



Axion Polarimetric Experiment (APE)

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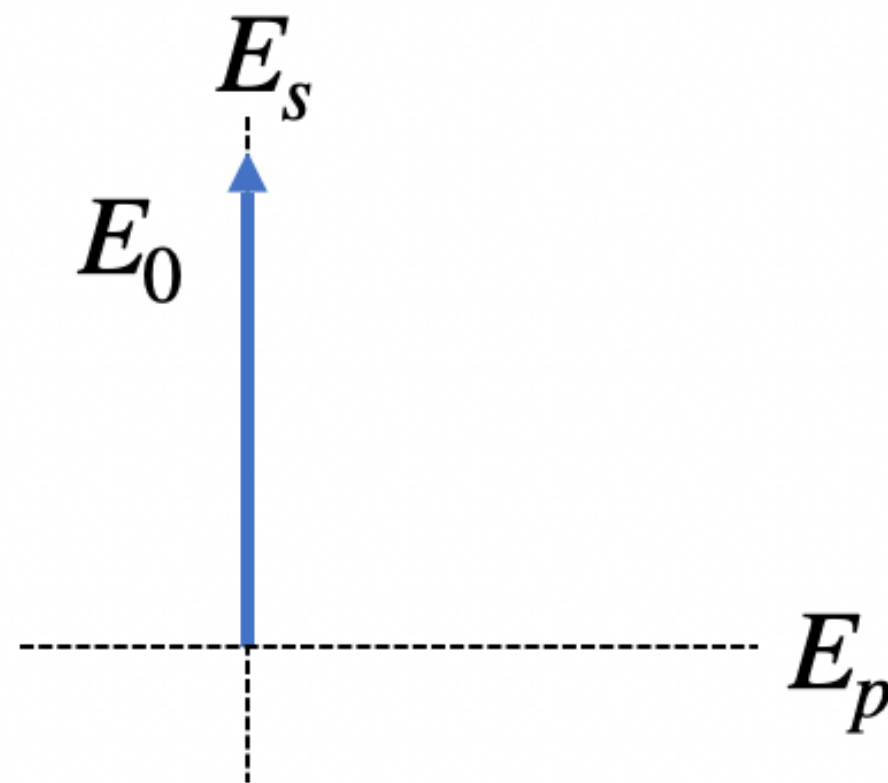
Effect of Axion Field on Polarisation of Light



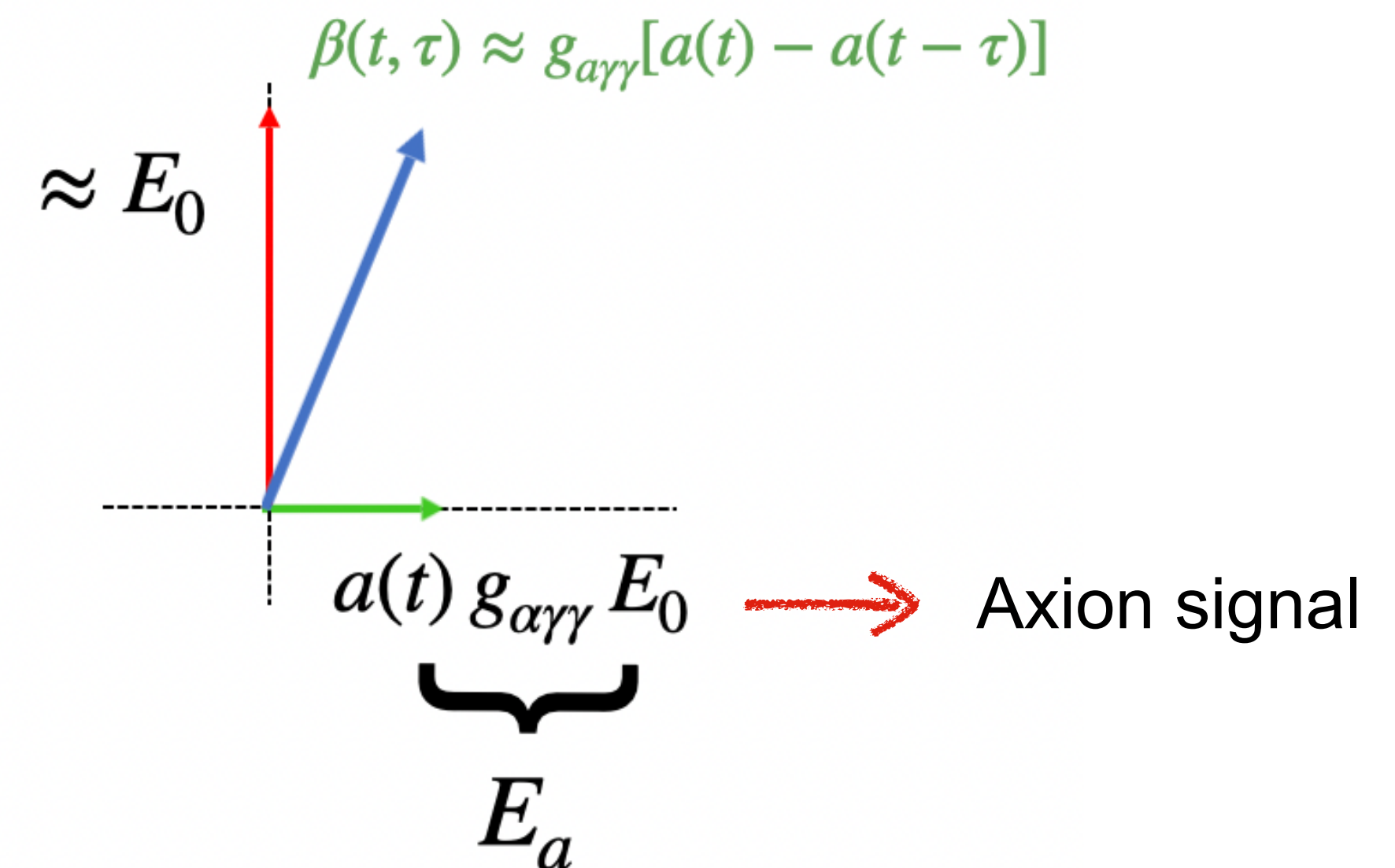
- Axion DM appears as oscillating classical fields:
- Axion field rotates the polarisation of linearly polarised light
- Angle of rotation oscillates with the frequency of Axion field

$$a(t, \vec{r}) = \left[\frac{\hbar \sqrt{2} \rho_{Local}}{m_a c} \right] \cos(\omega_a t - \vec{k}_a \cdot \vec{r})$$

