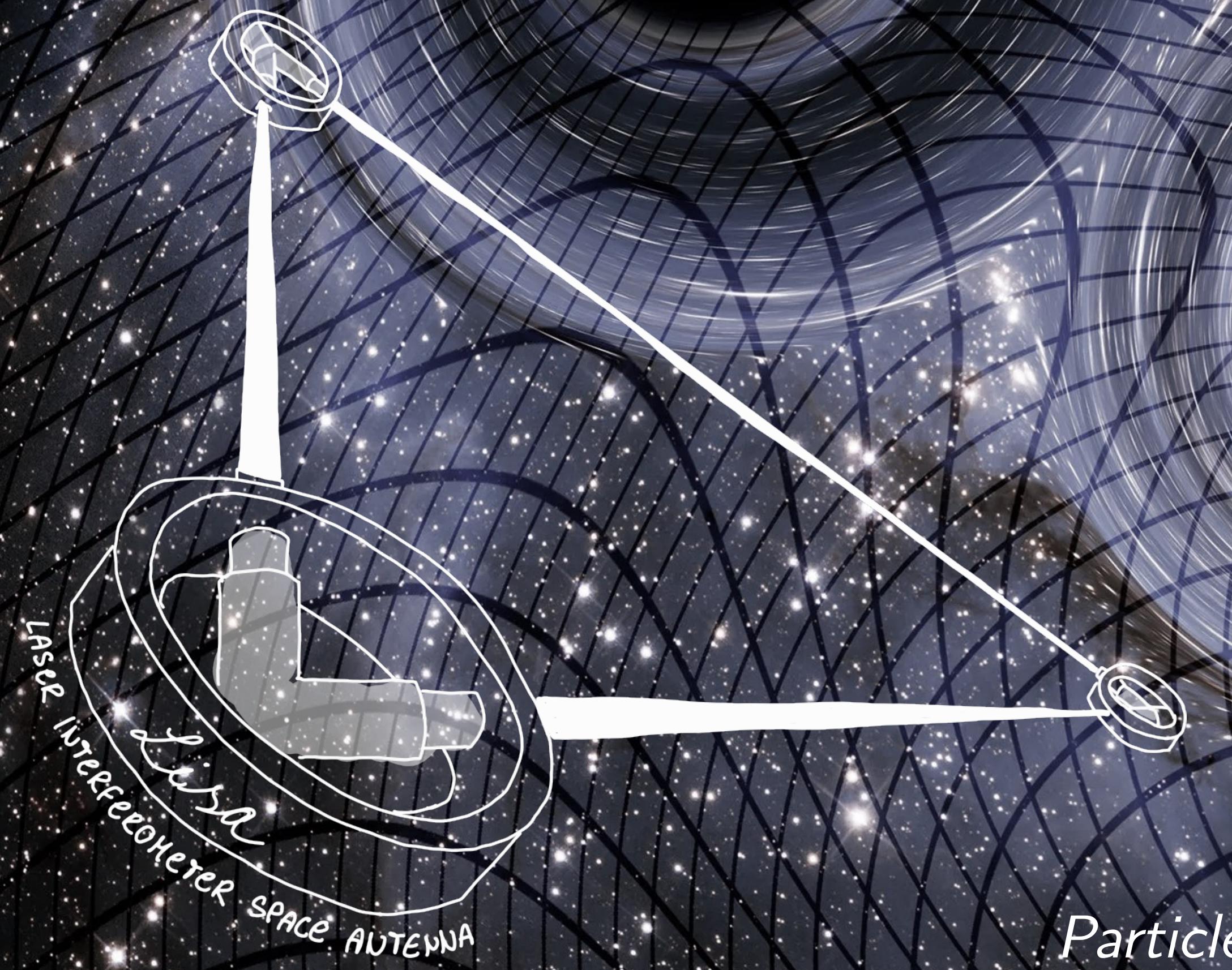


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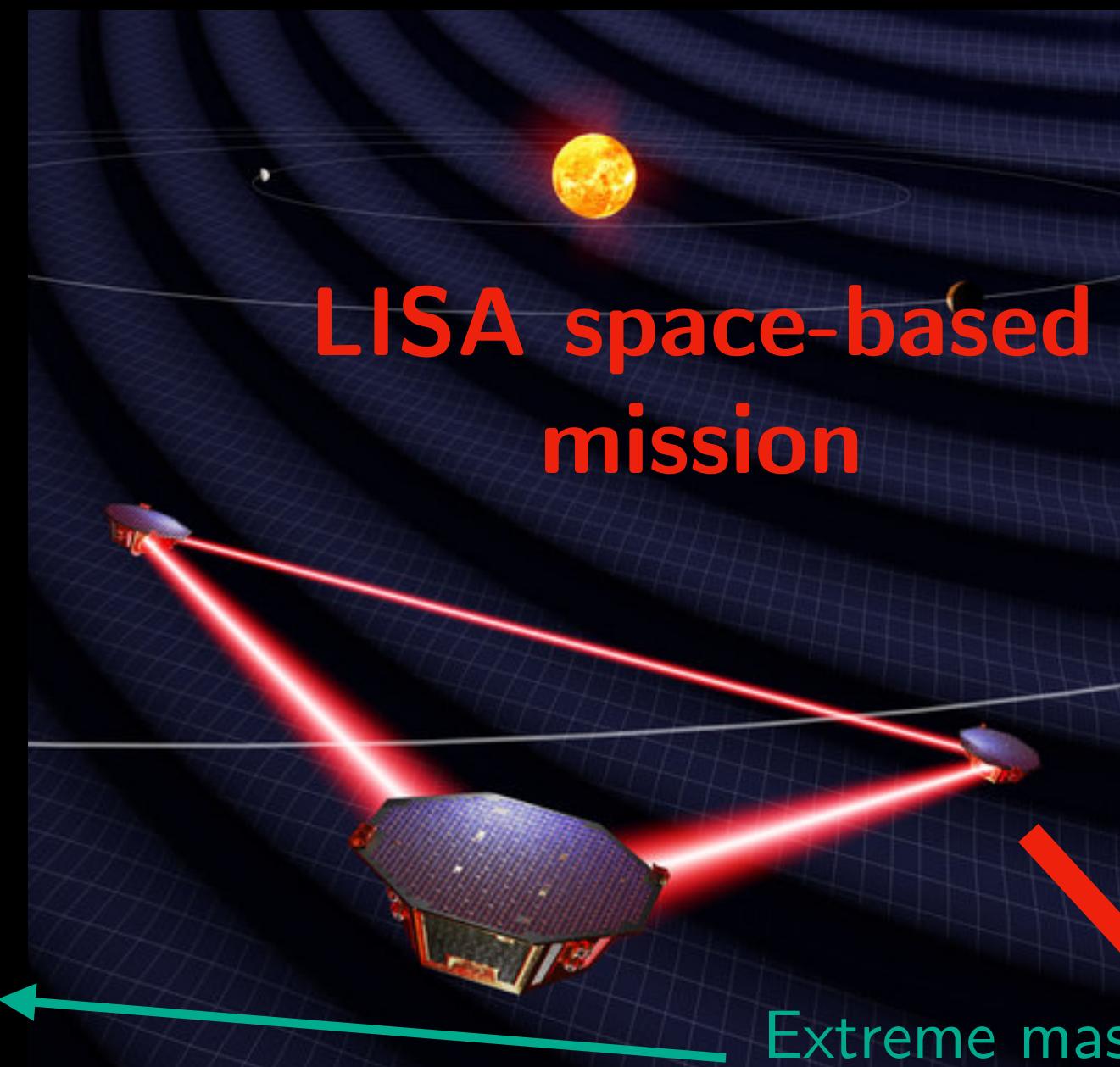
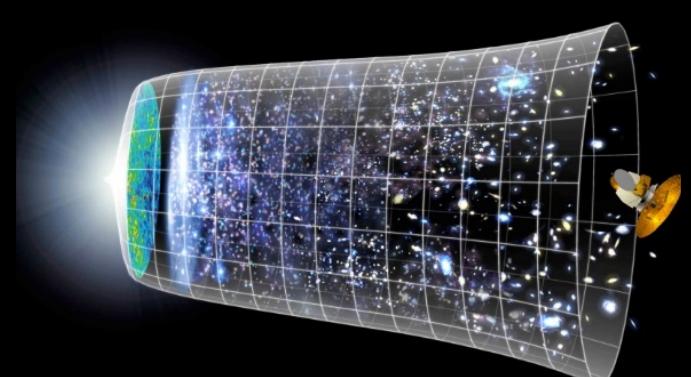
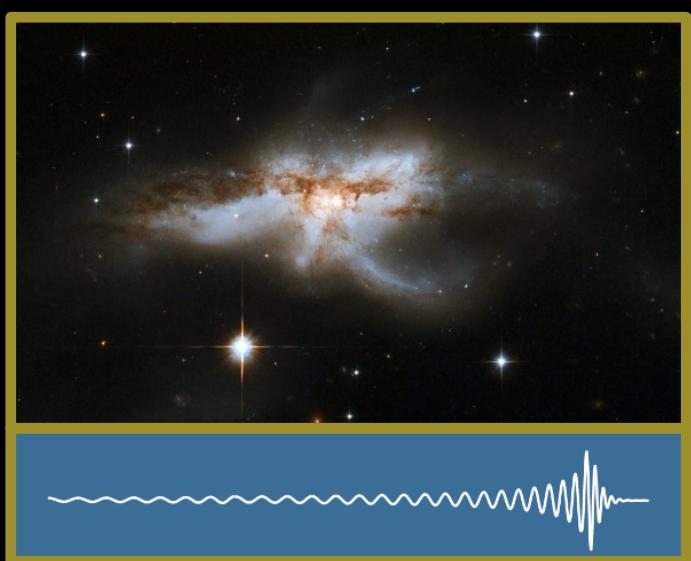
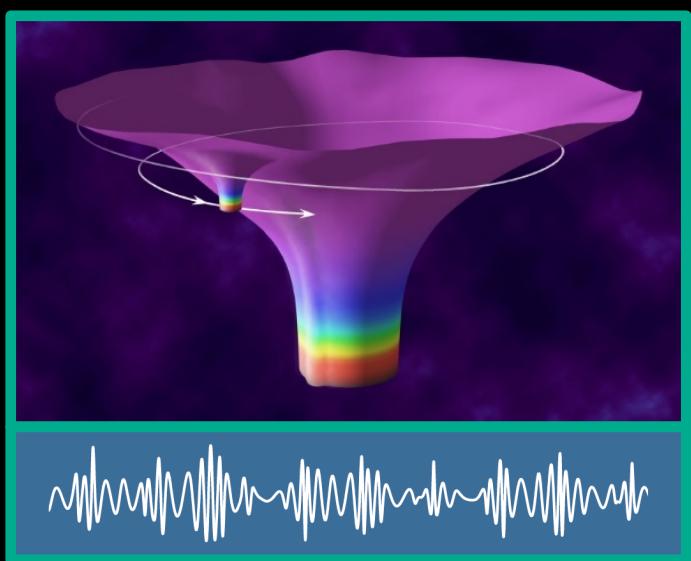
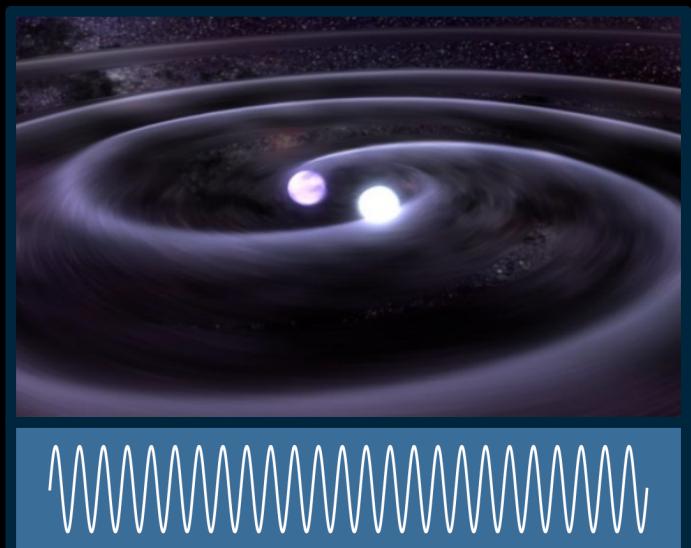
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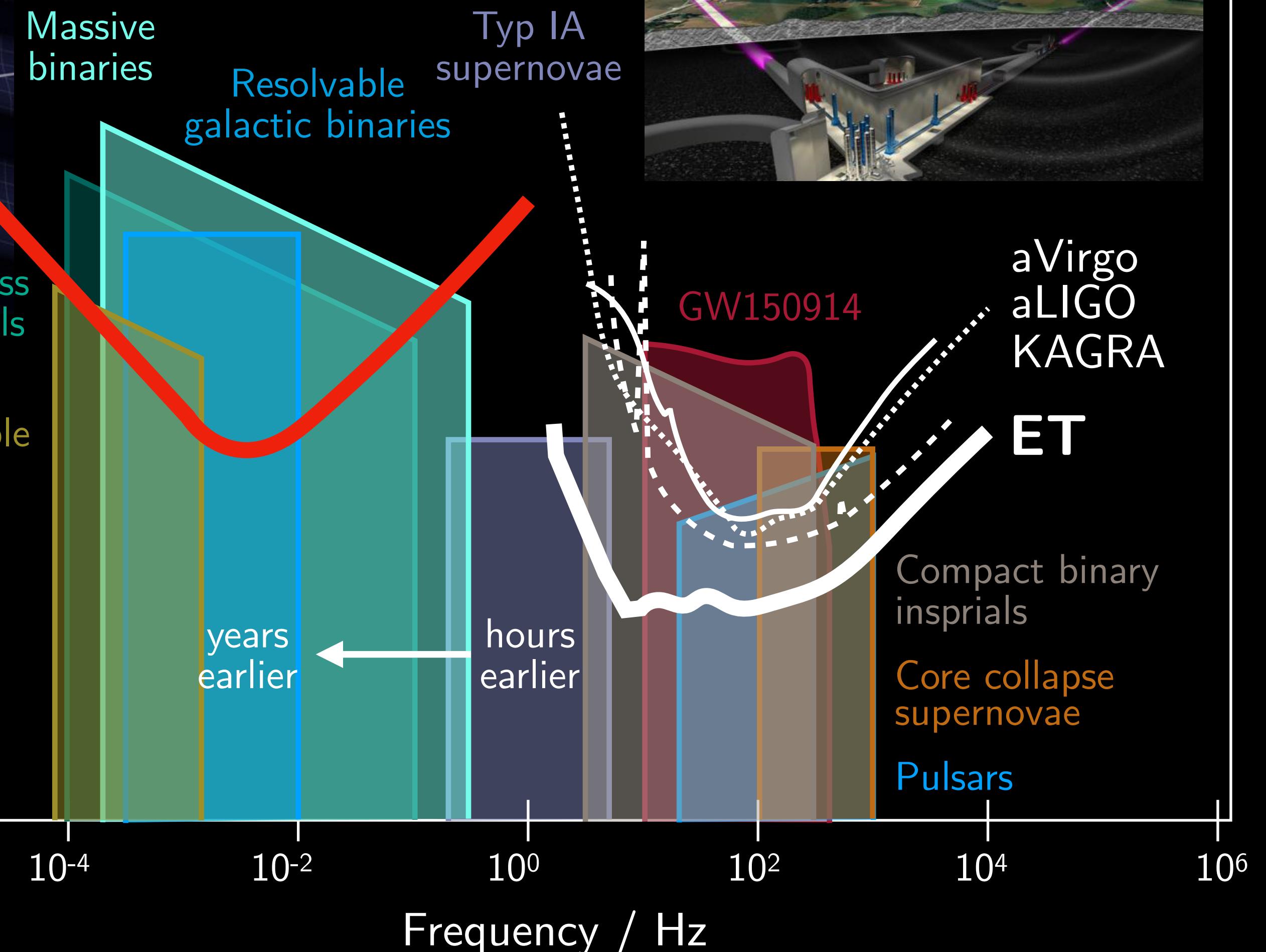
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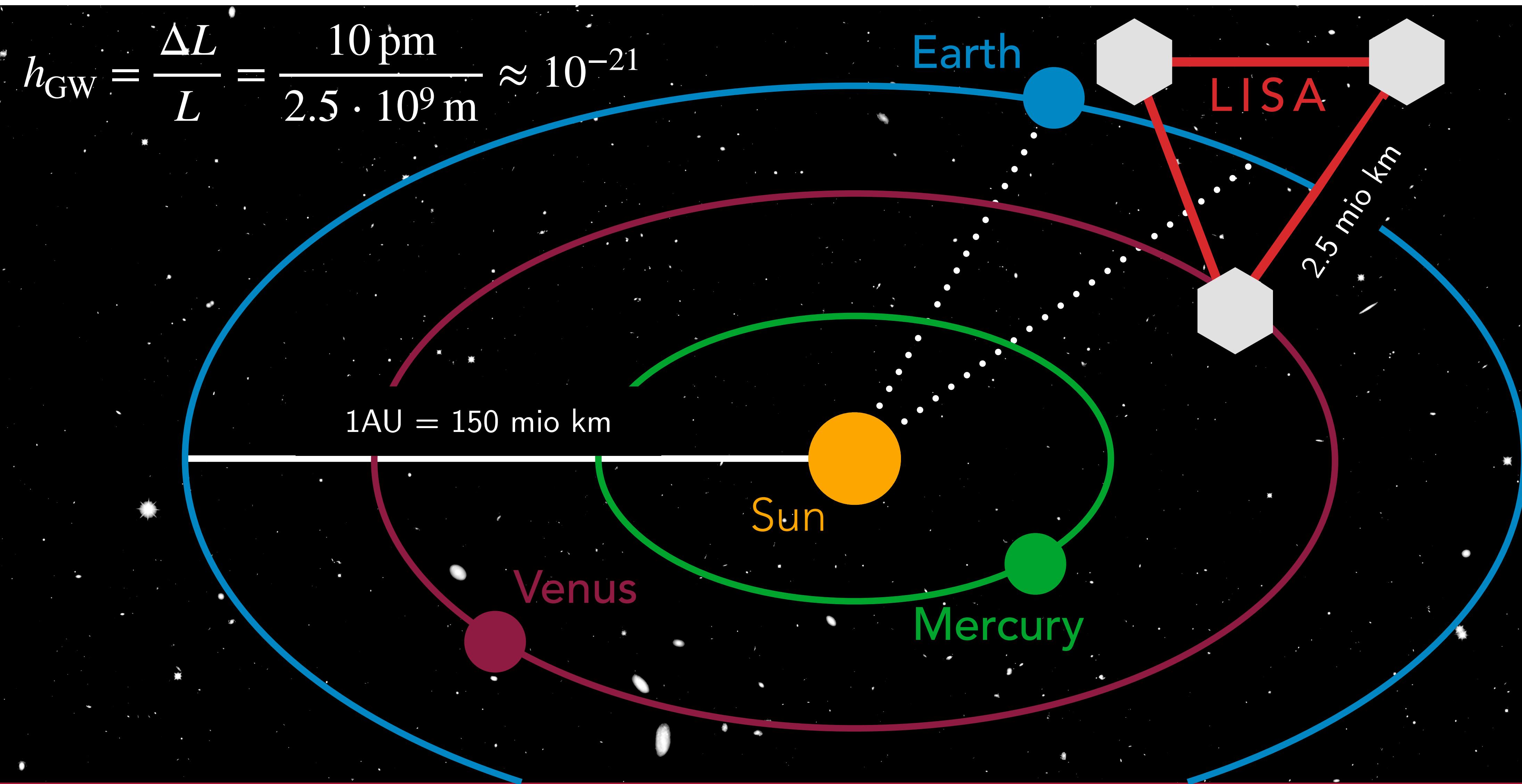
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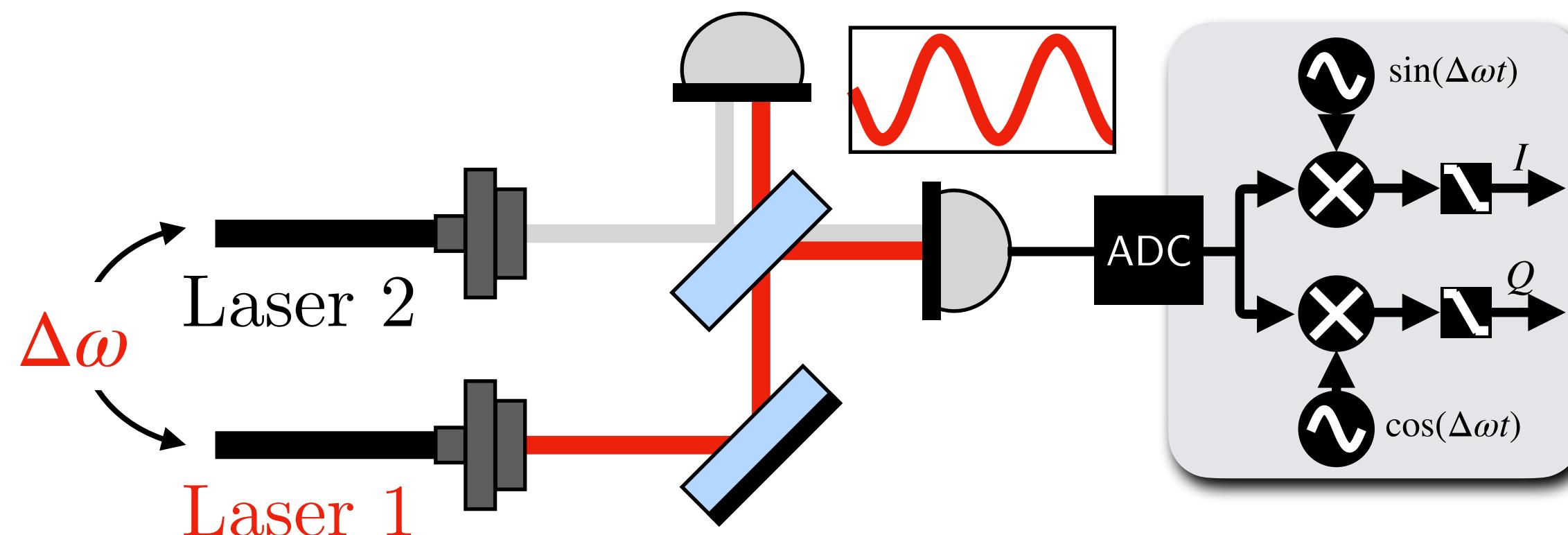


Laser Interferometer Space Antenna



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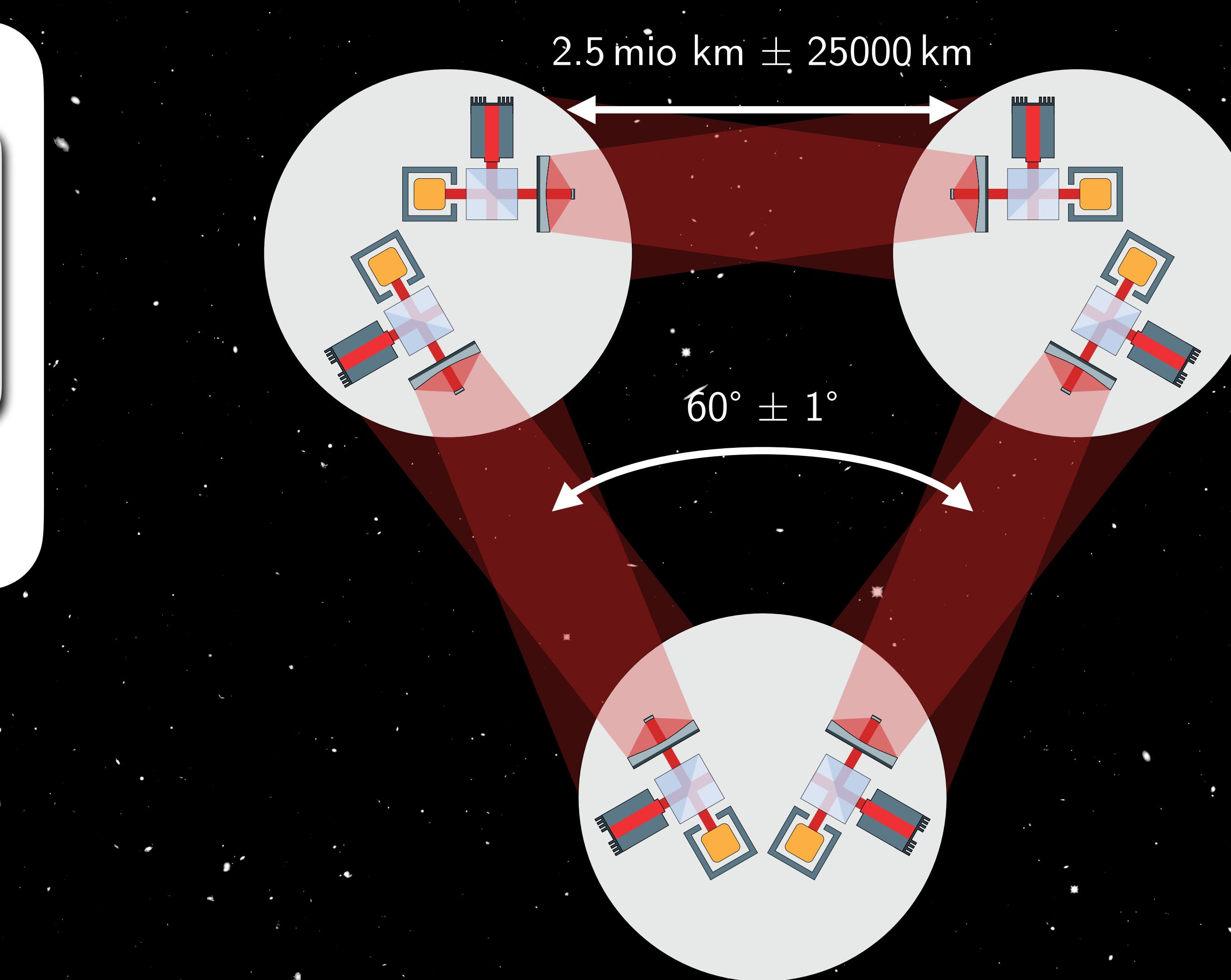
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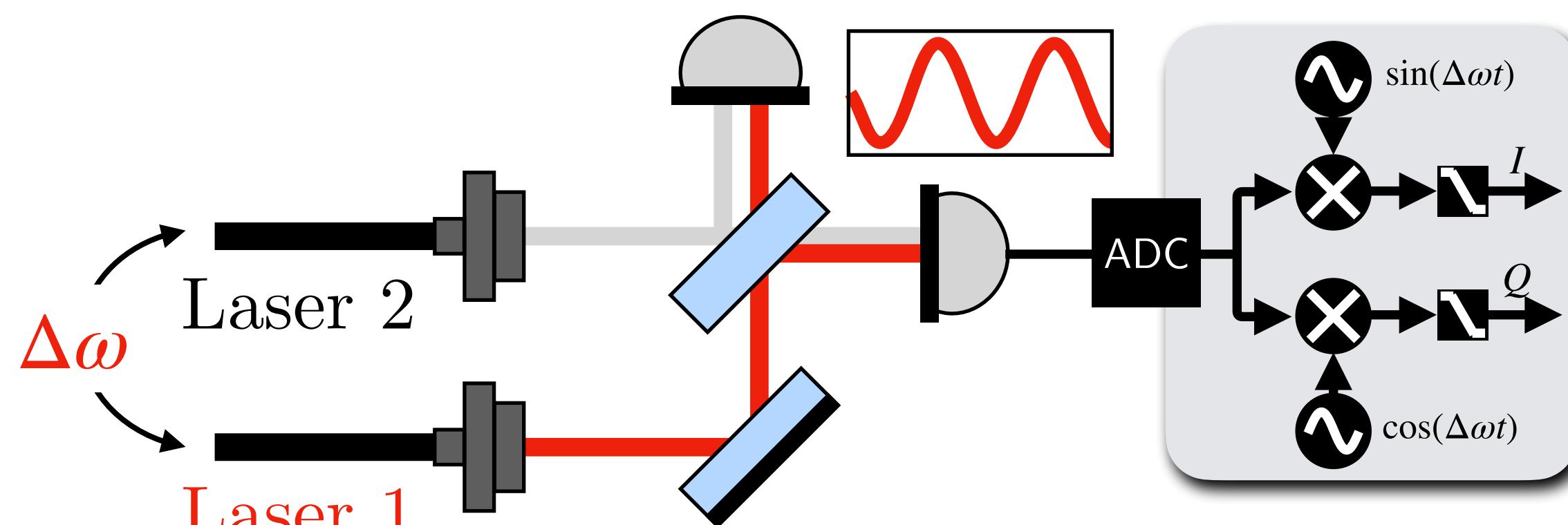
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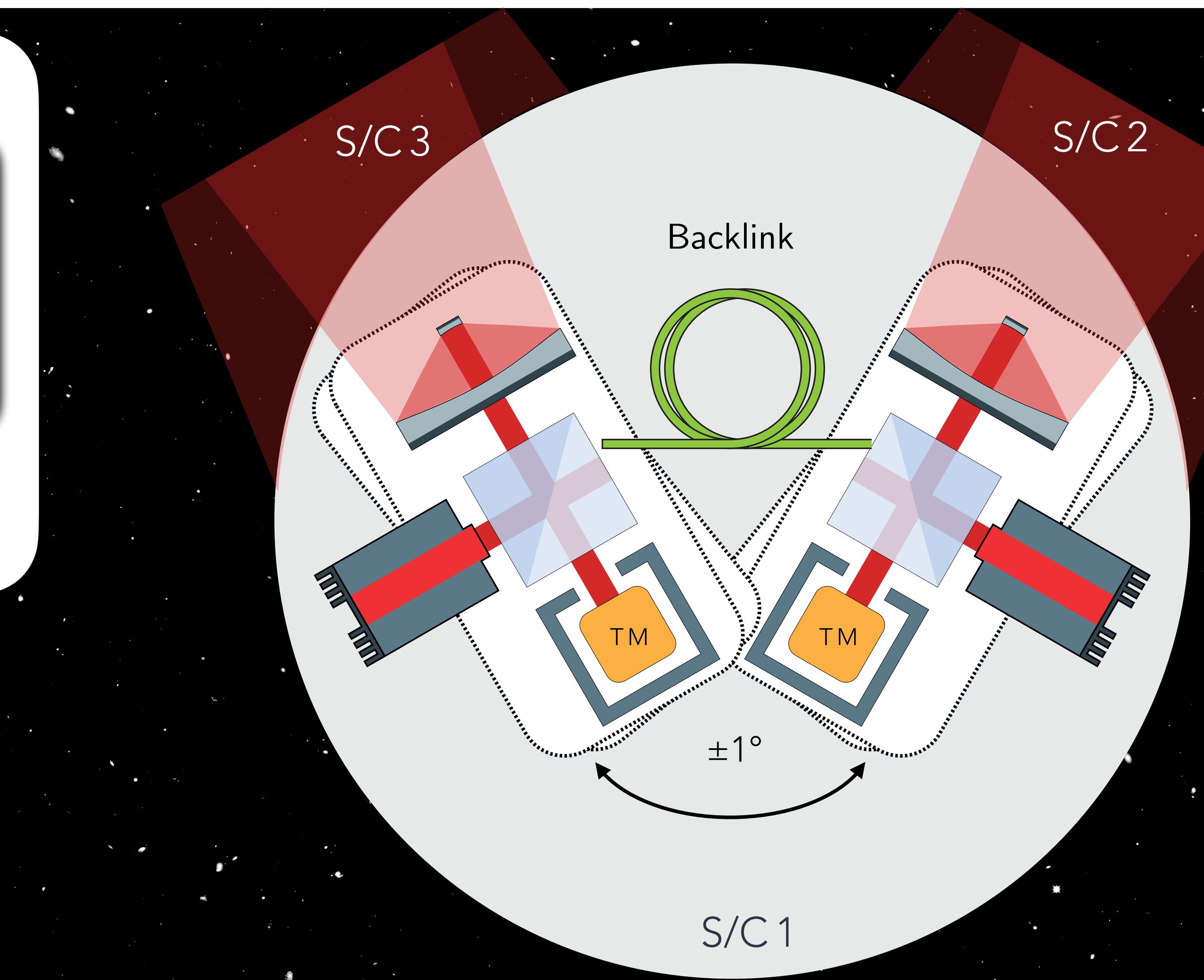
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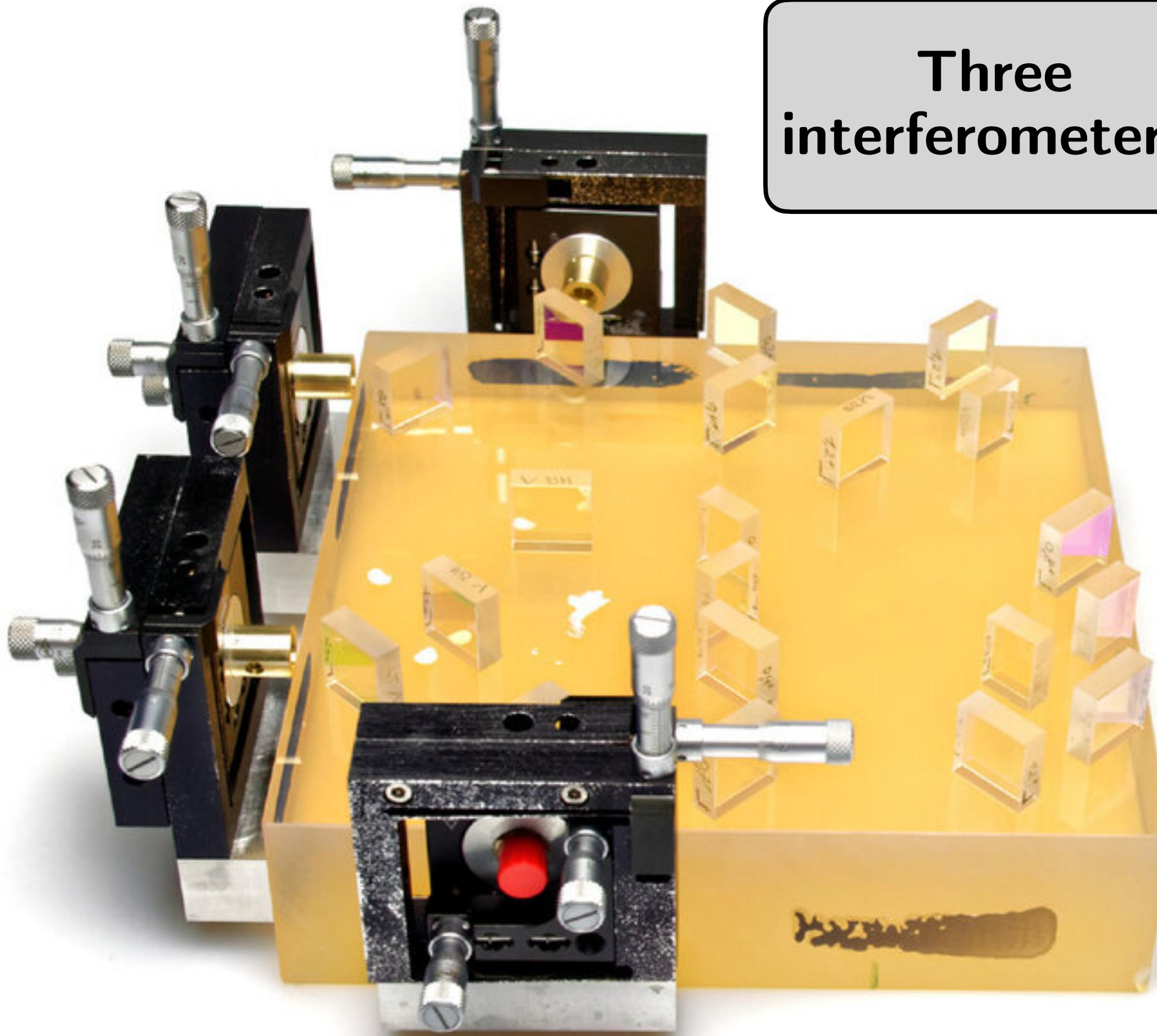
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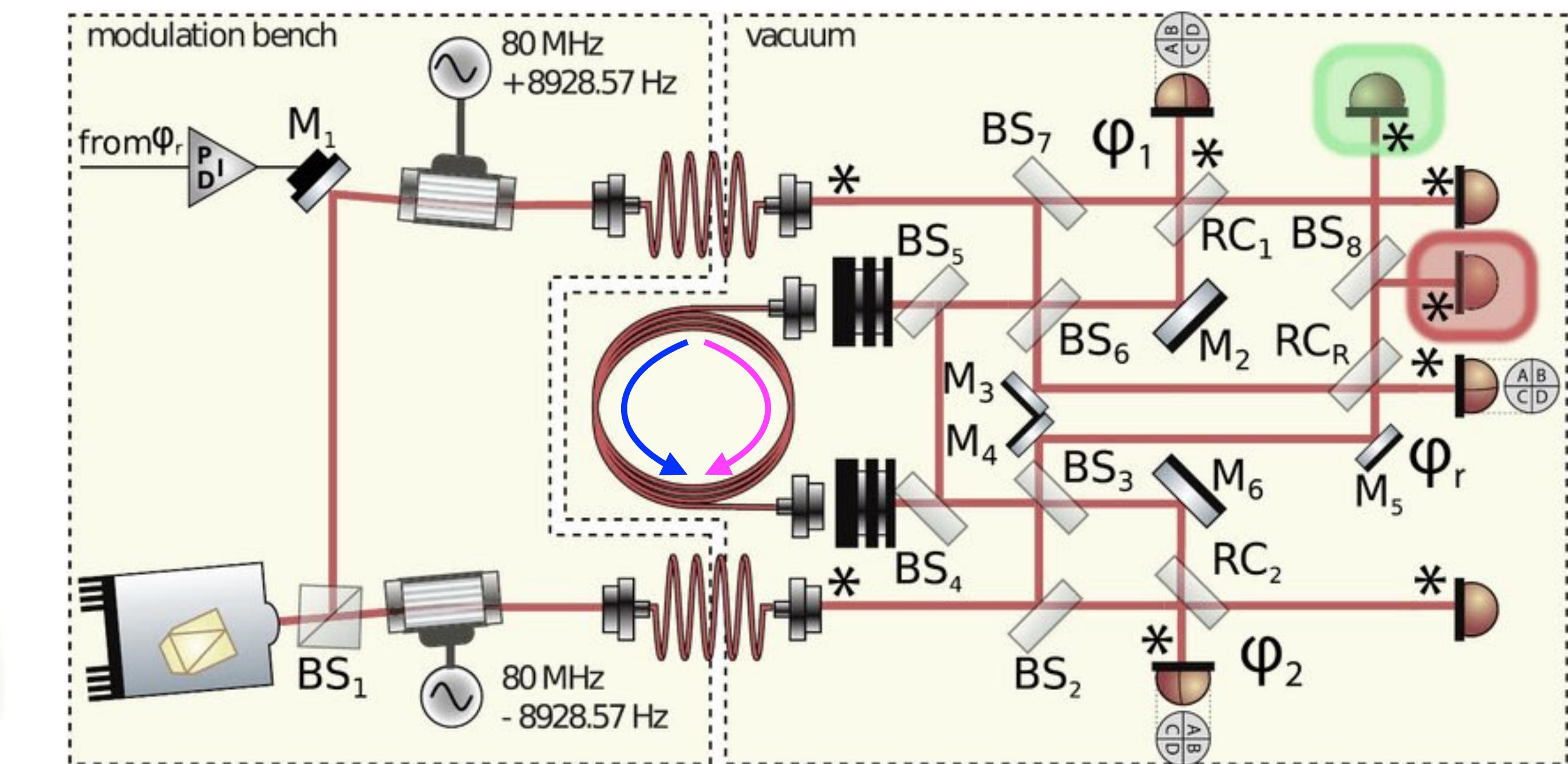


Three
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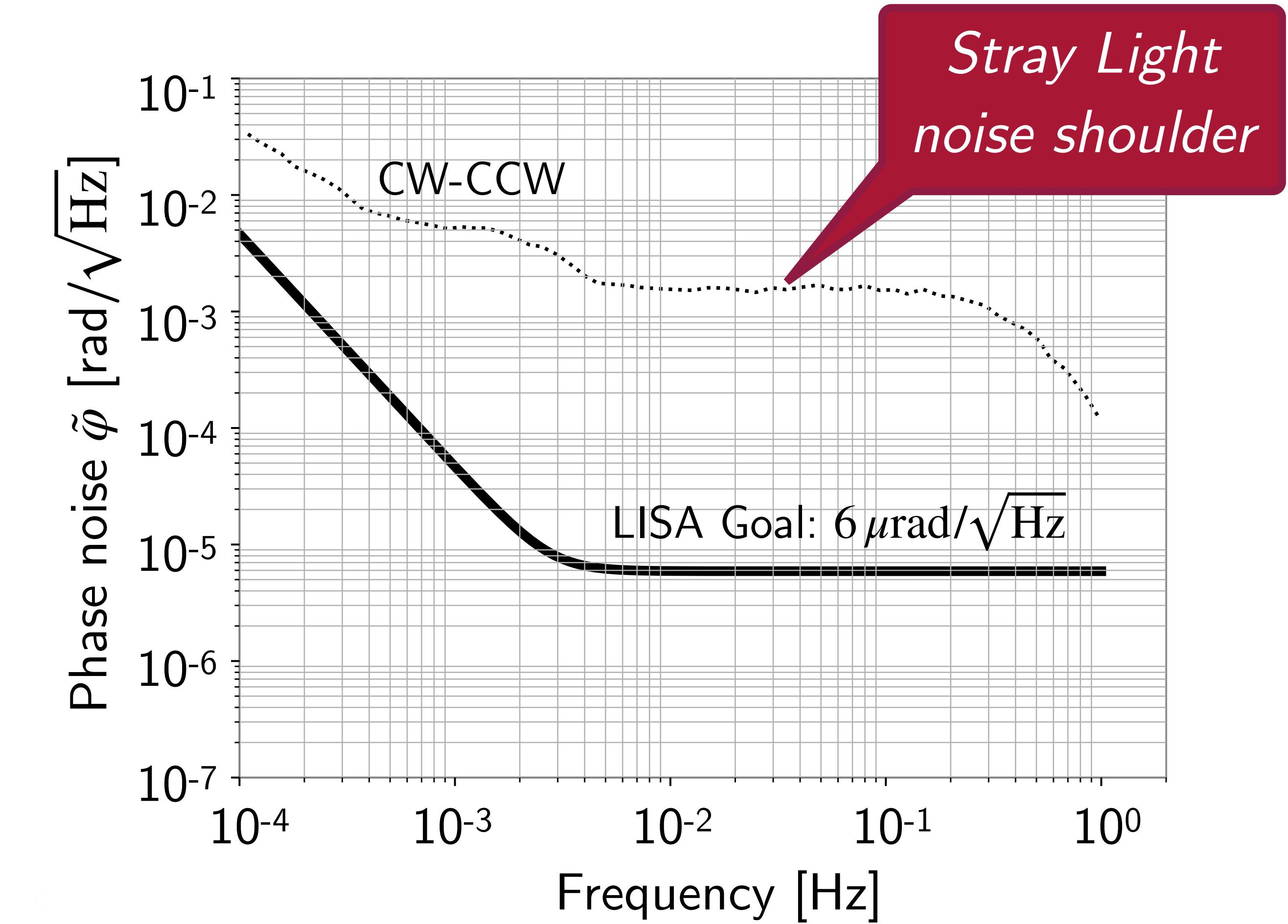
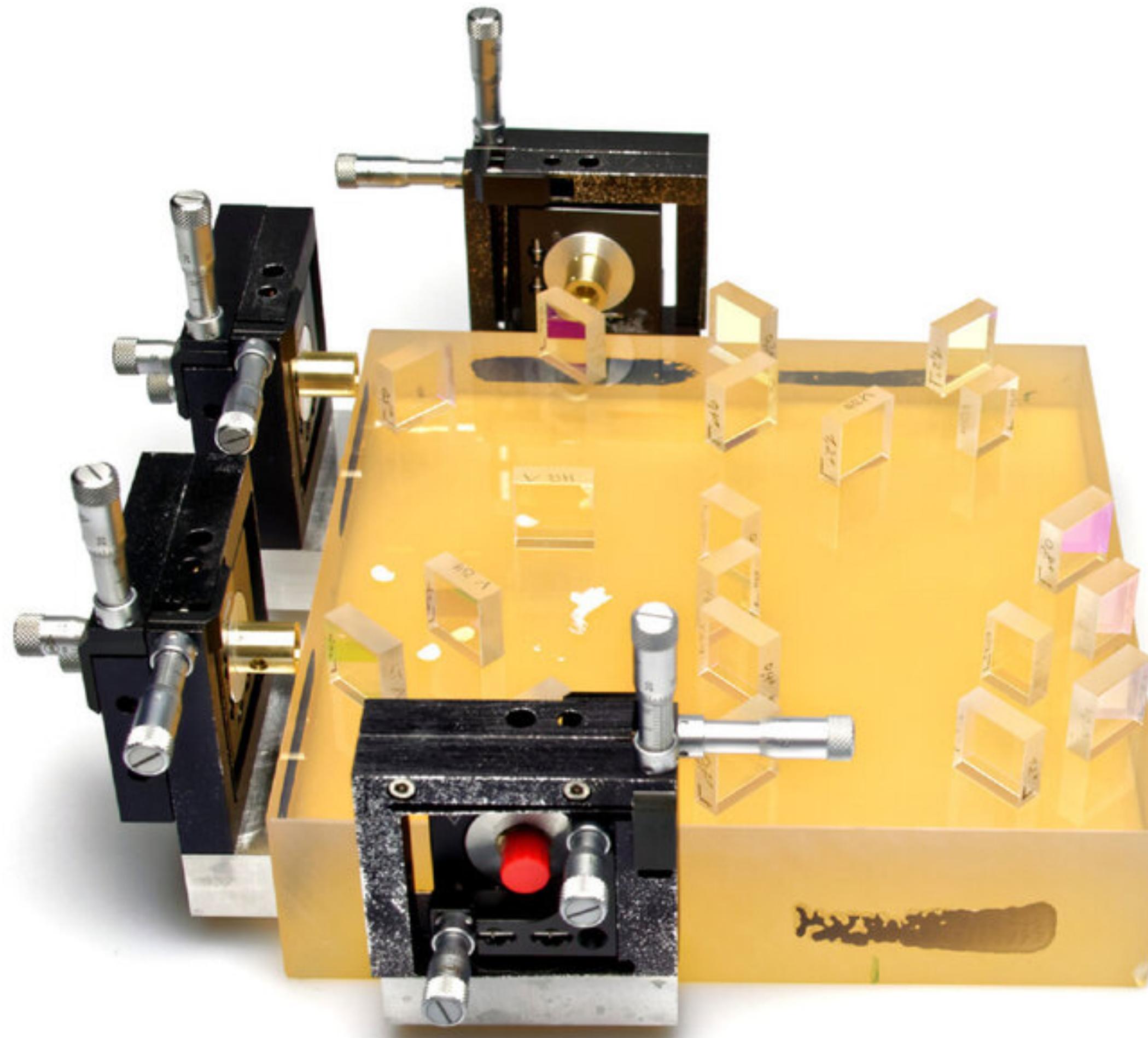
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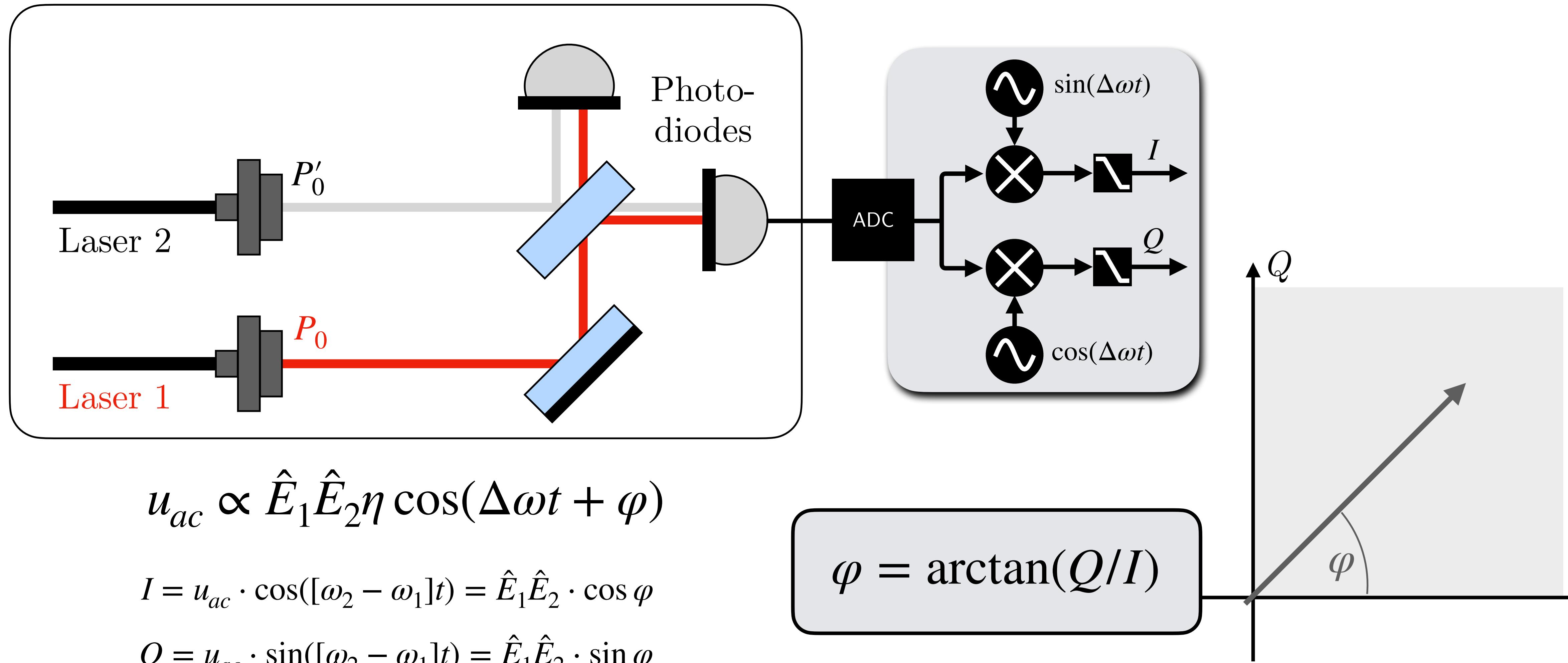
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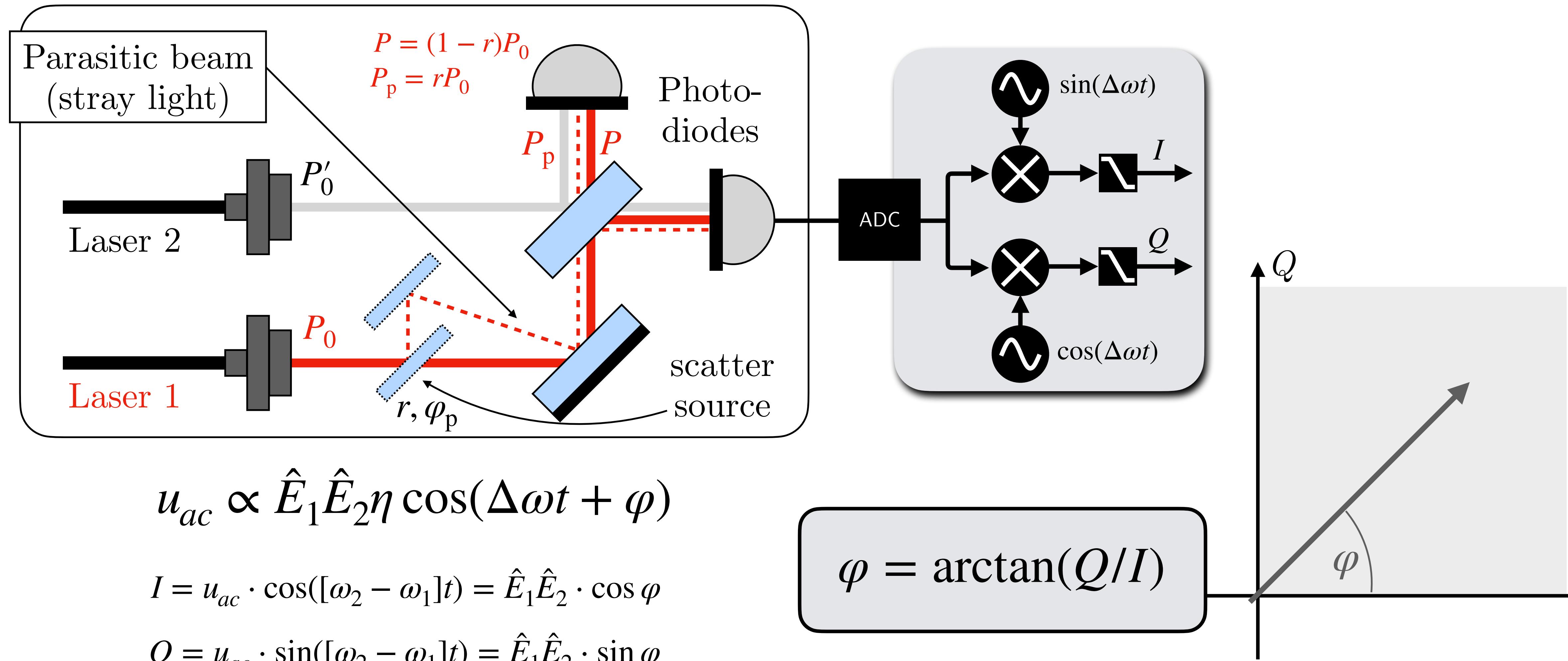


