

Heterodyne detection of weak fields in ALPS II

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Brief introduction to axions

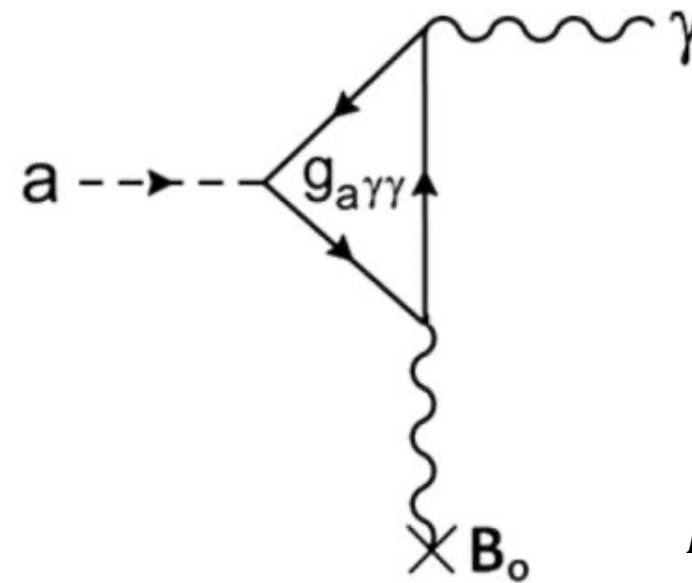
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- Axions to solve the riddle of CP-conservation in QCD
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- Excessive stellar cooling
- Dark matter candidates

Searches strategy

- Haloscopes
- Helioscopes
- Light-shining-through-walls

Sikivie effect



$$L_{a\gamma} = g_{a\gamma} \phi_a \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$$

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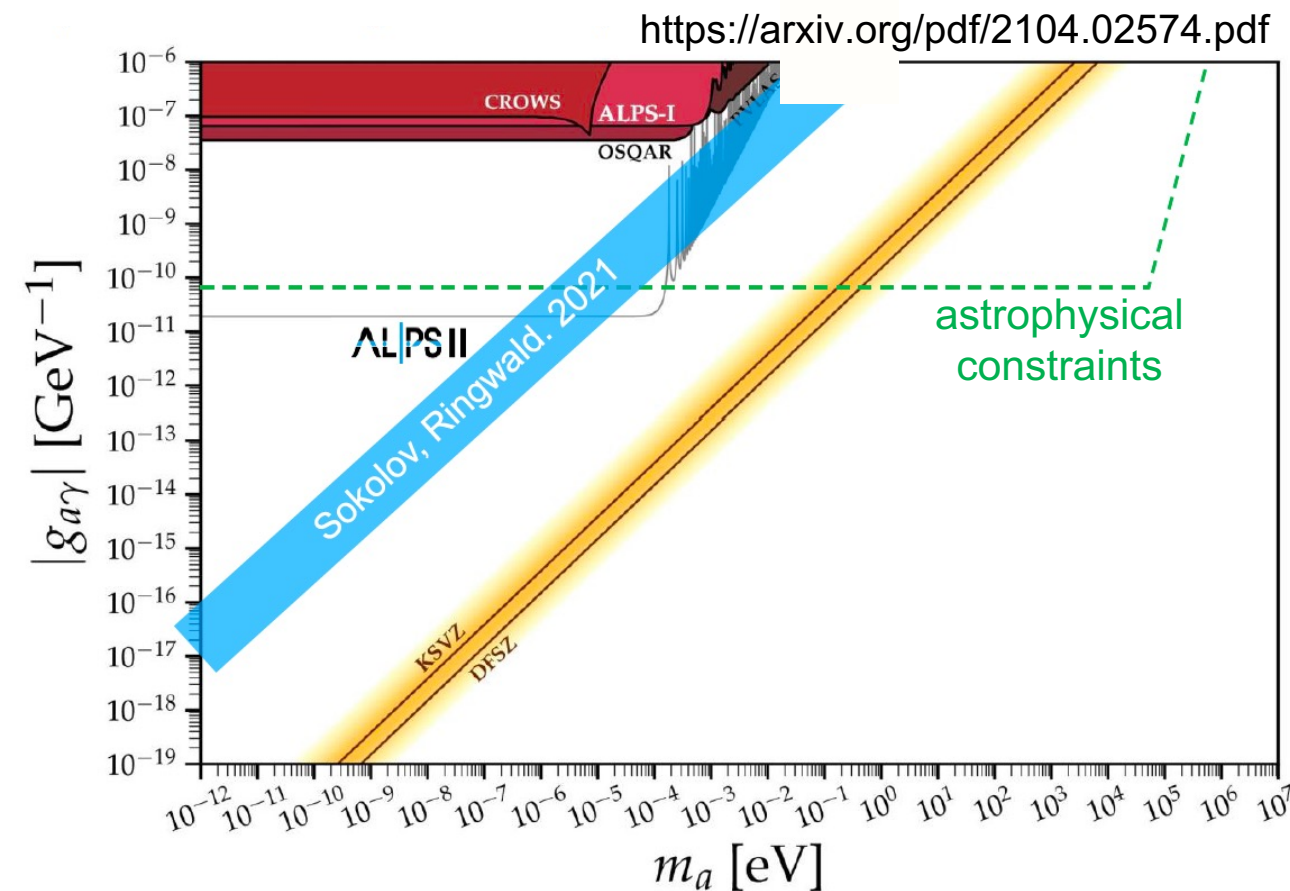
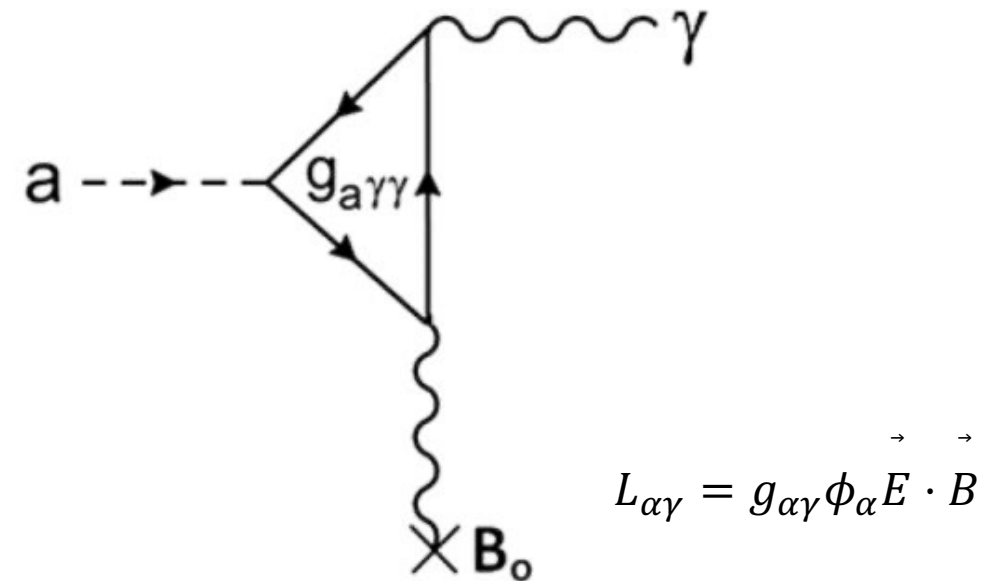
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- Haloscopes
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- **Light-shining-through-walls**

