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DIP project “Dynamics of
Electrons and Collective
Modes in Nanostructures”

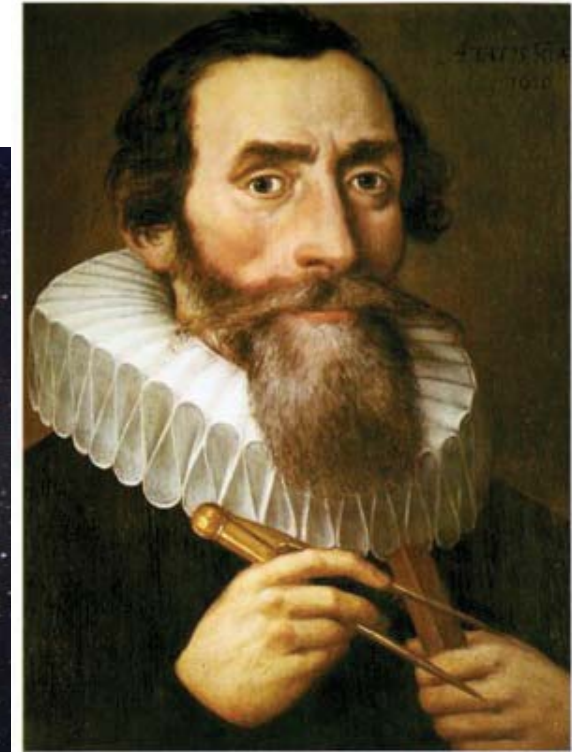
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Radiation pressure

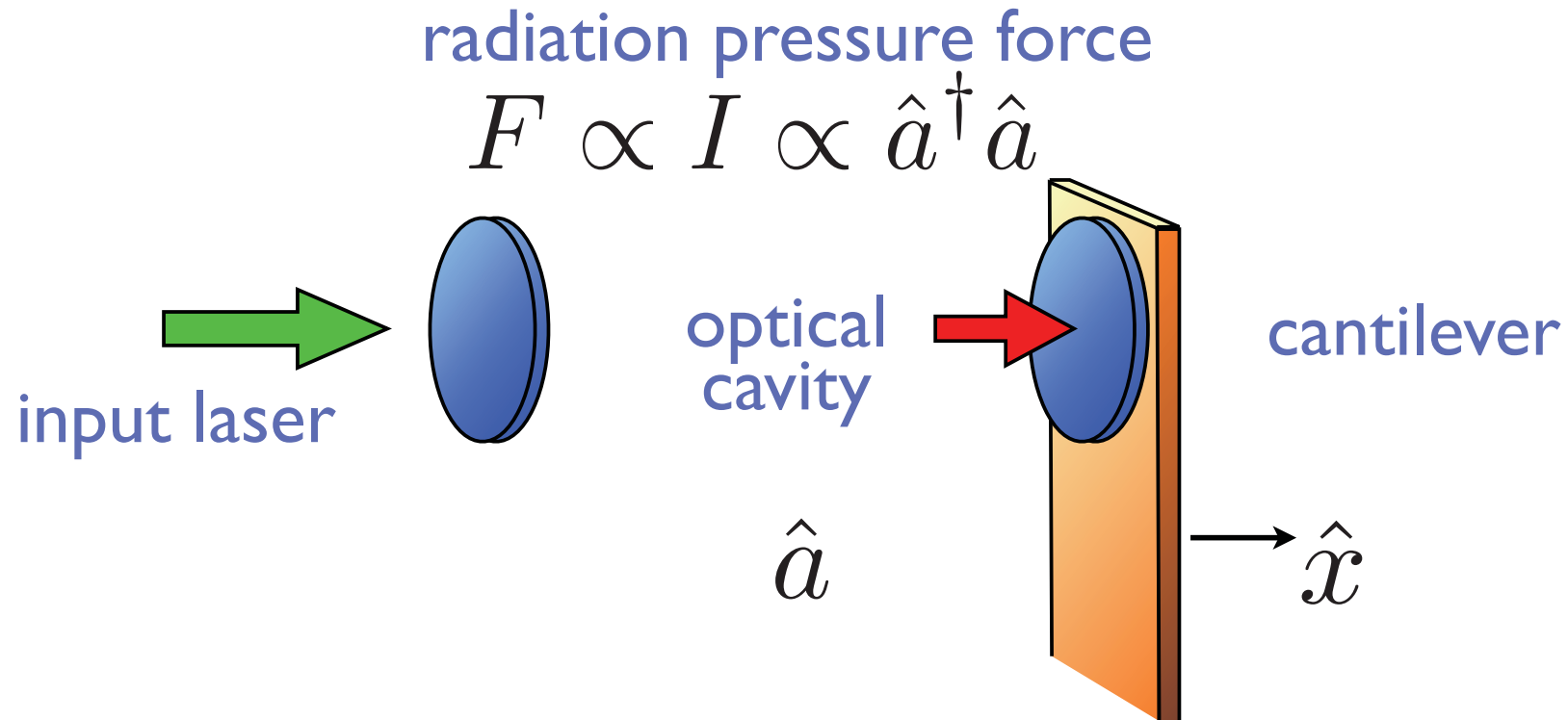


(Comet Hale-Bopp; by Robert Alleva)



Johannes Kepler
De Cometis, 1619

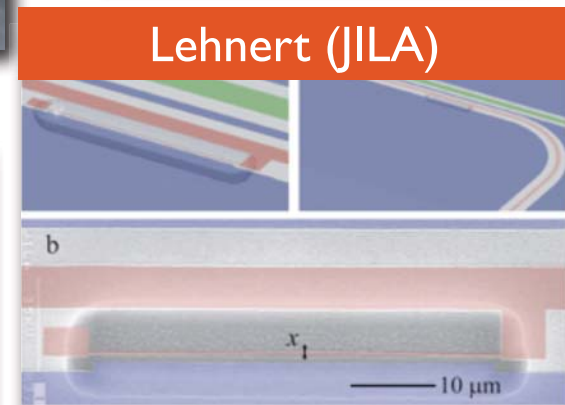
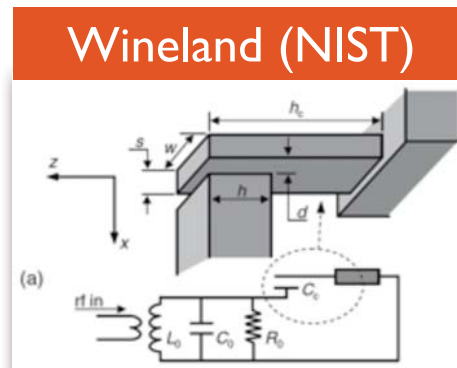
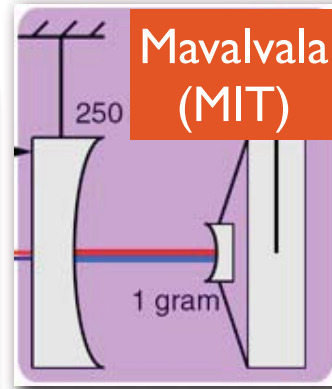
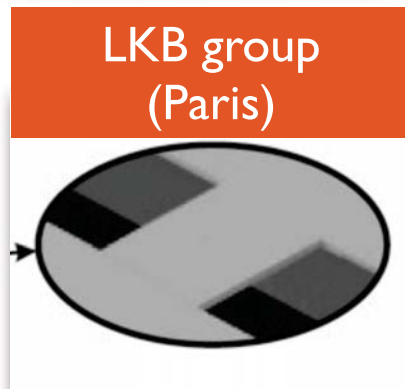
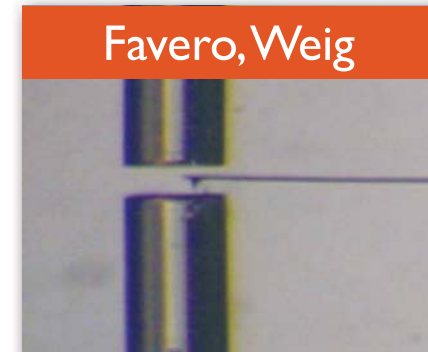
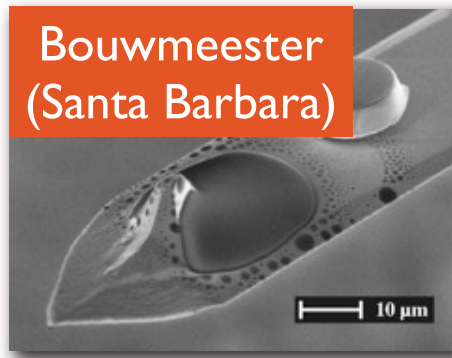
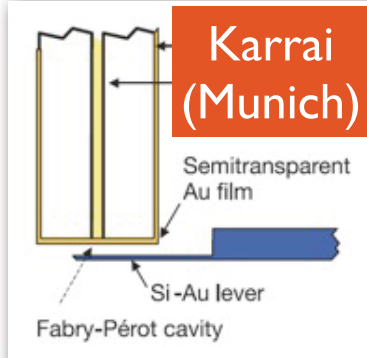
Optomechanical systems



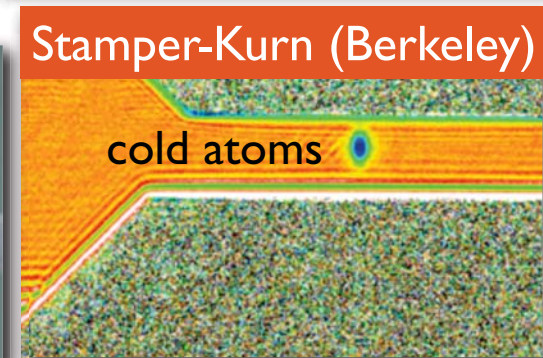
$$\hat{H} = \hbar\omega_R(1 - \hat{x}/L)\hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} + \hbar\omega_M\hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + \dots$$

$$\hat{x} = x_{\text{ZPF}}(\hat{b}^\dagger + \hat{b})$$

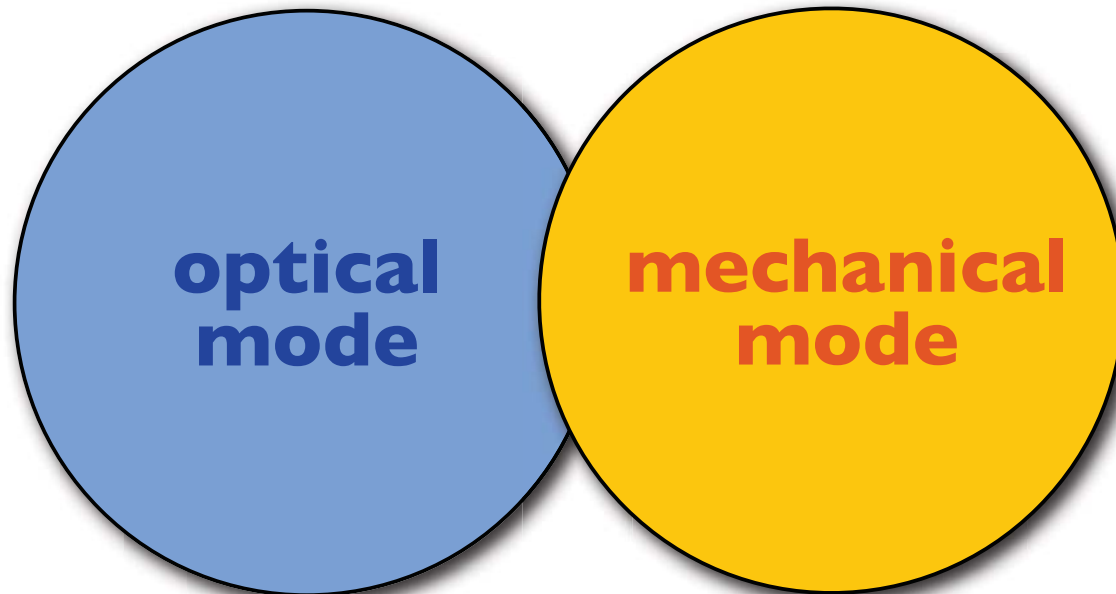
The zoo of optomechanical (and analogous) systems



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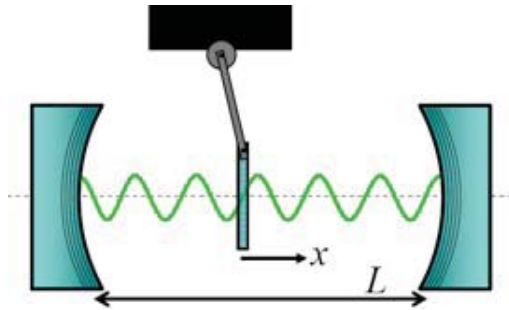
Single-mode optomechanics



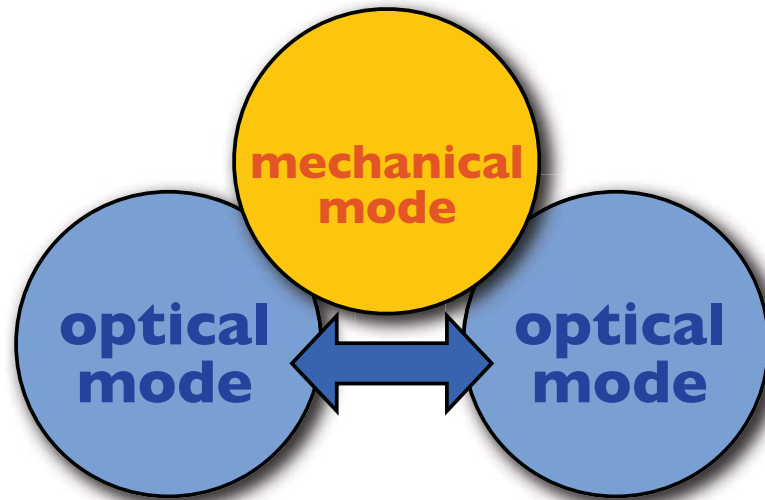
- displacement sensing
- cooling
- strong coupling
- self-oscillations

Multimode optomechanics

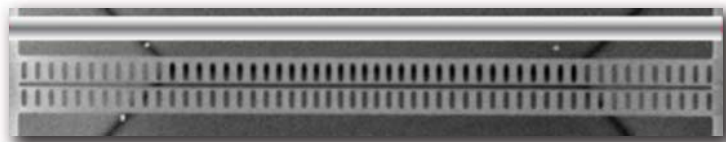
Harris (Yale)