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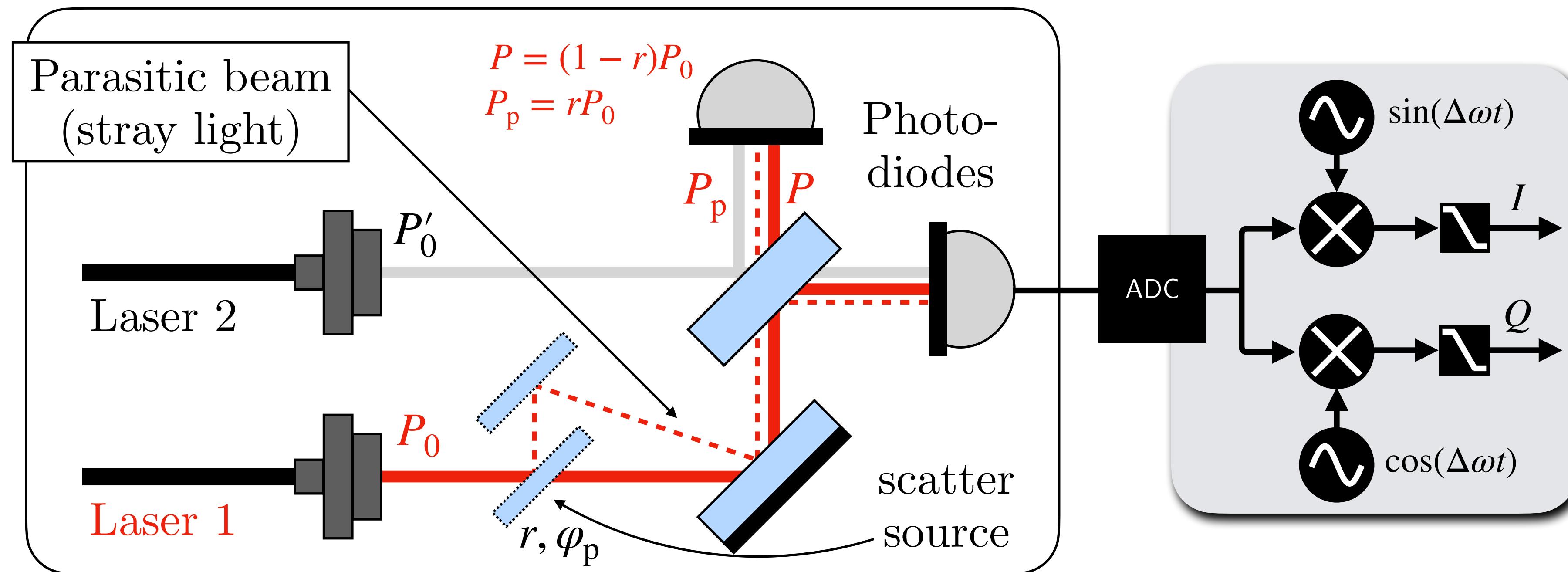
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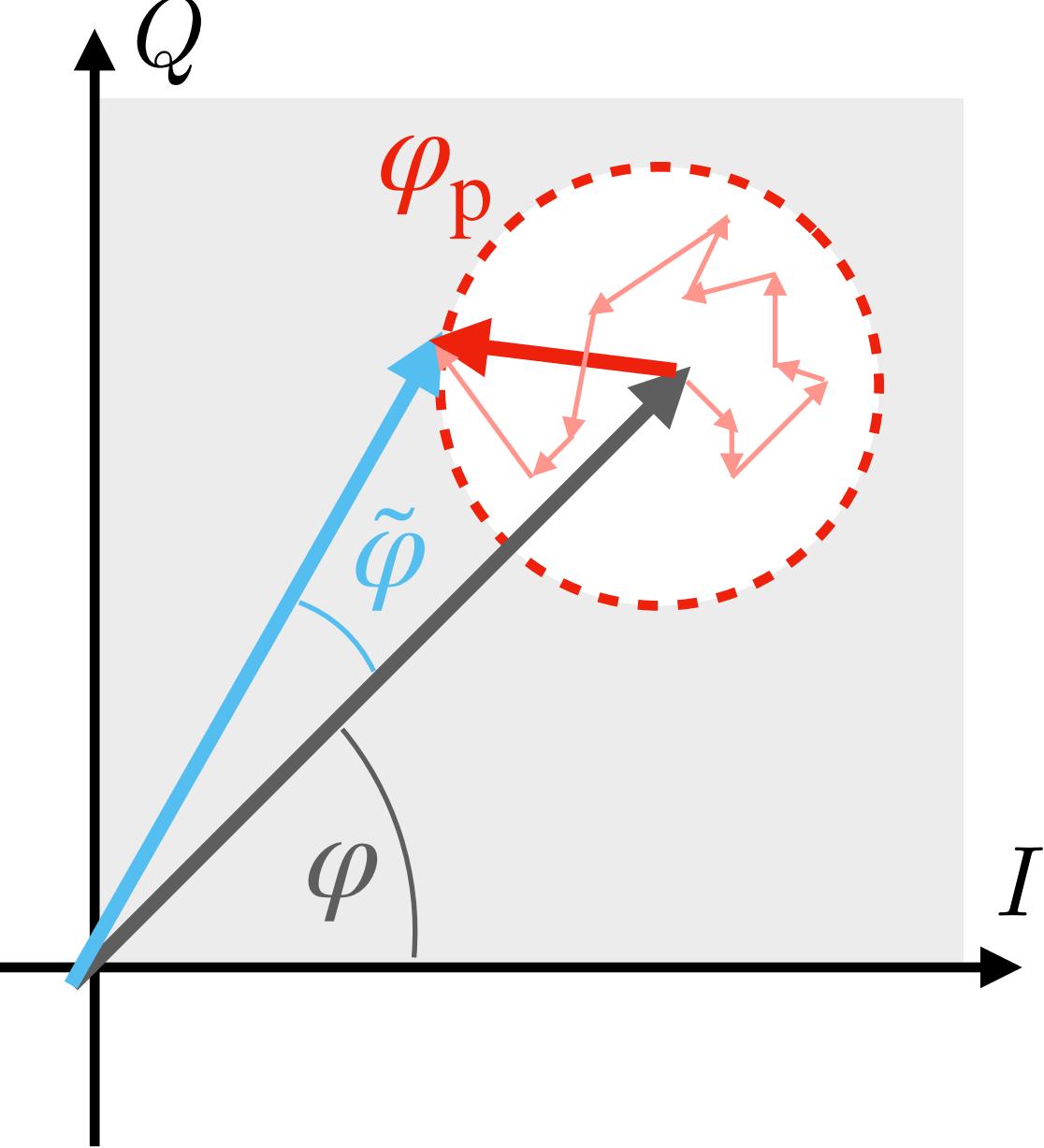


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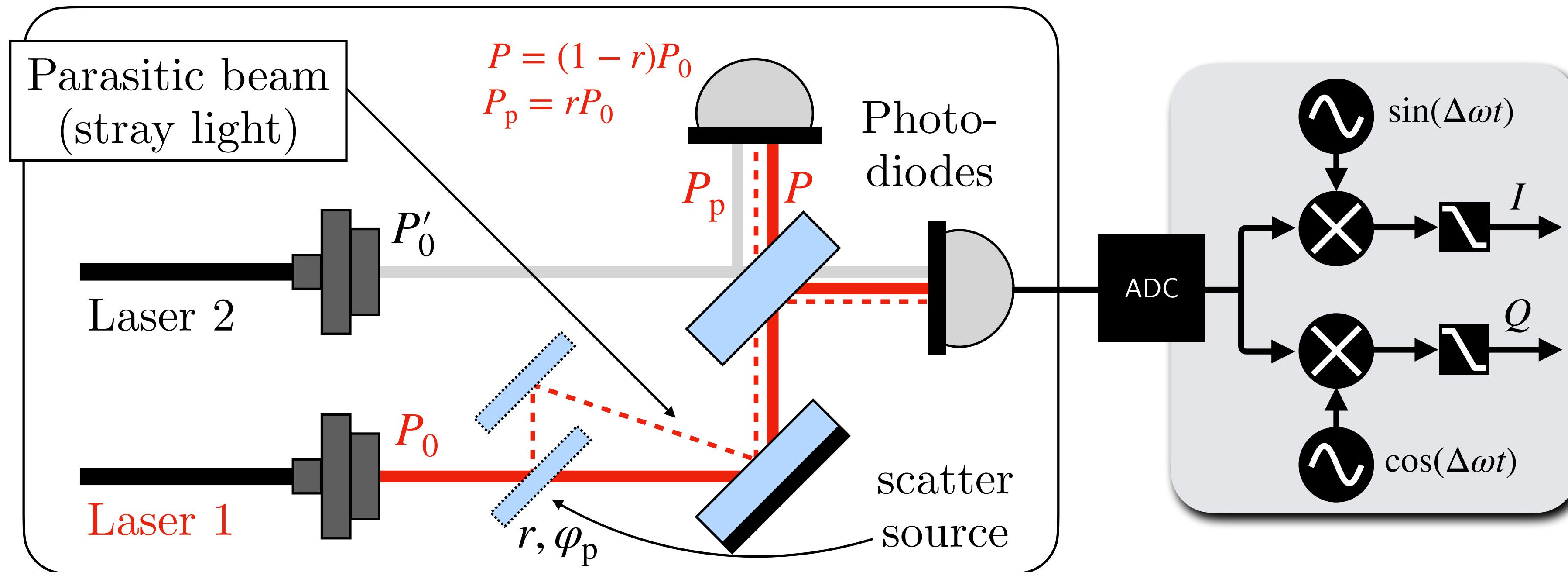
- nominal
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$$u_{ac} \propto \sqrt{1 - r} \hat{E}_1 \hat{E}_2 \eta \cos(\Delta\omega t + \varphi) + \sqrt{r} \hat{E}_1 \hat{E}_2 \eta_p \cos(\Delta\omega t + \varphi - \varphi_p)$$

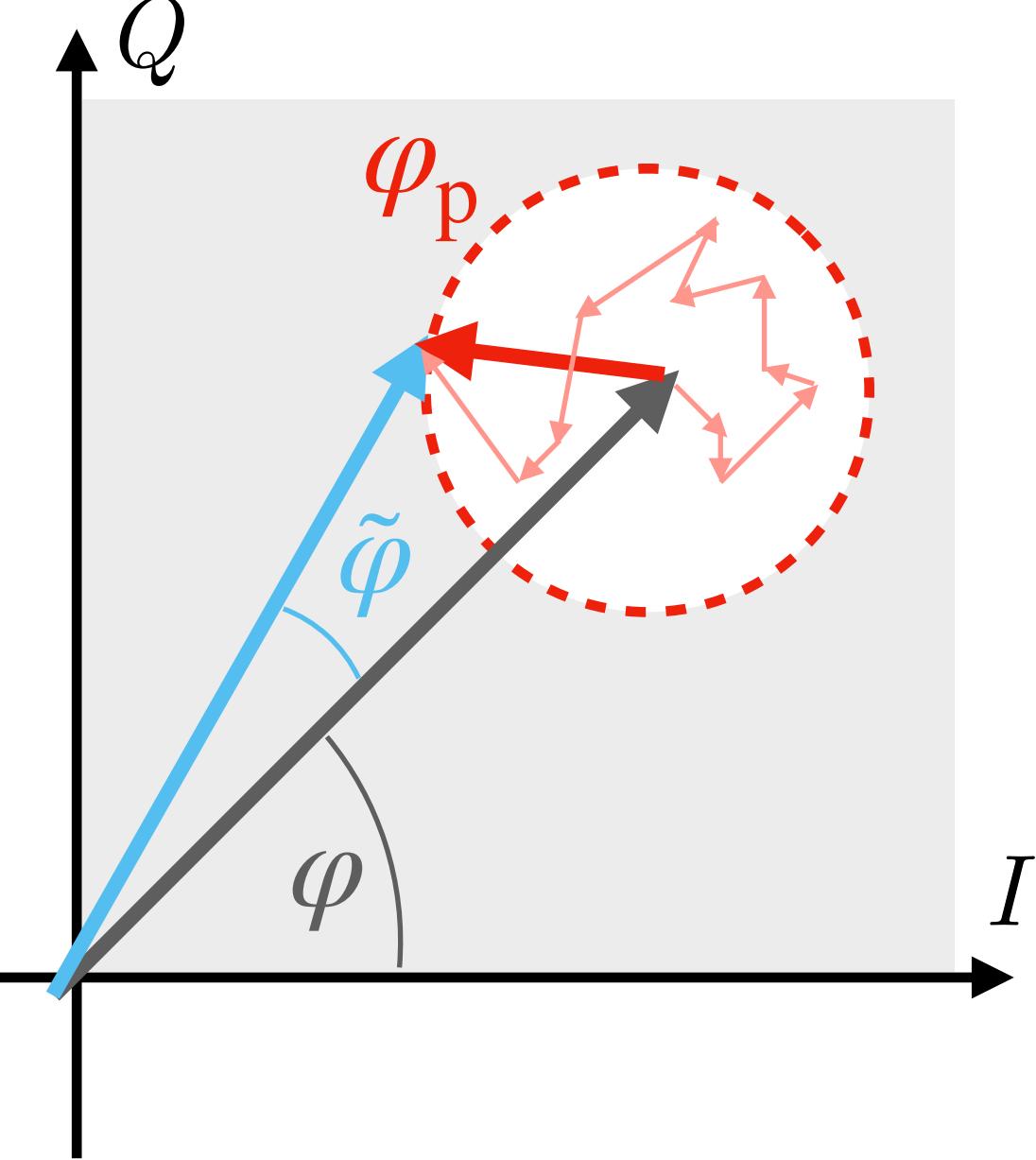
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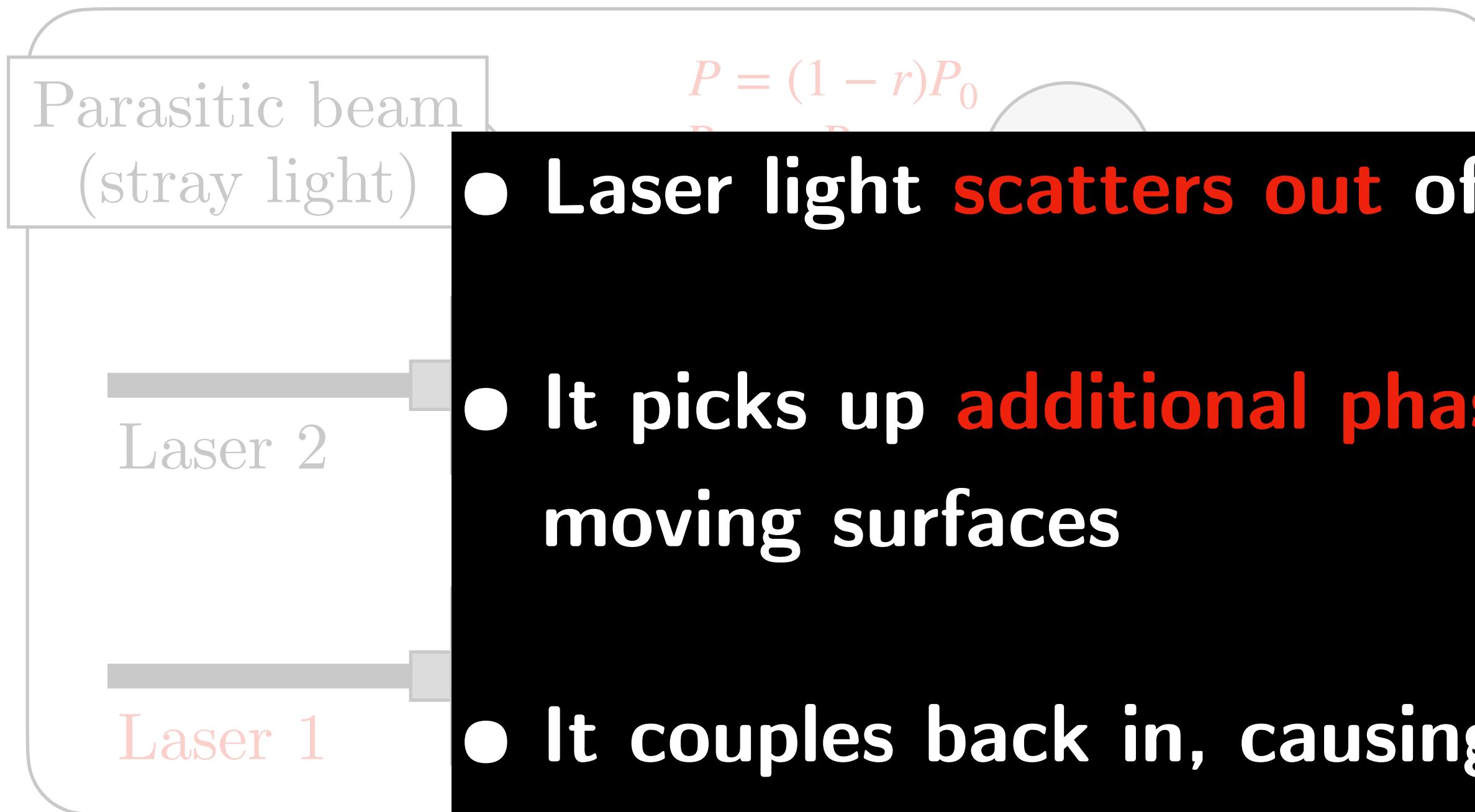


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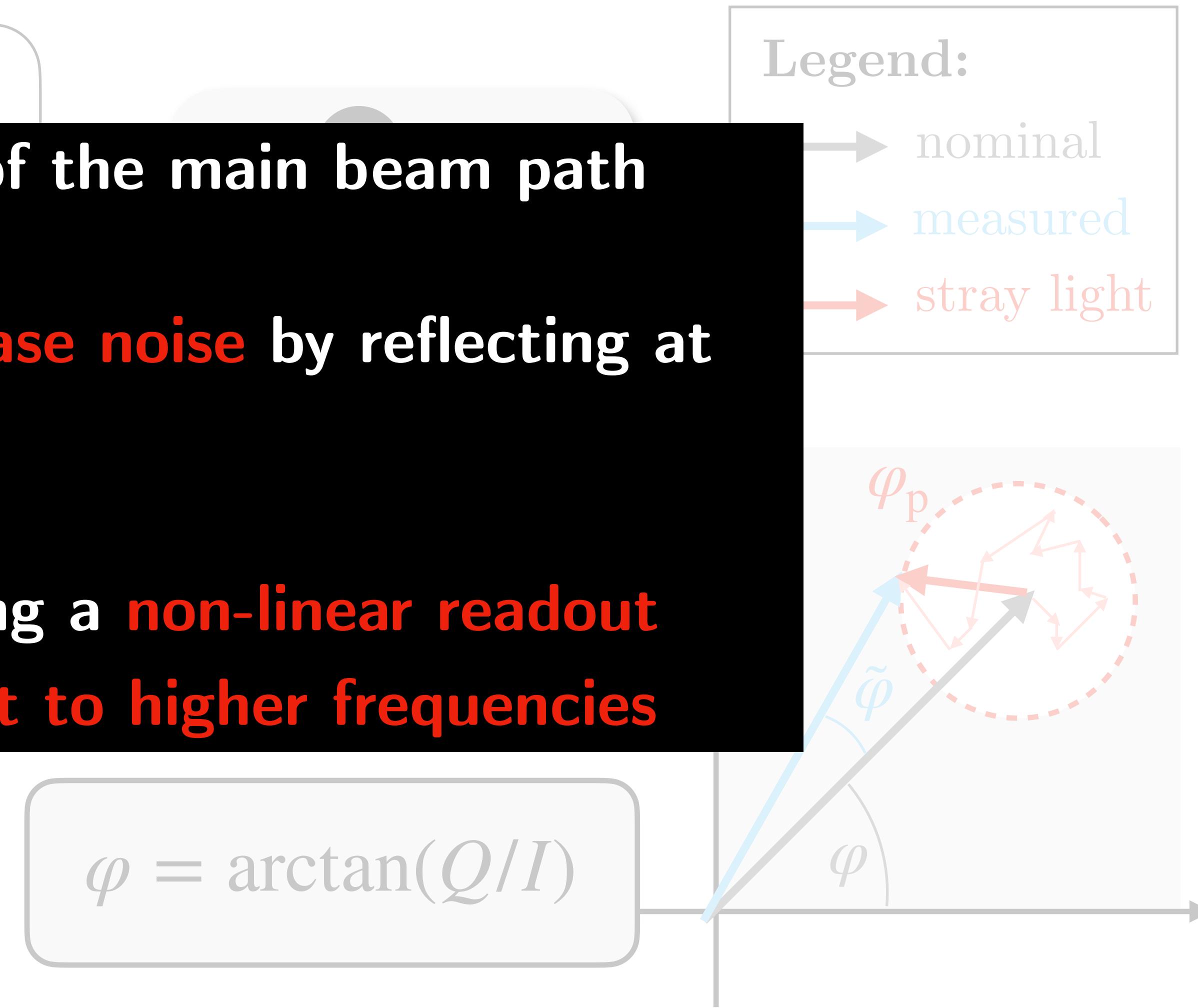
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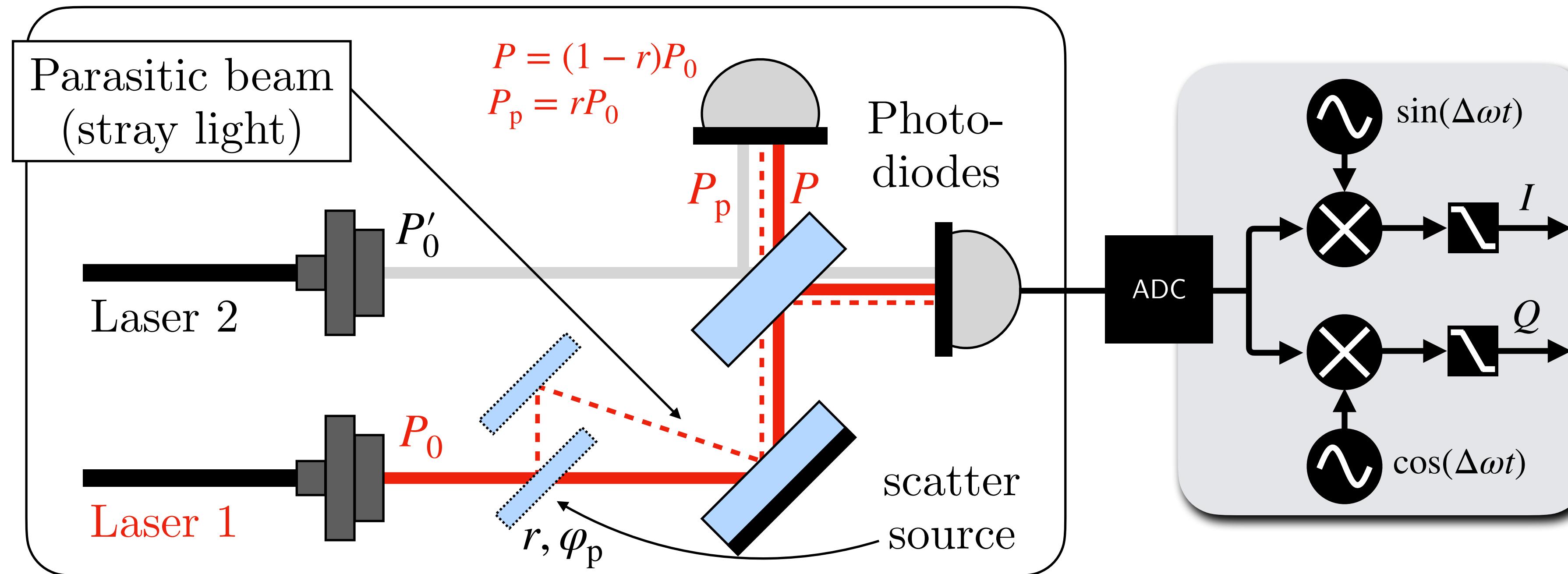
- Laser light **scatters out** of the main beam path
- It picks up **additional phase noise** by reflecting at moving surfaces
- It couples back in, causing a **non-linear readout noise that can up-convert to higher frequencies**

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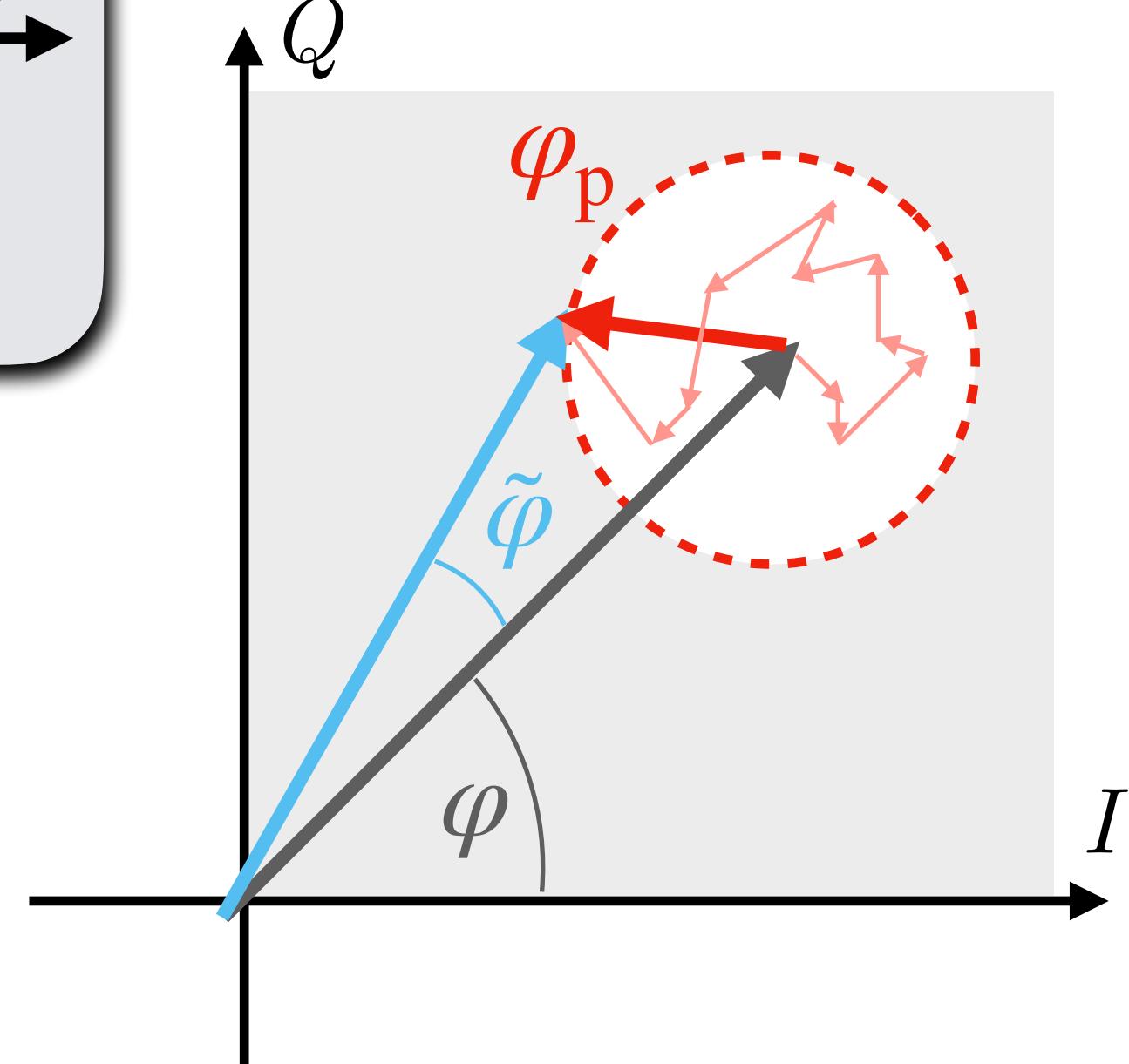


Phase error due to parasitic beams



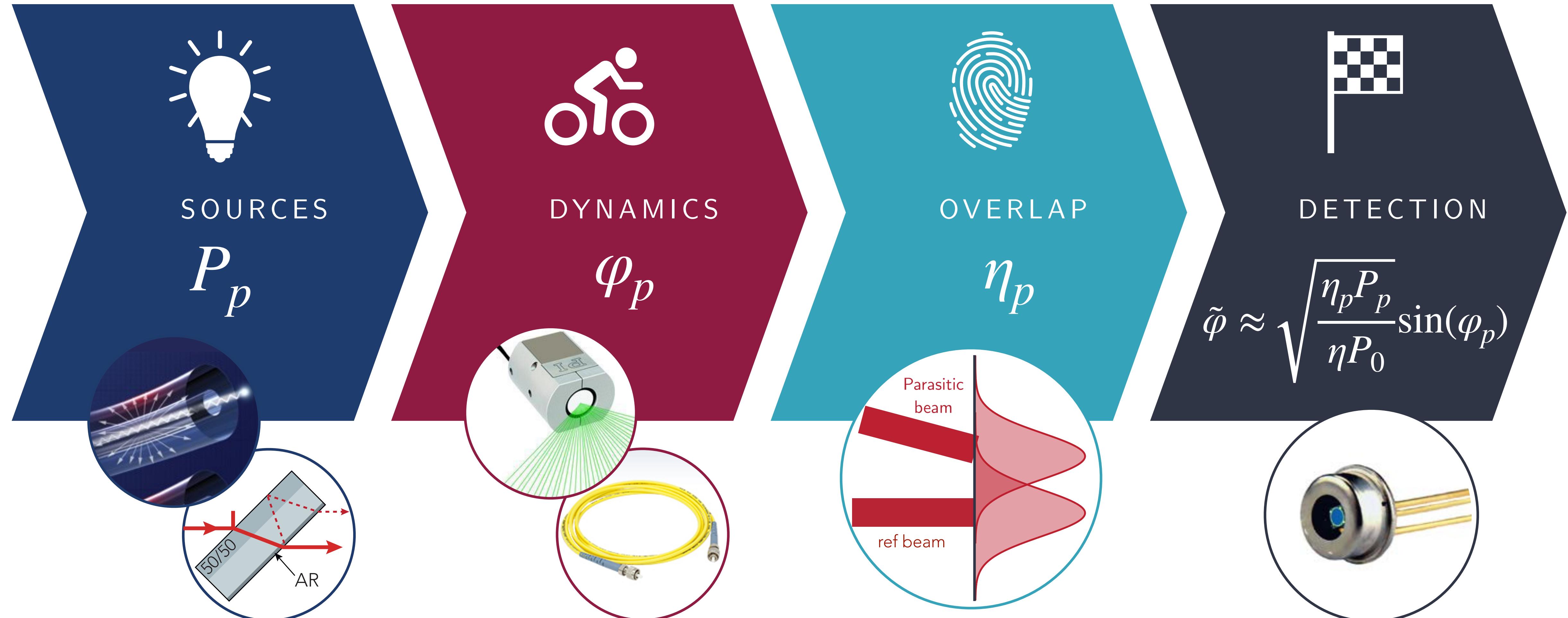
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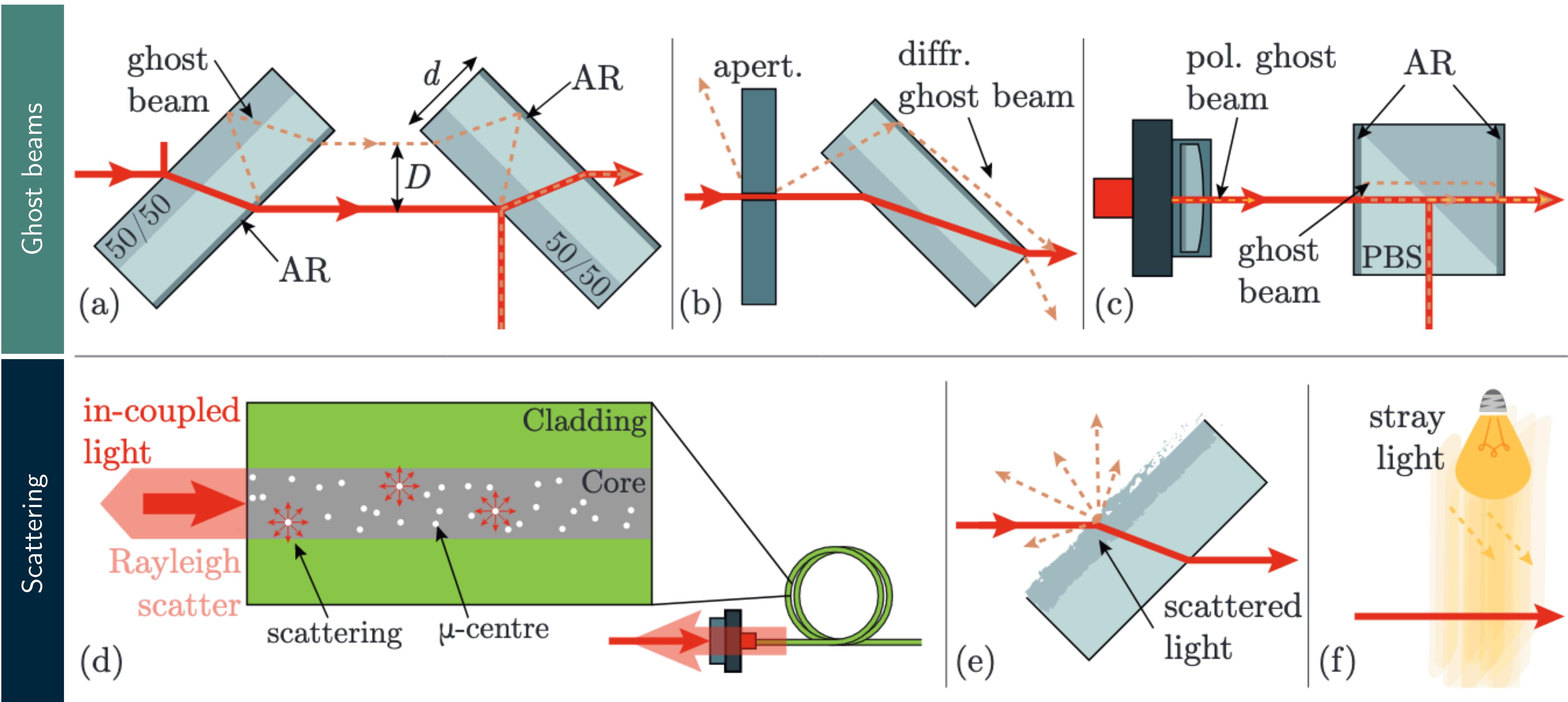


$$\tilde{\varphi}^\pm = \arctan \left(\frac{Q}{I} \right) = \frac{\pm \sqrt{r} \sin \varphi_p}{\pm \sqrt{1-r} + \sqrt{r} \cos \varphi_p} \approx \sqrt{\frac{P_p}{P}} \cdot \sin \varphi_p$$

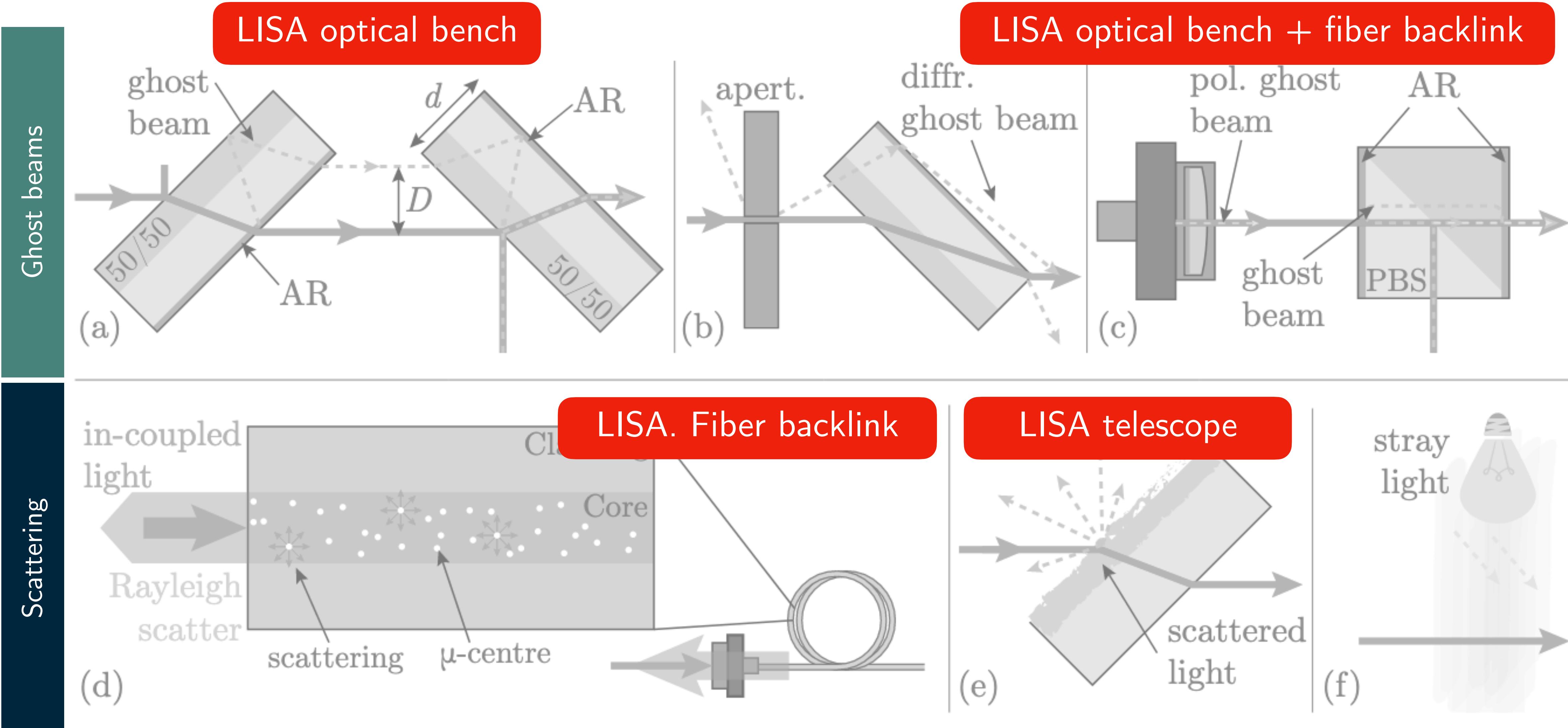
Coupling of parasitic beams



Sources of parasitic beams

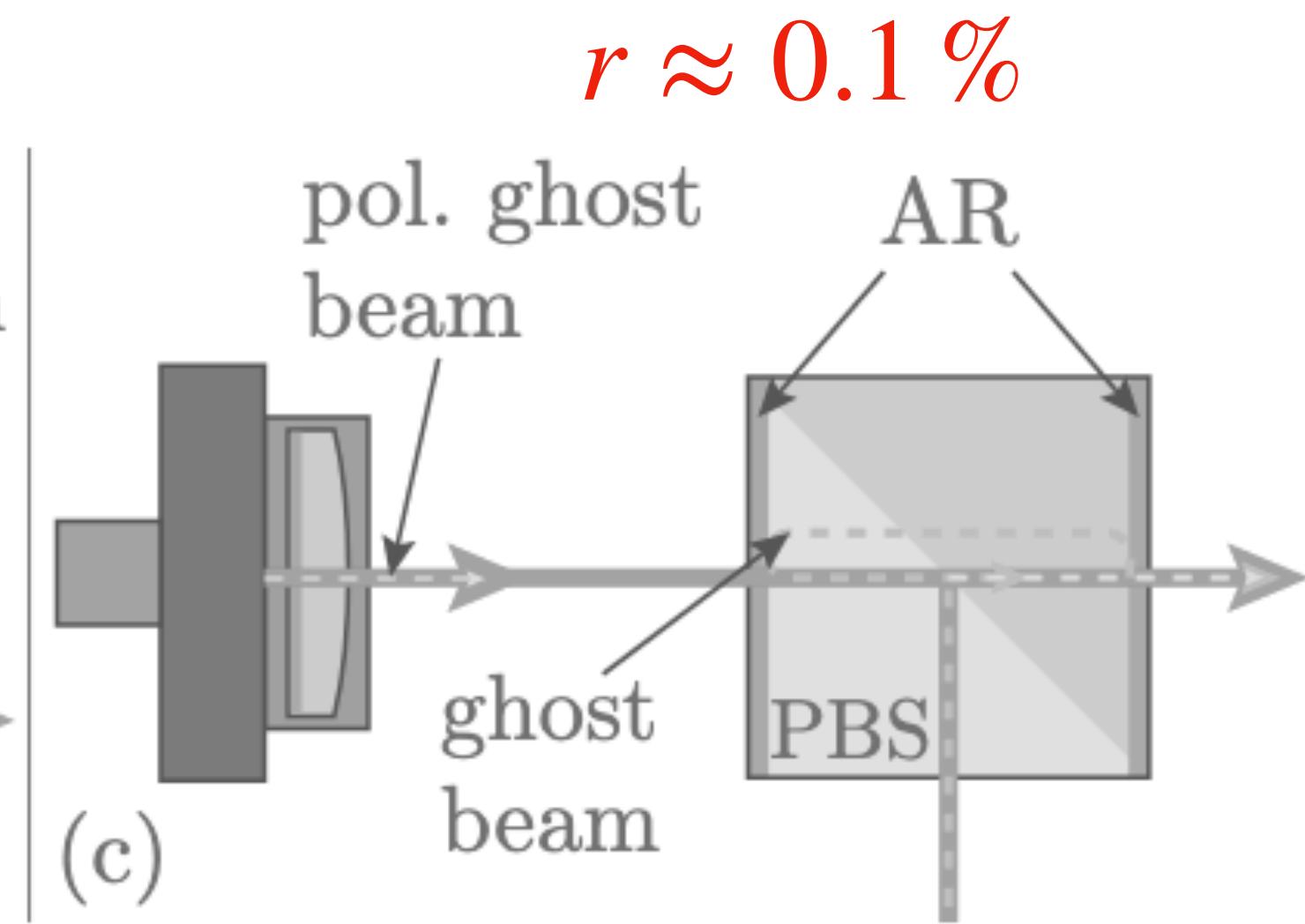
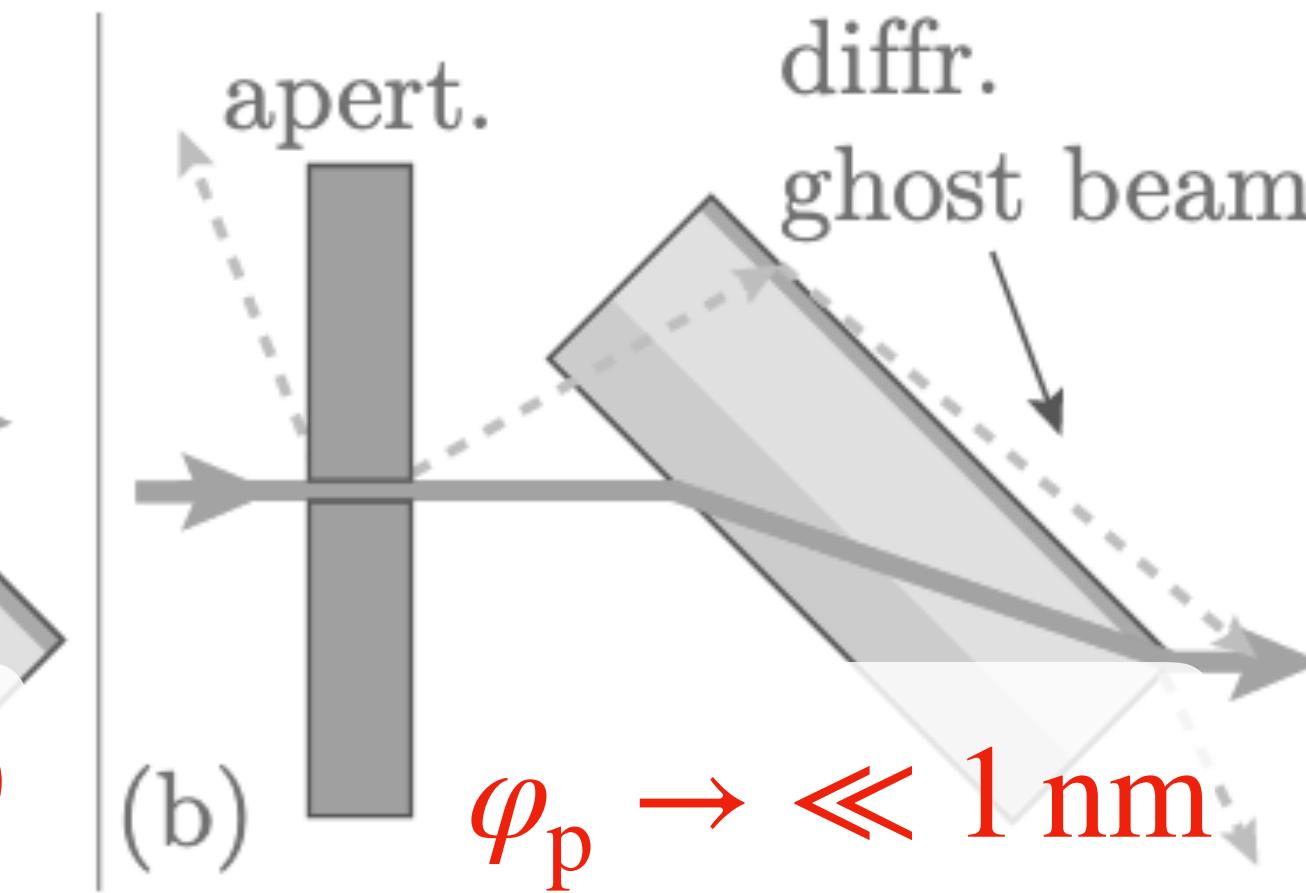
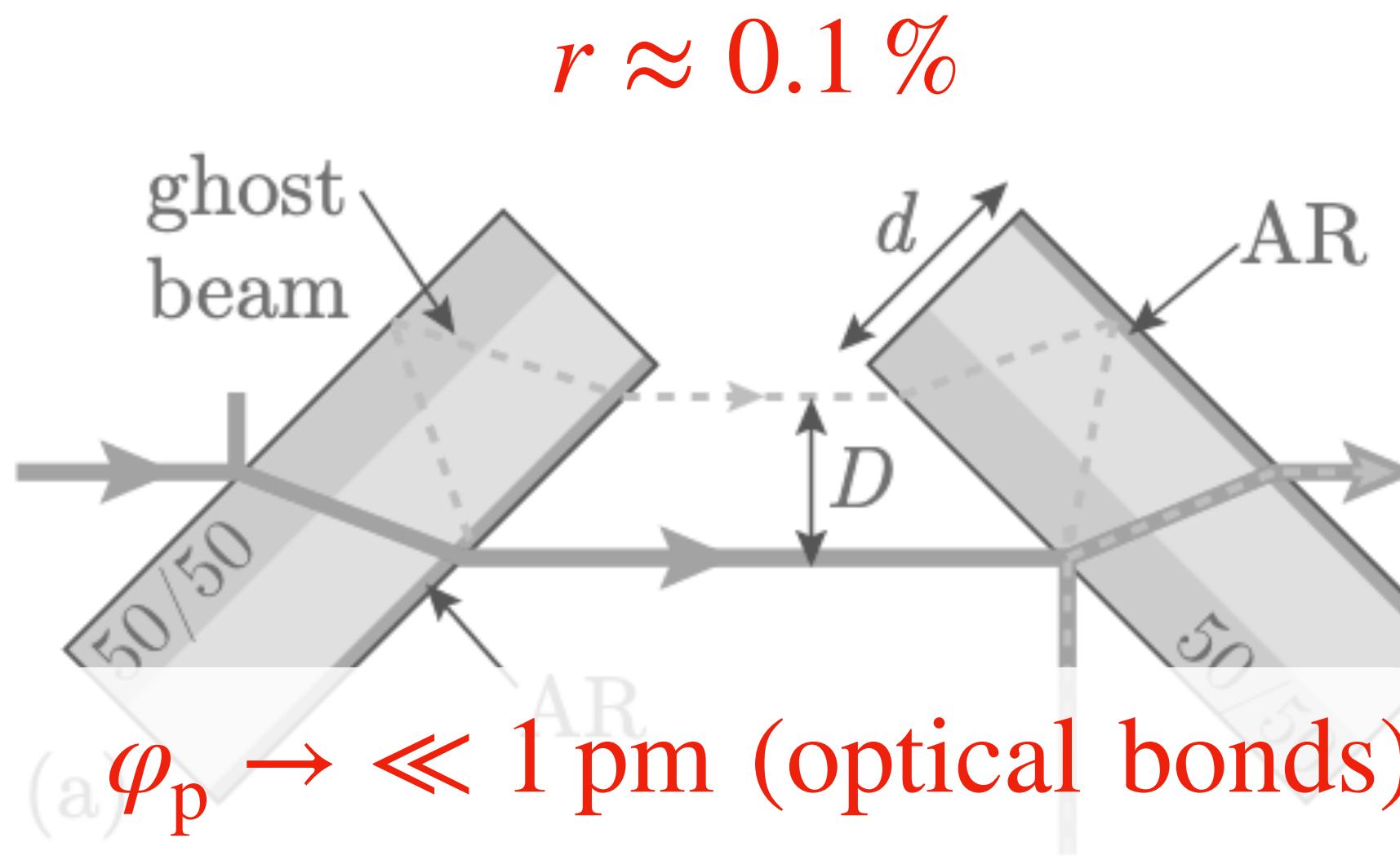


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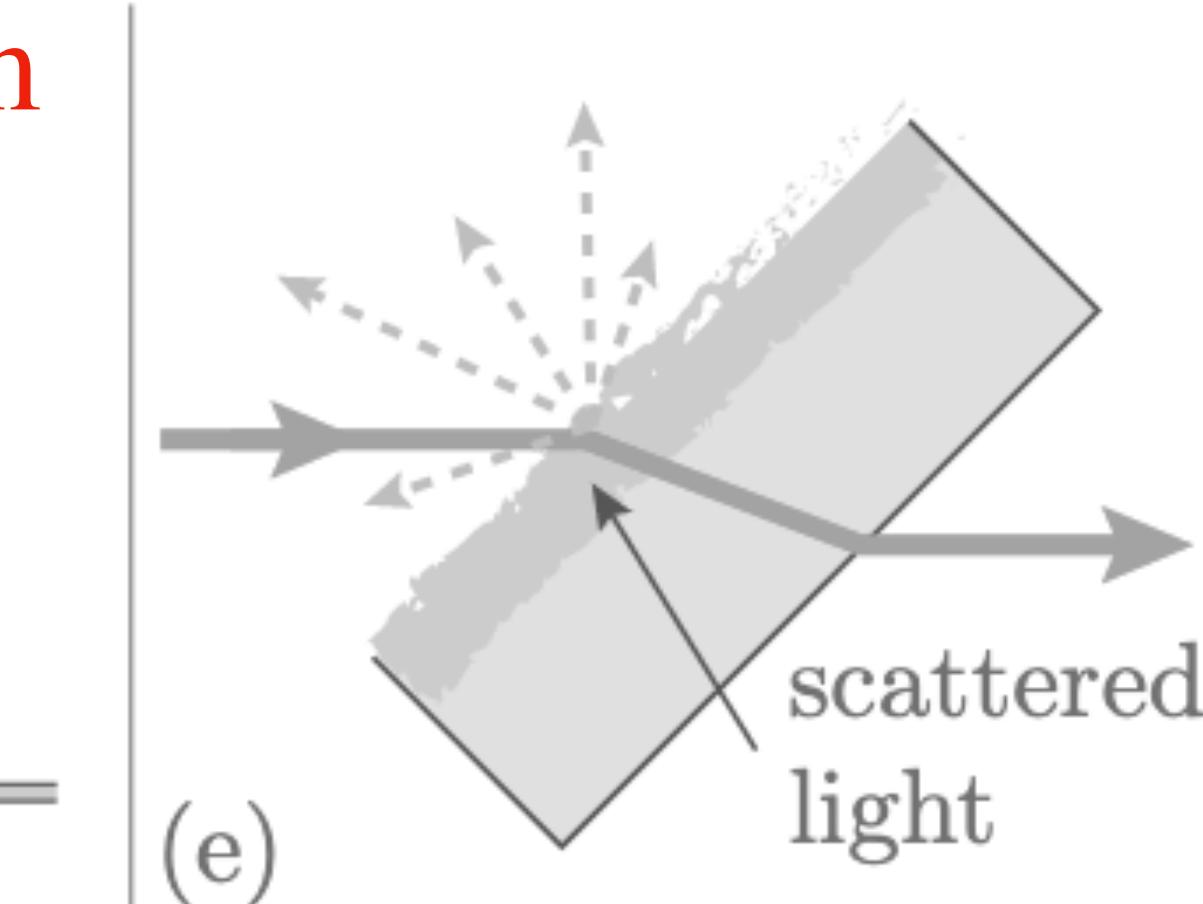
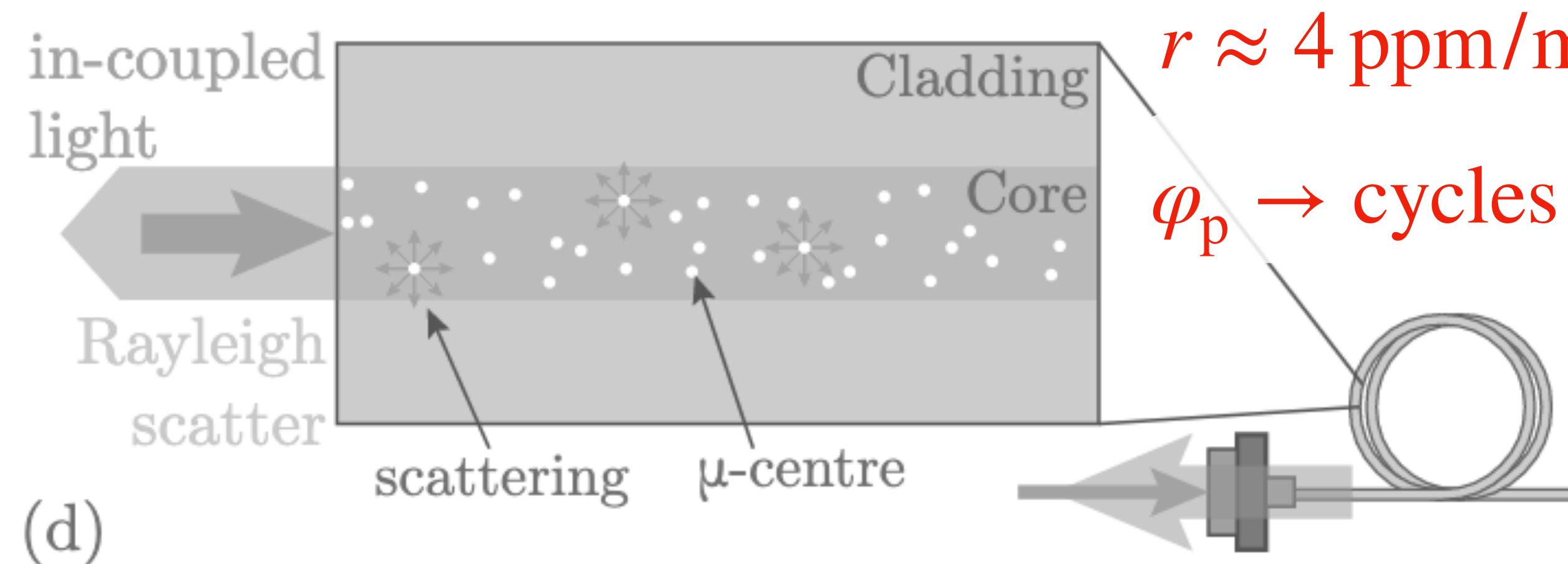