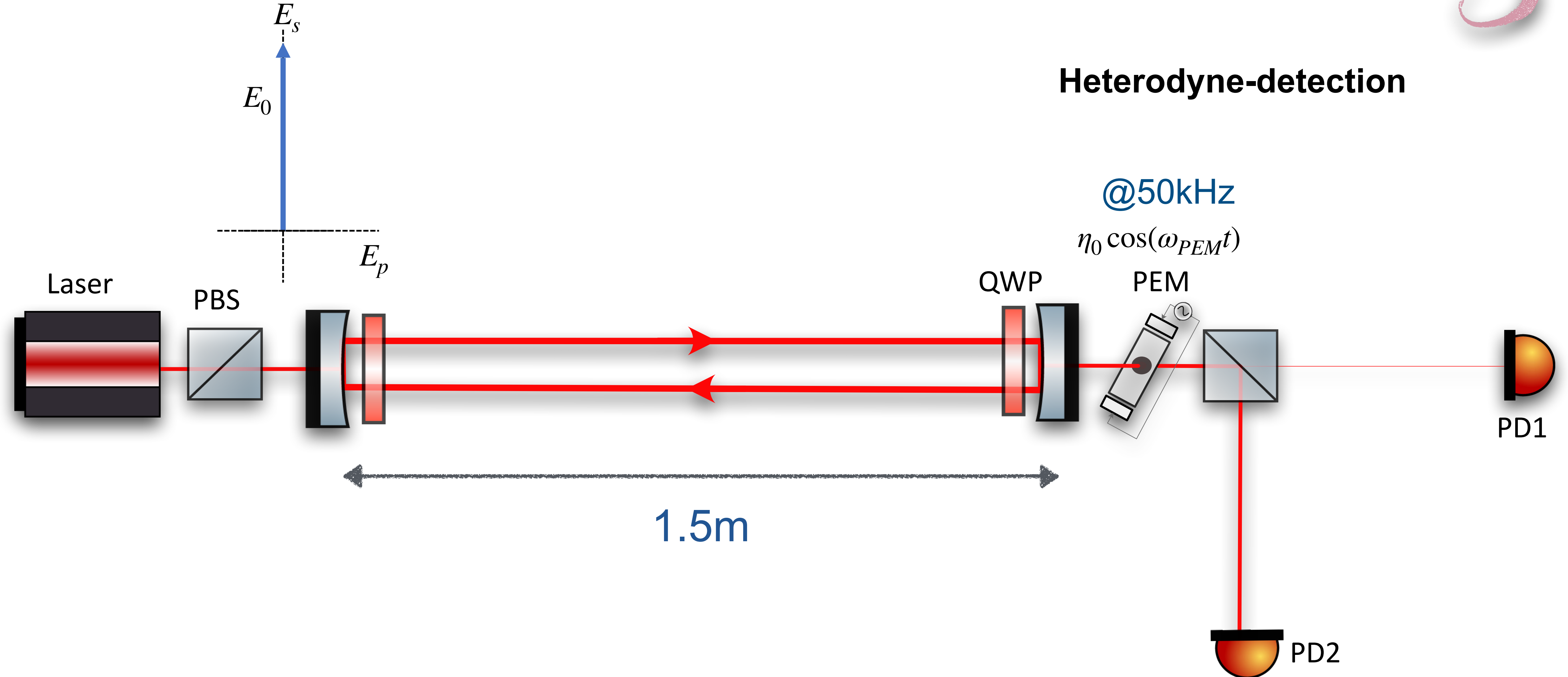
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 $\omega_a = m_a \frac{c^2}{\hbar}$



Interaction
with axion
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Optical Setup of APE



