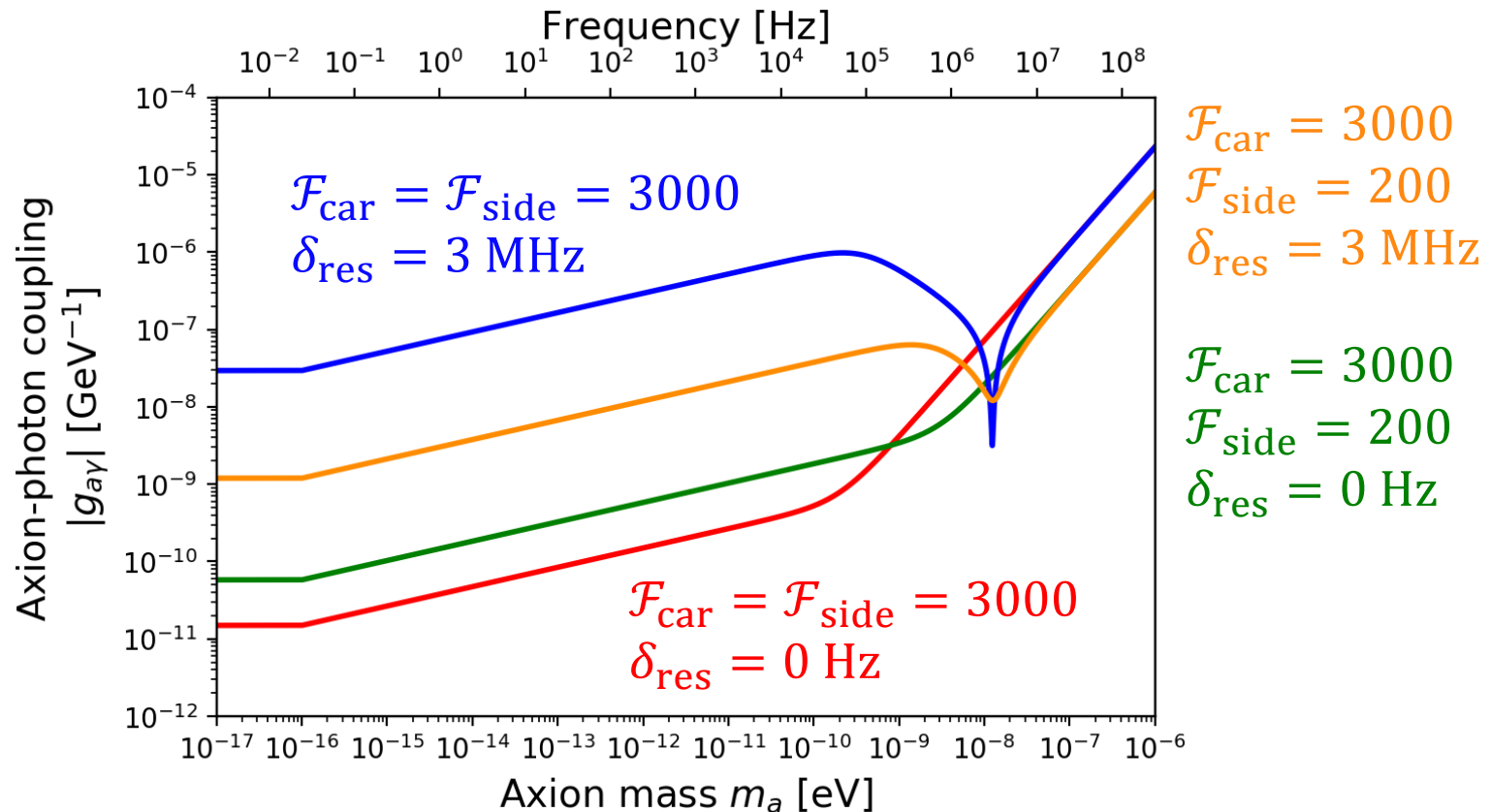
Sensitivity with various parameters

Fixed parameters

- Wavelength of laser: 1064 nm
- Round-trip length: 1 m
- Input laser power: 1 W
- Observation time: 1 year

Variable parameters

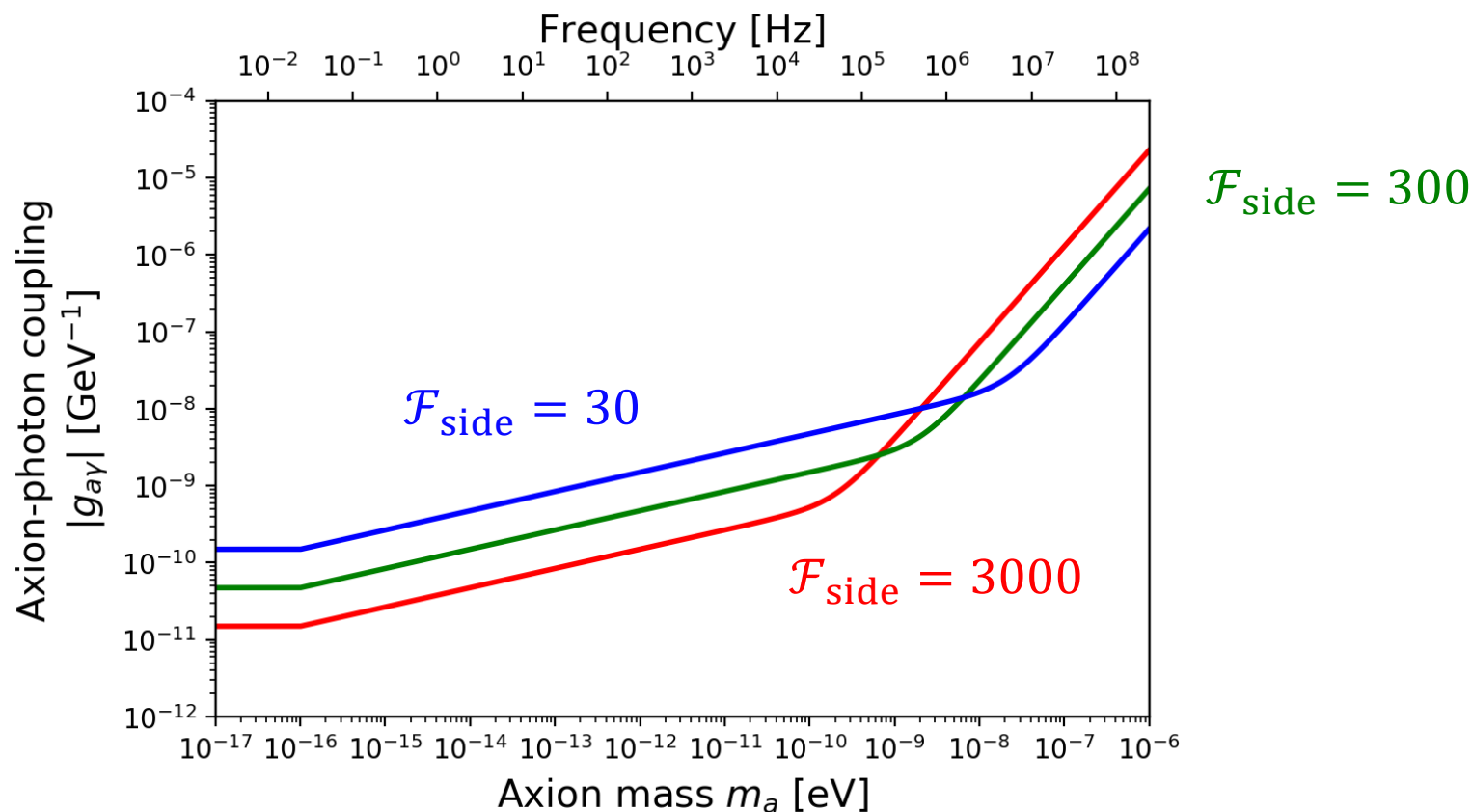
- Finesse for carrier $\mathcal{F}_{\text{car}}$
- Finesse for sidebands $\mathcal{F}_{\text{side}}$
- Resonant frequency difference between polarizations δ_{res}