Not requiring cosmological or astrophysical assumptions

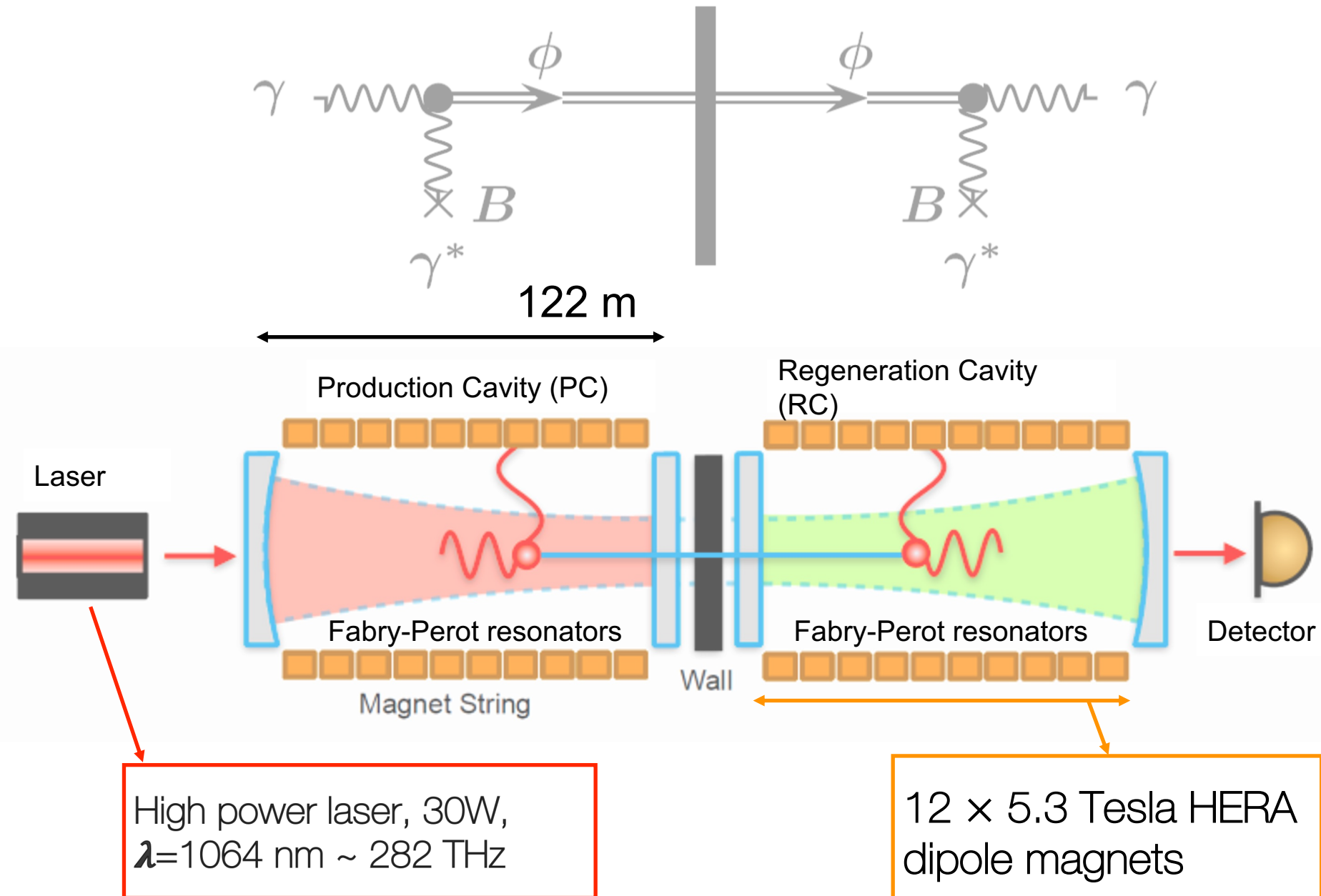
→ **ALPS II**

Sikivie effect



Any Light Particle Search II

 DESY



- Two detection systems will be used
- **HETerodyne interferometer**
 - Transition Edge Sensor

$$P(\gamma \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \gamma) = \left(\frac{g_{\alpha\gamma\gamma} B_0 L_B}{2} \right)^4 \beta_{PC} \beta_{RC}$$

More details in:

- "Recent Updates on the ALPS II experiment"
- "A TES for ALPS II – Status and Prospects"
- "Further dark matter searches using ALPS II's TES detector"
- Gulden Othman
- José Alejandro Rubiera Gimeno
- Christina Schwemmbauer

ALPS II achievements

- Installation of ALPS II began in 2019



- In March 2022 the magnet string was successfully tested
- Completion of the whole installation in September 2022