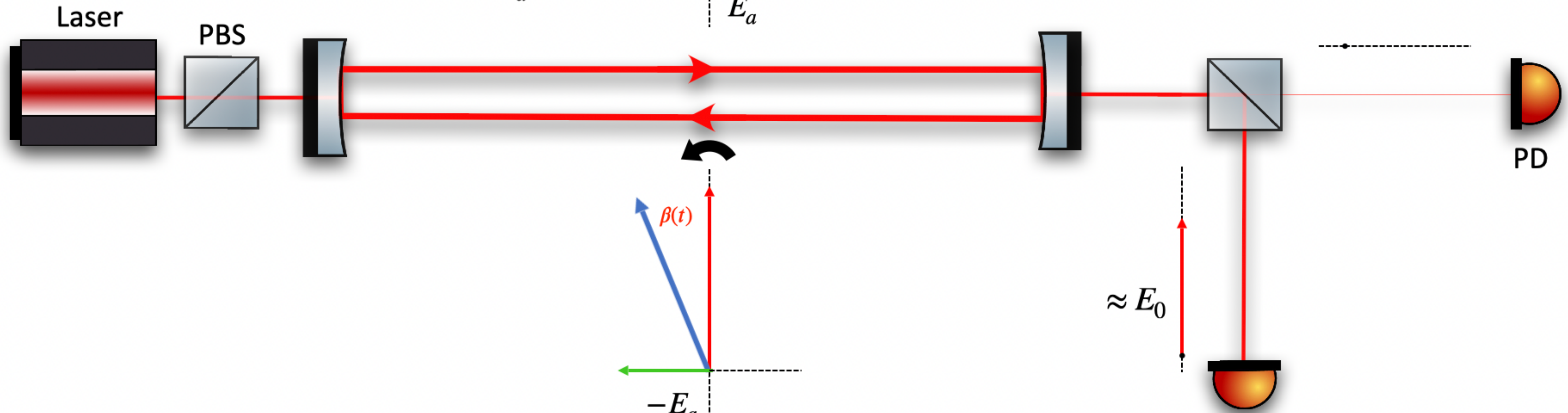
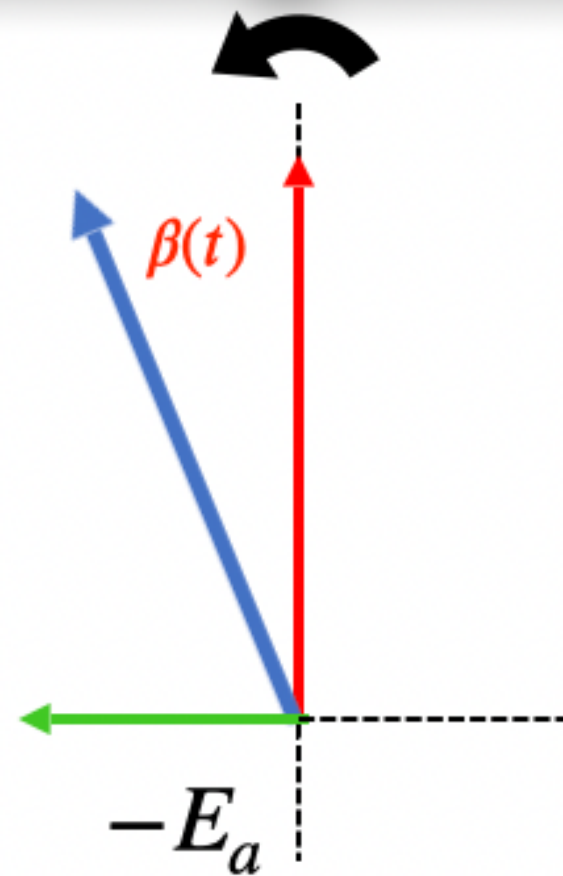
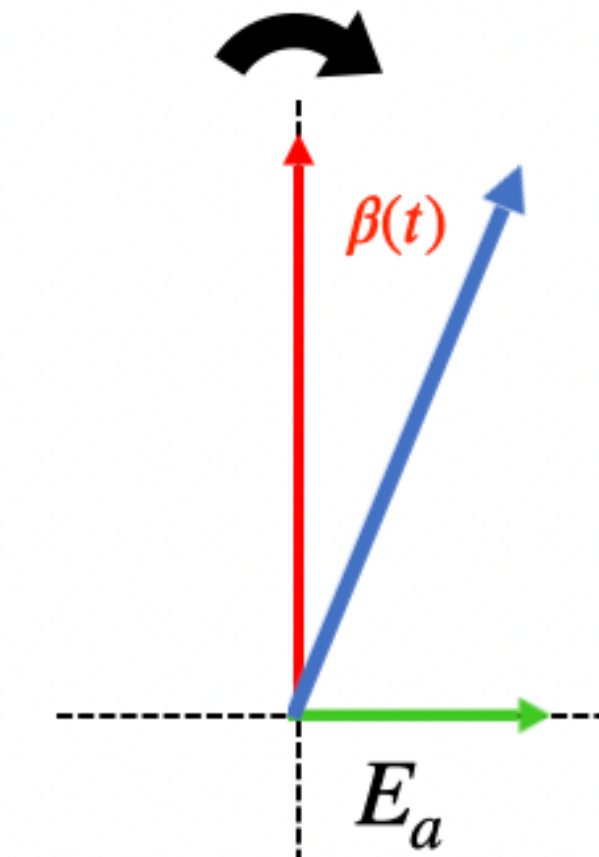
Mechanisms of Signal Cancellation in Cavity



- Axion-induced rotation direction depends on

propagation direction: $\vec{D} = E_0 \hat{x} - \underbrace{g_{\alpha\gamma\gamma} a(t)}_{E_a} E_0 \hat{y}$

