

First test operation of **DANCE**: **D**ark matter **A**xion search with **riNg** **C**avity **E**xperiment

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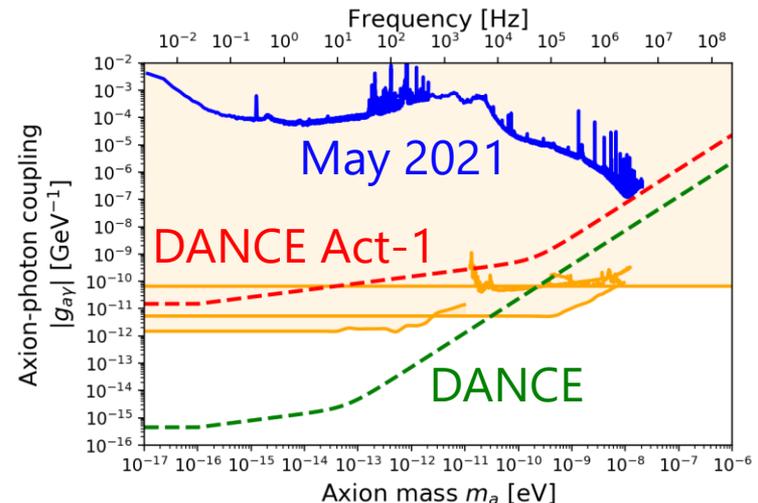
Overview

- We proposed a new experiment to search for axion dark matter with a ring cavity

I. Obata, T. Fujita, Y. Michimura
[PRL 121, 161301 \(2018\)](#)

DANCE: Dark matter Axion search
with ri**N**g Cavity **E**xperiment

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 - Assembled and evaluated the optics
 - Obtained the first data for 12 days



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

Dark matter mass [eV]

10^{-20} 10^{-10} 10^0 10^{10} 10^{20} 10^{30} 10^{40} 10^{50} 10^{60} 10^{70}

Ultralight particle

Light particle

WIMP

Heavy particle

Composite material /
Primordial BH

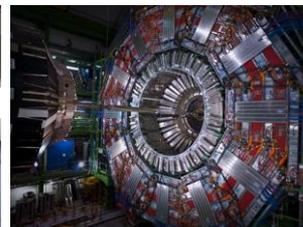


Laser interferometers
DANCE KAGRA

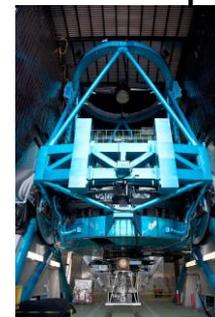
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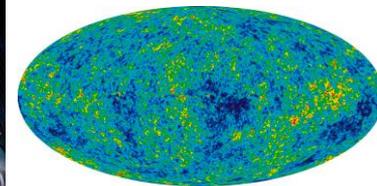
LHC



Subaru
Telescope



CMB



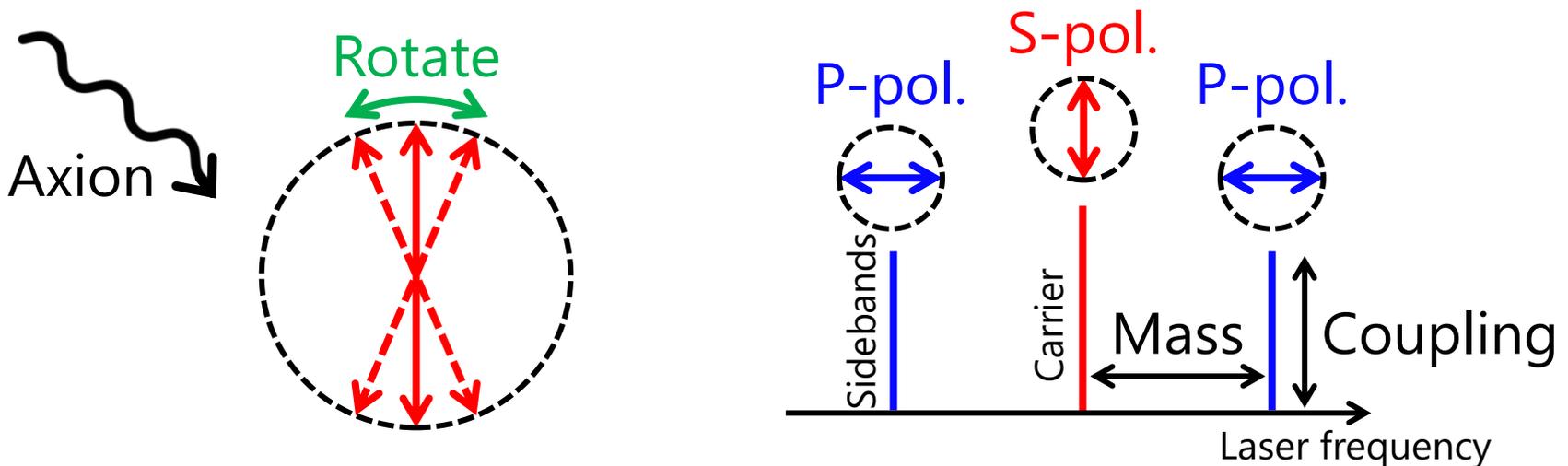
Polarization rotation from axions

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

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

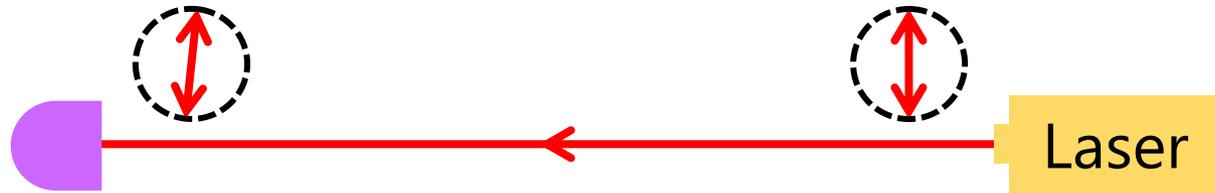
Coupling constant
Axion field
Axion mass

- Phase velocity difference of circular polarizations makes linear polarization rotate

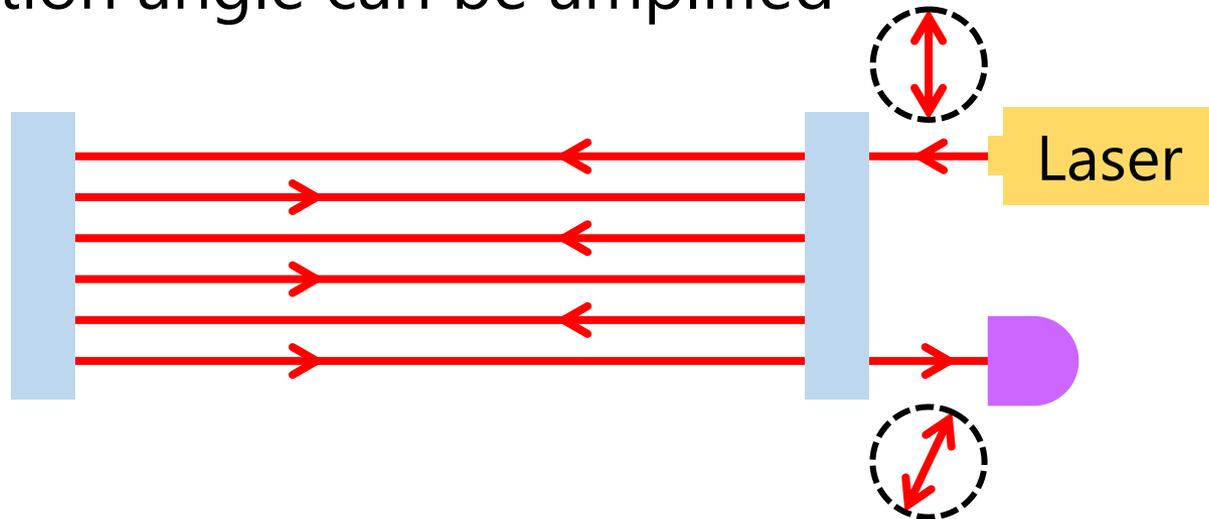


Signal amplification with cavities

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

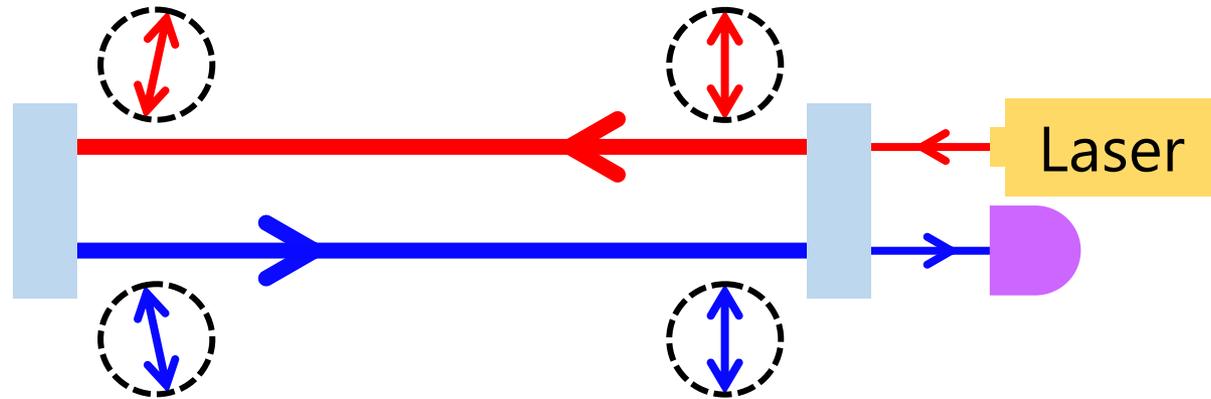


- Laser light runs between mirrors many times in a cavity
→ Rotation angle can be amplified

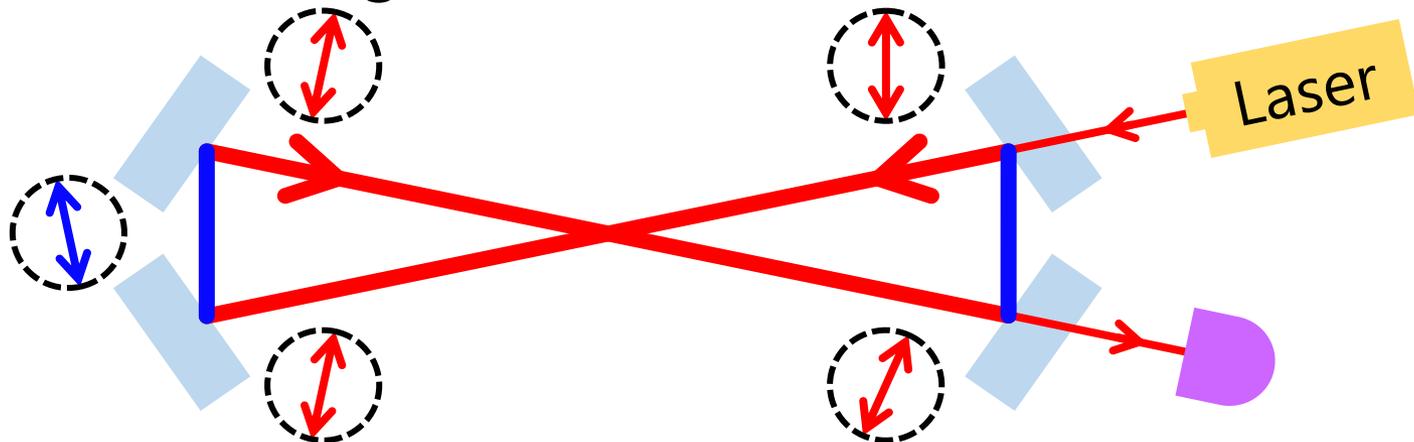


Bow-tie ring cavity

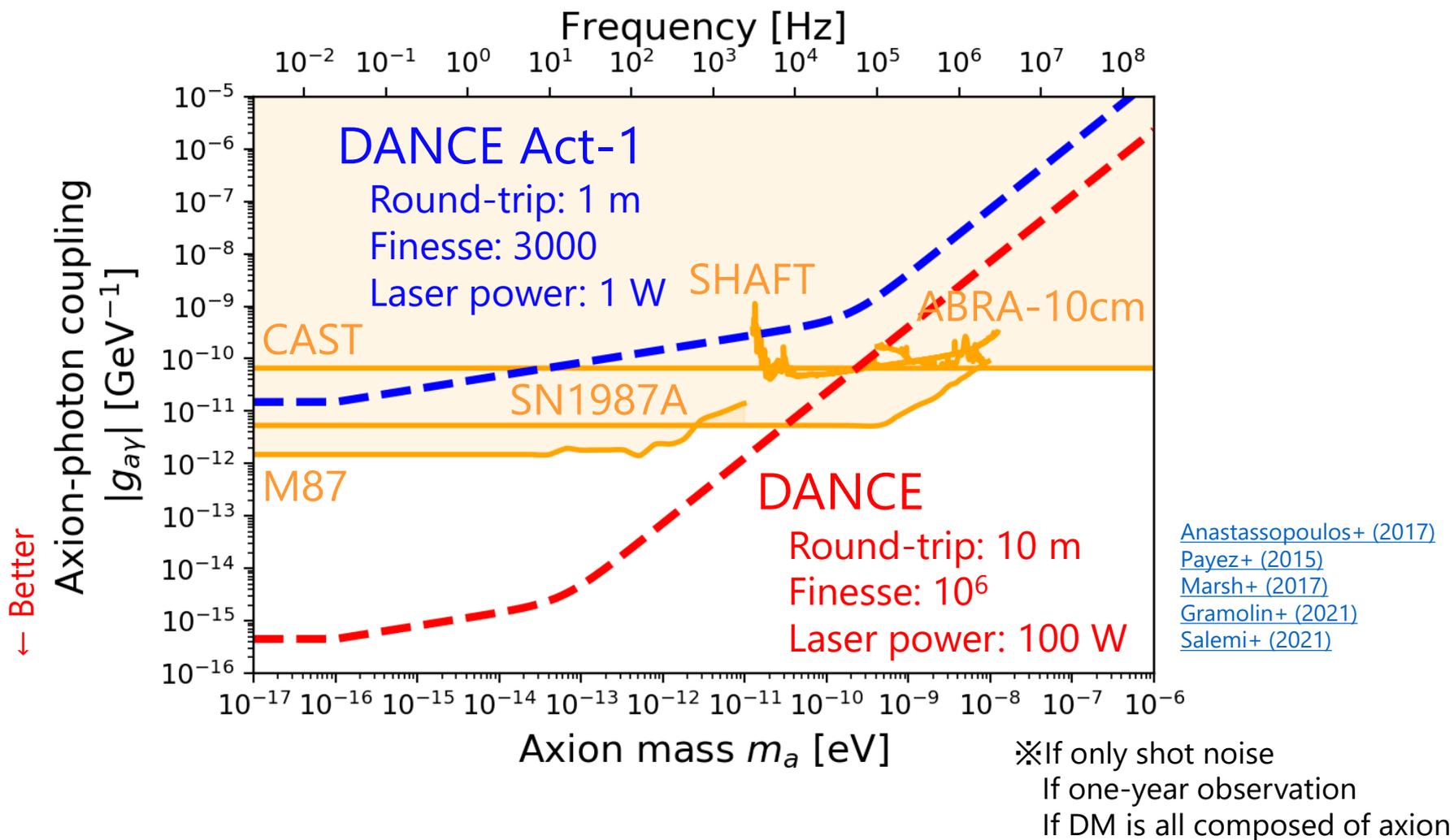
- Rotated direction is inverted in a linear cavity
→ Rotation effect is cancelled out