Laser

Wall

Detector

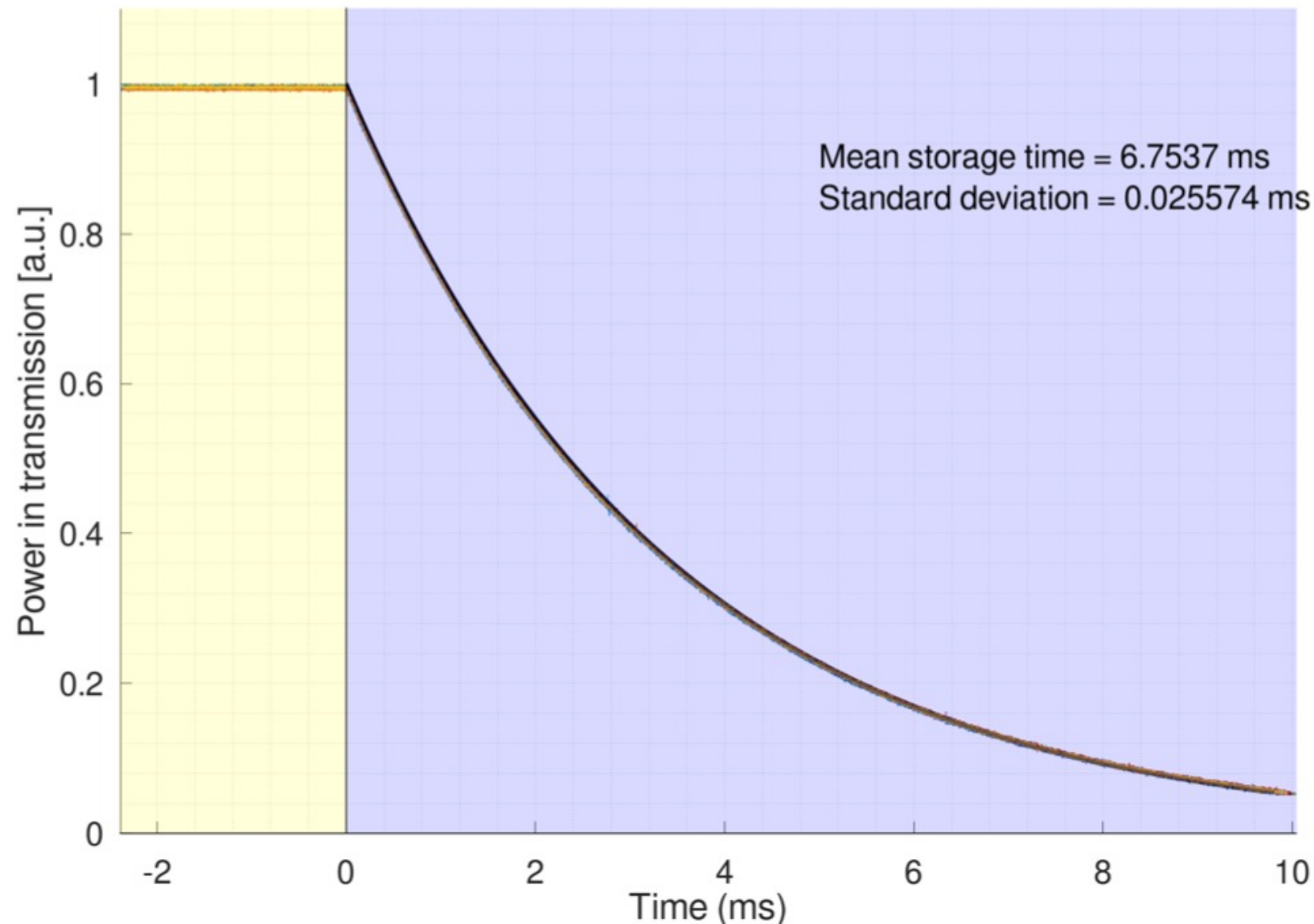
ALPS II achievements - World-record

Longest storage time Fabry Perot cavity ever!

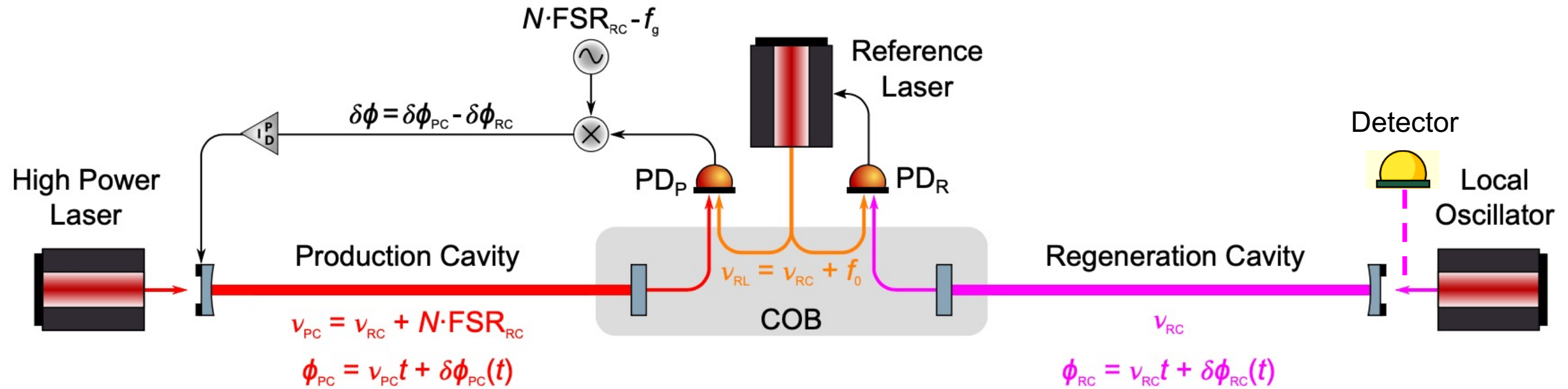
- Length: 124.6m, FSR: 1.22 MHz
- Storage time: **6.75 ms**