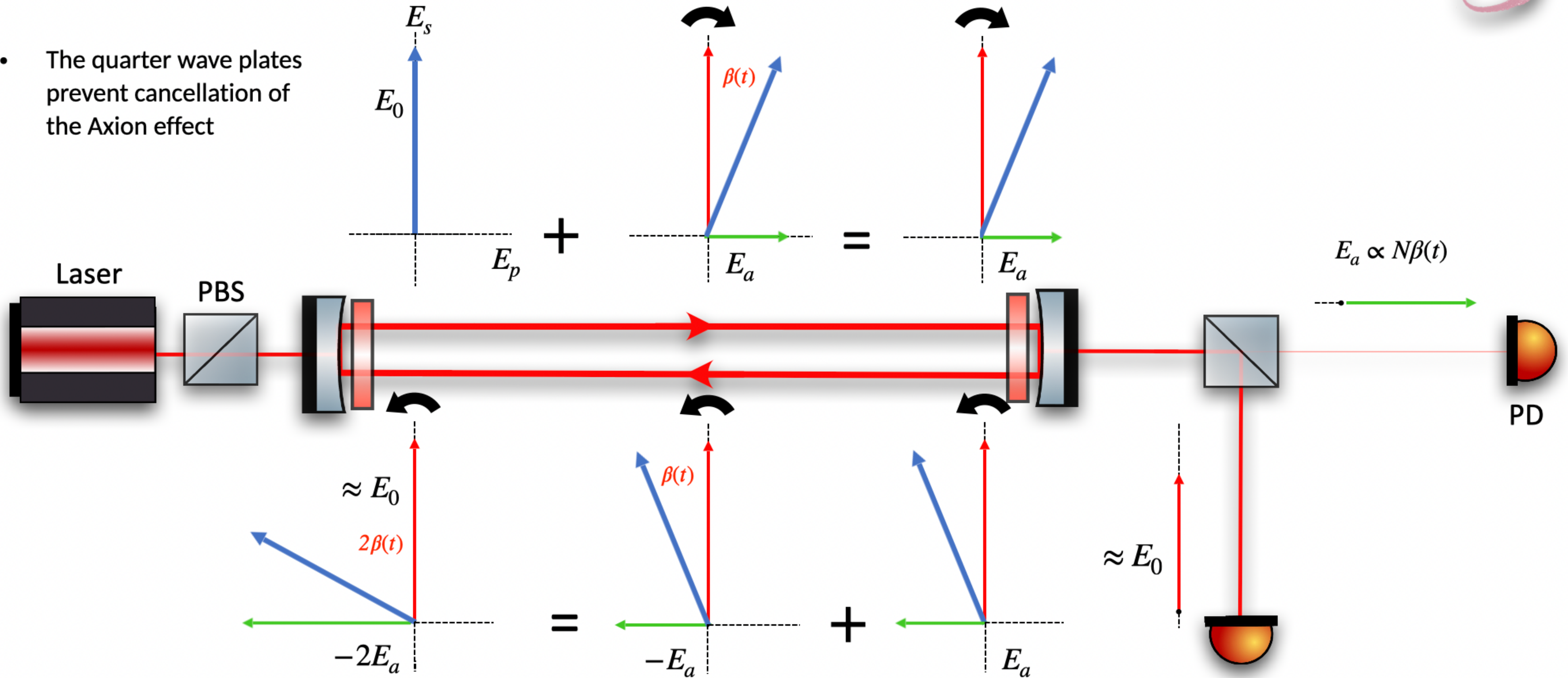
E_a



Function of the Quarter Wave Plates



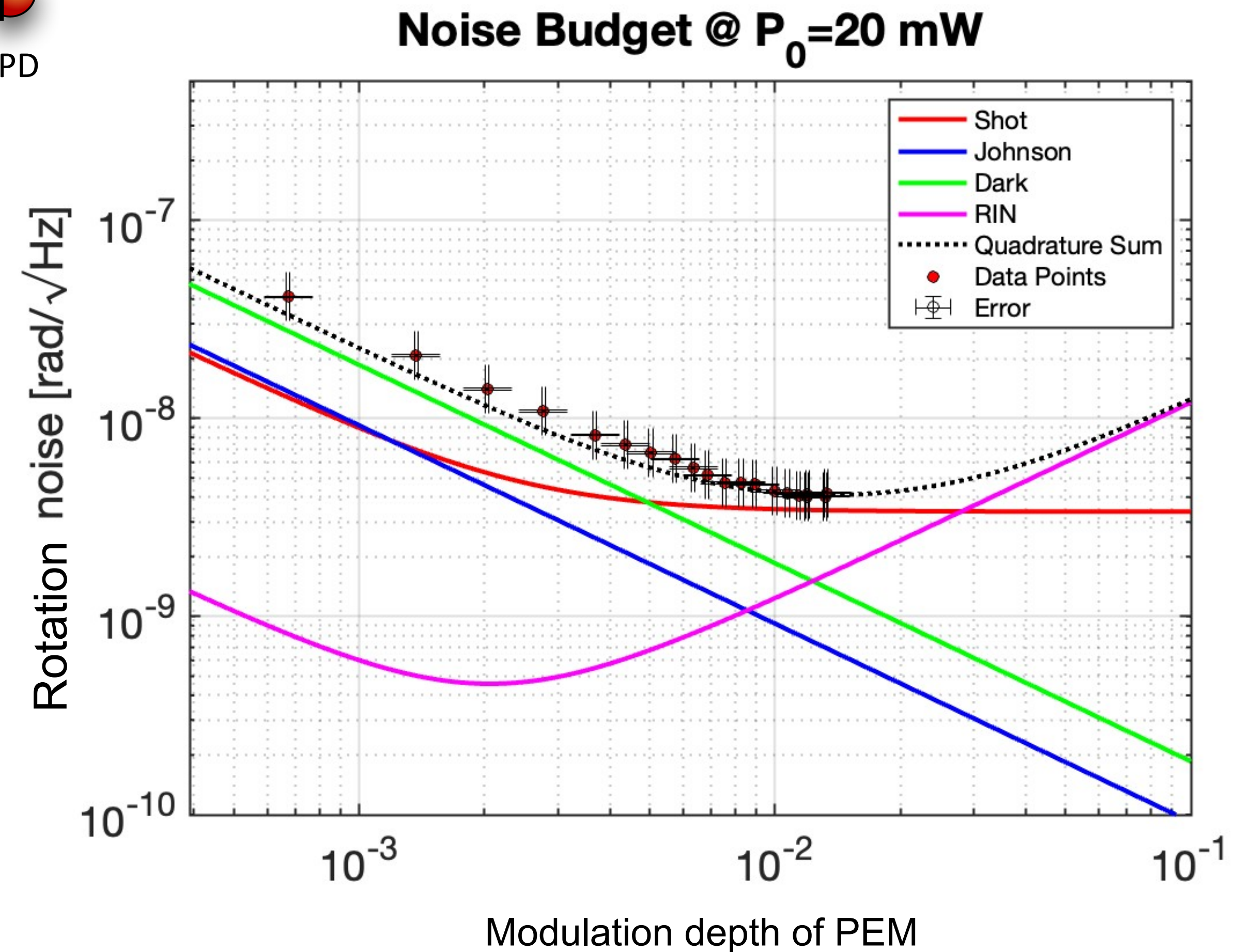
- The quarter wave plates prevent cancellation of the Axion effect