Sensitivity with various parameters

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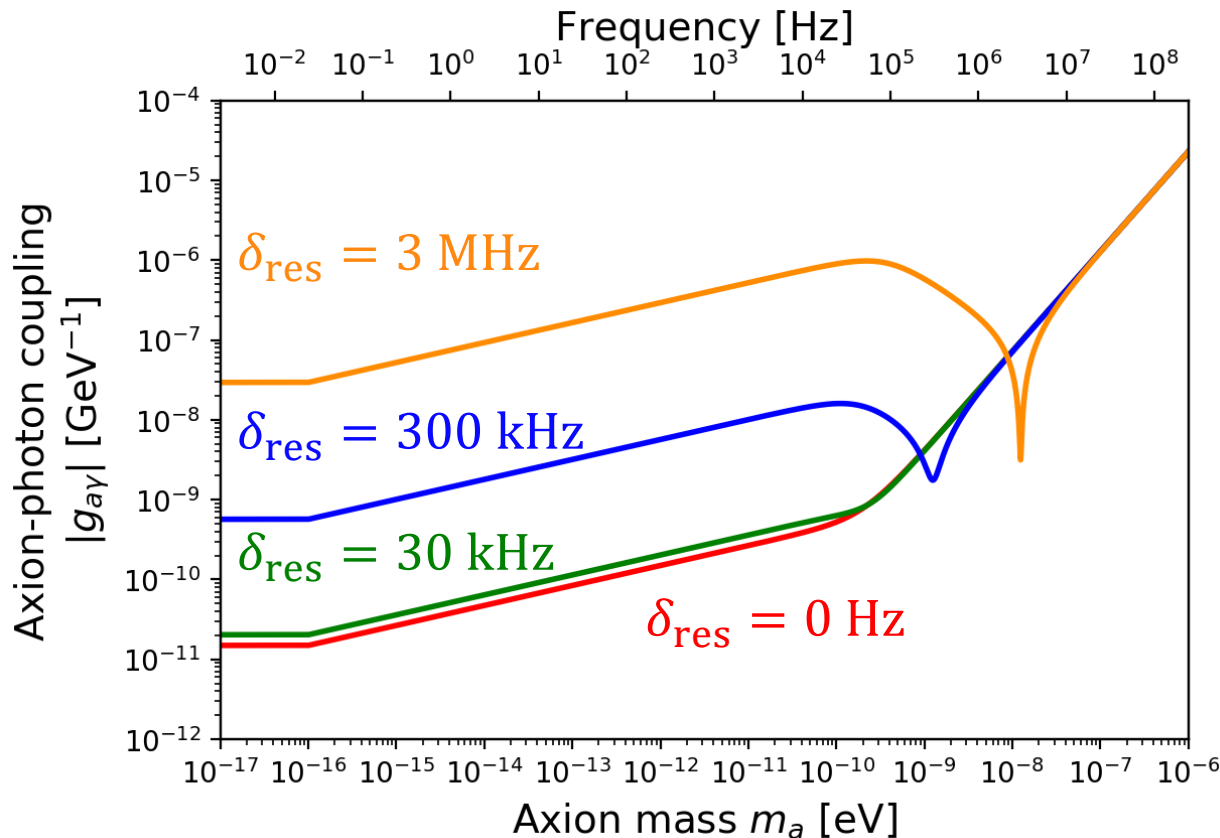
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- Finesse for carrier: 3000
- Resonant frequency difference between polarizations: 0 Hz