Dynamics & power of parasitic beams

Ghost beams



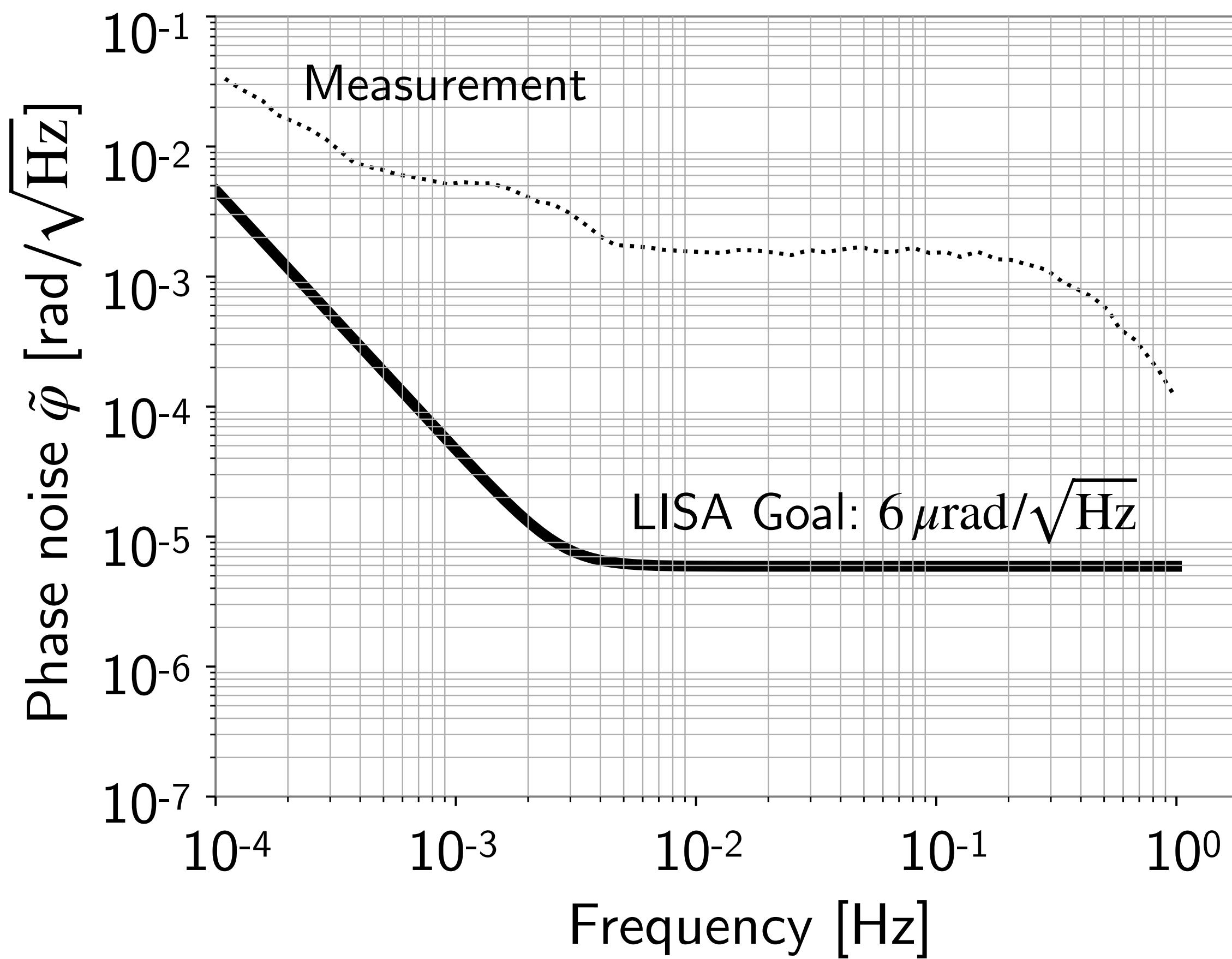
Scattering



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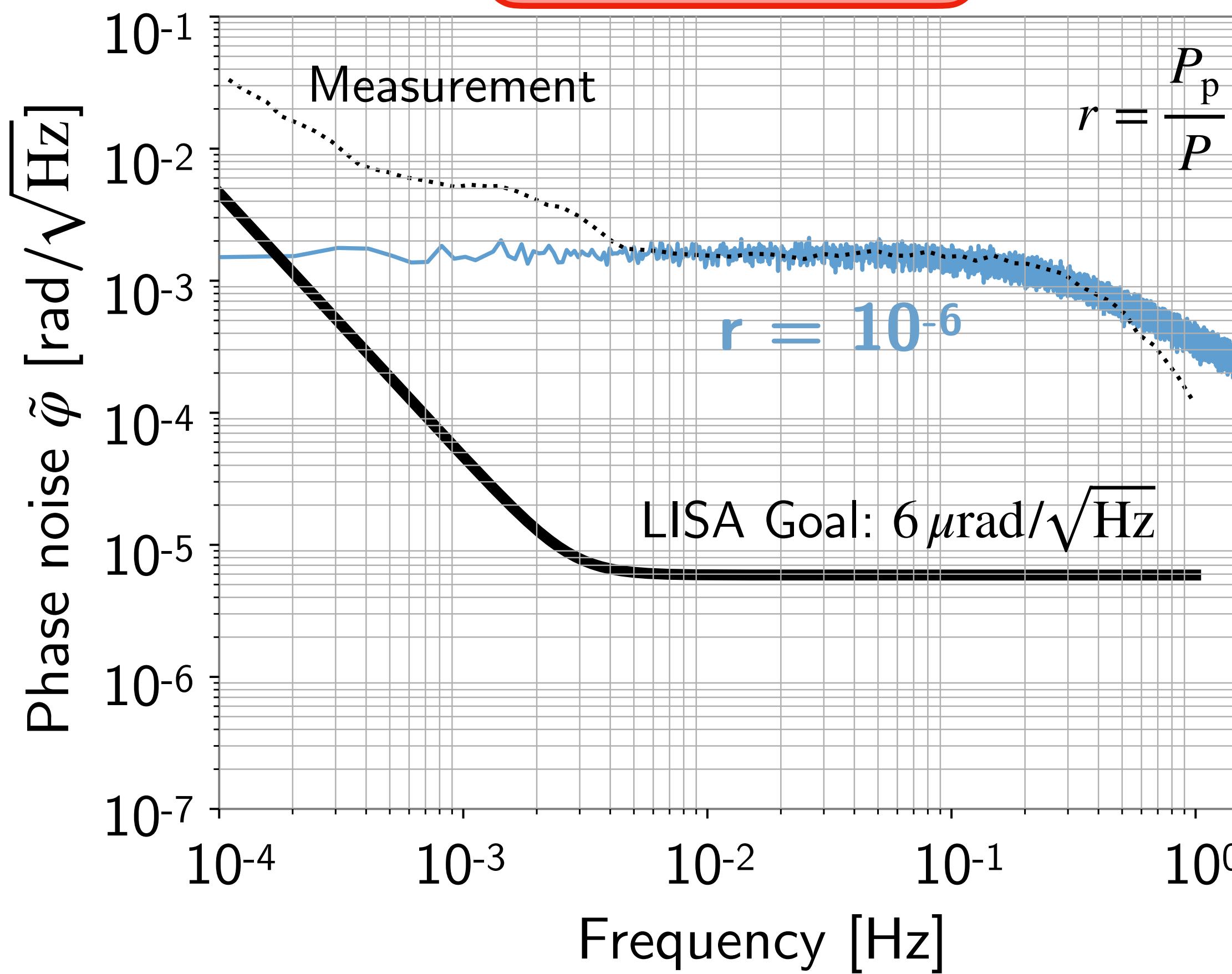
Phase measurement in LISA



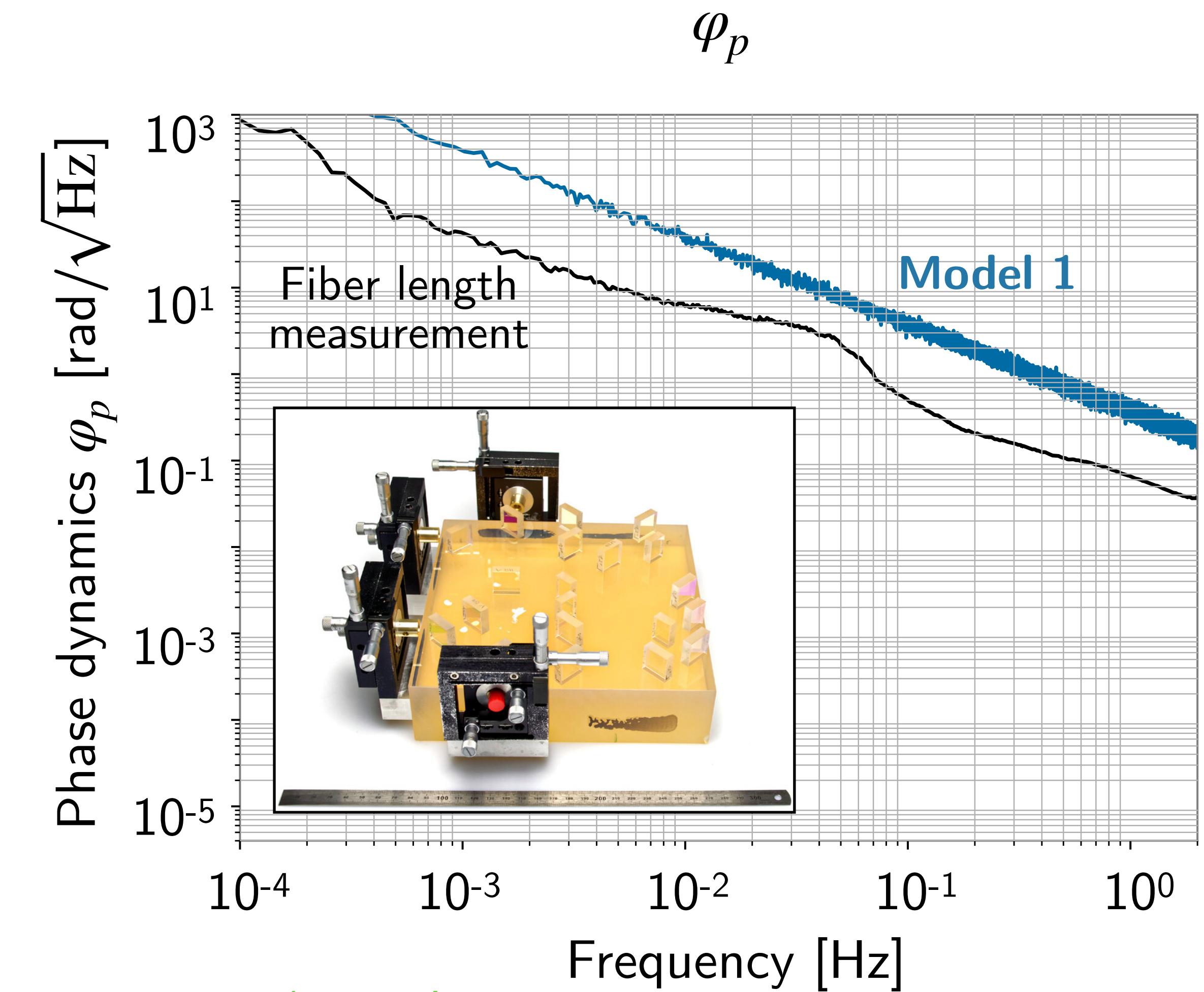
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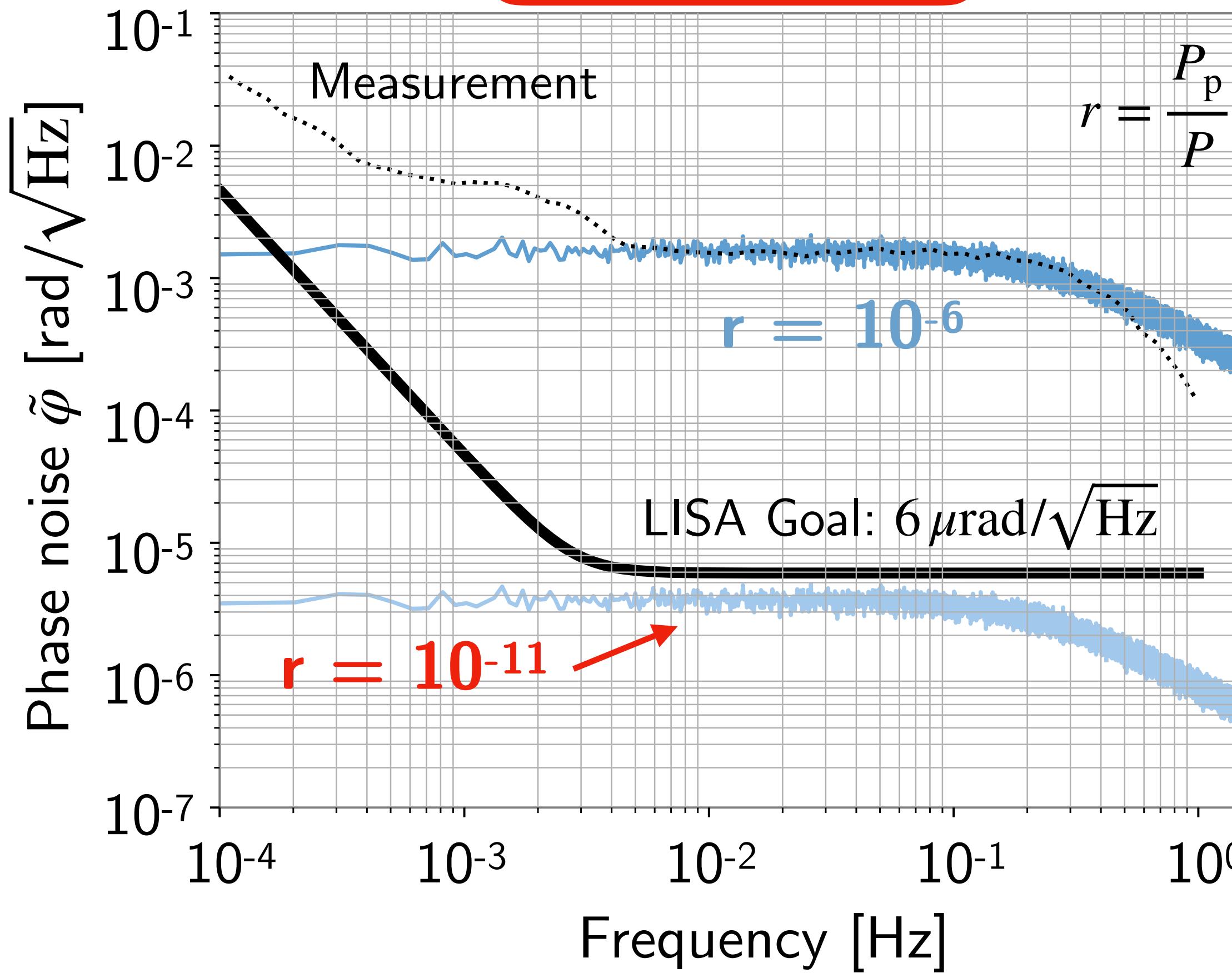
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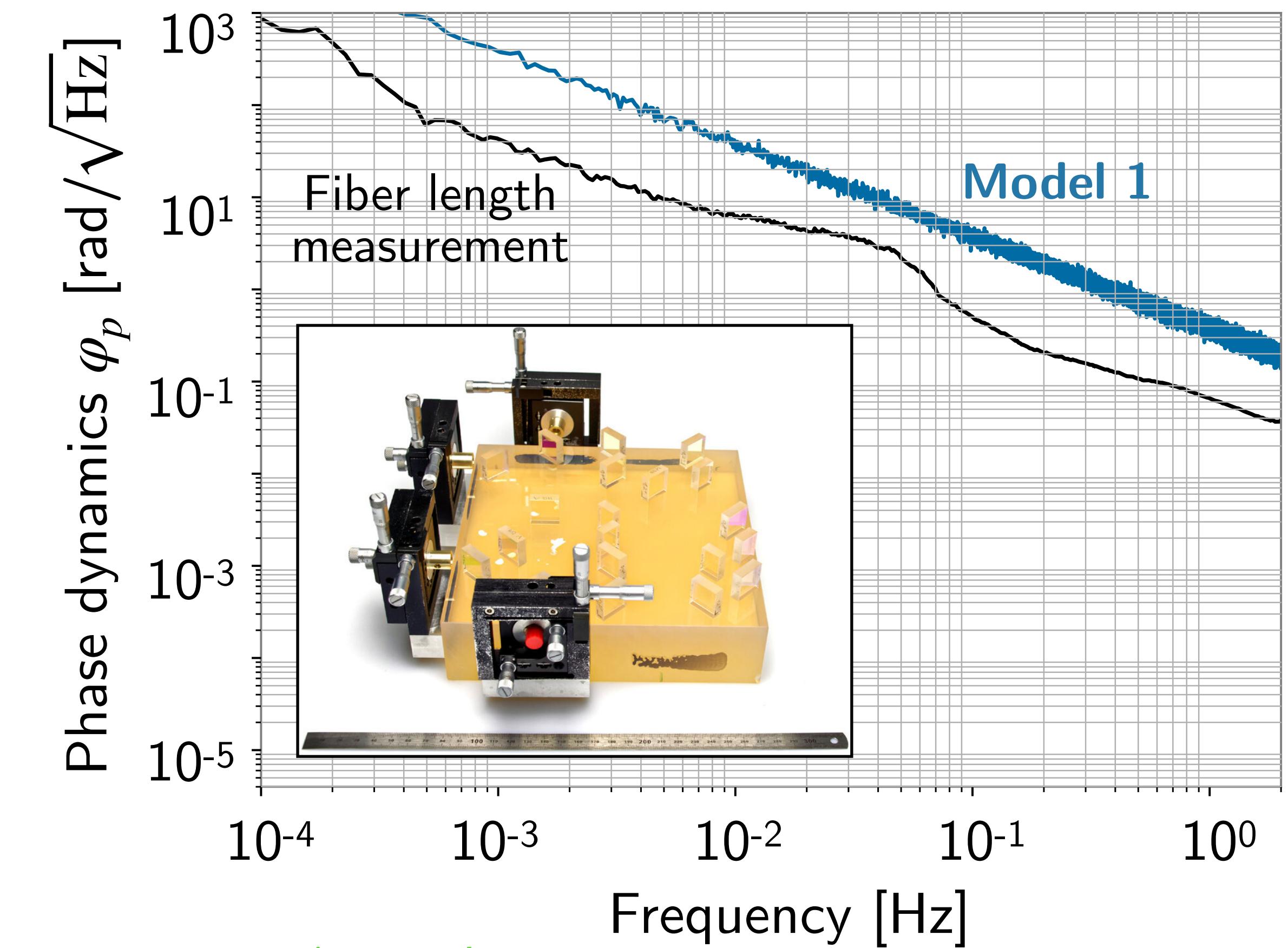
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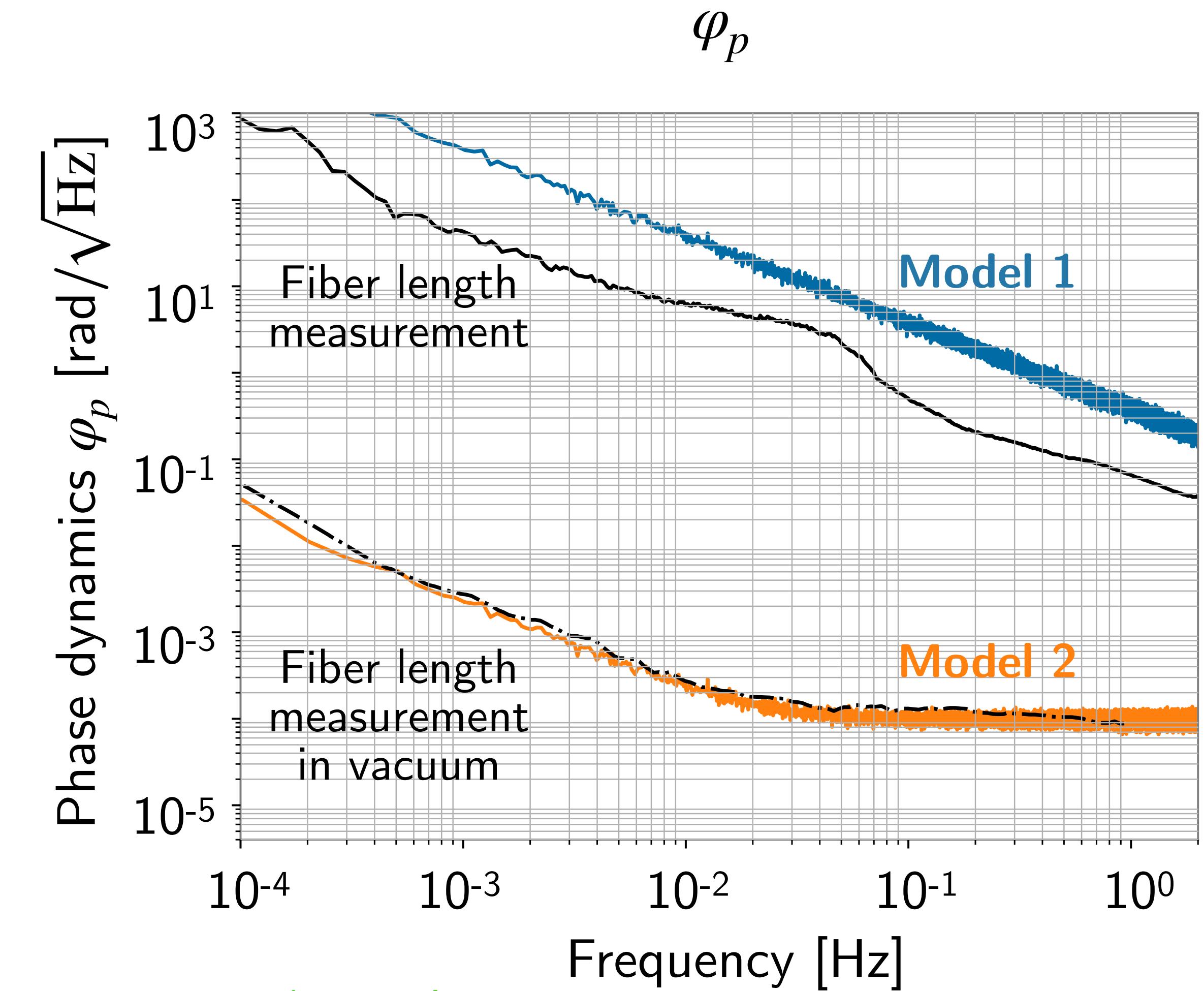
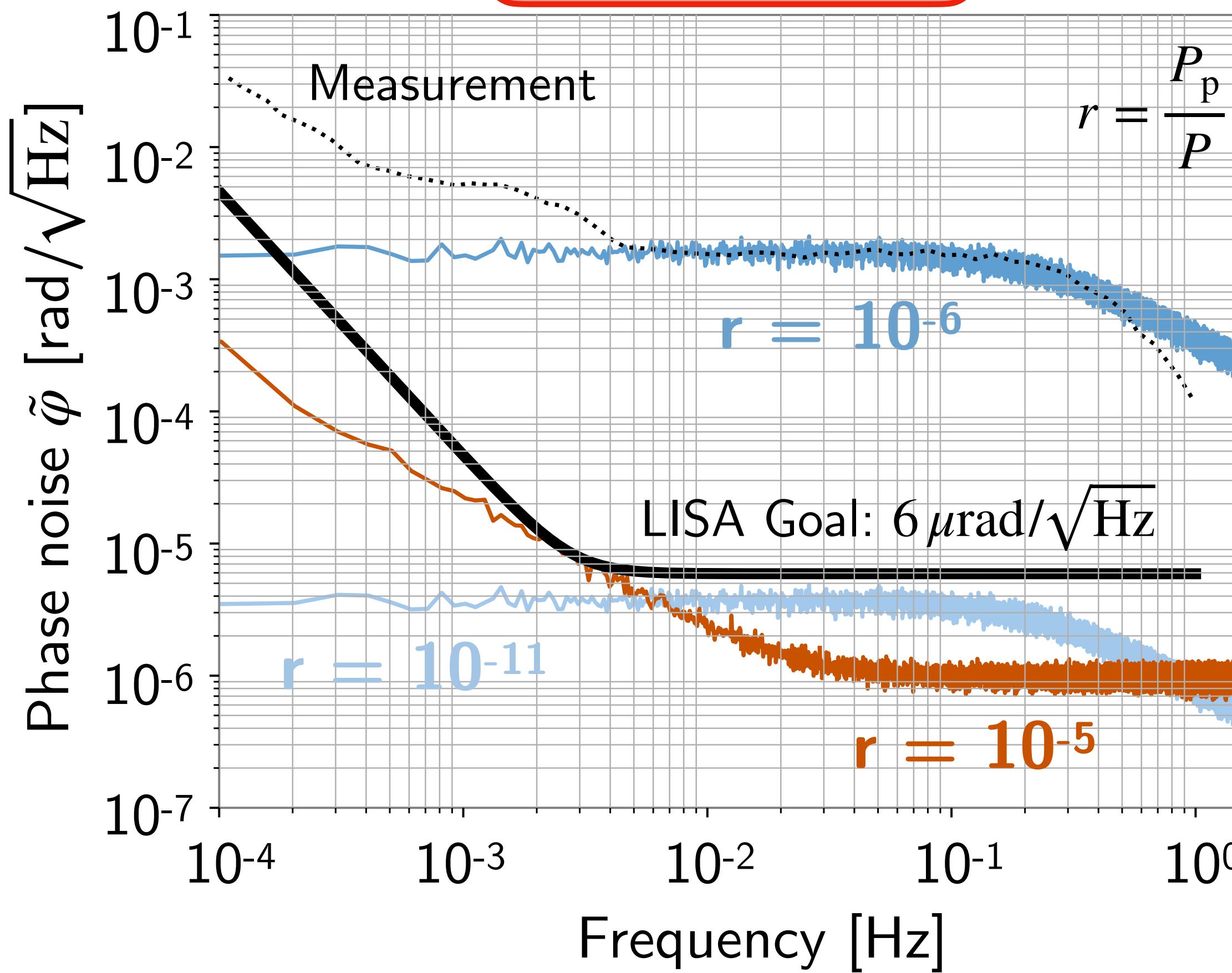
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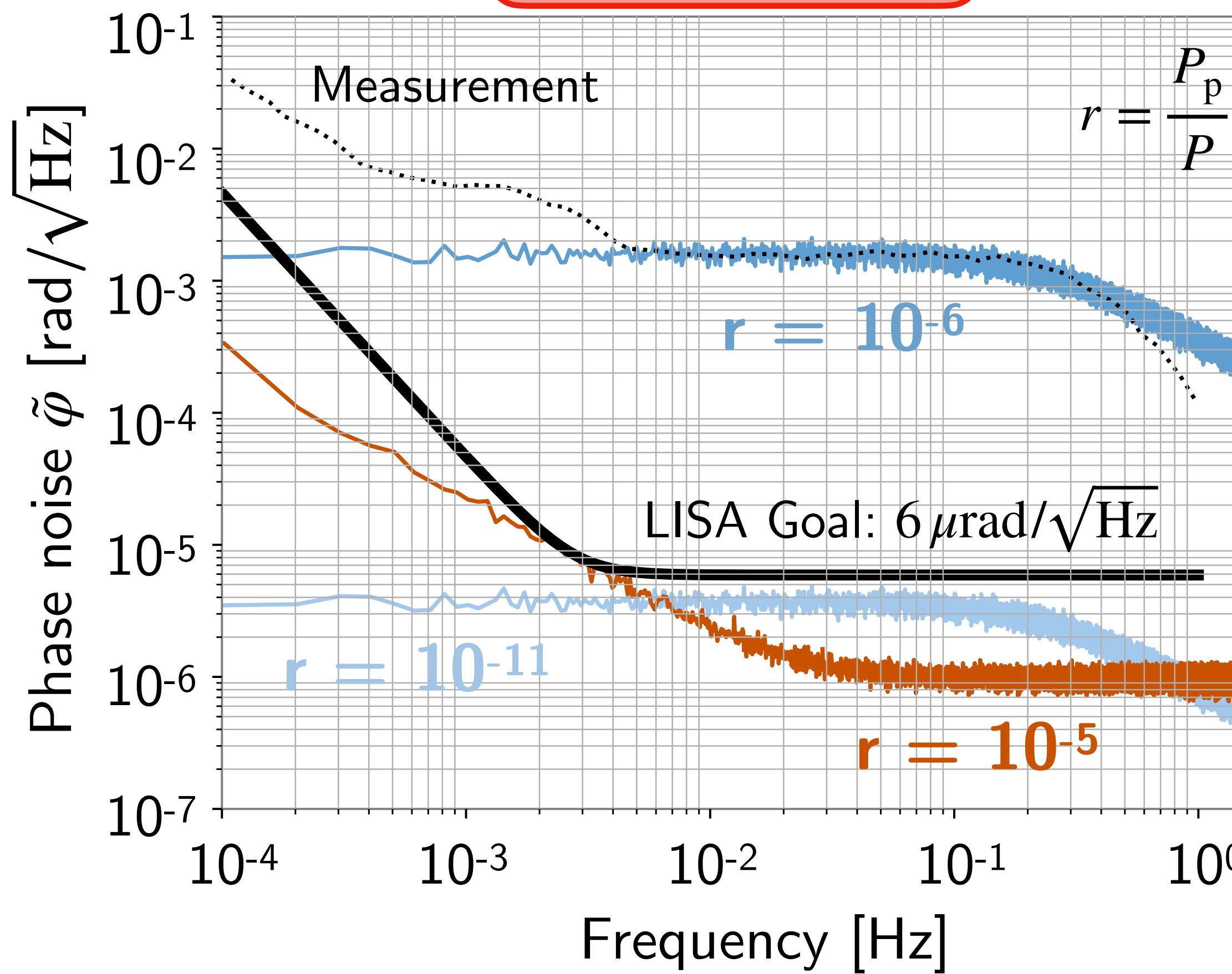
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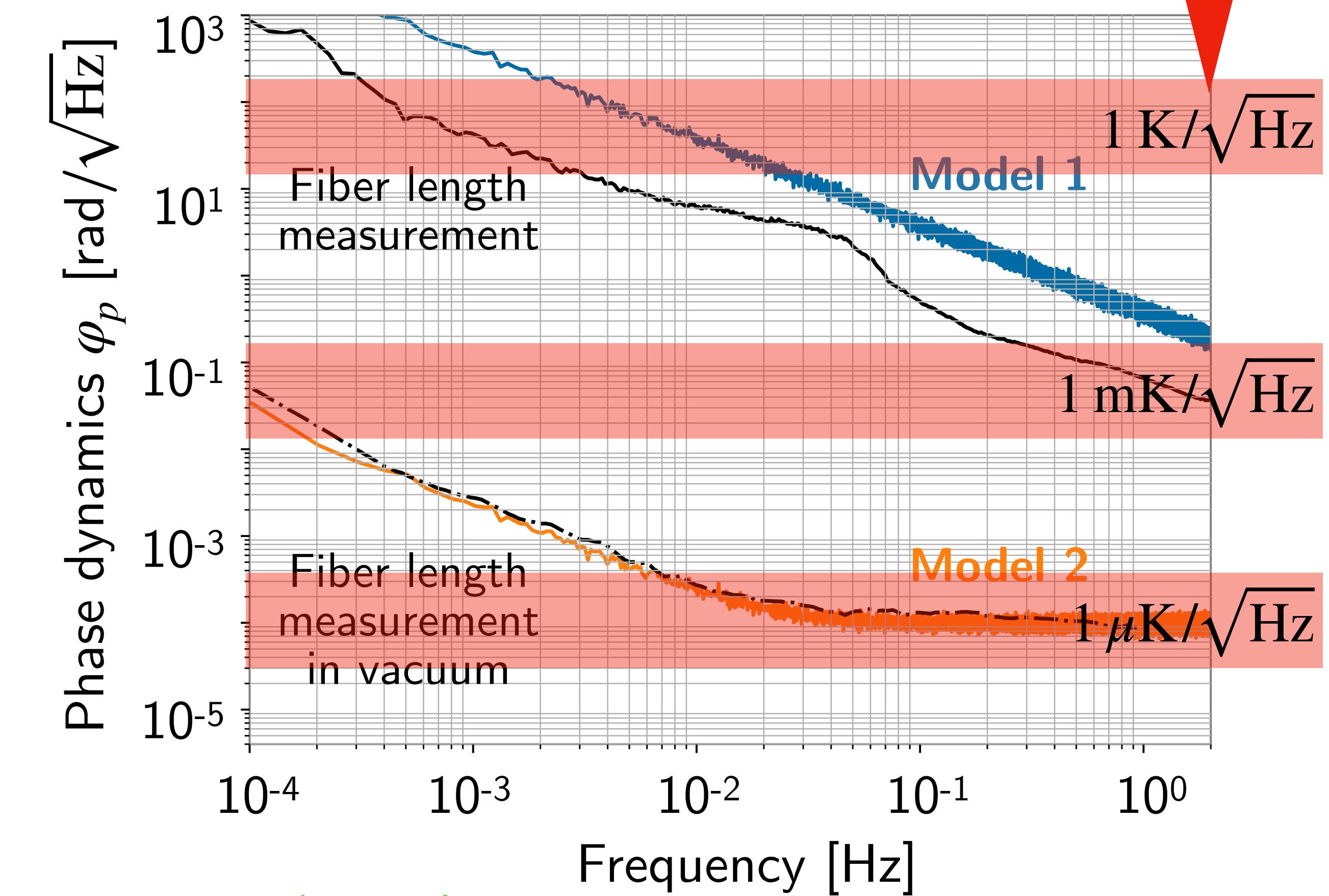
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Fiber: 100 rad/K/m



Mitigation strategies

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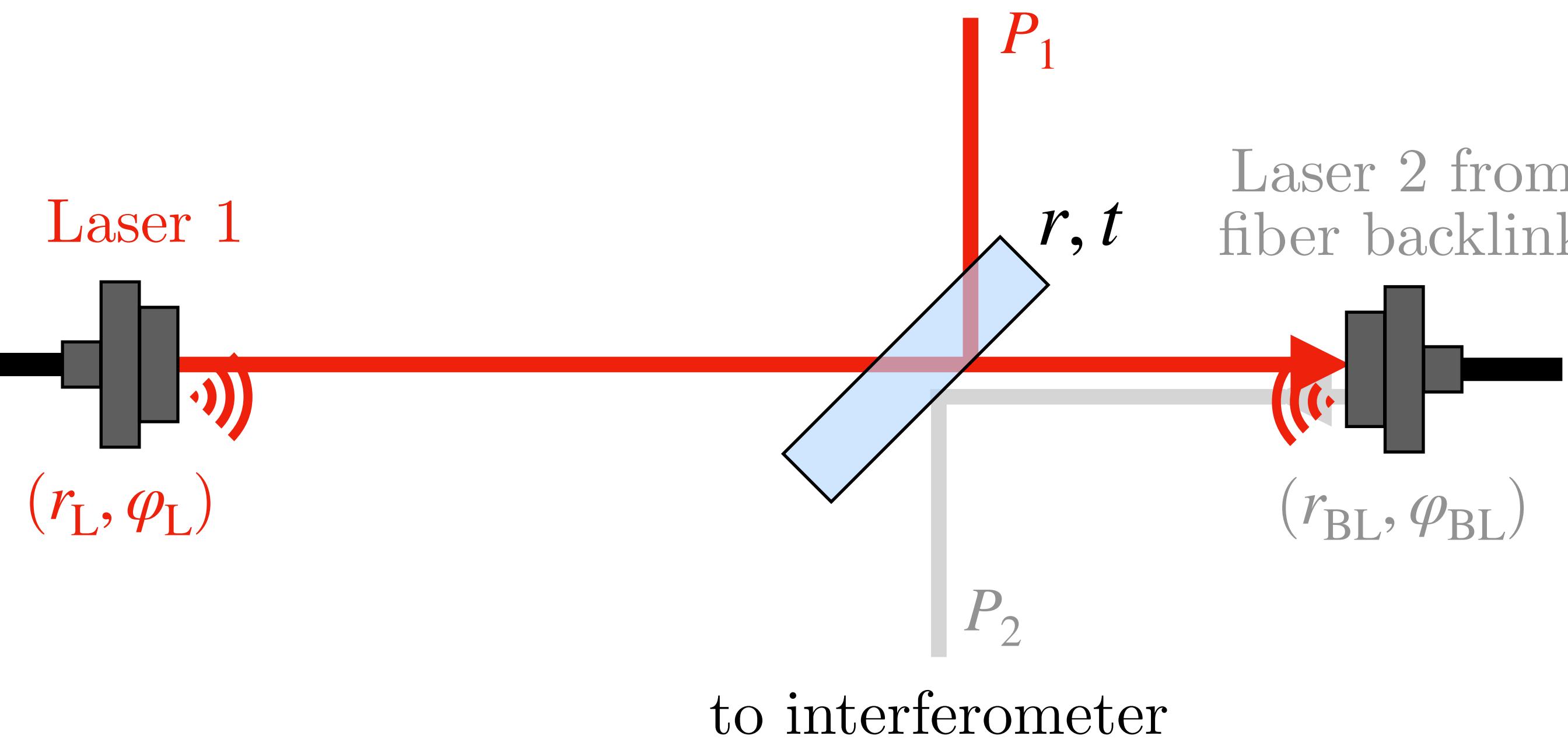
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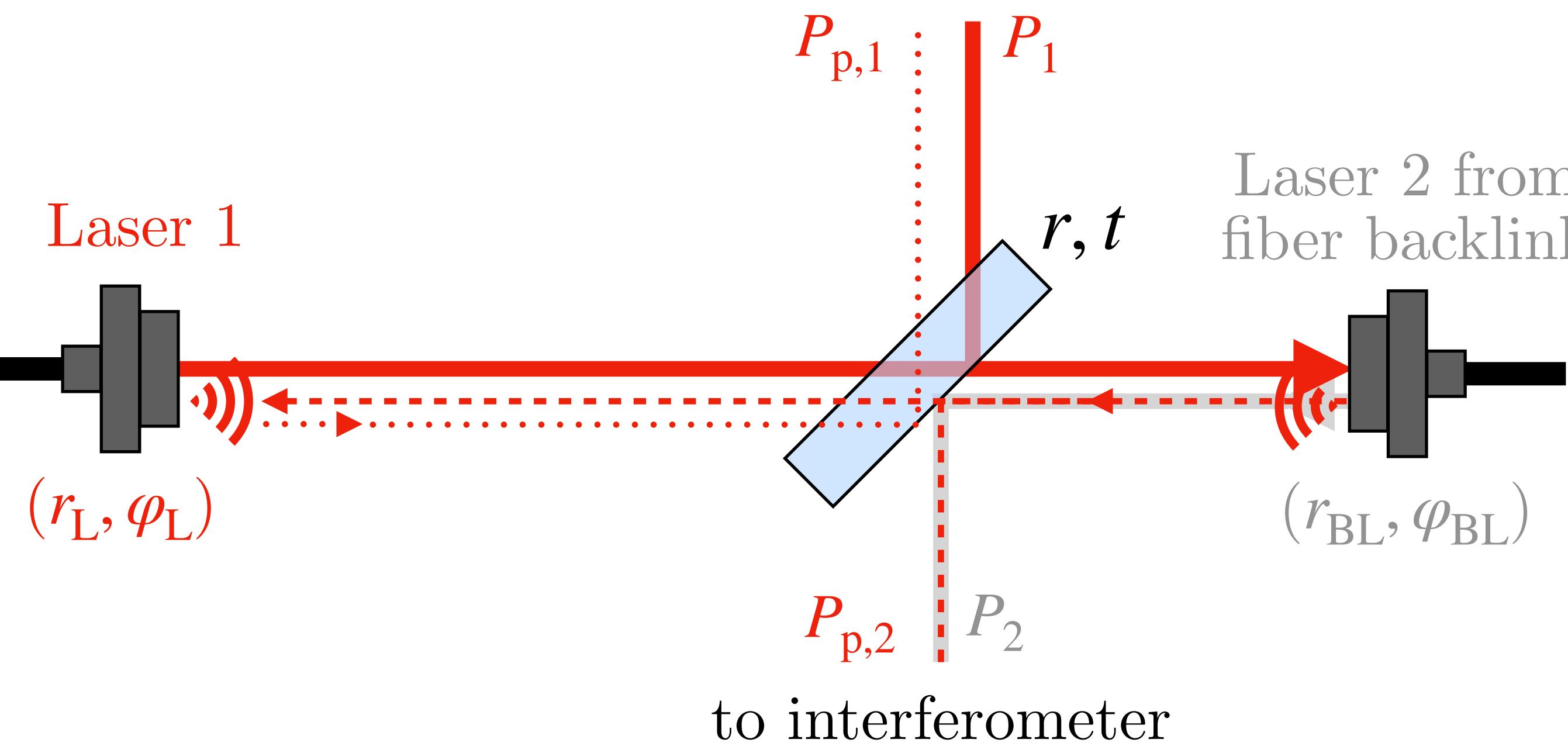
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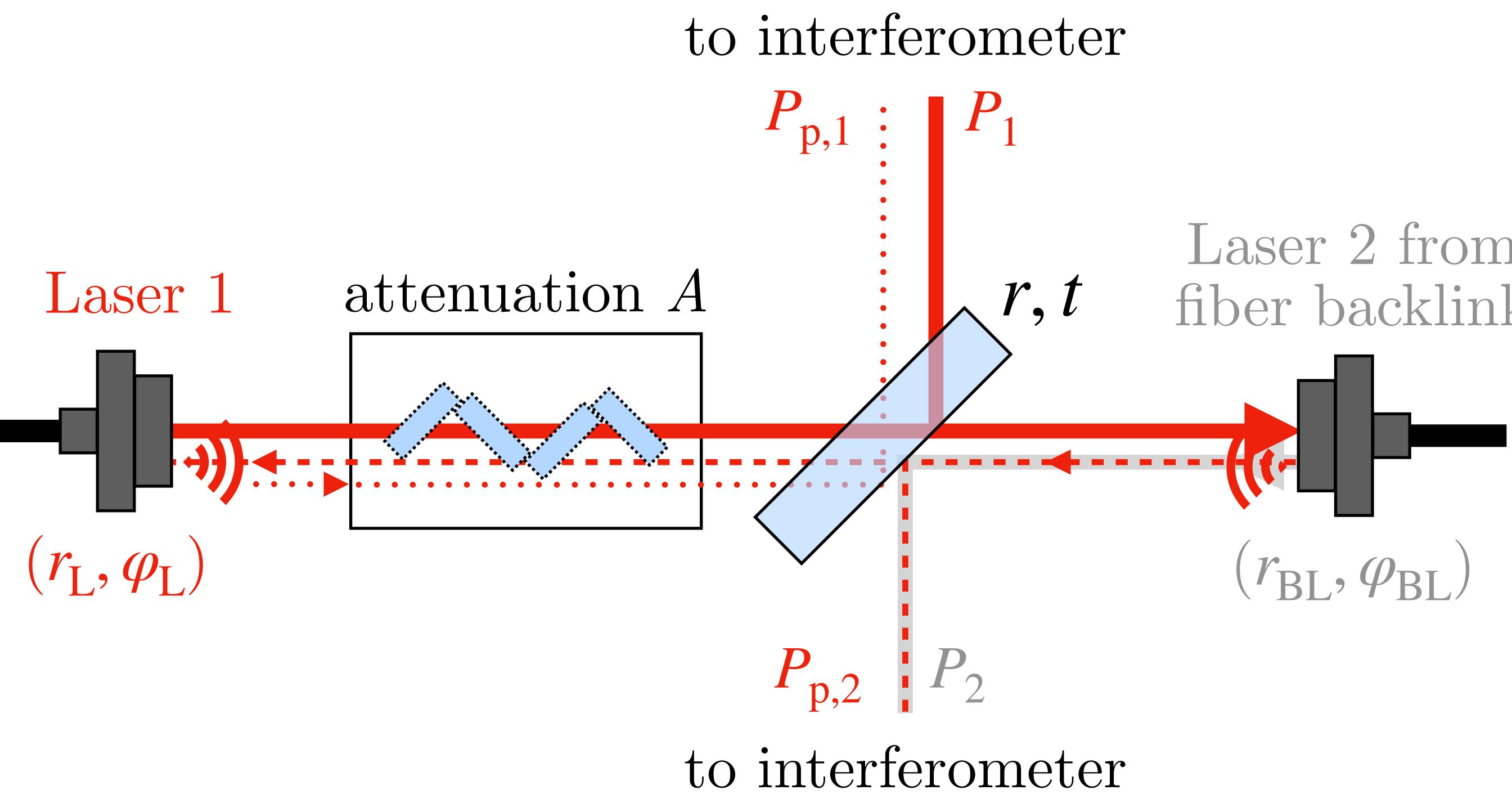
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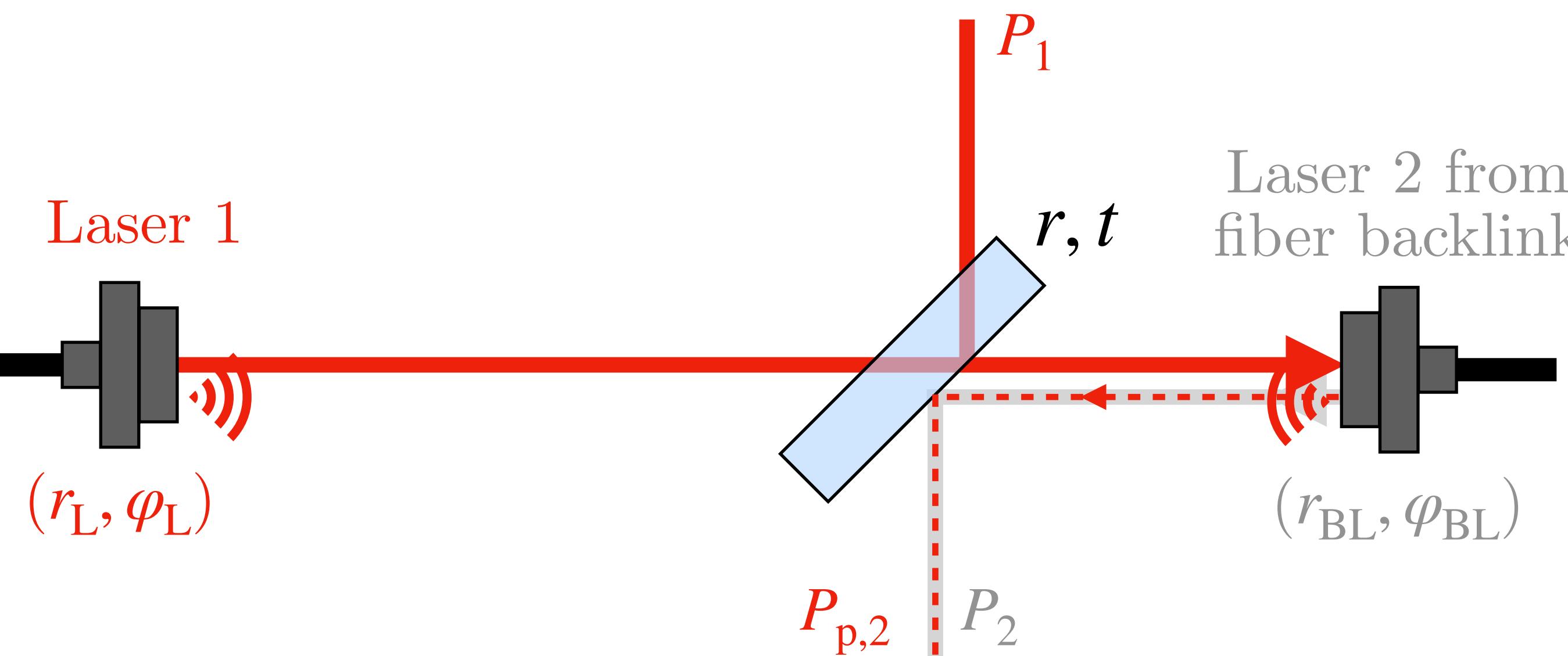
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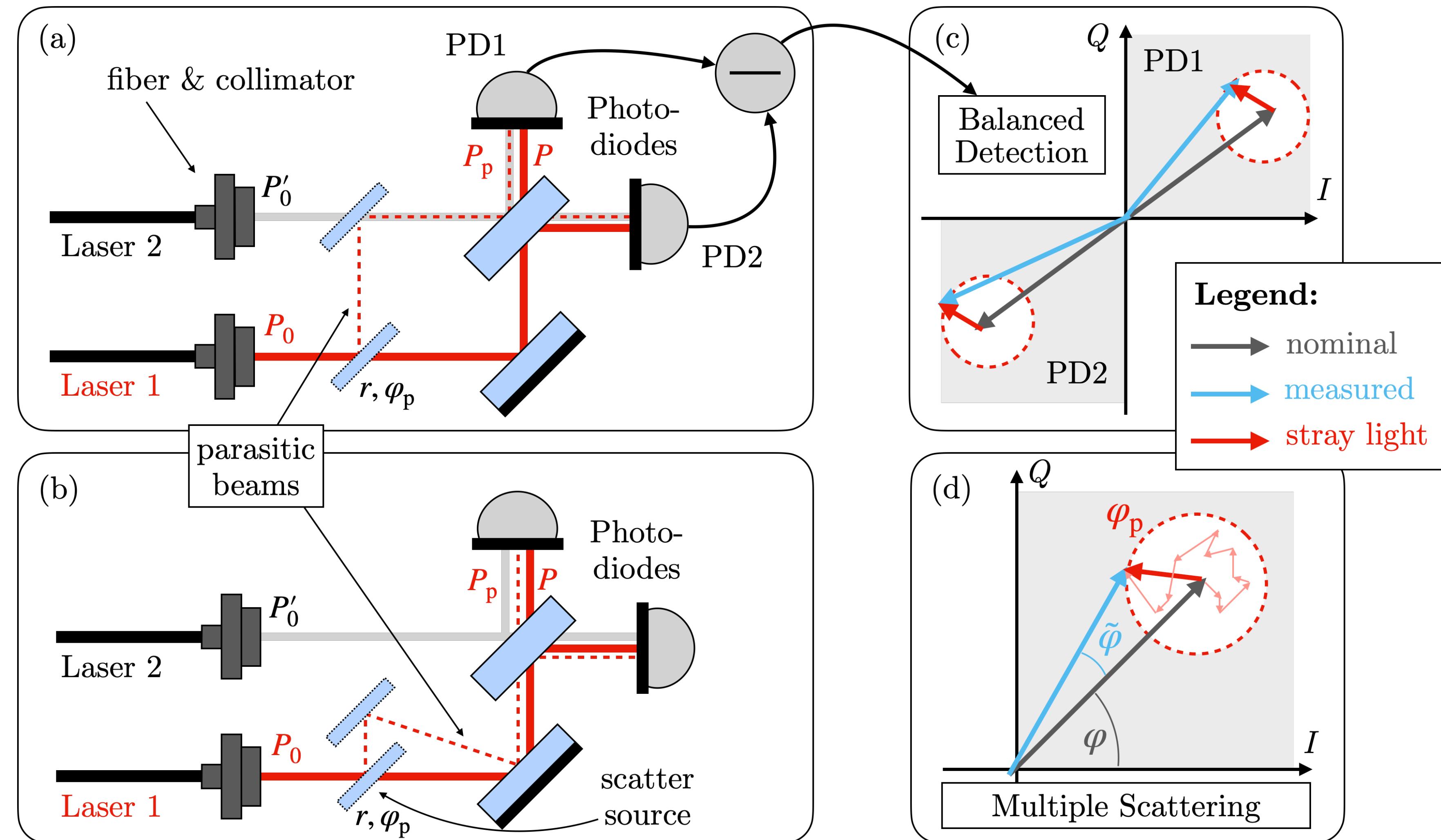
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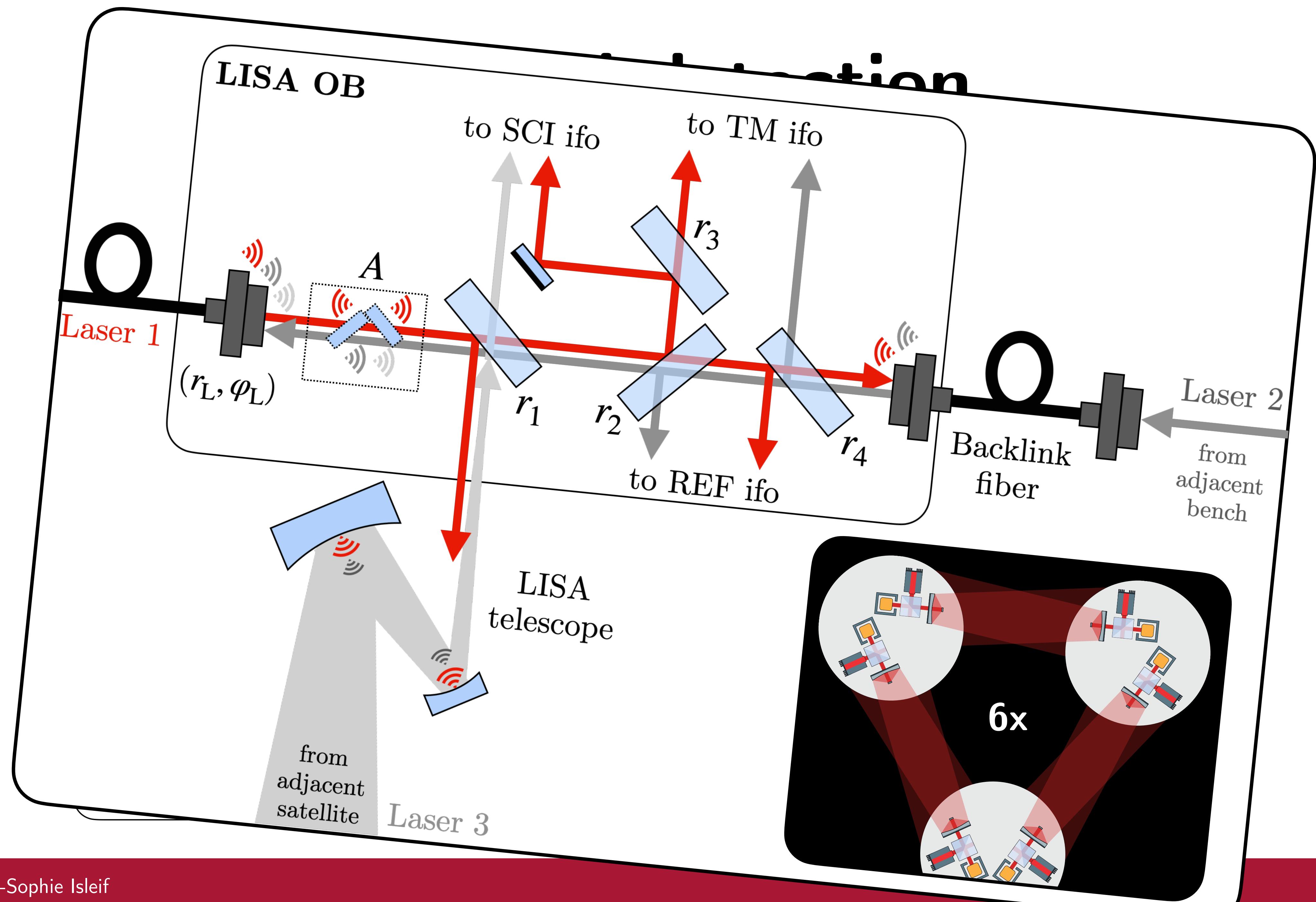
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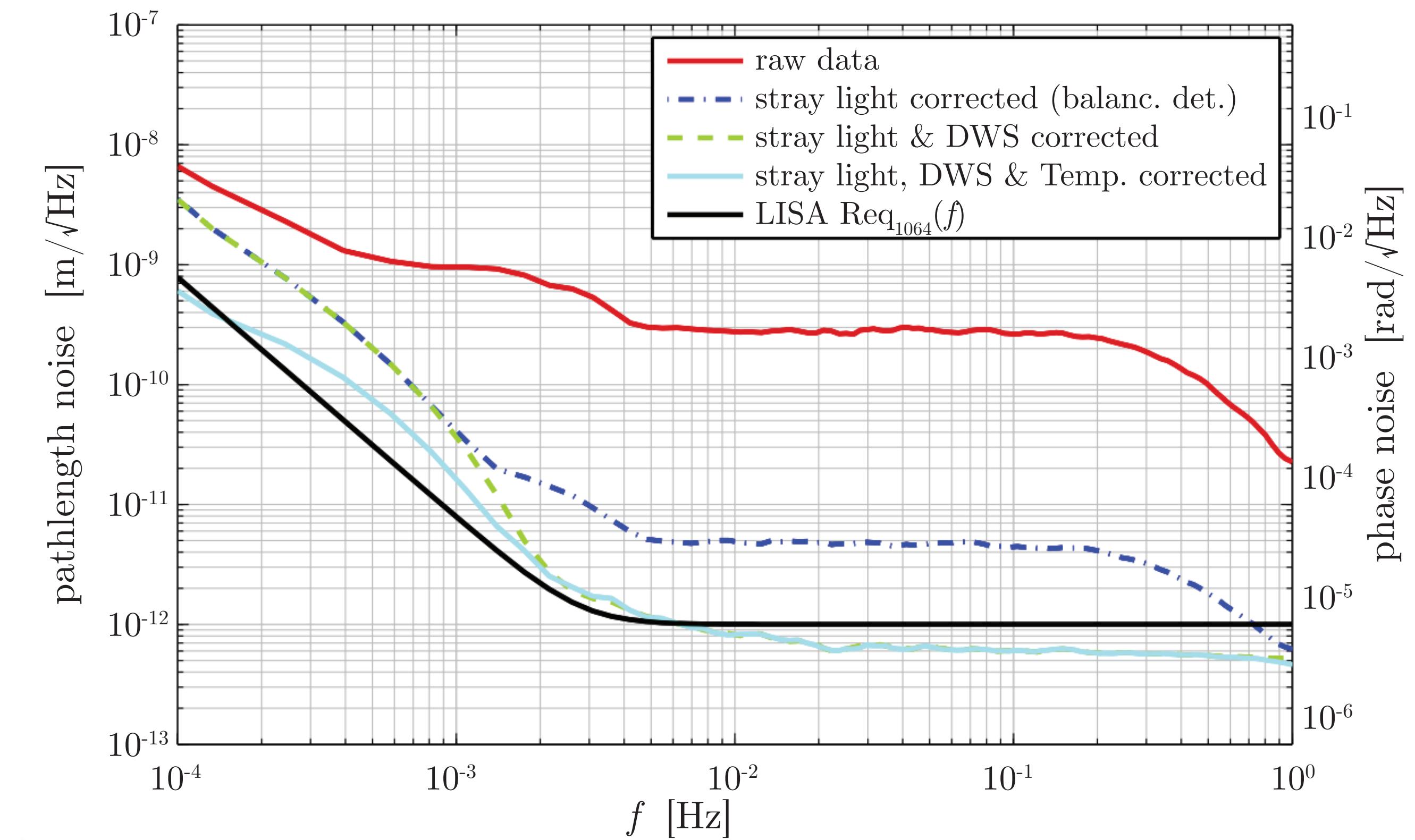
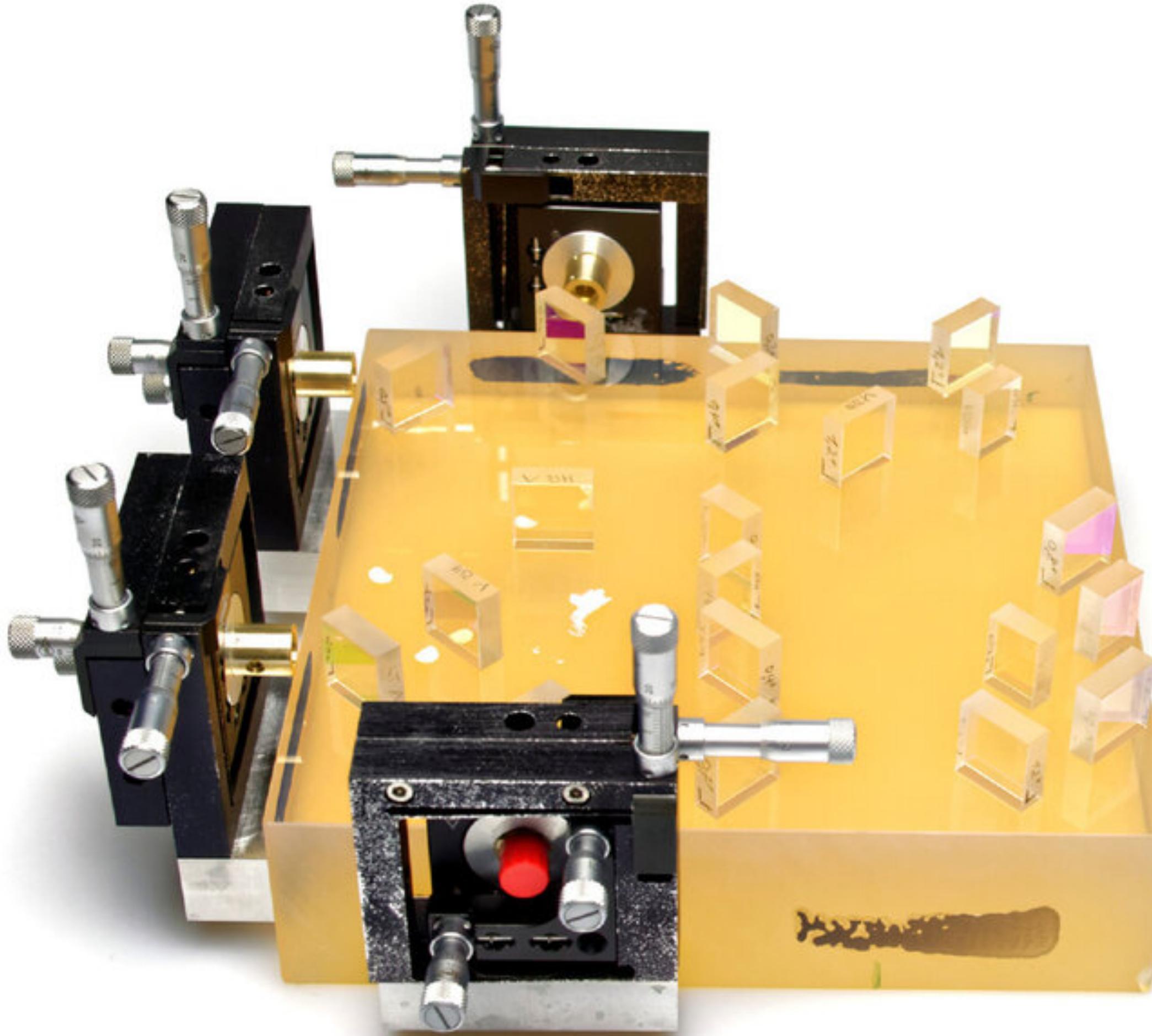
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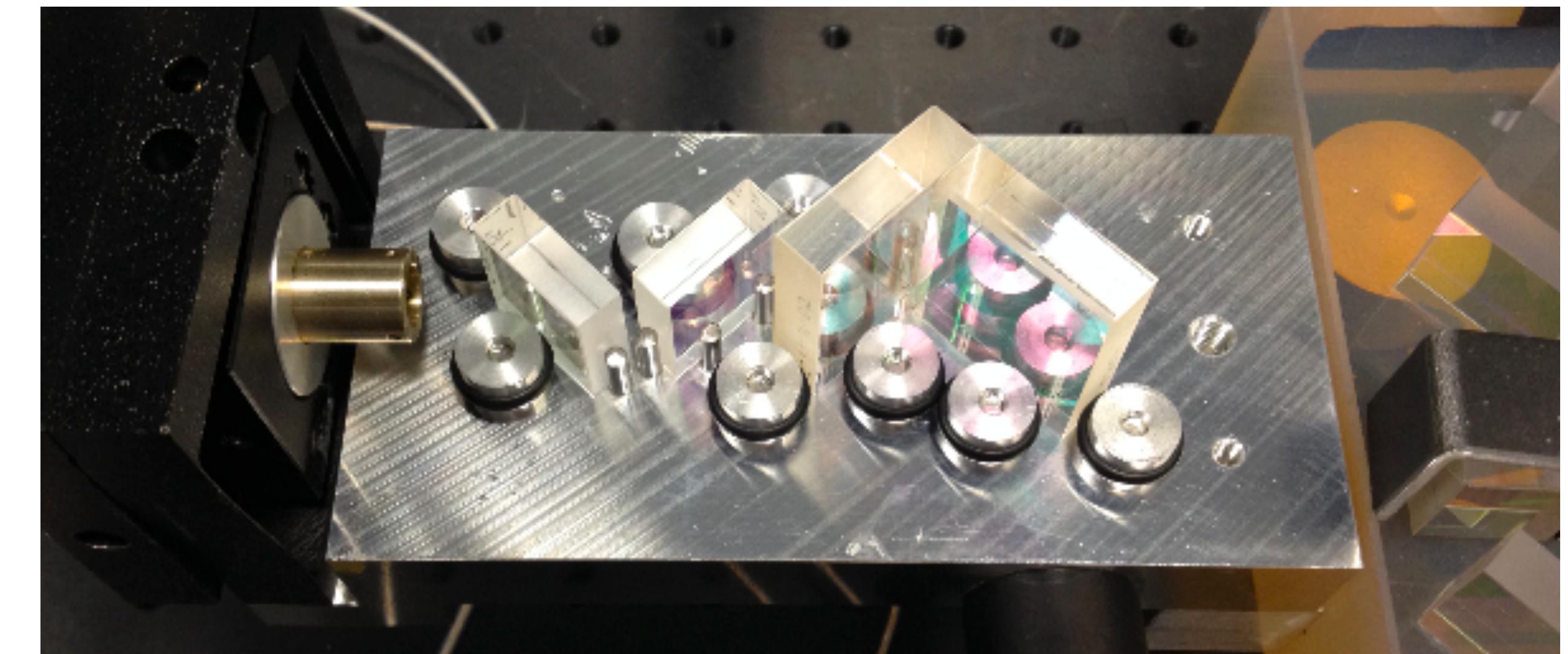
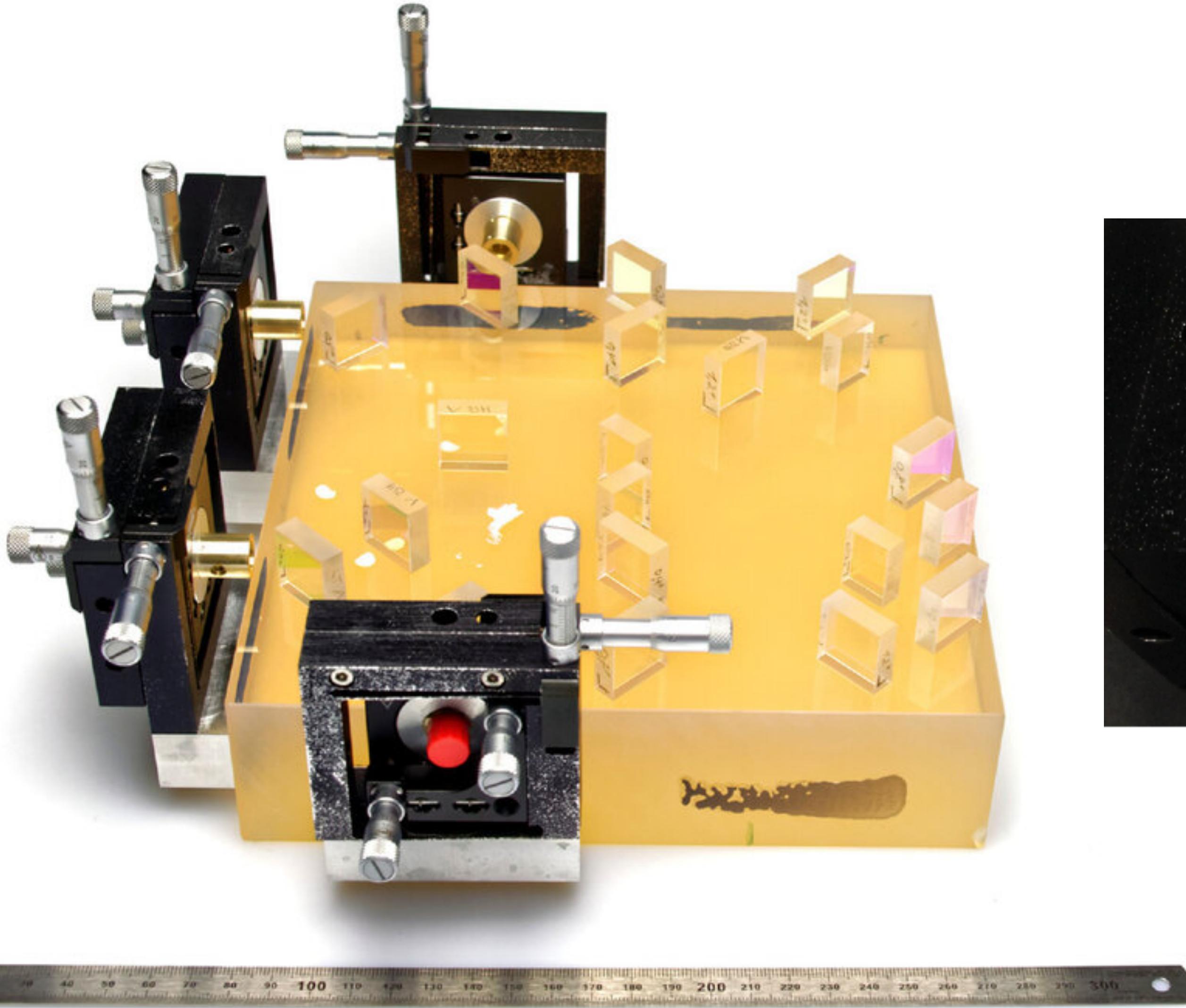