Measured Noise Budget without FP cavity



- Shot noise $= \sqrt{\frac{2e}{qI_0} \left(\frac{\sigma^2 + \eta_0^2/2}{\eta_0^2} \right)}$
- ~~Dark noise $= \frac{i_{\text{dark}}}{qI_0\eta_0}$~~
- ~~Thermal Johnson noise $= \sqrt{\frac{4k_B T}{G}} \frac{1}{qI_0\eta_0}$~~
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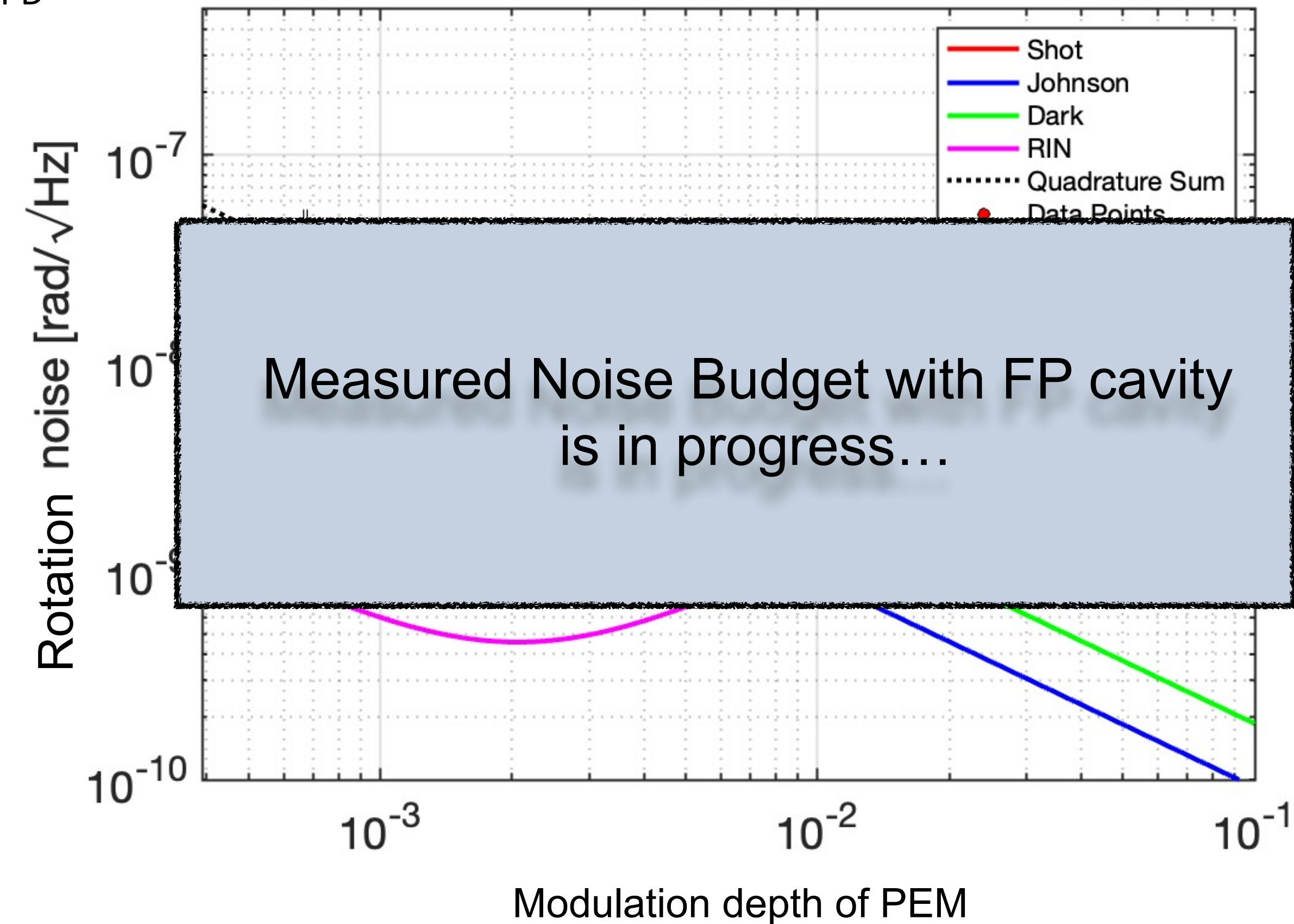


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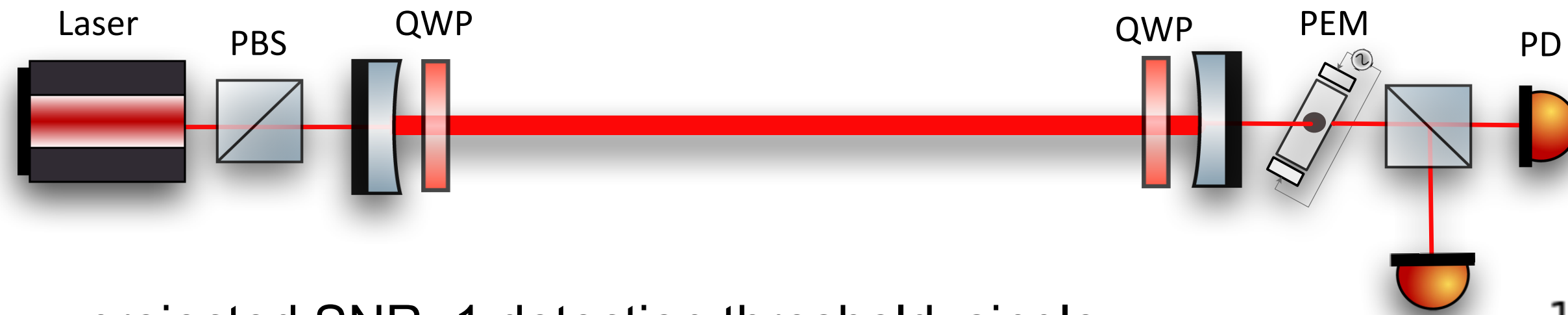


