

Nanomechanics

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- Coupling
- Detection
- Doubly-clamped beams
- Graphene and 2D materials

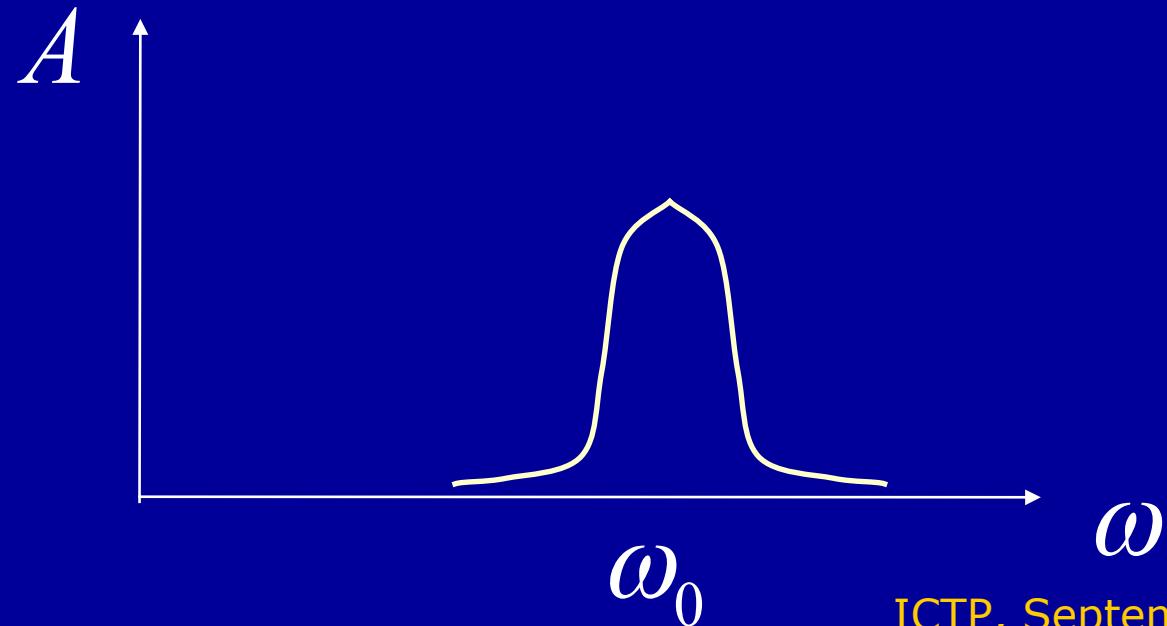
Mechanical oscillator

Driven harmonic oscillator:

$$\ddot{x} + \frac{\omega_0}{Q} \dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = \frac{F}{M} \cos \omega t$$

$$x = A \cos(\omega t + \theta)$$

A peak of the amplitude and a jump of the phase



Mechanical oscillator

More advanced oscillator:

$$\ddot{x} + \frac{\omega_0}{Q(x)} \dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x + f(x) = \frac{F(x,t)}{M}$$

$$x \neq A \cos(\omega t + \theta)$$

Nano- or optomechanical system:

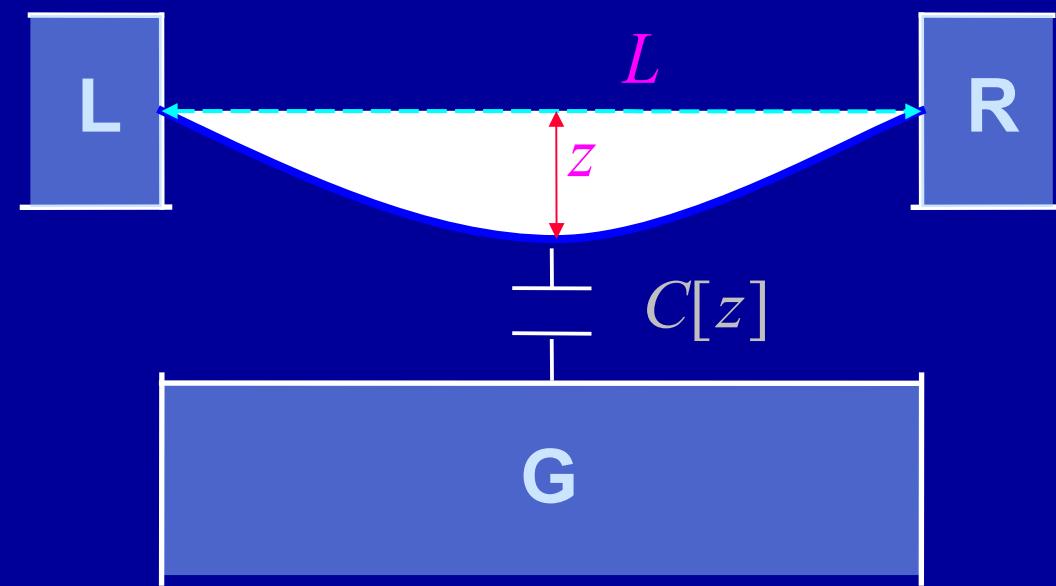
$$\ddot{x} + \frac{\omega_0}{Q(x)} \dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x + f(x) = \frac{F(x,y,t)}{M}$$