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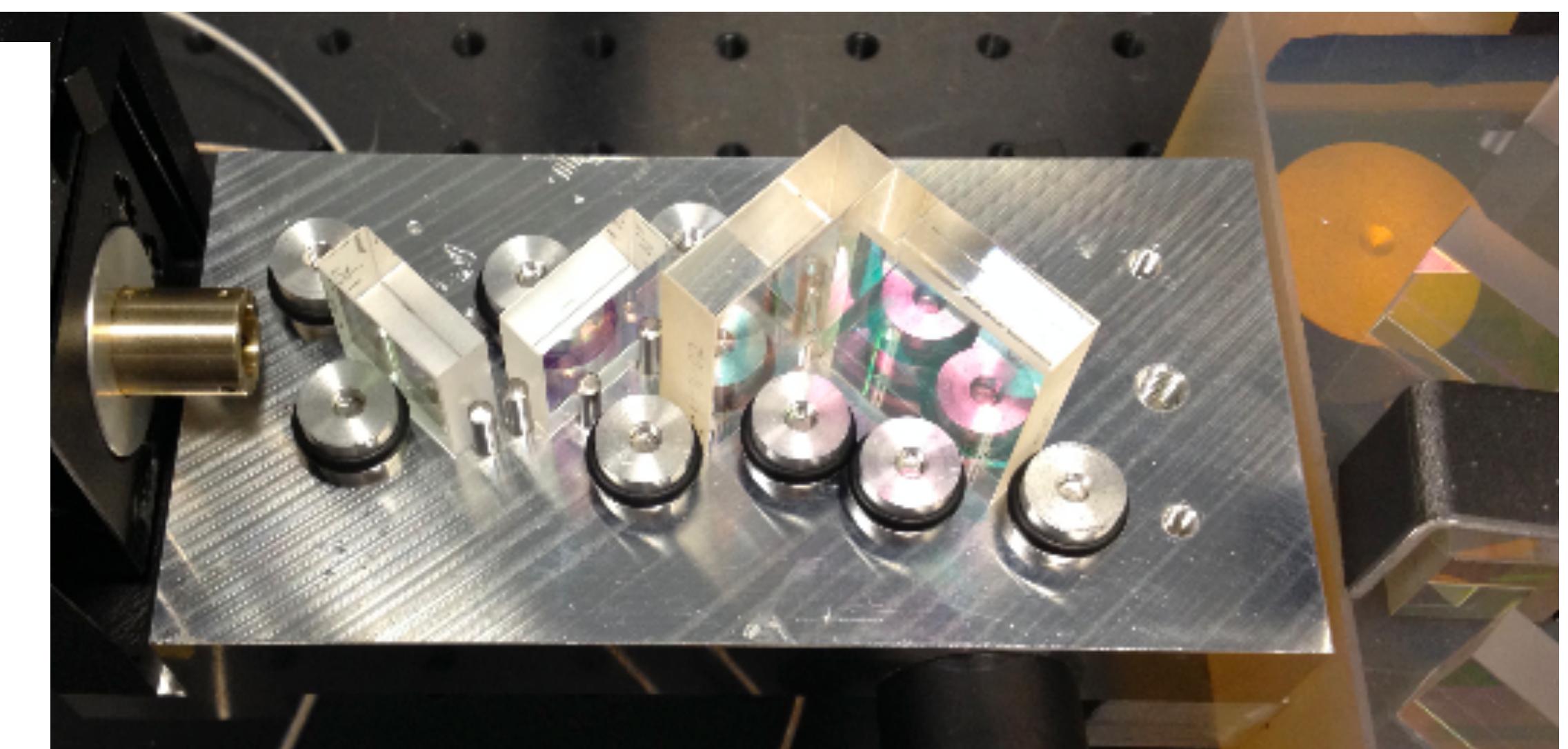
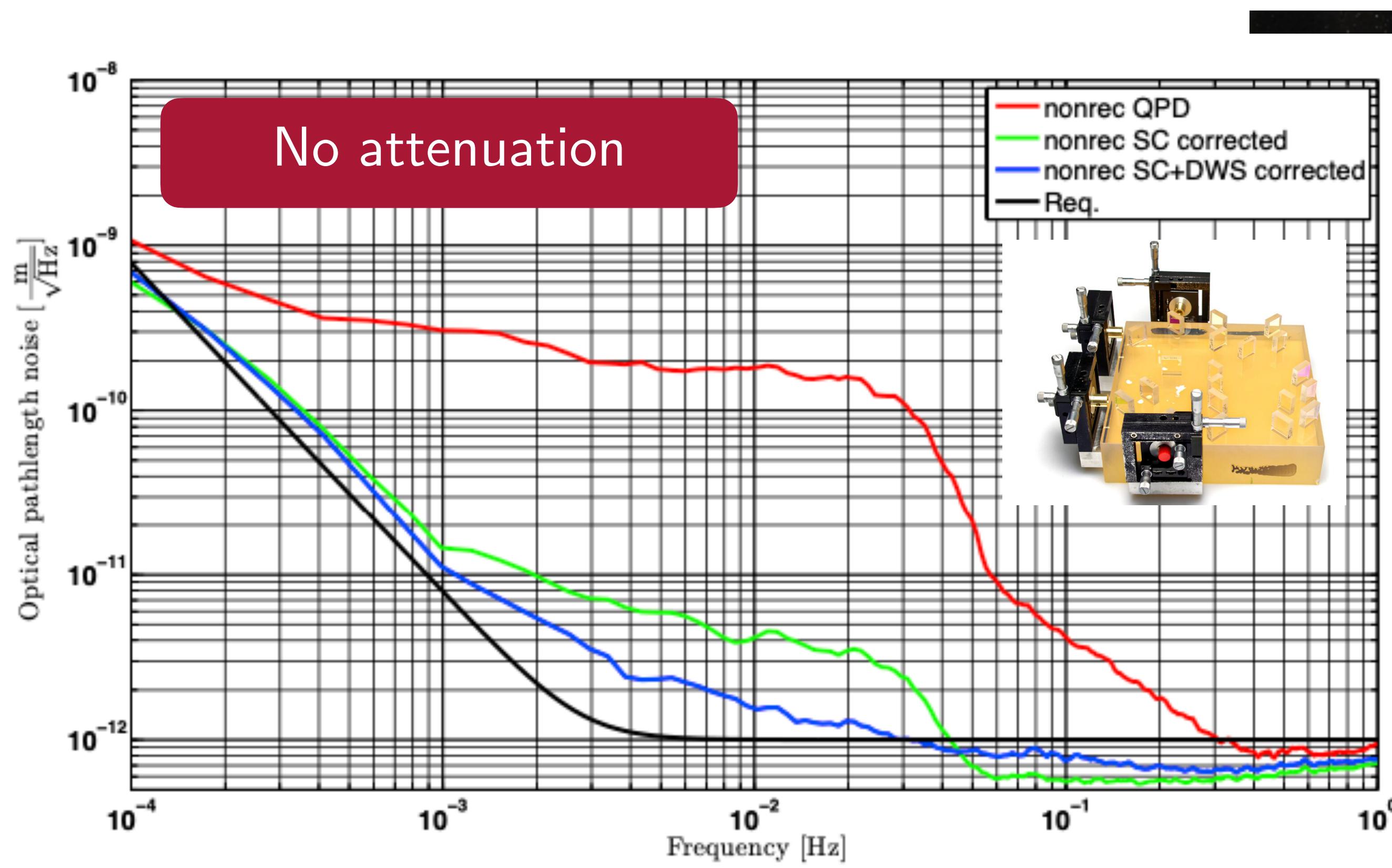
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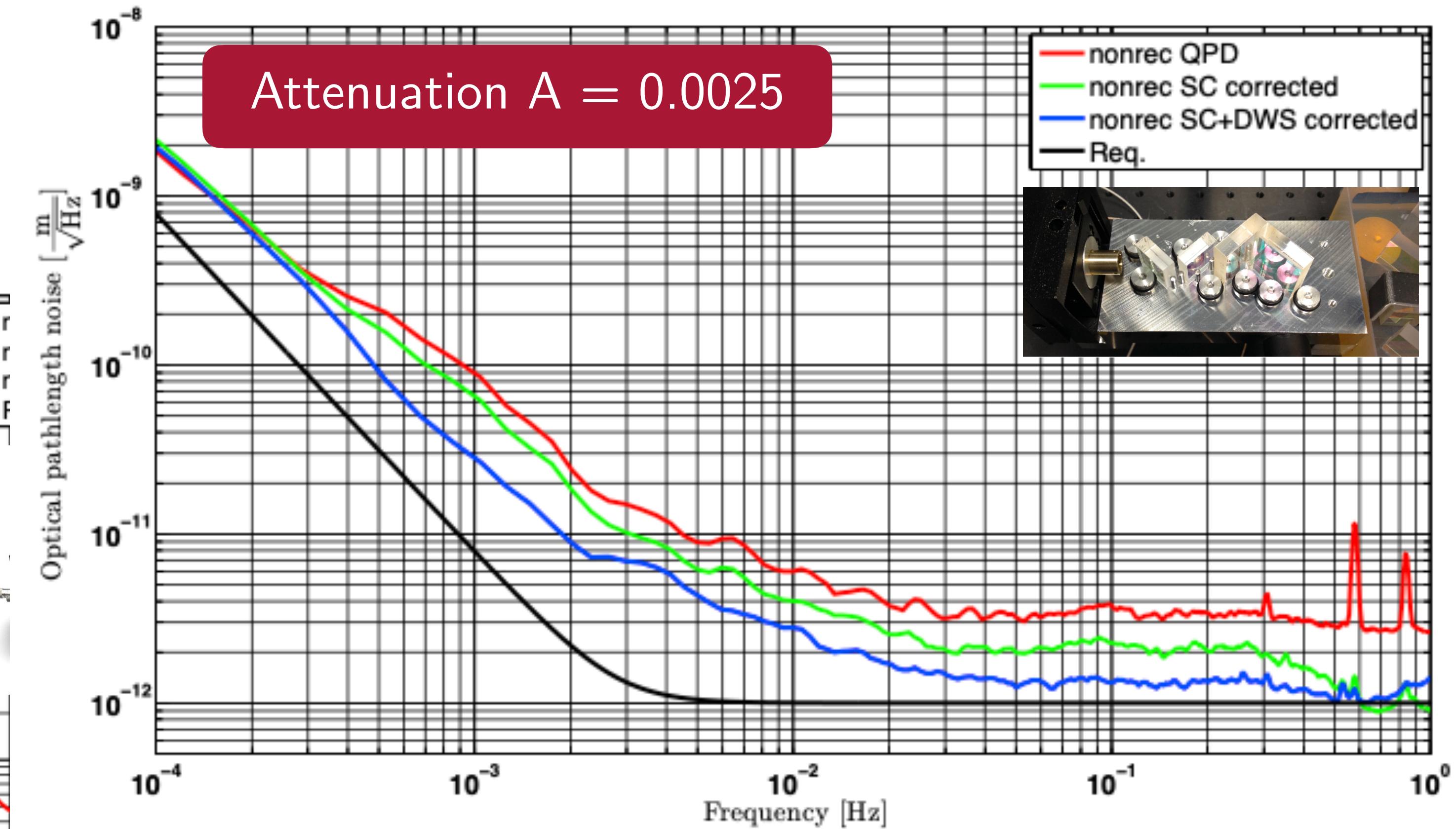
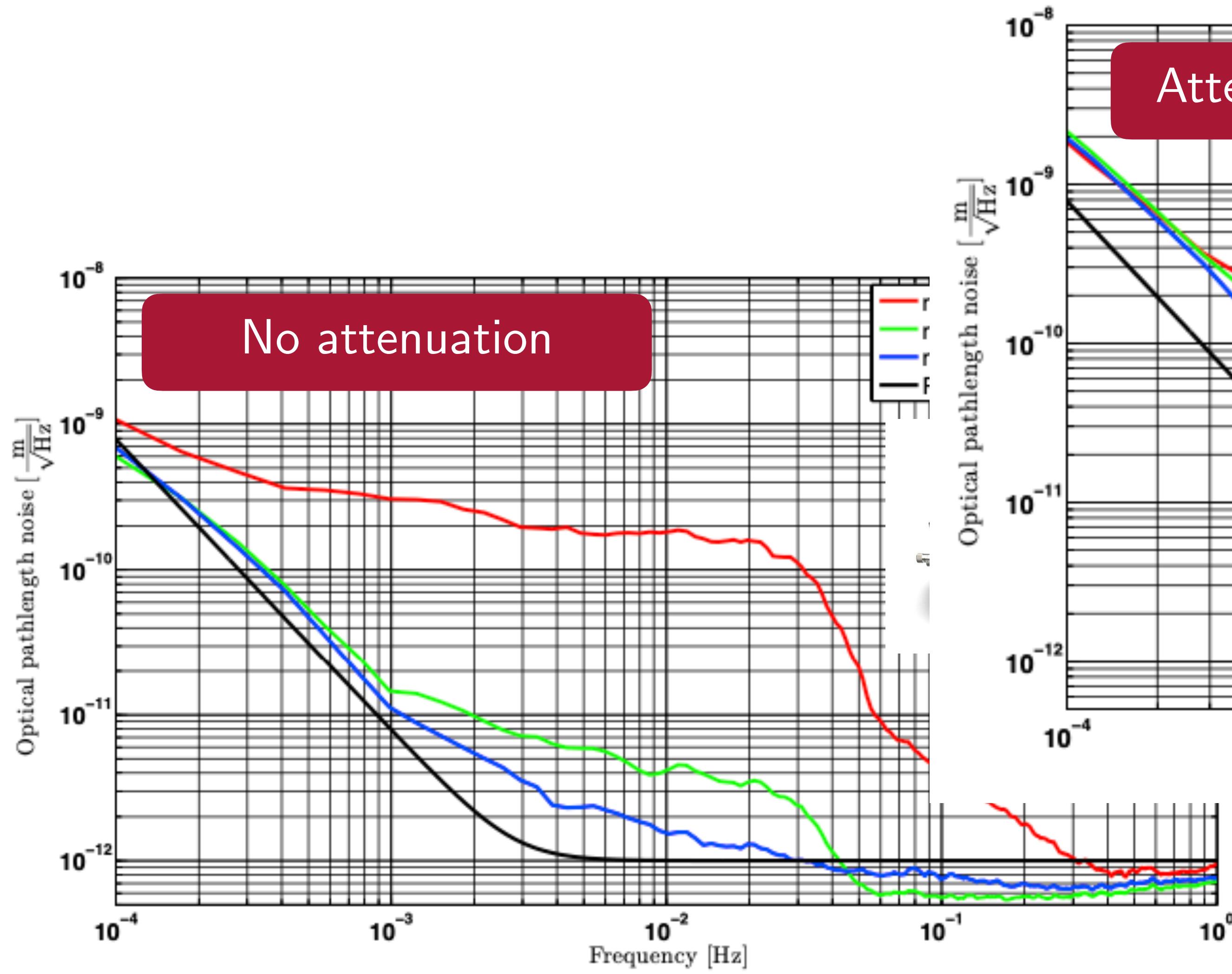
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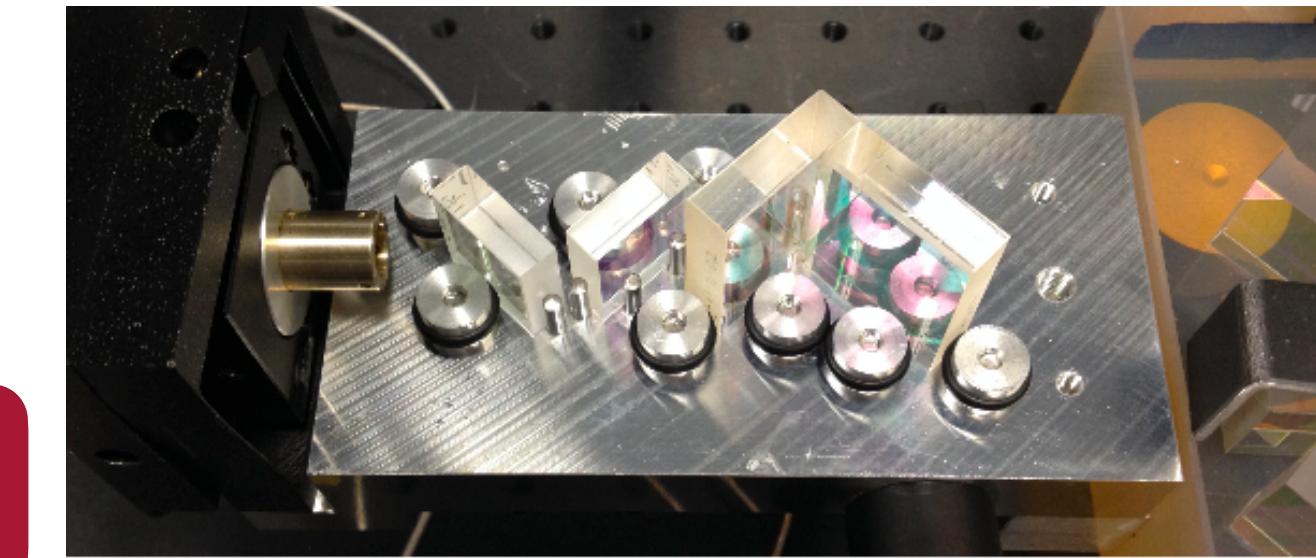
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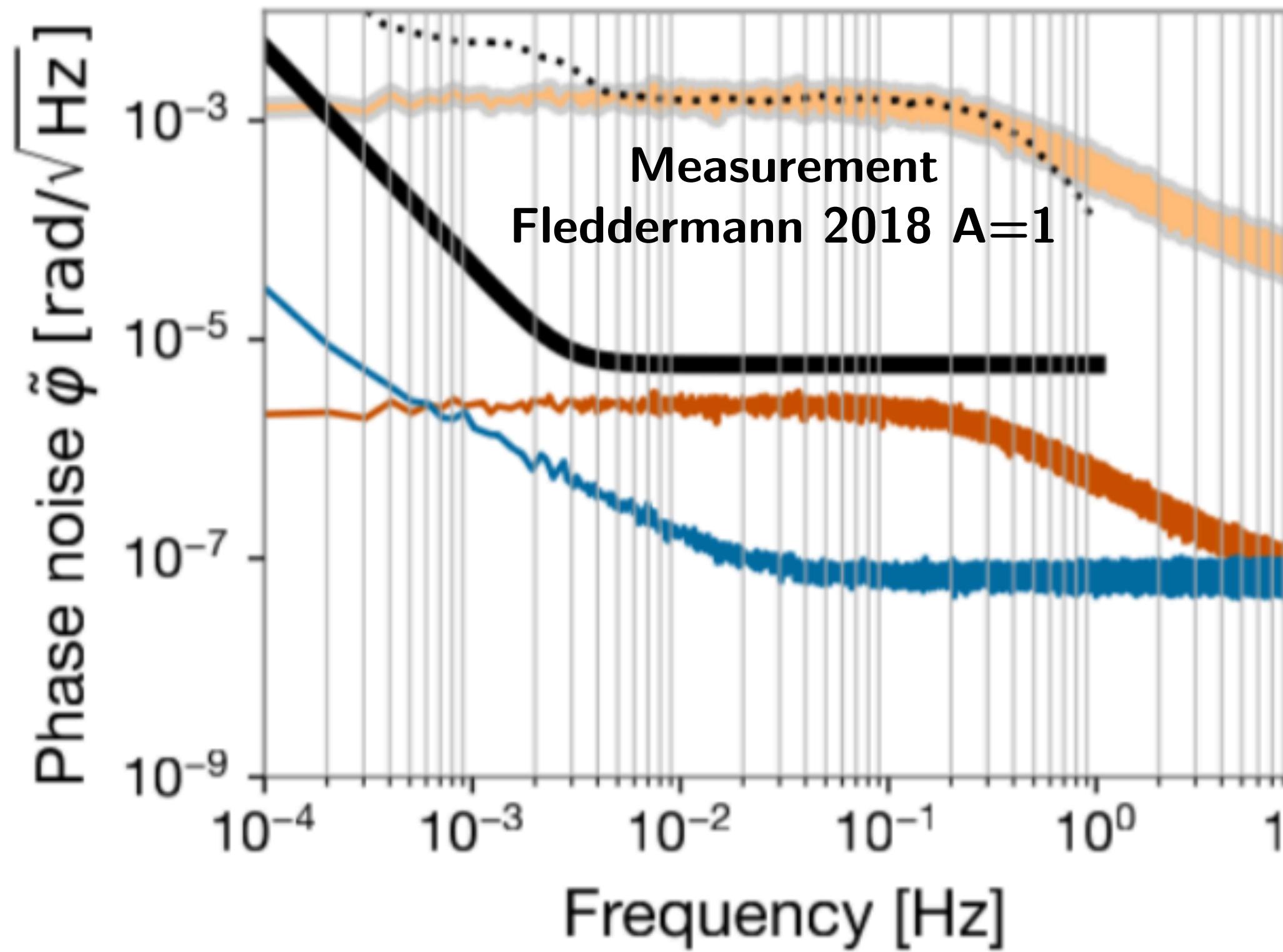


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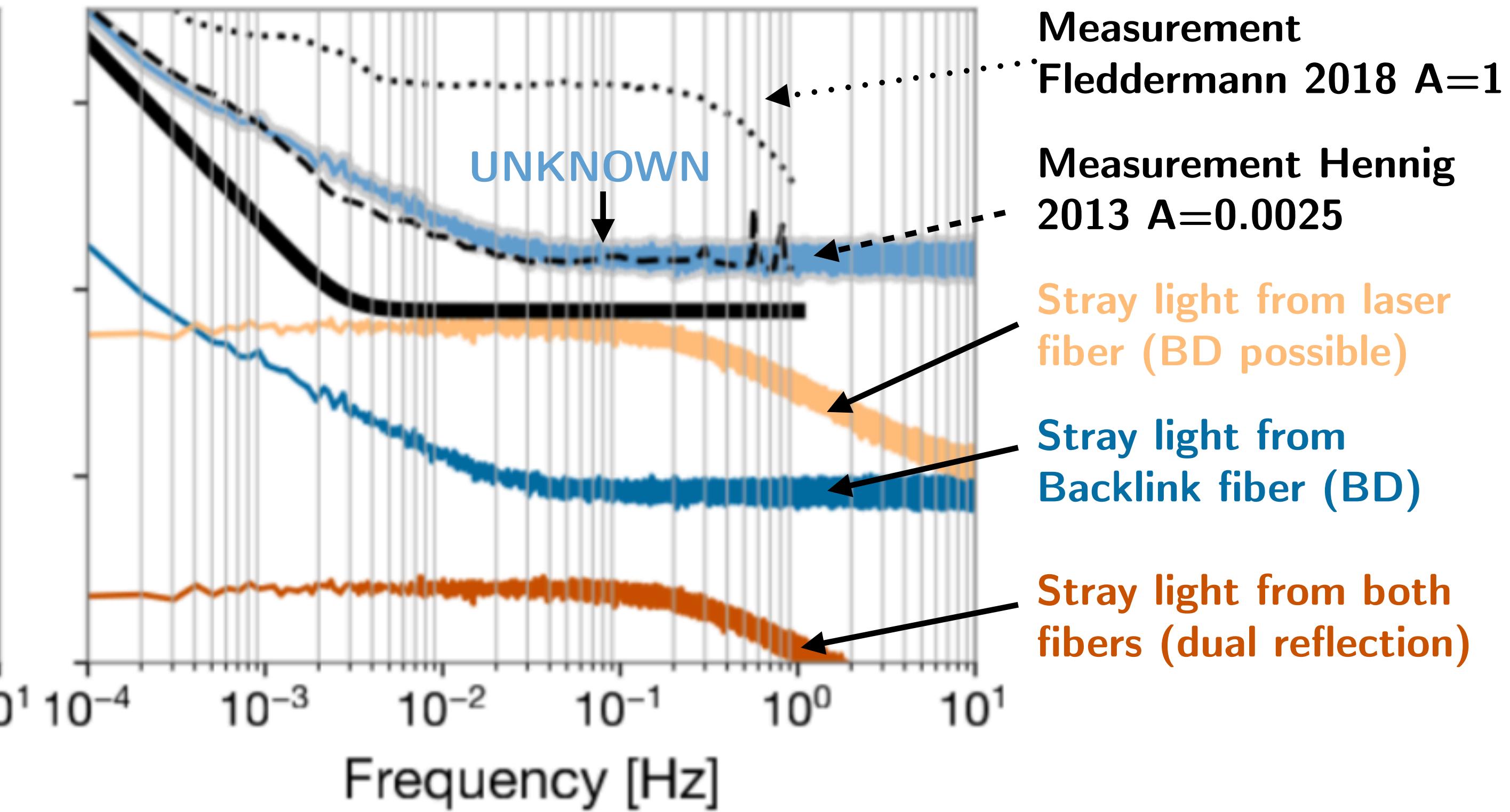
Simulations with attenuation stage



No attenuation ($A=1$)



Attenuation $A = 0.0025$

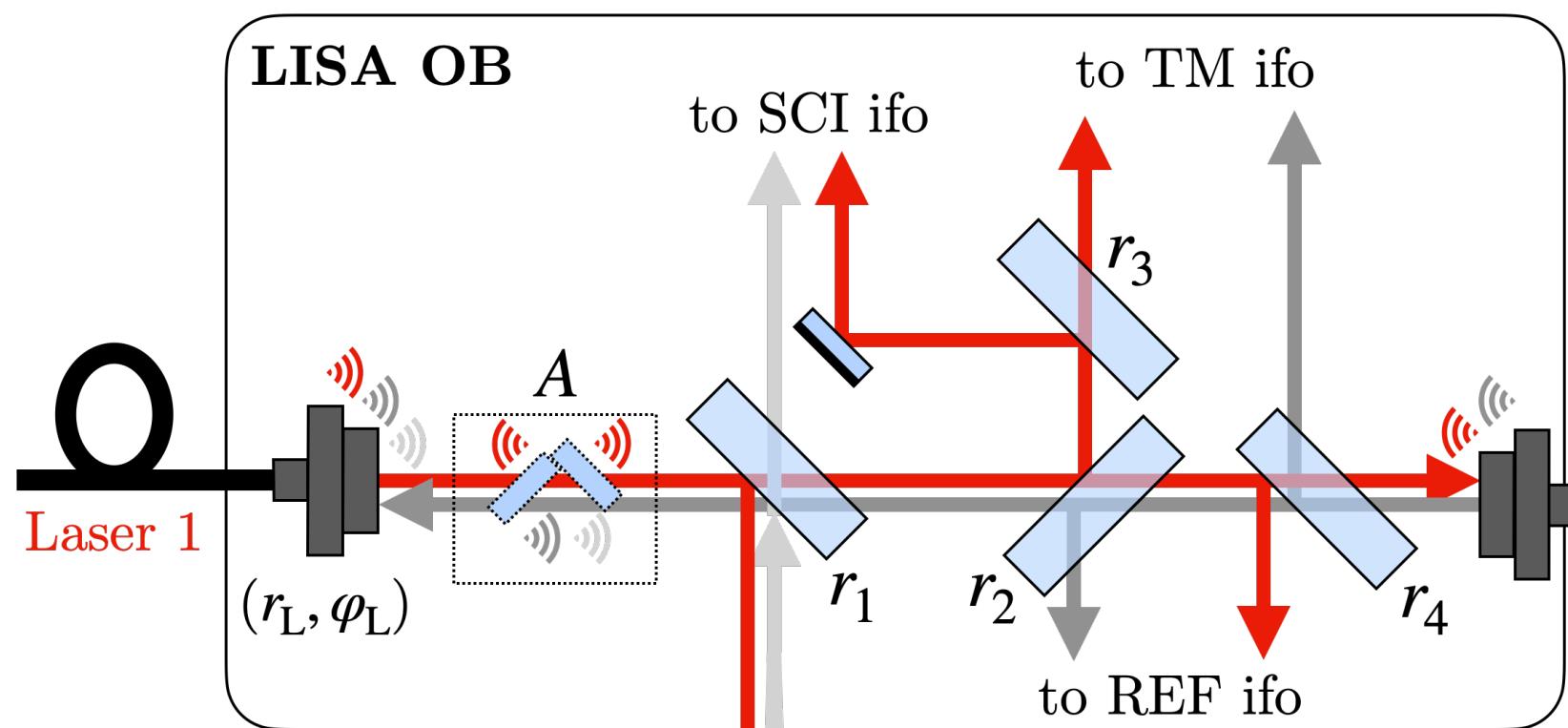


LISA interferometers

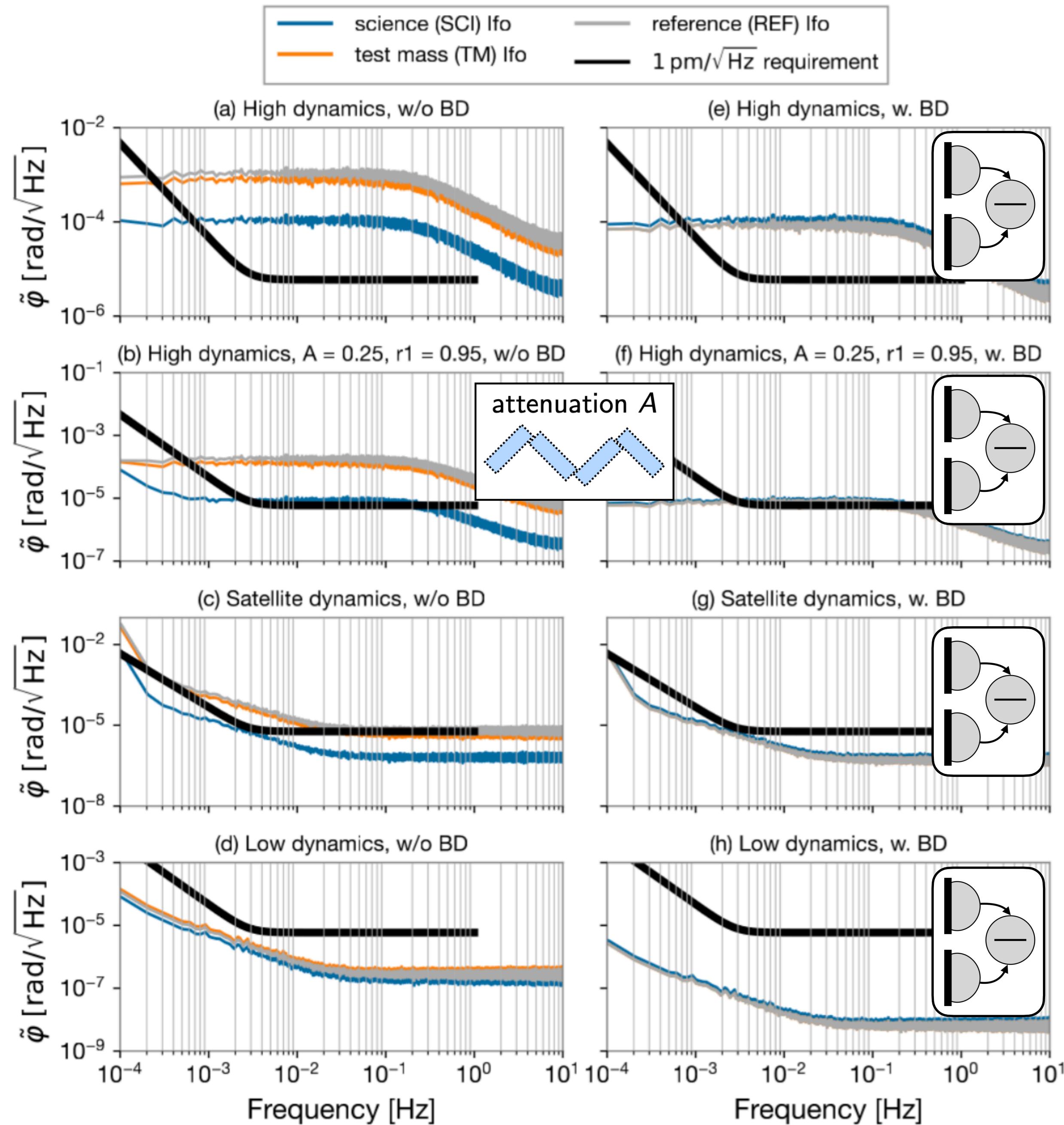
- Parasitic beams (from fiber backlink) contaminating all LISA interferometers

Simulations for:

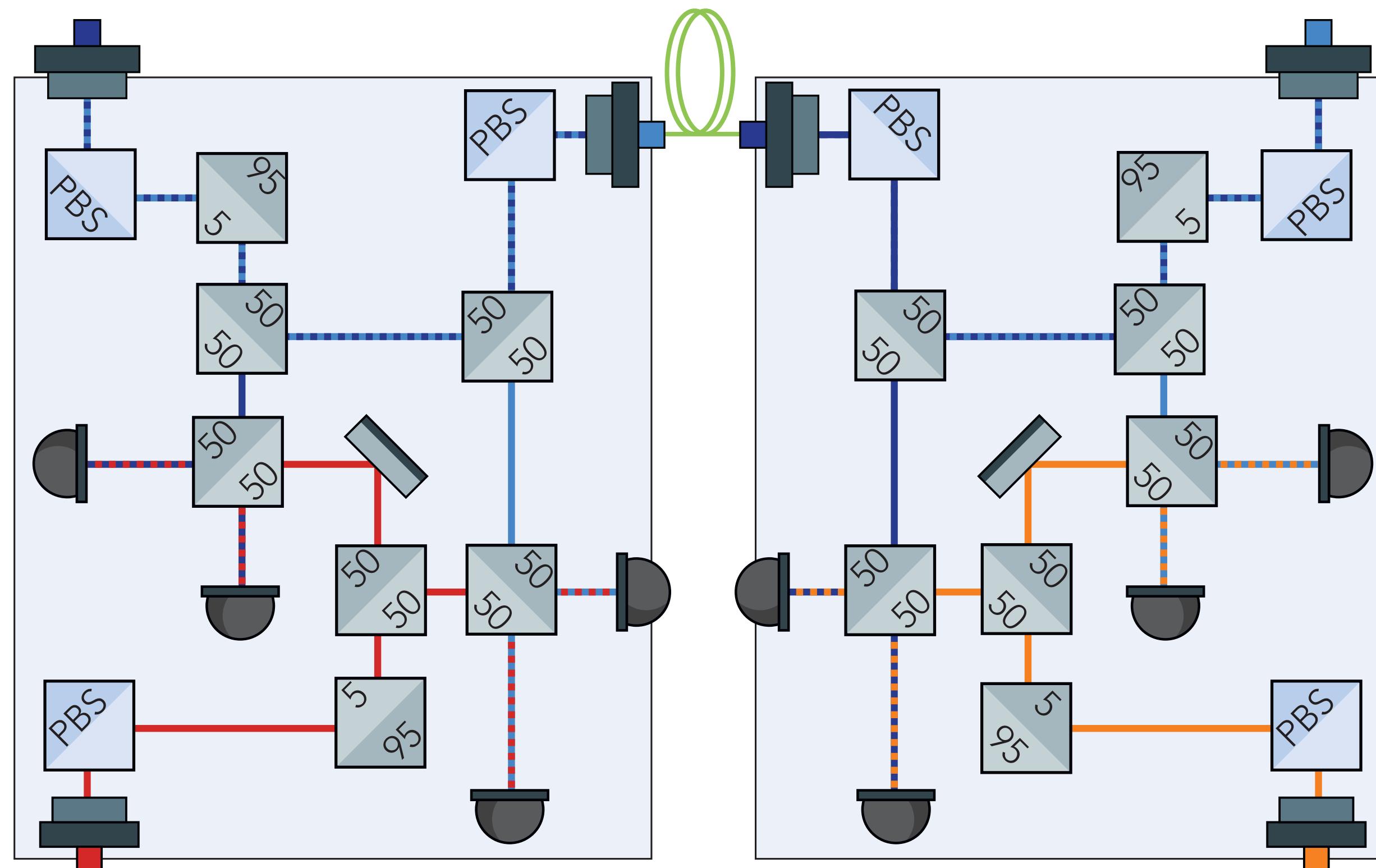
- Different dynamics
- With and without balanced detection
- With and without attenuation stage



High dynamics
Medium
Low



Mitigation strategies



Parasitic beams do not contaminate other LISA interferometers, they oscillator at different beat note

Eliminate origin spurious beams ($P \rightarrow 0\text{ W}$)

- By optical design (not entering diodes)
 - Block ghost beams: baffles
 - Avoid 0° surfaces (use wedged 2ndary surface)

Reduce power of spurious beams ($P \rightarrow \text{nW} - \text{pW}$)

- Clean surfaces to avoid scattering
- Good Coatings (AR, polarization, ...)
- Attenuation stages (reduce r , polarization, ...)