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Noise Budget @ $P_0=20$ mW



Sensitivity to the Axion-photon Coupling Coefficient



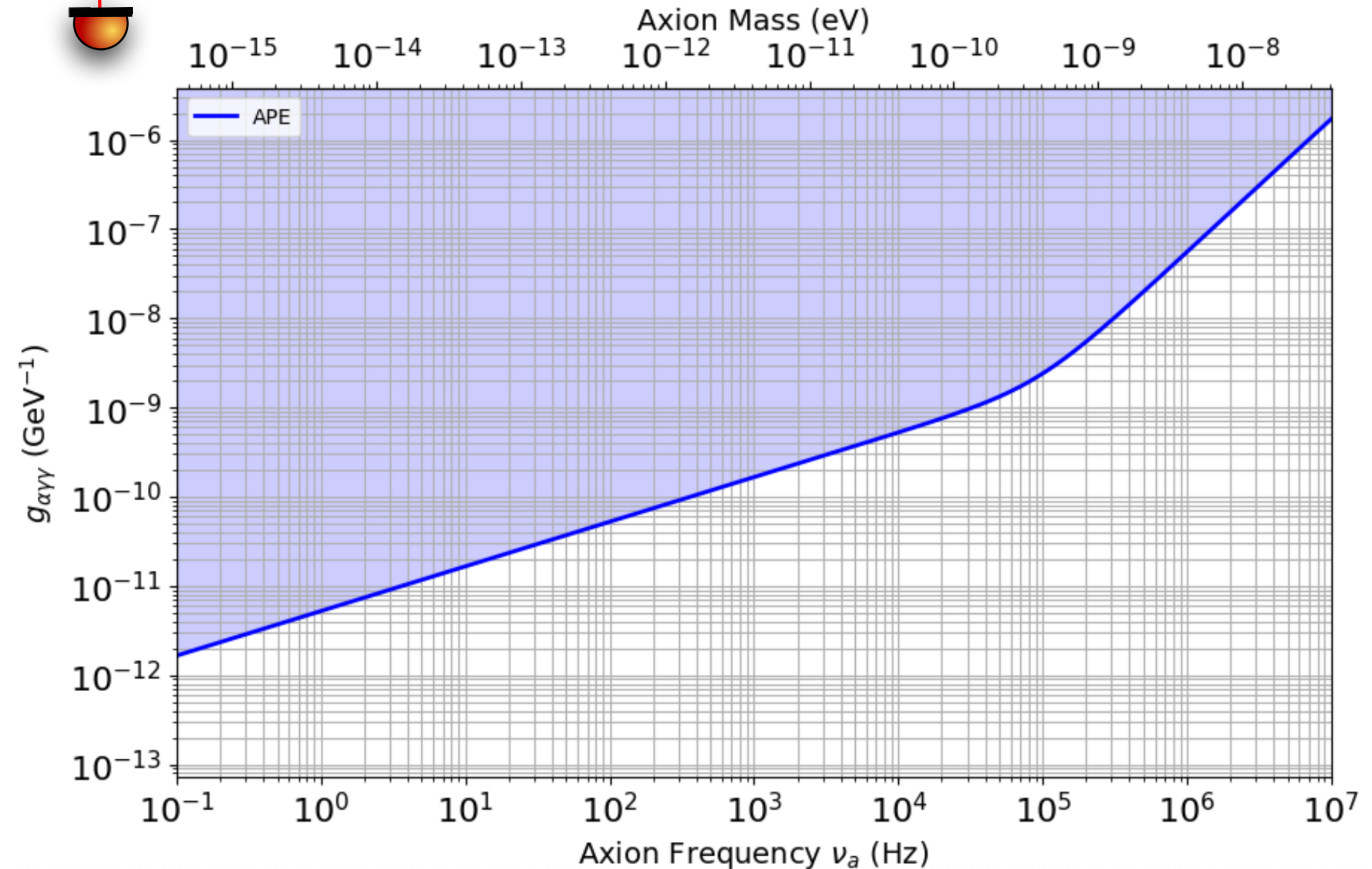
$$g_{\alpha\gamma\gamma} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t_{int}}} \frac{S_{\beta}^{shot}}{2\tau} \sqrt{\frac{(l_{int,rt})^2 + 4 \sin^2(\pi \nu_a \tau)}{2\rho_{Local}}}$$

- projected SNR=1 detection threshold, single detector and coherence-limited $t_{int} = 10^6/\nu_a$
- The current sensitivity analysis does not include the effect of seismic noise
- Sensitivity is proportional to the length of cavity
- Critically coupled cavity:

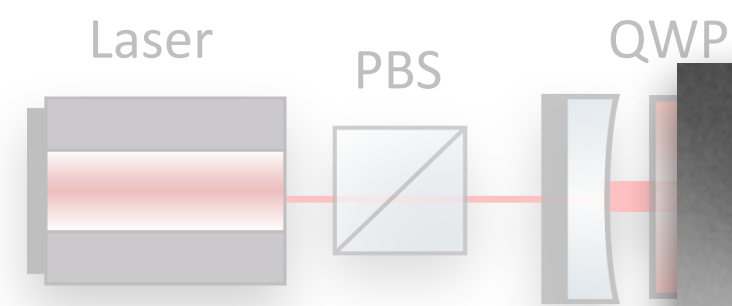
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Input power	300 mW
Finesse	~1000
Round-trip internal loss	~1,500 ppm
Length	1.5 m