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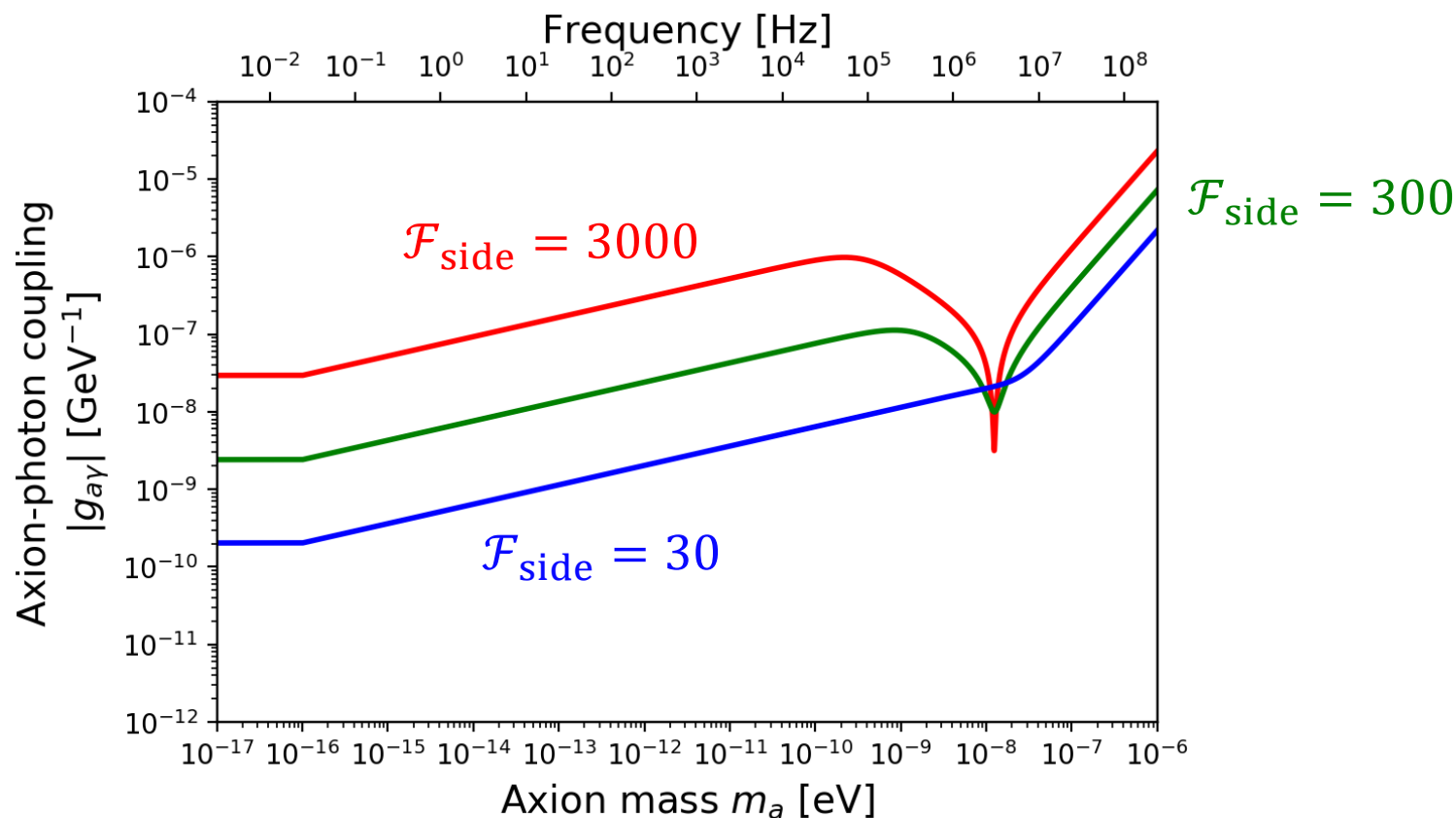
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- Round-trip length: 1 m
- Input laser power: 1 W
- Observation time: 1 year
- Finesse for carrier: $3000 \mathcal{F}_{\text{car}}$
- Resonant frequency difference between polarizations: 3 MHz



Signal calibration

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_S \\ E_P \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E_0 \cos \phi(t) \\ E_0 \sin \phi(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{HWP} \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ -\sin 2\theta & \cos 2\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} E_S' \\ E_P' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E_0 \cos (2\theta + \phi(t)) \\ E_0 \sin (2\theta + \phi(t)) \end{pmatrix}$$

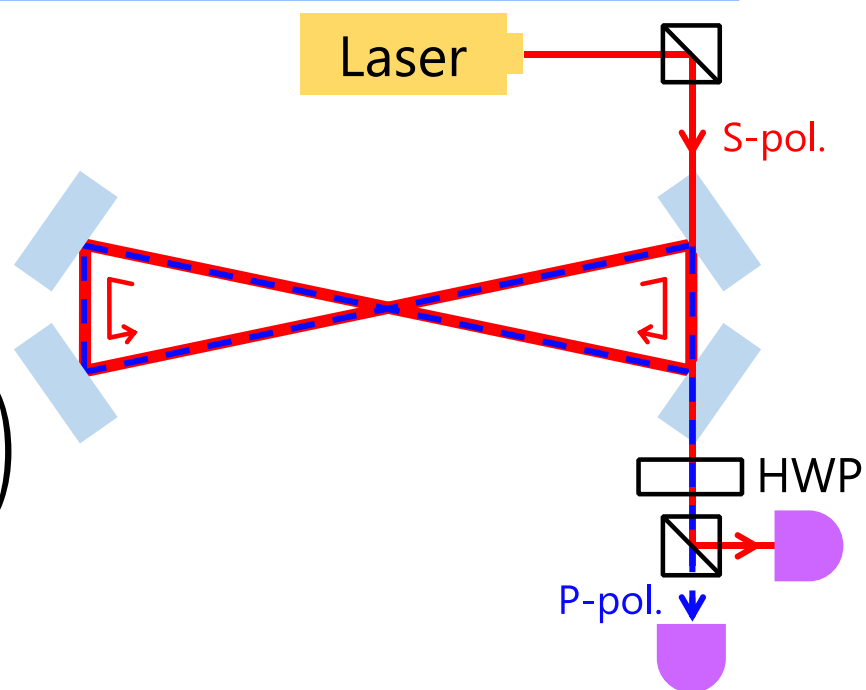
$$P_S = E_S'^2 = E_0^2 \cos^2 (2\theta + \phi(t))$$