Reduce dynamics ($\varphi_p \rightarrow 0\text{ rad}$)

- Stable interferometer (e.g. quasi-monolithic)
- Fiber length stabilization / OPL
- Stabilize environment (temperature, air, ...)

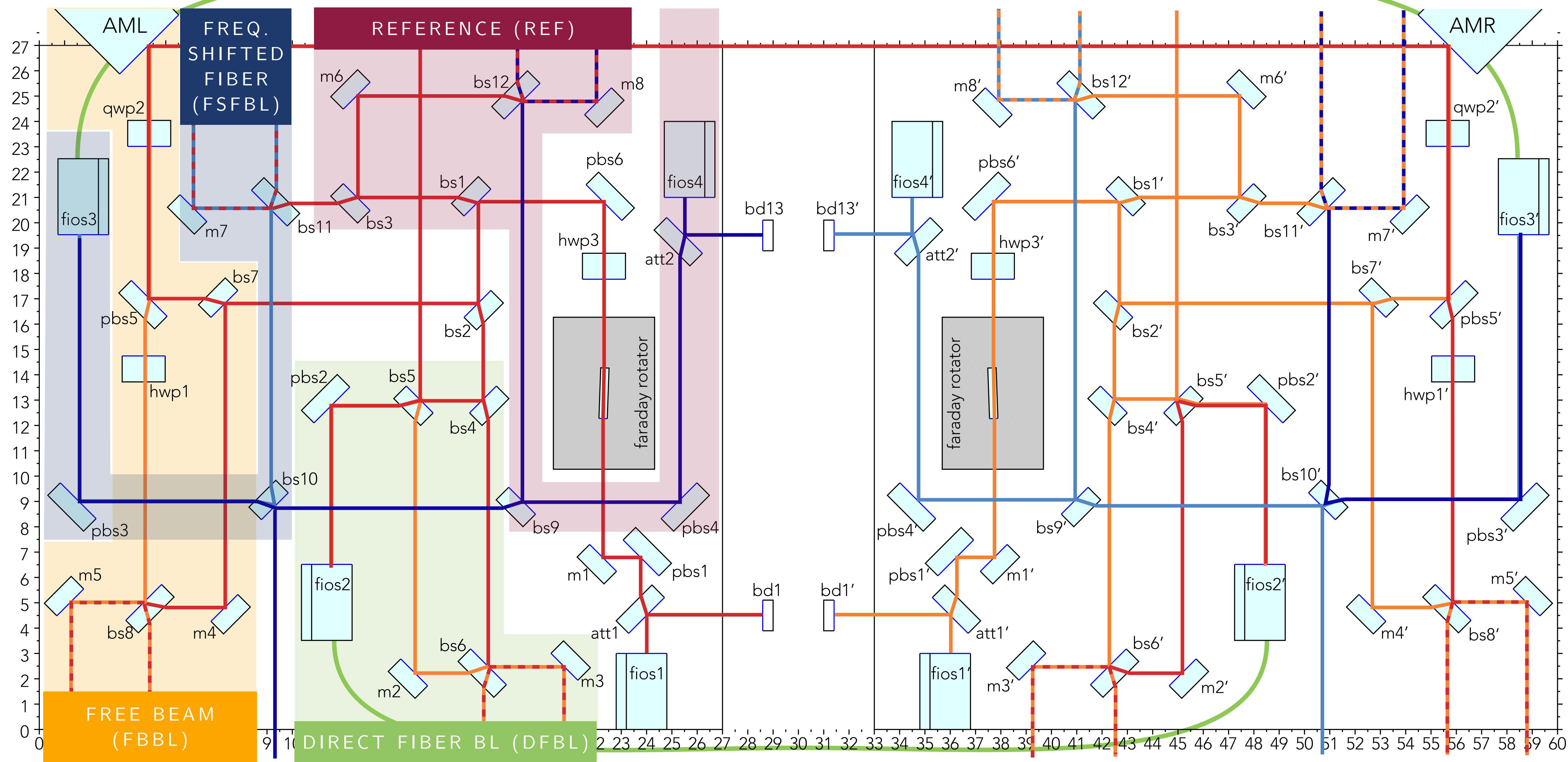
Auxiliary sensing

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- Coherent noise cancellation

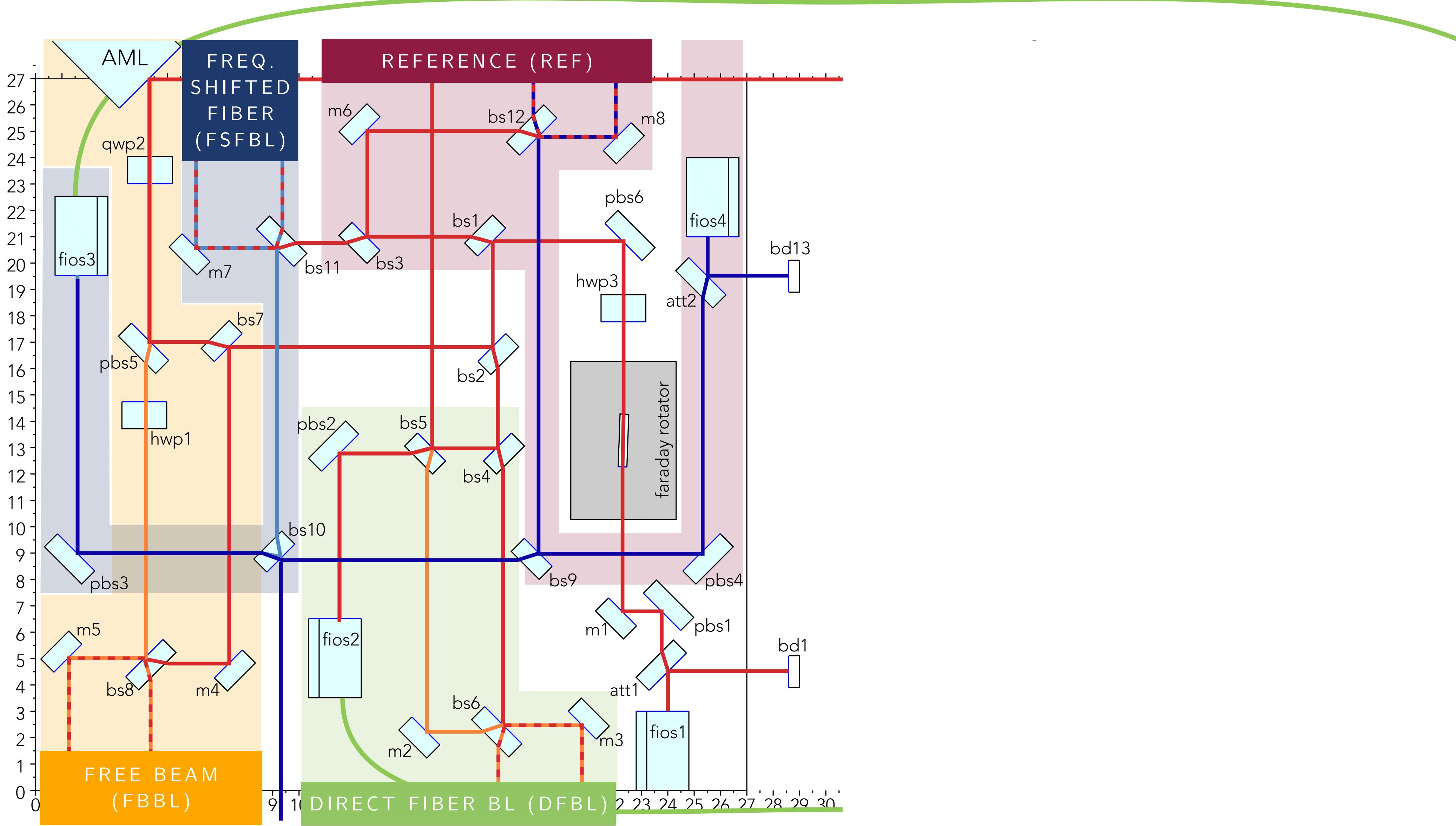
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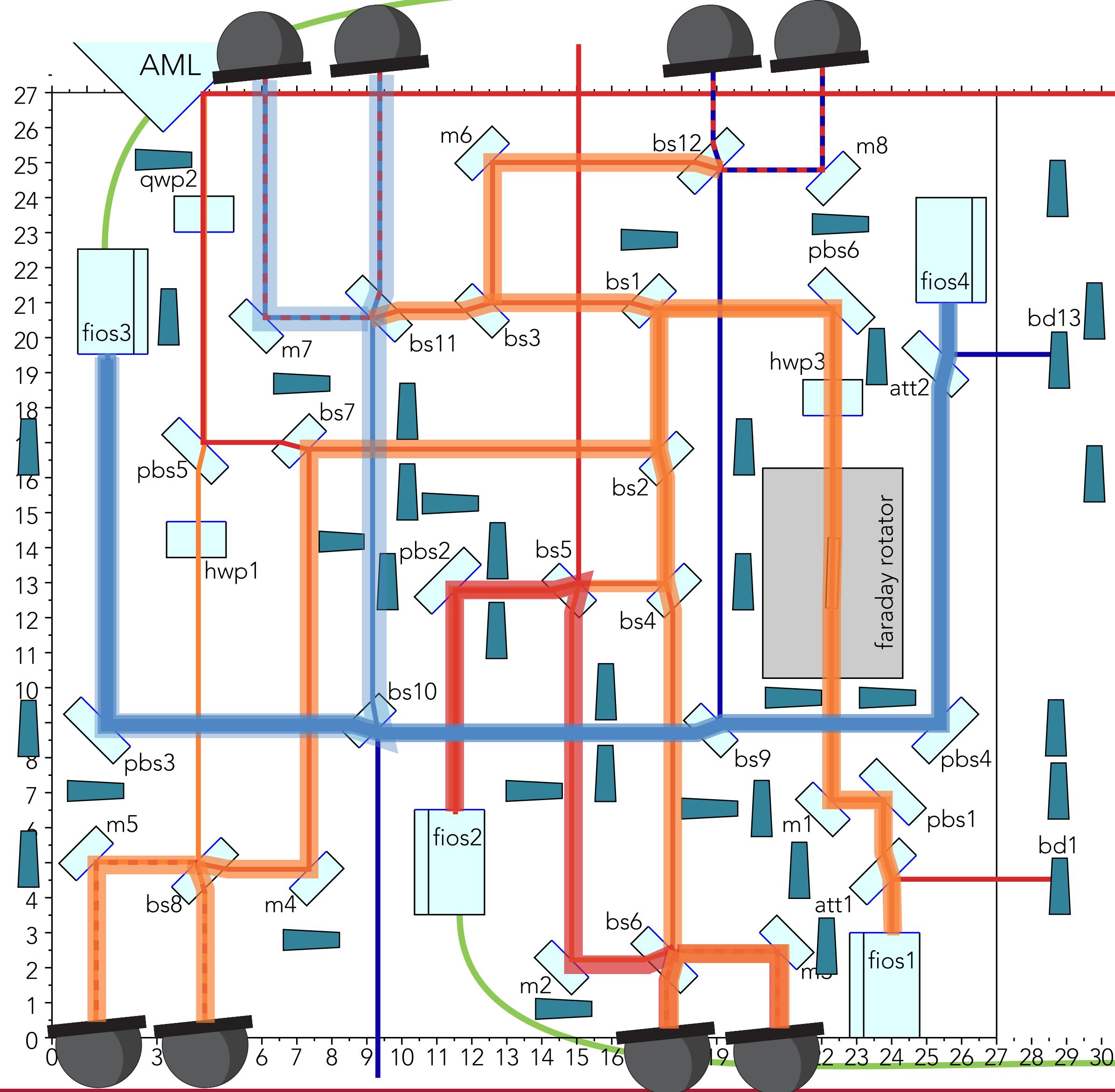
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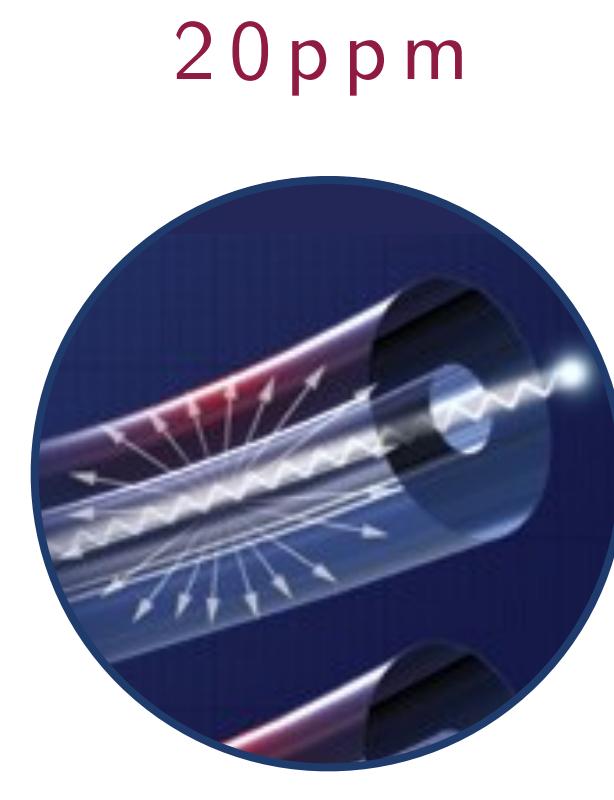
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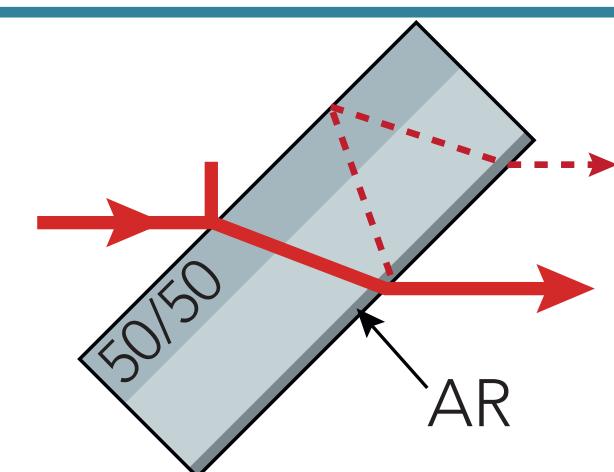
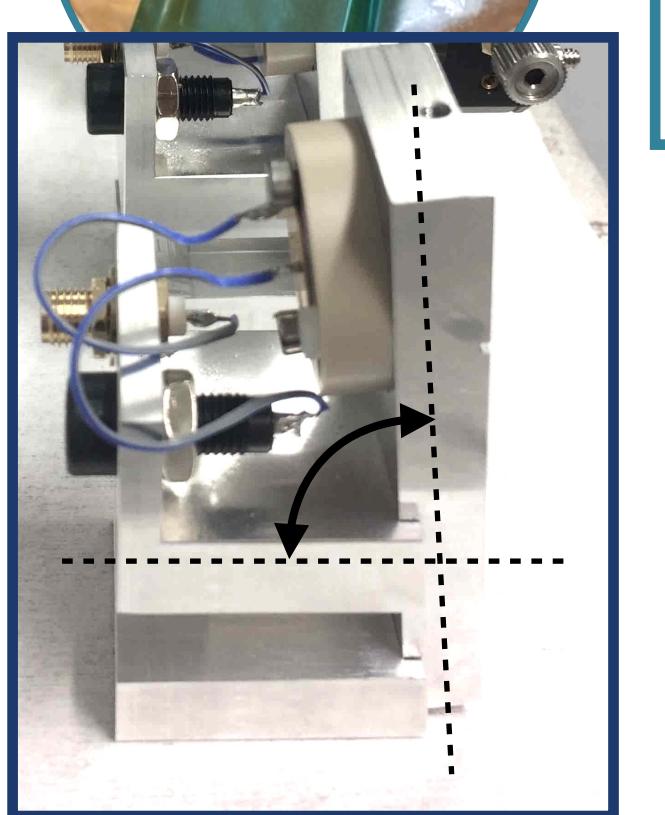
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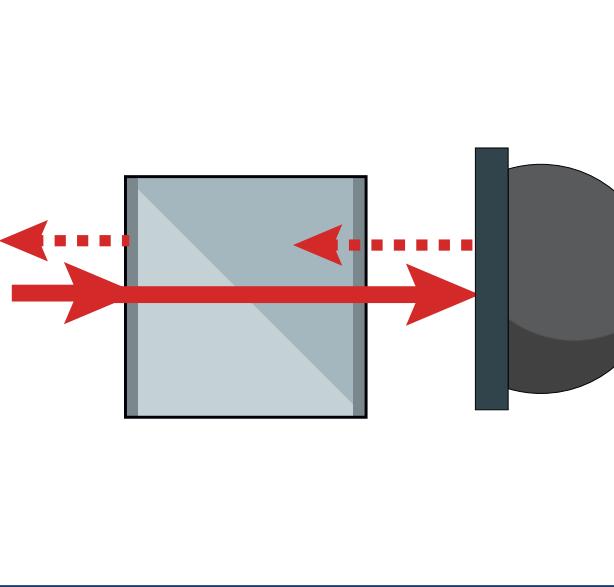
- direct fiber BL contaminates all interferometers: Faraday
- balanced detection to suppress 100 pm fiber noise
- dual-cavity ghost beams: 0.02 pm



- 40 beam dumps per bench

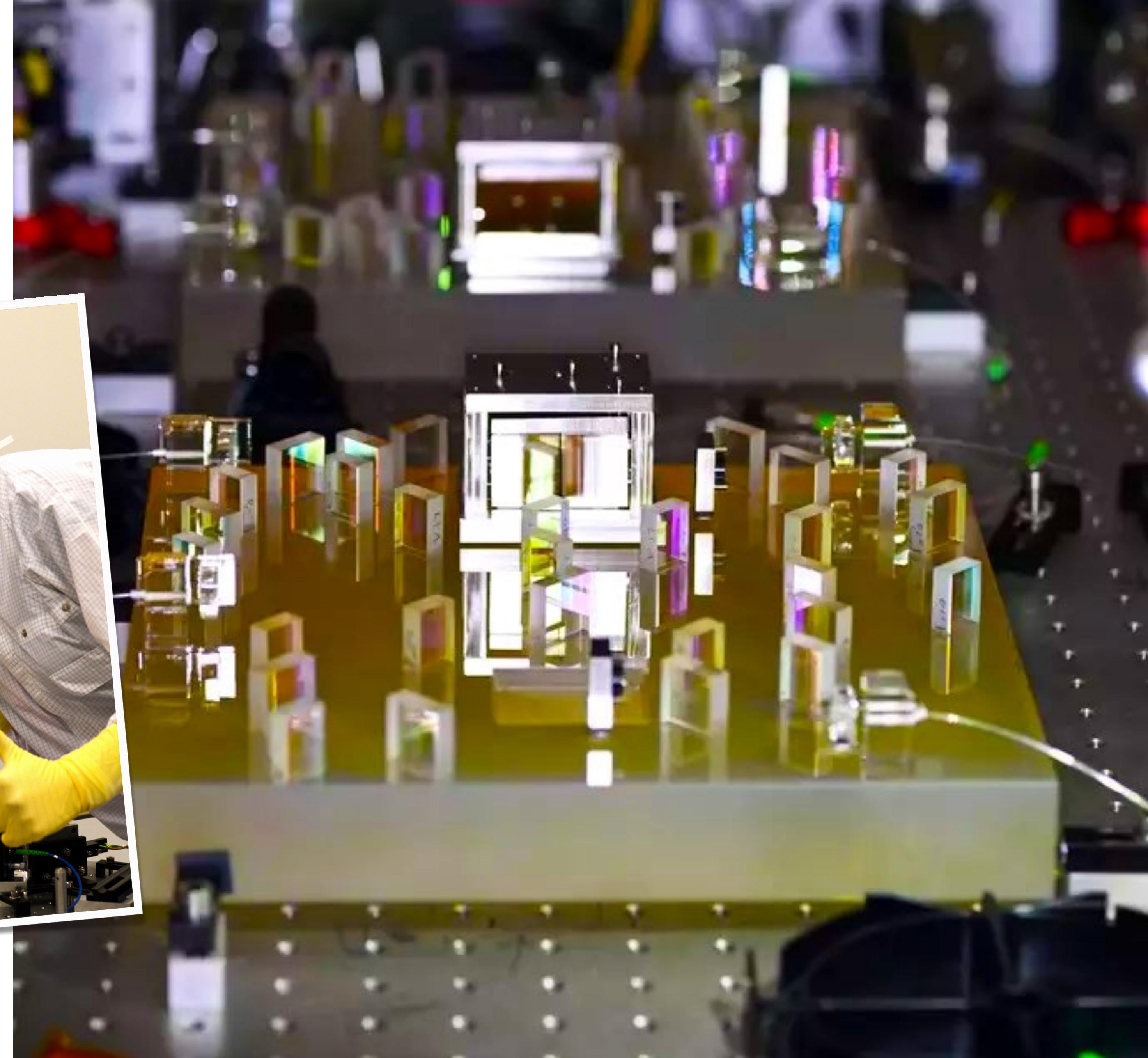


- angled / wedged components

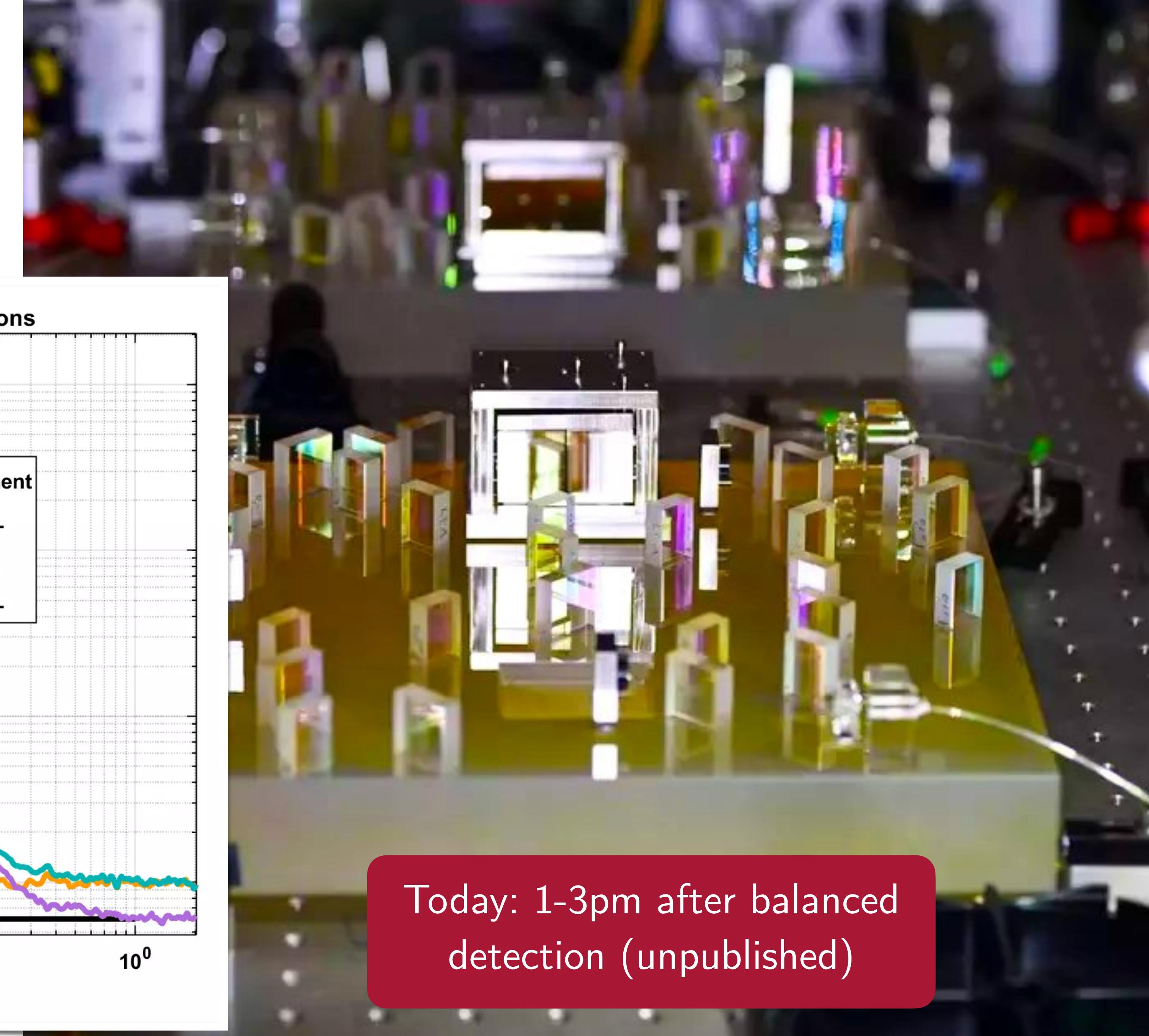
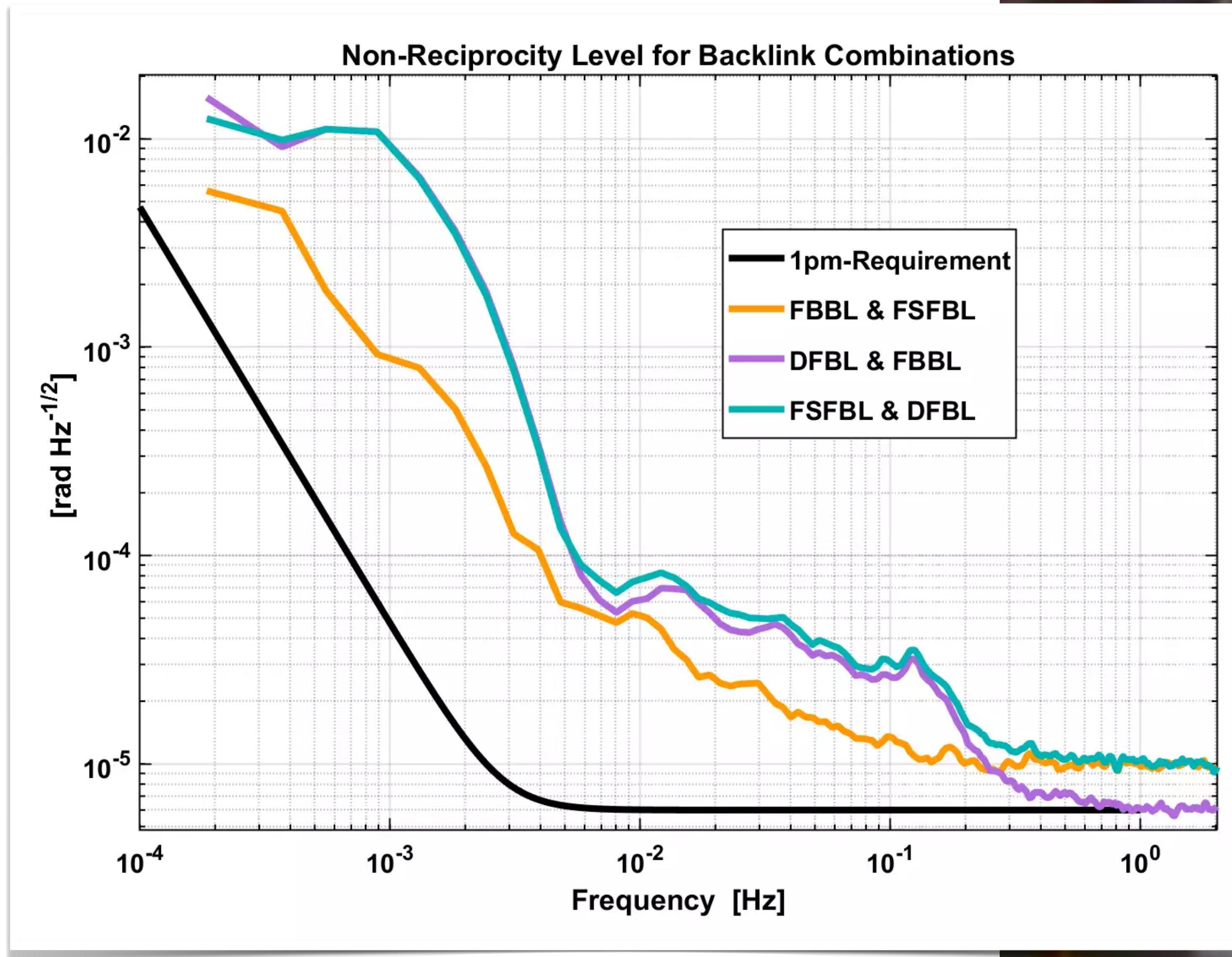


BACKSCATTER **FIBER**
COATING **AR-**
REFLECTION **OTHER**

Three Backlink

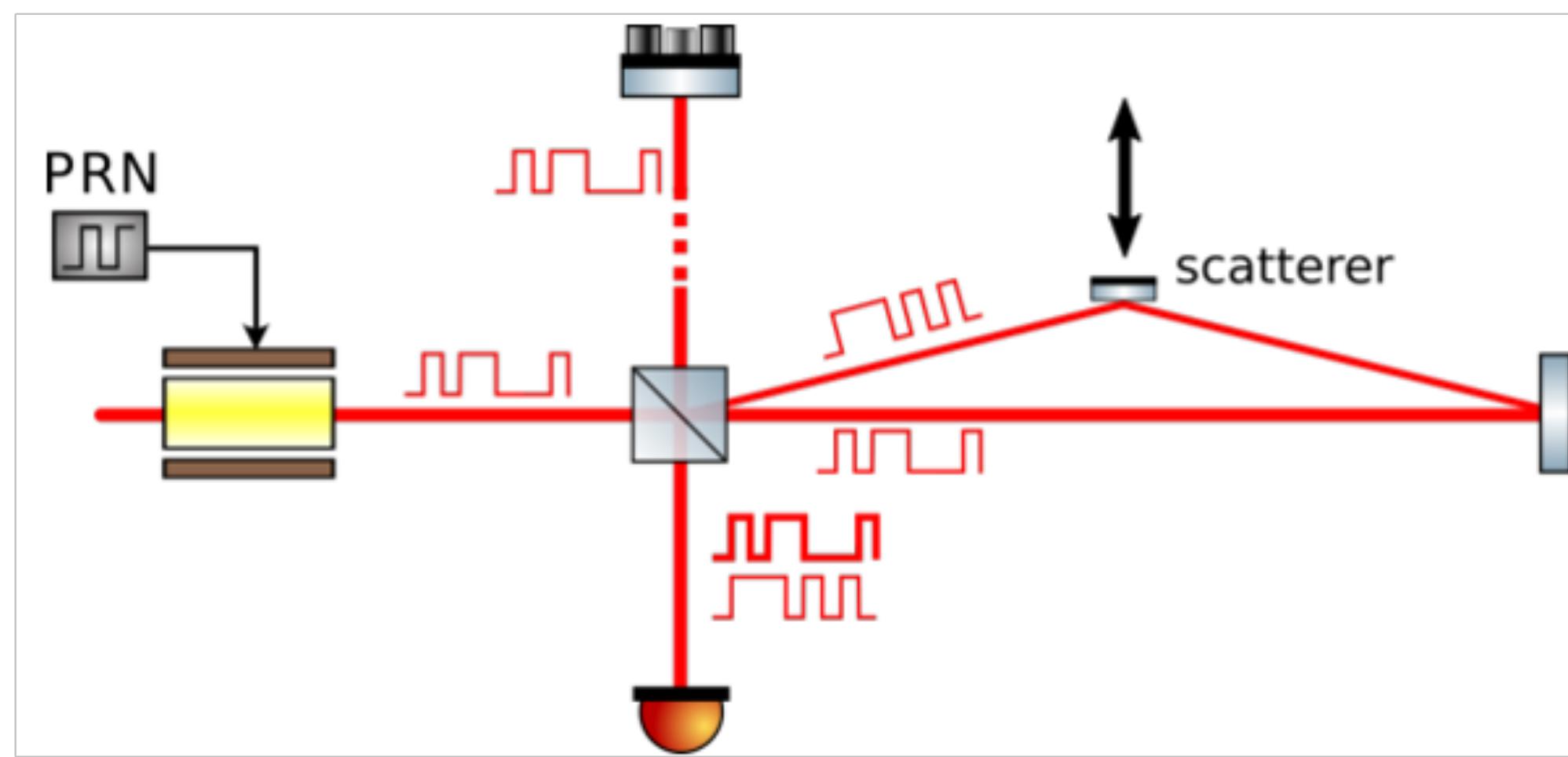
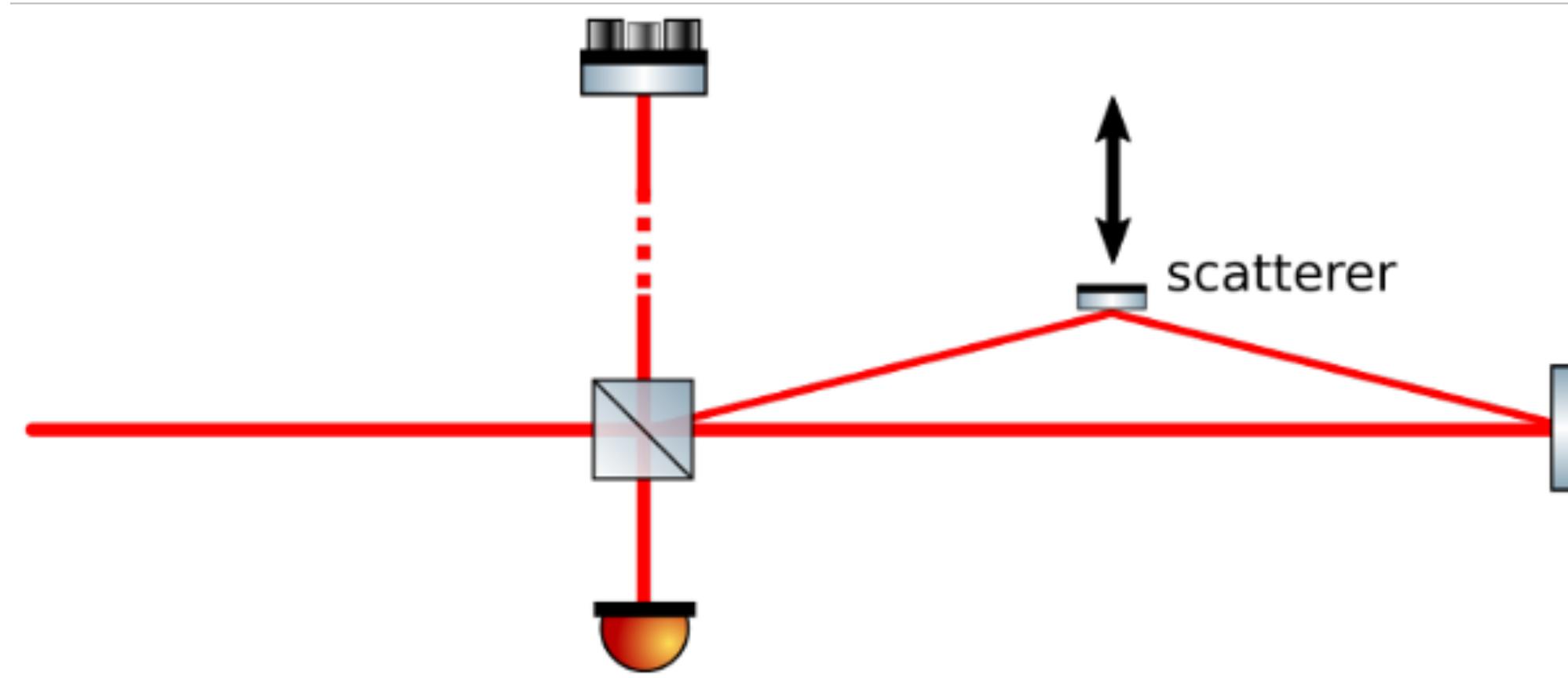


Three Backlink



Today: 1-3pm after balanced
detection (unpublished)

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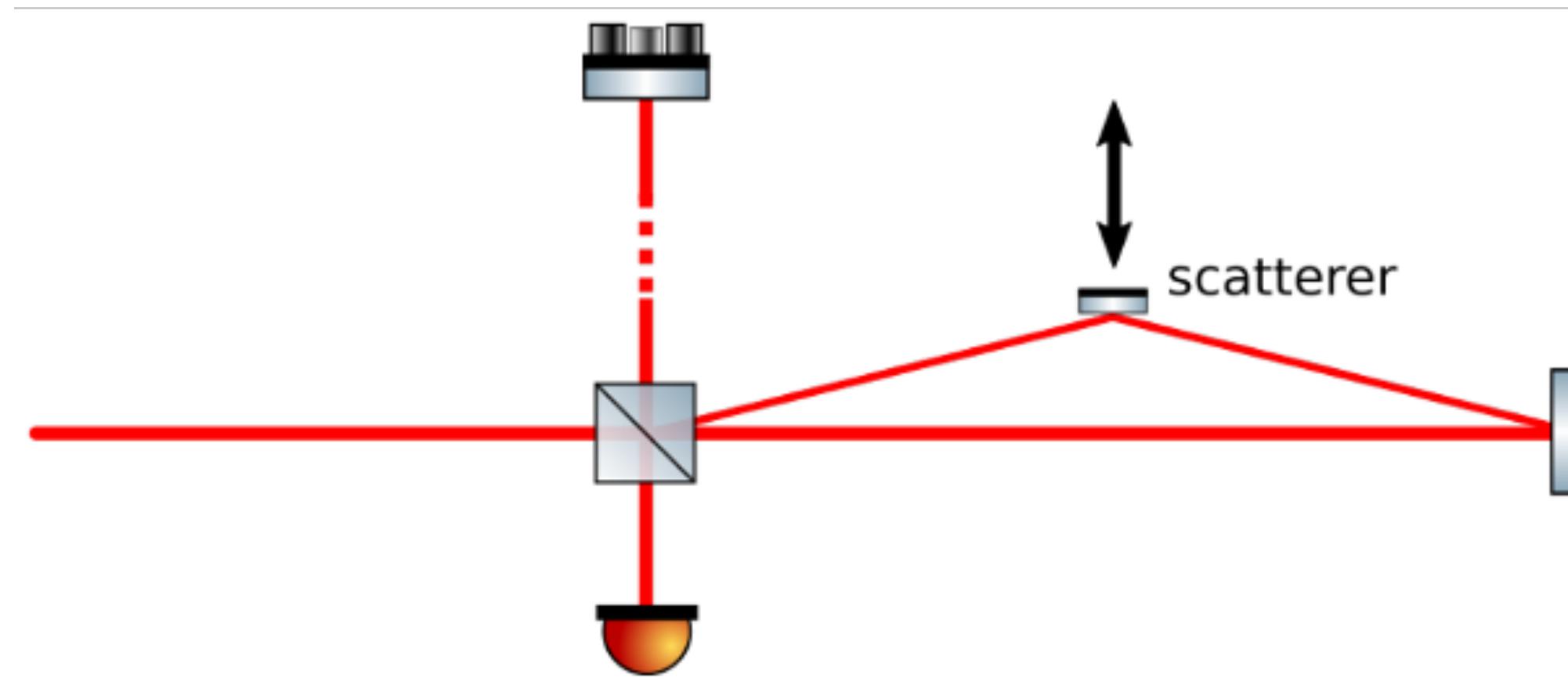
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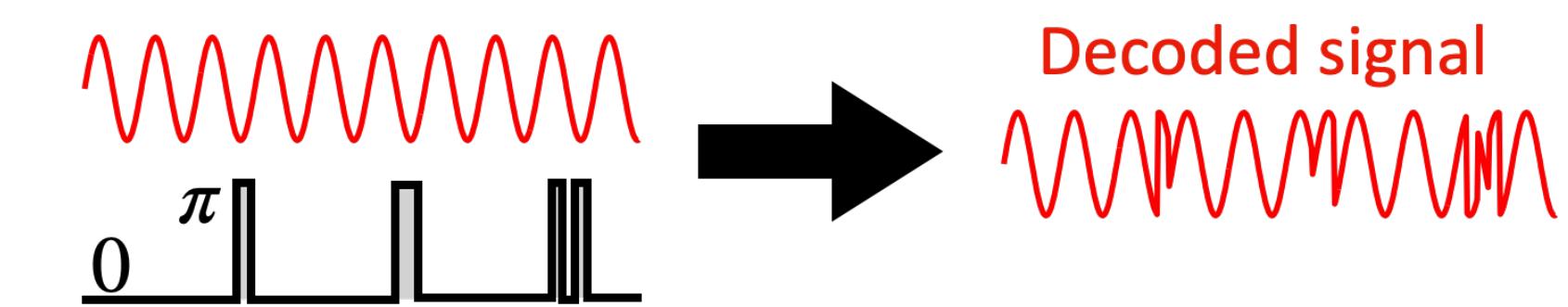
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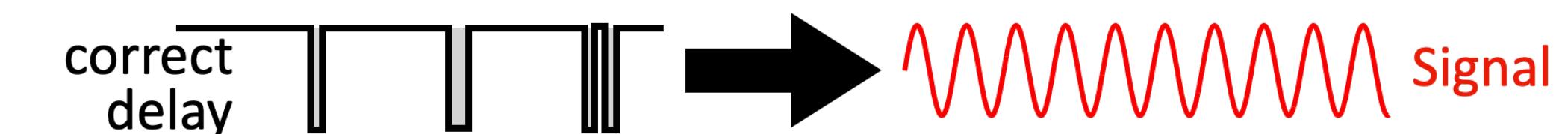
Tunable coherence for scattered light suppression



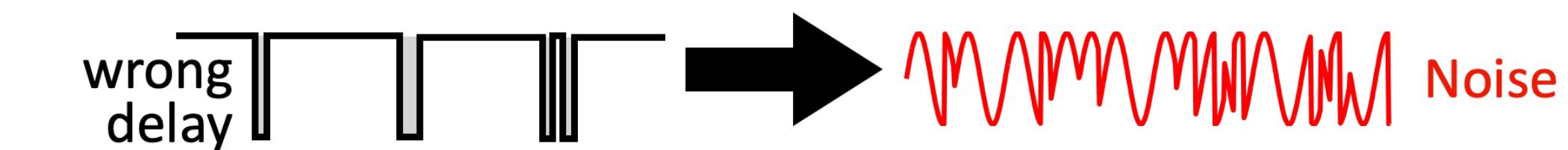
- Combines multiplexing with continuous wave interferometry
- **Pseudo-random noise (PRN) timestamps** are imprinted onto the laser phase:



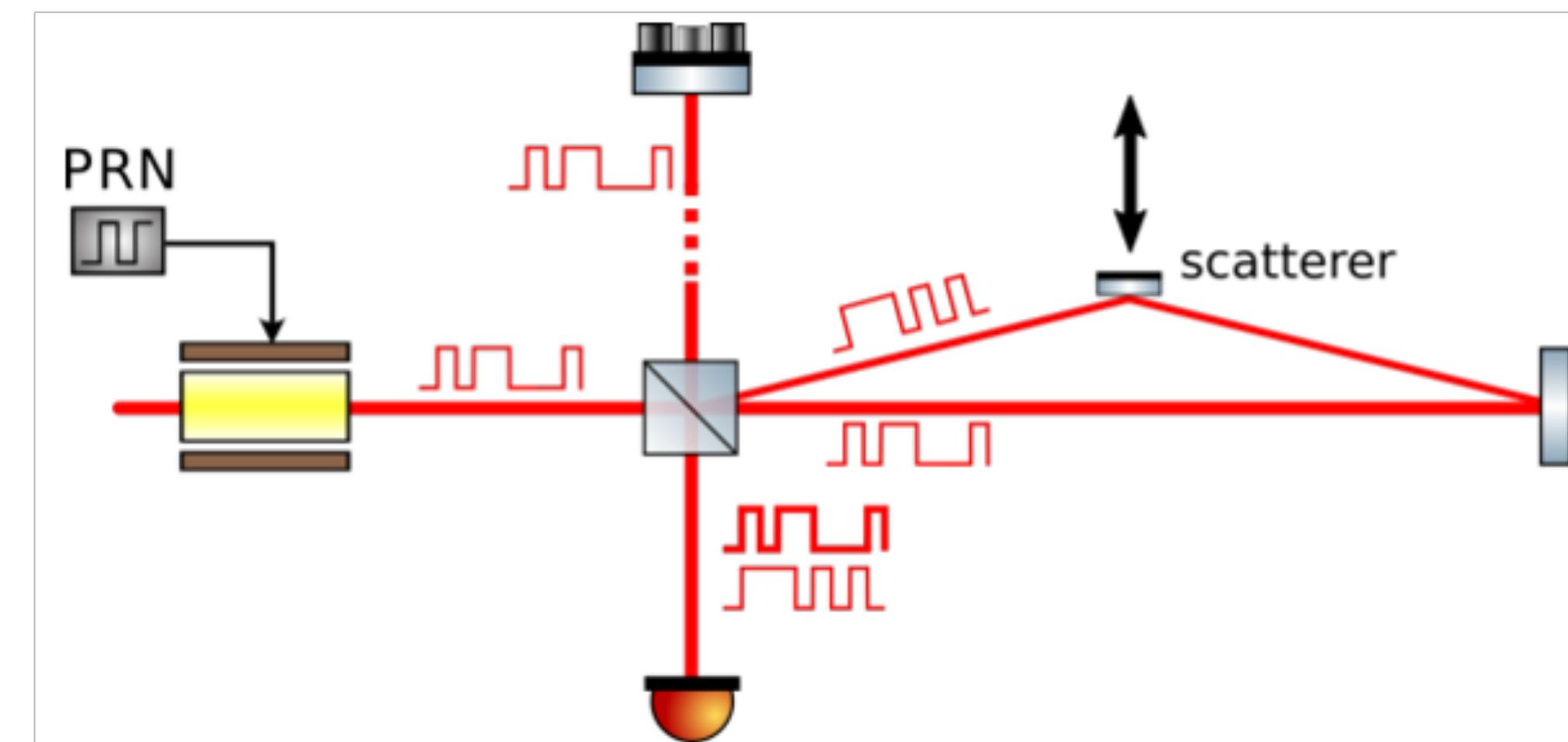
- Digital **demodulation** recovers signal if delay is matched:



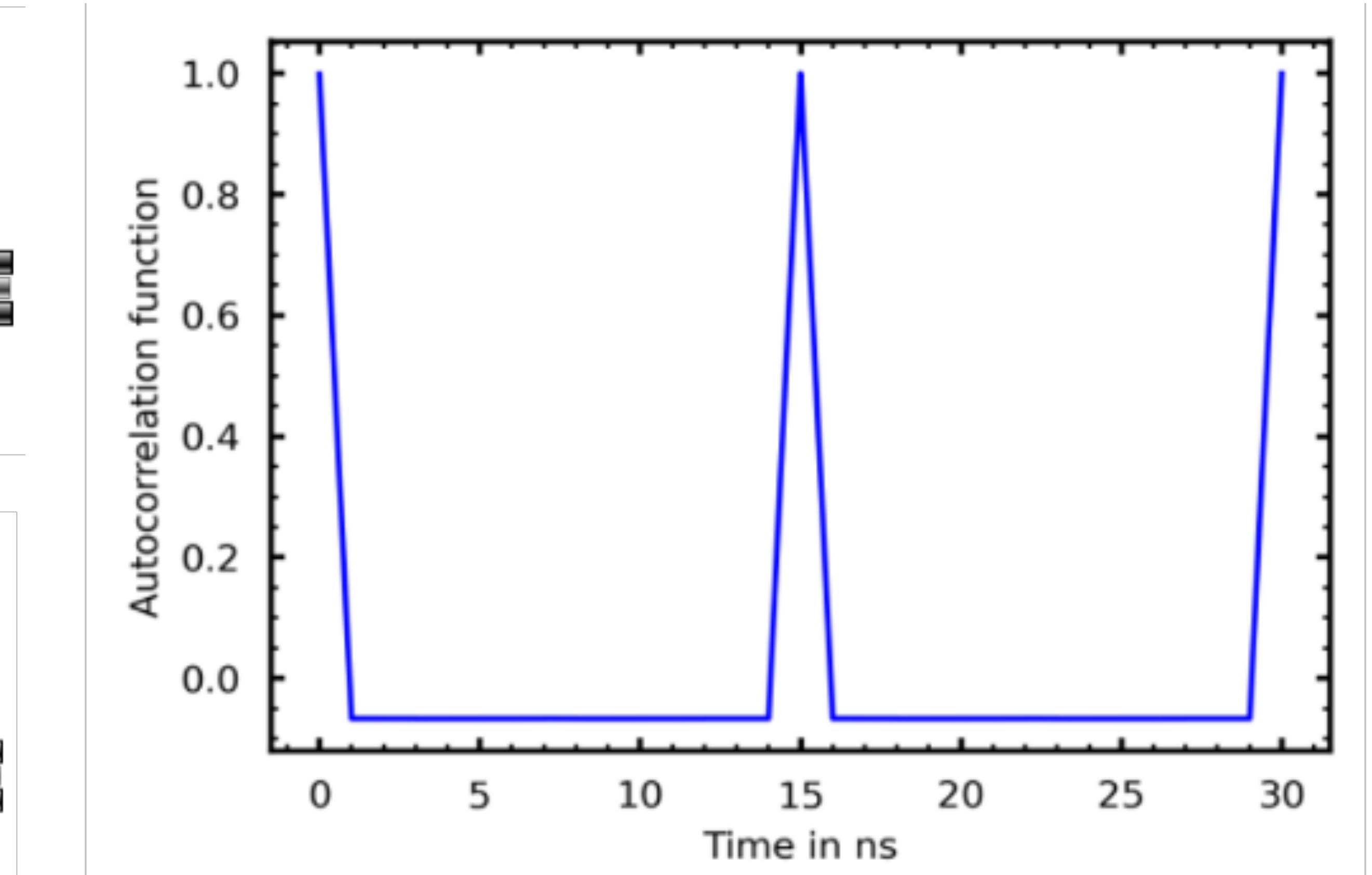
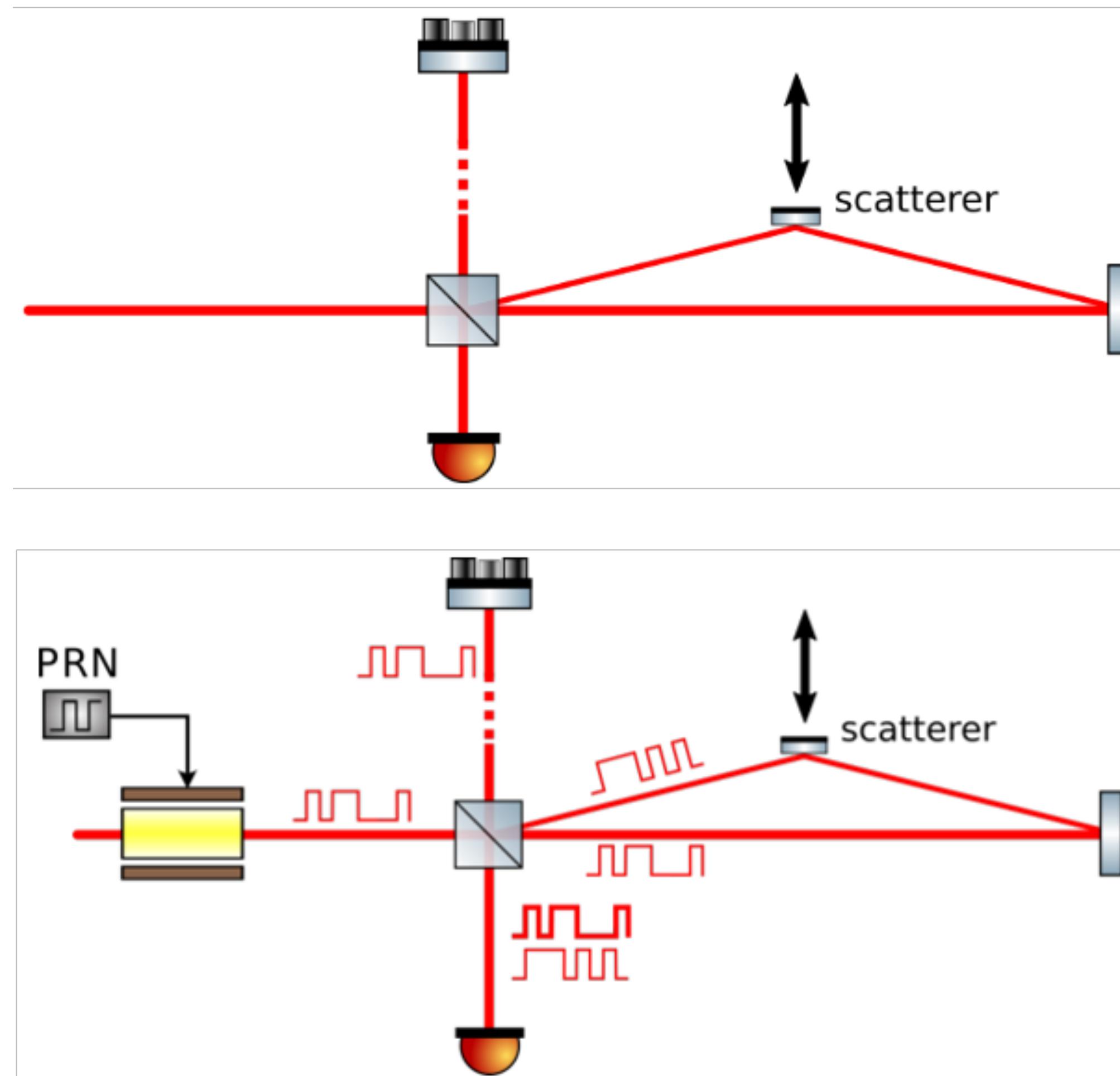
- sequences with strong **autocorrelation** properties allows isolation of signals based on time-of-flight:



GHz phase modulations => cm scale coherence



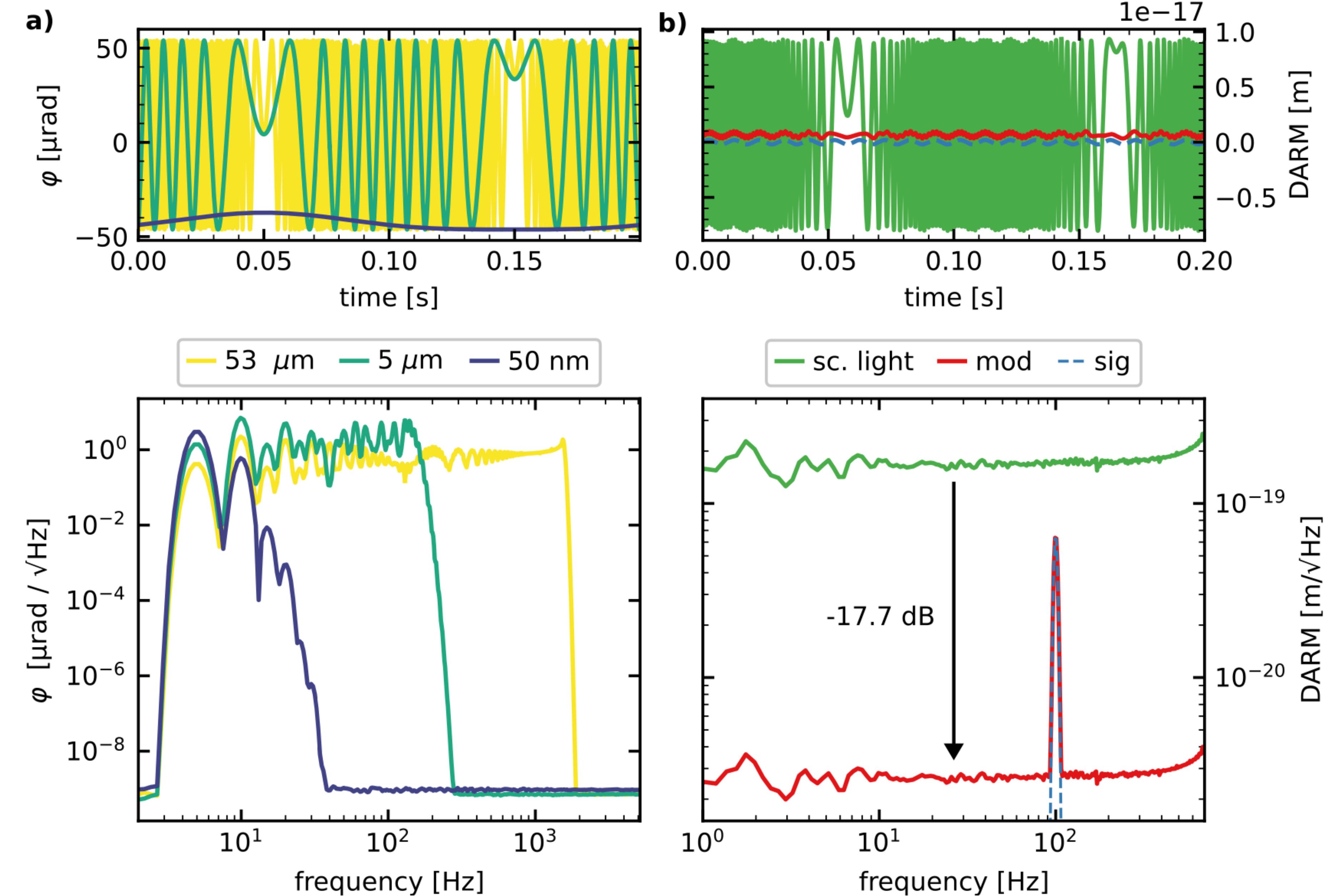
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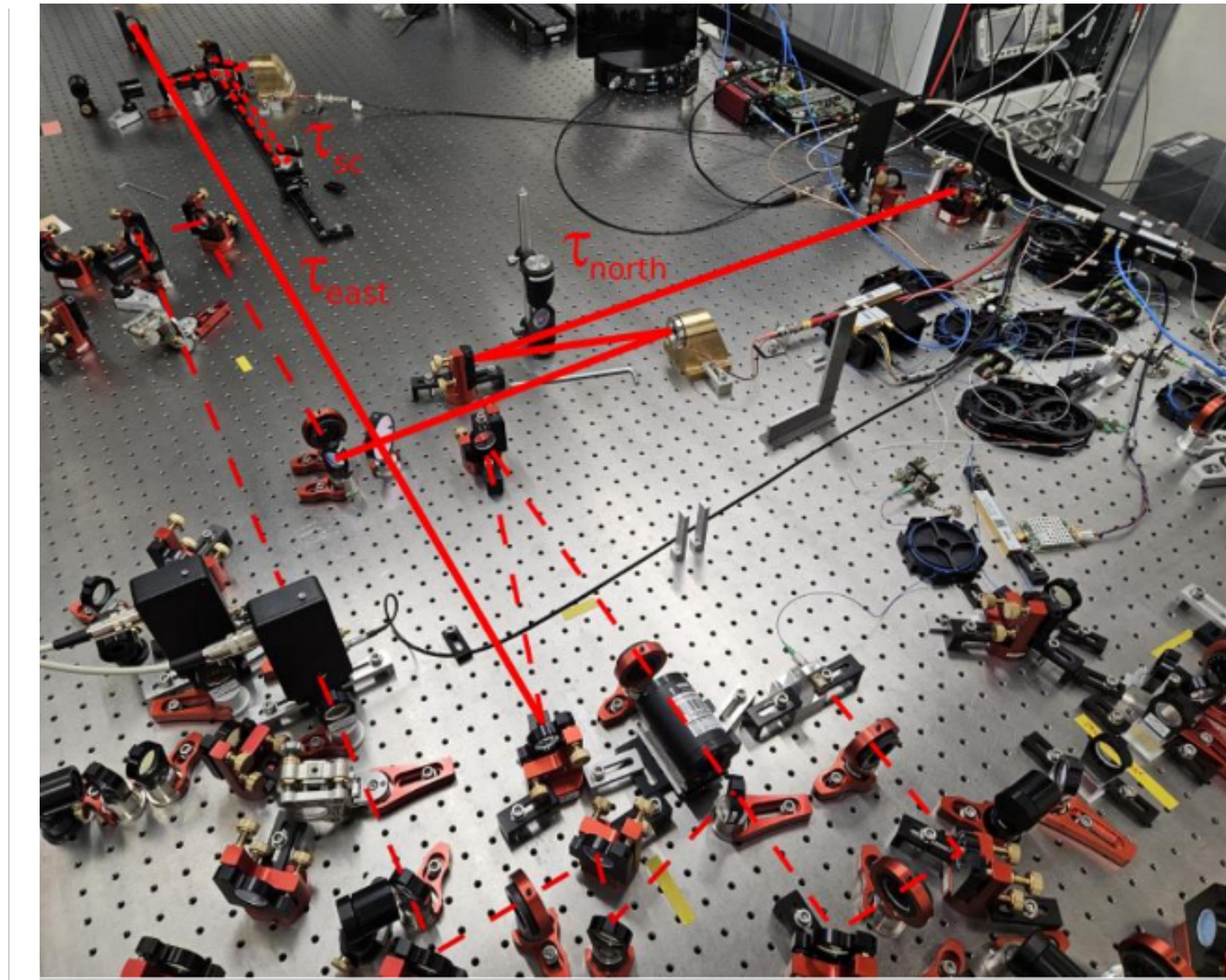
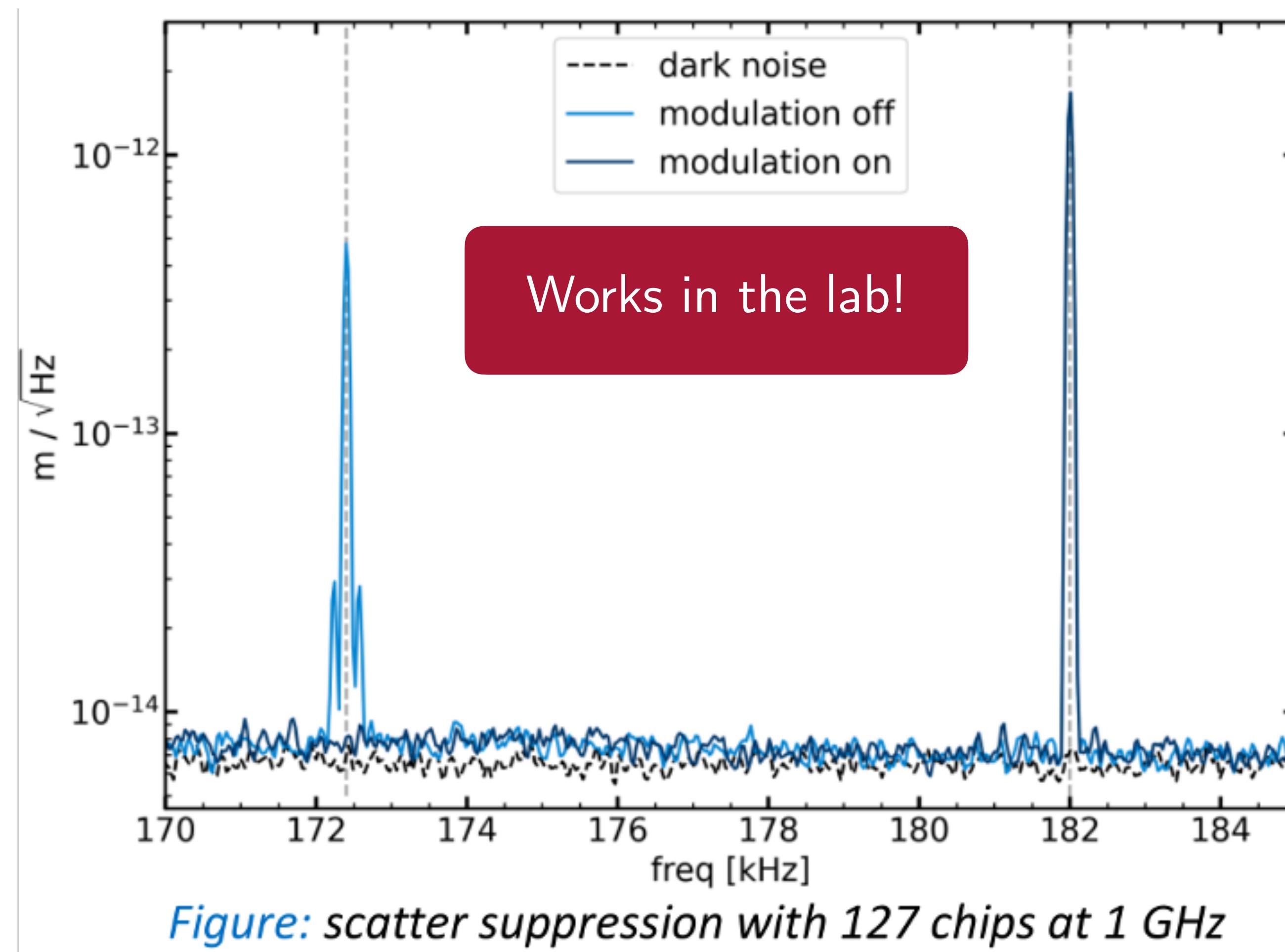
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Simulations

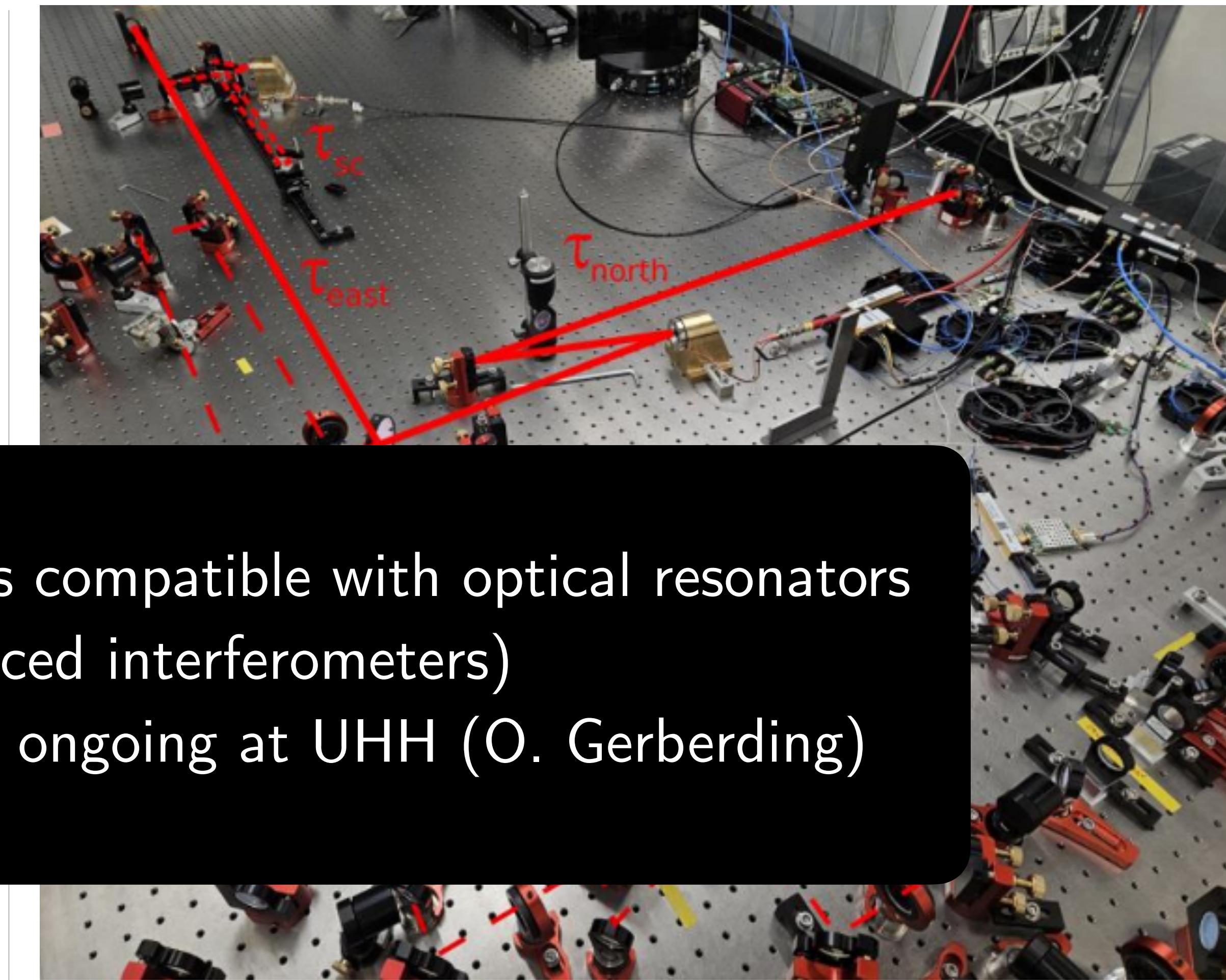
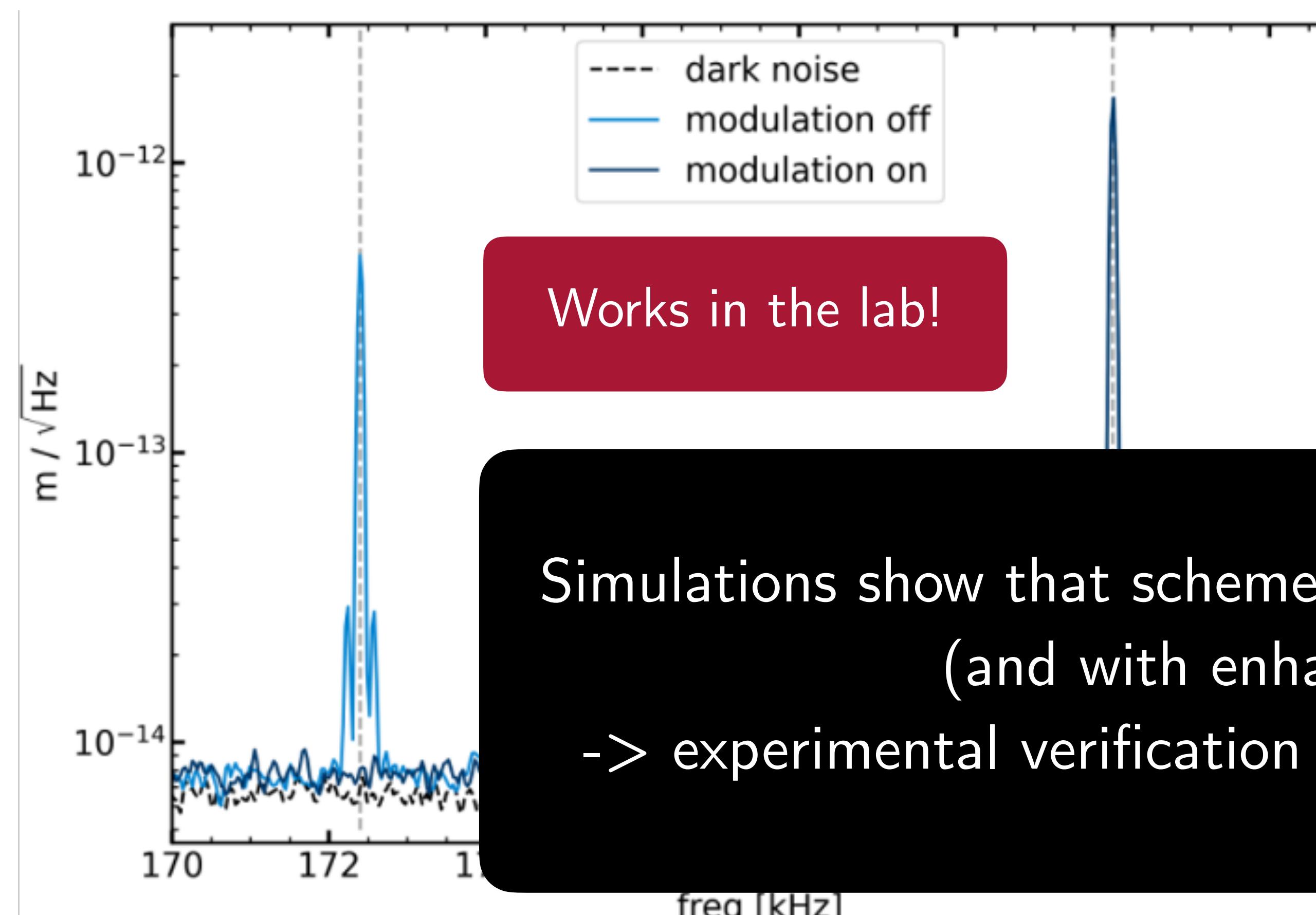
- Tunable coherence
- Simulation of scattered light in a Michelson interferometer
- Credit: Oliver Gerberding



Tunable coherence for scattered light suppression

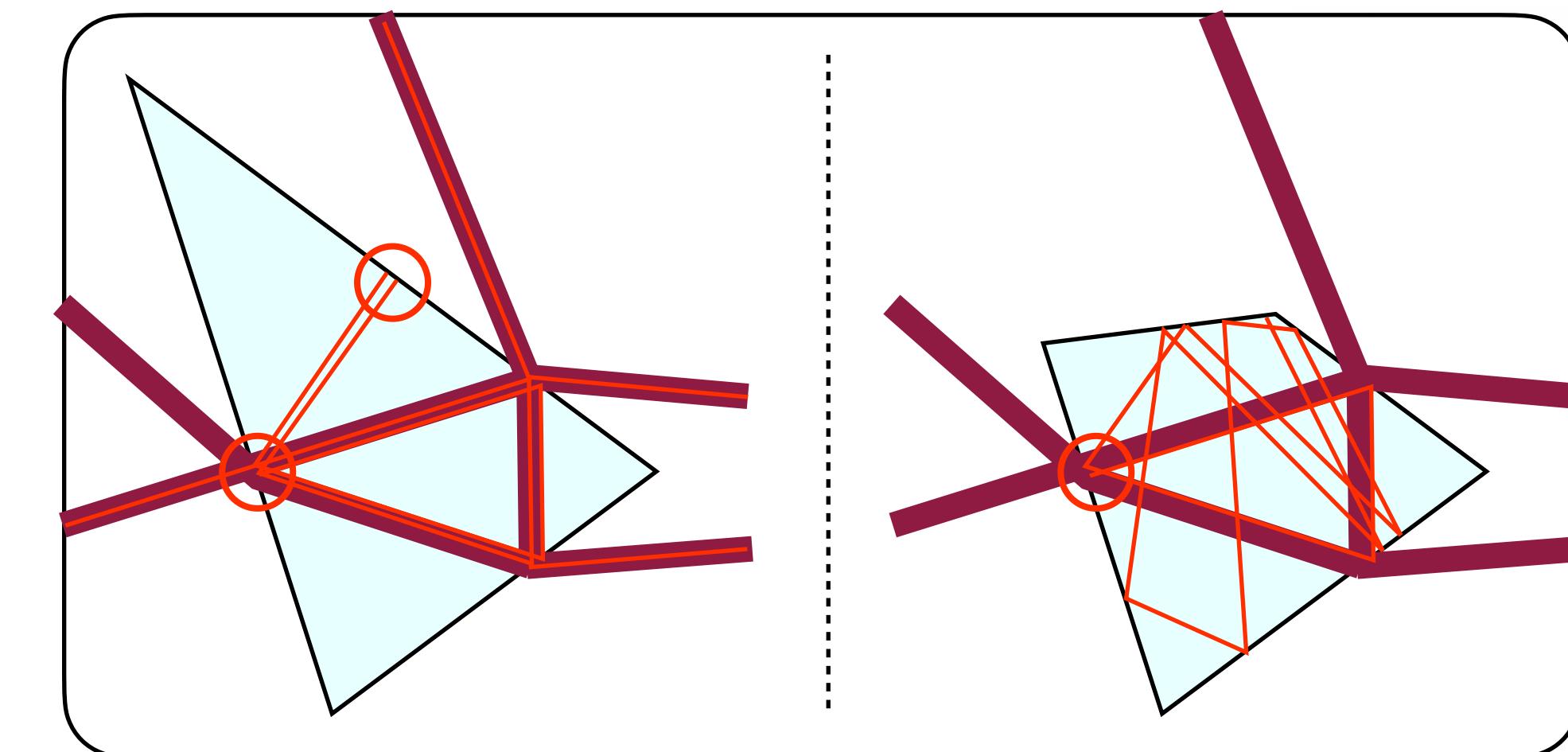


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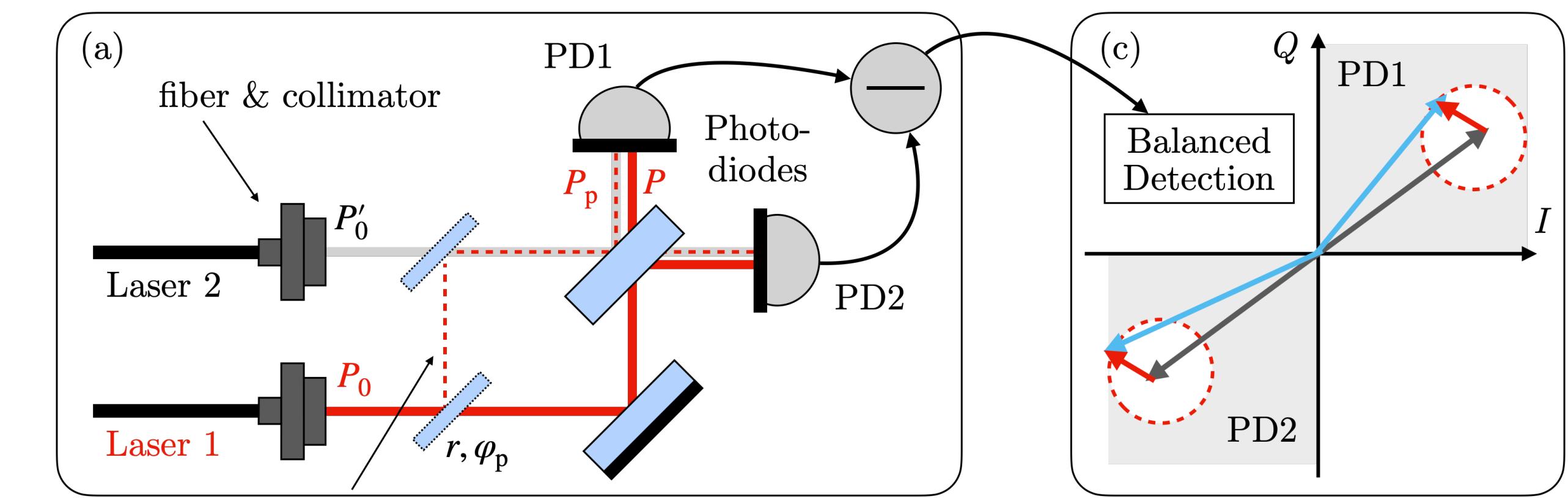
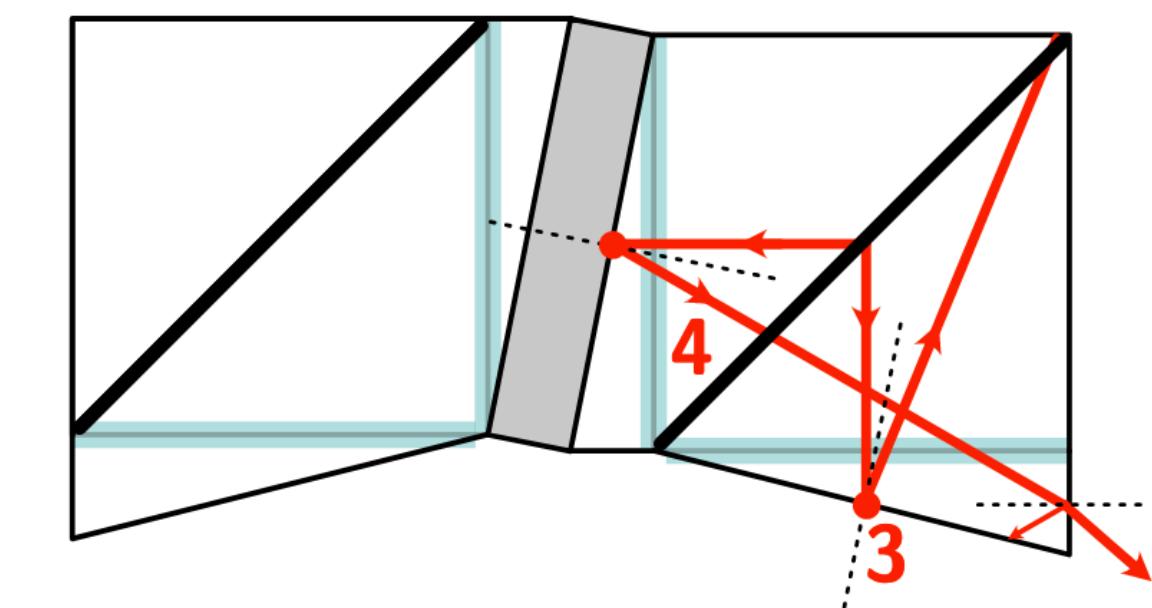


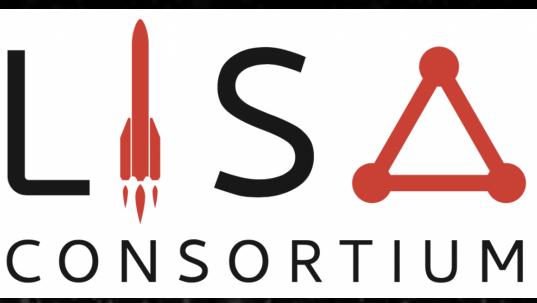
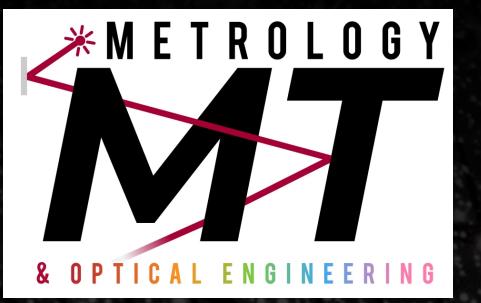
Summary and Conclusion

- Non-linear coupling from parasitic beams produce *noise shoulder*
- resulting phase error depends on power, mode overlap and dynamics
- **Mitigation** strategies involve
 - **Passive** reduction (baffled, by design,...)
 - **Active** reduction (Faraday isolator, frequency swap, tunable coherence, balanced detection)
 - **Environmental** reduction (reduce phase dynamics, stabilize temperature, air, vacuum)



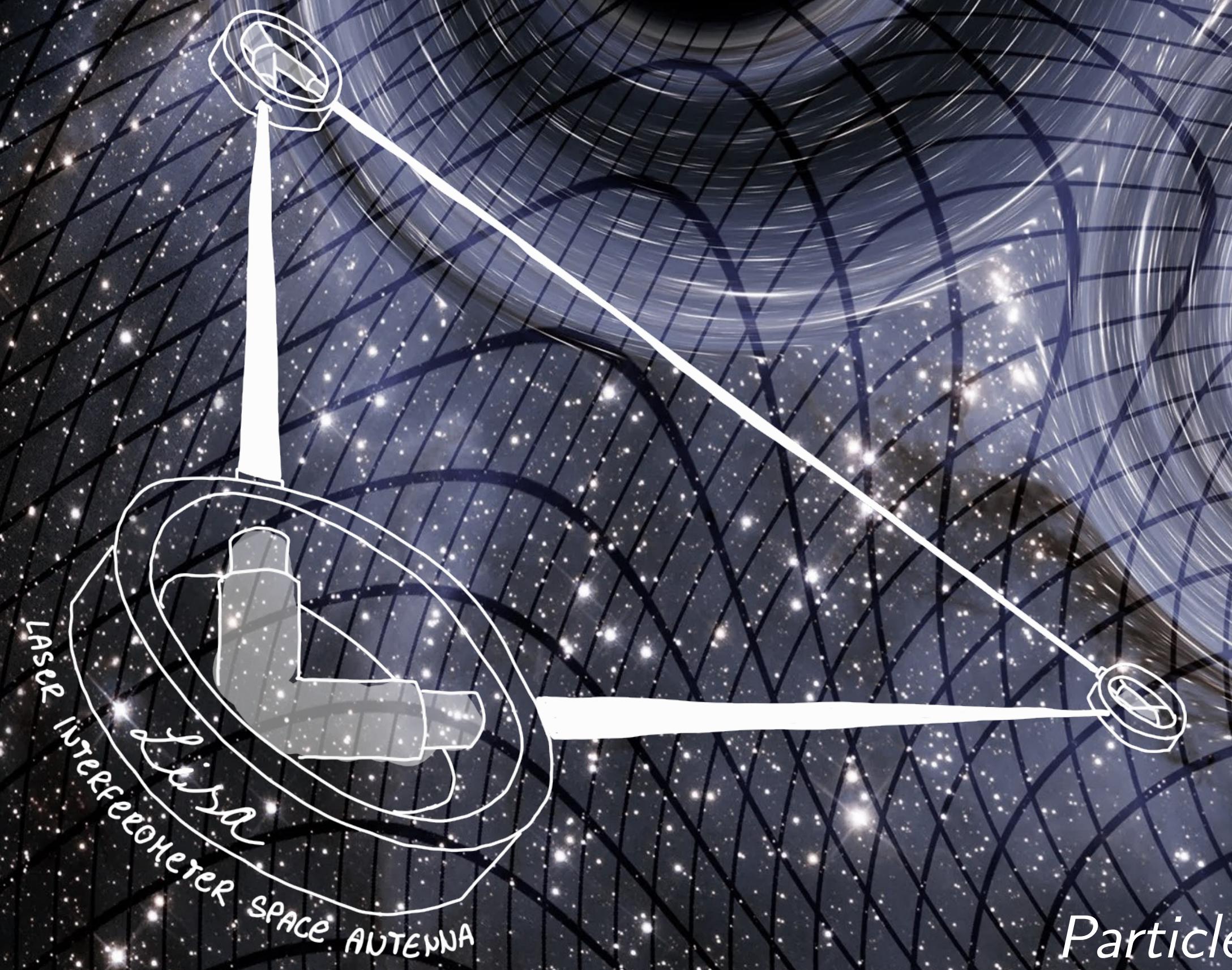
$$\tilde{\varphi} \approx \sqrt{\frac{\eta_p P_p}{\eta P_0}} \sin(\varphi_p)$$





Stray Light challenges in LISA Interferometry

Sources, Dynamics, & Mitigation Strategies

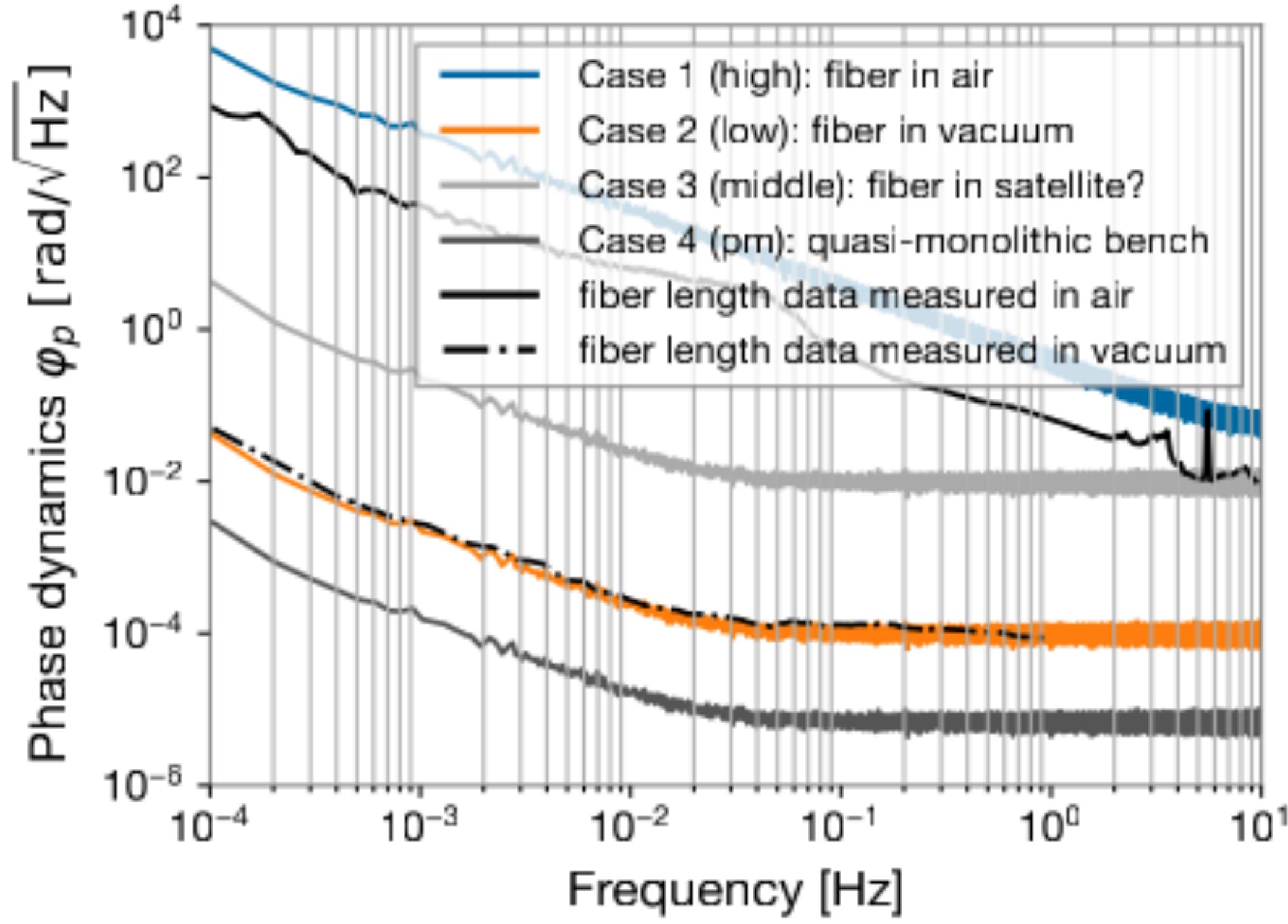


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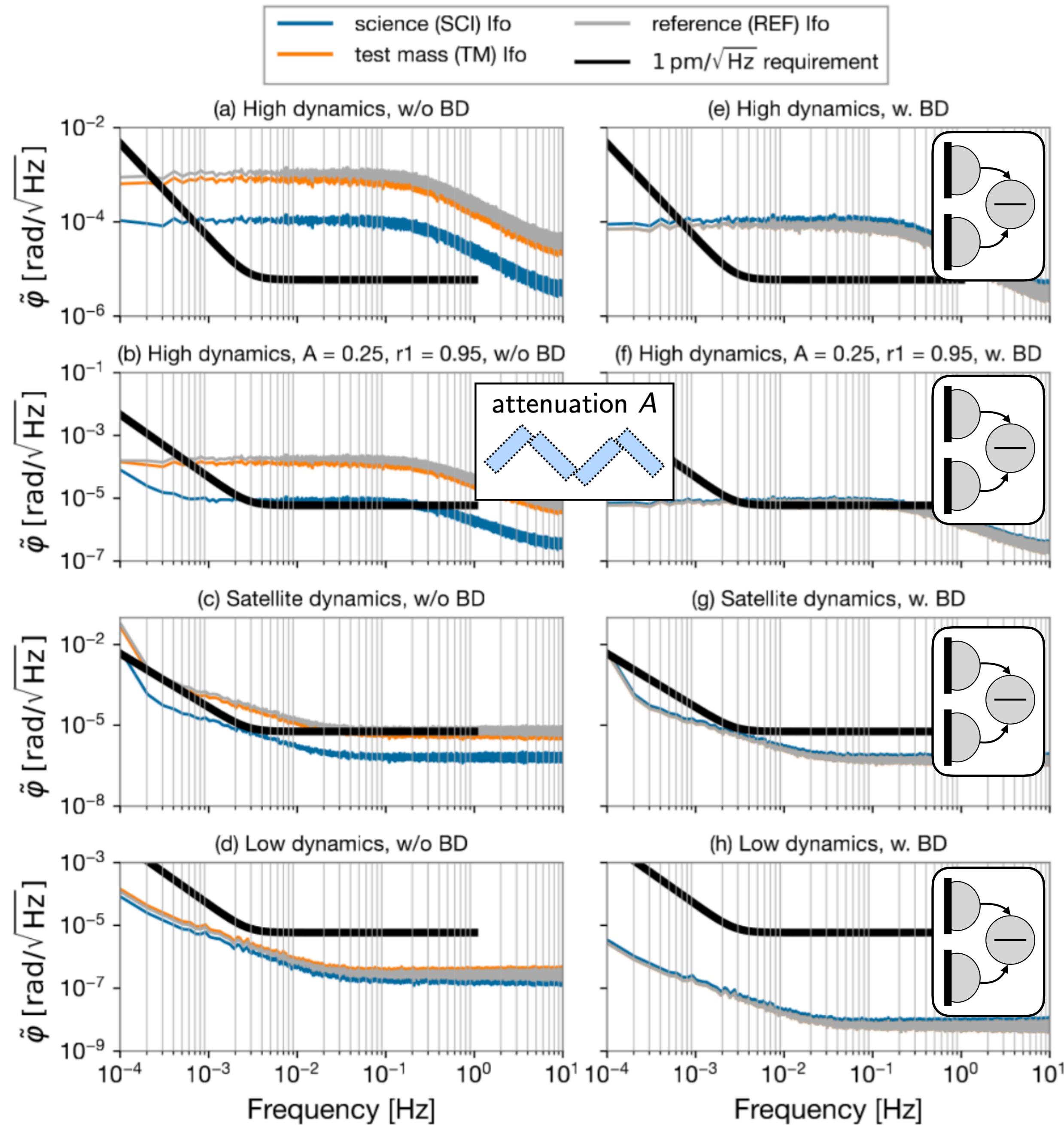
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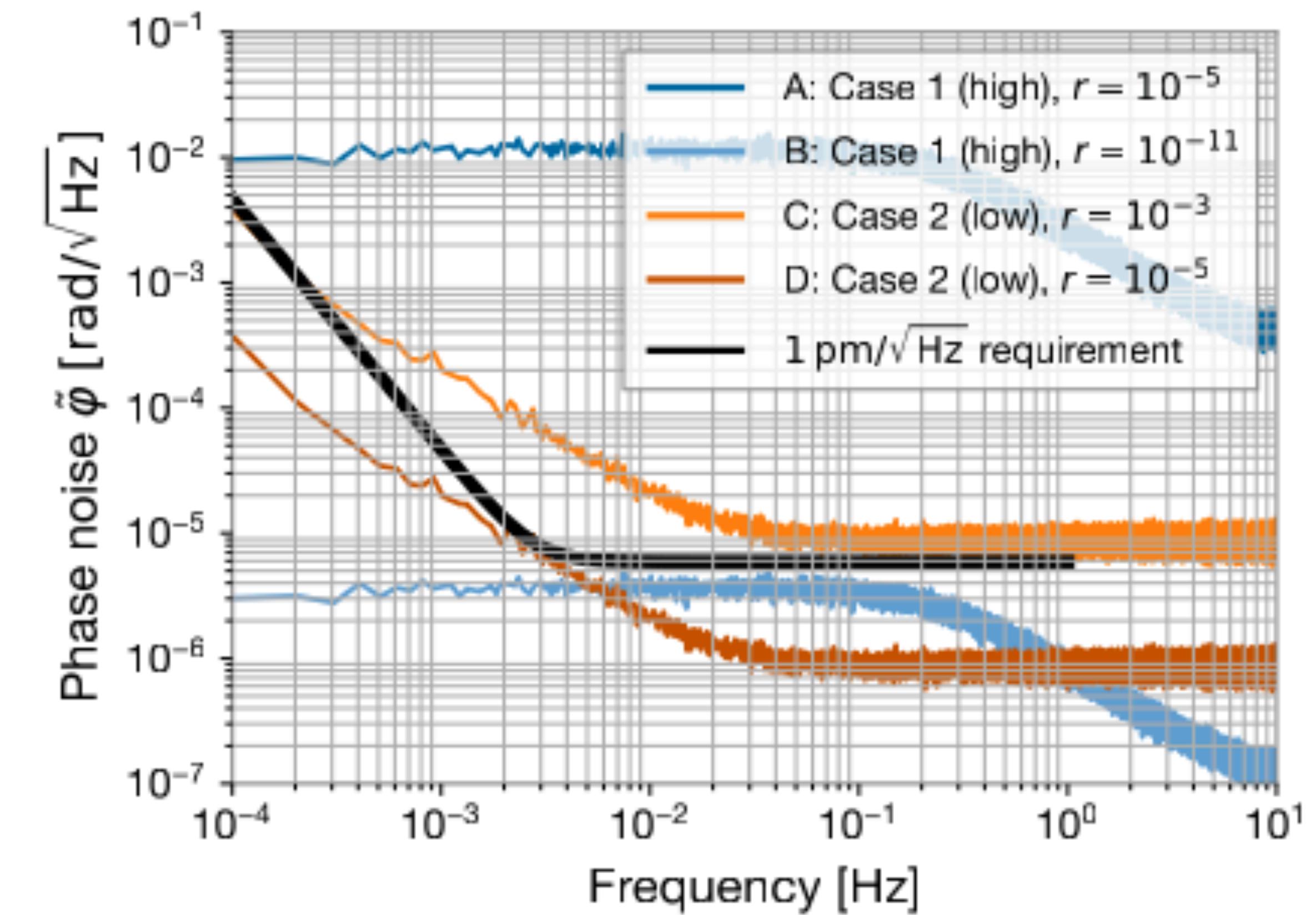
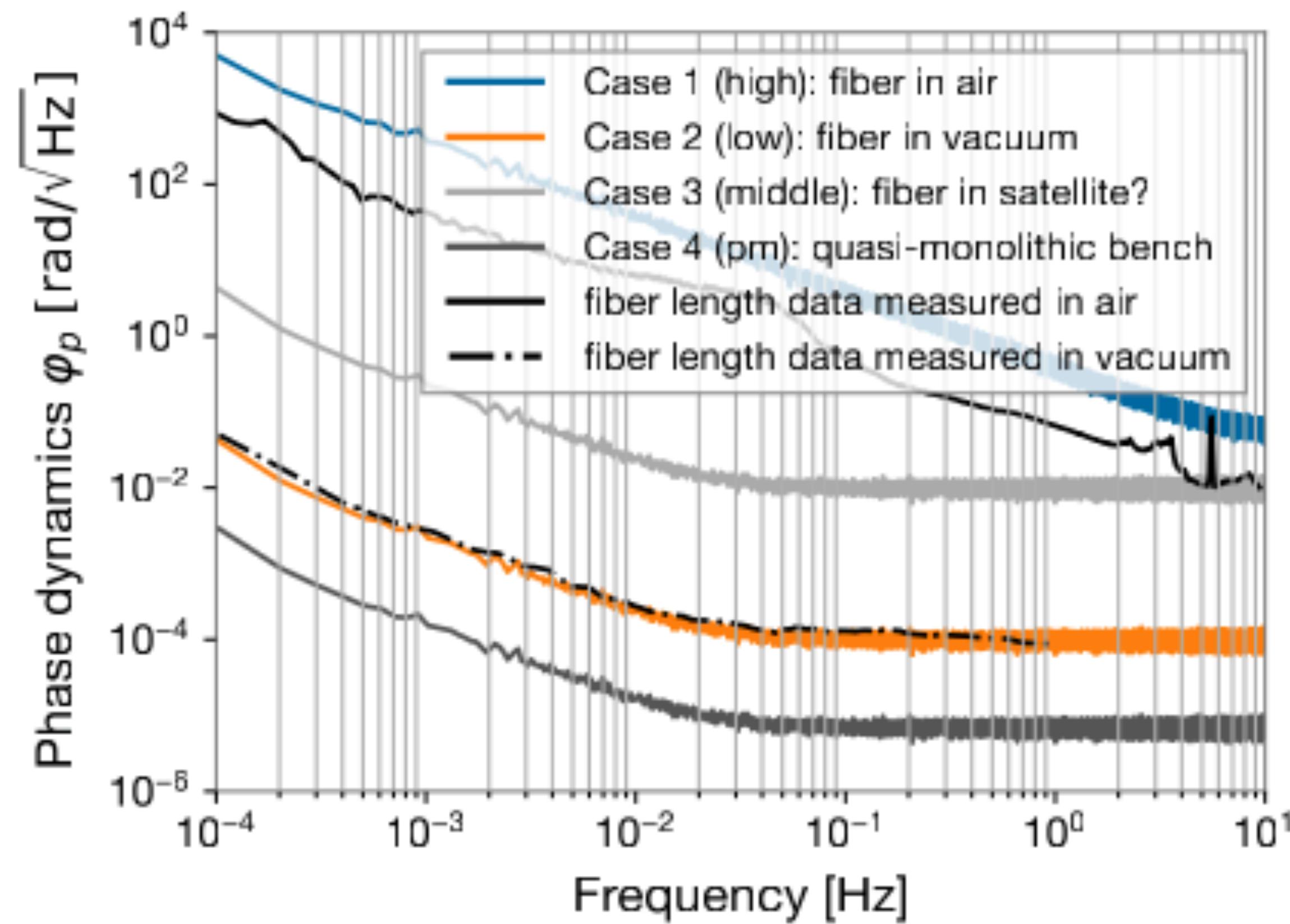
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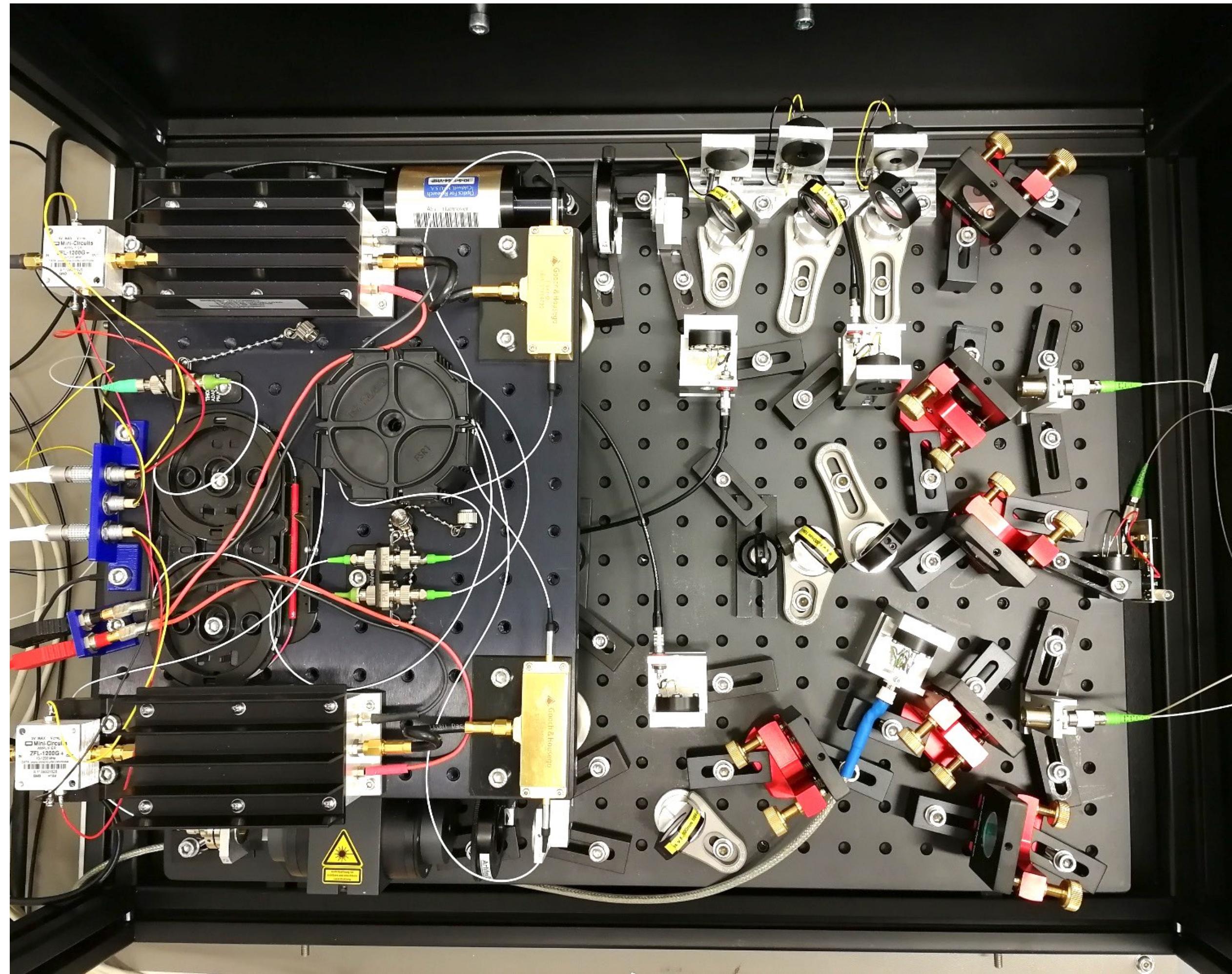
High dynamics
Medium
Low