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



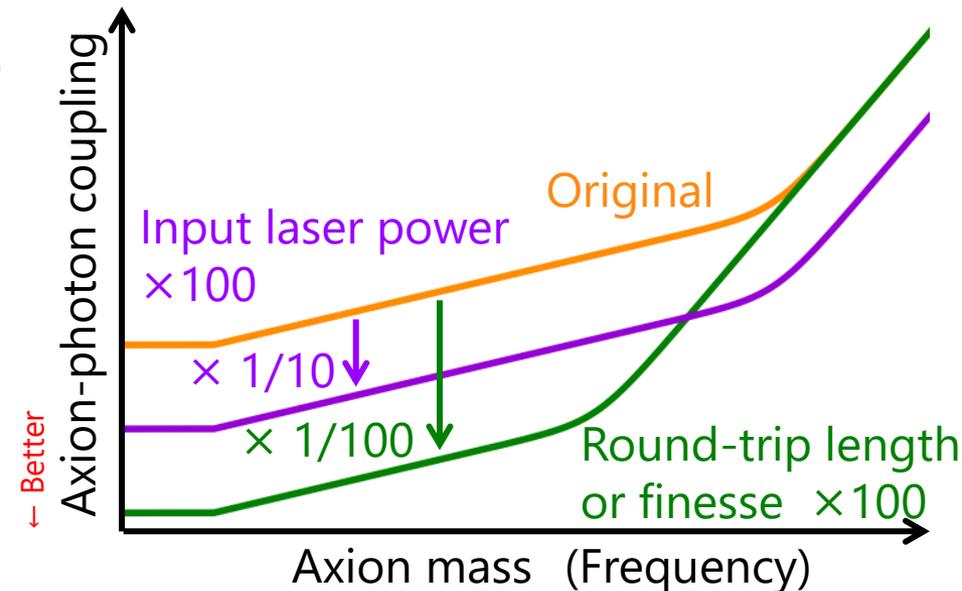
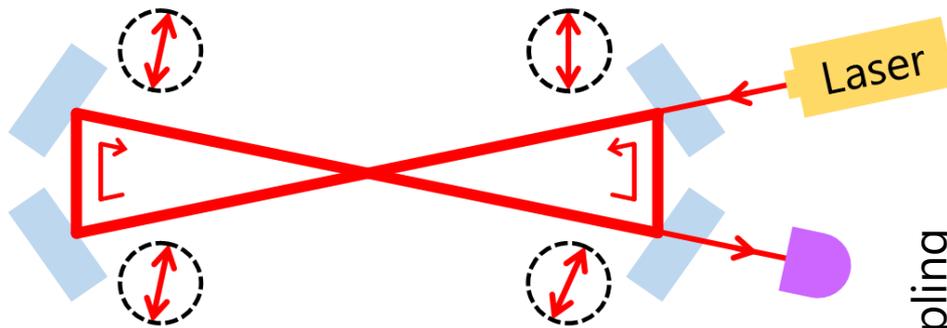
Design sensitivity of DANCE



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

Important parameters (1)

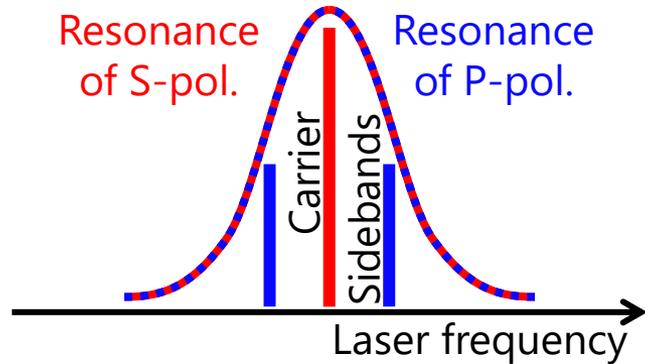
- Input laser power
 - ... Shot noise
- Round-trip length
 - ... Optical length
 - ... Number of round trip
- Finesse



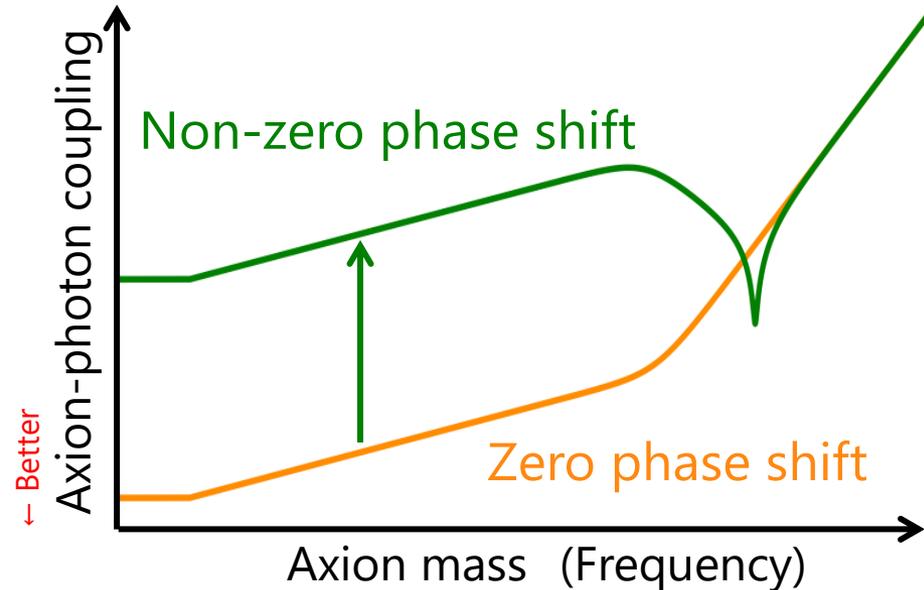
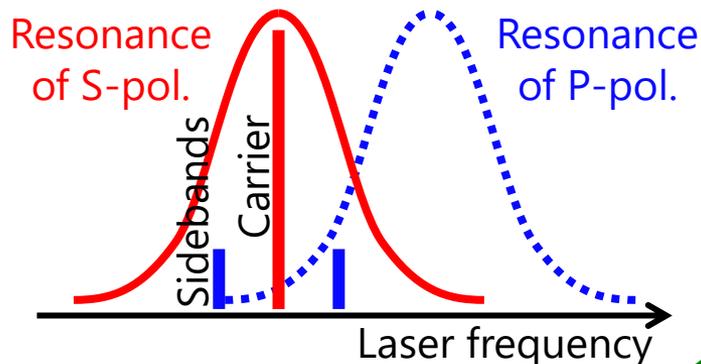
Important parameters (2)

- Resonant frequency difference between S- and P-pol.
 - ... From non-zero phase shift by mirror coating at reflections