$$P_P = E_P'^2 = E_0^2 \sin^2 (2\theta + \phi(t))$$

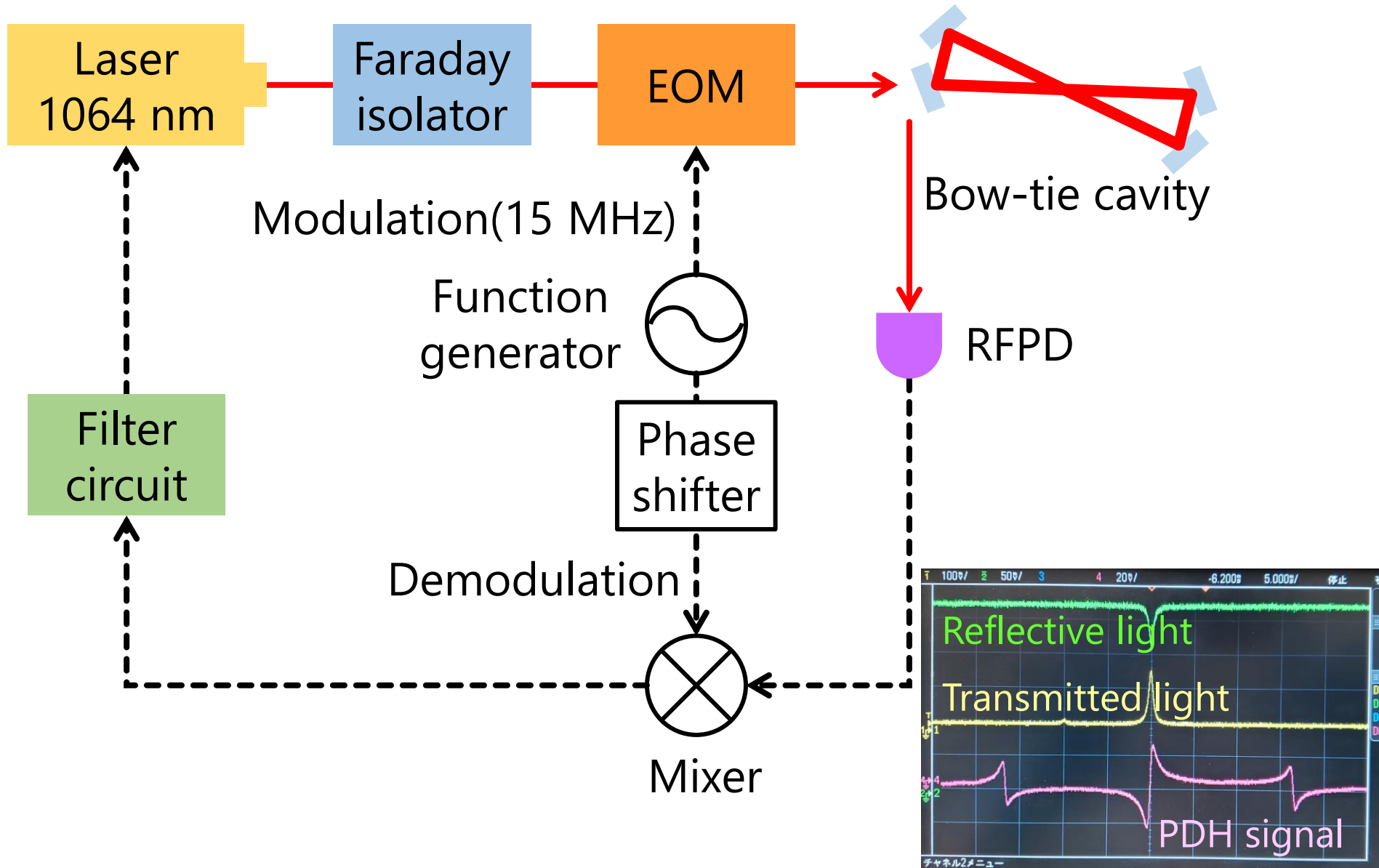
When $2\theta + \phi \ll 1$, $\sin(2\theta + \phi(t)) \approx 2\theta + \phi(t)$