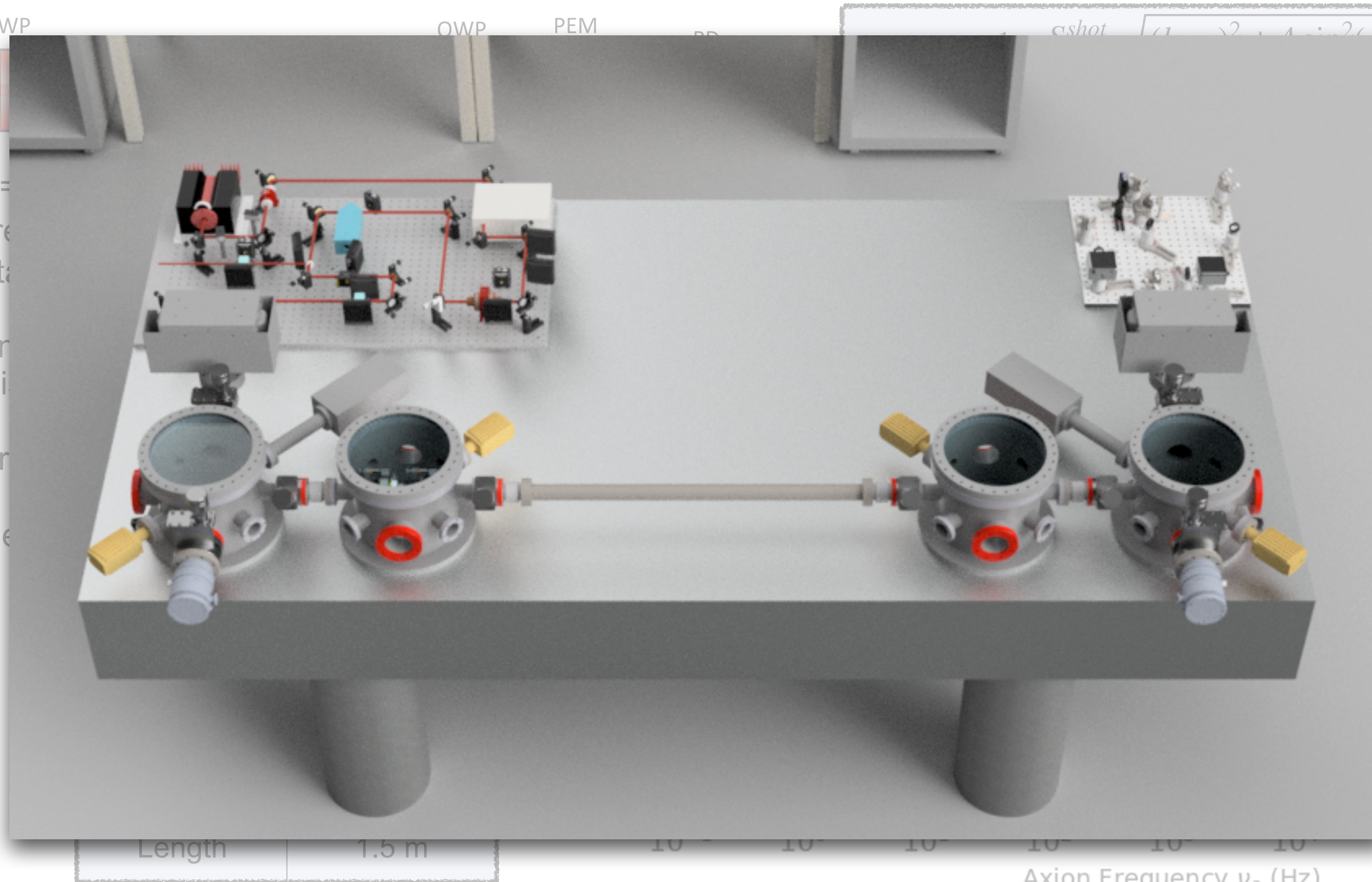
Sensitivity to the Axion-photon Coupling Coefficient



- projected SNR= detector, coherence assumptions stable
- The current sensitivity is limited by the effect of seismic noise
- Sensitivity is proportional to the length of the experiment
- Critically coupled resonant cavities