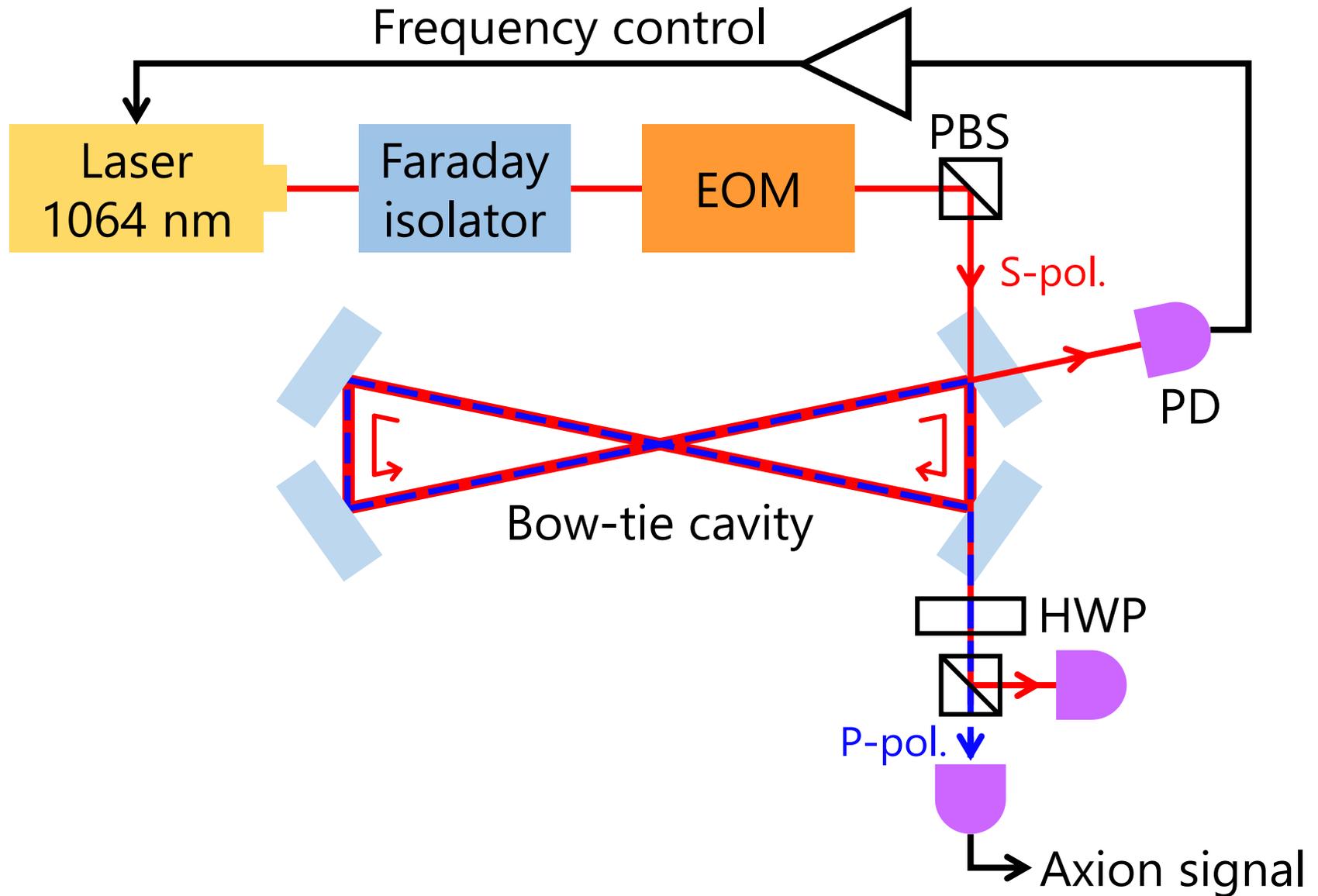
Zero phase shift



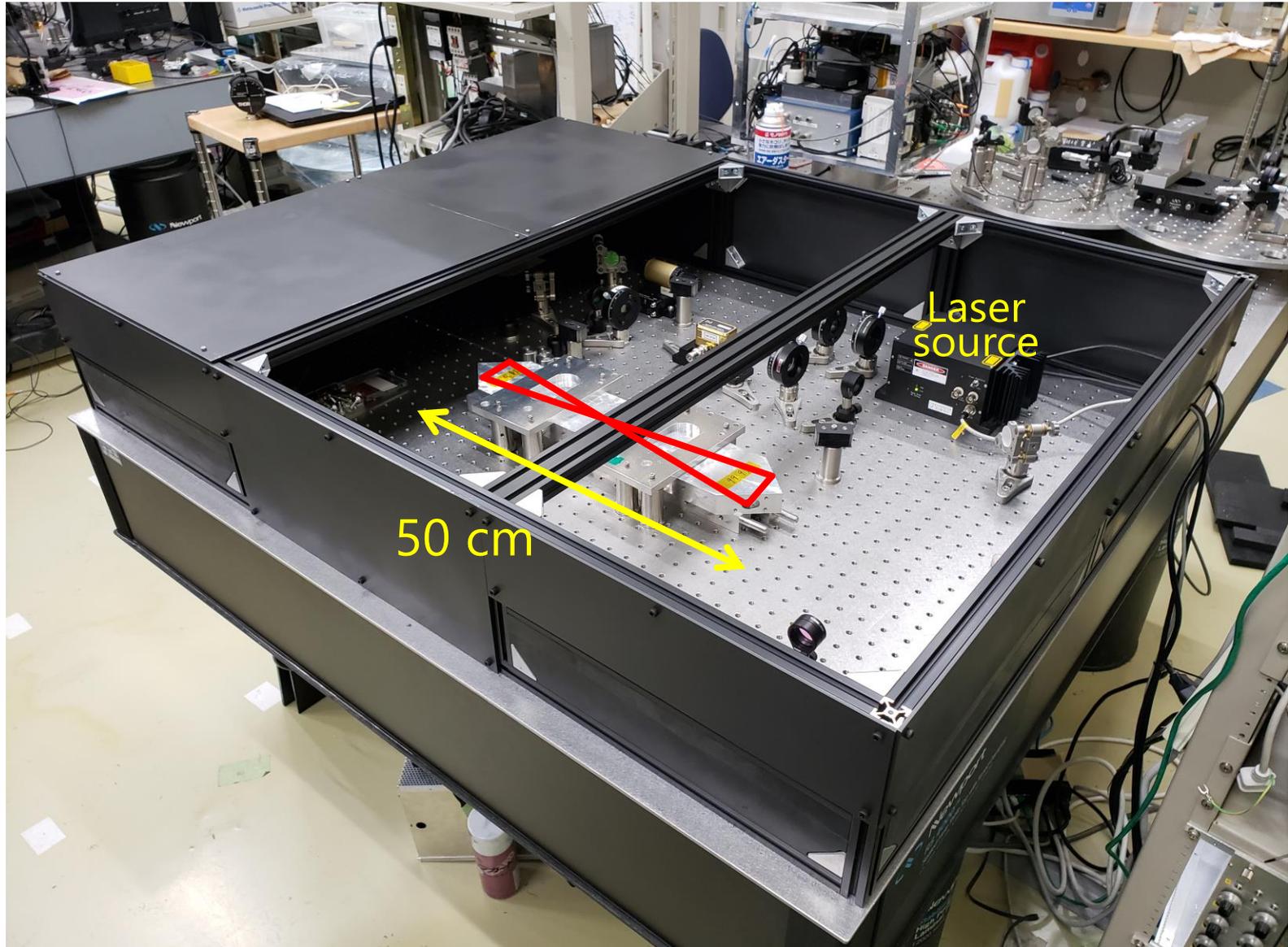
Non-zero phase shift



Experimental setup of DANCE

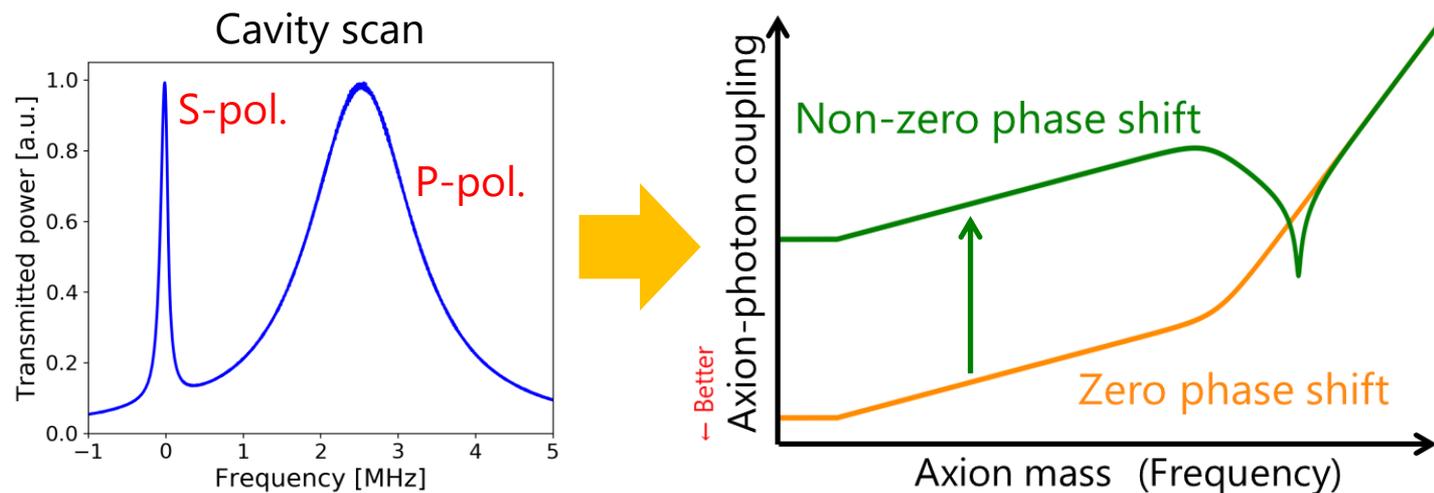


Picture of DANCE Act-1



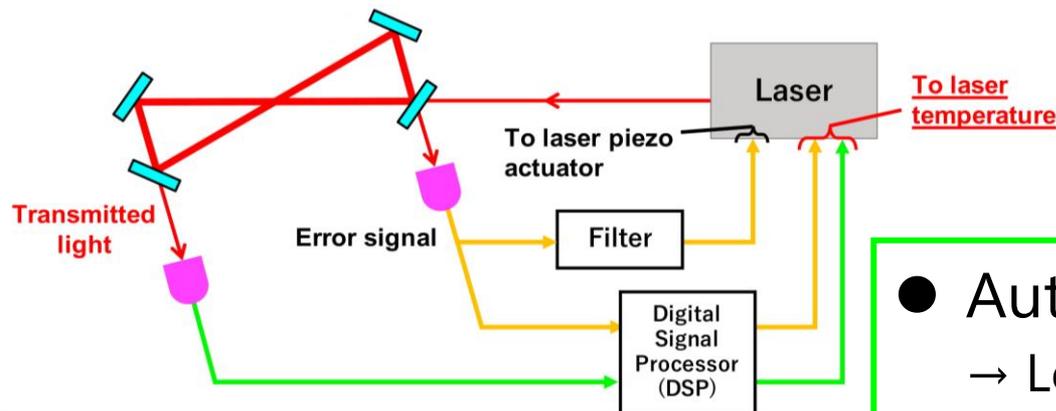
Performance evaluation of the cavity

	Designed values	Measured values
Input laser power	1 W	242(12) mW
Transmitted laser power	1 W	153(8) mW
Finesse for carrier	3×10^3	$2.85(5) \times 10^3$ (S-pol.)
Finesse for sidebands	3×10^3	195(3) (P-pol.)
Resonant frequency difference between S- and P-pol.	0 Hz	2.52(2) MHz



Long-term frequency control

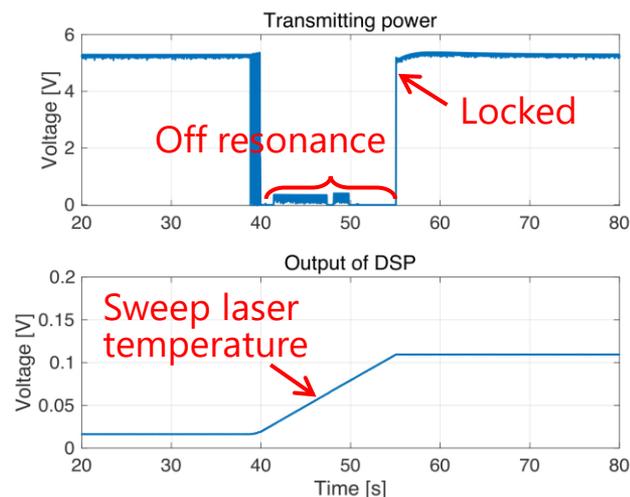
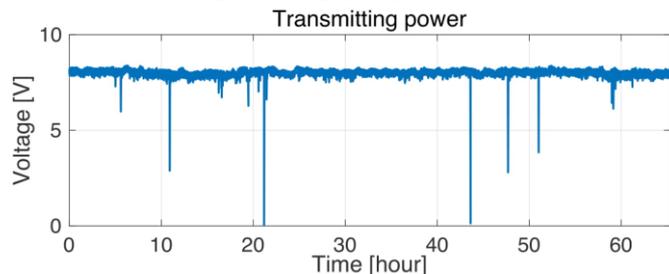
- SNR can be improved with observation time
 - Need to observe for a long time (e.g. First test operation: 12 days, Final goal: 1 year)



Experiment by H. Fujimoto
[arXiv:2105.08347 \(2021\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.08347)

- Automated cavity locking system
 - Locked automatically by identifying whether on or off resonance

- Double-loop control
 - Kept resonance longer than 60 hours



Data acquisition and calibration

- Recorded amount of P-pol. $P_P(t)$ and total transmitted light $P_{\text{tot}}(t)$

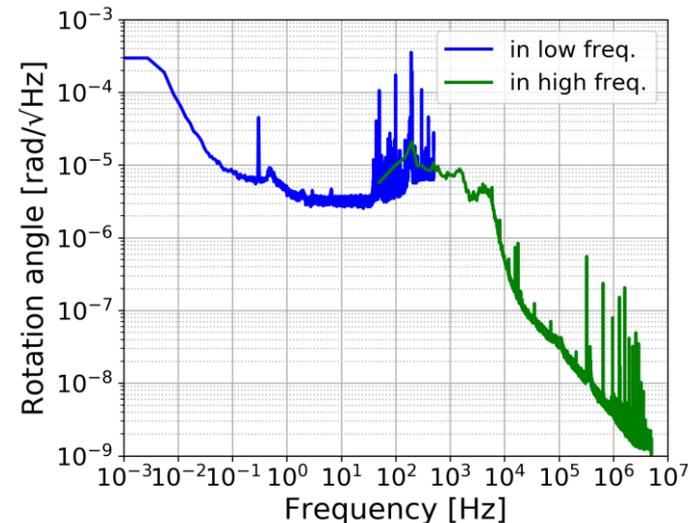
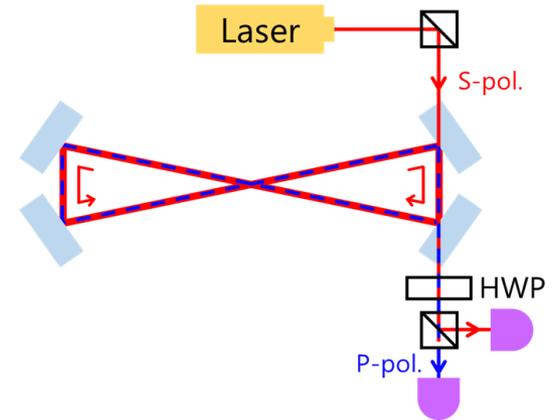
- Data in low freq.:

for **12 days** (May 18-30, 2021) with 1 kHz sampling

- Data in high freq.: with 10 MHz sampling

- Calibrated to rotation angle of pol.

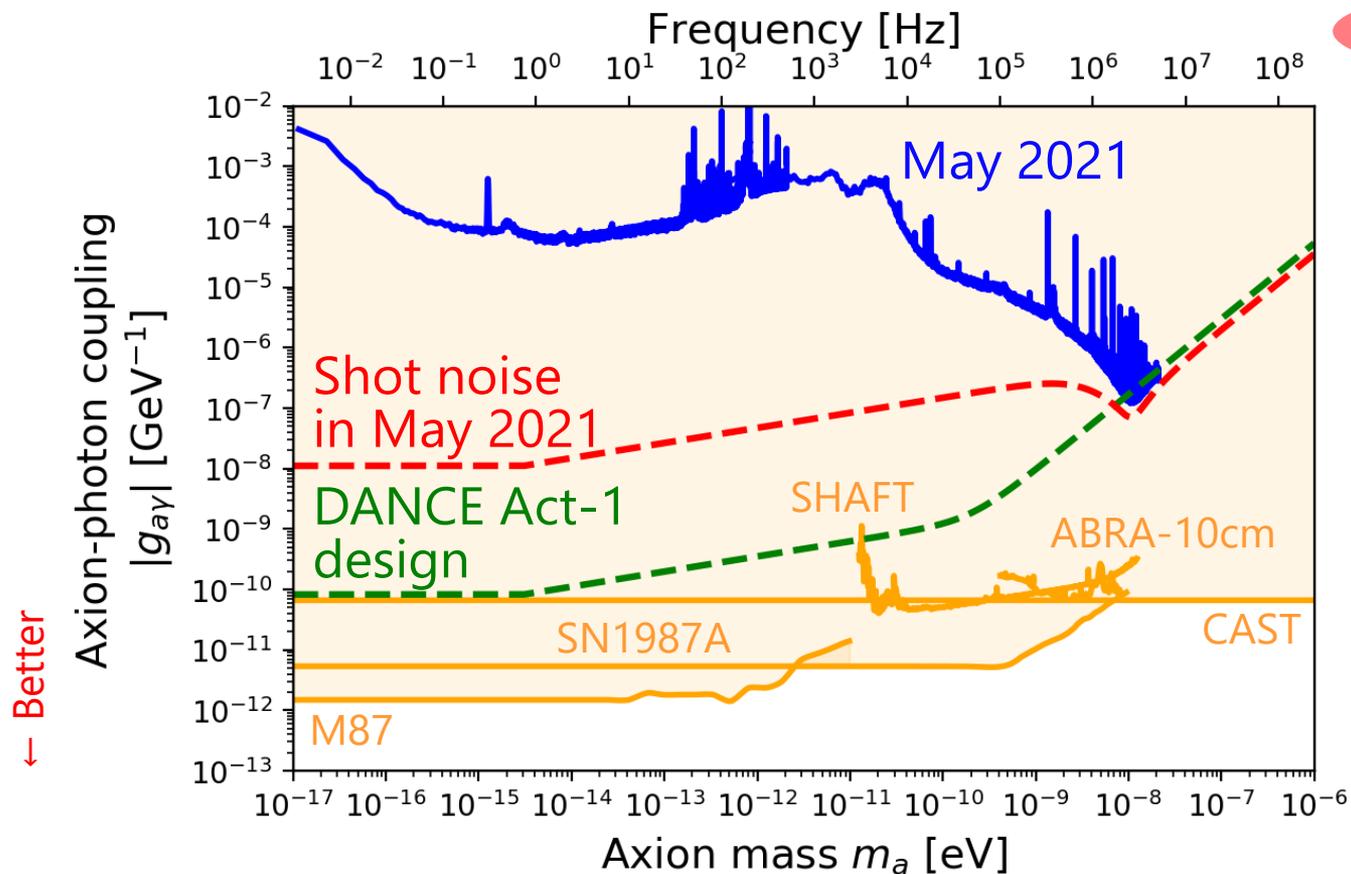
$$\phi(t) = \sqrt{P_P(t)/P_{\text{tot}}}$$