and another equation for evolution of y – the degree of freedom to which the mechanical oscillator is coupled

Mechanical resonators can be coupled to:

- Charge: capacitive coupling
- EM radiation: radiation pressure coupling
- Spin
- Magnetic flux: inductive coupling
- Other mechanical resonators

Capacitive coupling



Electrostatic energy:
In the simplest form

$$\frac{Q^2}{2C[z]} = \frac{C[z]V^2}{2}$$

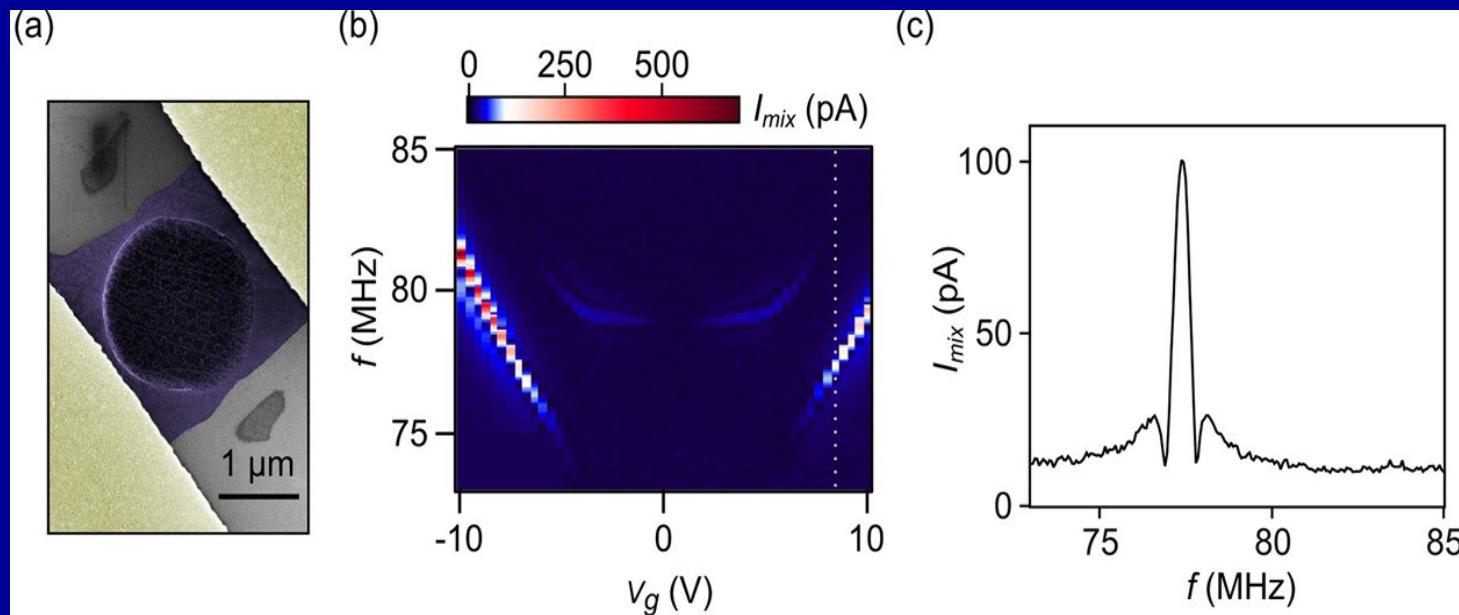
Couples phonons to charge due to
the Coulomb-induced force