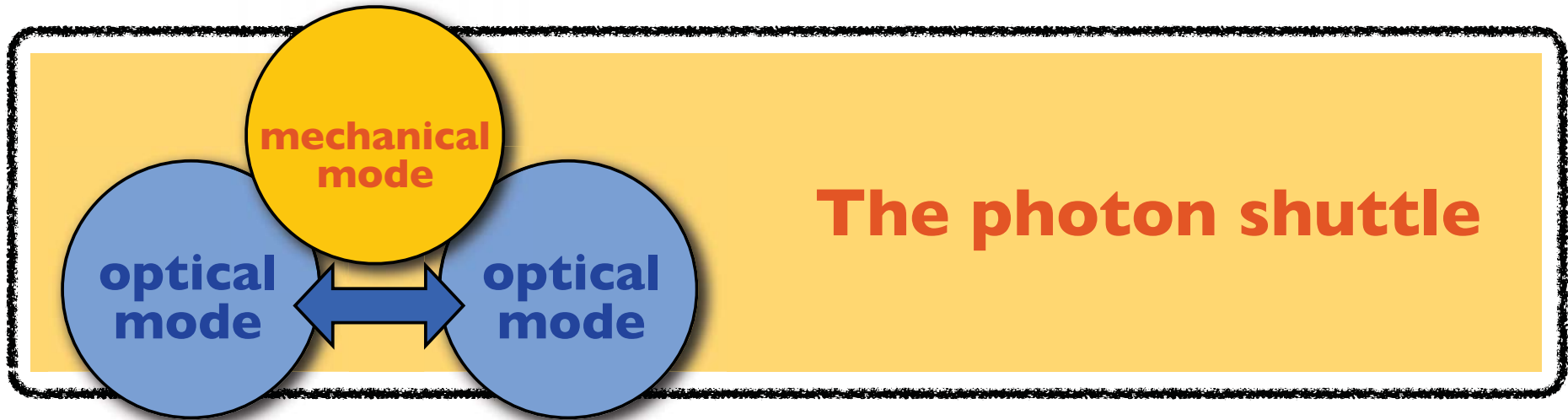
Multimode optomechanics



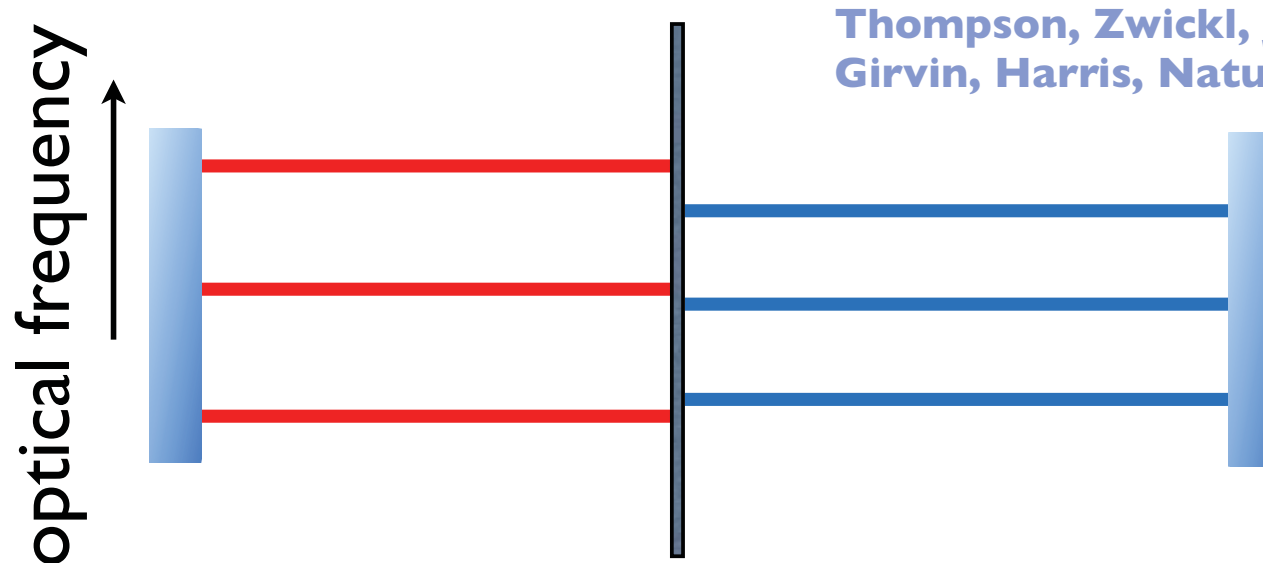
Painter (Caltech)



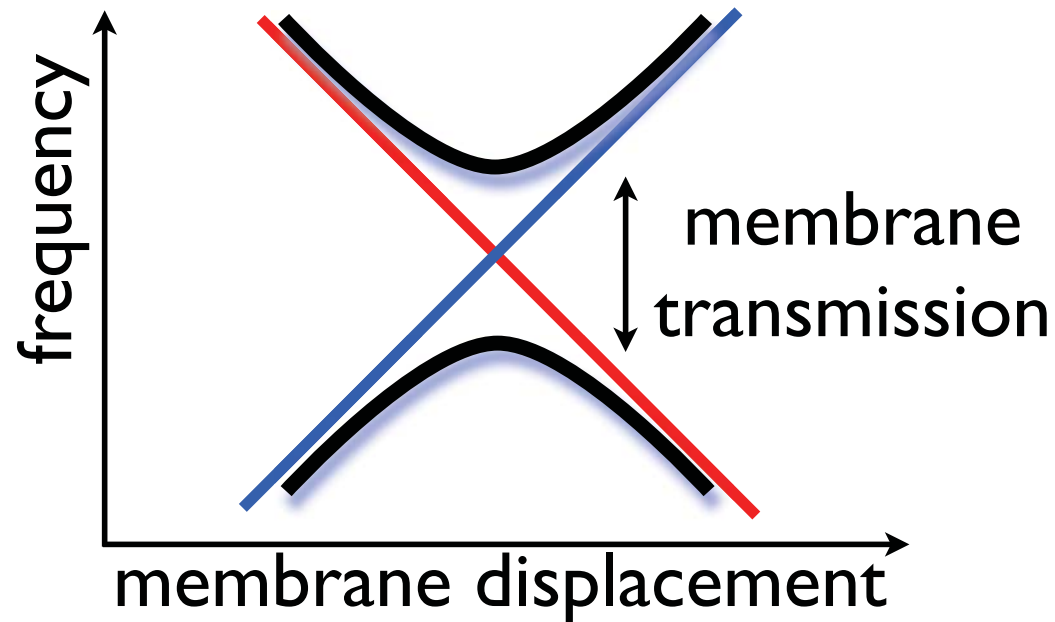
Multimode optomechanics



“Membrane in the middle” setup



Thompson, Zwickl, Jayich, Marquardt,
Girvin, Harris, *Nature* 72, 452 (2008)



Experiment (Harris group, Yale)



Mechanical frequency:

$$\omega_M = 2\pi \cdot 134 \text{ kHz}$$

Mechanical quality factor:

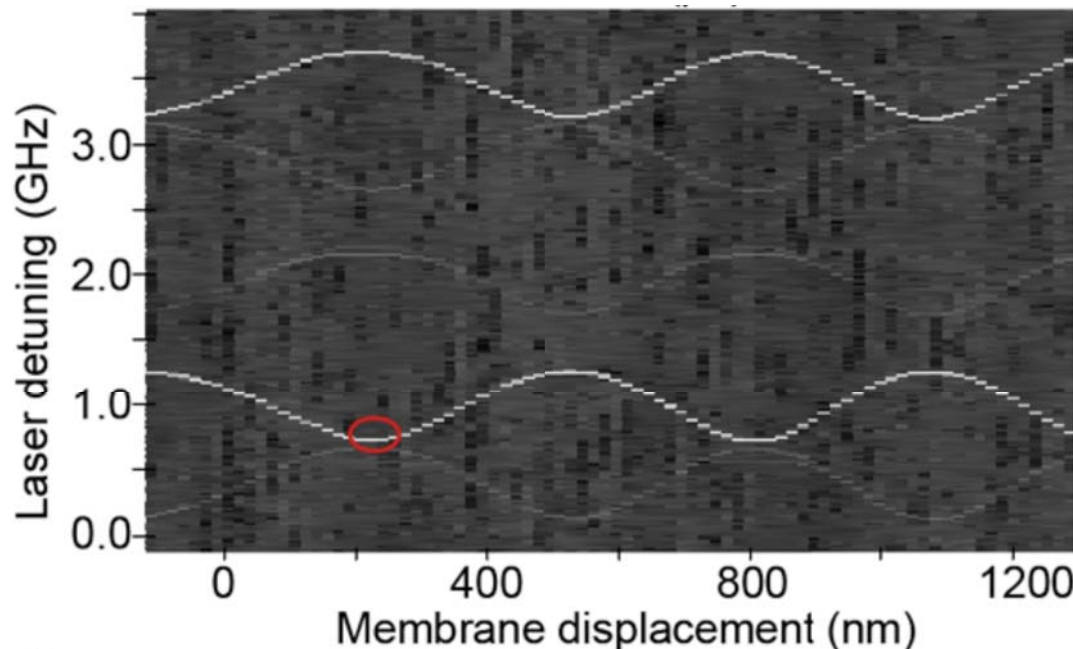
$$Q = 10^6 \div 10^7$$

Current optical finesse:

$$> 10000$$

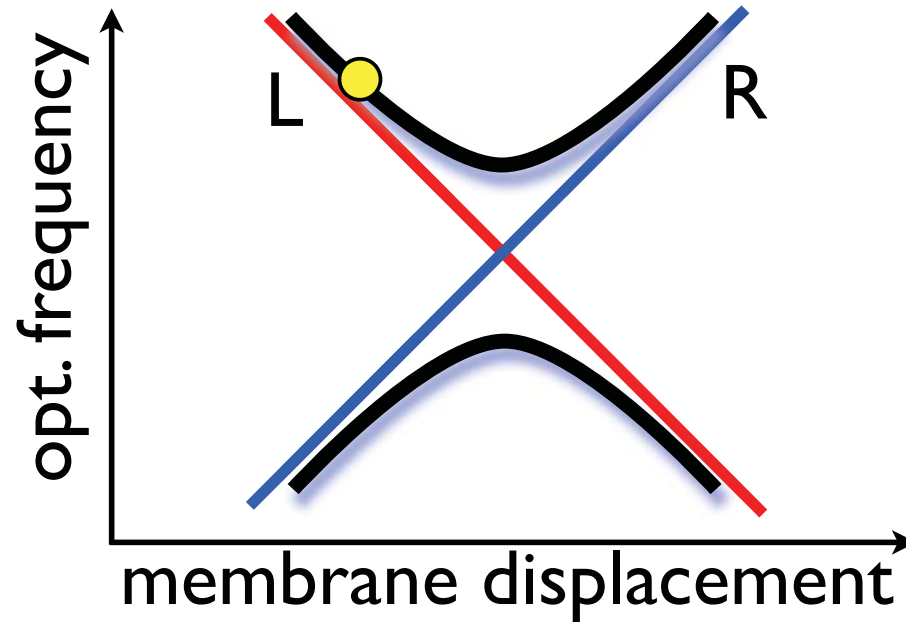
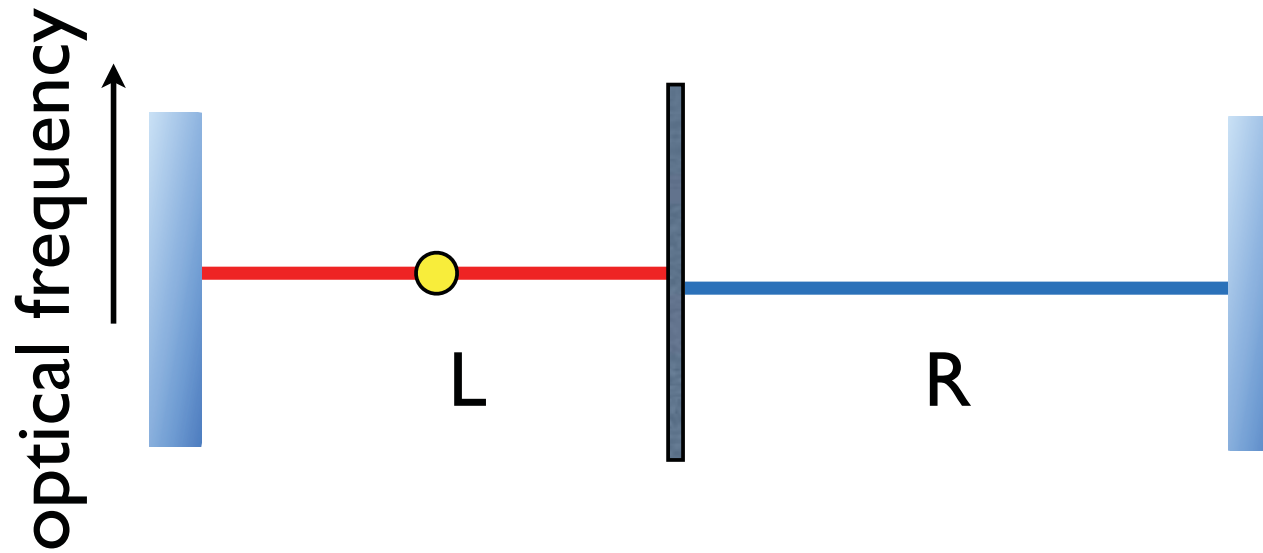
Optomechanical cooling
from **300K** to **7mK**

Potential for mechanical
quantum jumps / phonon
shot noise measurement

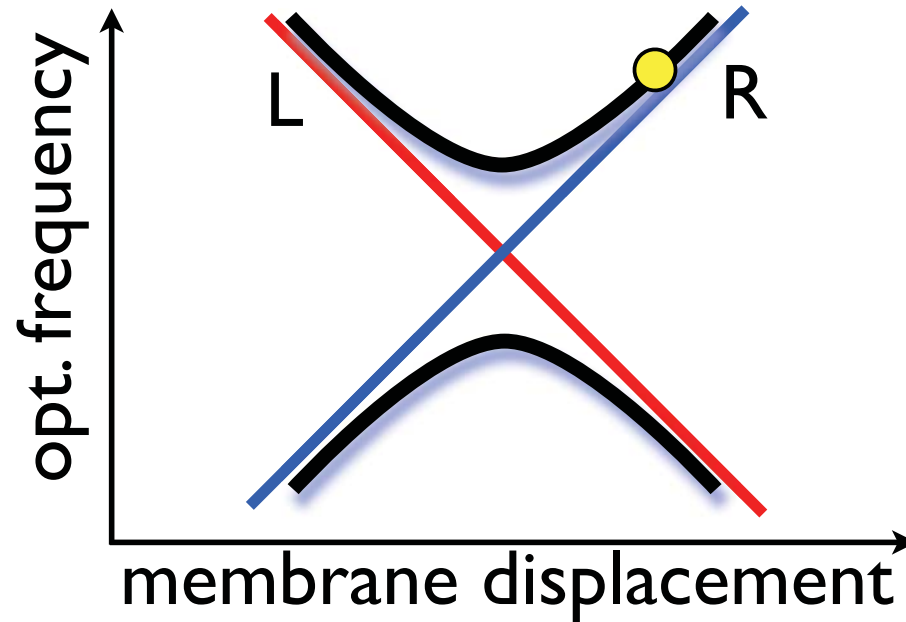
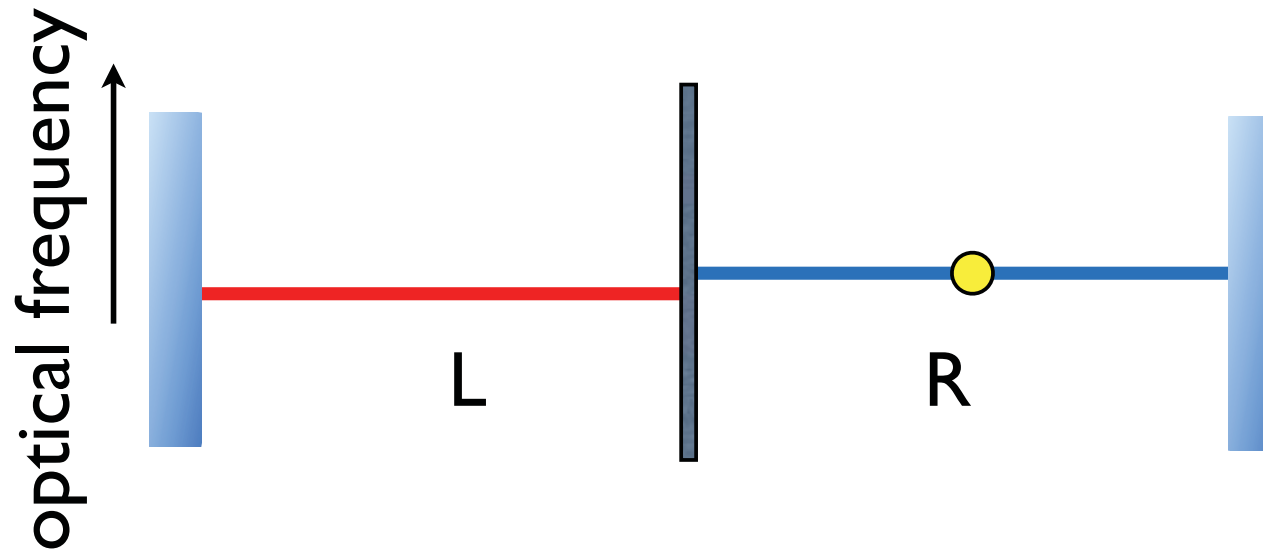