Estimated sensitivity

Assuming 12-day observation

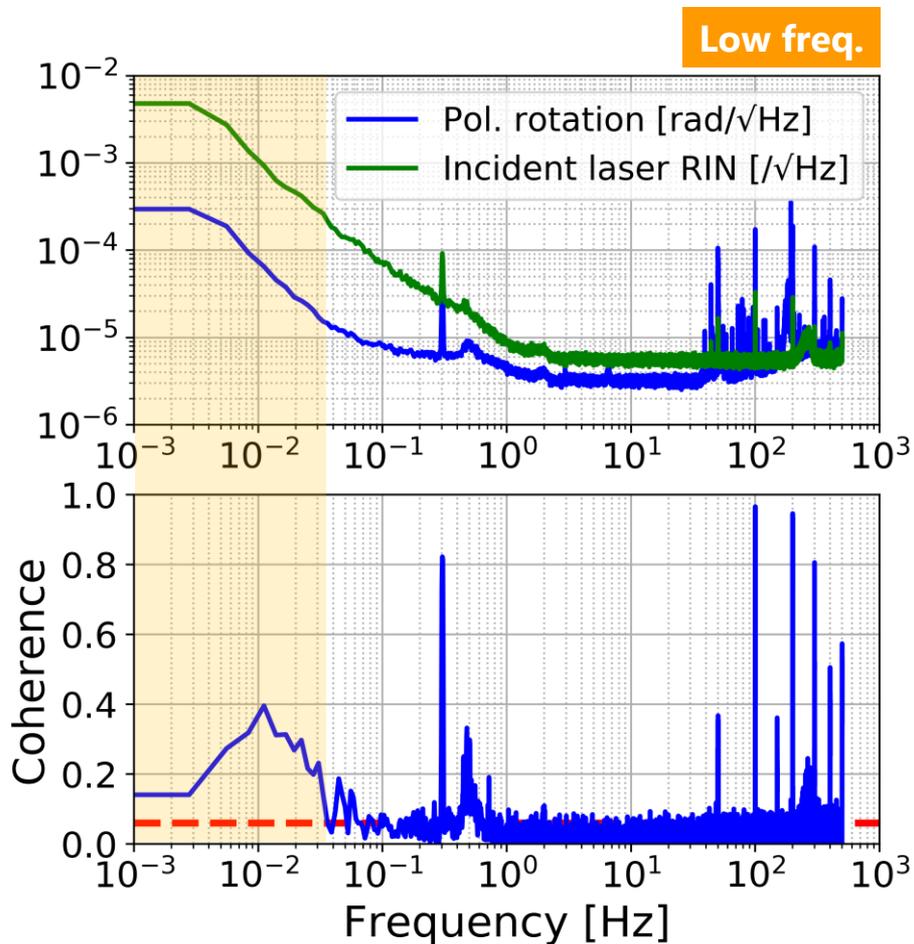
Preliminary



- Need to reduce noises to reach shot noise
- Need to reduce resonant frequency difference between pol. and inject higher laser power to achieve DANCE Act-1 design

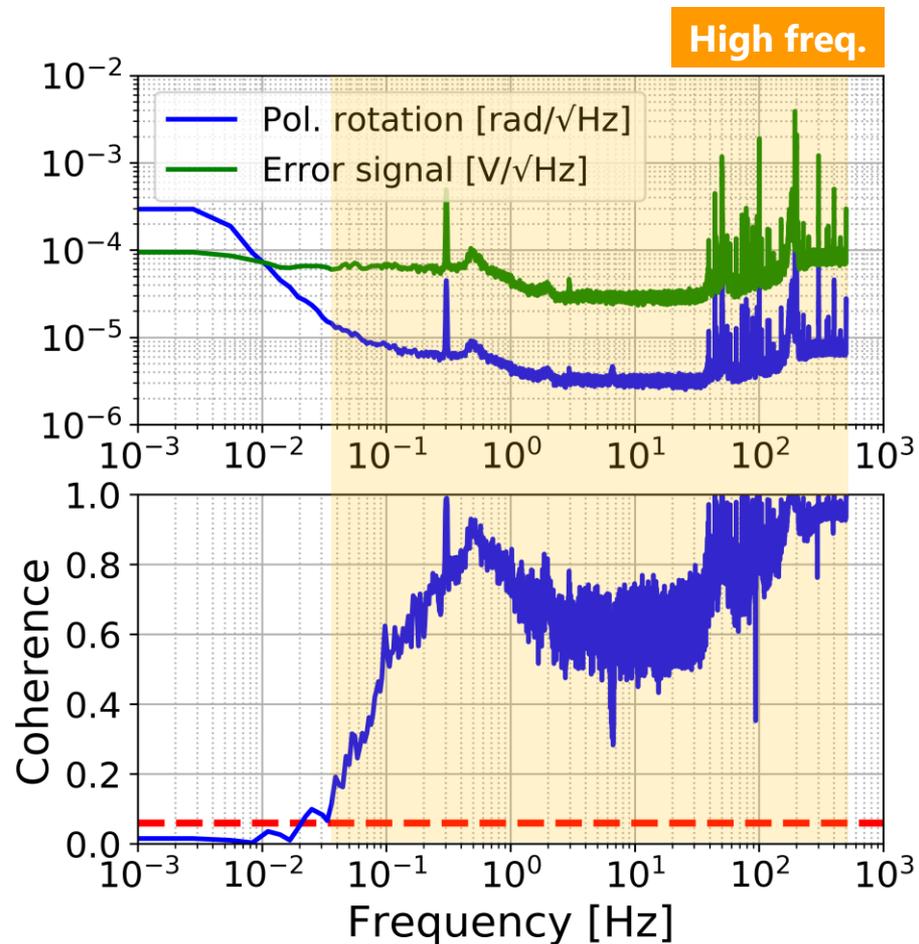
Discussion for noises

Correlation with incident light



Suggested to be limited by laser intensity noise below 0.03 Hz

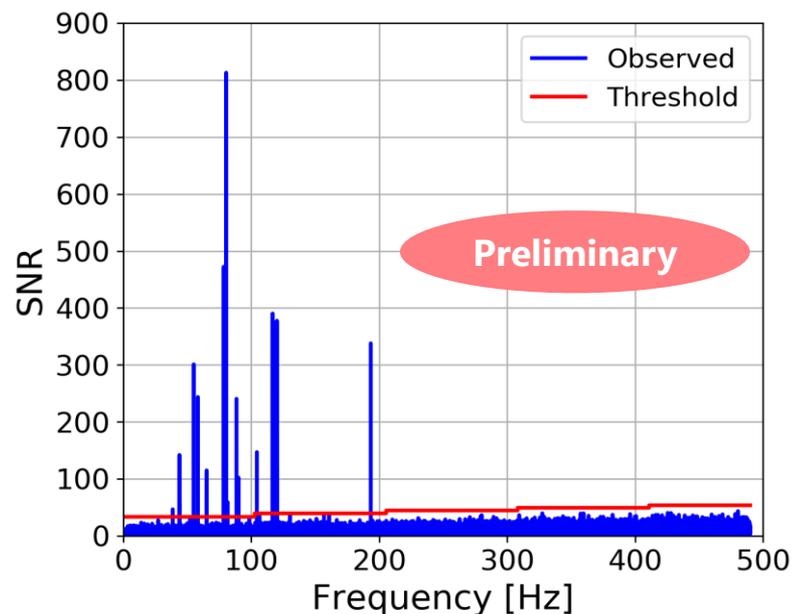
Correlation with error signal



Suggested to be limited by external noises such as mechanical vibration above 0.03 Hz

Data analysis

- Applied the ultralight dark matter data analysis pipeline developed by S. Morisaki and J. Kume
- We have 12-day data, but started with one-hour data due to high computational cost
 - Found 82 candidate peaks

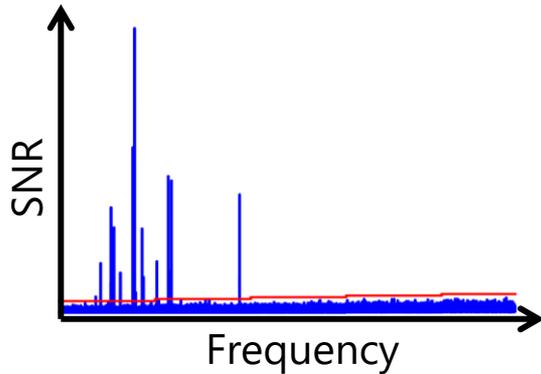


- Next step: veto noise peaks
 - Sharpness of peaks
 - Coincidence between several segments of data

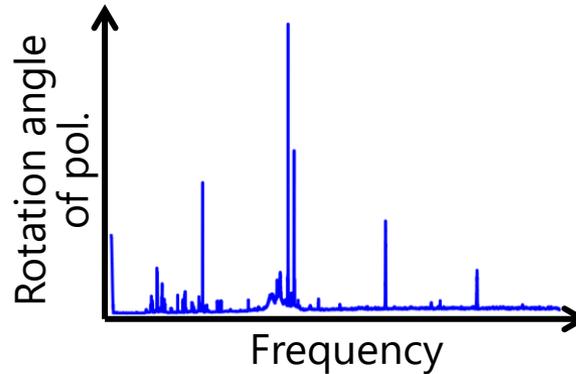
Future plans

- Data analysis to set the upper limit

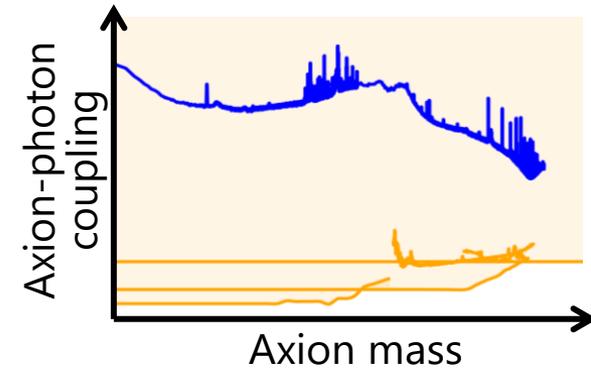
1. Find candidates
2. Veto noise peaks



3. Set the upper limit to rotation angle of pol.

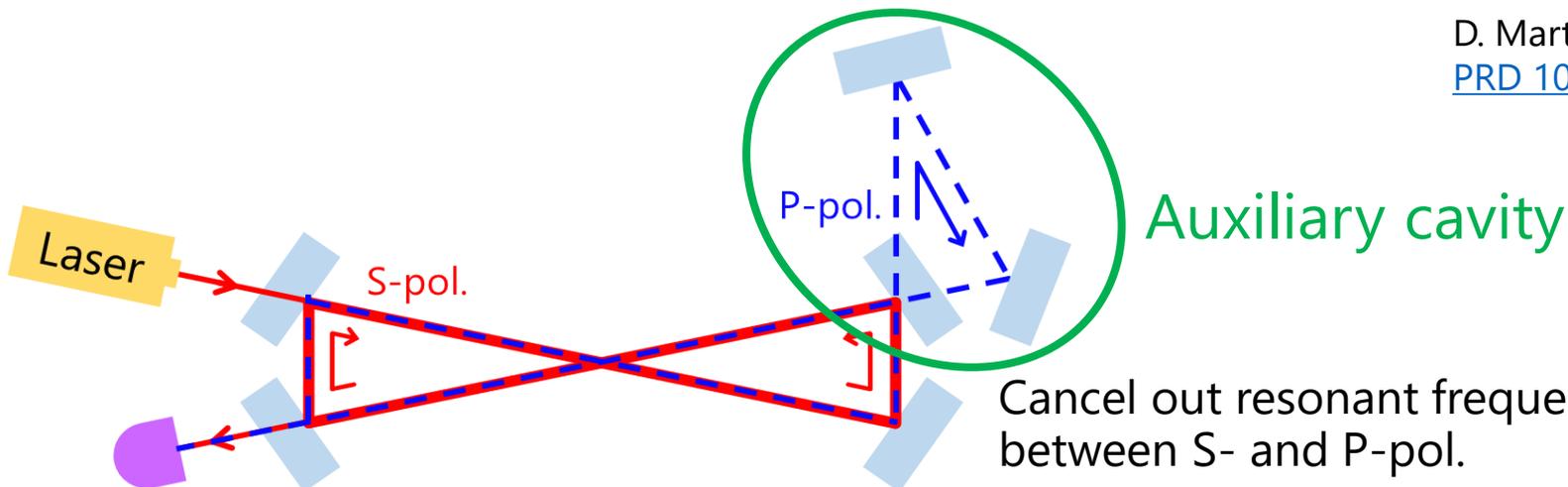


4. Convert to coupling constant



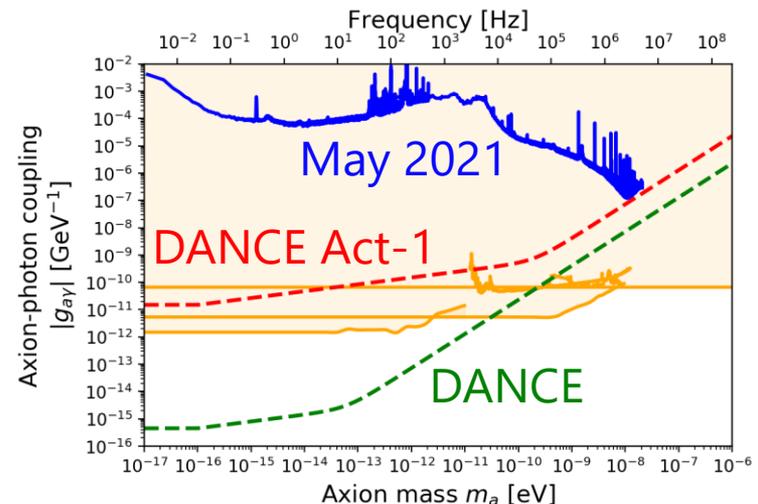
- New setup of DANCE Act-1 to improve the sensitivity