Pol. rotation angle $2\theta + \phi(t) = \frac{E_P'}{E_0}$

Spectrum is independent of $2\theta = \text{const.}$

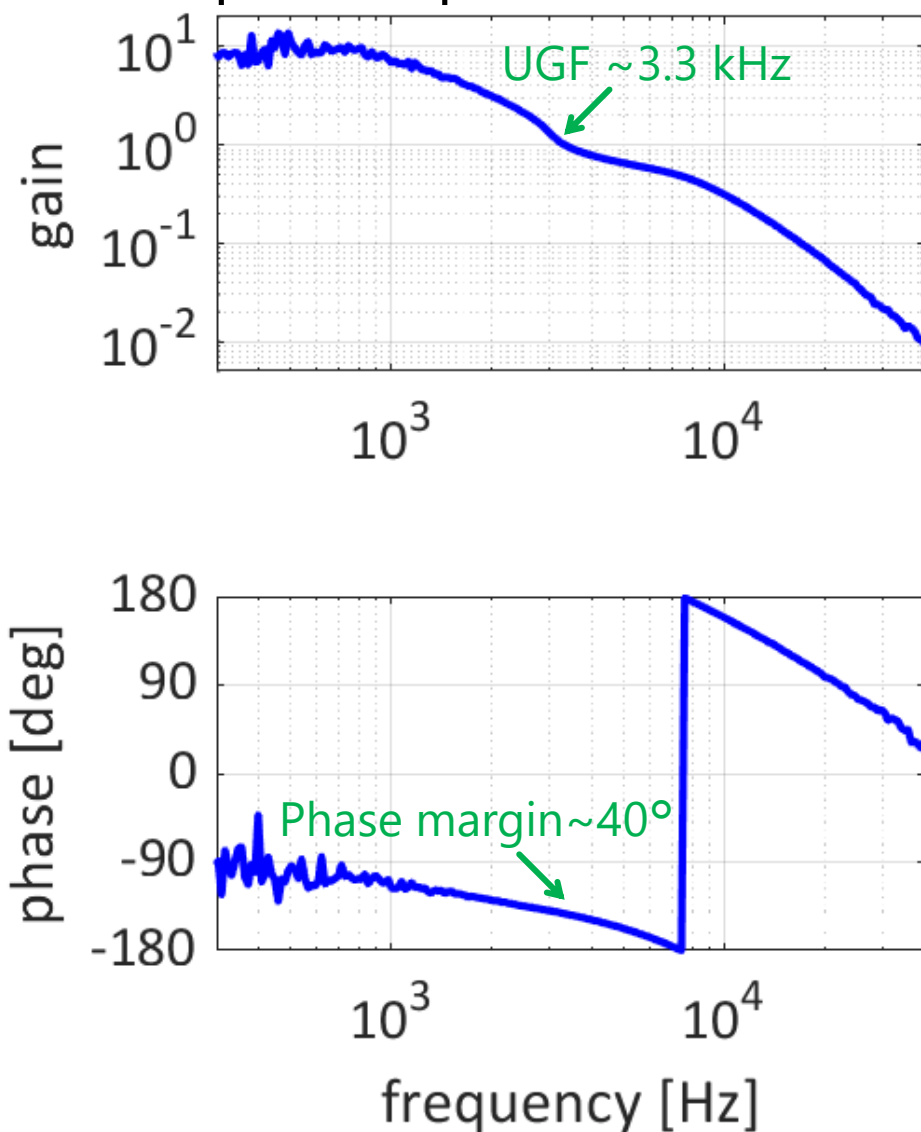


Frequency servo by PDH technique

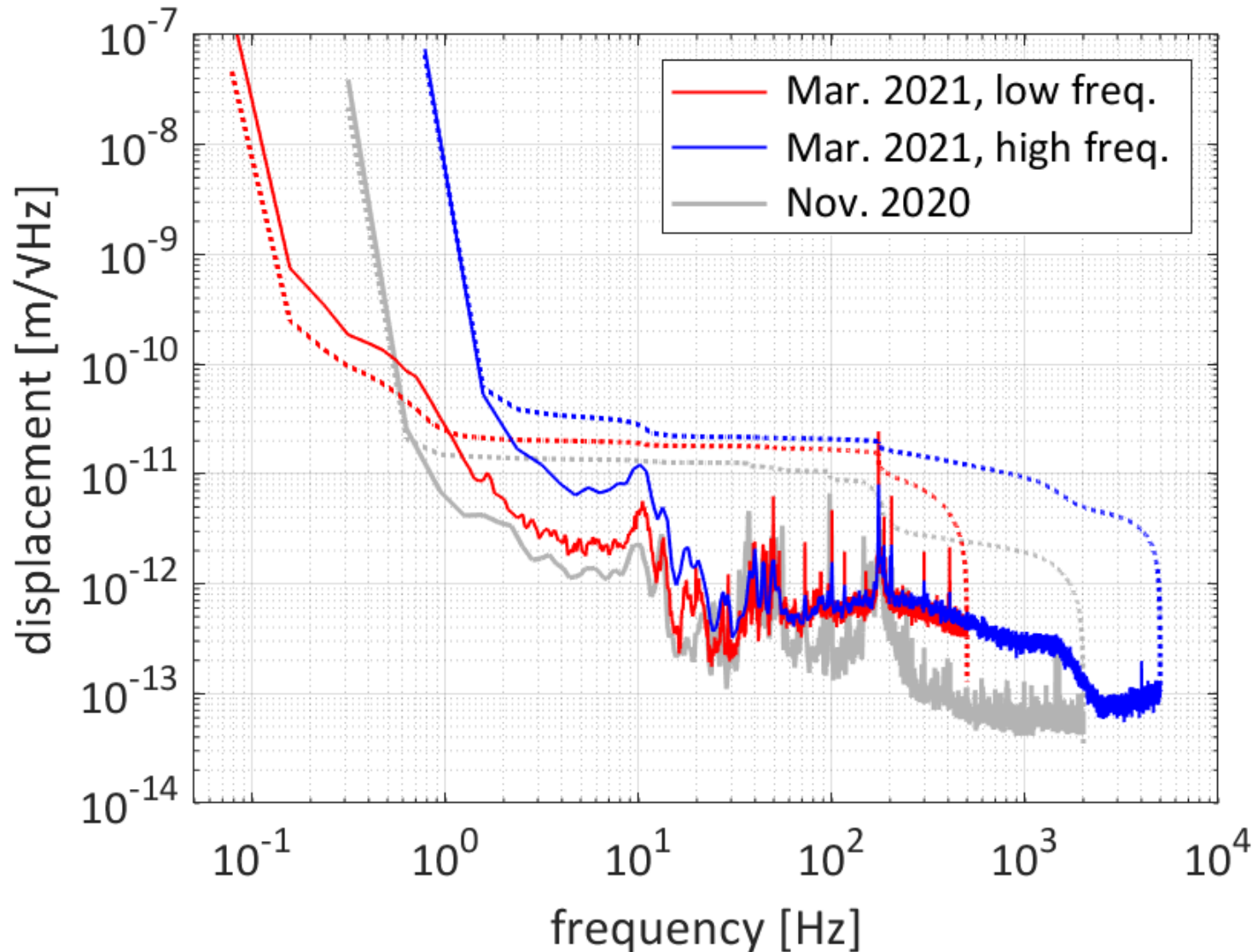


Stability of frequency servo

Open-loop transfer function



Spectrum of external noises

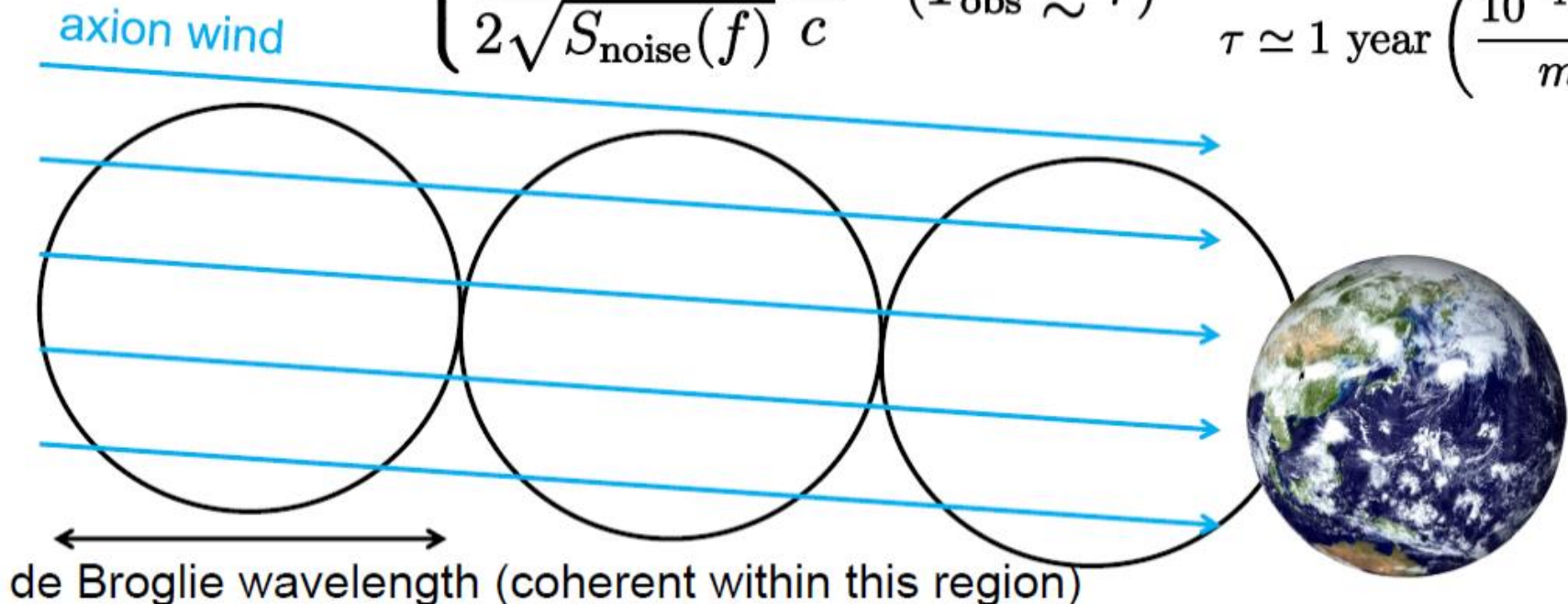


Coherent Time Scale

- SNR grows with $\sqrt{T_{\text{obs}}}$ if integration time is shorter than coherent time scale