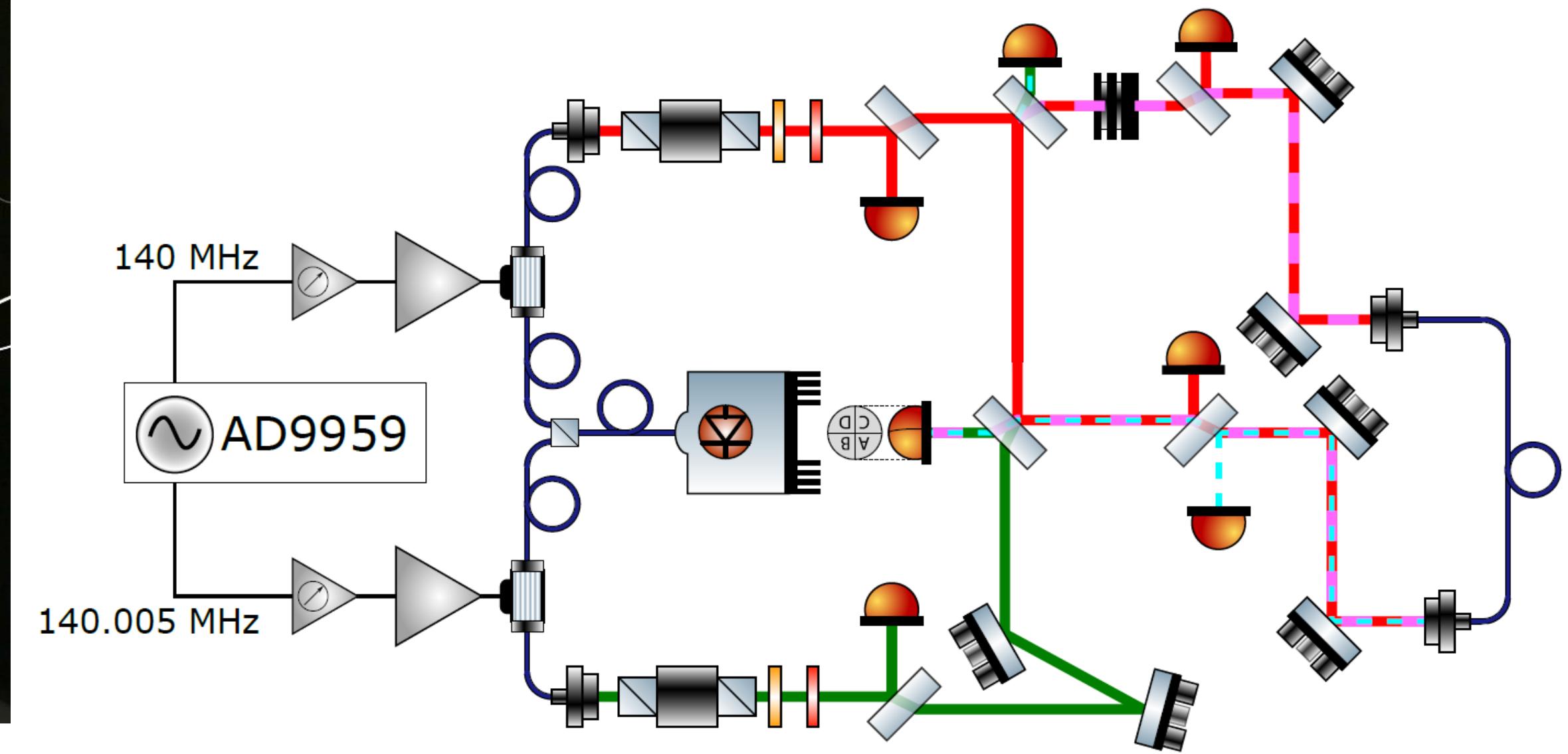
Dynamics in the LISA satellite



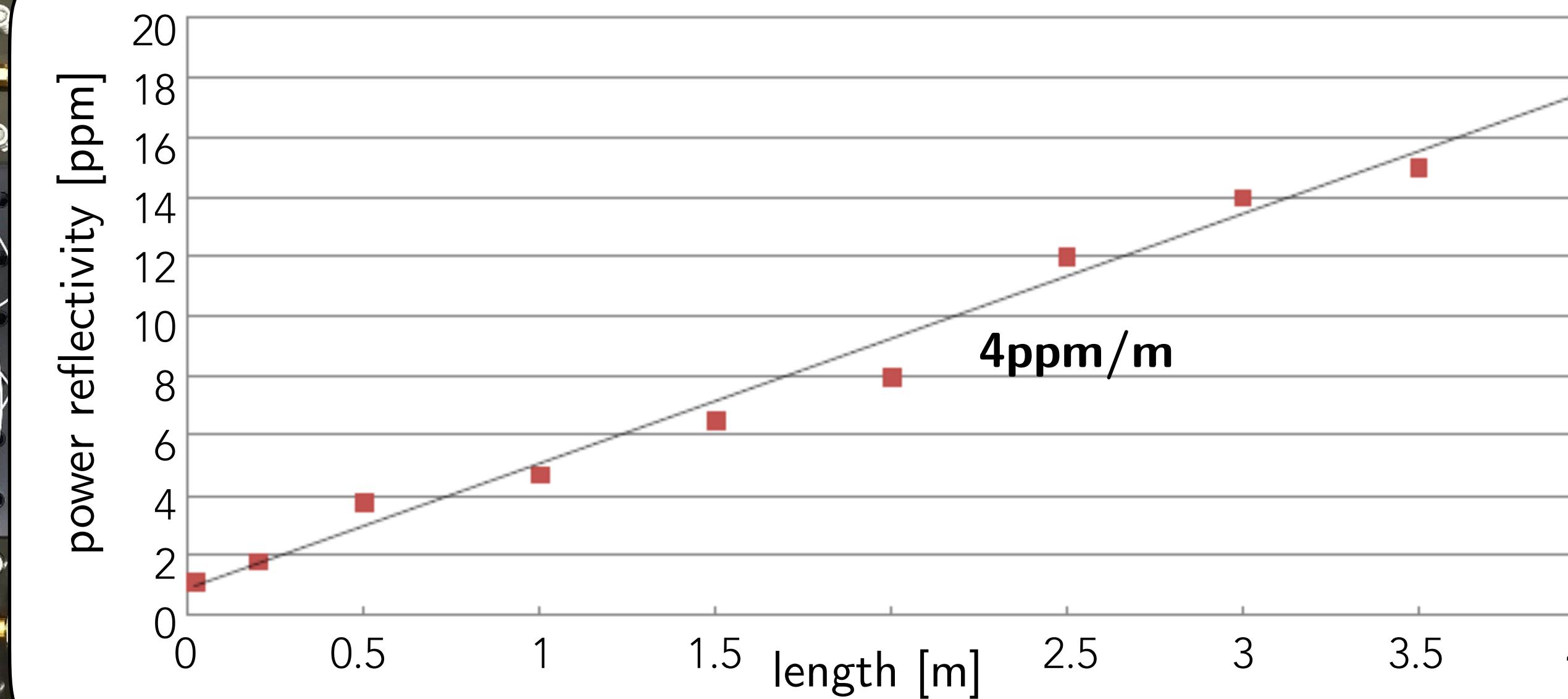
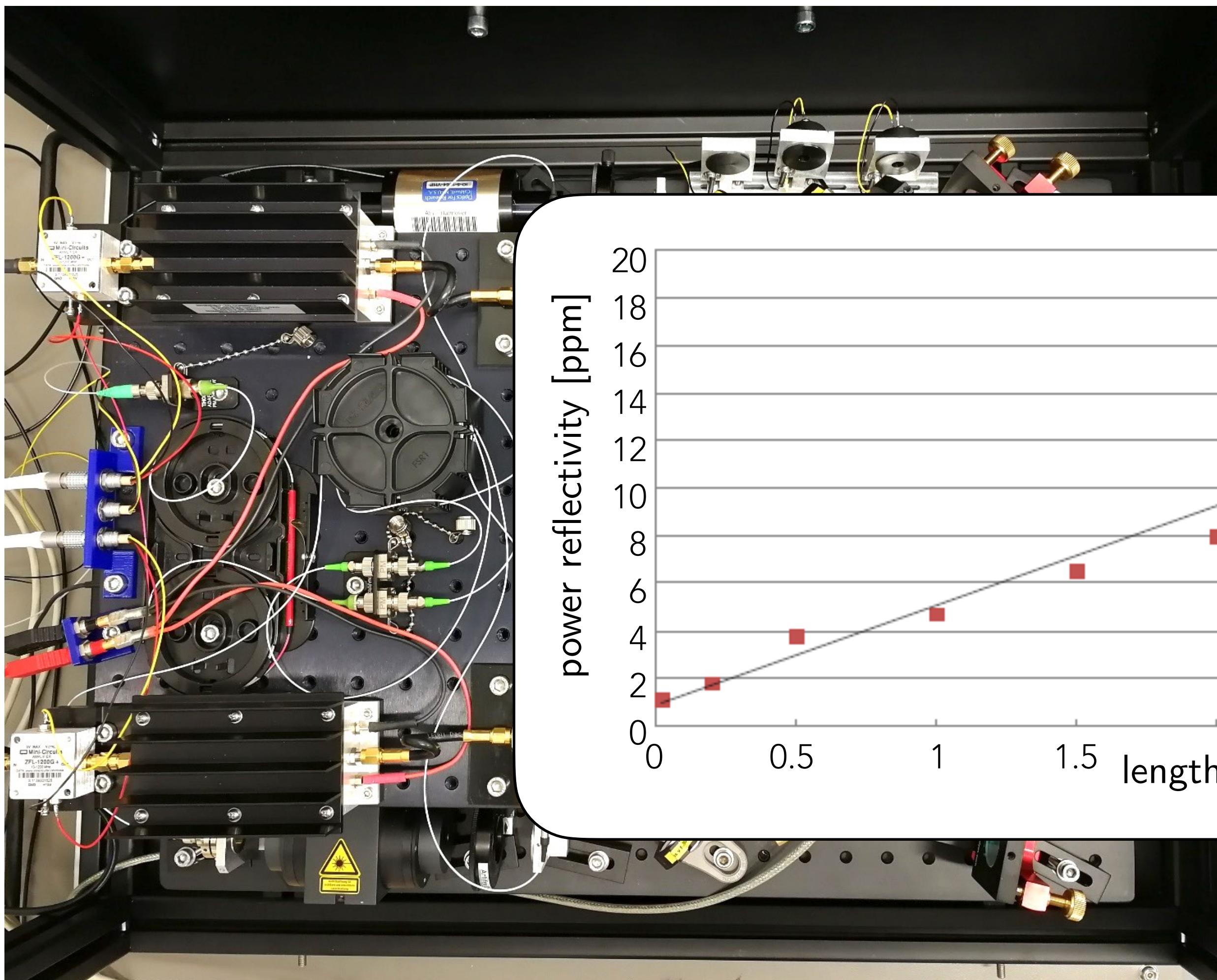
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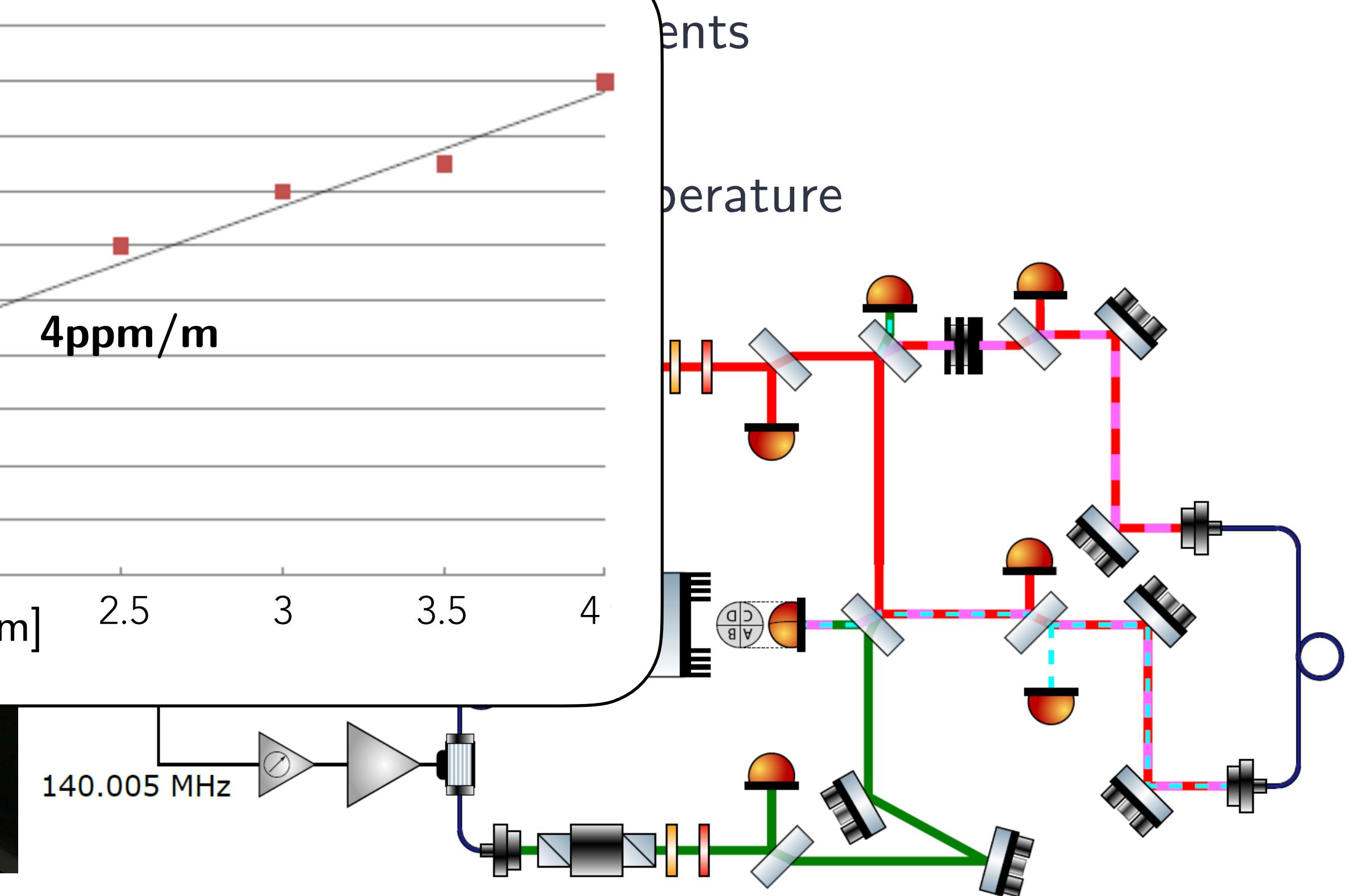
- ▶ portable
- ▶ detecting very low power levels of backscatter
- ▶ test of different fibers and fibers connectors
- ▶ calibration measurements
- ▶ test of radiated fibers
- ▶ backscatter over temperature



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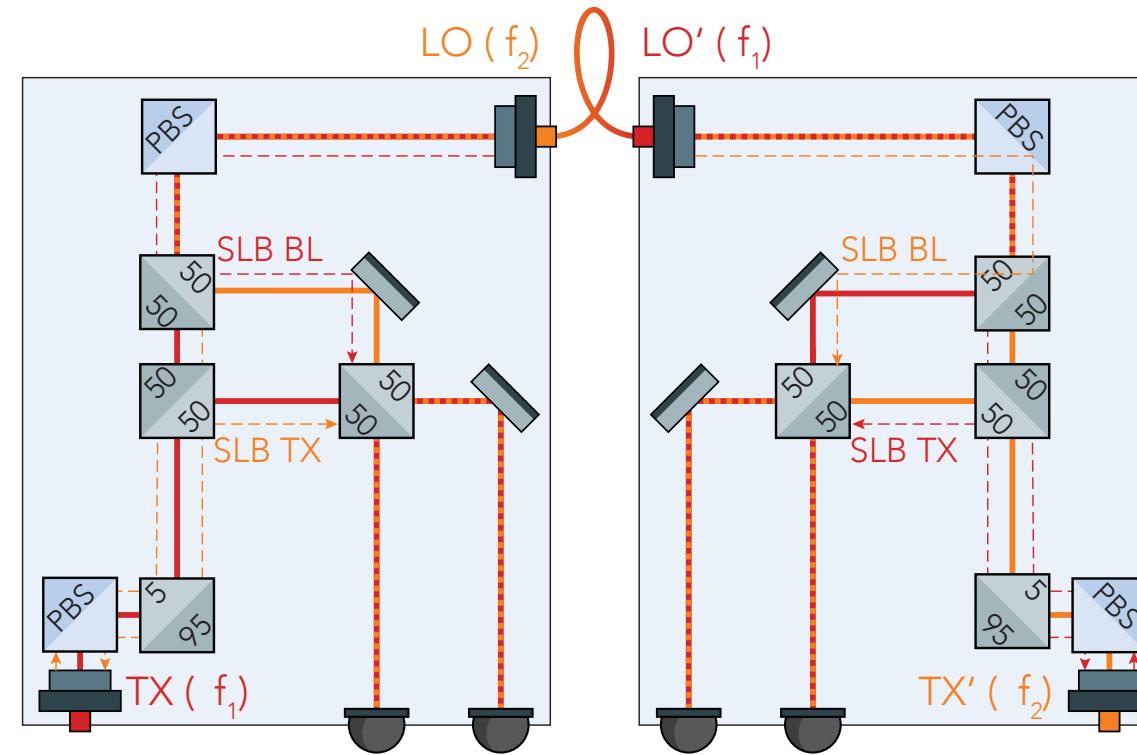


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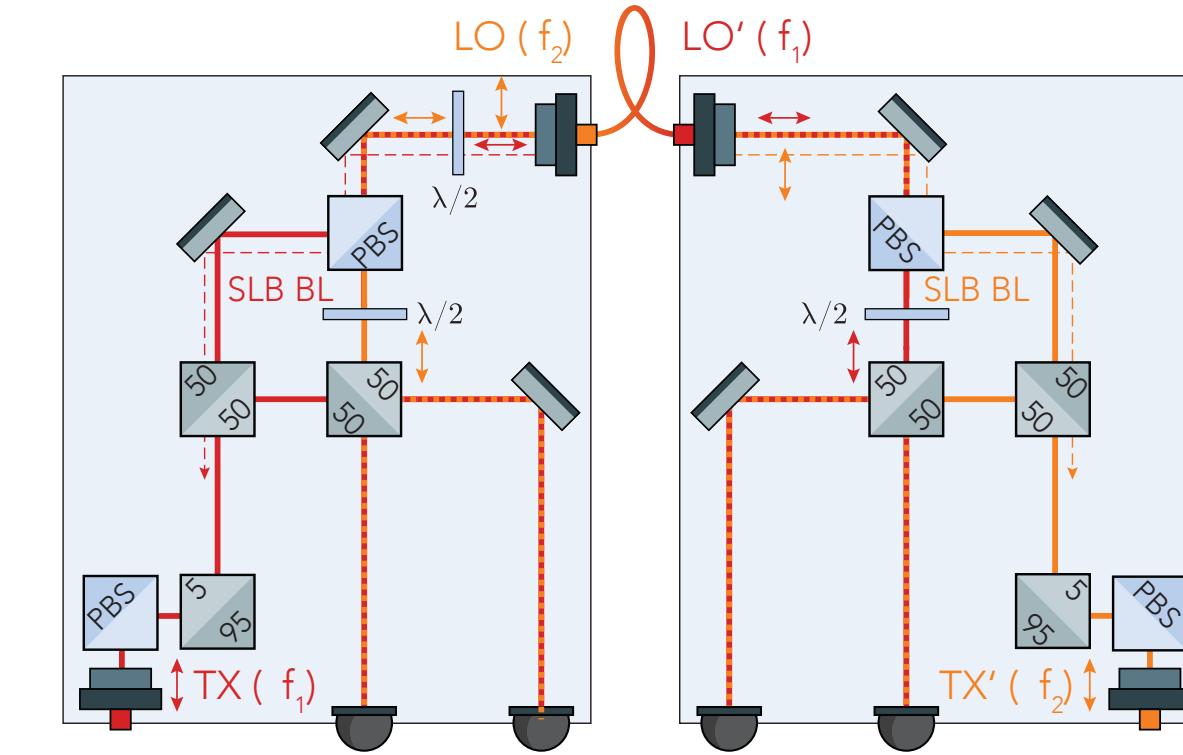


Backlink alternatives

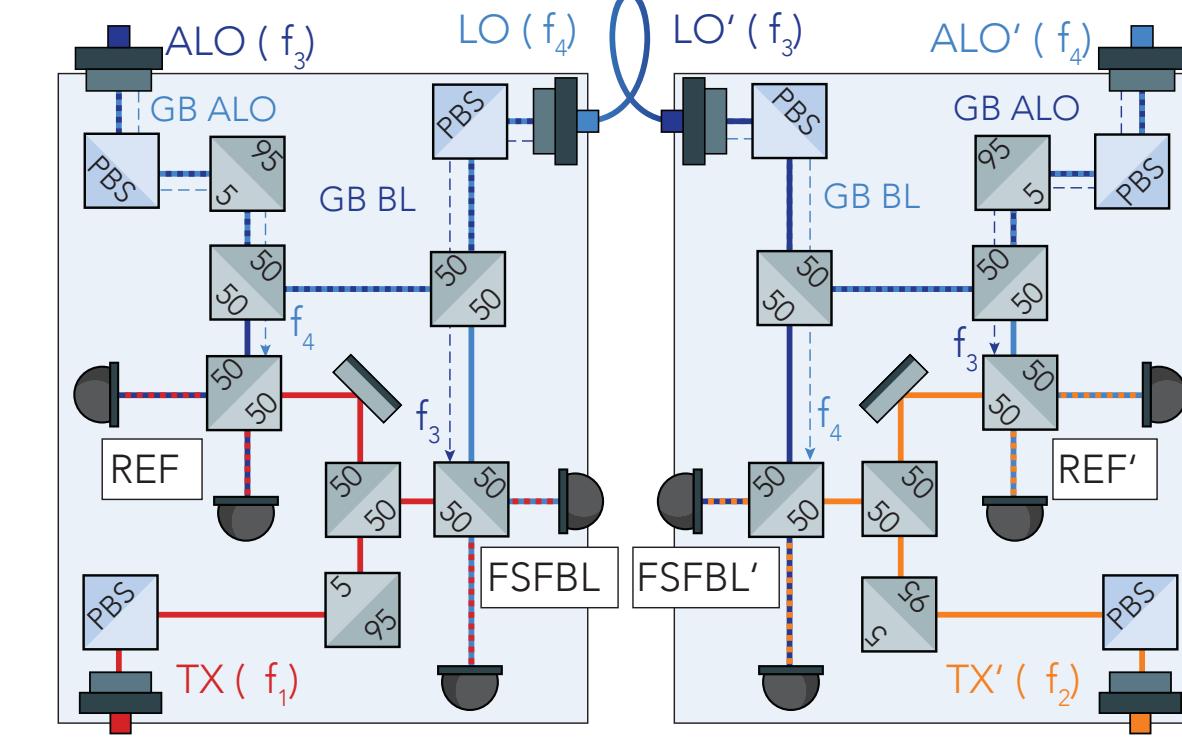
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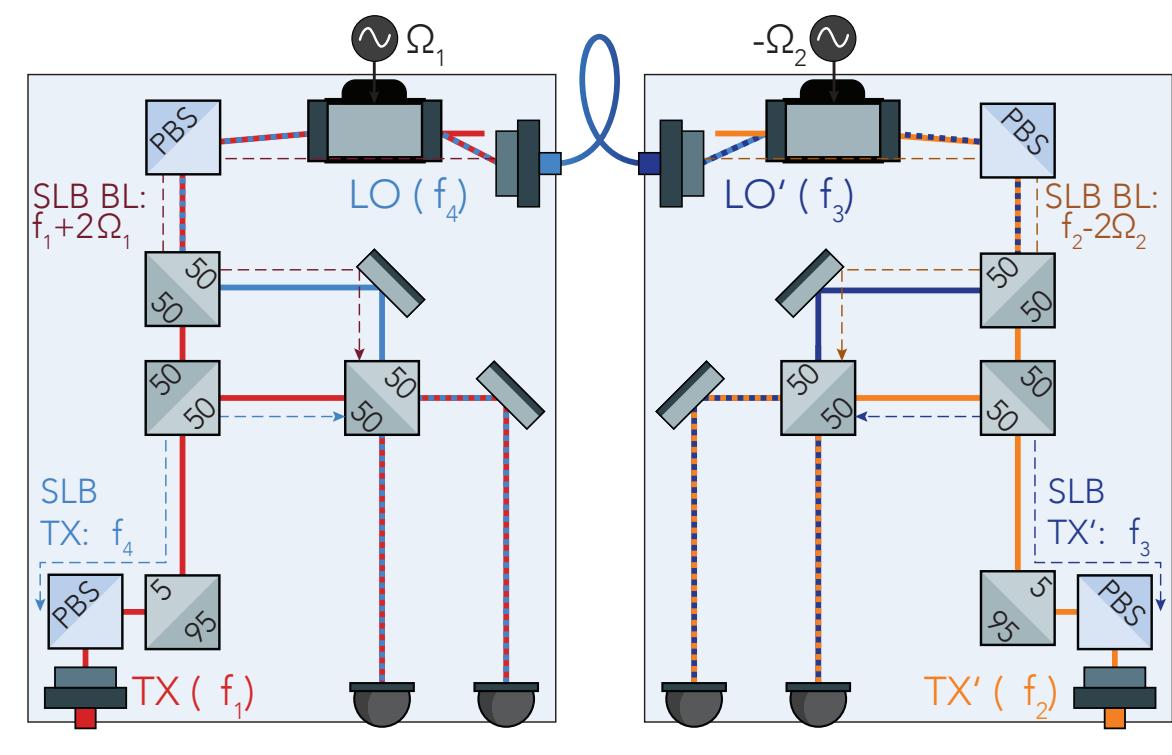
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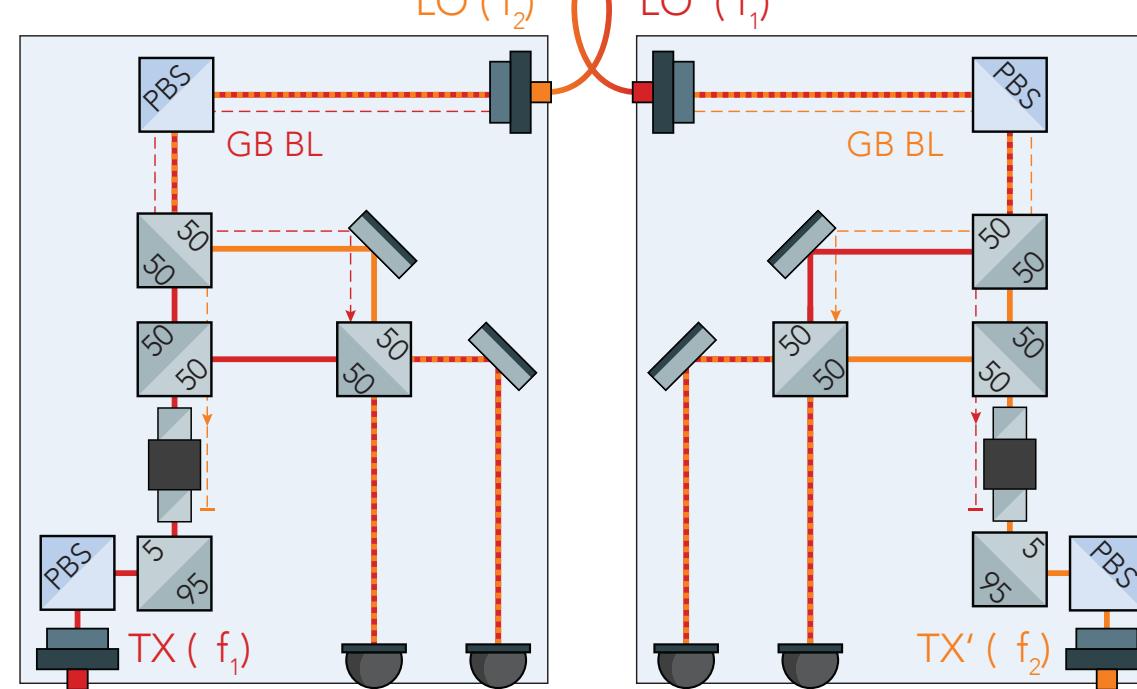
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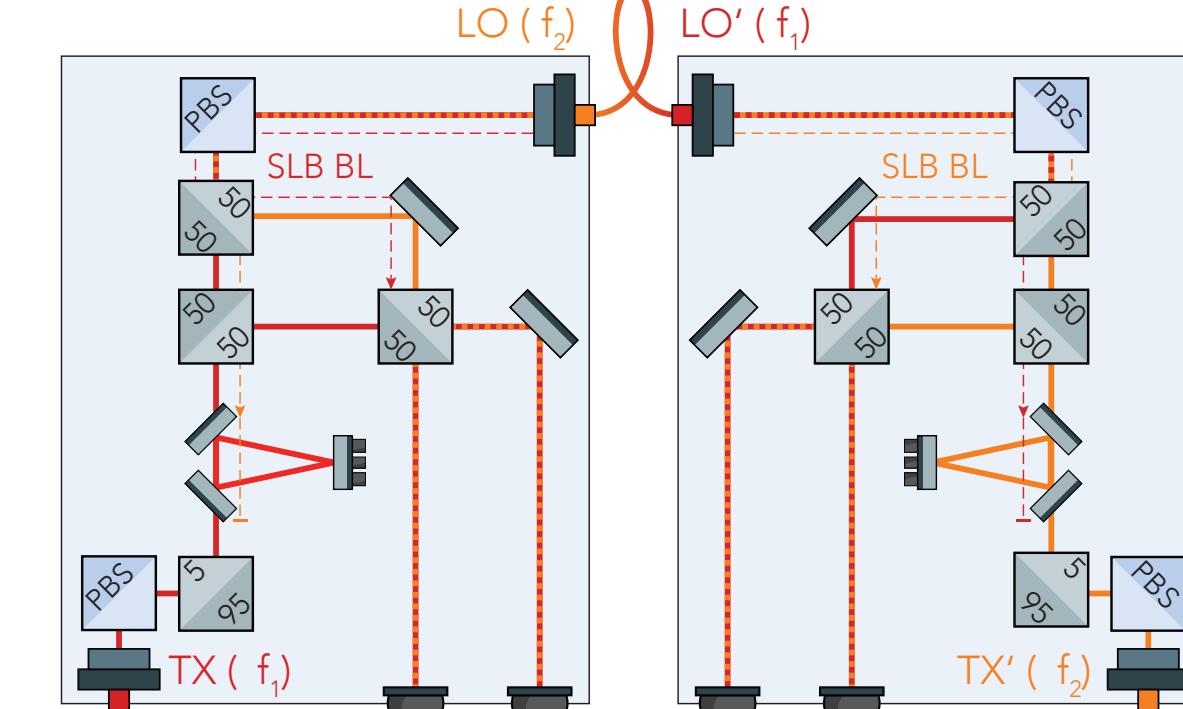
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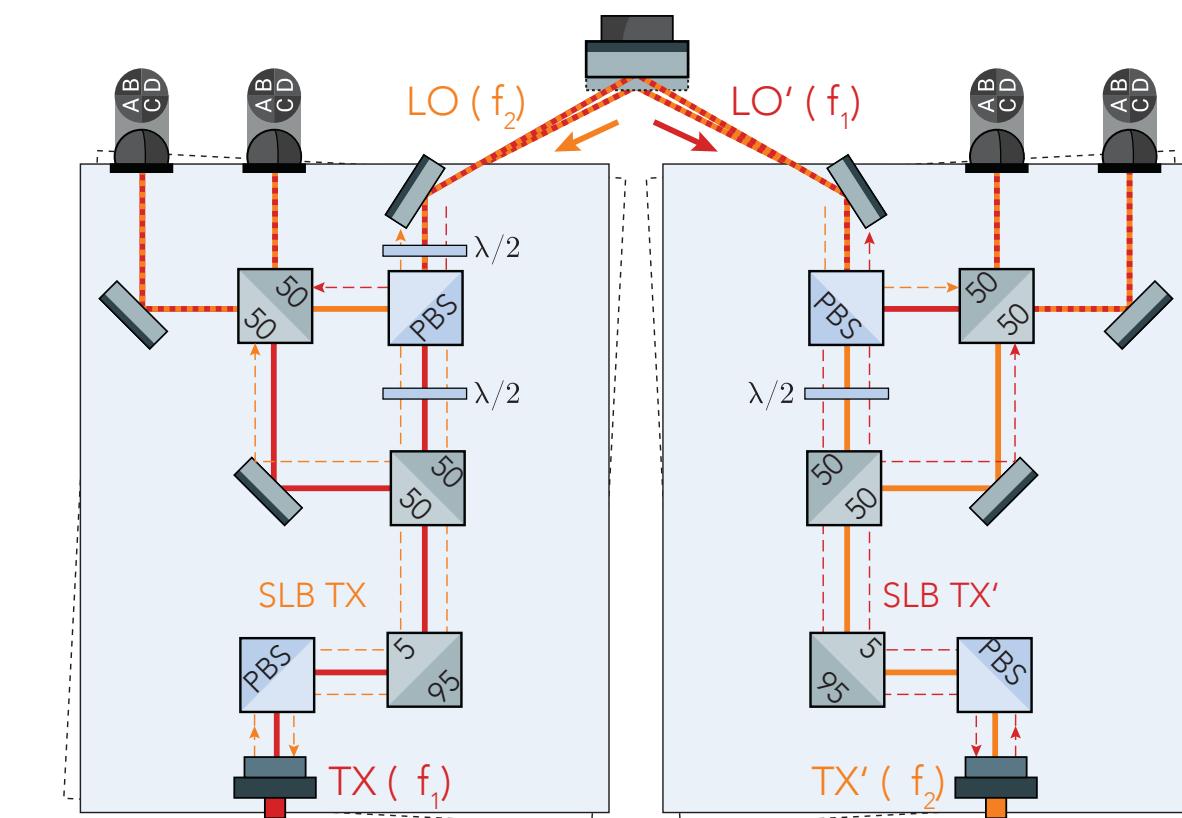
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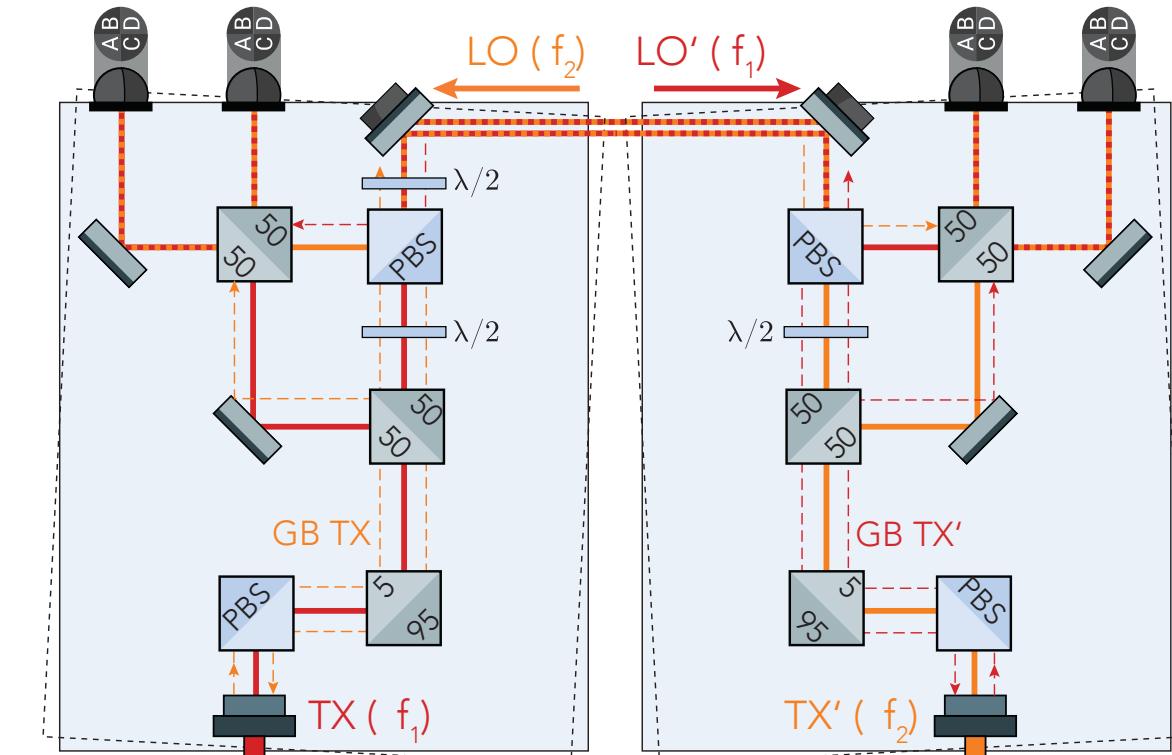
Cavity fiber



Reflector in the middle



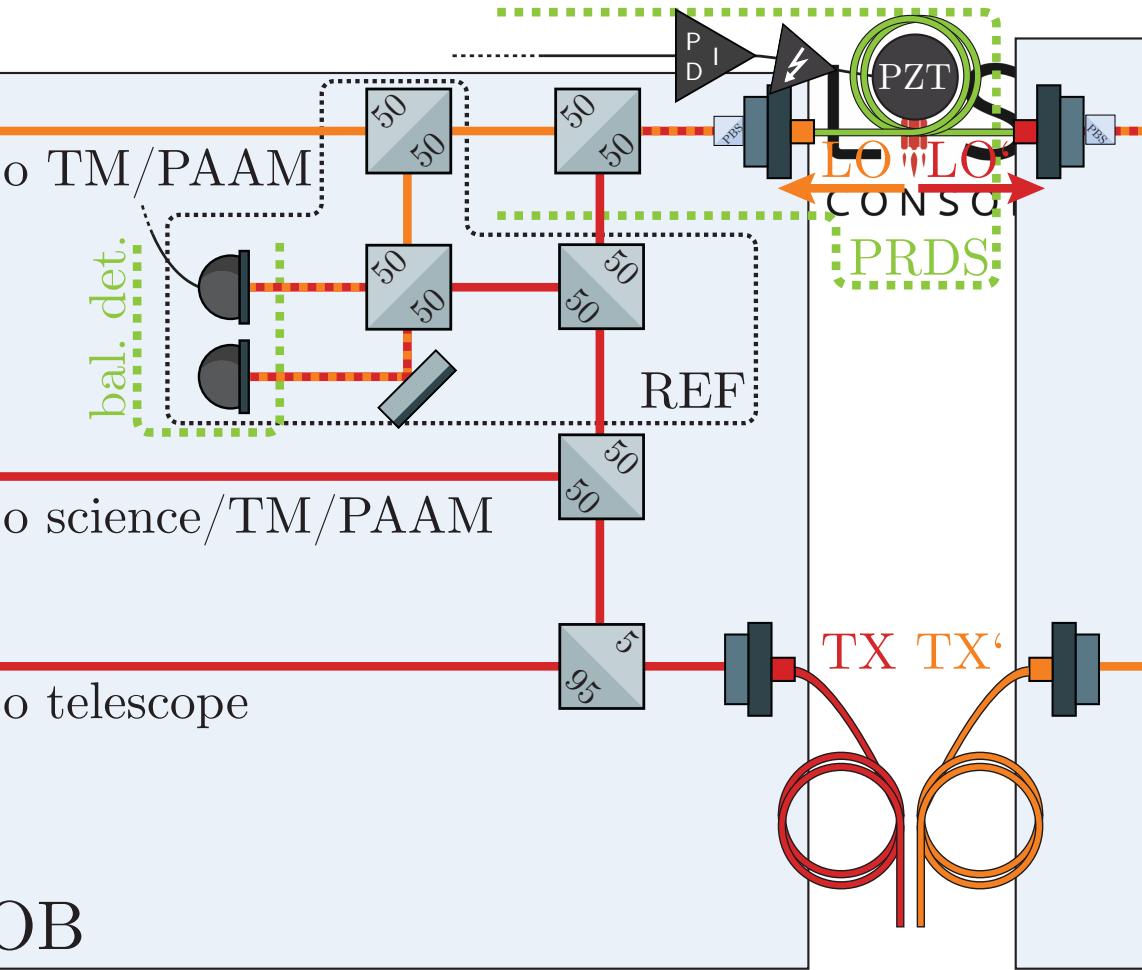
Free beam



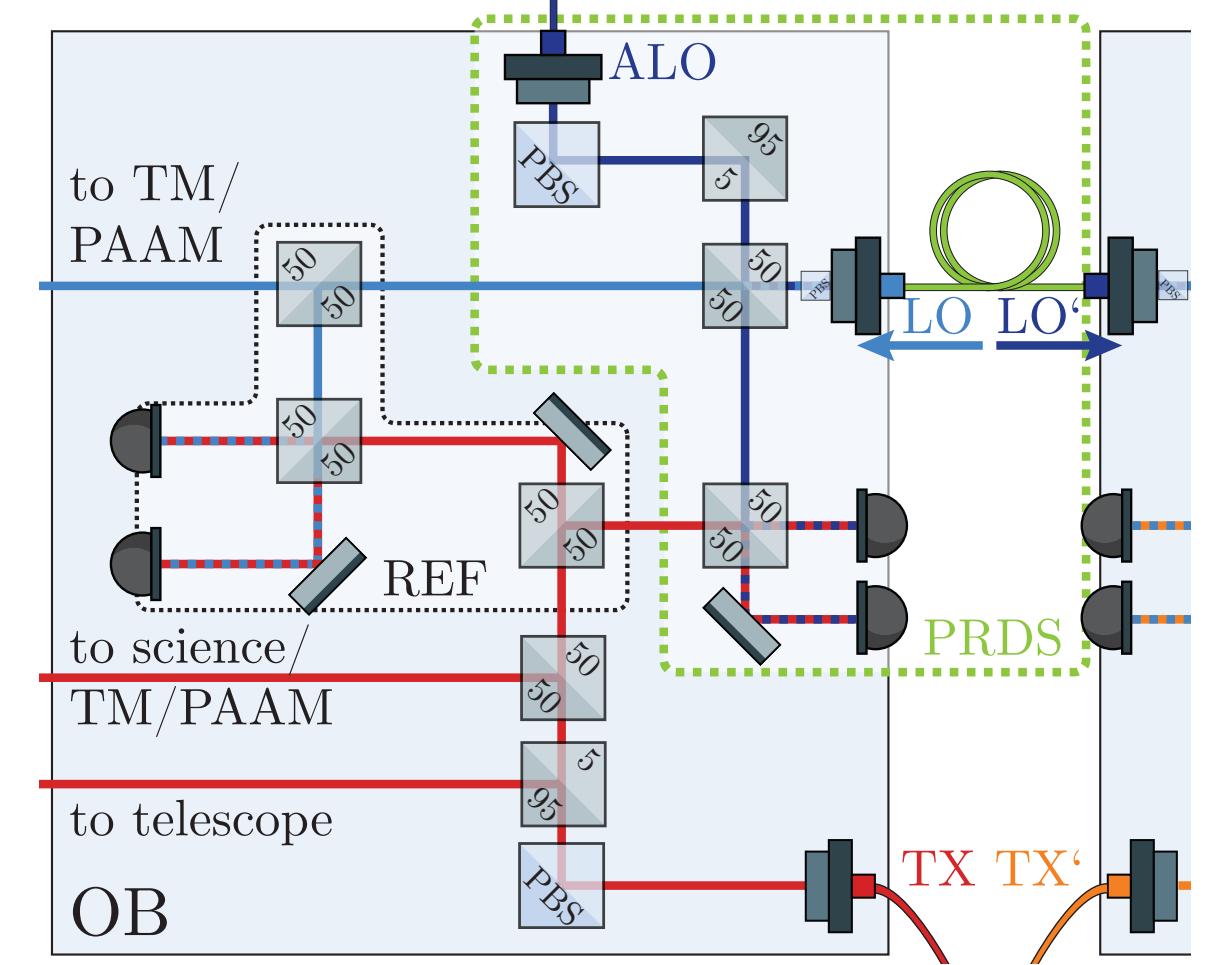
Backlink options

backlink	interfering beams		phase error [rad]
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	SLB BL	LO	$2.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$
	SLB TX	SLB ALO	$0.25 \cdot 10^{-6}$
PFBL / RMBL / FBBL	SLB TX	TX	$\sqrt{\text{PBS}_{\text{extc}}} \cdot 1.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$
	SLB BL	LO	$\sqrt{\text{PBS}_{\text{extc}}} \cdot 4.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$
	SLB TX	SLB ALO	$\text{PBS}_{\text{extc}} \cdot 0.5 \cdot 10^{-6}$
FIFBL	SLB TX	TX	$\sqrt{\text{ISO}_{\text{extc}}} \cdot 1.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$
	SLB BL	LO	$2.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$
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CFBL	SLB TX	TX	$\sqrt{\text{CAV}_{\text{extc}}} \cdot 1.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$
	SLB BL	LO	$2.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$
	SLB TX	SLB BL	$\sqrt{\text{CAV}_{\text{extc}}} \cdot 0.25 \cdot 10^{-6}$
FSFBL REF	SLB BL	LO	$0.25 \cdot 10^{-6}$
	SLB ALO	ALO	$0.25 \cdot 10^{-6}$
AOMFBL	SLB TX	TX	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$
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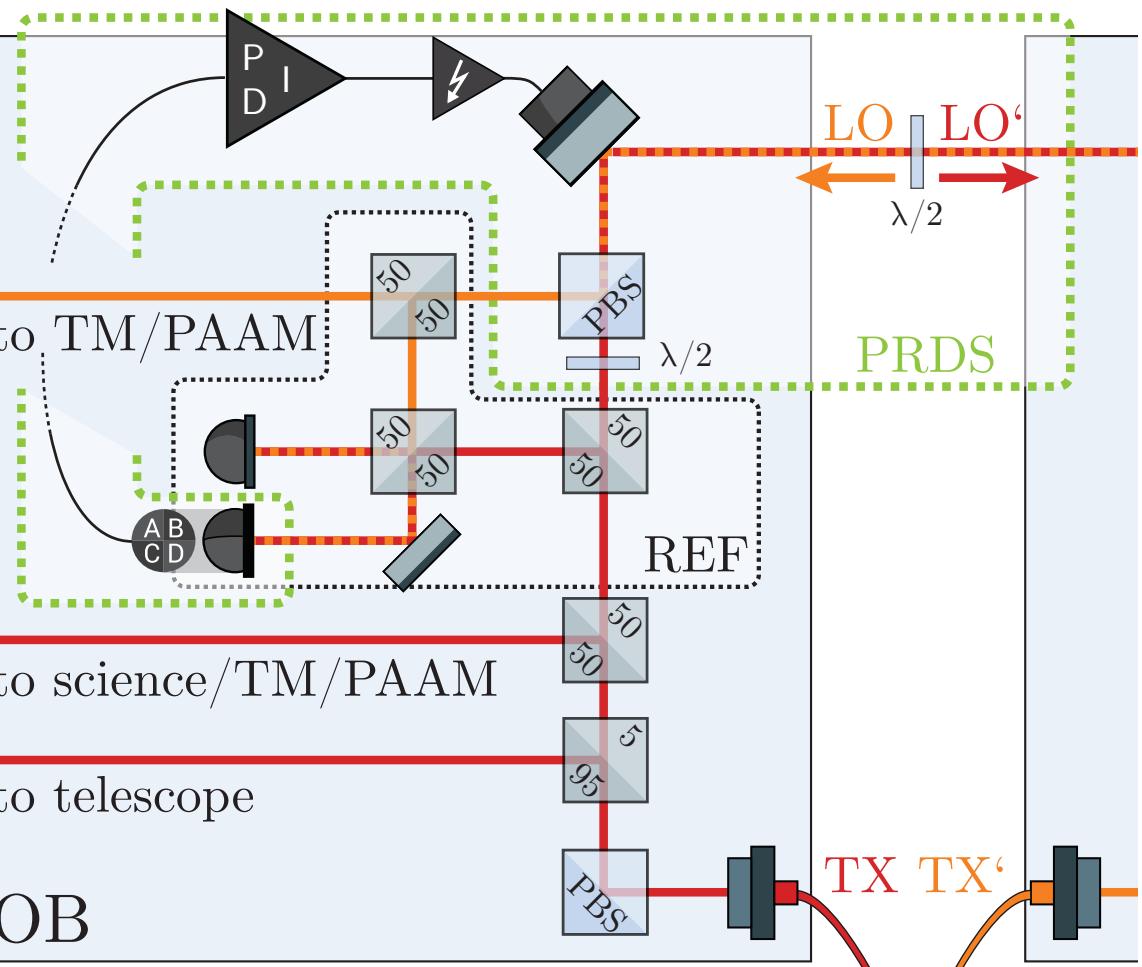
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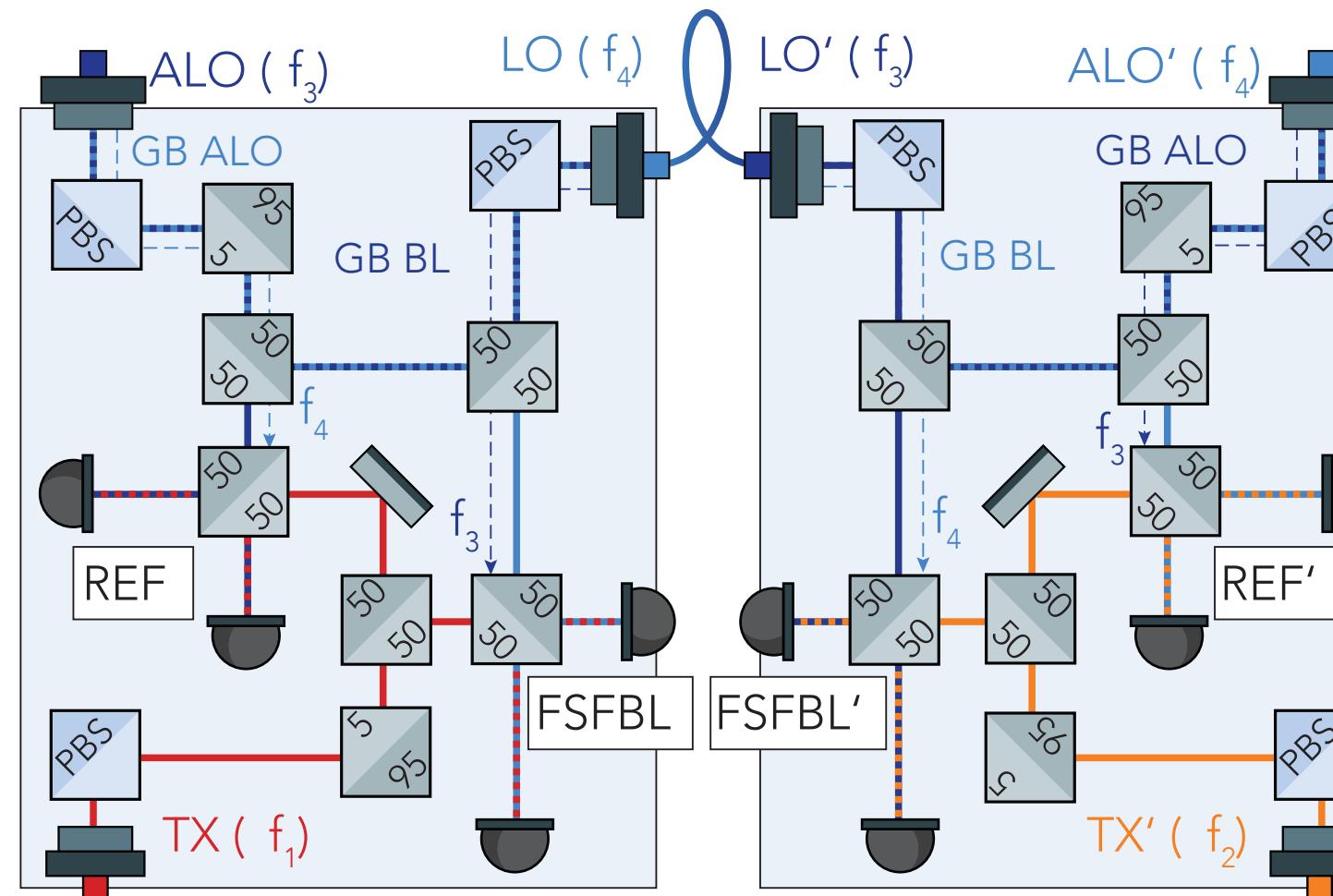
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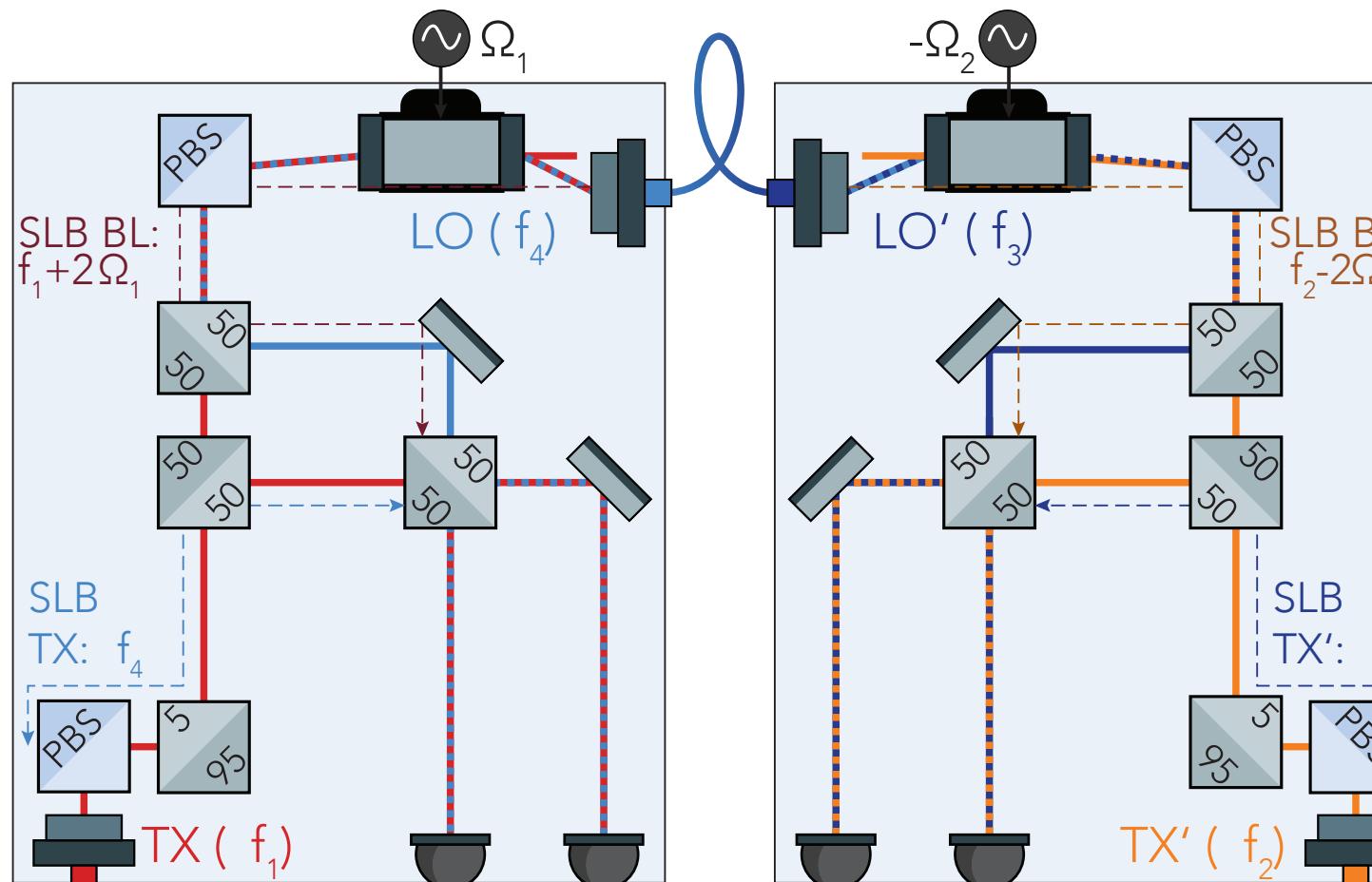
Free beam
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Frequency shifted fiber backlinks