D. Martynov, H. Miao
[PRD 101, 095034 \(2020\)](#)



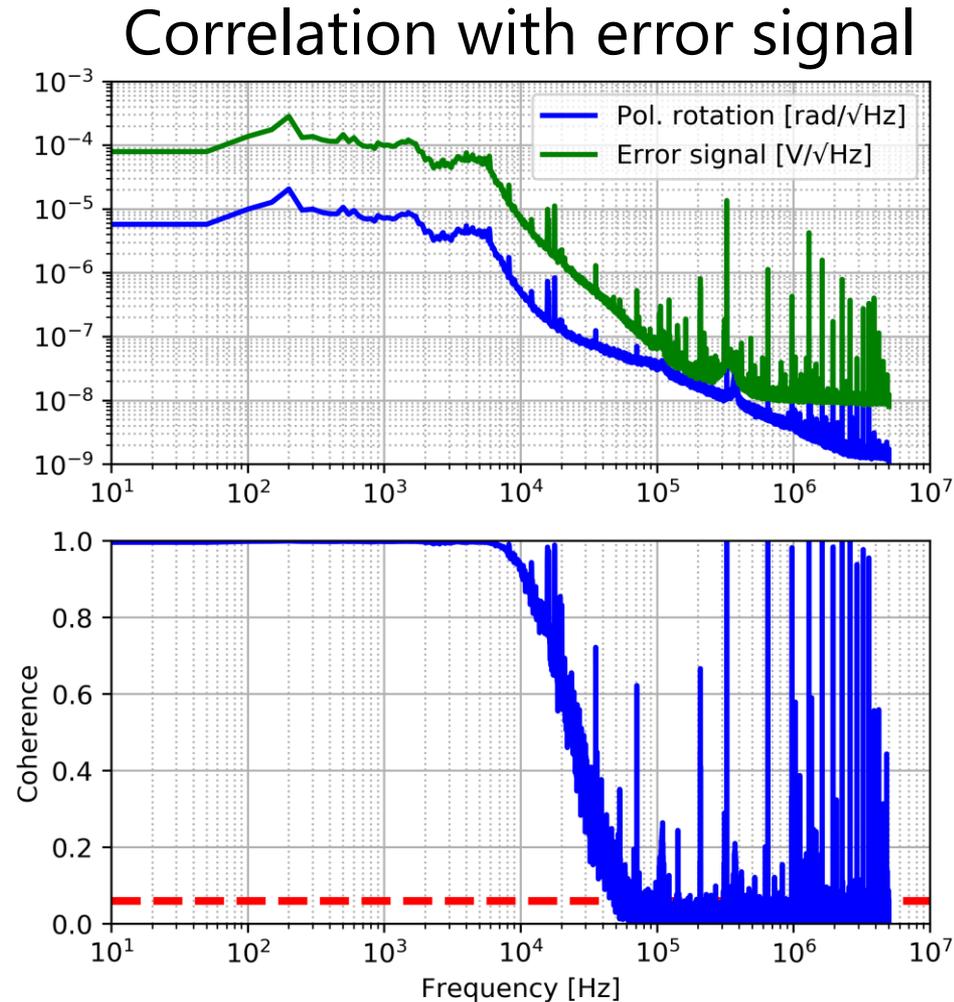
Summary

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[PRL 121, 161301 \(2018\)](#)
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 - Estimated the sensitivity and analyzing the data



Extra Slides

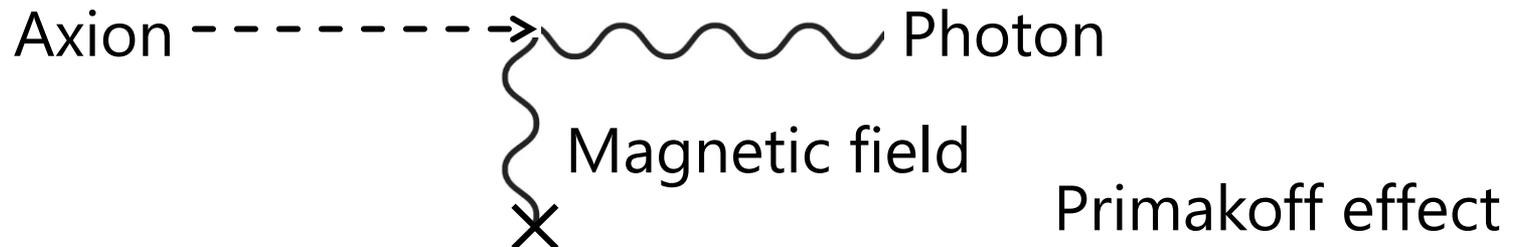
Discussion for noises in MHz band



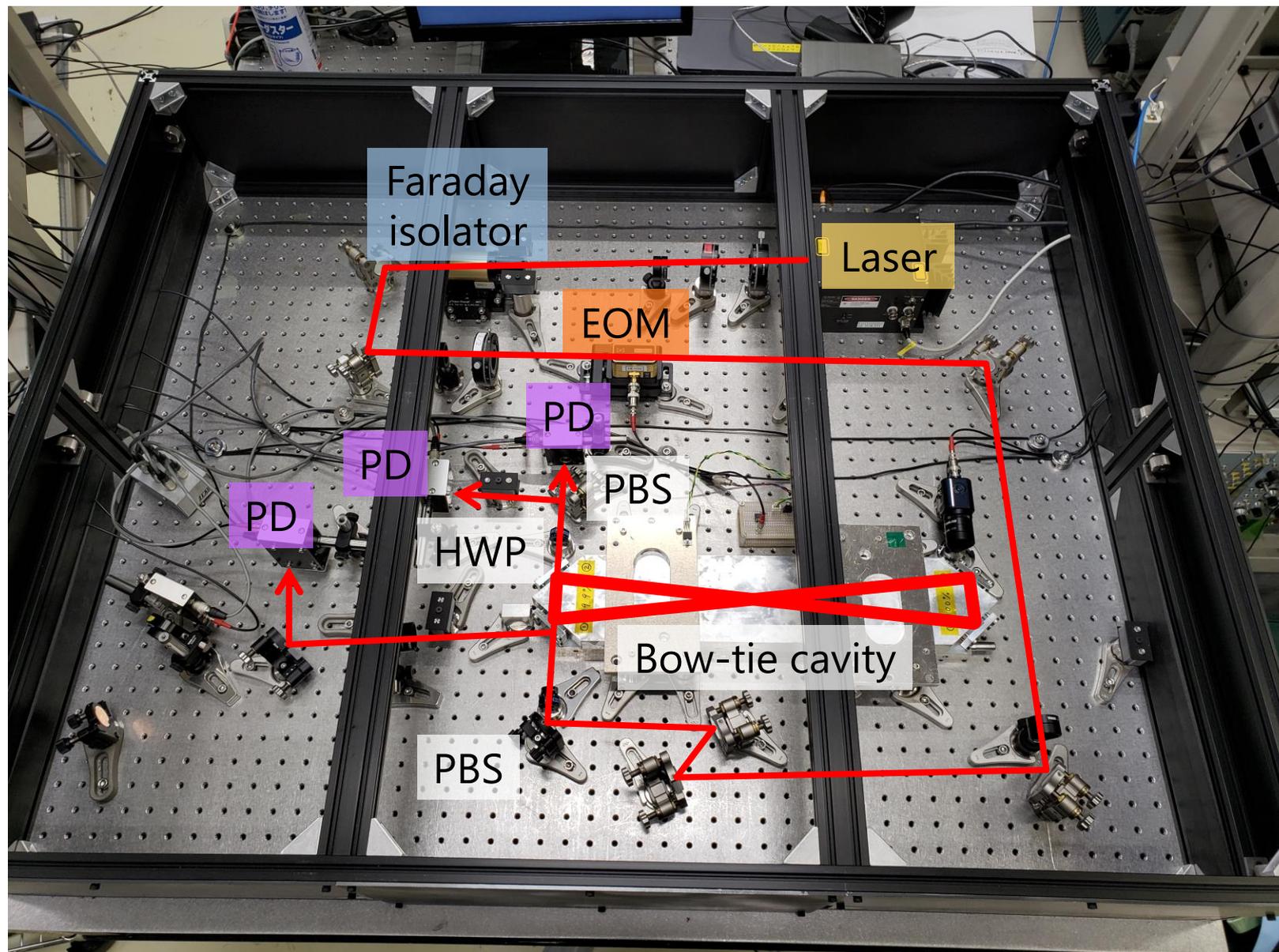
- Suggested to be limited by external noises below 100 kHz
- Could not identify noise source above 100 kHz

Axion

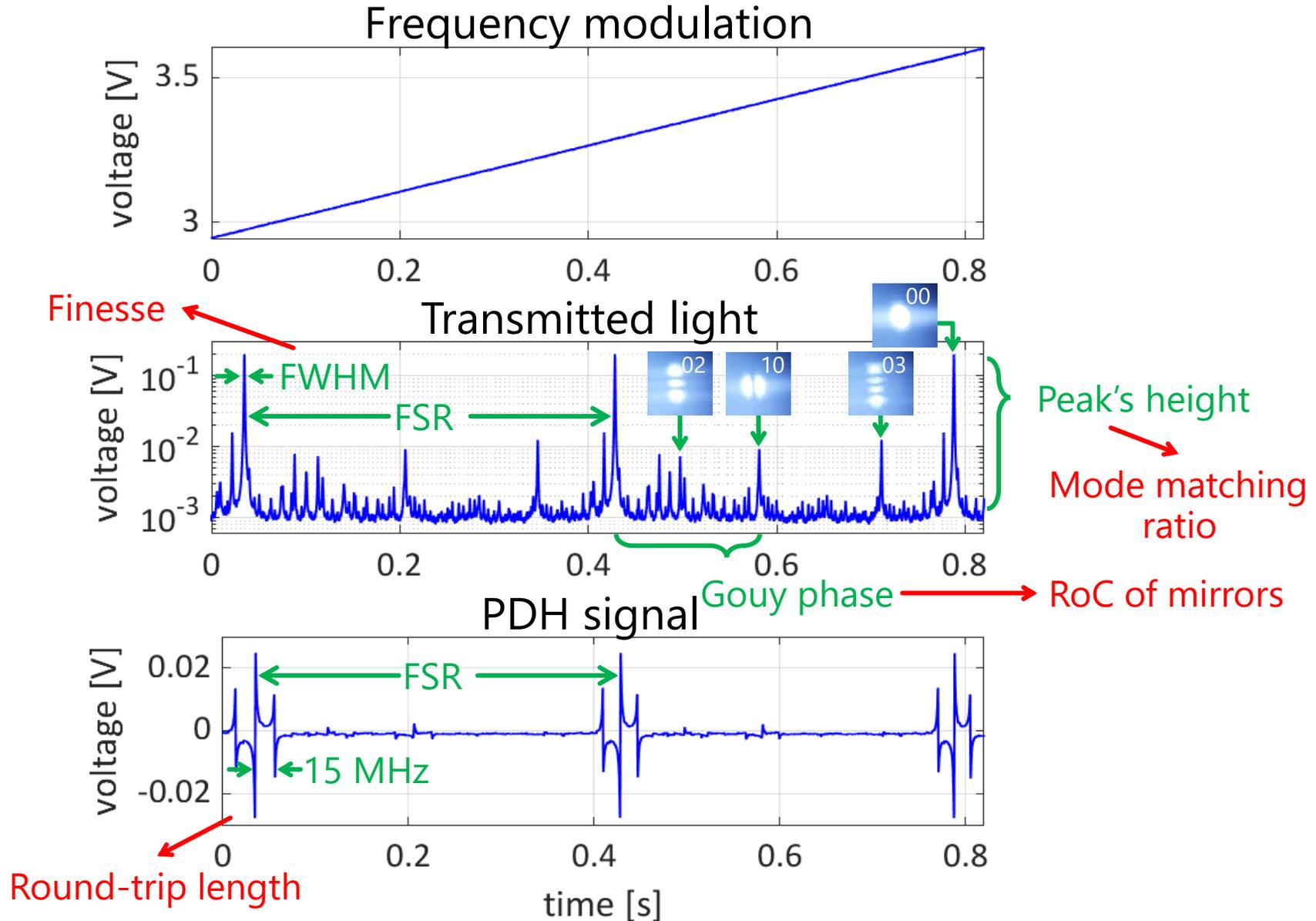
- Hypothetical particles to solve the strong CP problem in QCD
- Many kinds of axion-like particles (ALPs) are predicted by superstring theory
 - One of the candidates for dark matter
- Various methods of measuring **axion-photon coupling**, especially by using **magnetic field**, are proposed in many 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.)	$2.85(5) \times 10^3$ (S-pol.)
Finesse for sidebands	3140	~300 (S-pol.)	195(3) (P-pol.)
Resonant frequency difference between polarizations	0 Hz	~28 MHz	2.52(2) 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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Transmitted laser power	1 W	~1.2 mW	153(8) mW

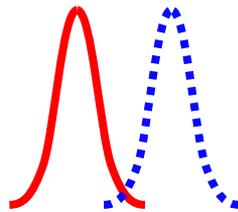
Important parameters (3)

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

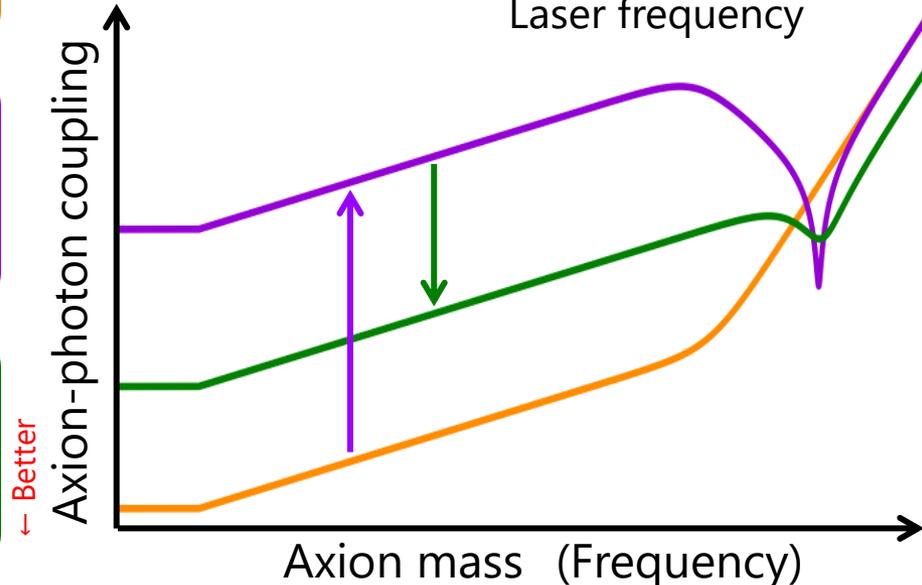
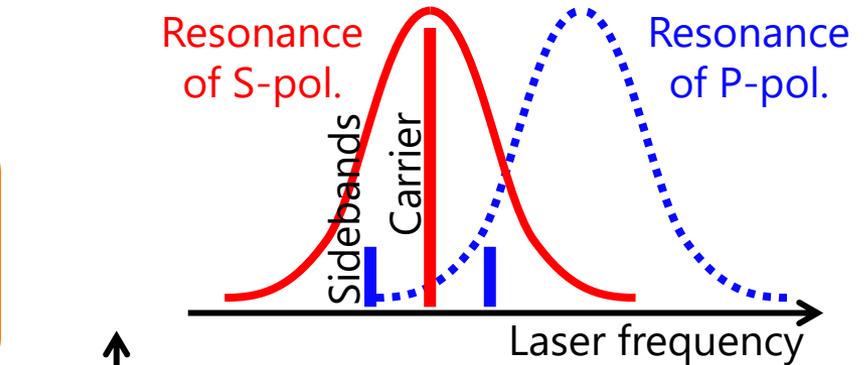
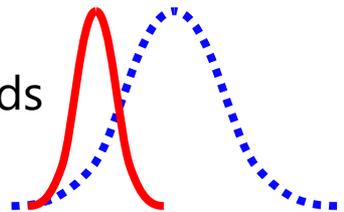
- Finesse for carrier = Finesse for sidebands
- Zero phase shift