ALPS II RC Cavity Storage Time



ALPS II's first science run scheme

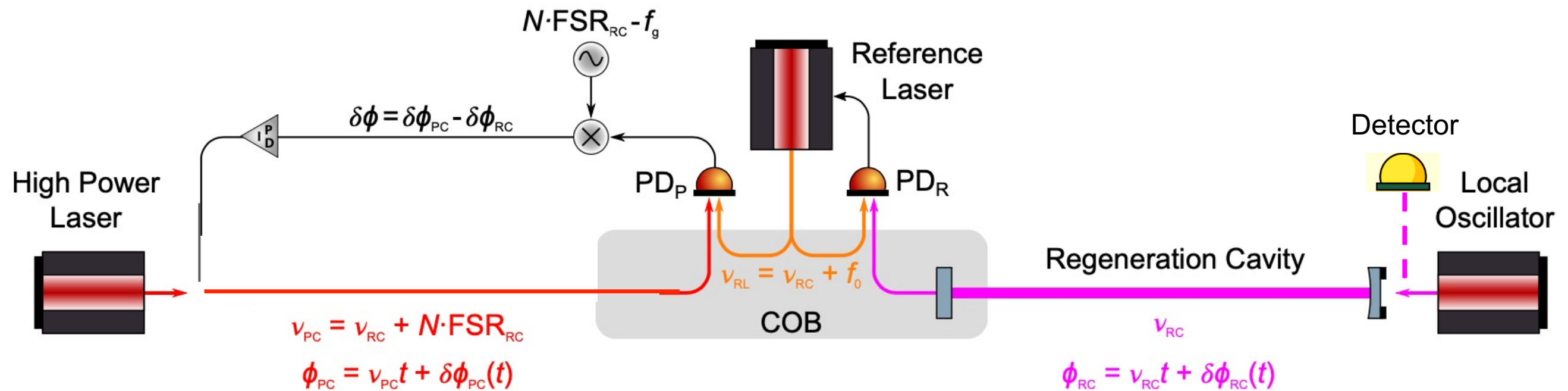


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ALPS II's early science run scheme

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2010.02334.pdf>



Amplifies circulating power before the wall

Amplifies electromagnetic component of the axion field

In ~a month the early science run will take place w/o the PC optimal for stray light hunting

!

Already a factor 100 beyond earlier LSW experiments!

$$N_\gamma = \frac{1}{16} (g_{\alpha\gamma\gamma} BL)^4 \eta \beta_{RC} P_{RC} \tau$$

- $g_{\alpha\gamma\gamma} = 2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$

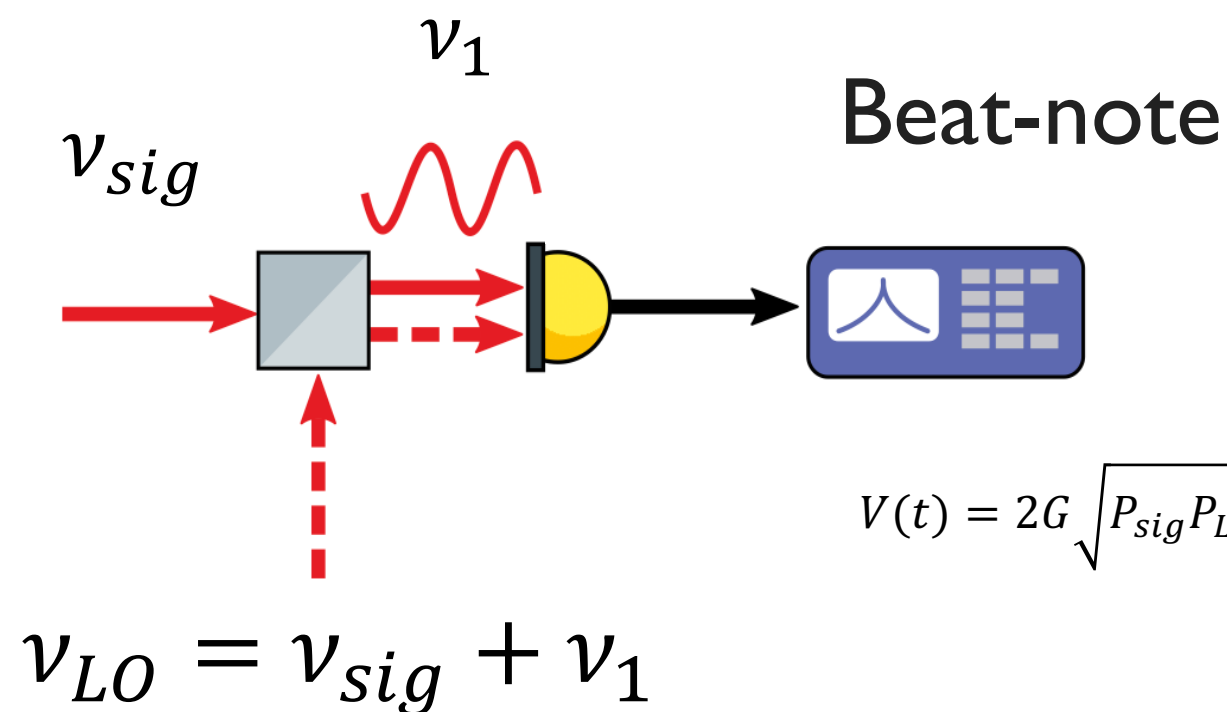
- $5000 < \beta < 8000$

- $P_c = 40 \text{ W}$

HETerodyne: Coherent detection

- The term has its root in the greek words 'heteros' (other) 'dynamis' (force)

New frequencies are created by mixing two frequencies



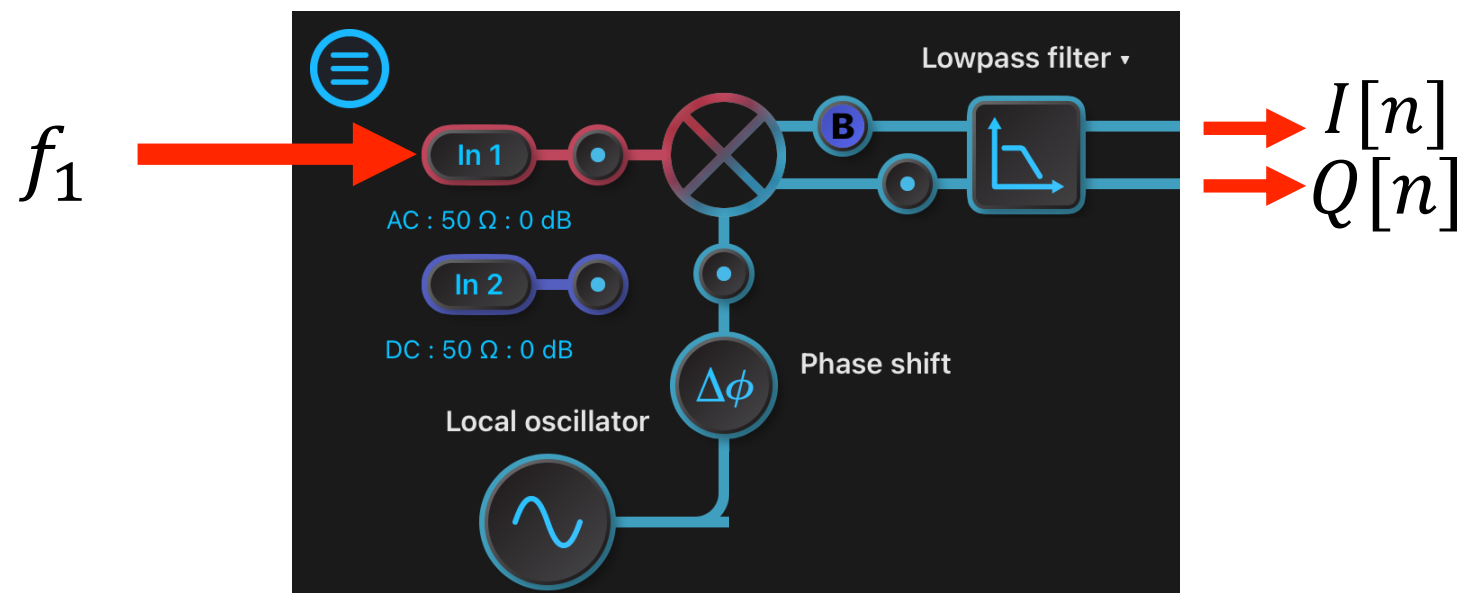
$$V(t) = 2G \sqrt{P_{sig} P_{LO}} \cos(2\pi\nu_0 t + \Delta\phi)$$