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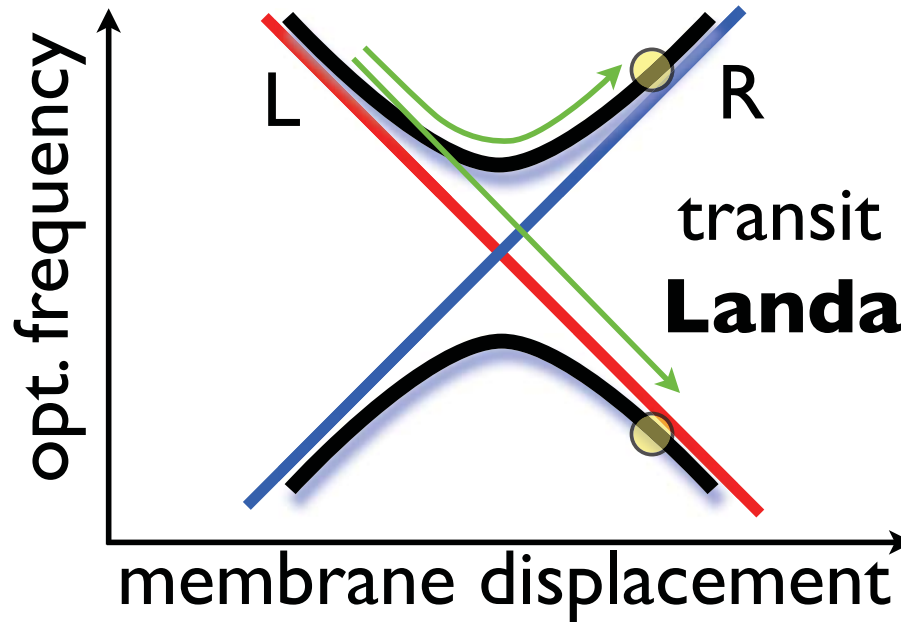
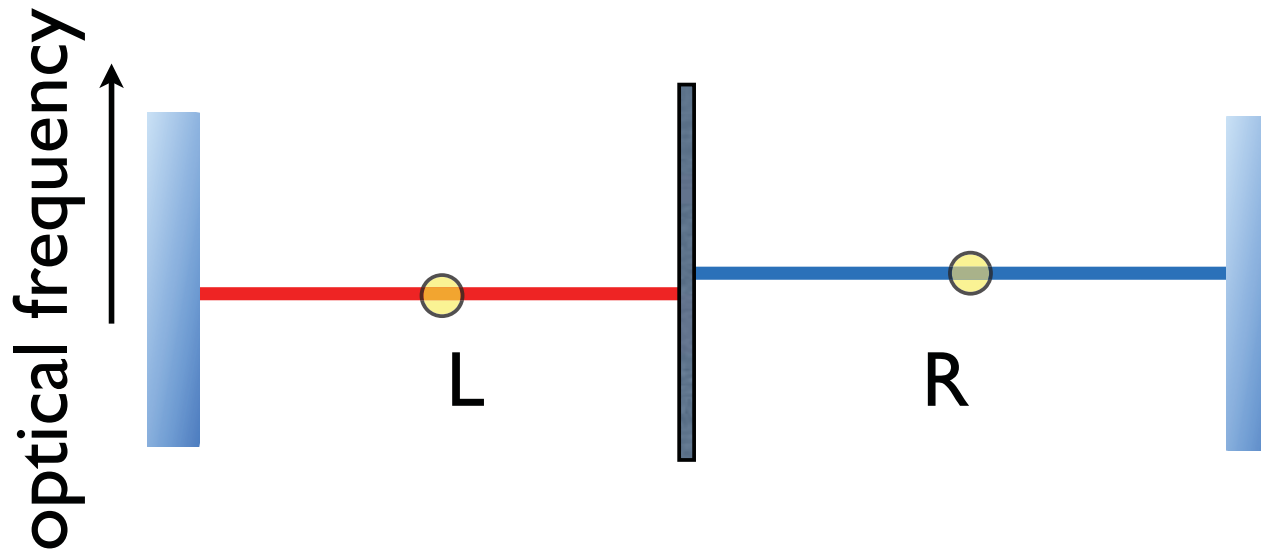
The photon shuttle



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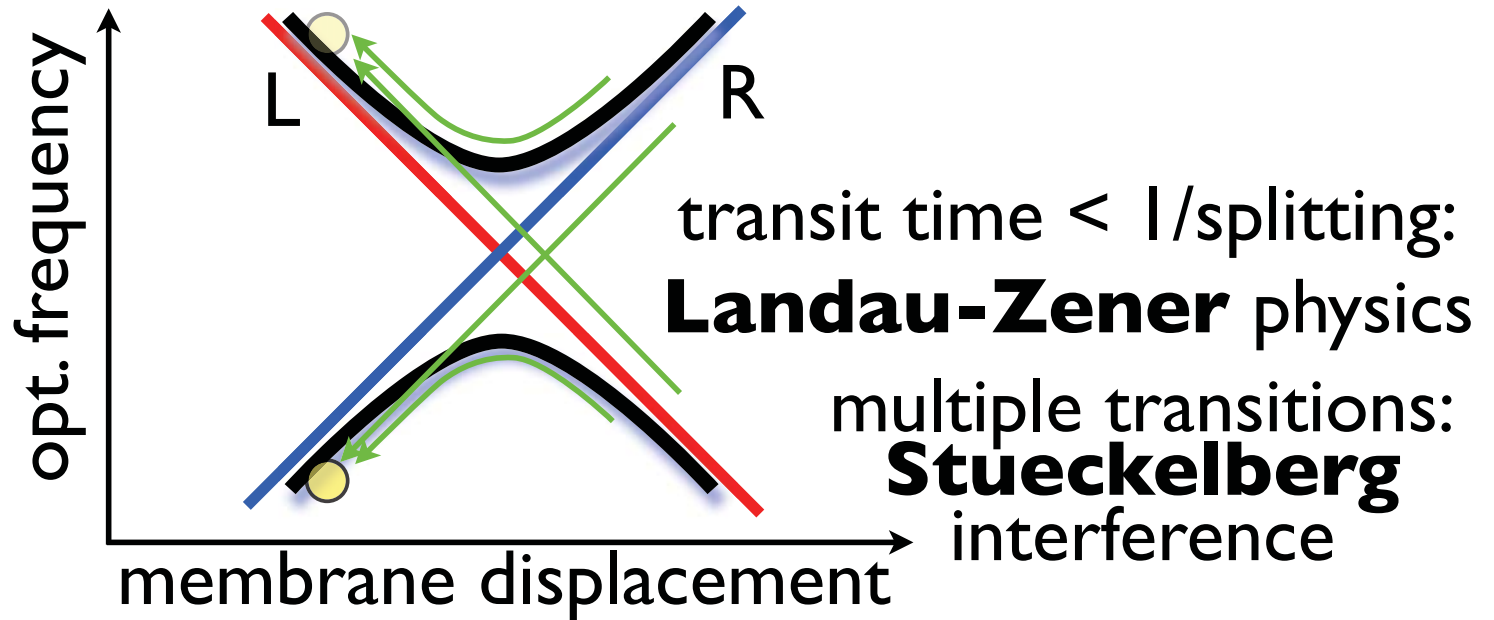
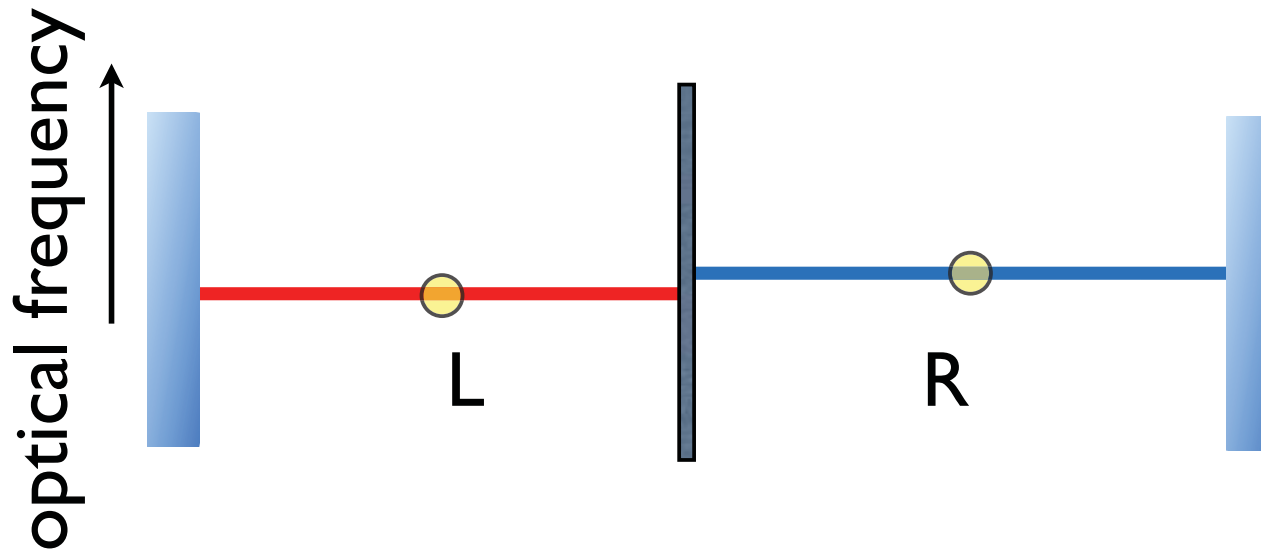


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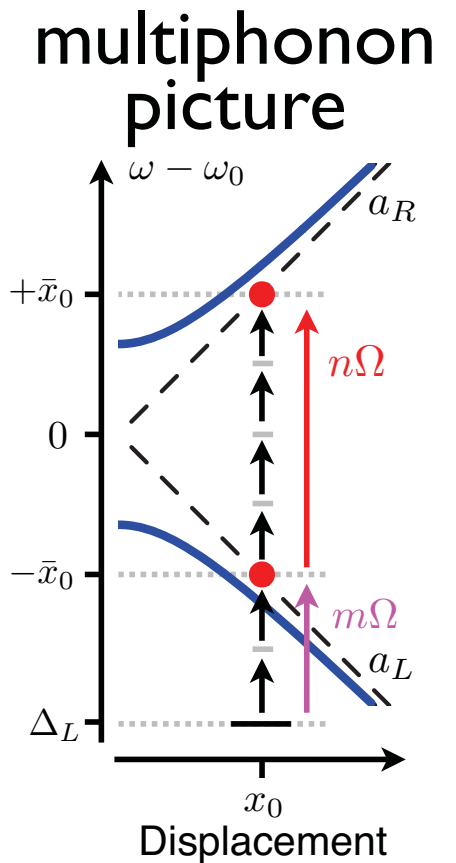
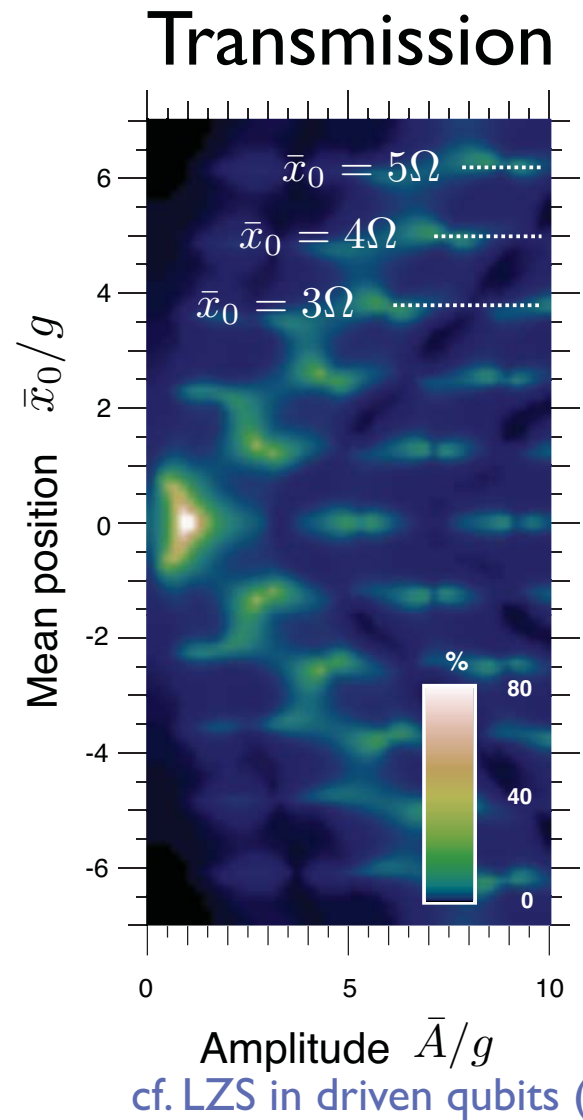
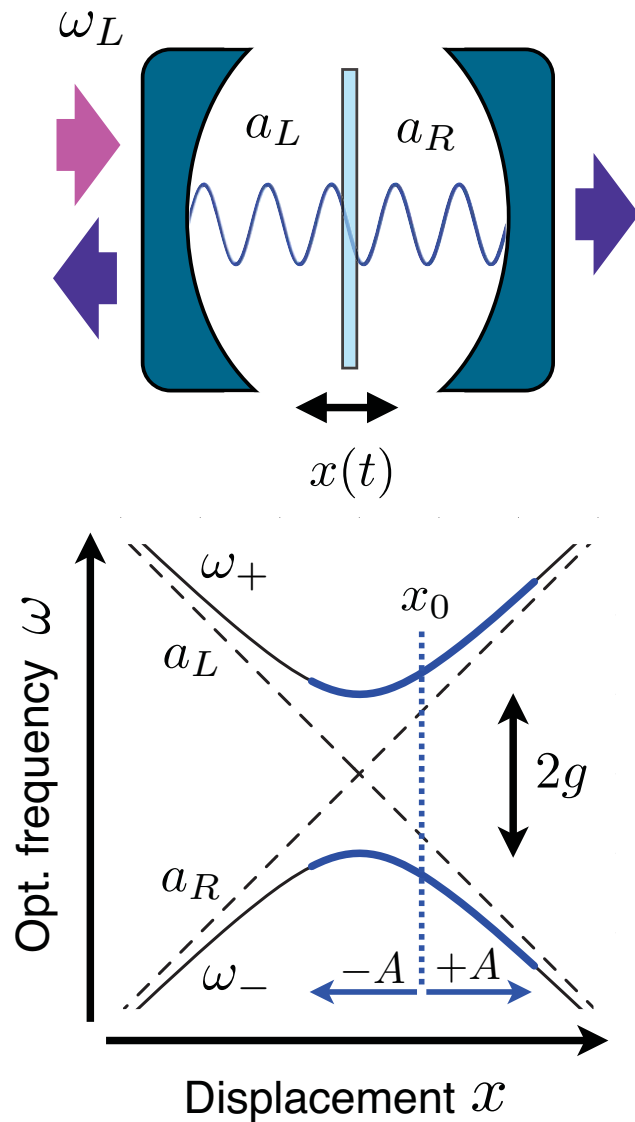


transit time $< 1/\text{splitting}$:
Landau-Zener physics

The photon shuttle



Landau-Zener-Stueckelberg physics in an optomechanical setup



Transmission under drive

Transmission

$$T(t) = \kappa^2 \left| \int_{-\infty}^t G(t, t') e^{-i\Delta_L t' - (\kappa/2)(t-t')} dt' \right|^2$$