- SNR grows with $(T_{\text{obs}})^{1/4}$ if integration time is longer

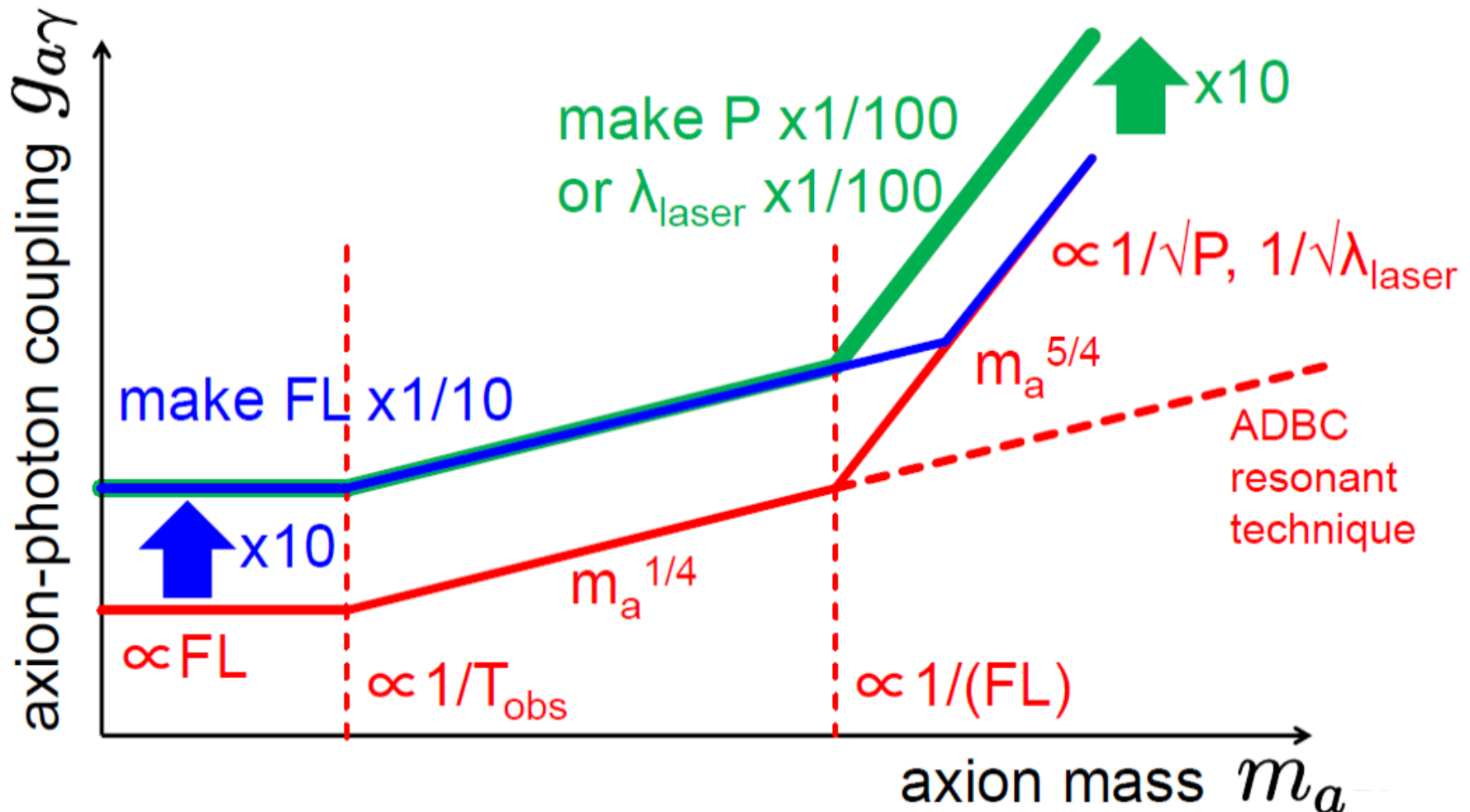
$$\text{SNR} = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{T_{\text{obs}}}}{2\sqrt{S_{\text{noise}}(f)}} \frac{\delta c}{c} & (T_{\text{obs}} \lesssim \tau) \\ \frac{(T_{\text{obs}}\tau)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{S_{\text{noise}}(f)}} \frac{\delta c}{c} & (T_{\text{obs}} \gtrsim \tau) \end{cases}$$