$$\Delta\phi = \phi_{sig} - \phi_{LO}$$

Sum the amplitude of the beat-note over a long time.

Signal extraction



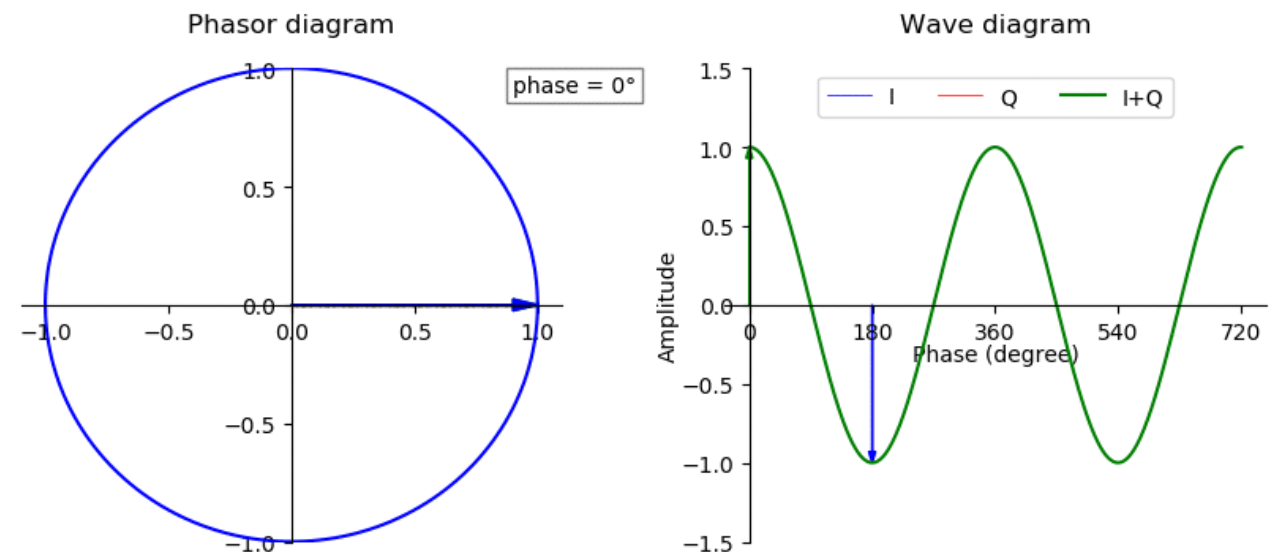
To recover amplitude information $\rightarrow$ **I/Q demodulation**

- $I[n] = x[n] \times \cos(2\pi f'_0 \cdot t)$
- $Q[n] = x[n] \times \sin(2\pi f'_0 \cdot t)$