Amplitude for transmission into right cavity mode

Linear system:
Transmission for single photon equals that of coherent state

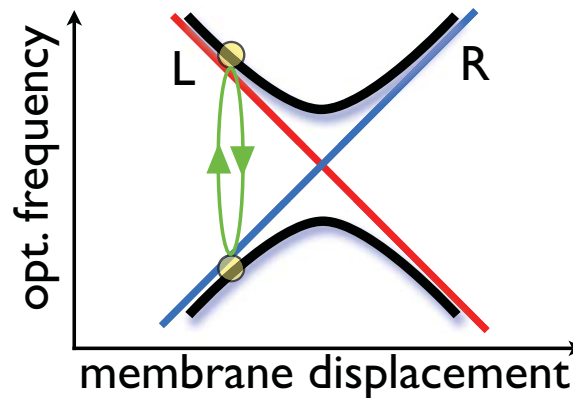
$$G(t, t') = \tilde{a}_R(t, t') e^{-i\phi(t')} \quad \phi(t') = (\bar{A}/\Omega) \sin(\Omega t')$$

Equations of motion in time-dependent rotating frame

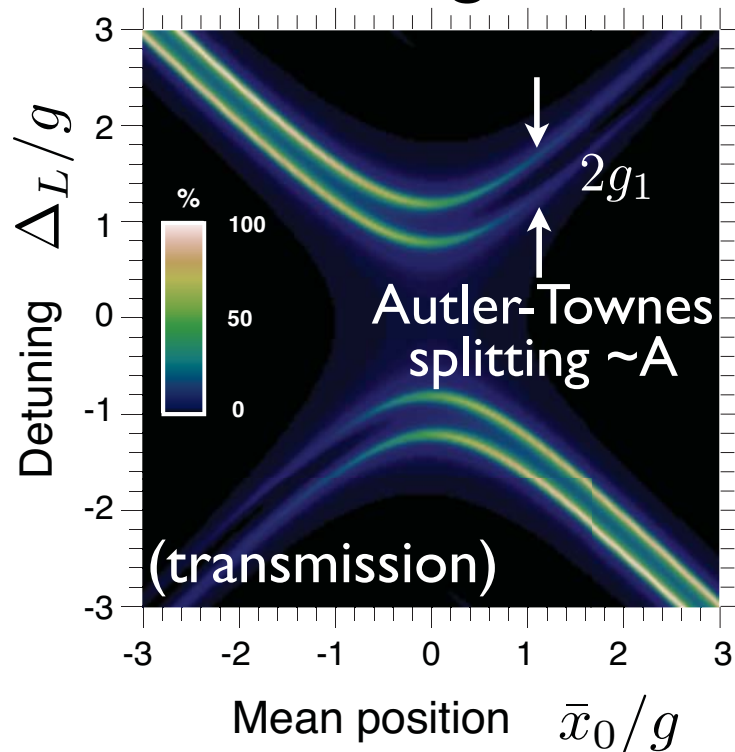
$$i \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{a}_R \\ \tilde{a}_L \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{x}_0 & g e^{+2i\phi(t)} \\ g e^{-2i\phi(t)} & -\bar{x}_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{a}_R \\ \tilde{a}_L \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\tilde{a}_R(t', t') = 0$$
$$\tilde{a}_L(t', t') = 1$$
$$g e^{2i\phi(t)} = g \sum_n J_n(2\bar{A}/\Omega) e^{in\Omega t}$$

Characteristic Bessel function dependence on drive amplitude

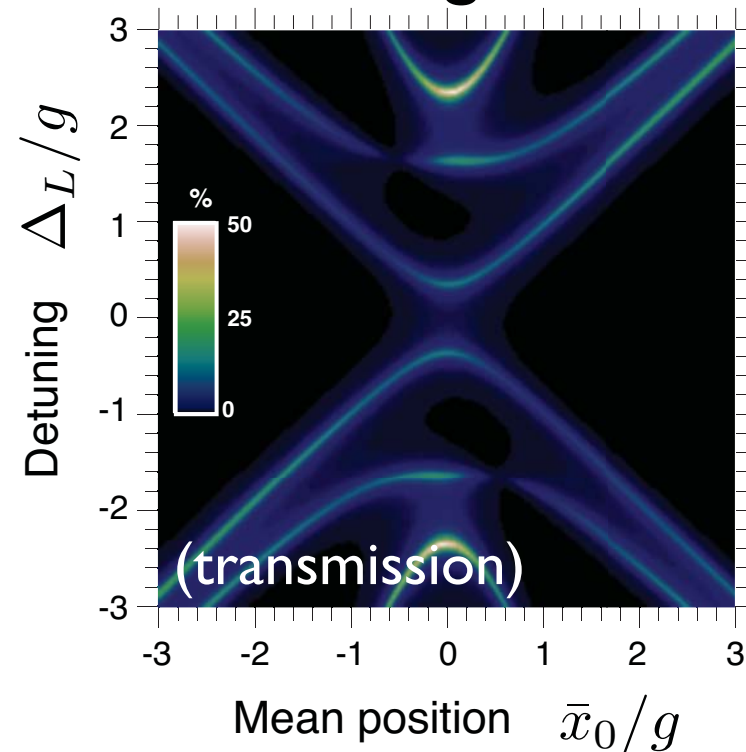
Mechanically driven Rabi oscillations and Autler-Townes splitting



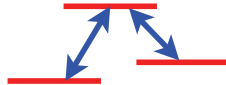
weak driving



stronger driving

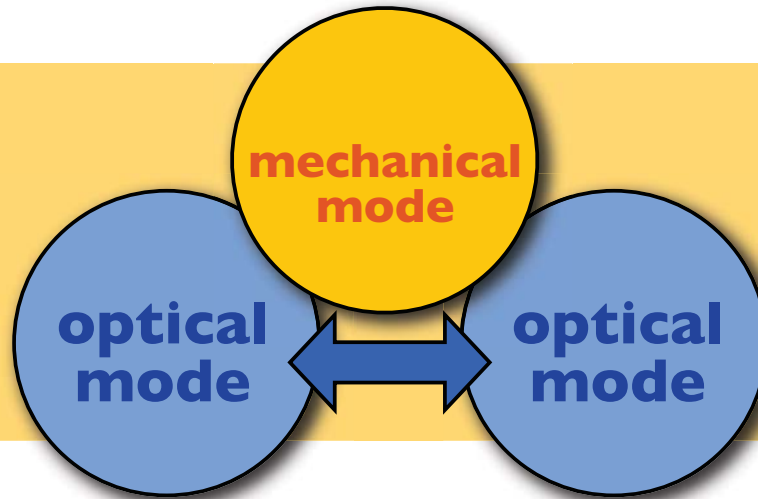


Applications

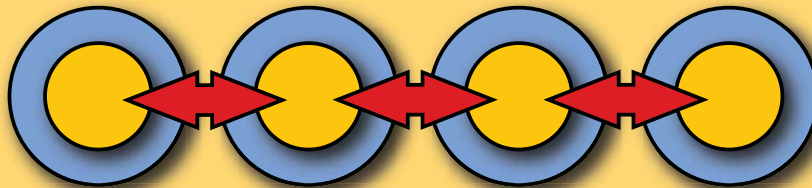
- ▶ **Optomechanical circuits:** transfer photons between modes (coherent, switchable, frequency conversion)
- ▶ Implement **atomic multi-level physics** for optical modes The diagram shows two horizontal red lines representing ground states at the bottom, and a single horizontal red line representing an excited state at the top. Two blue double-headed arrows connect the two ground states to the excited state, indicating transitions between them.
- ▶ **Self-oscillations:** Interference pattern determines stable attractors

cf. poster by Huai-Zhi Wu &
G. Heinrich

Multimode optomechanics

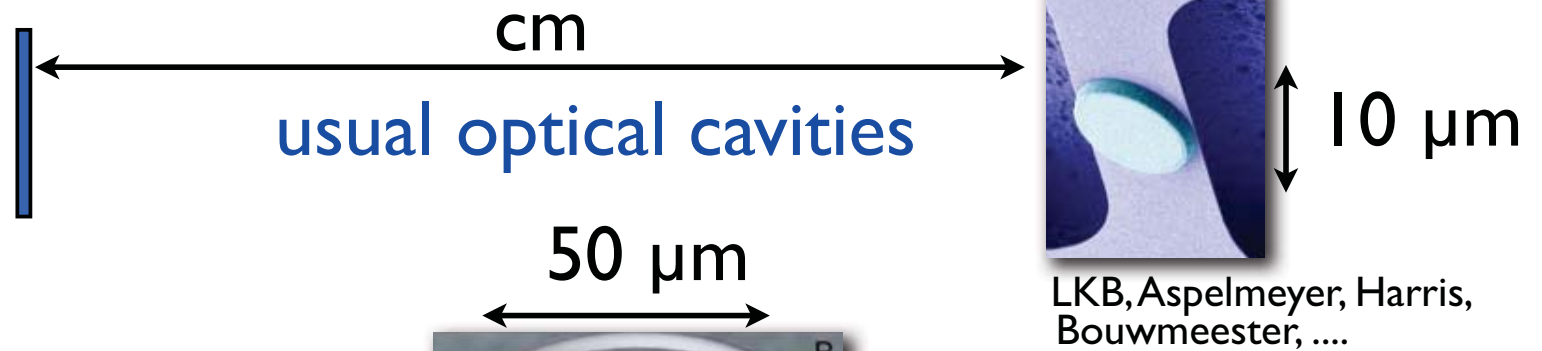


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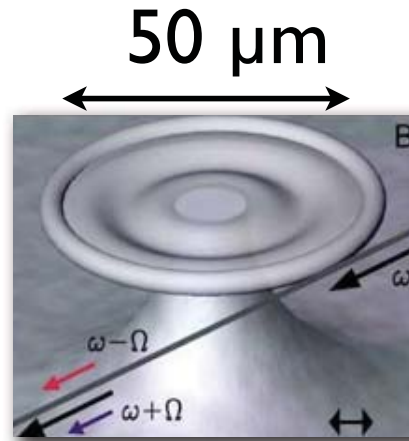


**Collective dynamics
in optomechanical
arrays**

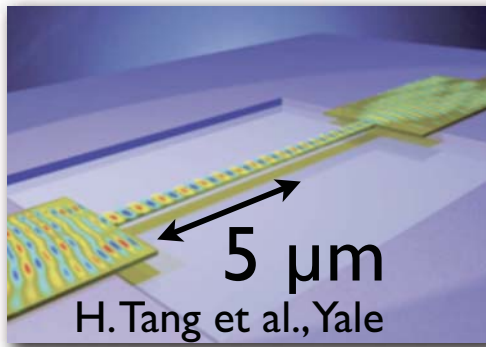
Scaling down



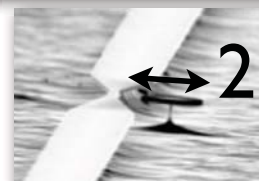
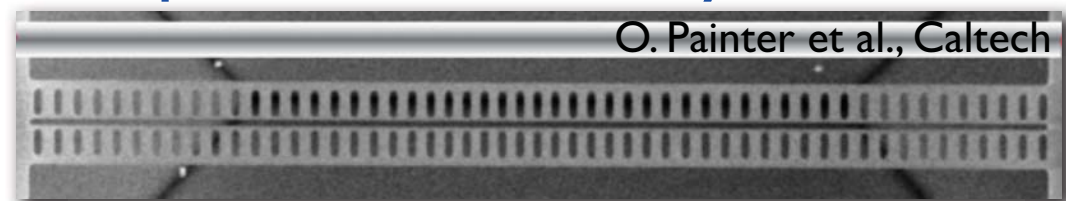
microtoroids



optomechanics in photonic circuits



optomechanical crystals

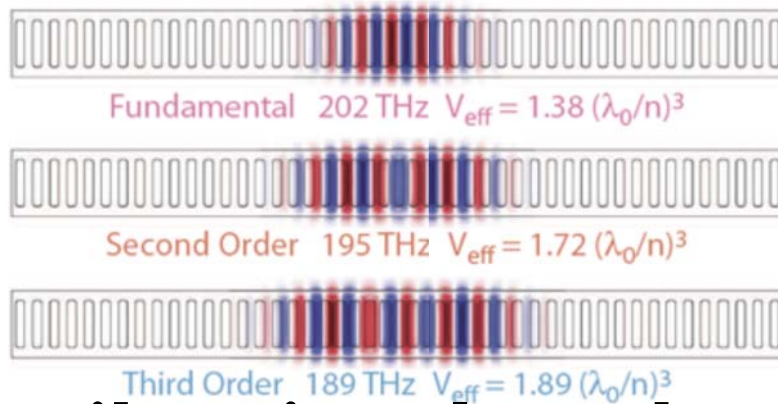


GaAs disks

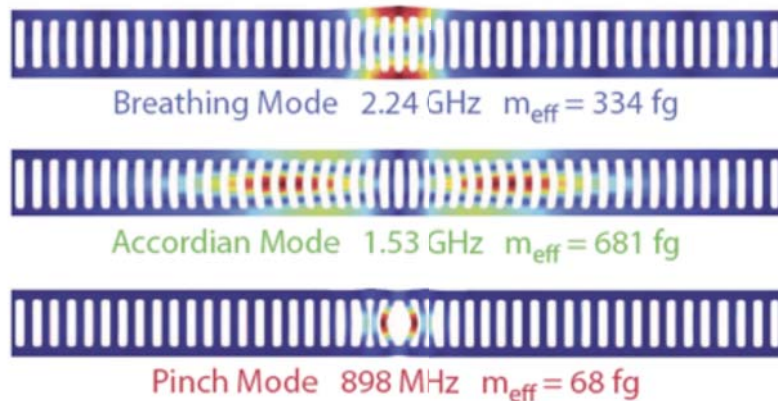
Optomechanical crystals

free-standing photonic crystal structures

optical modes



vibrational modes



advantages:

tight vibrational confinement:
high frequencies, small mass
(stronger quantum effects)

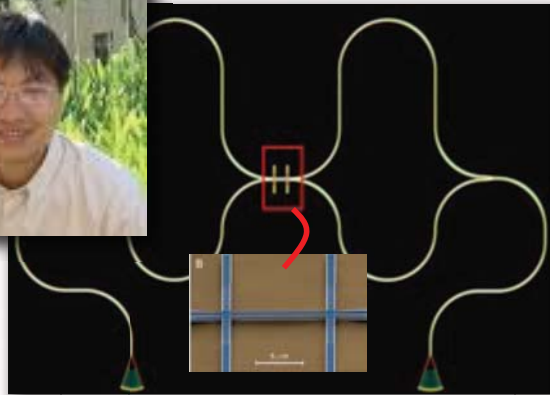
tight optical confinement:
large optomechanical coupling
(100 GHz/nm)

integrated on a chip

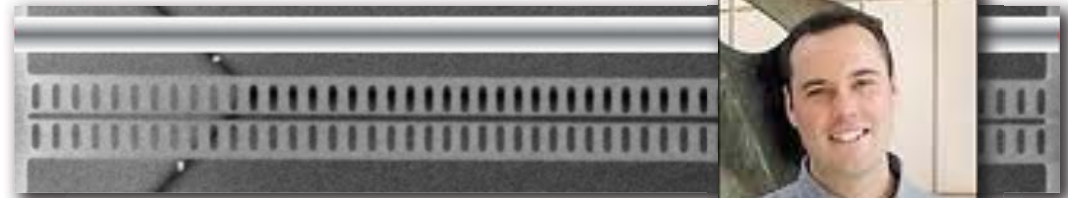
Integrated optomechanical circuits on the chip



Hong Tang



(courtesy Hong Tang, Yale)



(Painter group, Caltech)