$$\tau \simeq 1 \text{ year} \left(\frac{10^{-16} \text{ eV}}{m_a} \right)$$

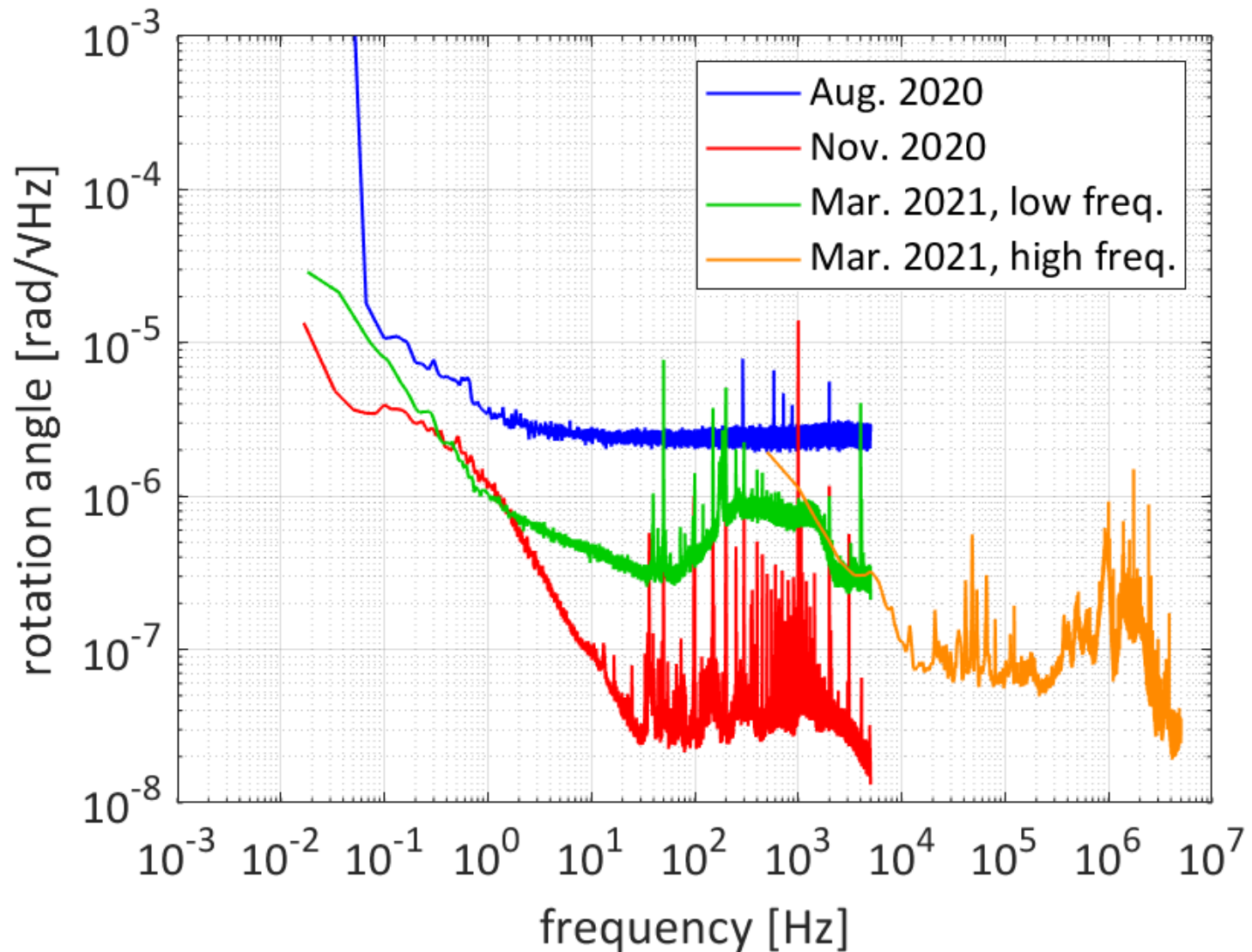


Sensitivity Design

- Brute force necessary, you cannot win for free

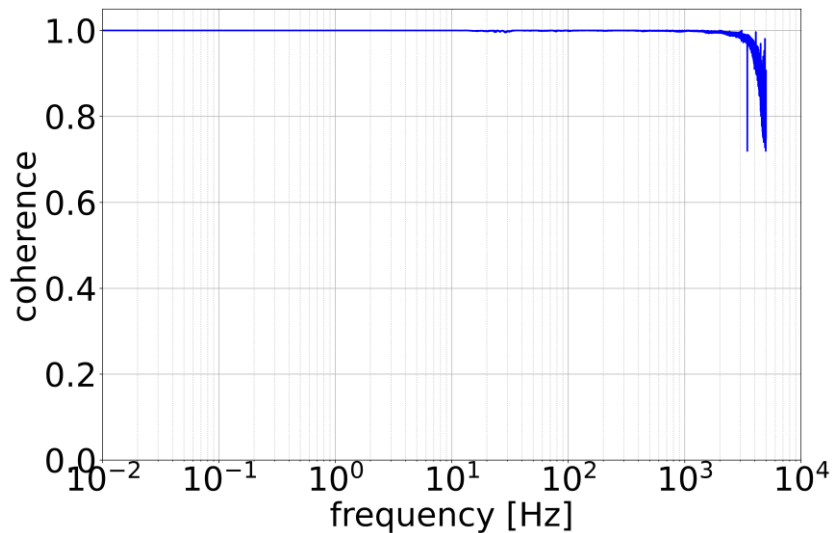
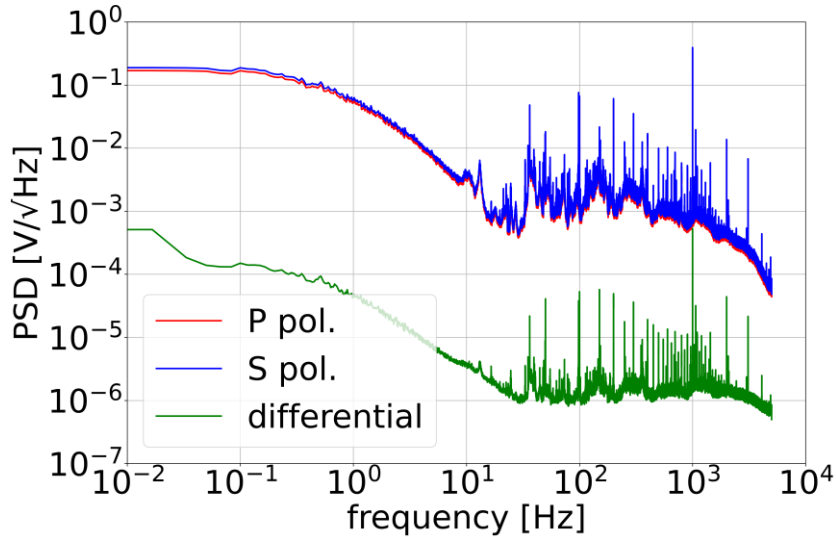