$$f_{dem} = f_1 + f'_0$$

Sampling rate

- Nyquist frequency
- $f_s > 2 \times f'_0$



Photon flux extraction

From $I[n]$ and $Q[n]$

$$z[N] = \frac{(\sum_i^N I[n])^2 + (\sum_i^N Q[n])^2}{N^2}$$

Number of photons

$$N_\gamma = \frac{z[N]}{G^2 P_{LO} h\nu}$$

Photon flux extraction - Signal

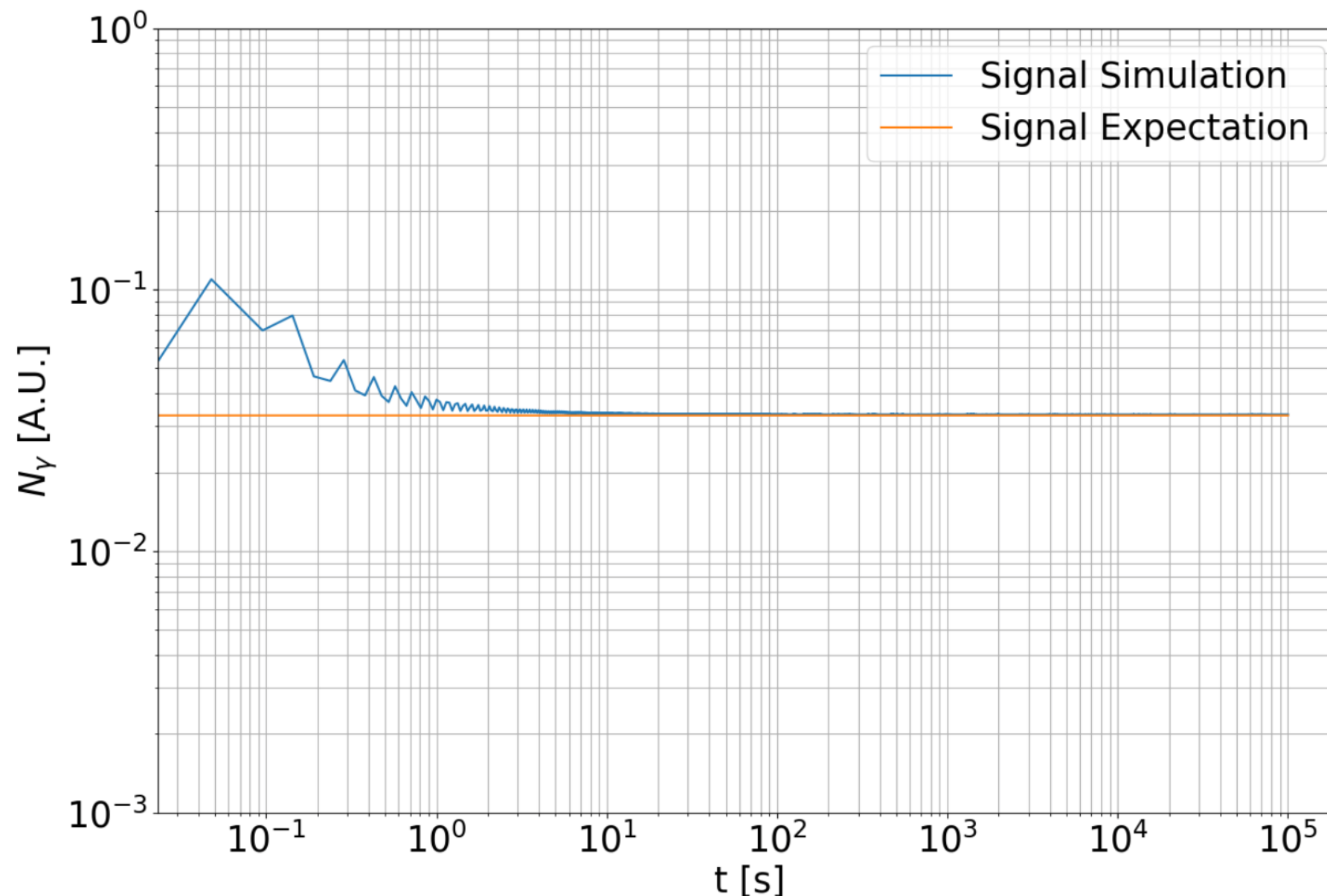
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Signal