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



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



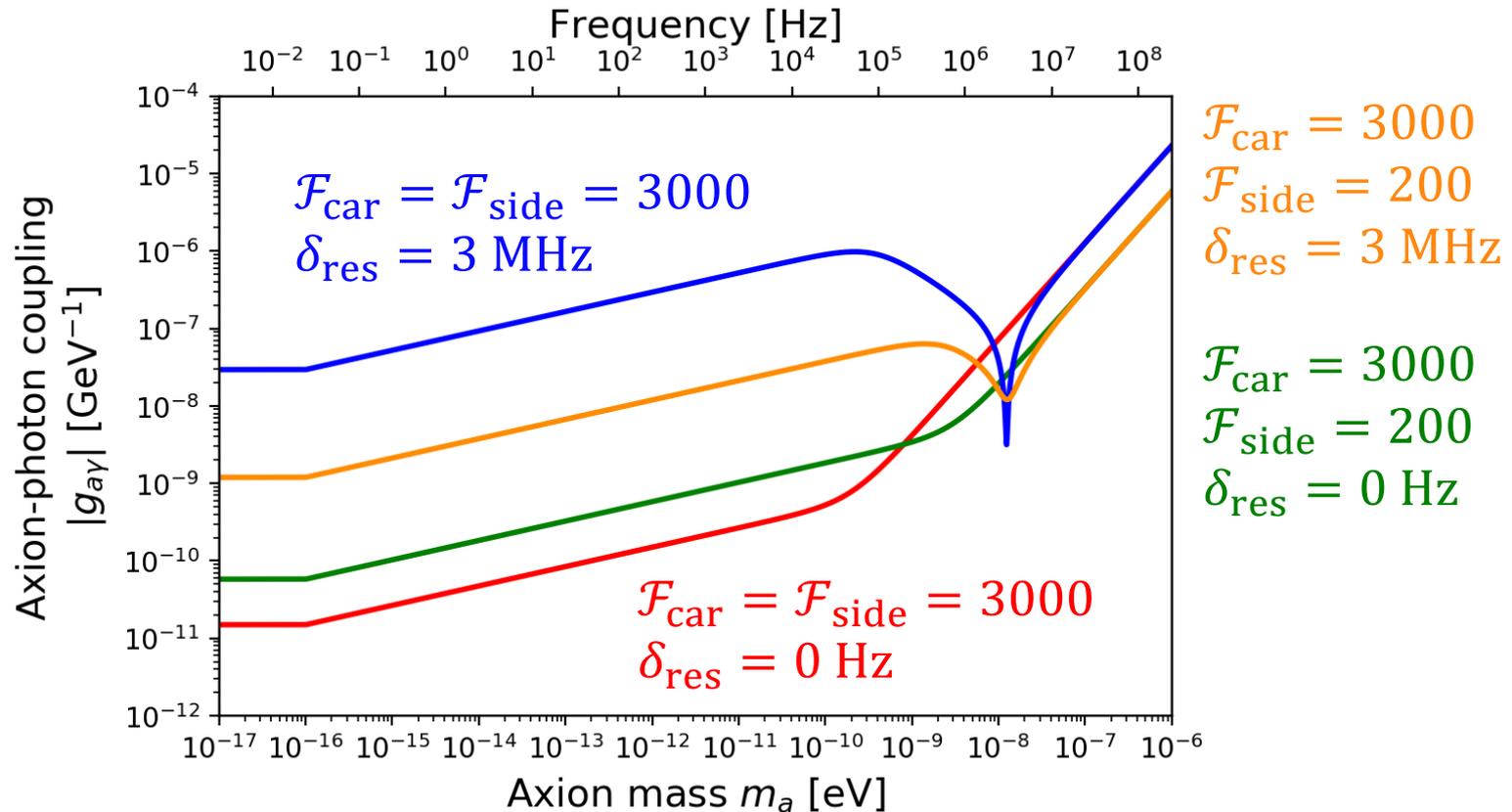
Sensitivity with various parameters

Fixed parameters

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

Variable parameters

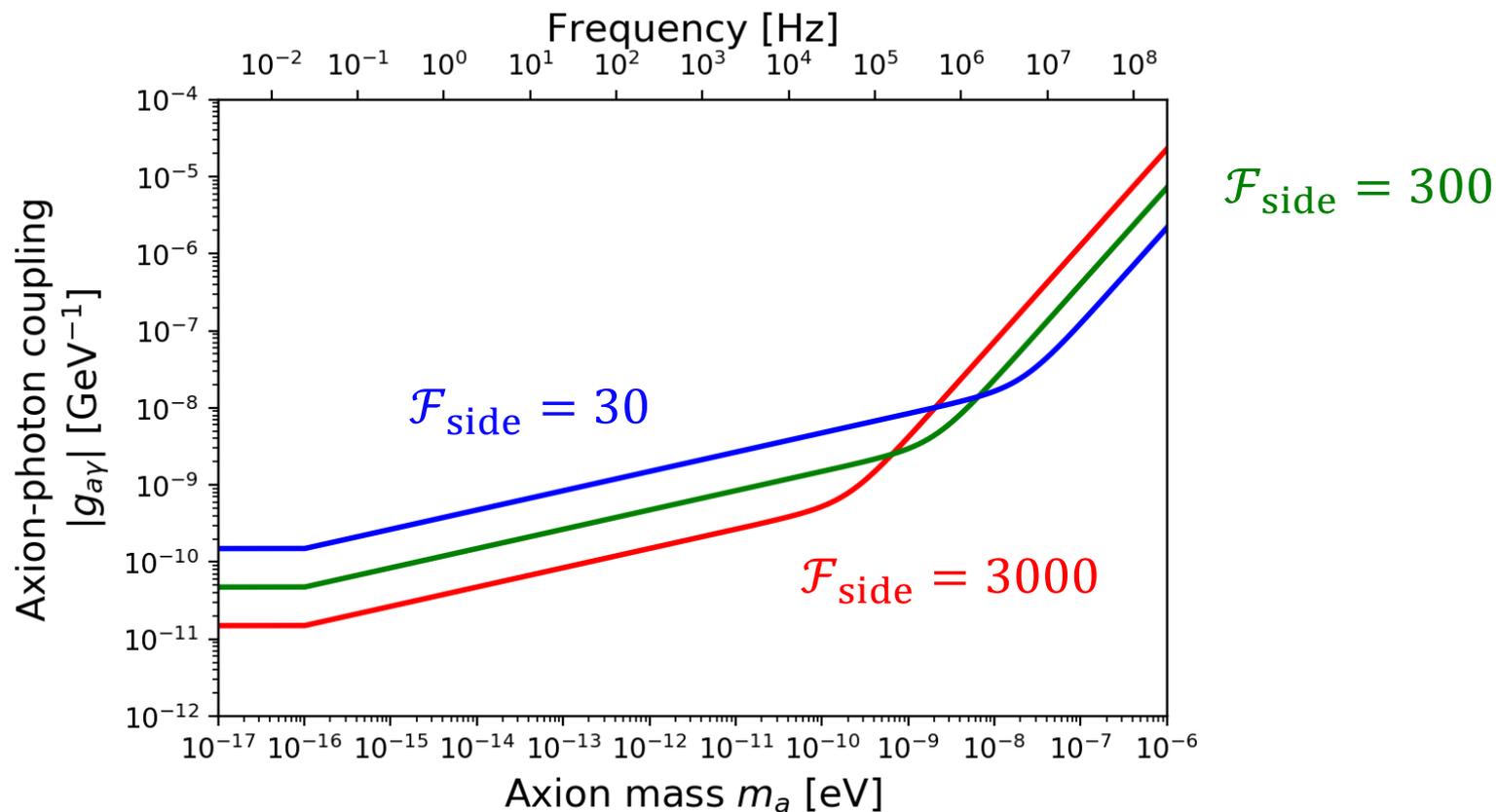
- Finesse for carrier \mathcal{F}_{car}
- Finesse for sidebands $\mathcal{F}_{\text{side}}$
- Resonant frequency difference between polarizations δ_{res}



Sensitivity with various parameters

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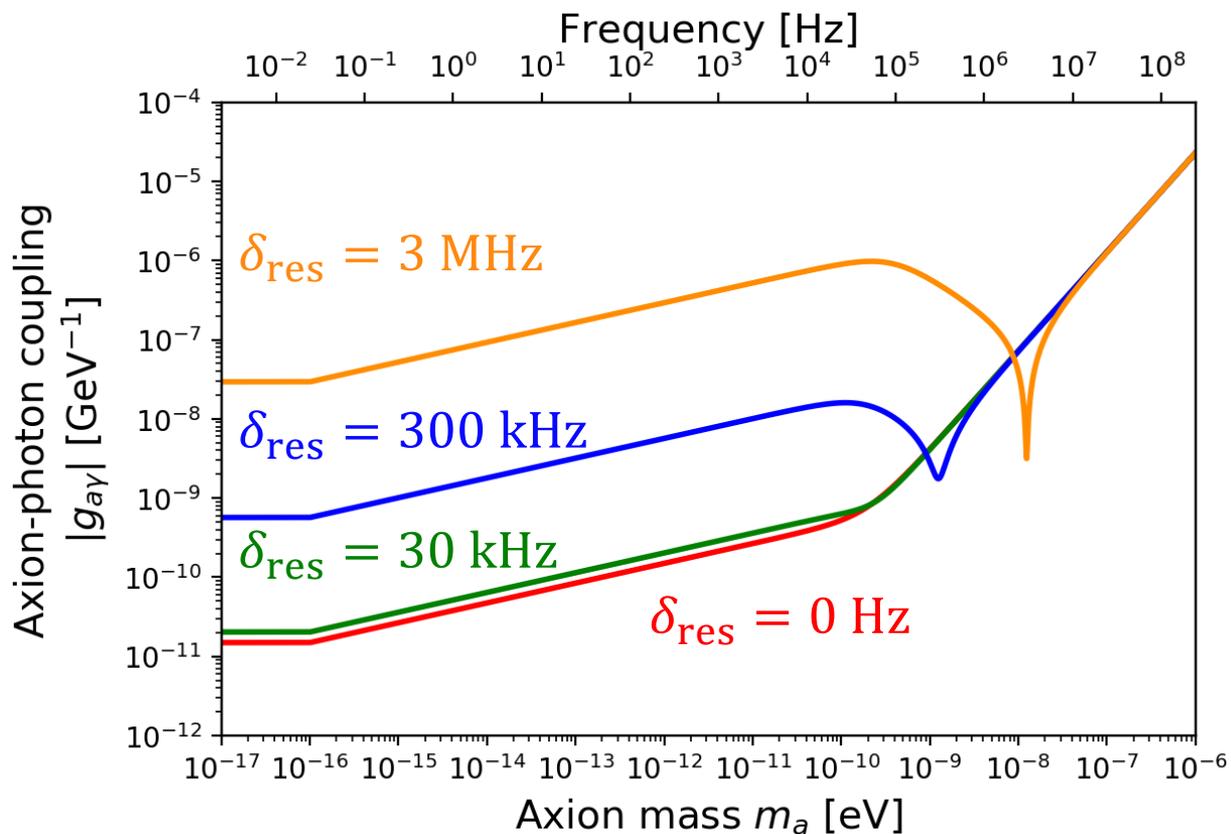
- Wavelength of laser: 1064 nm
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- Finesse for carrier: 3000
- Resonant frequency difference between polarizations: 0 Hz



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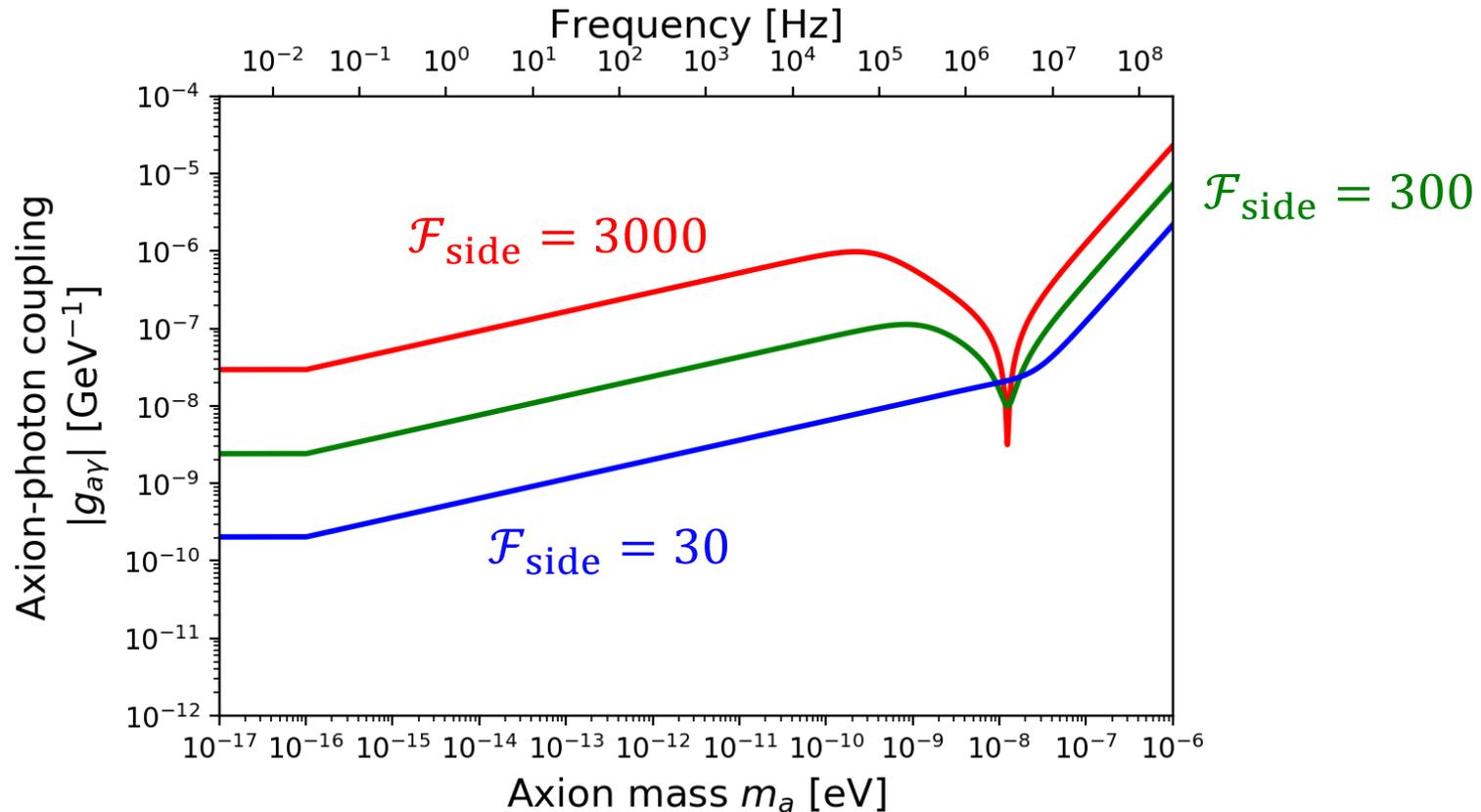
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- Finesse for carrier: 3000
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Sensitivity with various parameters