Sensitivity comparison with pol. rotation

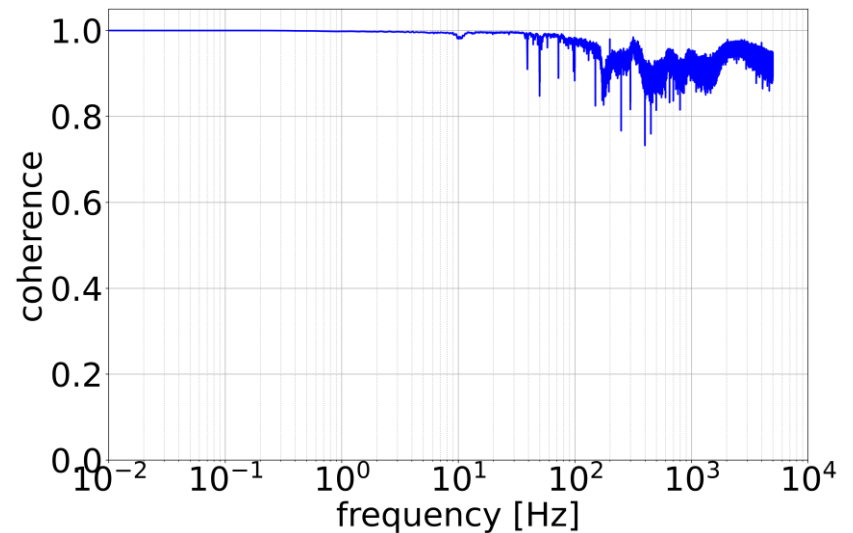
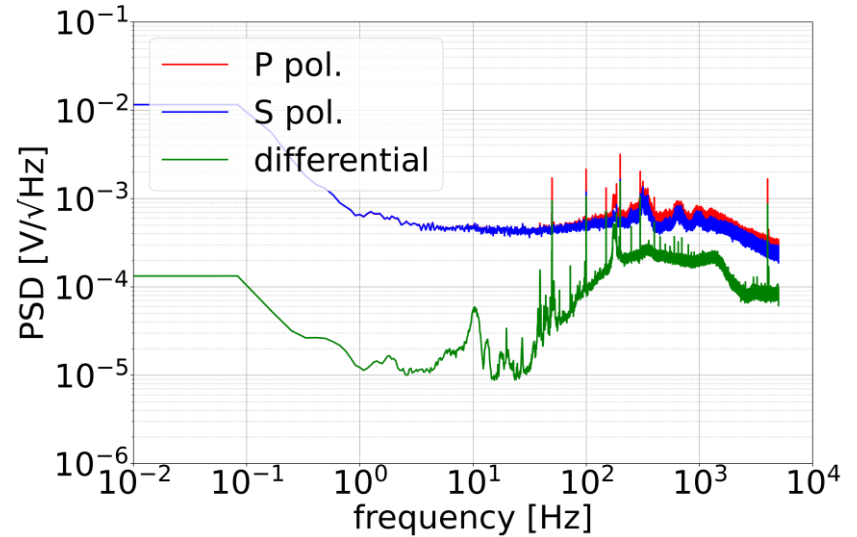


Couldn't subtract in Mar. 2021

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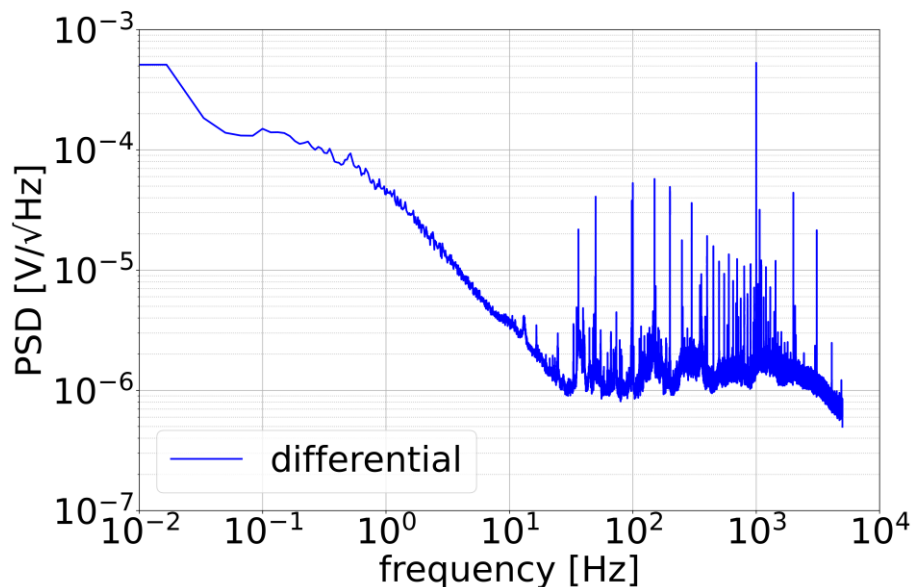


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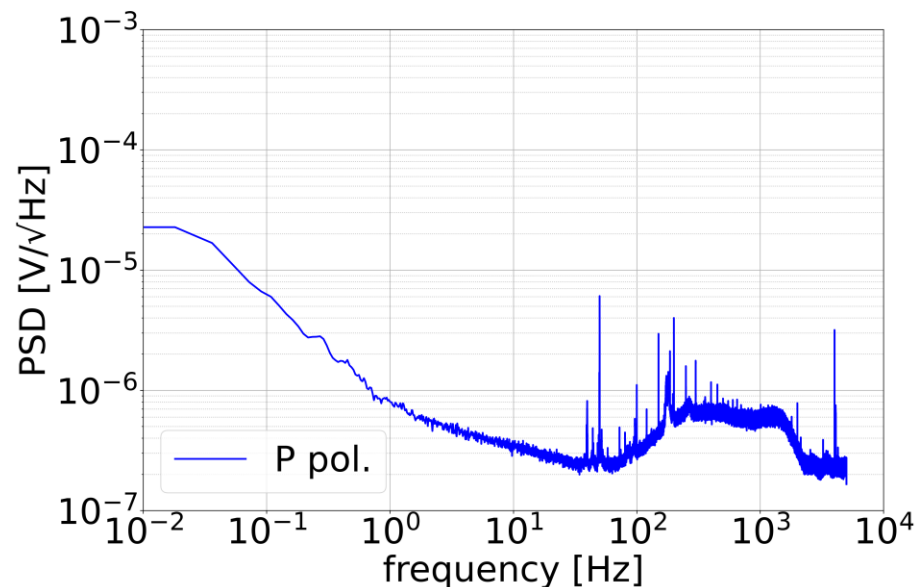


Sensitivity comparison with $V/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

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Figure