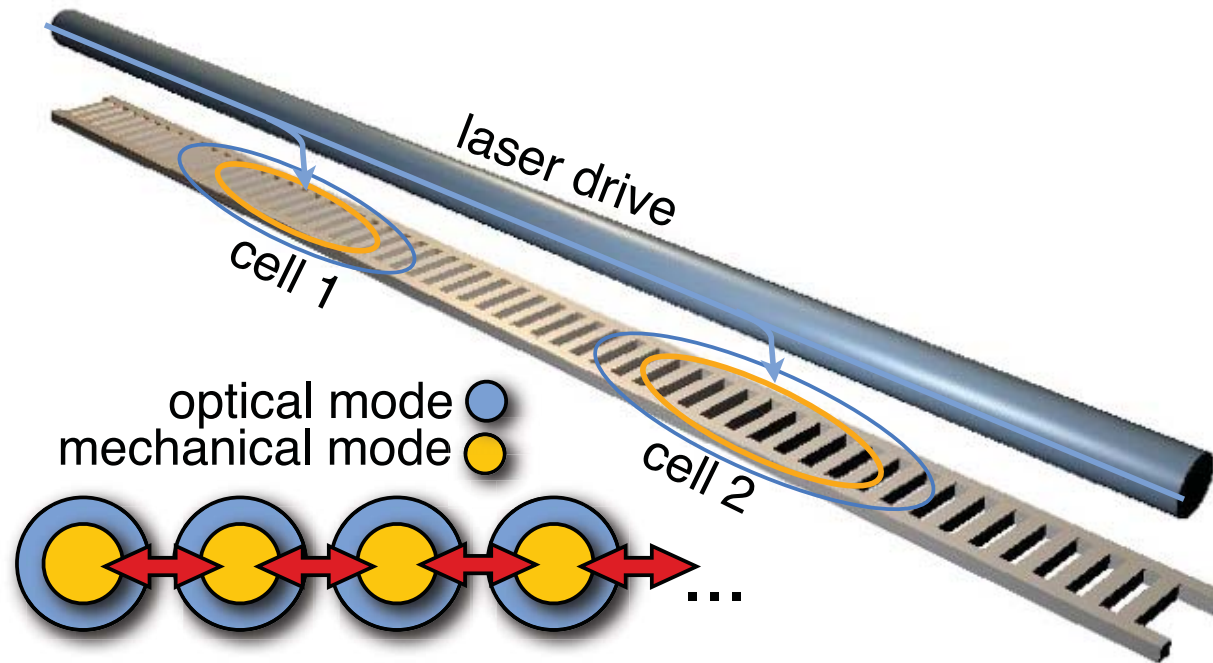


Oskar Painter

Integrated optomechanical circuits:

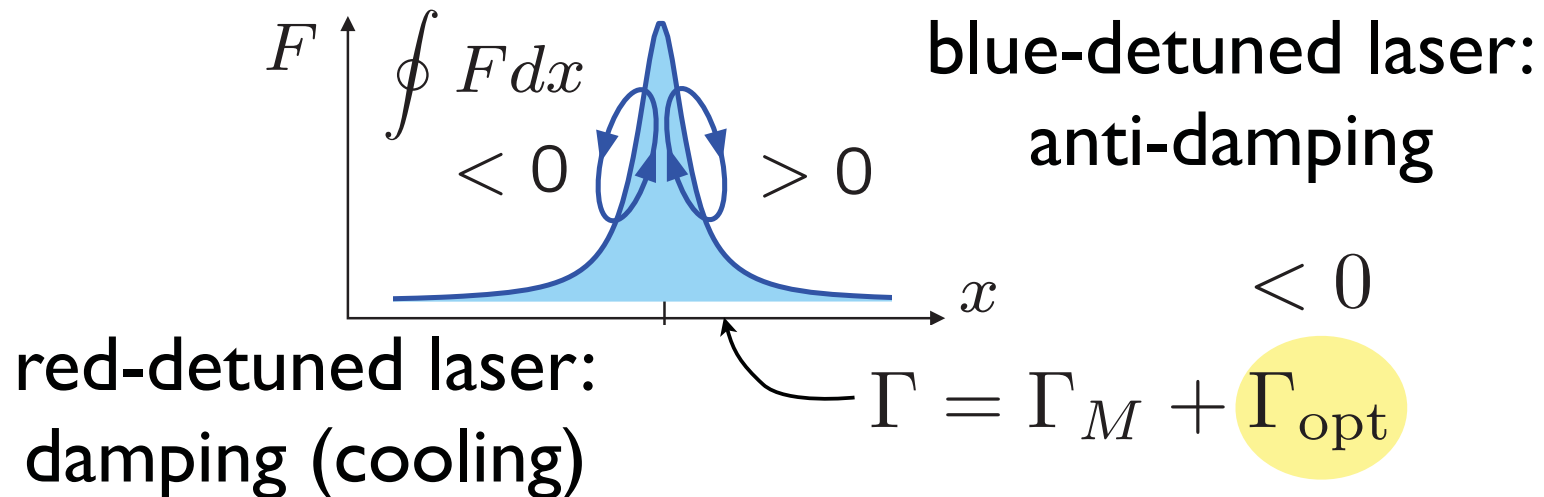
- on-chip manipulation of light (squeezing, nonlinear interactions, ...)
- signal amplification (combined with detection of small masses/forces/displacements)
- general information processing (classical or quantum)

Optomechanical arrays

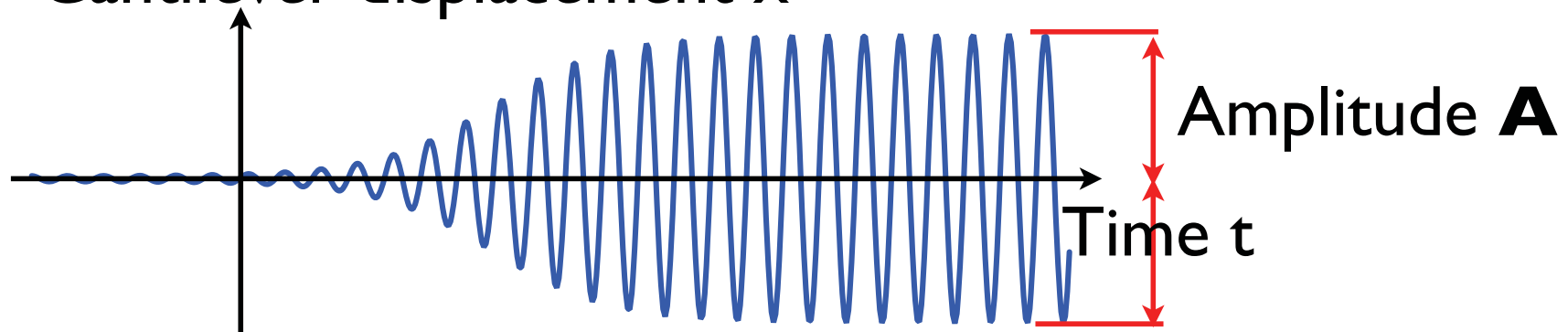


Collective dynamics:
classical / quantum

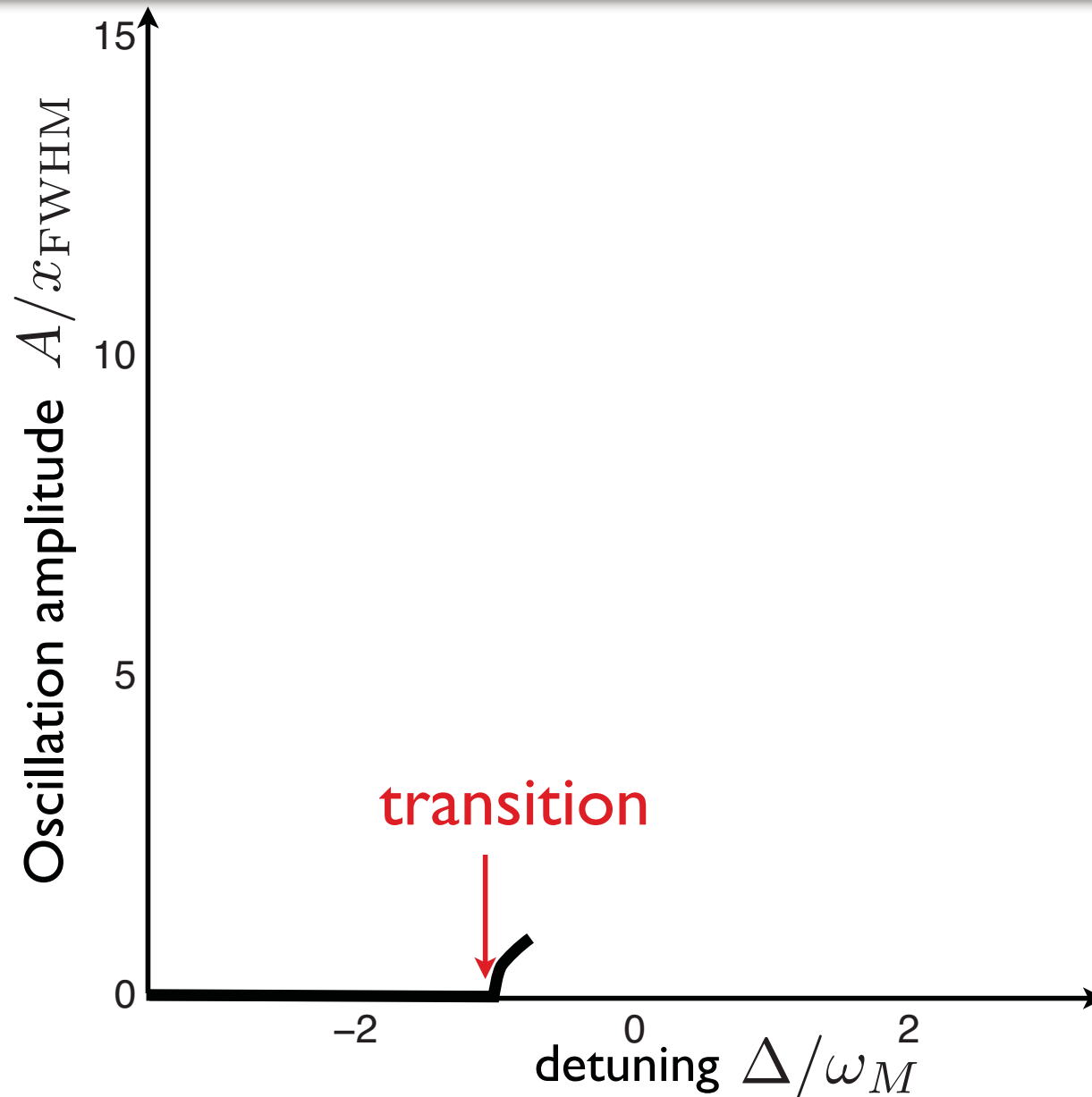
Nonlinear dynamics of a single optomechanical cell: Self-induced oscillations



Beyond some laser input power threshold: instability
 Cantilever displacement x



Attractor diagram



Höhberger, Karrai, IEEE proceedings 2004

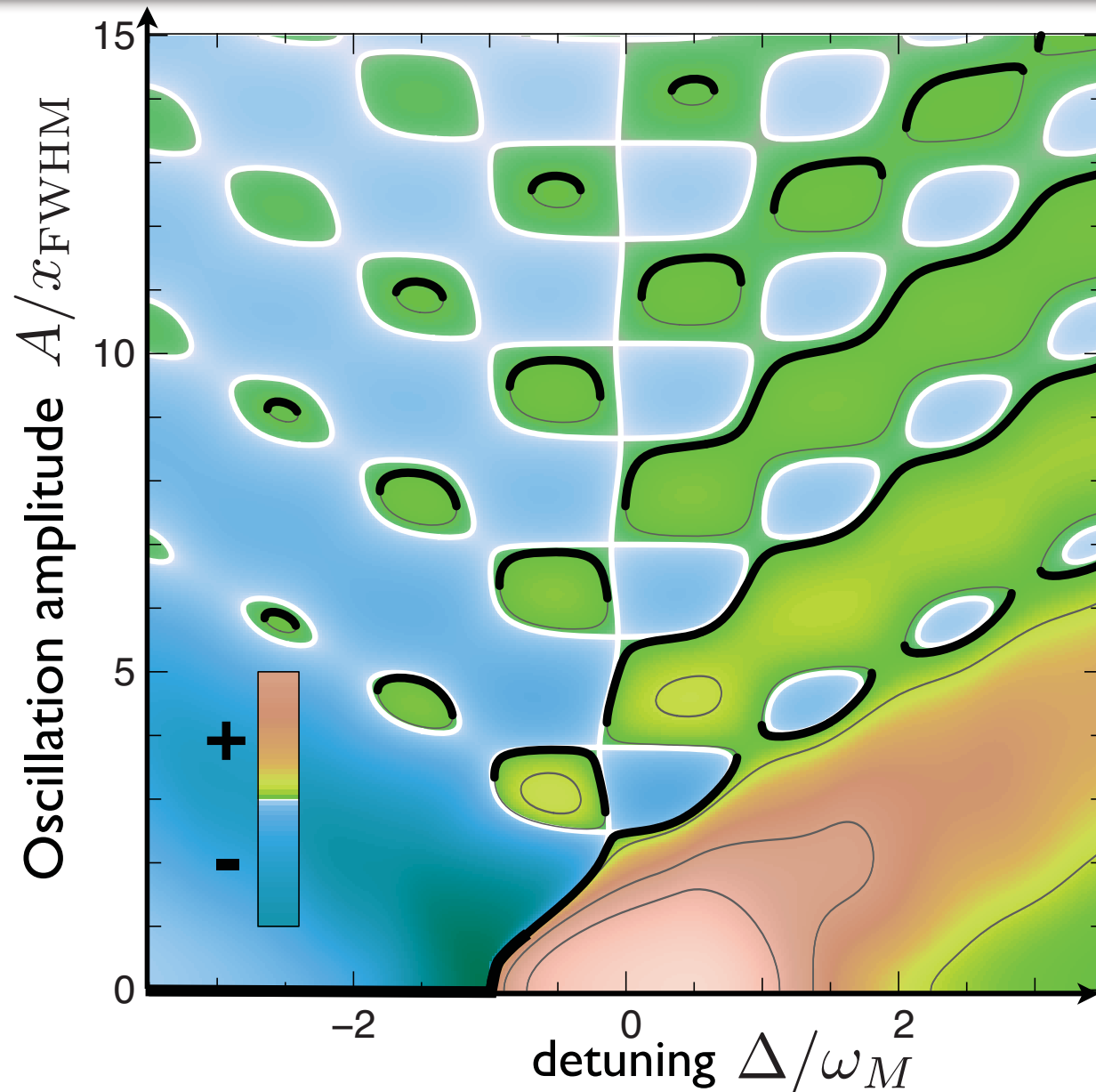
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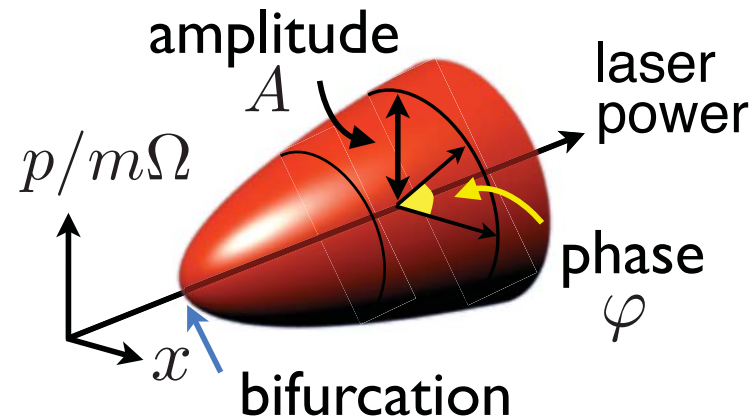
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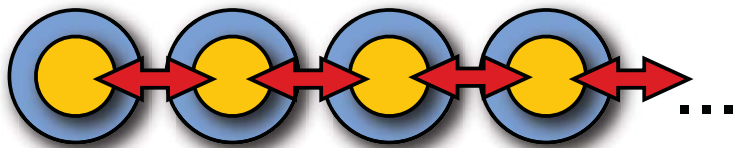
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An optomechanical cell as a Hopf oscillator