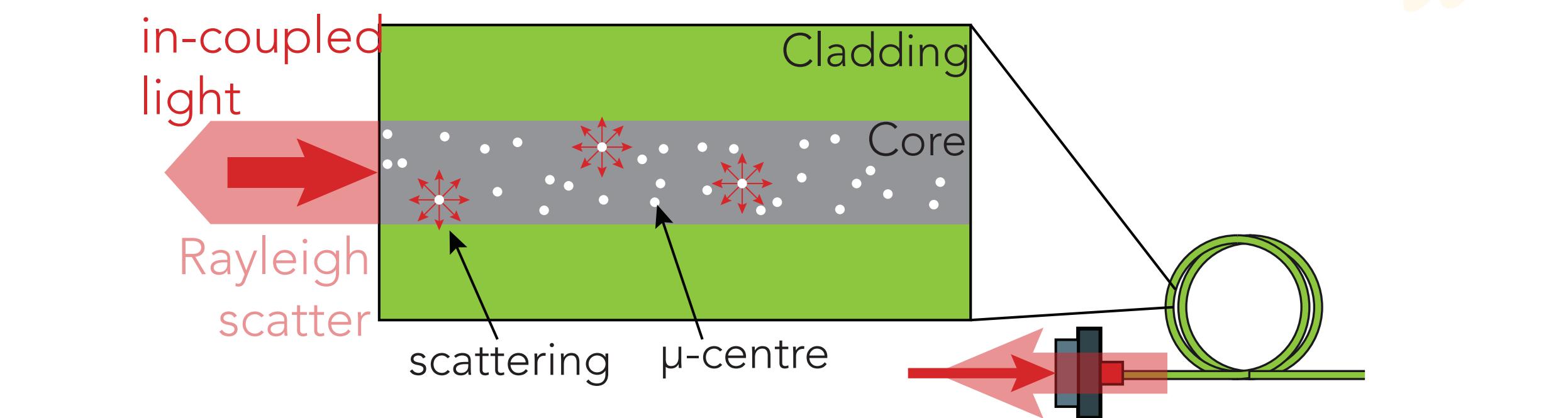
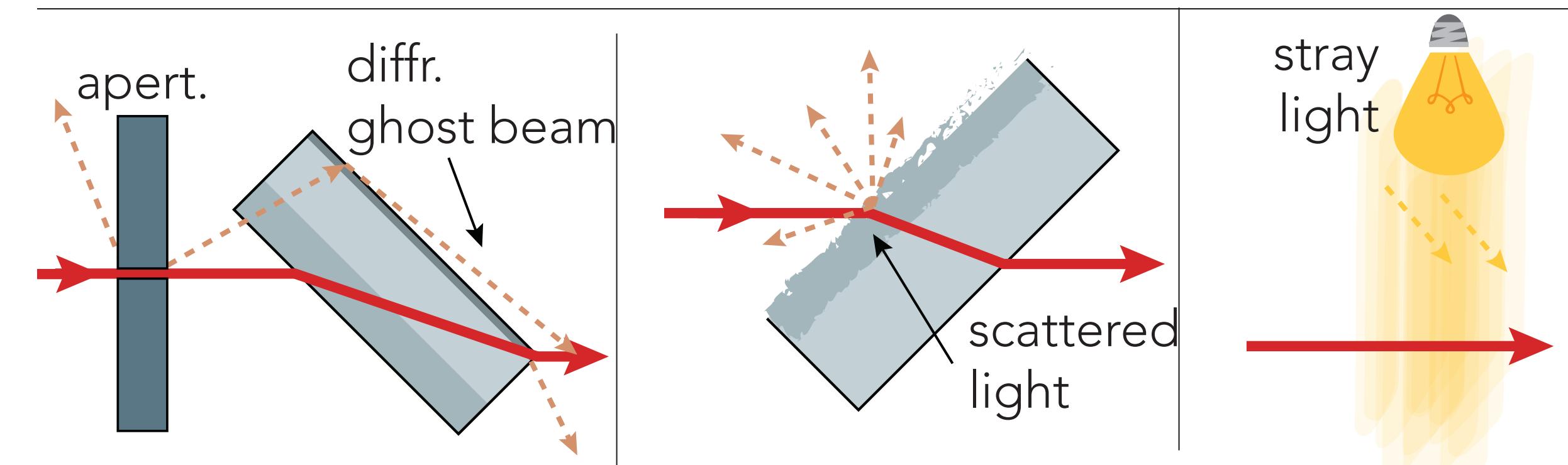
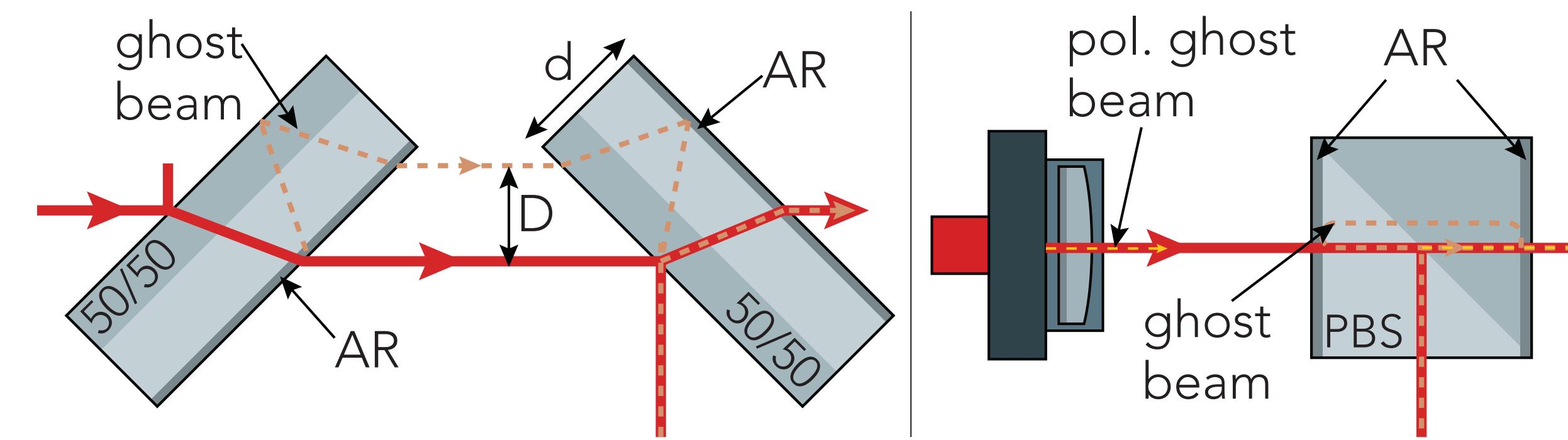


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	nominal beat	SLS beats	nominal beat	SLS beats
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REF'	$f_2 - f_4$	$f_3 - f_4$	$f_2 - f_3$	$f_1 - f_4$
FSFBL	$f_1 - f_4$	$f_3 - f_4$	$f_1 - f_3$	$f_3 - f_4$
FSFBL'	$f_2 - f_3$	$f_3 - f_4$	$f_2 - f_4$	$f_1 - f_3$



interferometer	$f_1 > f_2$ and $f_4 = f_2 - \Omega_2 + \Omega_1$ and $f_3 = (f_1 + \Omega_1 - \Omega_2)$	
	nominal beat	SLS beats
AOMFBL	$f_1 - f_4$	$f_1 - (f_1 + 2\Omega_1)$
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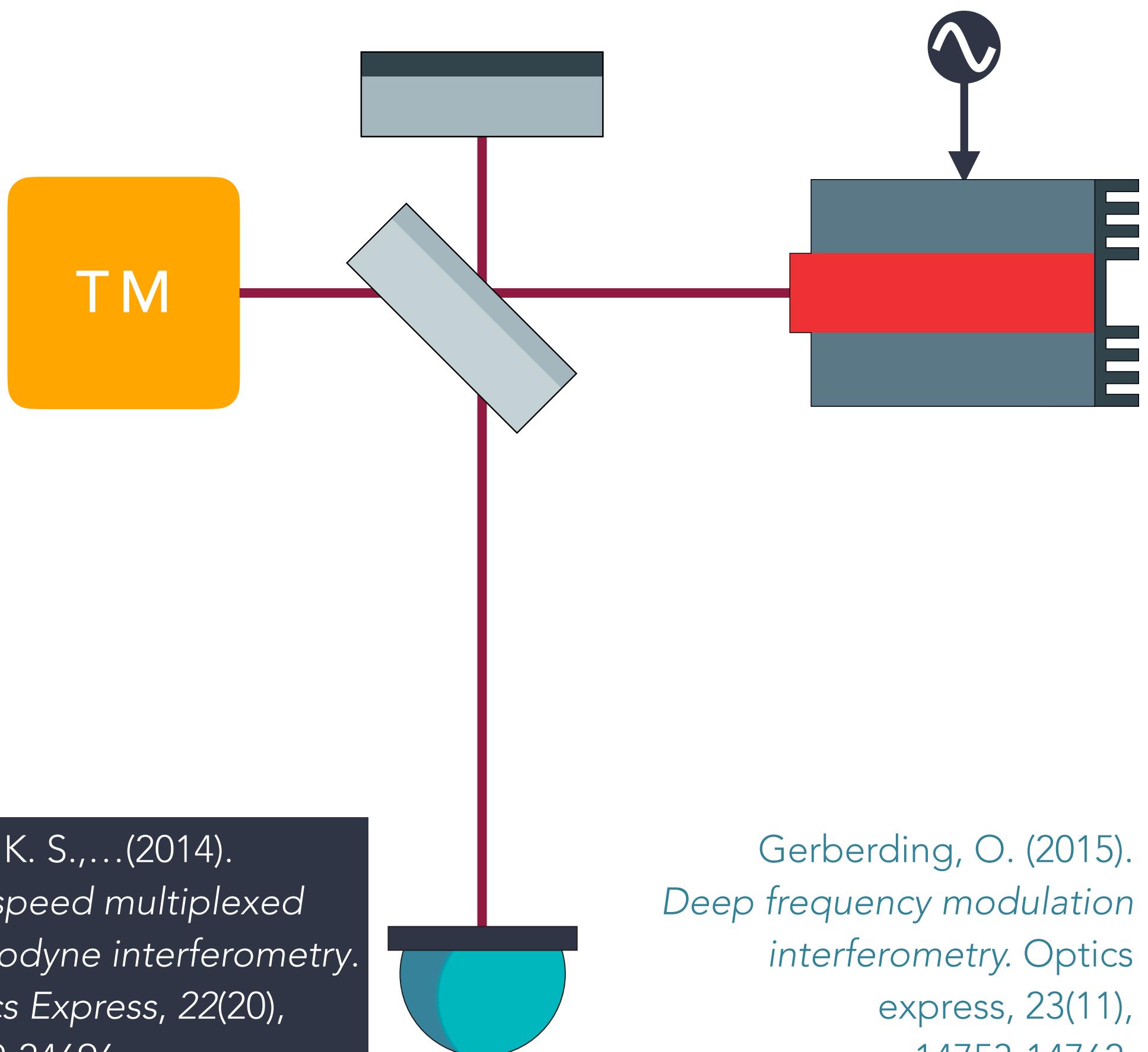
Sources of spurious beams



category	comp	noise source origin	dynamic	model	phase error [rad]
ghost beams	bonded	2nd refl.	$\ll 1 \text{ pm}$	$P, \text{ rays}$	$\sqrt{\frac{P_{\text{SLB}}}{P_{\text{ref}}}}$
	metal mounted	2nd refl.	$\ll 1 \text{ nm}$	$P, \text{ rays}, \text{ overlap}$	$\sqrt{\frac{\eta_{\text{SLS}} P_{\text{SLB}}}{\eta P_{\text{ref}}}} \varphi_{\text{SLS}}$
	fibers	fiber scatter	thermal, angle jitter, stress		
diffracted	Isolator, aperture	diffraction, clipping	$\ll 1 \text{ nm}$	$P, \text{ rays}$	$\sqrt{\frac{P_{\text{SLB}}}{P_{\text{ref}}}}$
	fiber	fast axis coupling	thermal, acoustic, coupling		
	FOIS	FIOS misalignm., birefringent lens	pointing	no model used	unknown
scattered light	bonded	dust, surface roughness,	$\ll 1 \text{ pm}$	$P, \text{ rays}$	$\sqrt{\frac{P_{\text{SLB}}}{P_{\text{ref}}}}$
	metal mounted	scratches, coating quality	$\ll 1 \text{ nm}$	$P, \text{ rays}, \text{ overlap}$	$\sqrt{\frac{\eta_{\text{SLS}} P_{\text{SLB}}}{\eta P_{\text{ref}}}} \varphi_{\text{SLS}}$
	steering mirrors	thermal, steering			
stray light	external	lamp			$\sqrt{\frac{P_{\text{SLB}}}{P_{\text{ref}}}} 10^{-6}$

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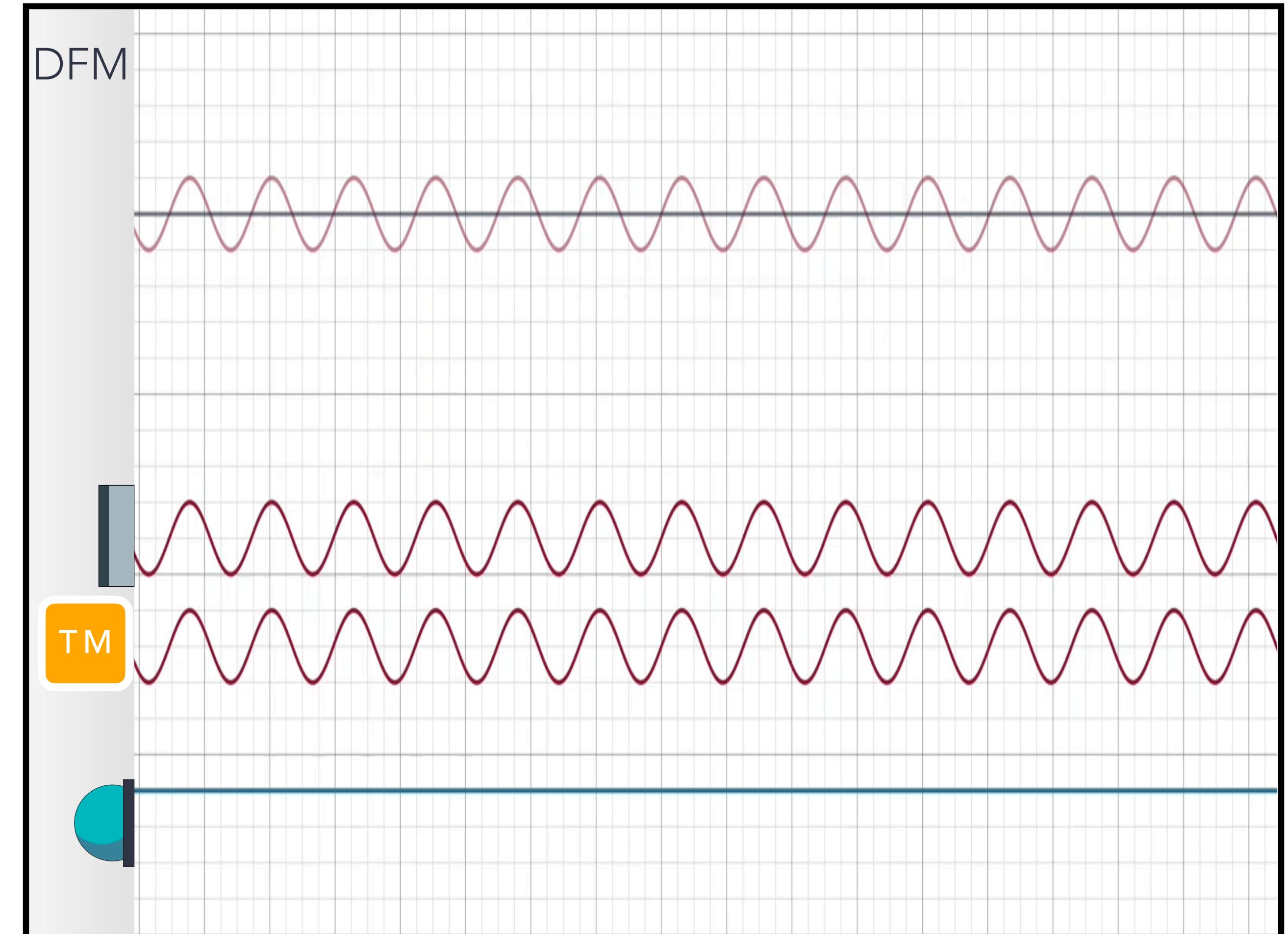
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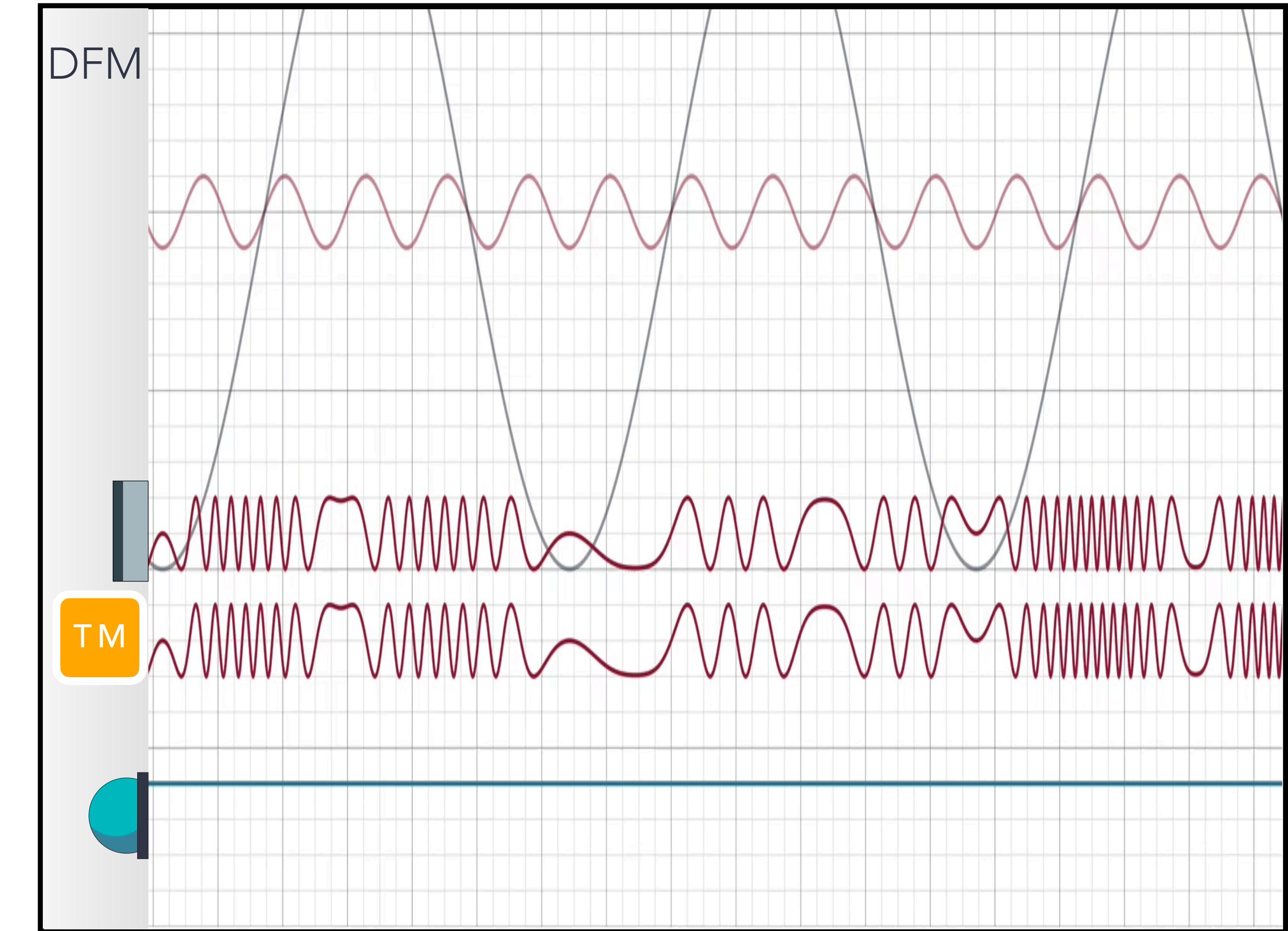
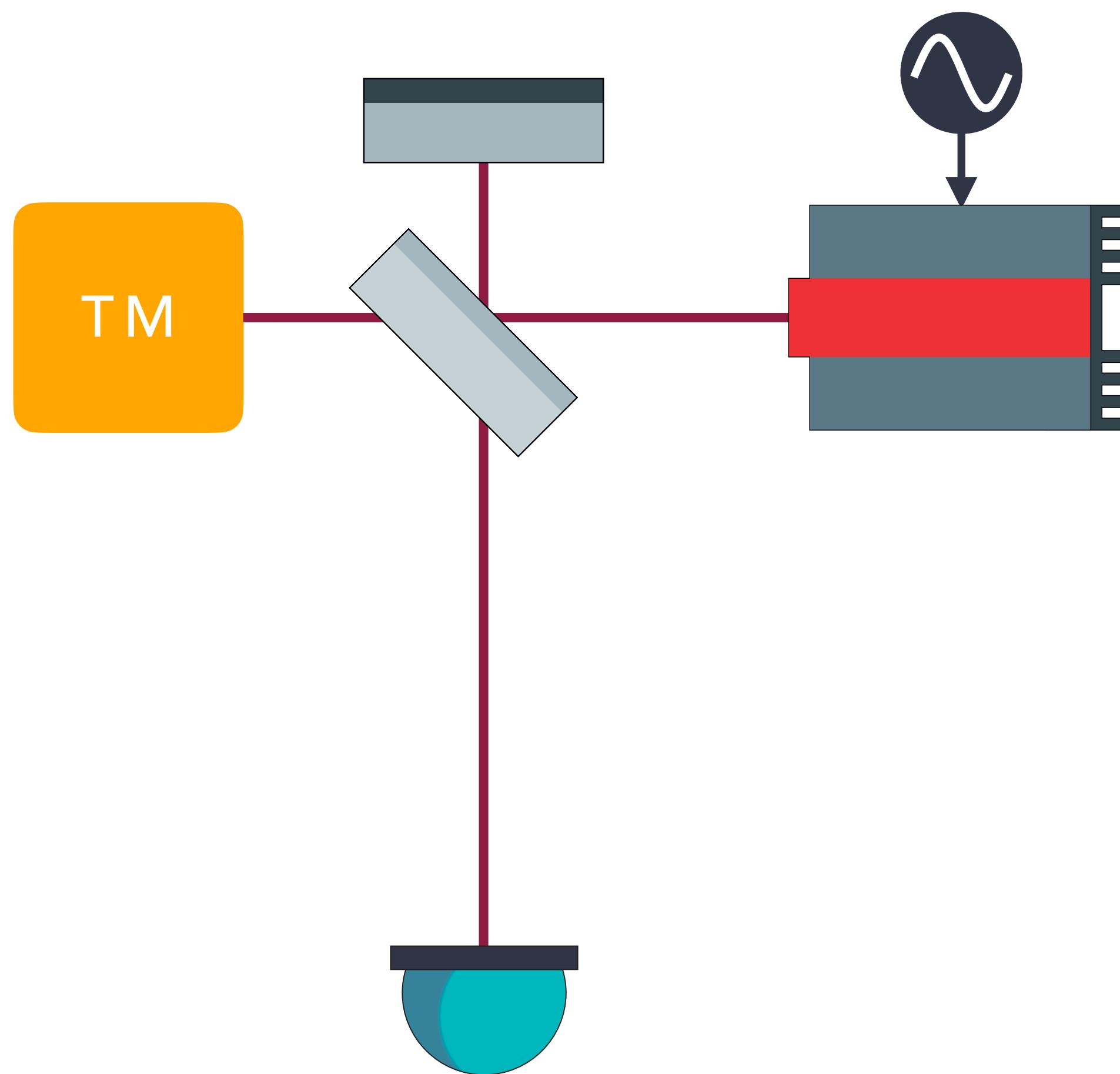
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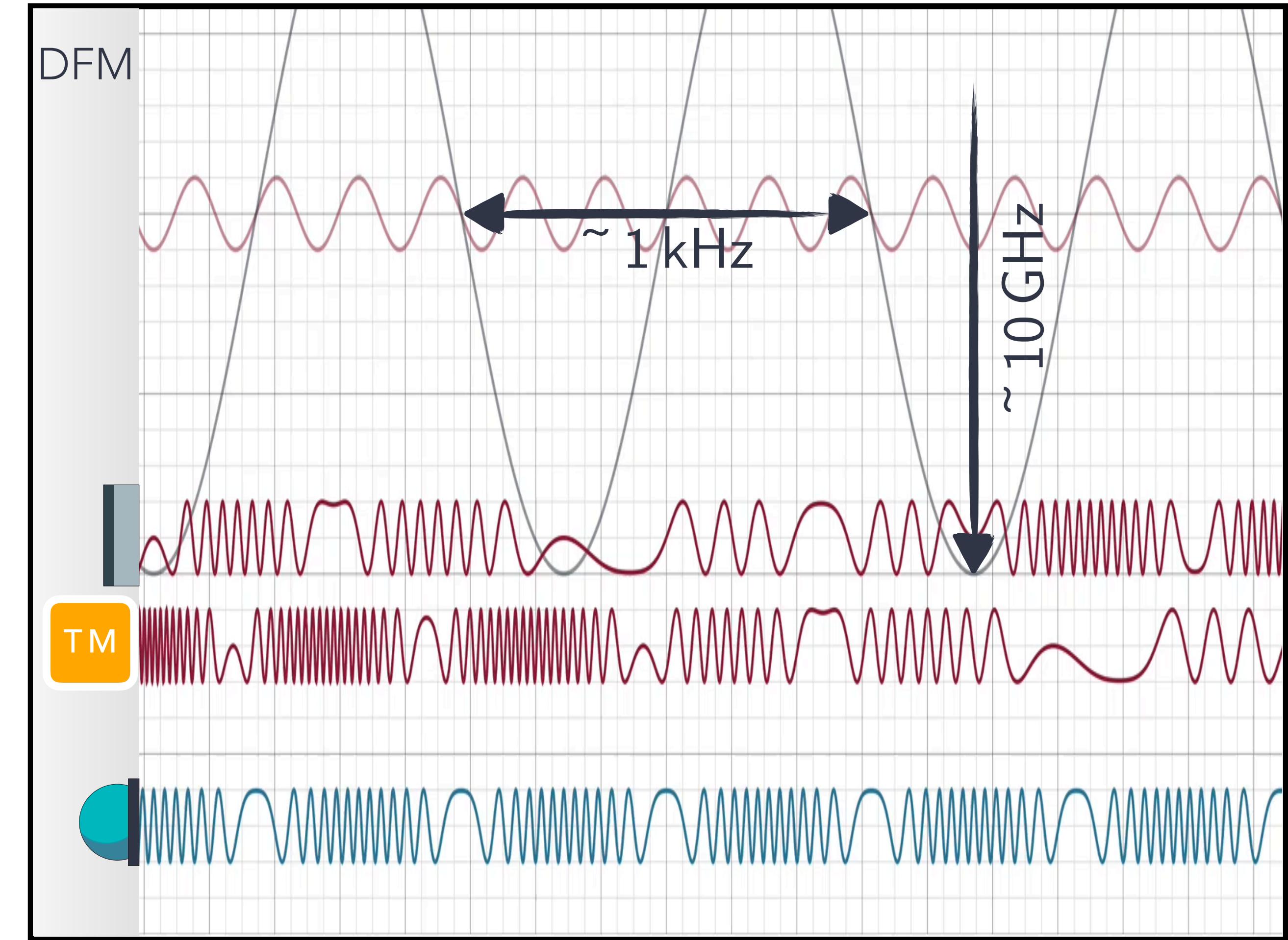
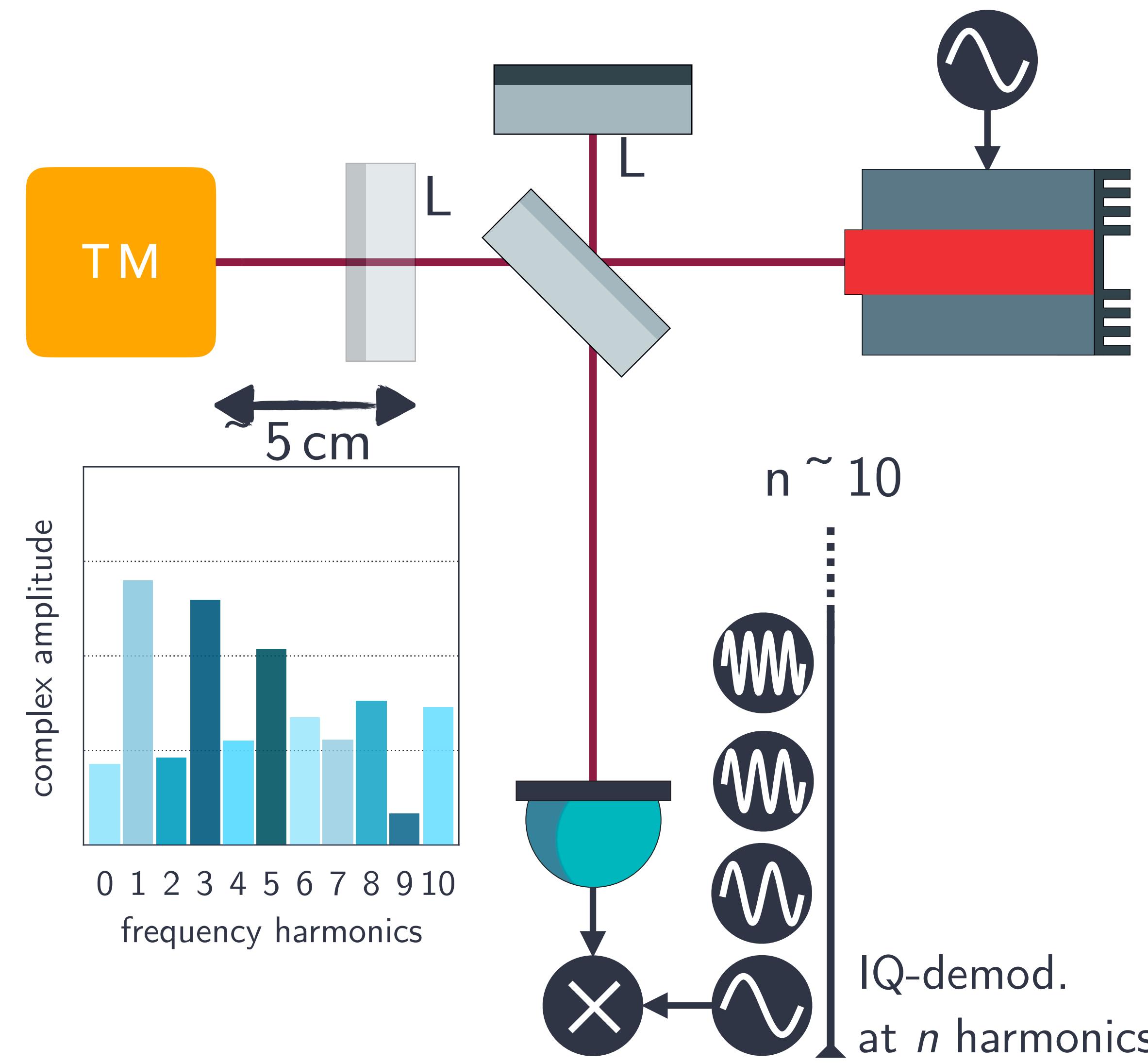
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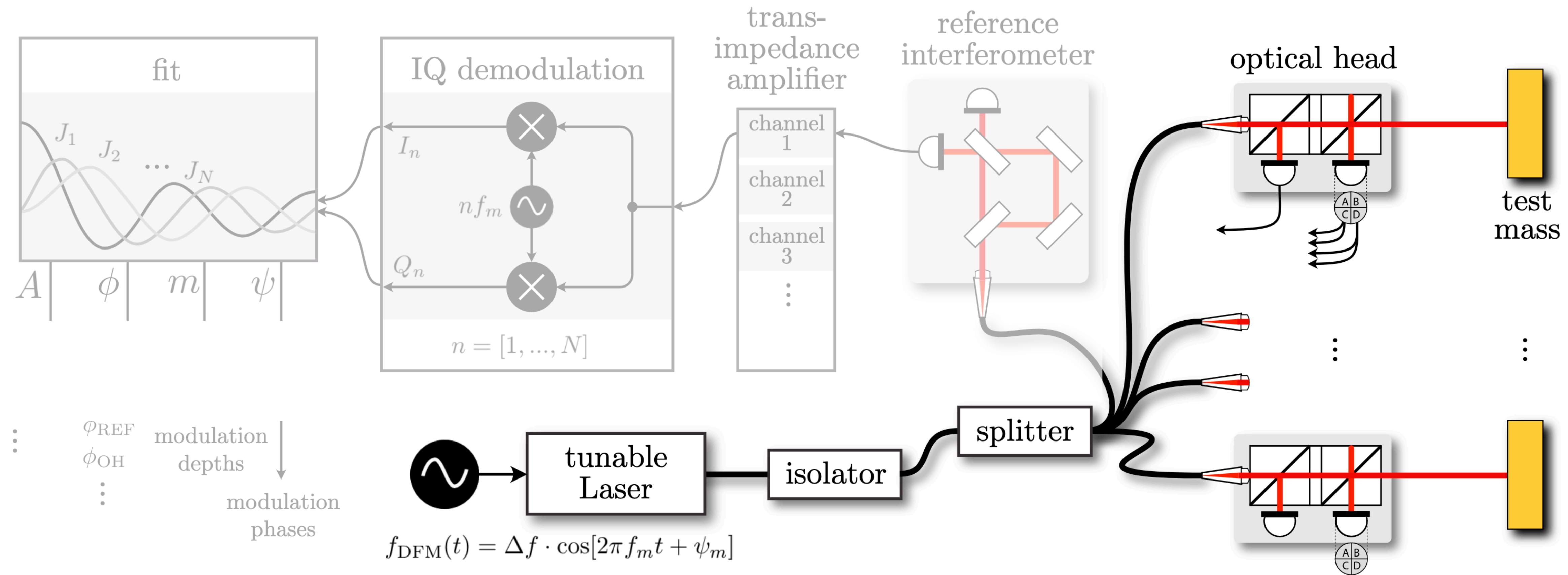


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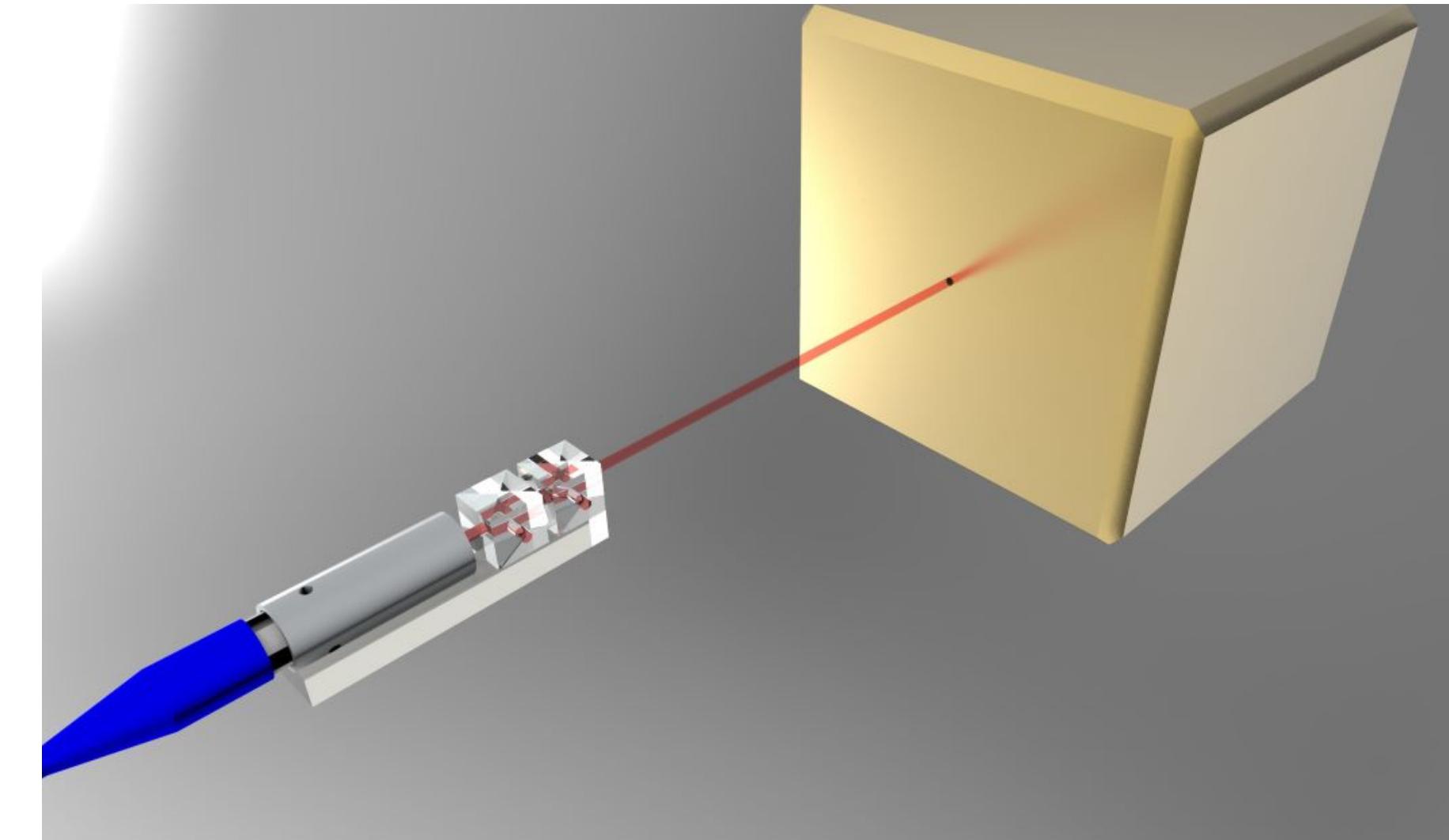
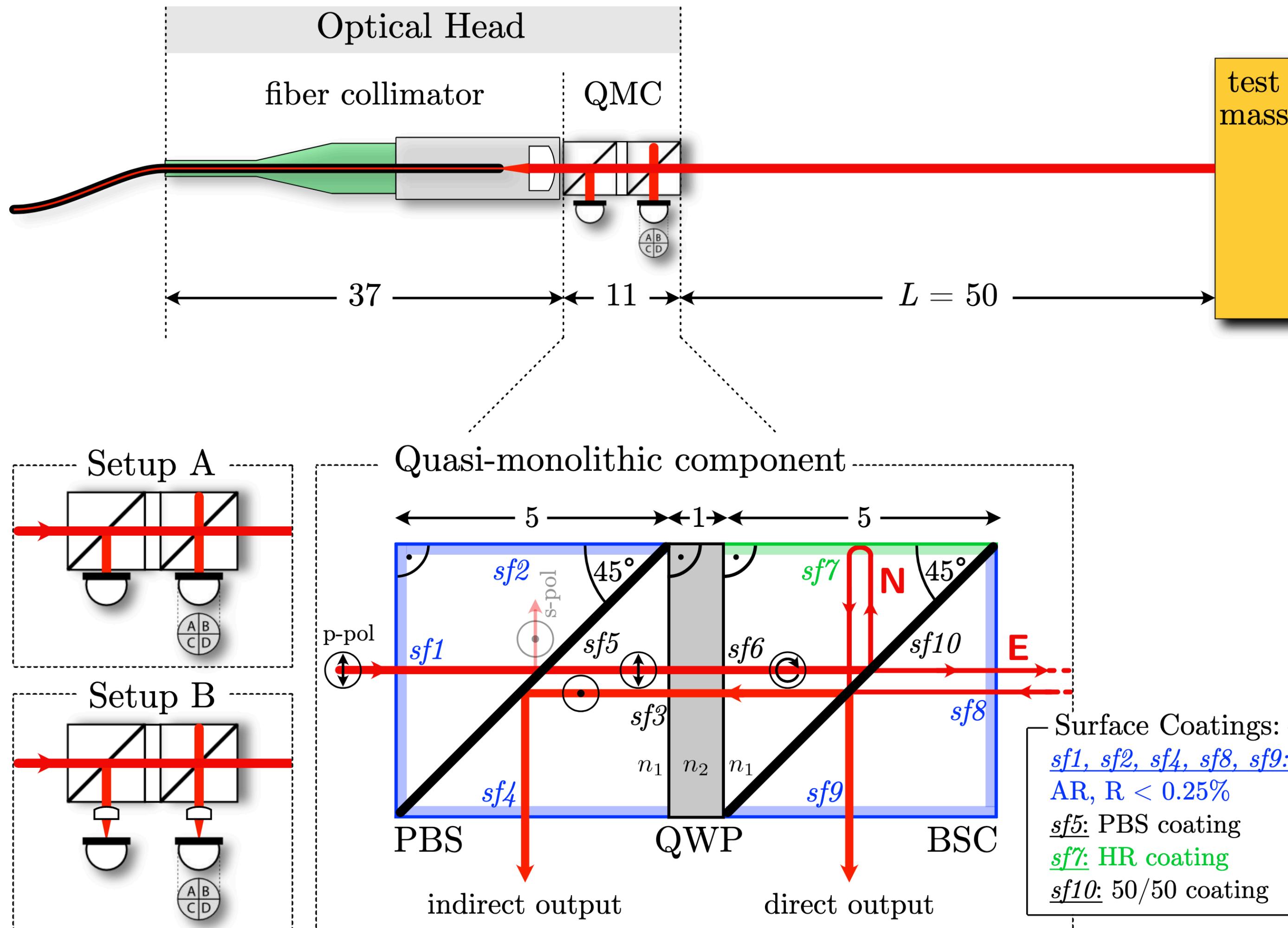


Ghost beam suppression in DFMI

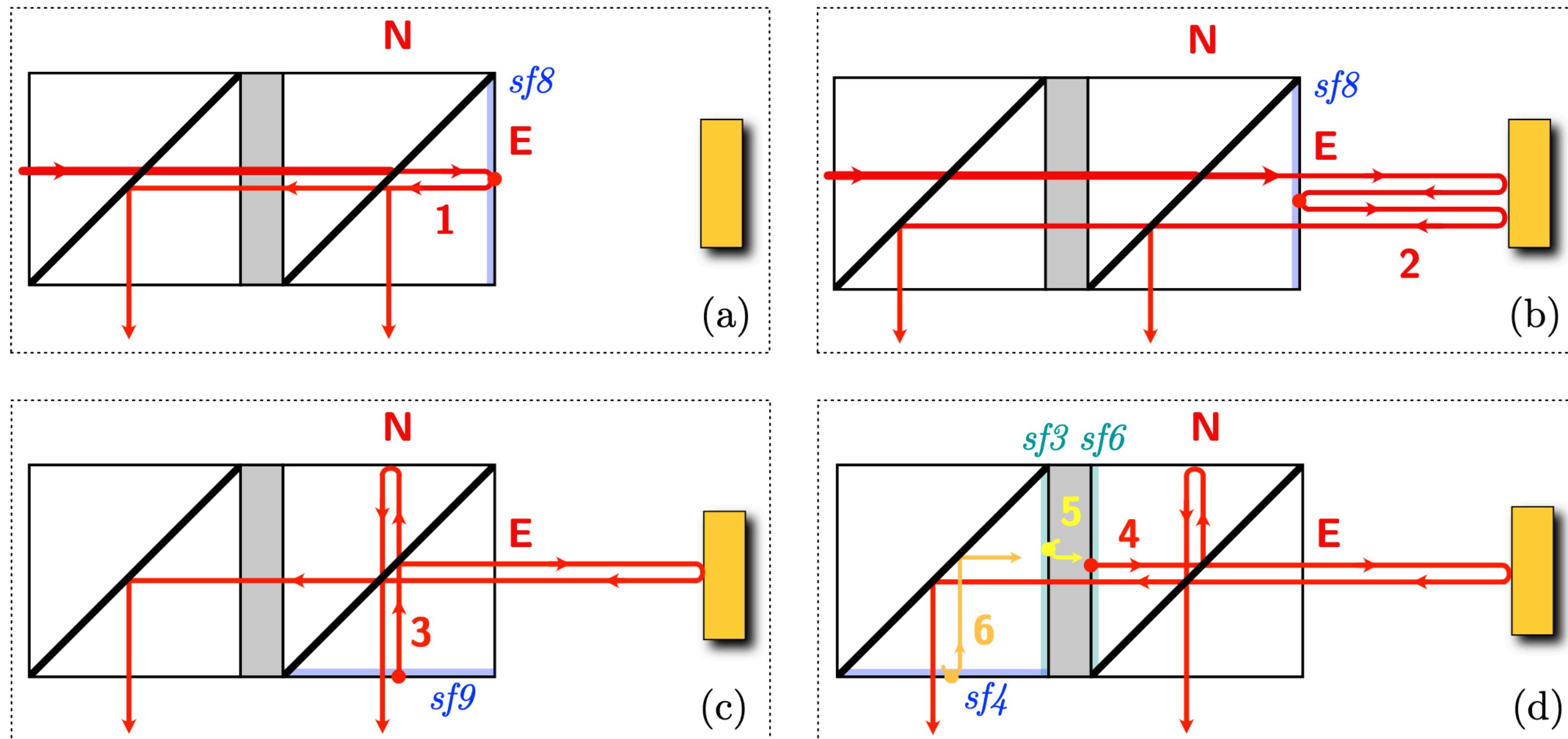
$$P^\pm \propto \frac{E_S^2}{2} + \frac{E_L^2}{2} \pm E_L E_S \left[J_0(m) \cos(\phi) + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_n(m) \cos\left(\phi + n\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cos(n(\omega_m t + \psi)) \right] \quad (2)$$



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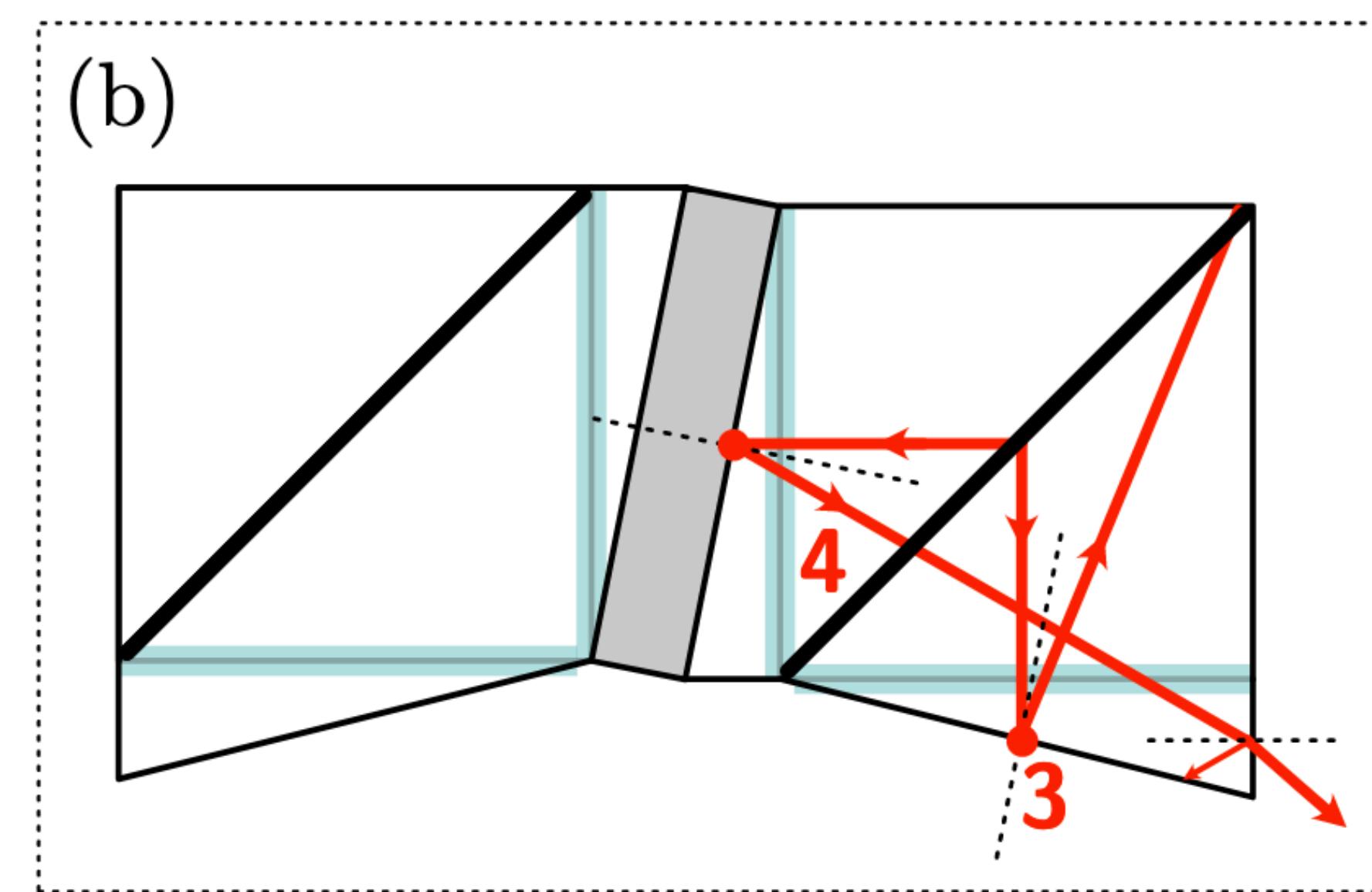
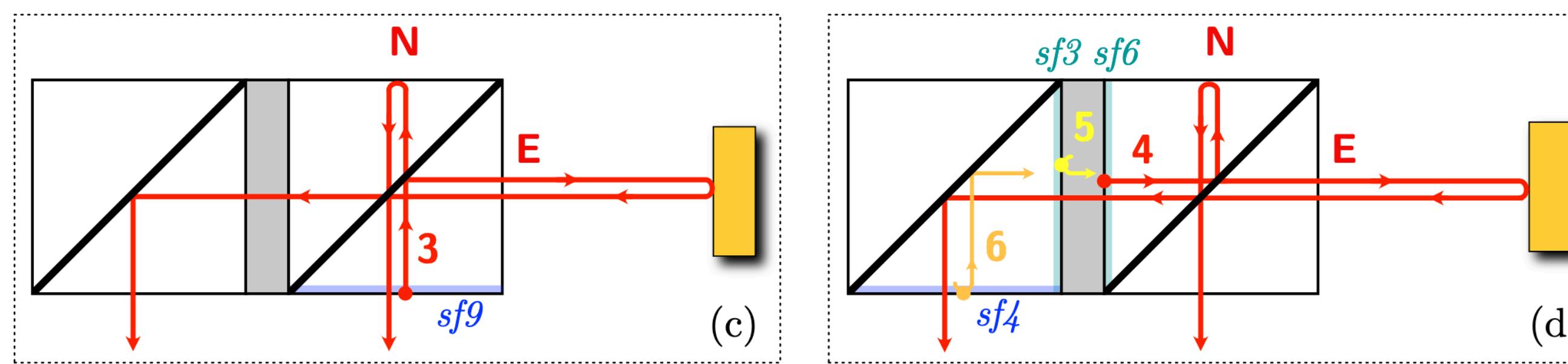
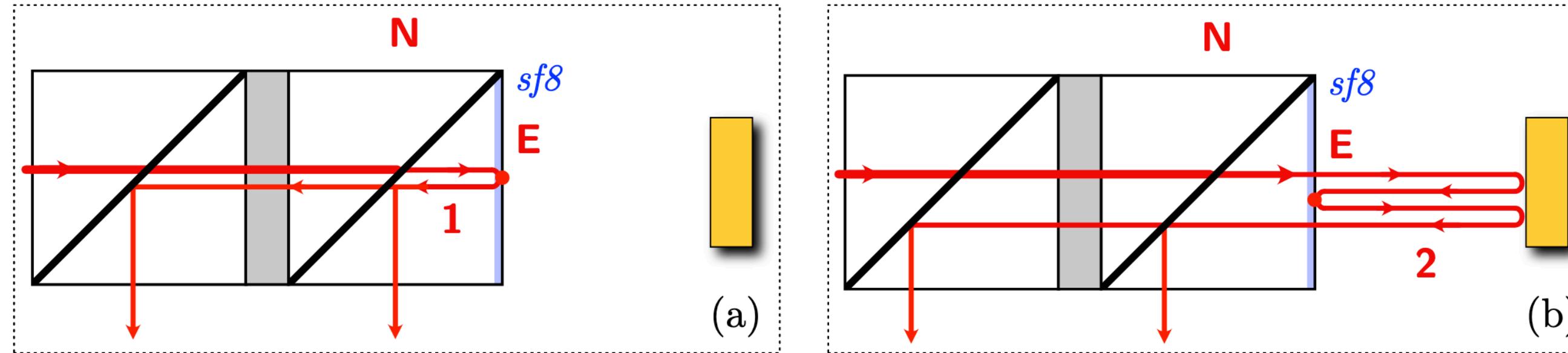


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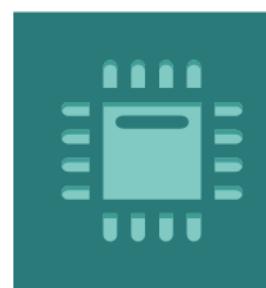
$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{N,E,1,2}^{\pm} &= \pm E_N E_E \cos [\phi_E + m_E c(t)] \\
 &\quad \pm E_N E_1 \cos [\phi_1 + m_1 c(t)] \\
 &\quad \pm E_N E_2 \cos [2\phi_L + \phi_1 + (2m_L + m_1)c(t)] \\
 &\quad + E_E E_1 \cos [\phi_L + m_L c(t)] \\
 &\quad + E_E E_2 \cos [\phi_L + m_L c(t)] \\
 &\quad + E_1 E_2 \cos [2\phi_L + 2m_L c(t)] \\
 &= \pm 1 \cos [\phi_E + m_E c(t)] \\
 &\quad \pm 0.05 \cos [\phi_1 + m_1 c(t)] \\
 &\quad \pm 0.05 \cos [2\phi_E - \phi_1 + (2m_L + m_1)c(t)] \\
 &\quad + 0.05 \cos [\phi_E - \phi_1 + m_L c(t)] \\
 &\quad + 0.05 \cos [\phi_E - \phi_1 + m_L c(t)] \\
 &\quad + 0.0025 \cos [2\phi_E - 2\phi_1 + 2m_L c(t)]
 \end{aligned}$$

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- origin of ghost beam reflectance

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