Will sum coherently

- $N_{\gamma} \propto P_{sig}$

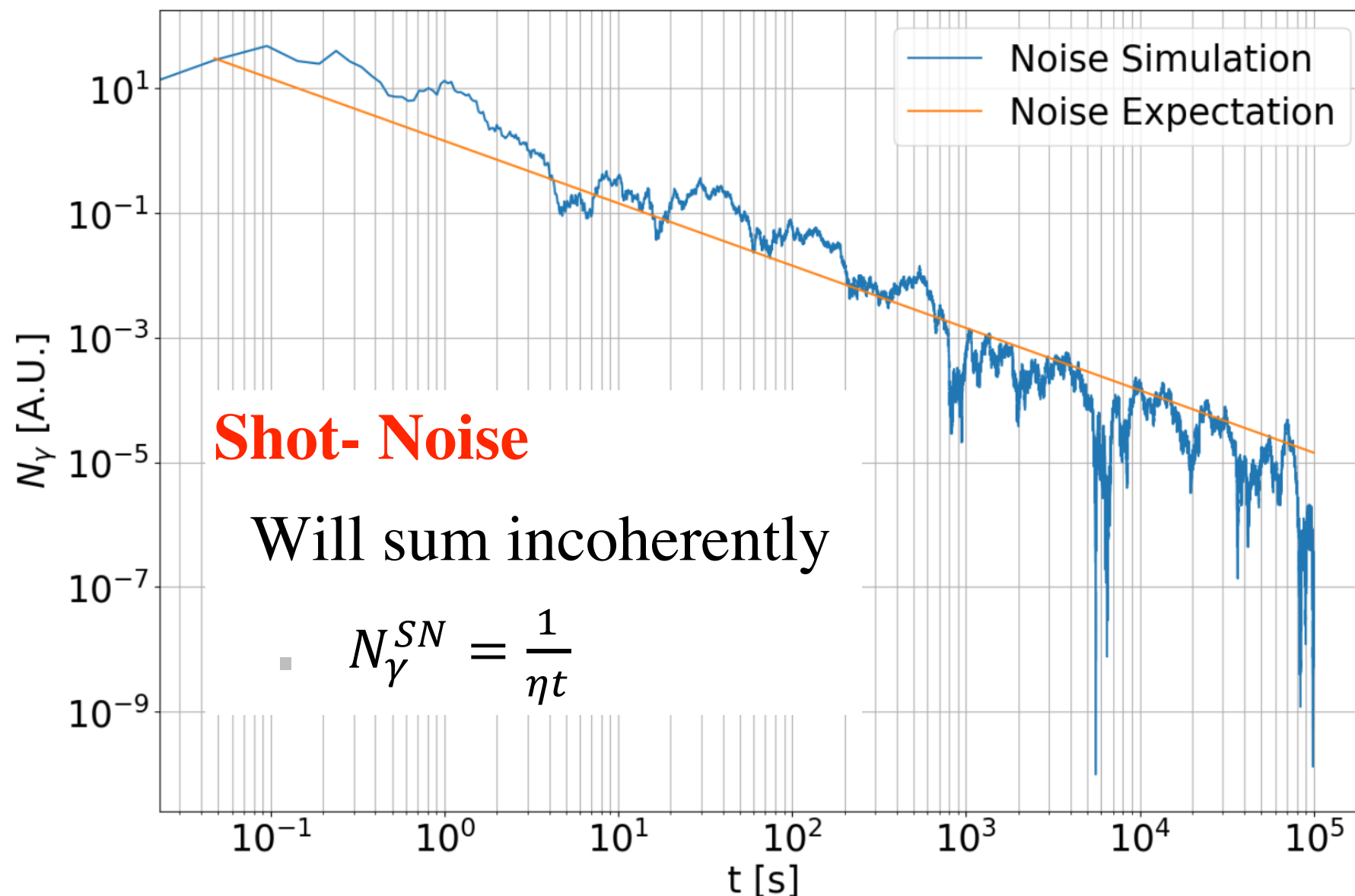


Photon flux extraction - Noise

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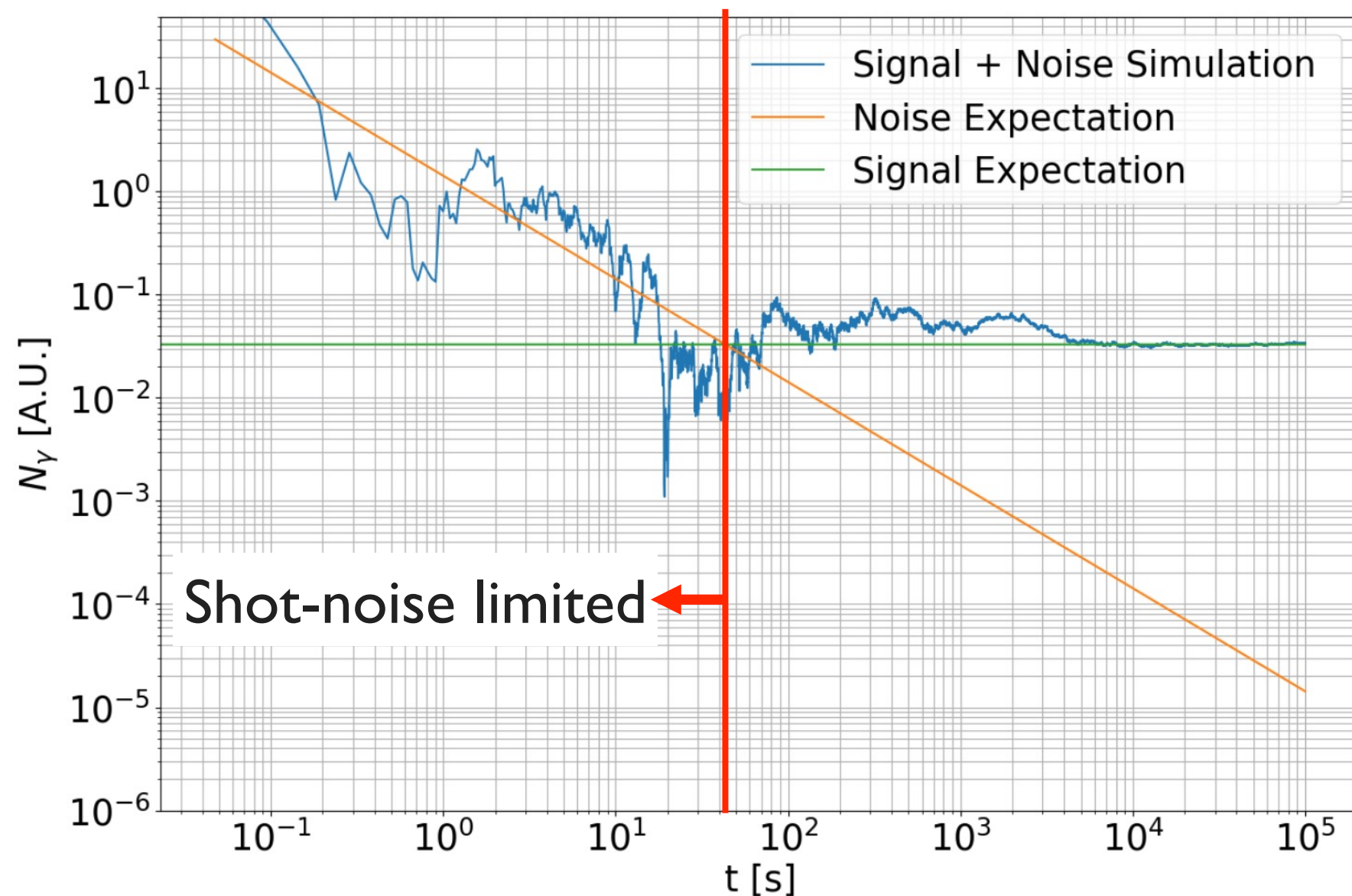
Technical noises for HET mitigated by increasing the LO power



Photon flux extraction - Signal + Noise

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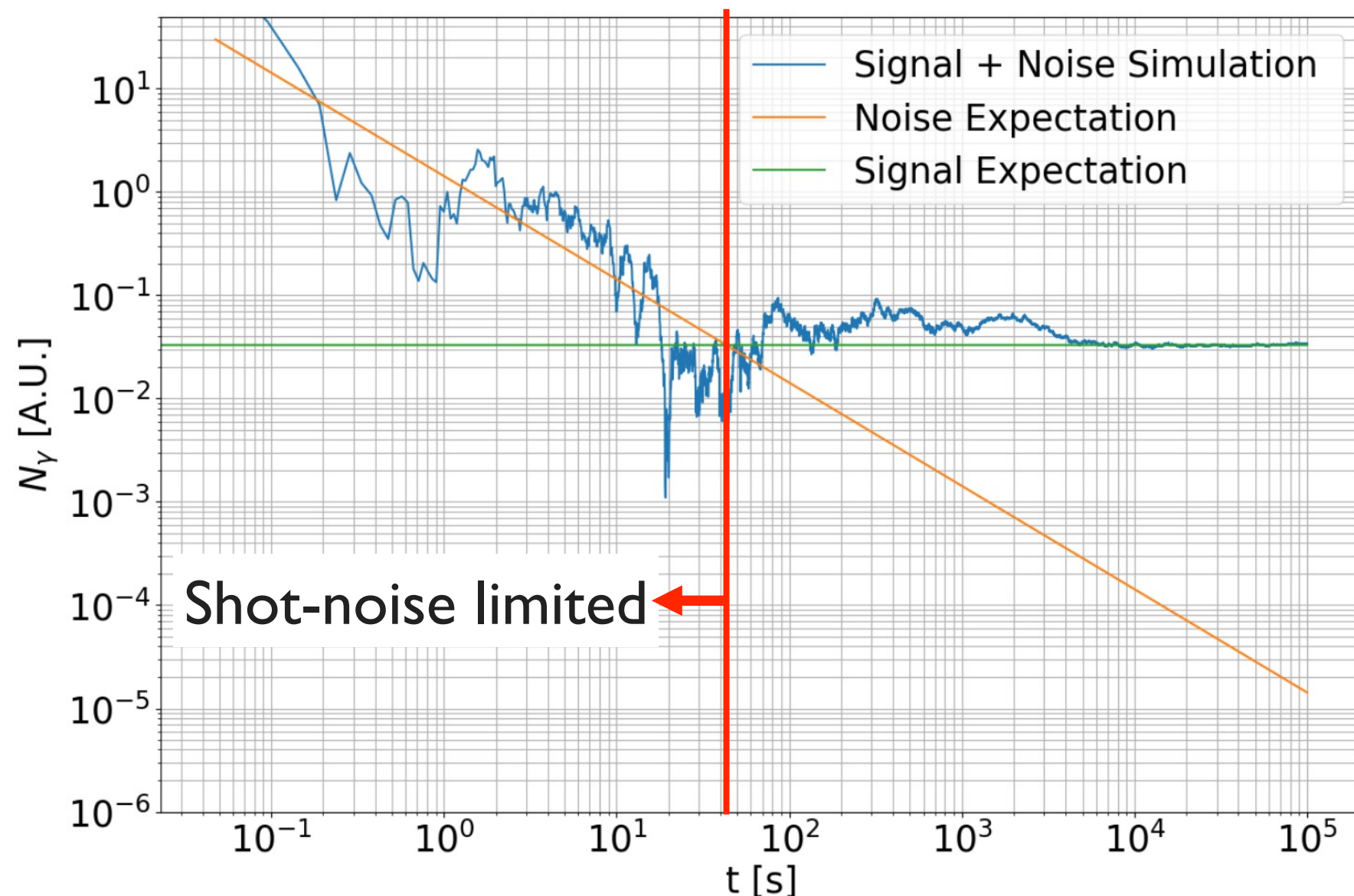