(Other mechanisms of coupling to the charge: e.g. piezoelectric coupling)

Capacitive coupling

Graphene resonator
on a hole over a backgate

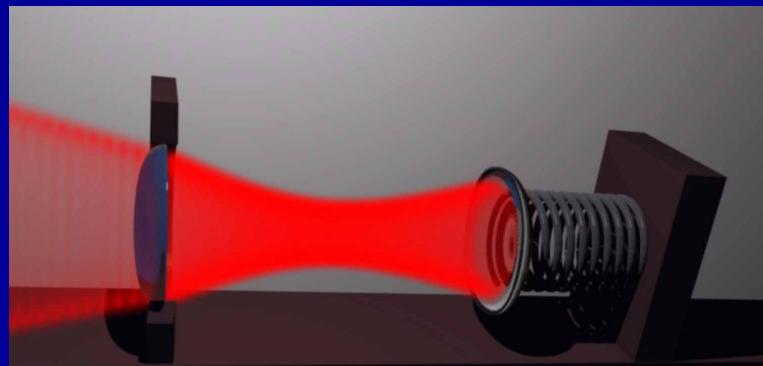
T. Miao, S. Yeom, P. Wang,
B. Standley, M. Bockrath,
Nano Lett. **14**, 2982 (2014)



Radiation pressure coupling

Movable mirror

Static mirror



Kippenberg's group website

$$H = \hbar\omega_{cav}(x)n + \frac{M\omega_m x^2}{2}$$

Cavity

Mechanical resonator

$$\omega_{cav}(x) \approx \omega_{cav} + \frac{\partial \omega_{cav}}{\partial x} x$$

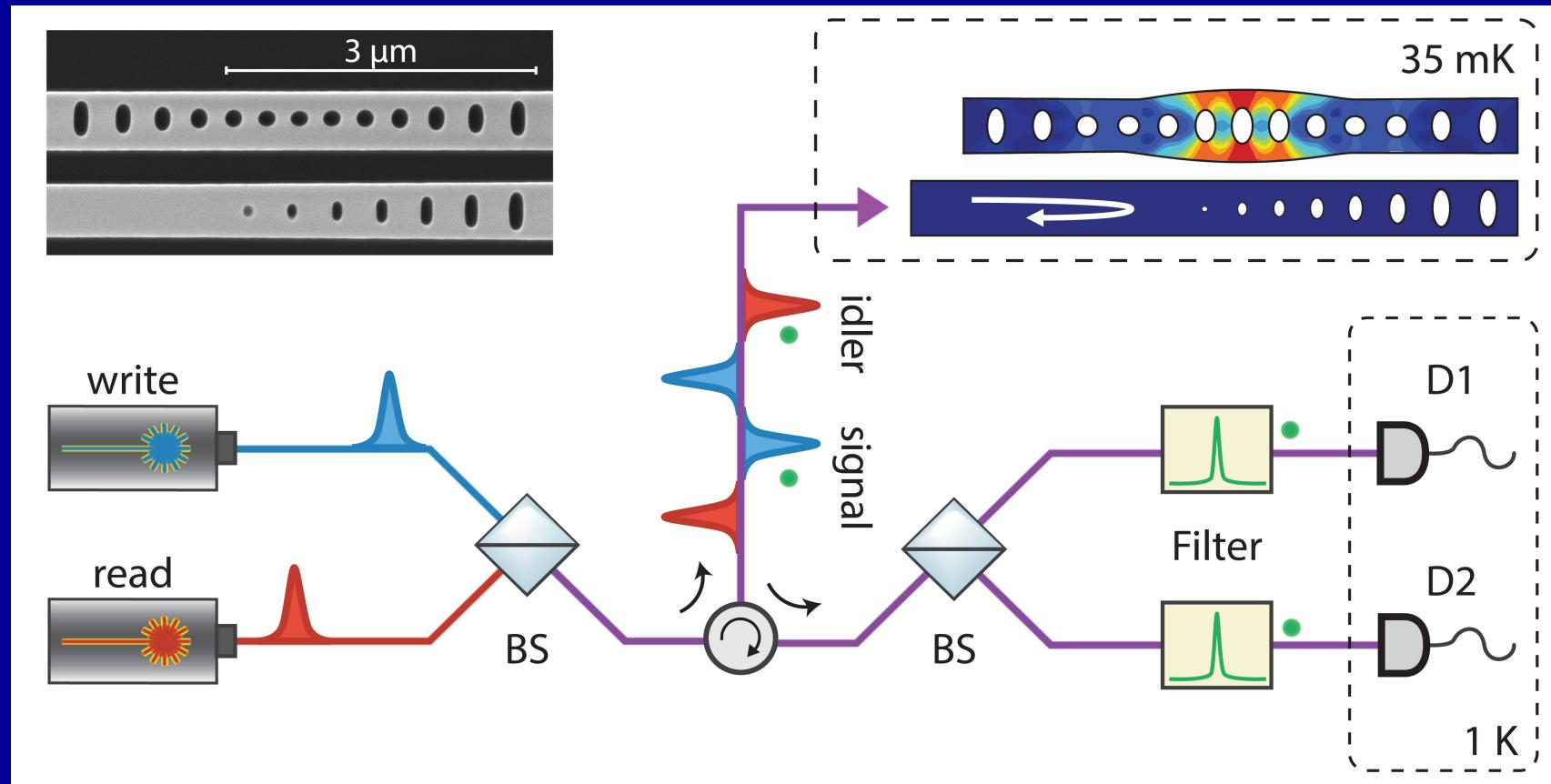
Radiation pressure:

$$\frac{\partial \omega_{cav}}{\partial x} \hbar x n$$

Other mechanisms of interaction with radiation: e.g optical phonons in bulk solids

Radiation pressure coupling

S. Hong, R. Riedinger, I. Marinkovic, A. Wallucks, S. G. Hofer, R. A. Norte, M. Aspelmeyer, S. Gröblacher, arXiv:1706.03777



Coupling to spin

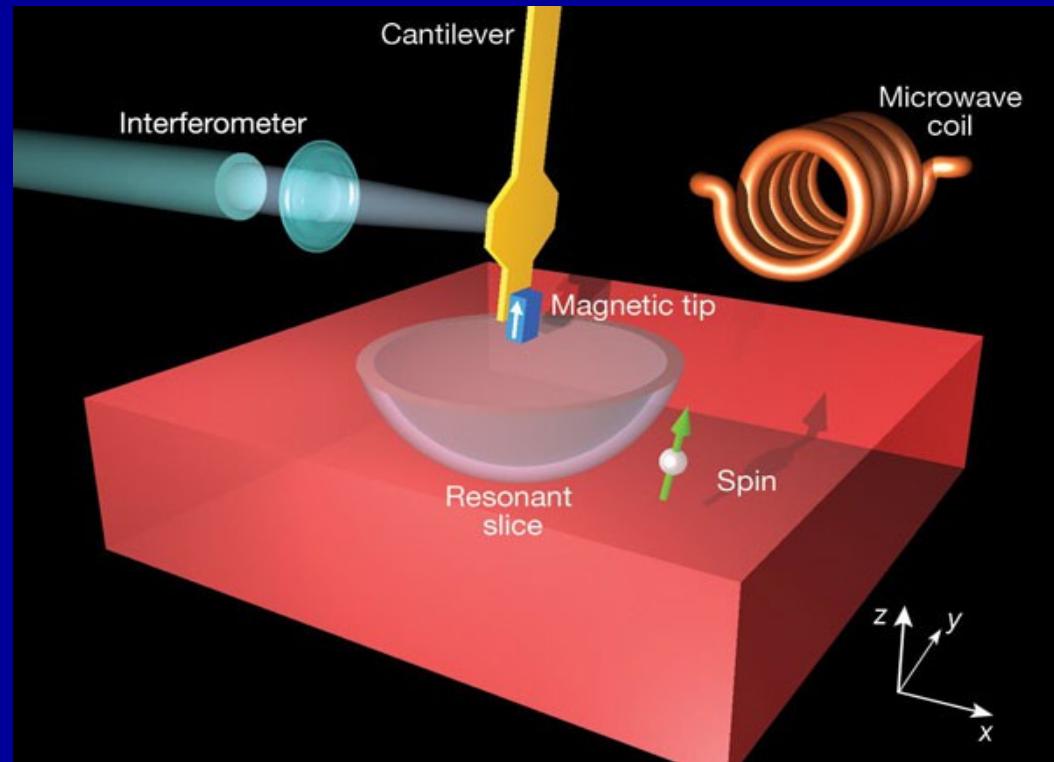
Two magnets exert mechanical force on each other,
dependent on their orientation