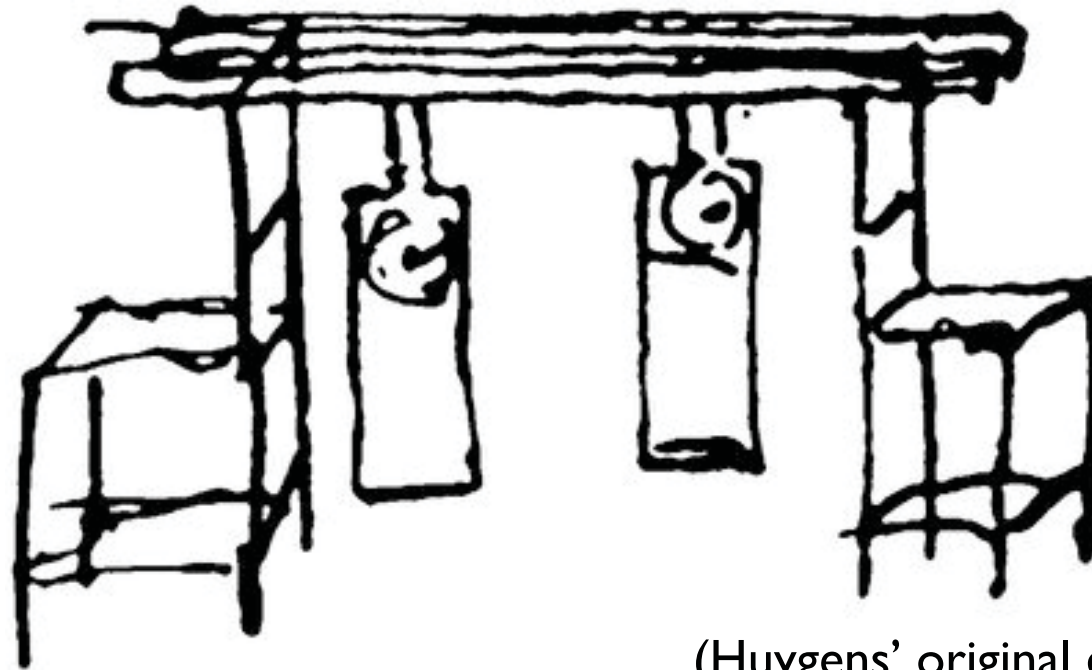
Amplitude fixed, phase undetermined!



Collective dynamics in an array of coupled cells?

Phase-locking: **synchronization!**

Synchronization: Huygens' observation

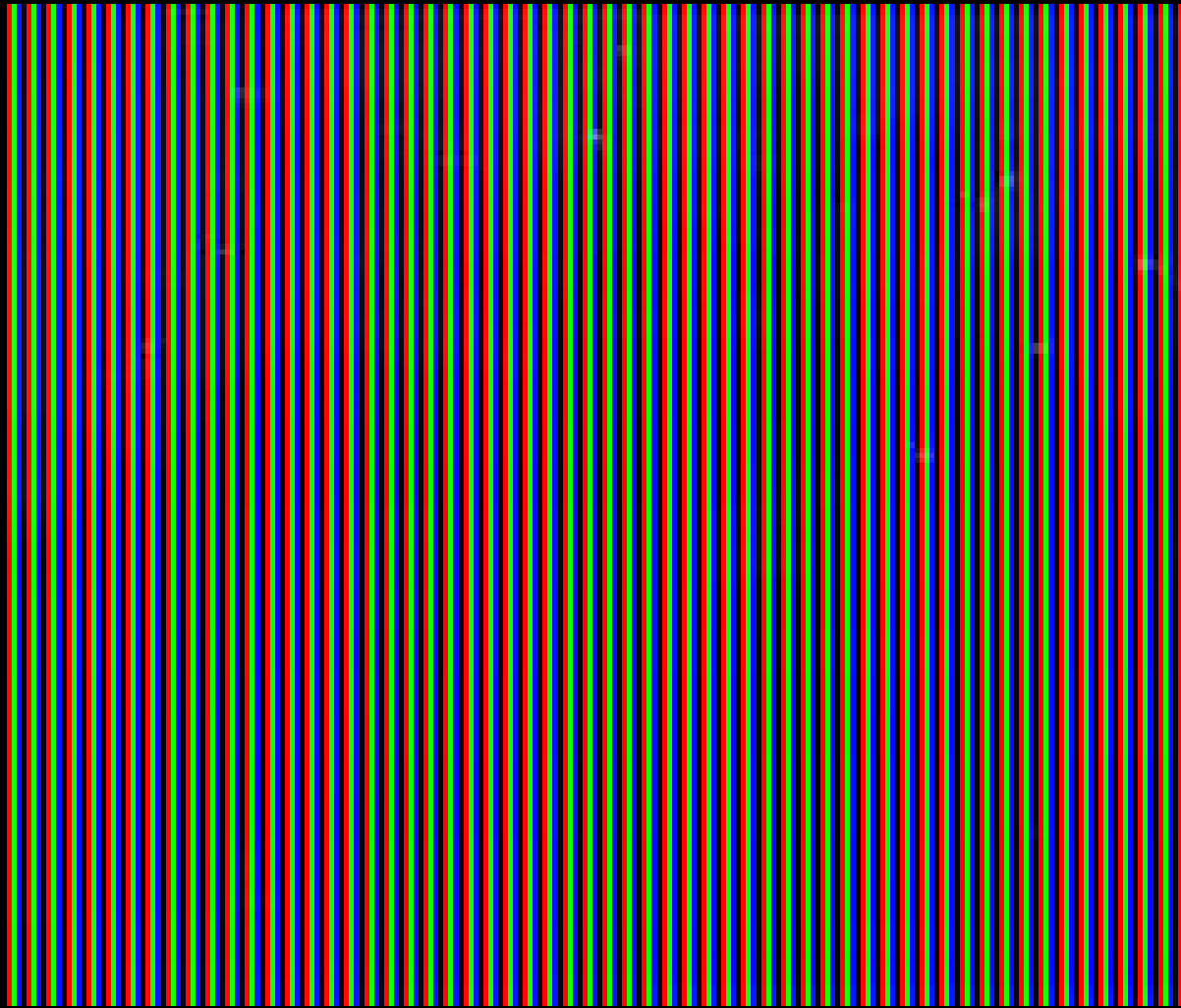


(Huygens' original drawing!)

Coupled pendula synchronize...

...even though frequencies slightly different
...due to nonlinear effects

Fireflies synchronizing (Source: YouTube)



Coupled phase oscillators



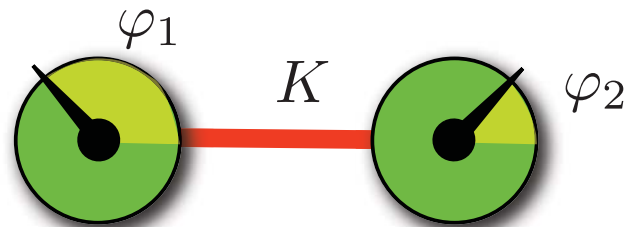
Coupled phase oscillators



Coupled phase oscillators



The Kuramoto model



Kuramoto model:

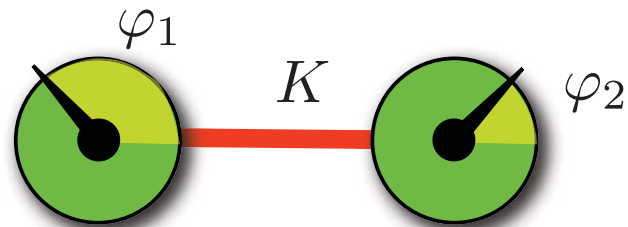
$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\varphi}_1 &= \Omega_1 + K \sin(\varphi_2 - \varphi_1) \\ \dot{\varphi}_2 &= \Omega_2 + K \sin(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)\end{aligned}$$

- captures essential features
- often found as limiting model

Kuramoto 1975, 1984

Acebron et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 77, 137 (2005)

The Kuramoto model



$$\dot{\varphi}_1 = \Omega_1 + K \sin(\varphi_2 - \varphi_1)$$
$$\dot{\varphi}_2 = \Omega_2 + K \sin(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)$$

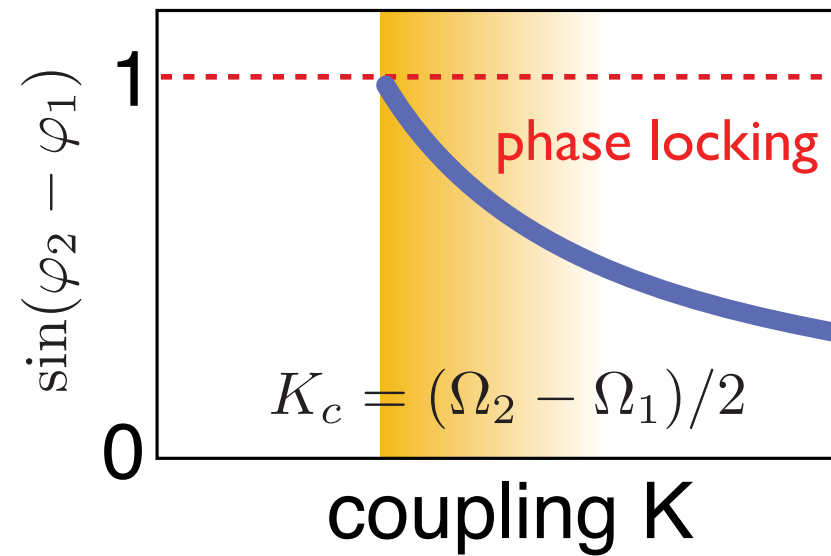
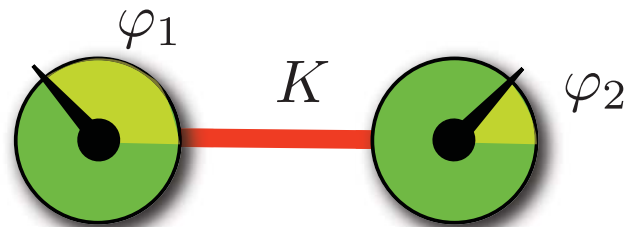
Synchronization:

$$\dot{\varphi}_1 = \dot{\varphi}_2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\sin(\varphi_2 - \varphi_1) = \frac{\Omega_2 - \Omega_1}{2K}$$

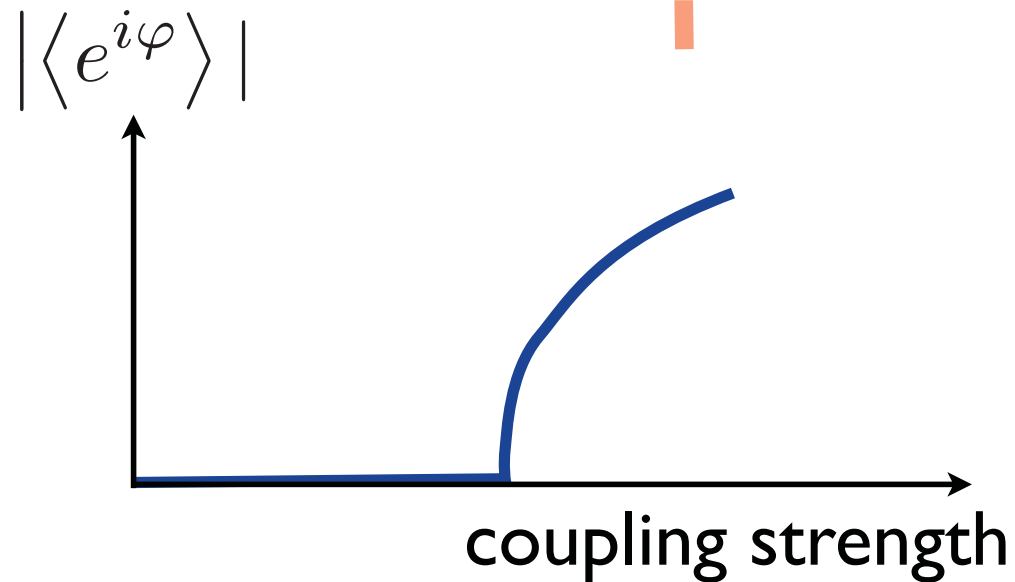
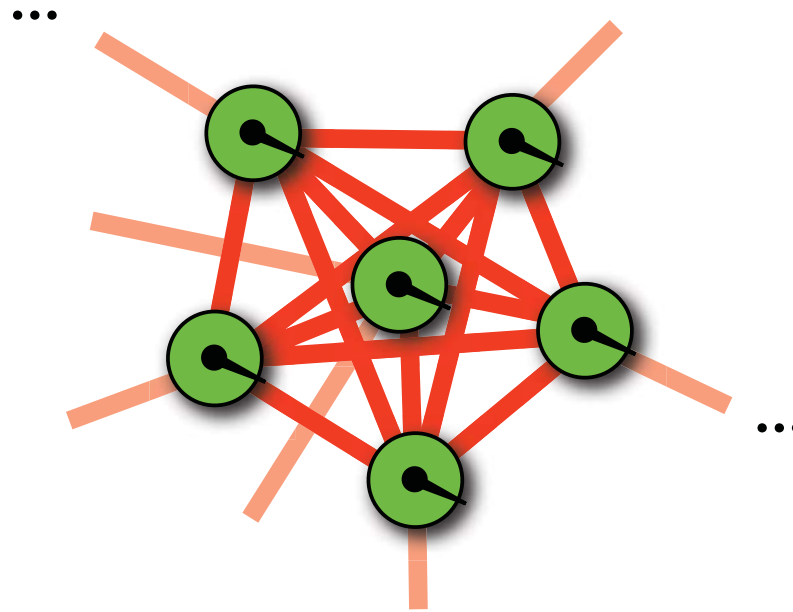
phase lag