Fixed parameters

- Wavelength of laser: 1064 nm
- Round-trip length: 1 m
- Input laser power: 1 W
- Observation time: 1 year
- Finesse for carrier: 3000 \mathcal{F}_{car}
- Resonant frequency difference between polarizations: 3 MHz



Signal calibration

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

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

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

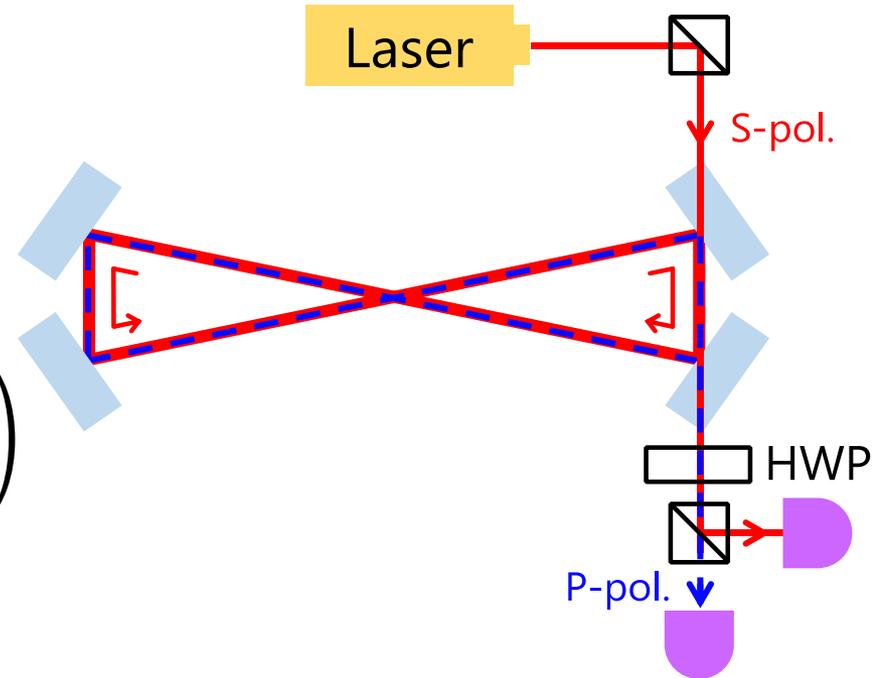
$$P_S = E_S'^2 = E_0^2 \cos^2 (2\theta + \phi(t))$$

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

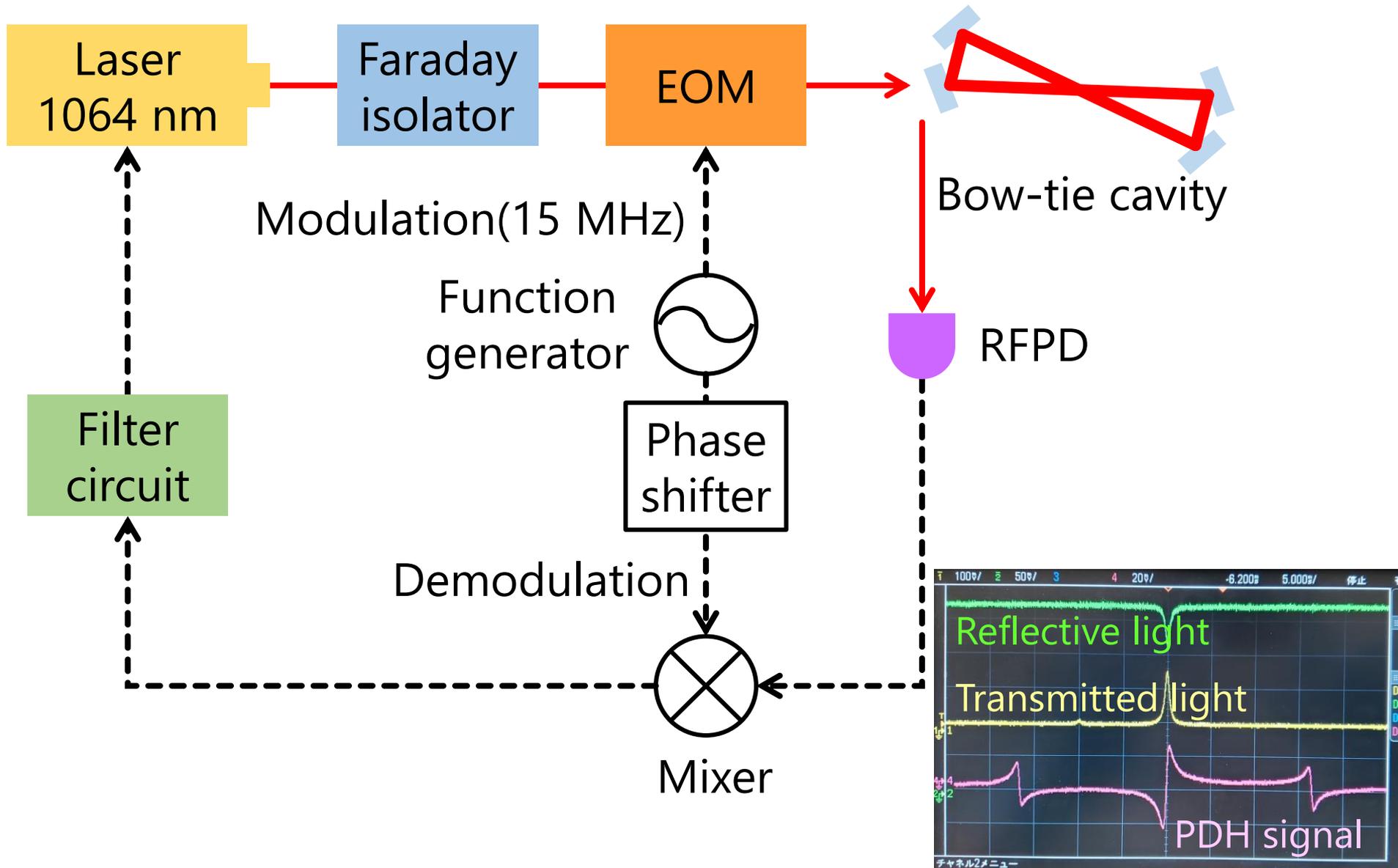
When $2\theta + \phi \ll 1$, $\sin(2\theta + \phi(t)) \approx 2\theta + \phi(t)$