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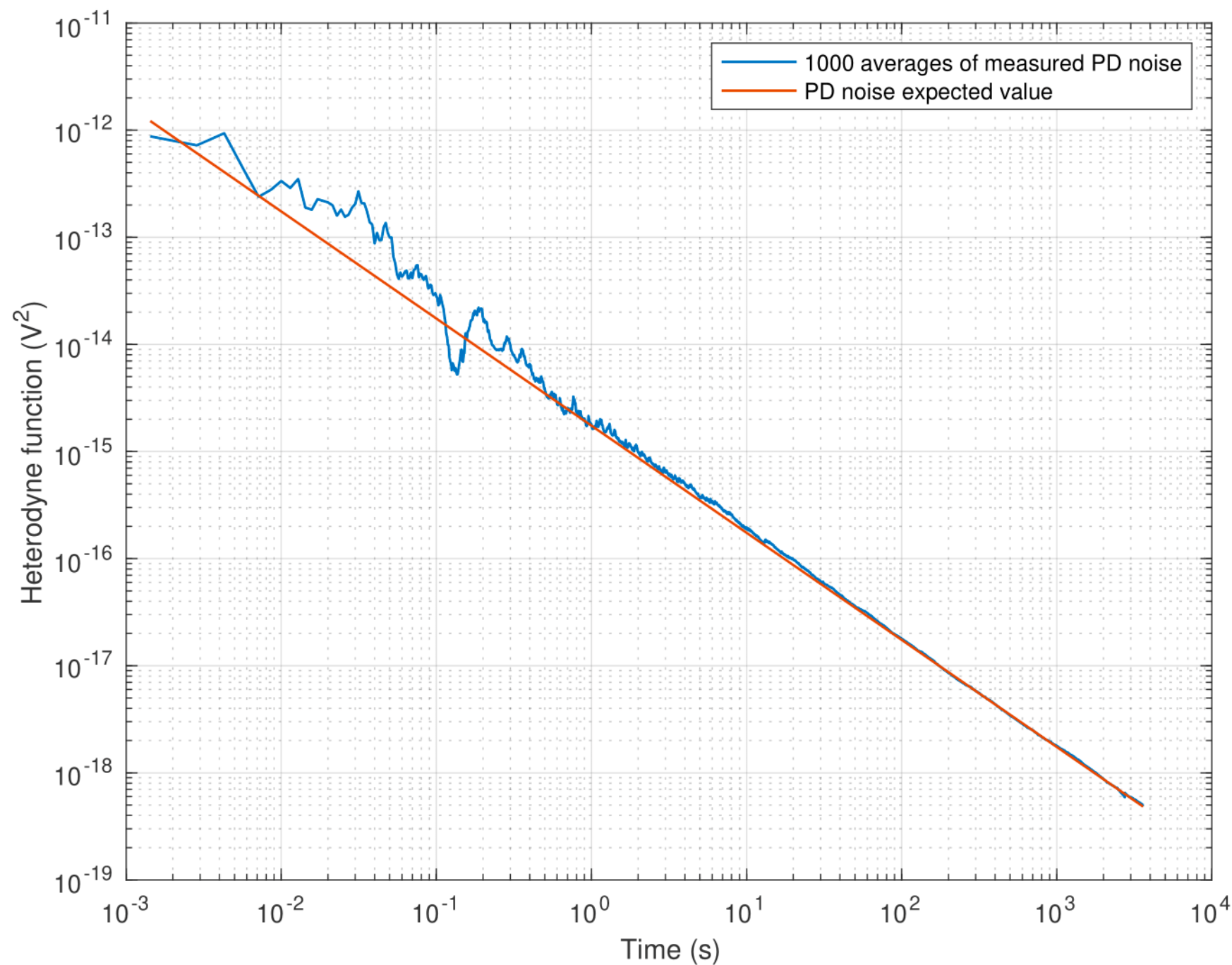
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ALPS II integration time: ~20
days



Shot-noise measurement



**Measurement
agrees with
expectation!!**

Conclusion

- Axions and Axion-like particles are **well-motivated** BSM particles
- LSW: Checking astrophysical observations in a **model-independent** way
- ALPS II installation began in 2019 and was completed in September 2022
- The **shot noise** is measured using the HET and demonstrated to **agree** with the expectation
- **First data taking** is expected in a **few months** and will take place with a reduced optical system to simplify operation and allow for more systematic tests



Backup

$$I/Q \rightarrow N_\gamma$$

- A combination of the I and Q function measure the photon flux

$$x_{sig}(t) = A \cos(2\pi f_{sig}t + \phi)$$

$$\begin{cases} I = x_{sig} \cos(2\pi f_{sig}t) = A \cos(2\pi f_{sig}t + \phi) \cos(2\pi f_{sig}t) \\ Q = x_{sig} \sin(2\pi f_{sig}t) = A \cos(2\pi f_{sig}t + \phi) \sin(2\pi f_{sig}t) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} I = \frac{A}{2} [\cos(\phi) + \cos(4\pi f_{sig}t + \phi)] \\ Q = \frac{A}{2} [\sin(\phi) + \cos(4\pi f_{sig}t + \phi)] \end{cases}$$

$$z = I^2 + Q^2 = \frac{A^2}{4} \propto N_\gamma$$

COB