The Kuramoto model

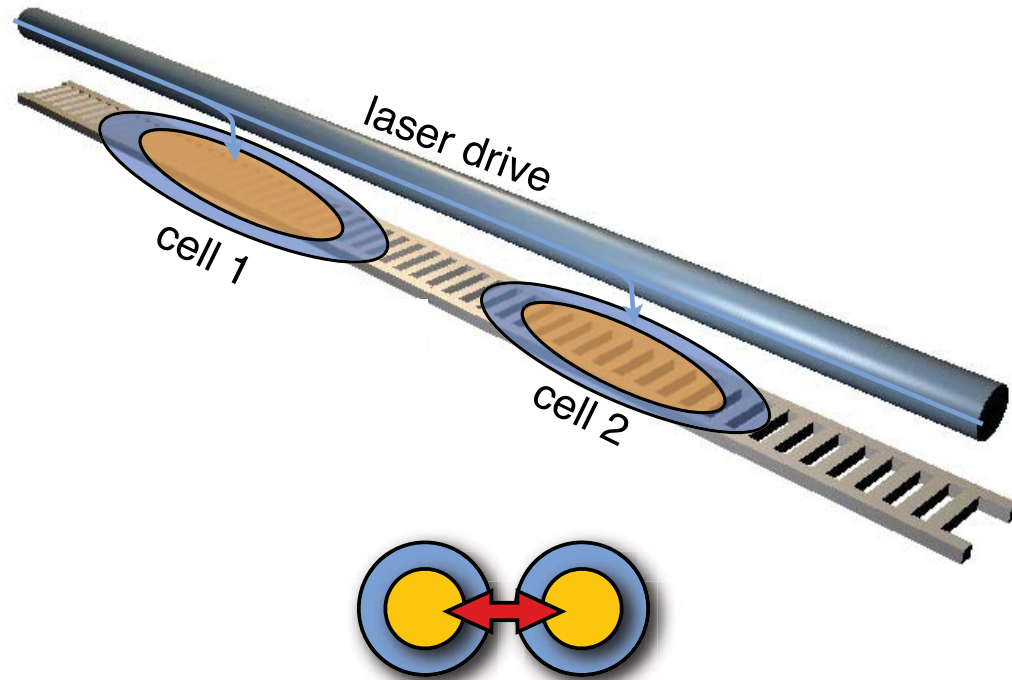


Kuramoto model: Phase-locking transition

infinite-range coupling
Kuramoto model
displays phase
transition



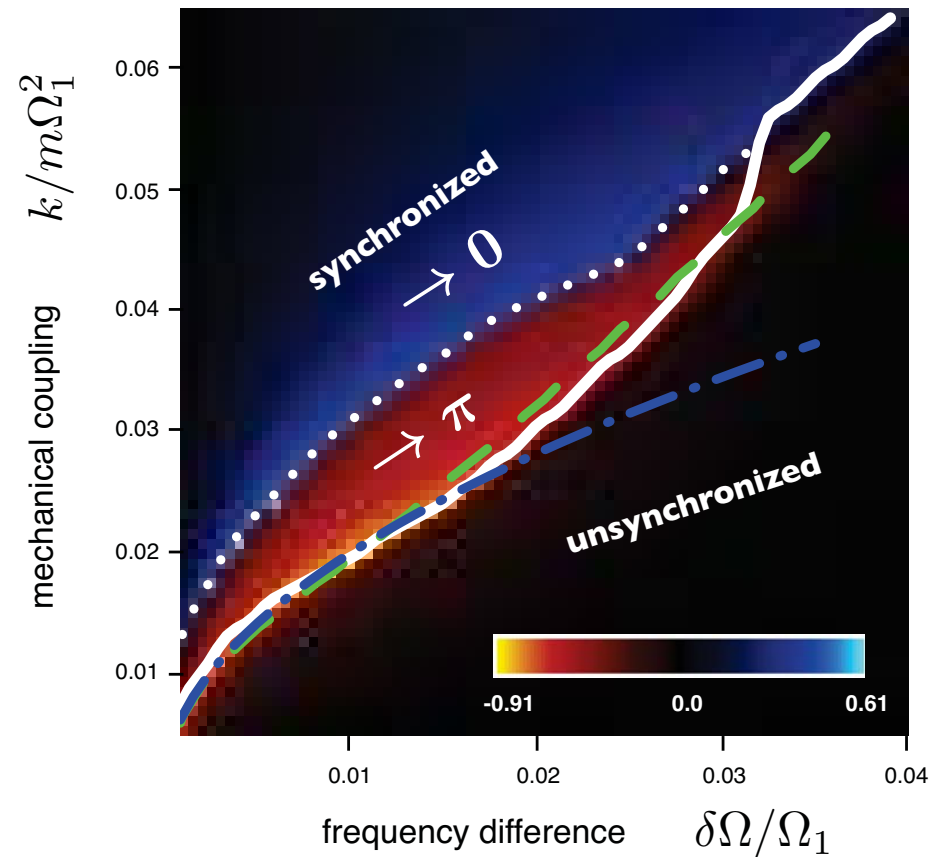
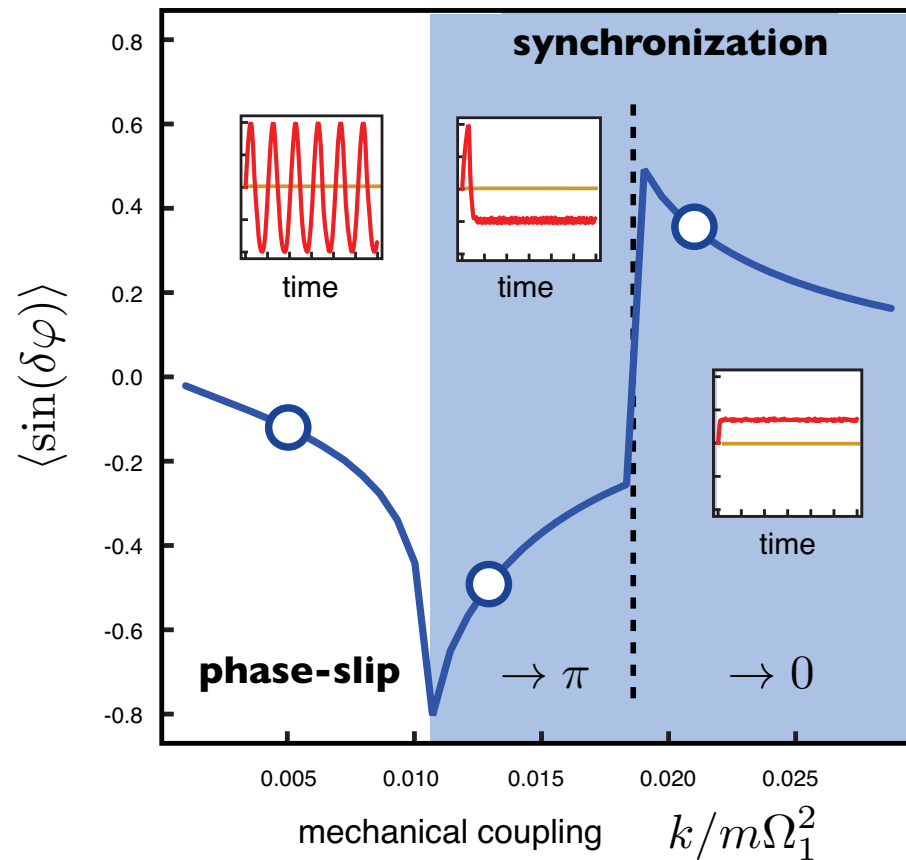
Phase locking of two optomechanical cells



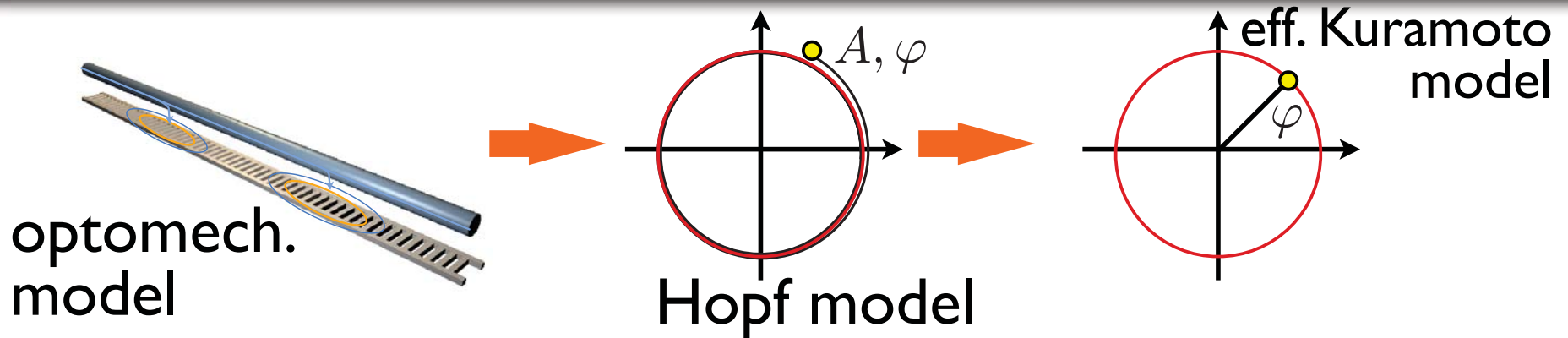
Two optomechanical cells,
fixed laser drive,
increasing mechanical coupling

Phase locking of two optomechanical cells

(direct numerical simulation)



Effective Kuramoto model



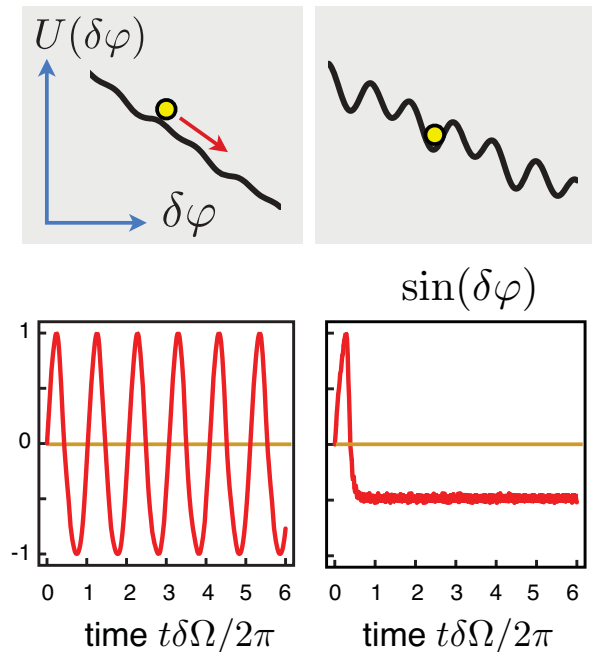
Standard Kuramoto model:

$$\delta\dot{\varphi} = \delta\Omega - 2K \sin(\delta\varphi)$$

Effective Kuramoto model
for coupled Hopf oscillators:

$$\delta\dot{\varphi} = \delta\Omega - 2K_s \sin(2\delta\varphi) - 2K_c \cos(2\delta\varphi)$$

$$K = K(k, \Omega, P_{\text{in}}, \dots)$$

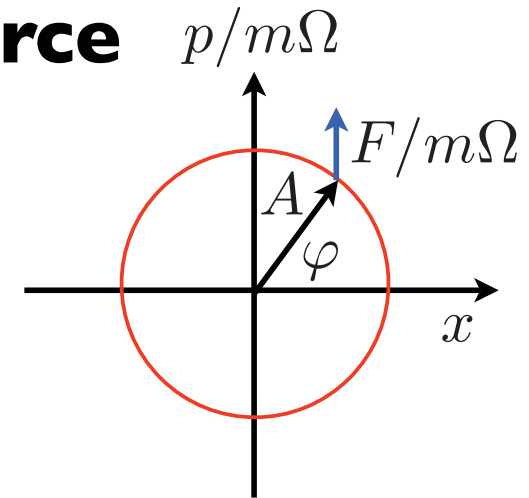


Hopf oscillator

Hopf oscillator with external force

$$\dot{A} = -\gamma(A - A_0) + \frac{F}{m\Omega} \sin \varphi$$

$$\dot{\varphi} = -\Omega + \frac{F}{m\Omega A} \cos \varphi$$



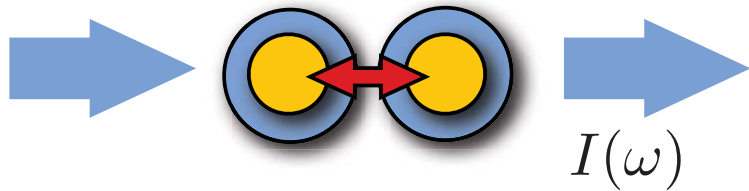
$$\delta A = A - A_0$$

Coupling two such oscillators (1,2) mechanically:

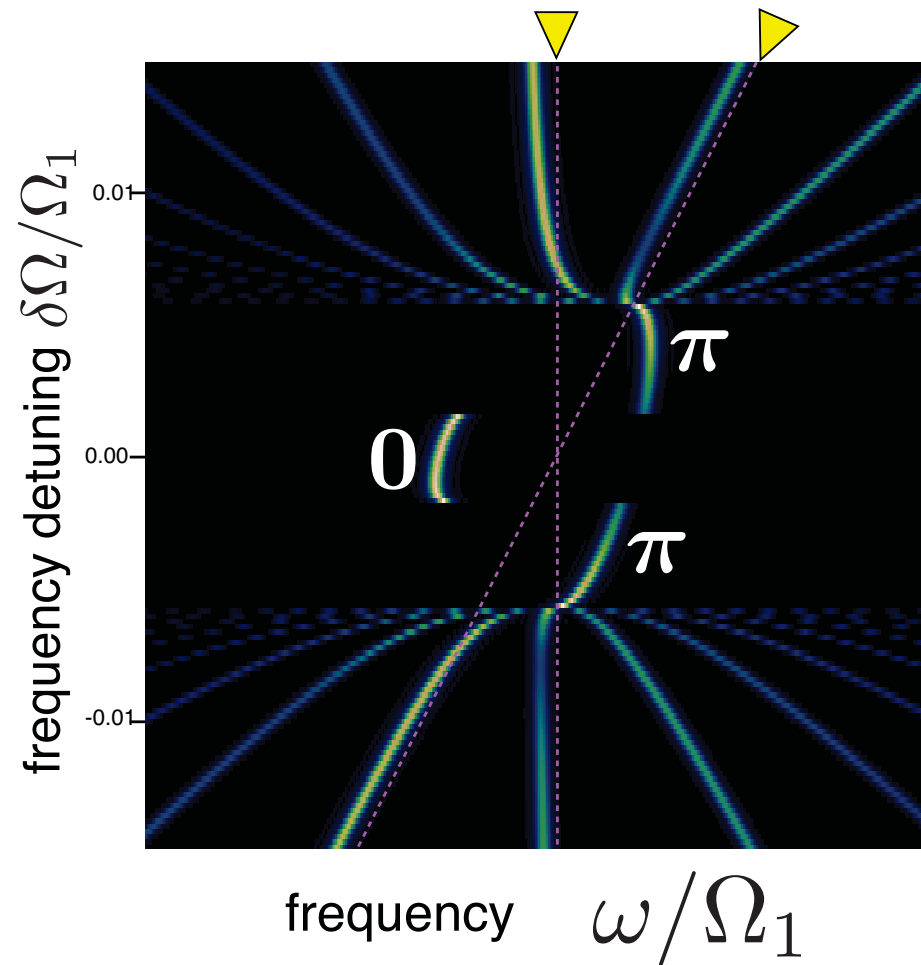
$$F_1 = kx_2 = kA_2 \cos \varphi_2$$

Eliminate A-dynamics, time-average phase dynamics

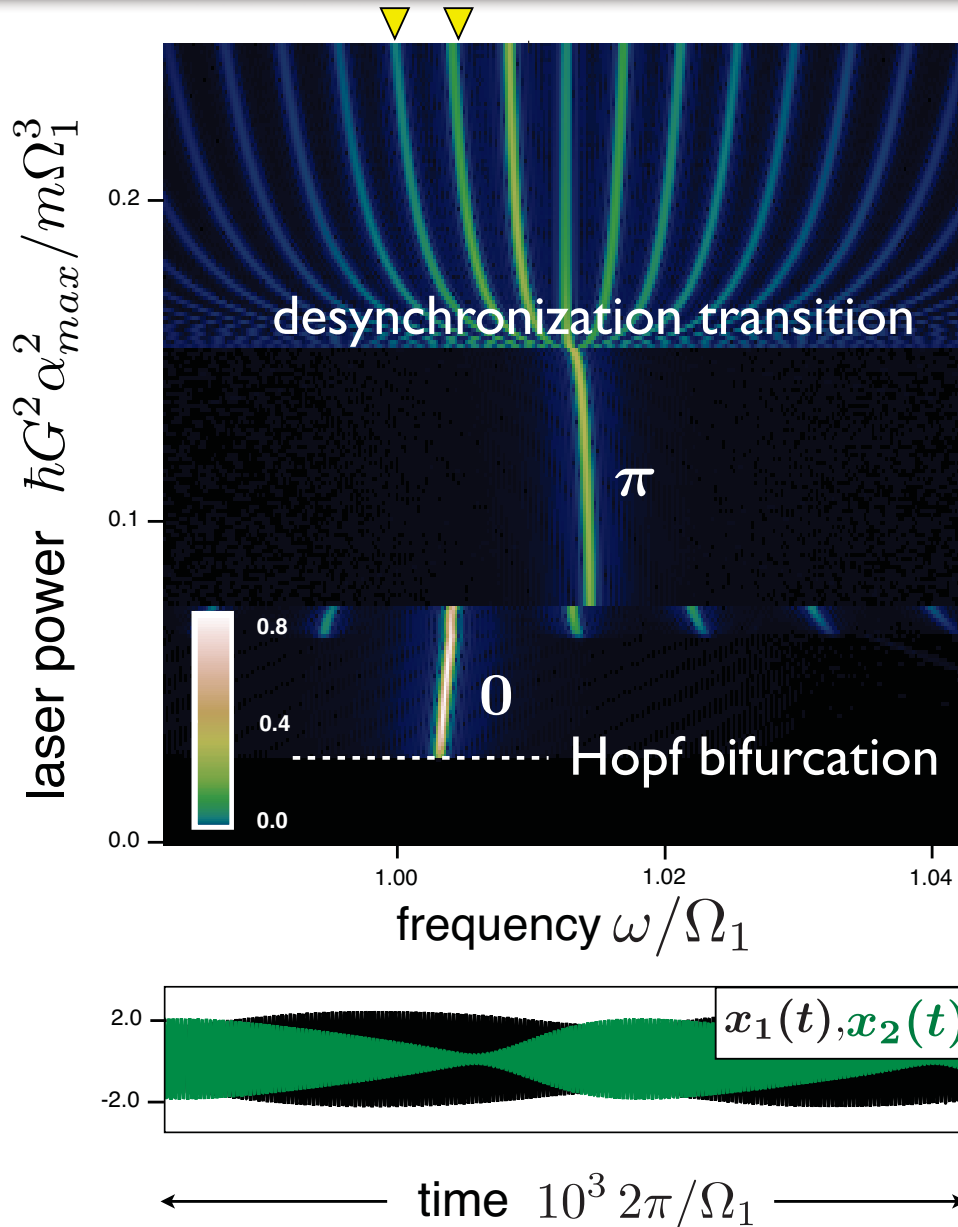
Frequency locking



Mechanical spectrum
in light field intensity
fluctuations

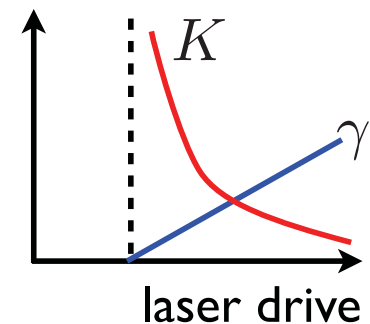


Spectrum as a function of laser drive

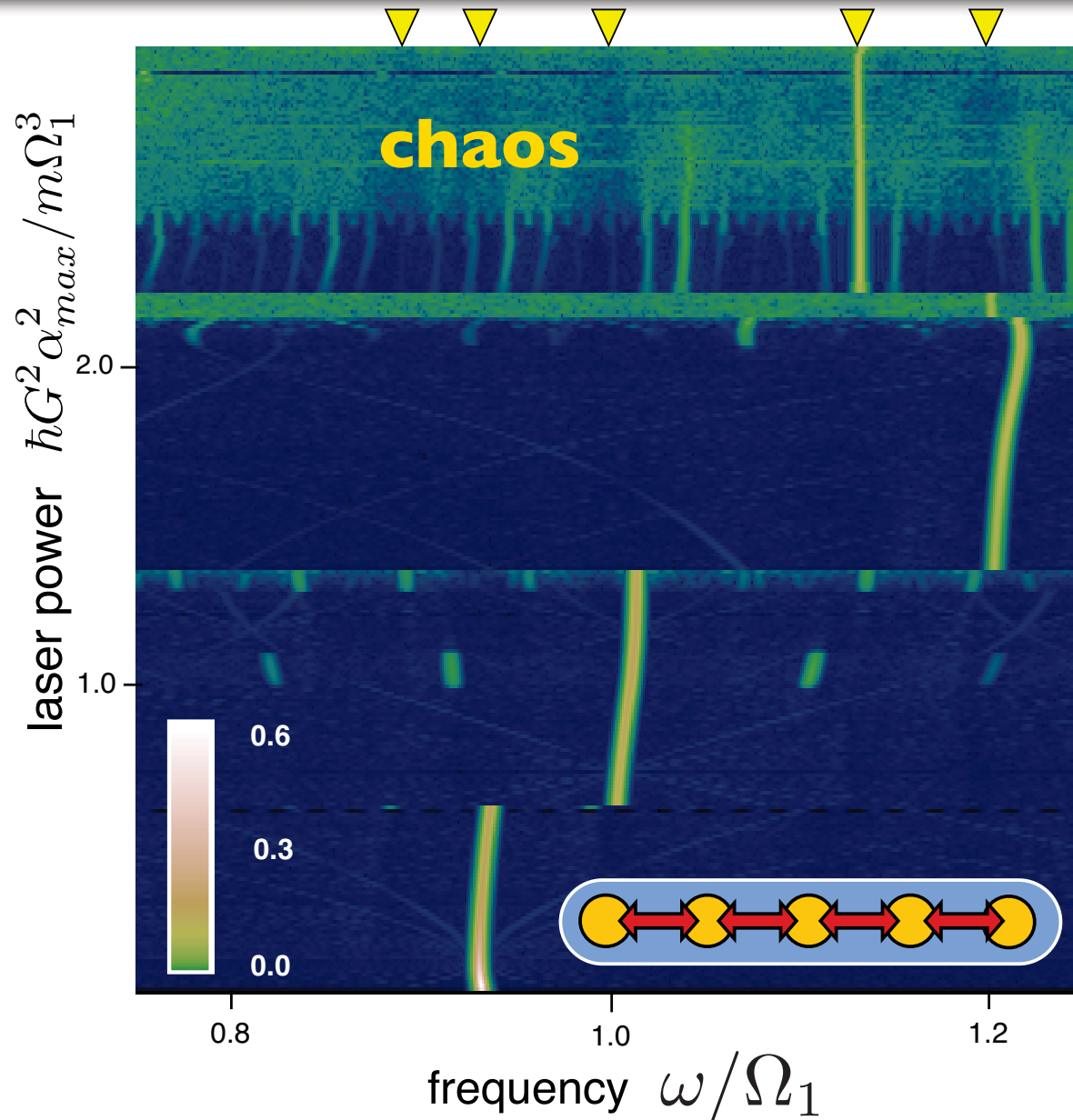


smaller effective coupling K for larger drive!

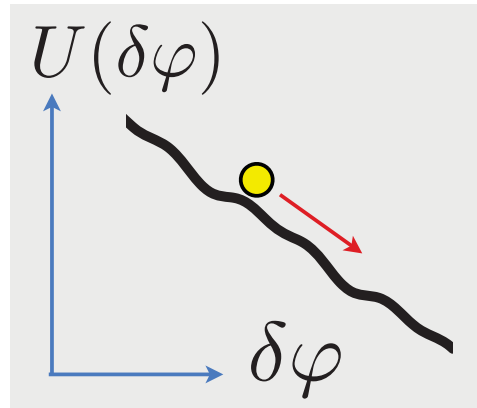
$$K = \frac{k^2}{2m^2\Omega^2\gamma}$$



Array with common optical mode



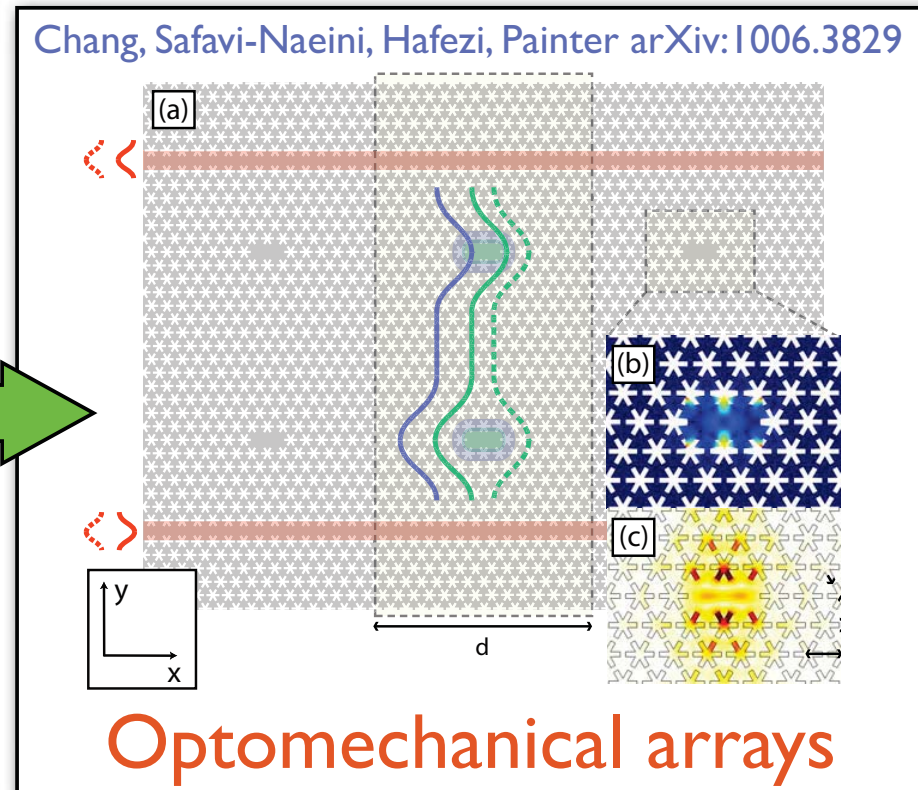
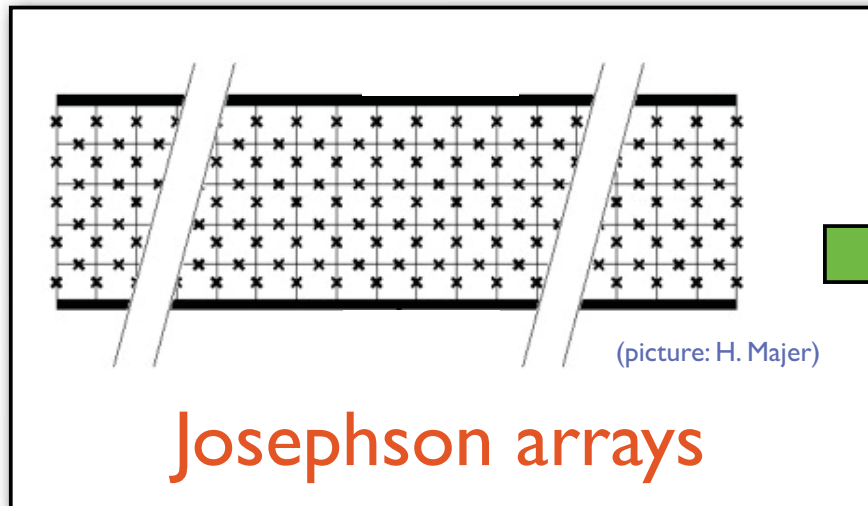
Connection to Josephson physics



Josephson junction (overdamped)	(Optomechanical) self-oscillations
Superconducting phase	Mechanical osc. phase
Voltage	Relative phase velocity
Bias current	Mech. freq. difference
Supercurrent	Synchronization

e.g.: “(Opto-)mechanical Shapiro steps”

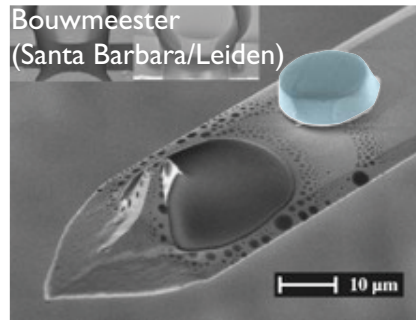
Optomechanical arrays: Outlook



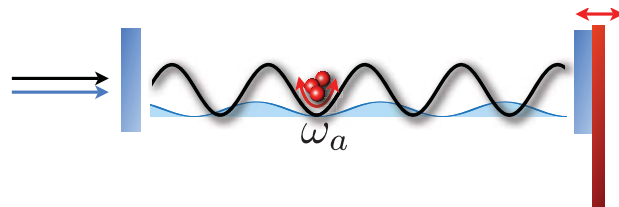
Outlook

- 2D geometries
- Information storage and classical computation
- Dissipative quantum many-body dynamics

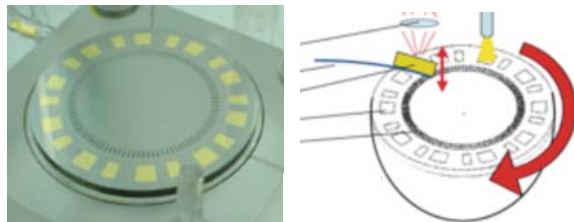
Optomechanics: general outlook



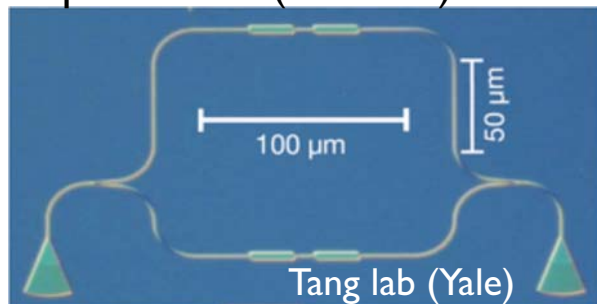
Fundamental tests of quantum mechanics in a new regime: entanglement with ‘macroscopic’ objects, unconventional decoherence? [e.g.: gravitationally induced?]



Mechanics as a ‘bus’ for connecting hybrid components: superconducting qubits, spins, photons, cold atoms, ...

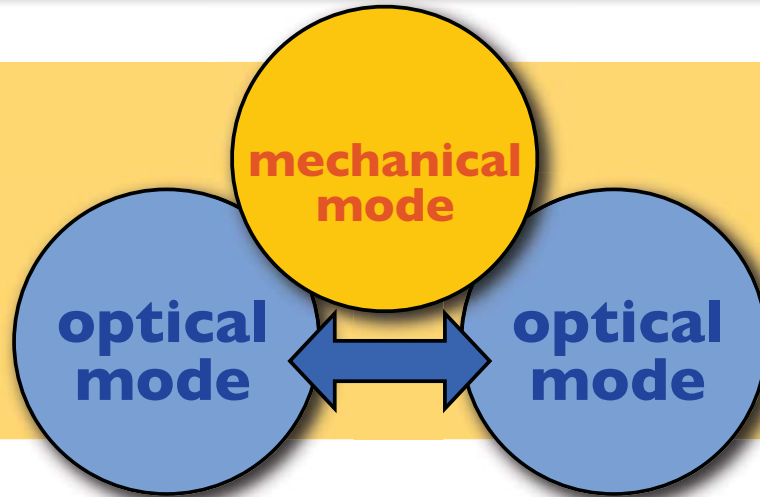


Precision measurements [e.g. testing deviations from Newtonian gravity due to extra dimensions]

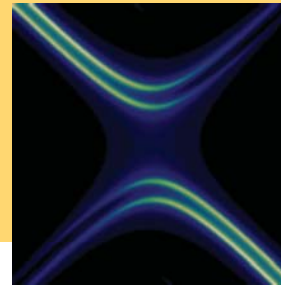


Optomechanical circuits & arrays Exploit nonlinearities for classical and quantum information processing, storage, and amplification; study collective dynamics in arrays

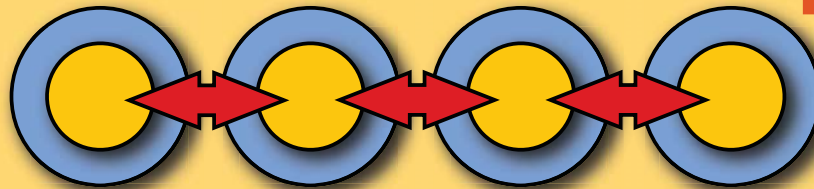
Multimode optomechanics



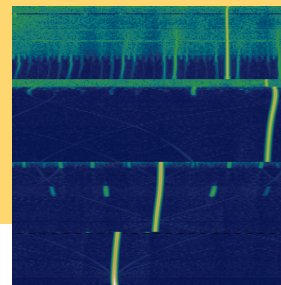
The photon shuttle



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