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

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

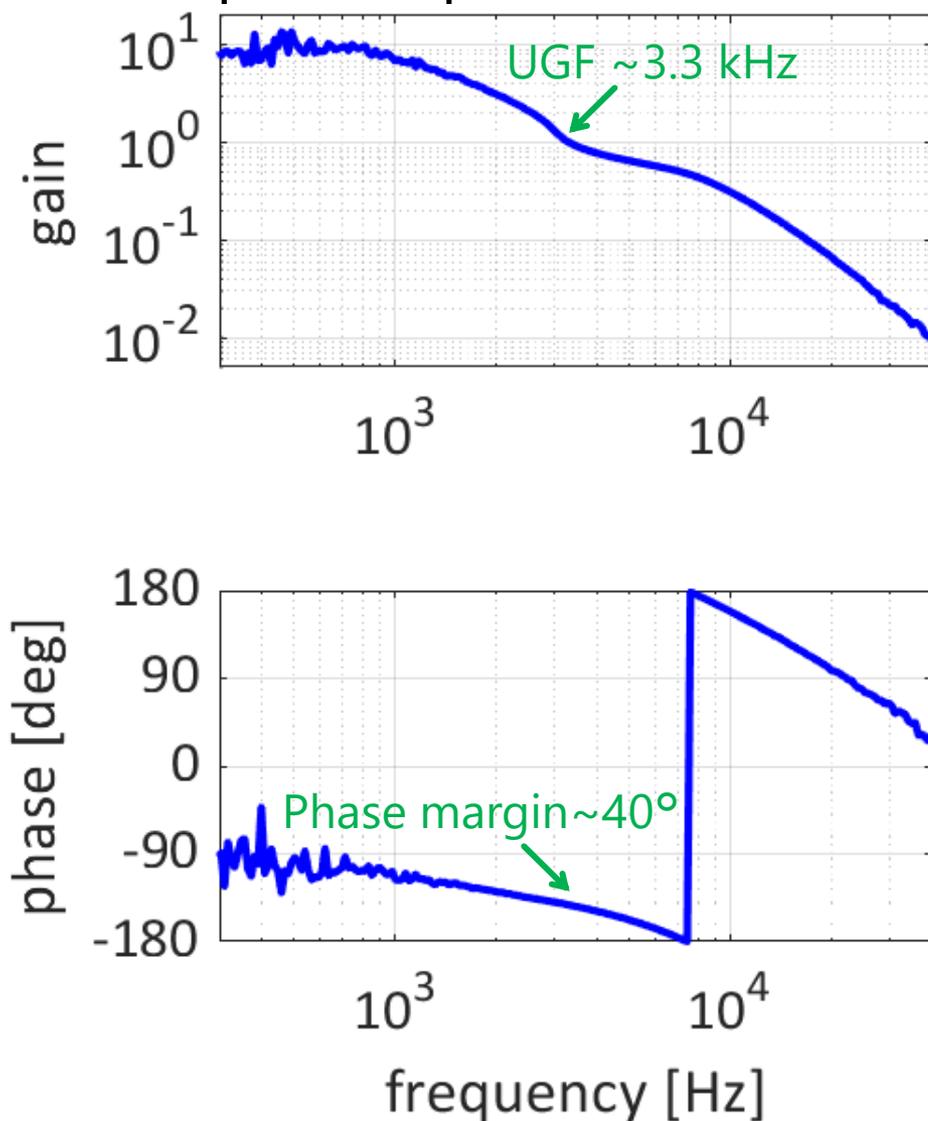


Frequency servo by PDH technique

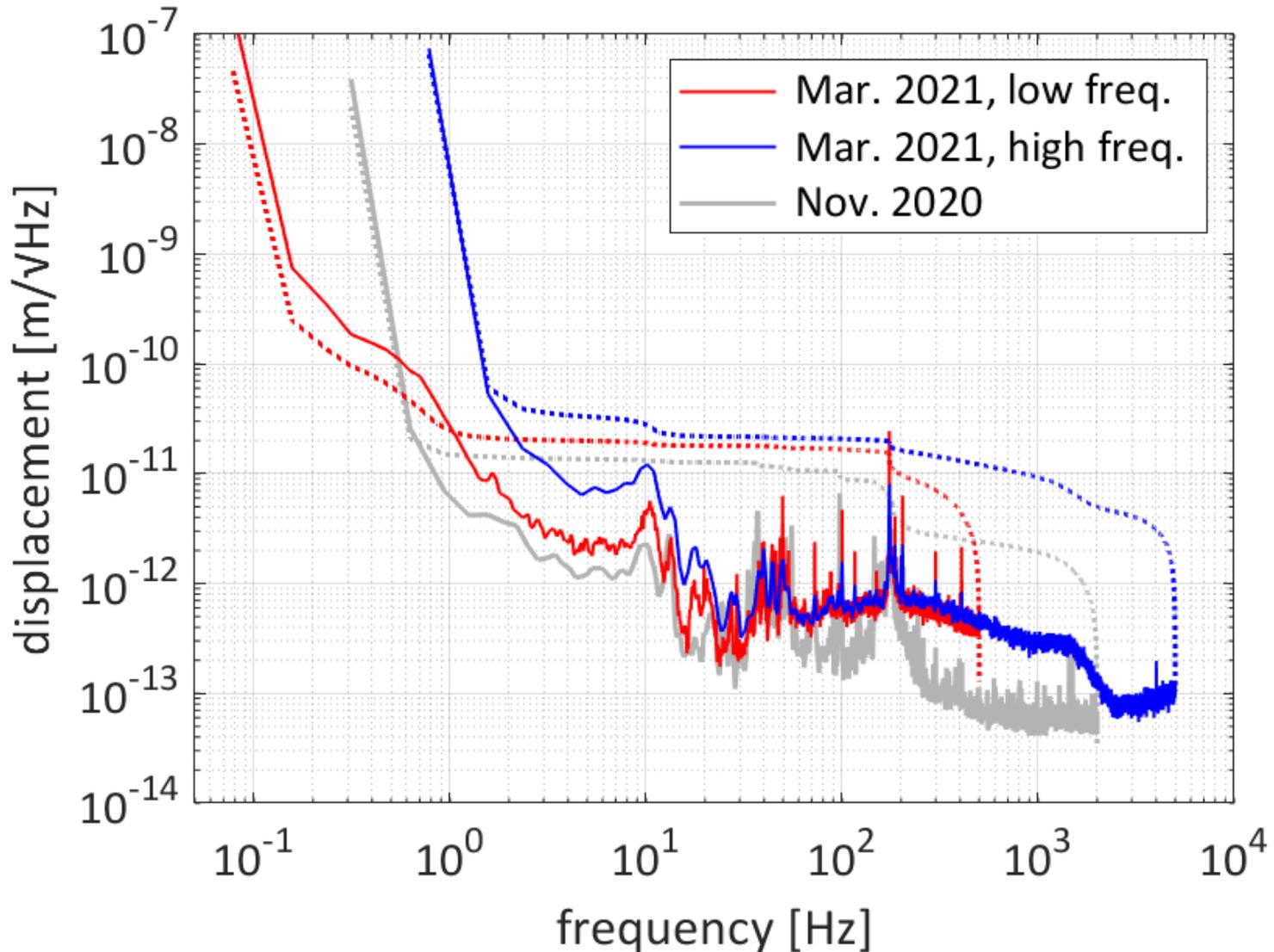


Stability of frequency servo

Open-loop transfer function



Spectrum of external noises



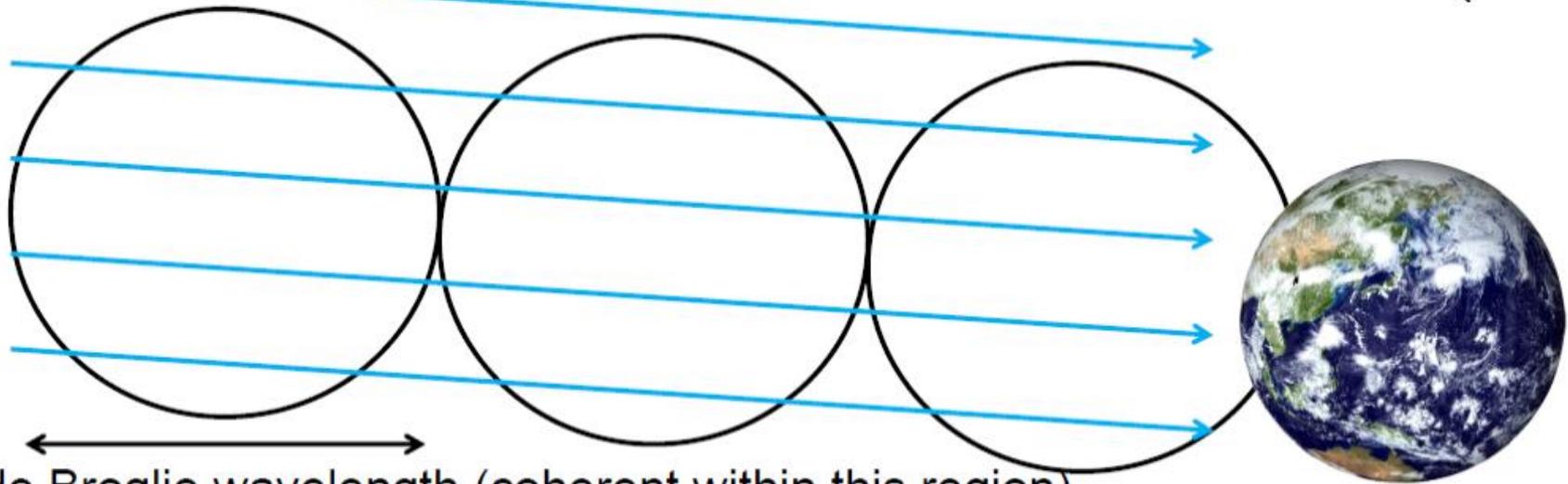
Coherent Time Scale

- 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

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

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

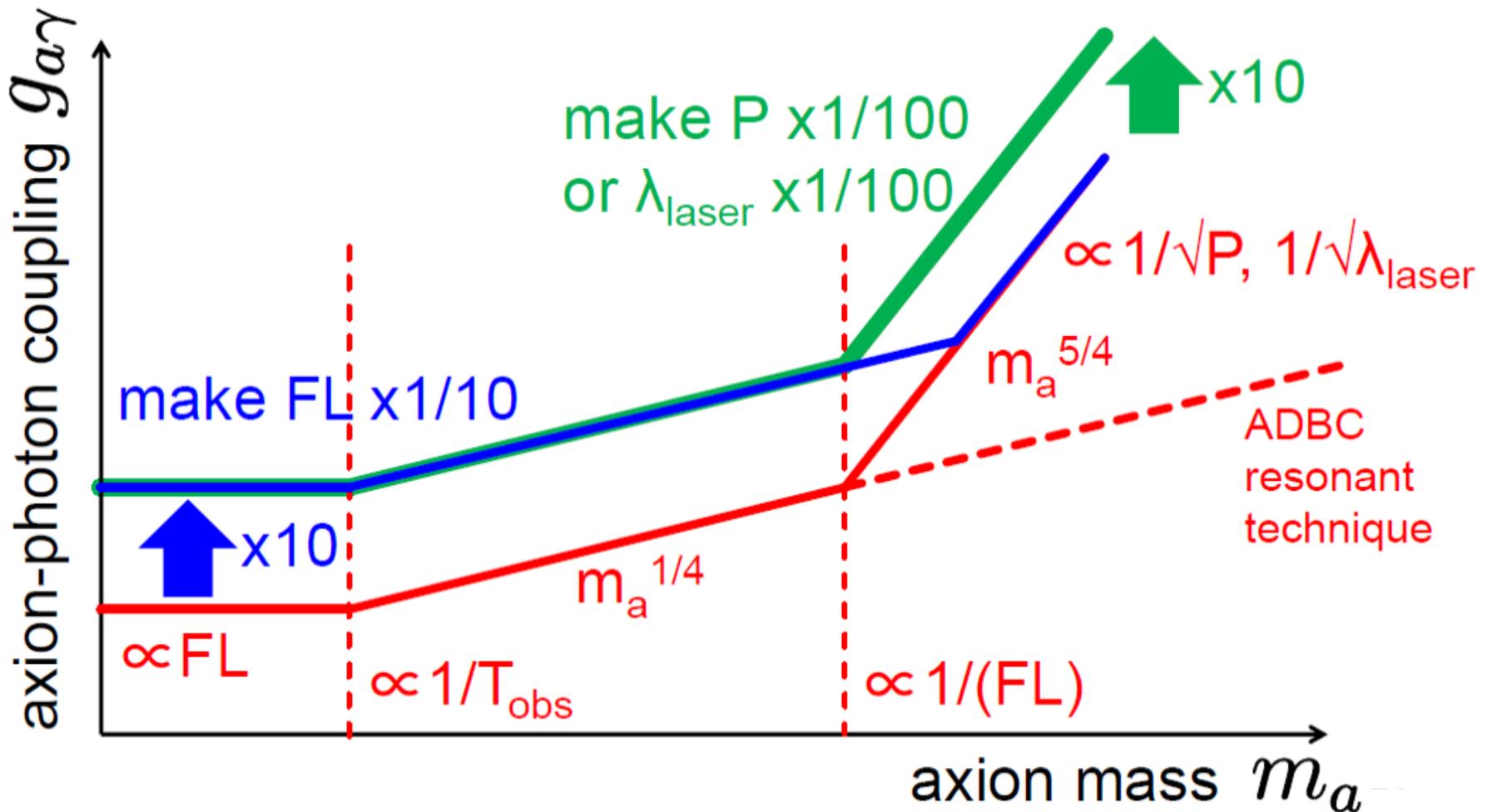
axion wind



de Broglie wavelength (coherent within this region)

Sensitivity Design

- Brute force necessary, you cannot win for free

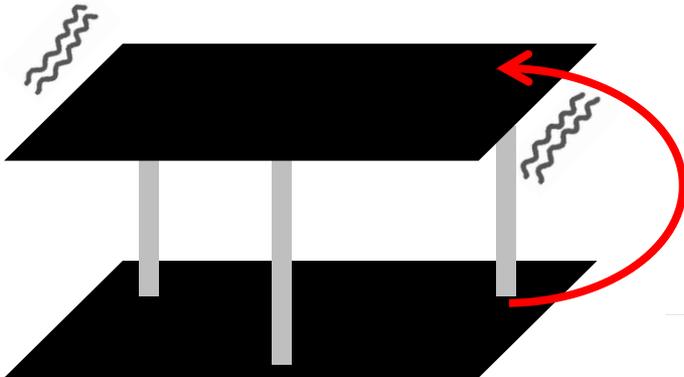


Optical table and optical fiber

Issues of ver. Nov. 2020

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

Unstable setup



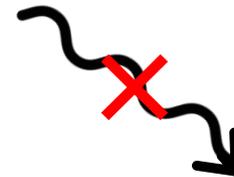
Loss of 50 %
Large intensity noise



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

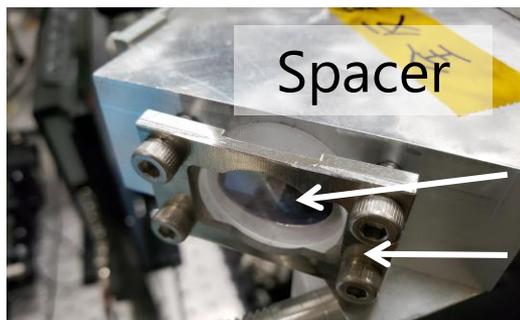
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- Mirrors had low reflectivity and large loss
- Mirror alignment was not accurate due to holding jigs → Small finesse

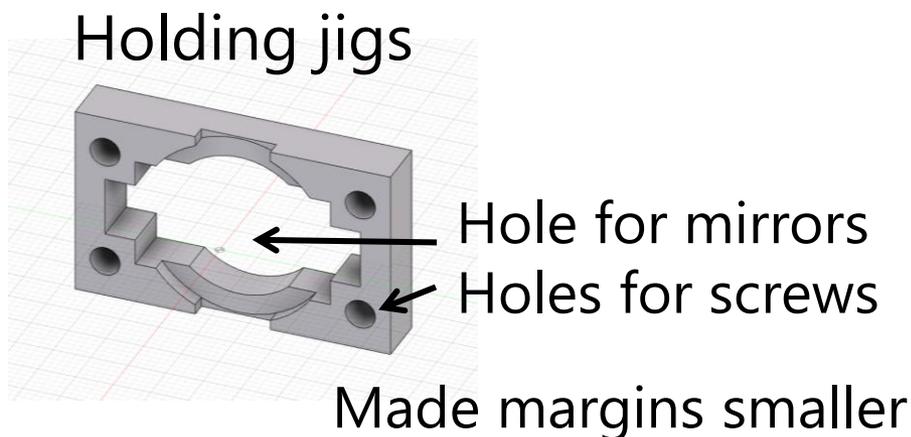


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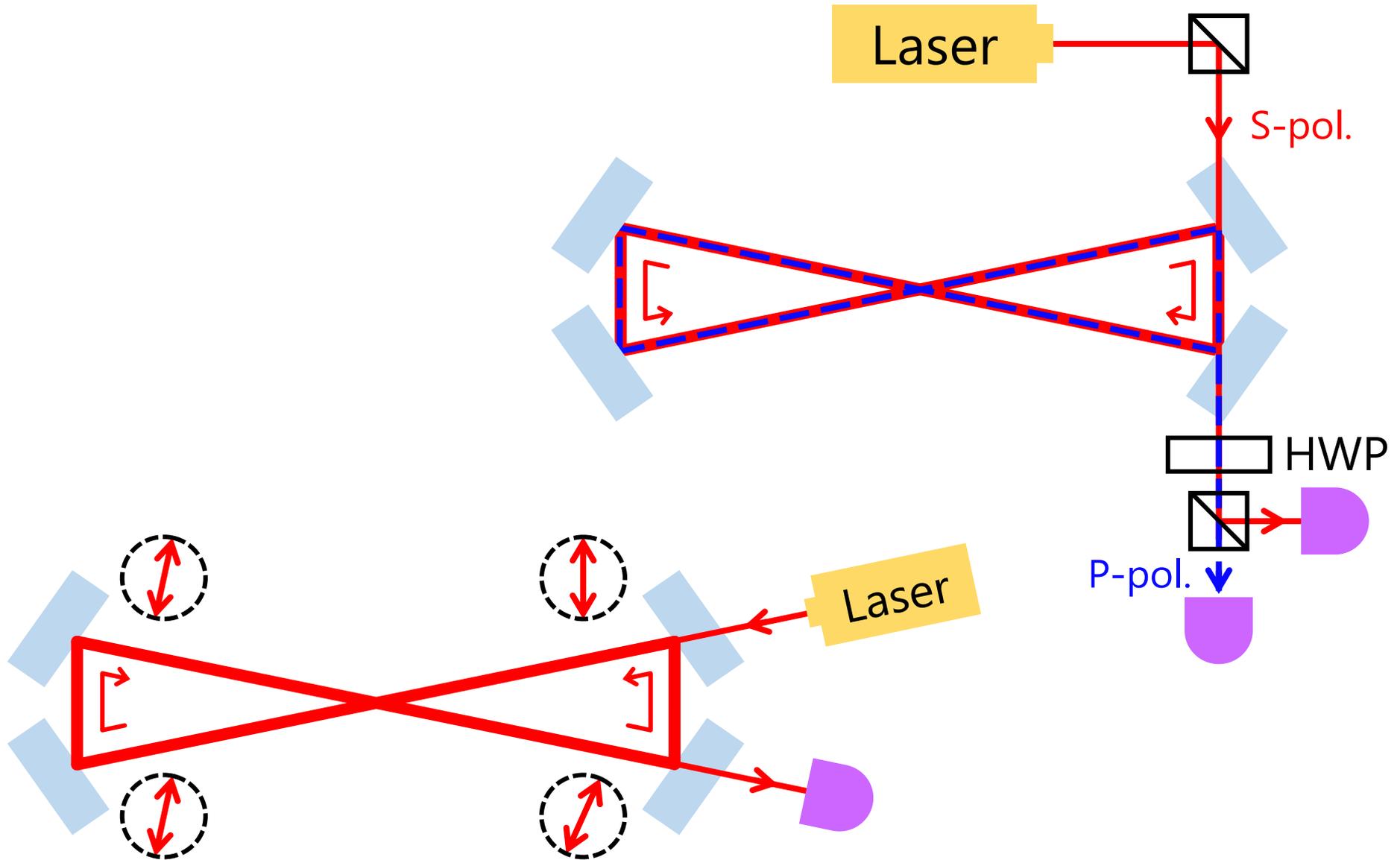
- Changed to mirrors with high reflectivity and small loss
- Improved alignment by changing mirror holding jigs → Improved finesse



Mirror
Holding jigs



Figure



Figure