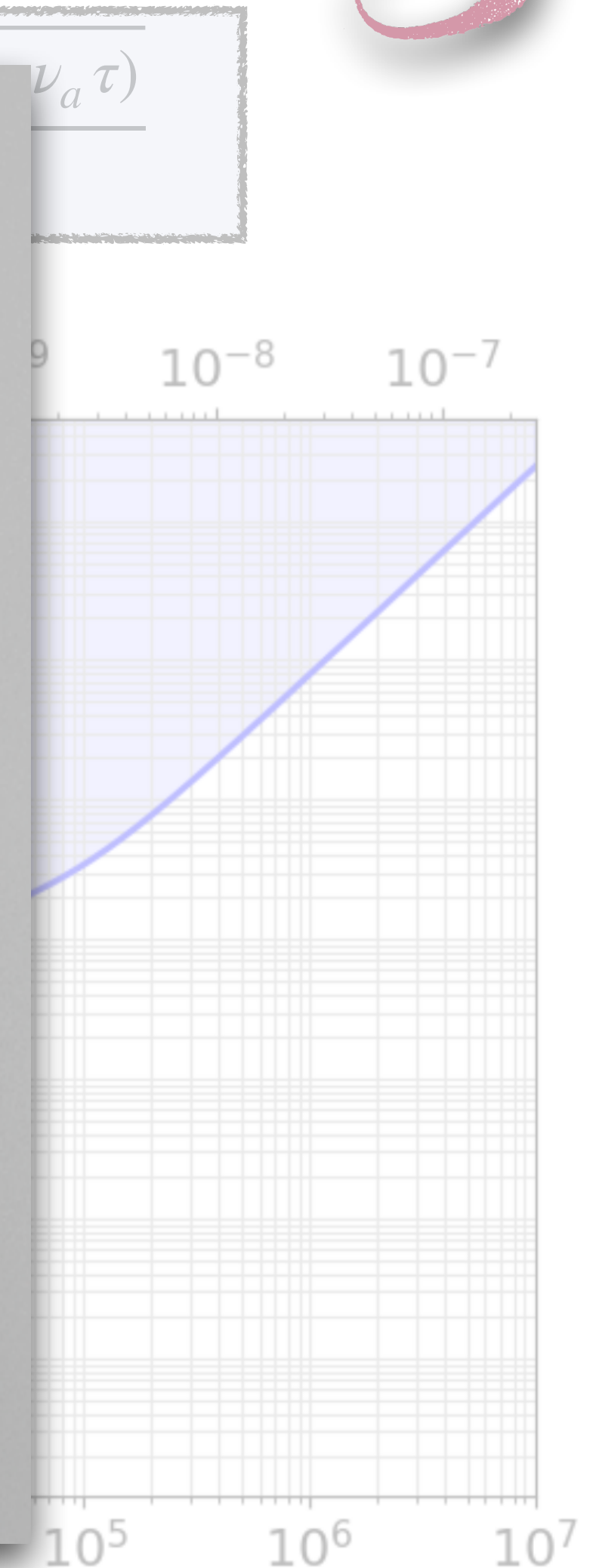
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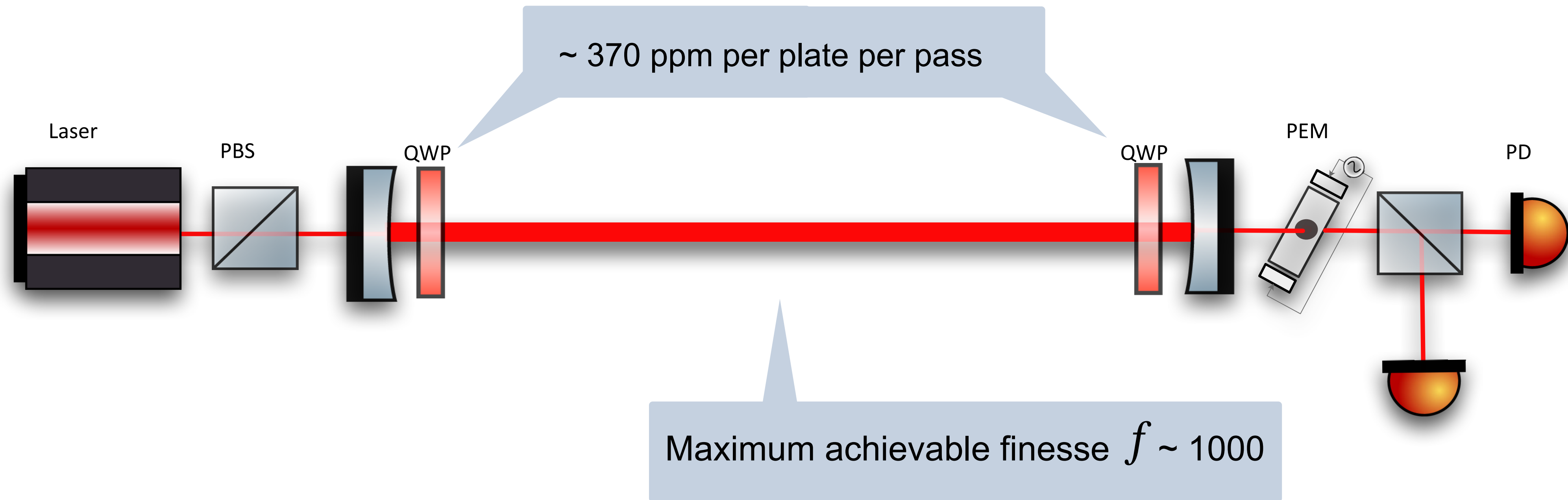


Length 1.5 m

Axion Frequency ν_a (Hz)



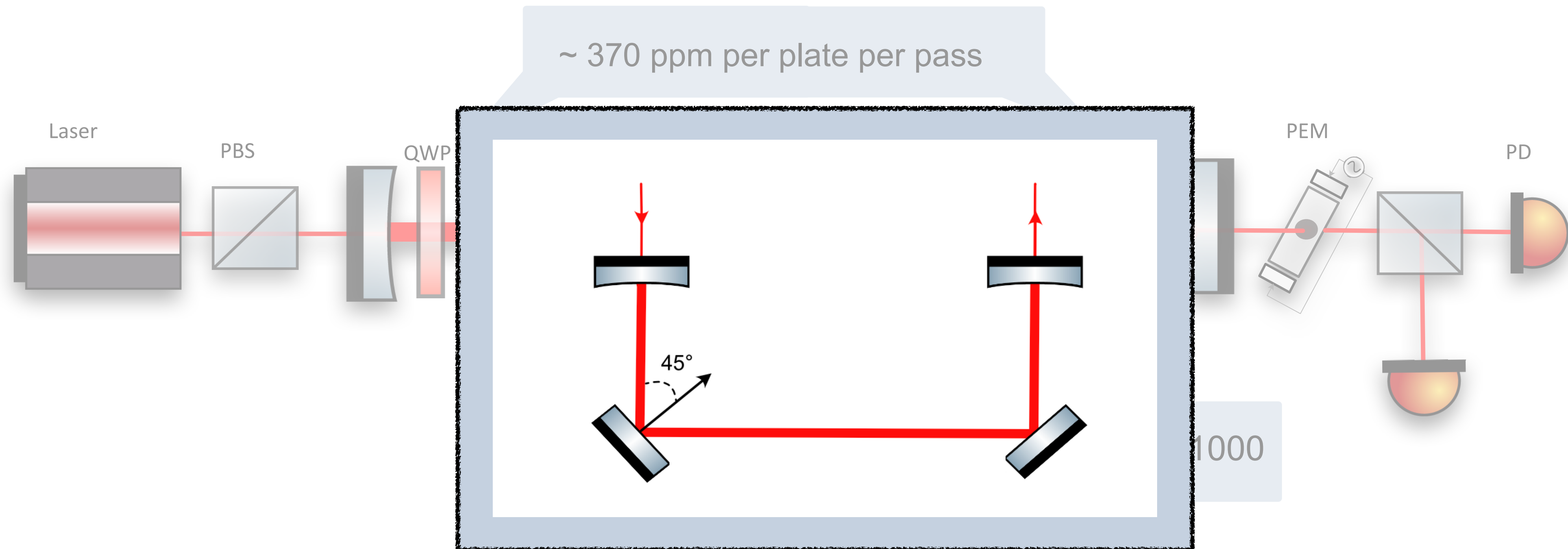
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