A magnet on a cantilever can
sense a spin

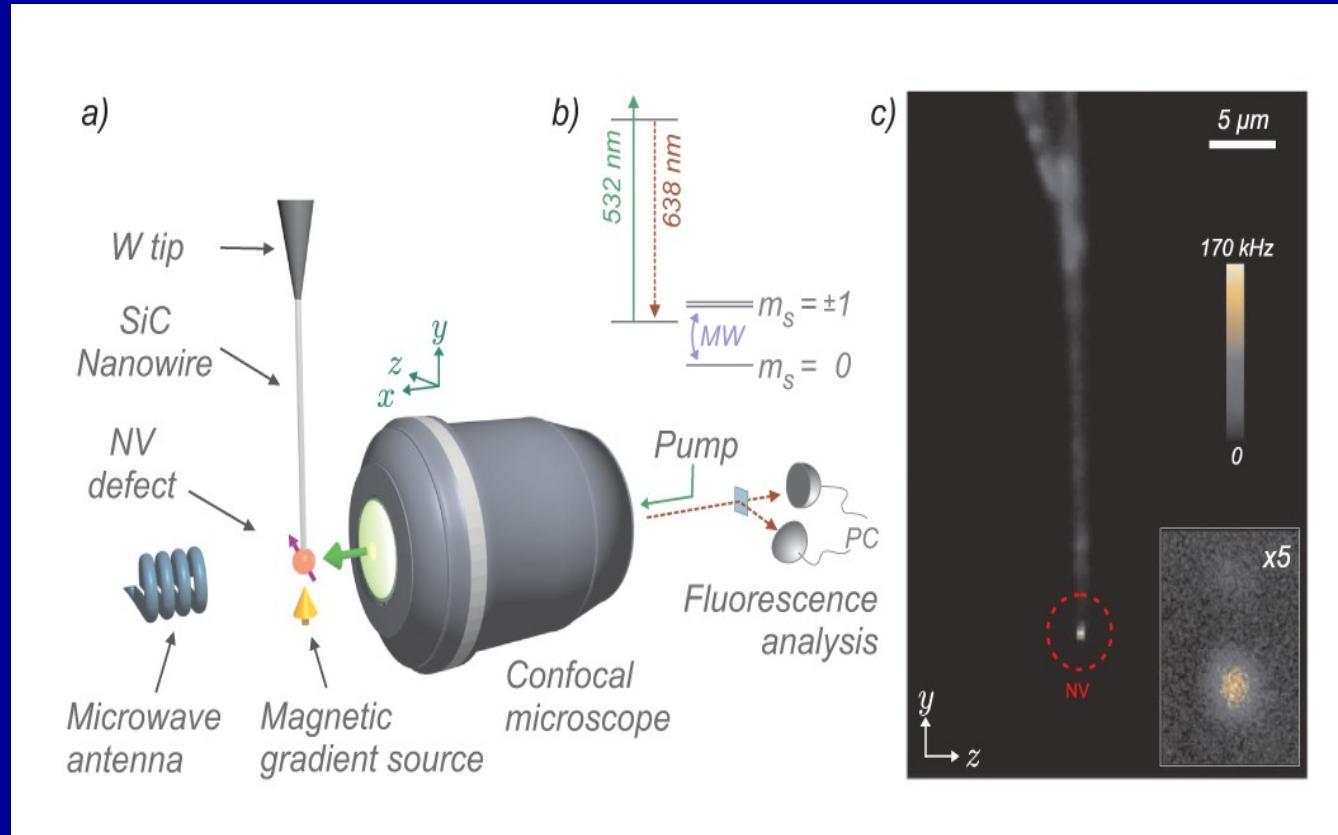


Magnetic resonance force
microscopy



D. Rugar, R. Budakian, H. J. Mamin,
B. W. Chui, Nature **430**, 329 (2004)

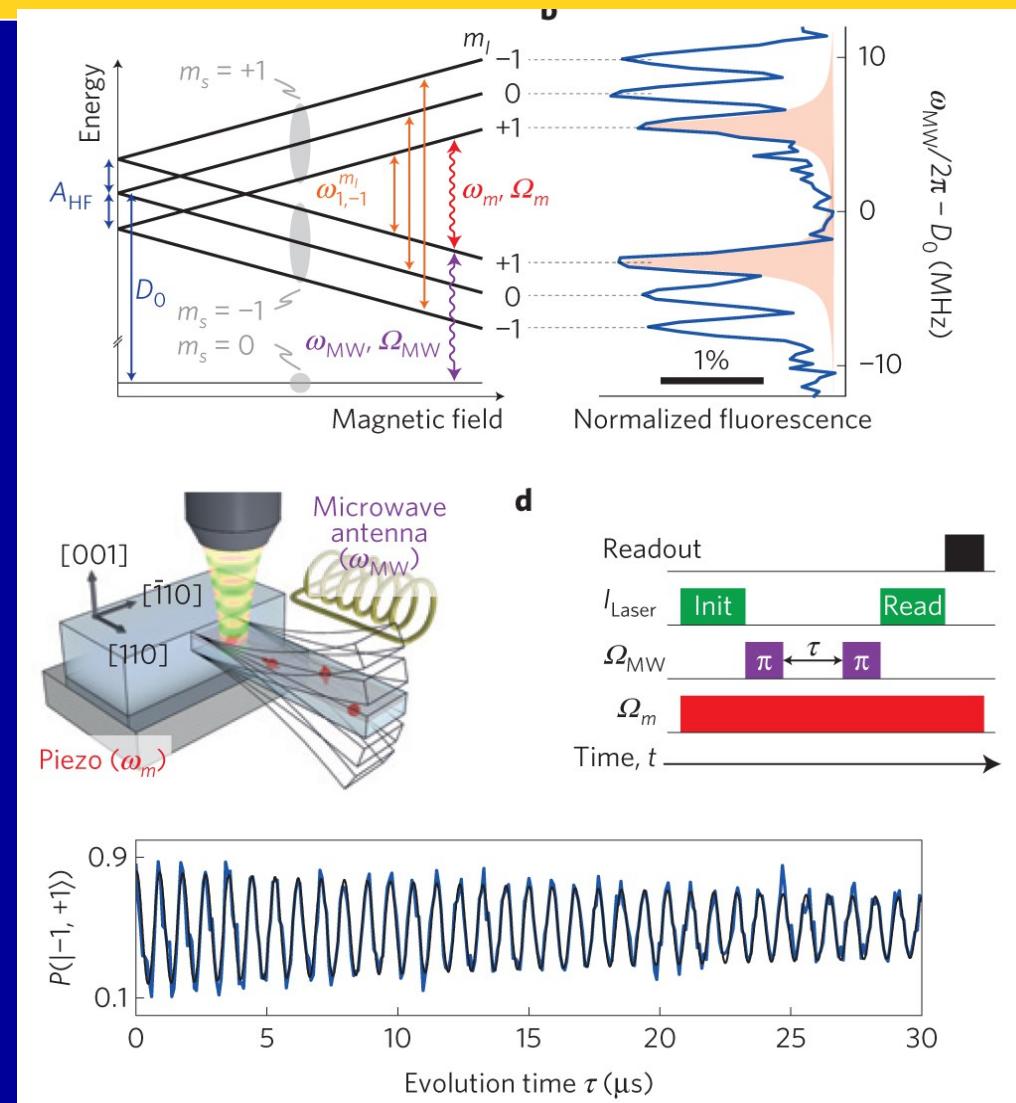
Coupling to spin



O. Arcizet, V. Jacques, A. Siria, P. Poncharal, P. Vincent, and S. Seidelin
 Nature Physics 7, 879 (2011)

Coherent spin driving

Spin state depends on the strain;
piezoelectric substrate driven



A. Barfuss, J. Teissier, E. Neu,
 A. Nunnenkamp, P. Maletinsky
 Nature Physics **11**, 820 (2015)

Inductive coupling

Inductance: can depend on the position of a mechanical resonator

$$\Phi = LI \Rightarrow -\dot{\Phi} = V = L\dot{I} \quad E = \frac{L(x)I^2}{2}$$

See Lecture 3

Persistent currents

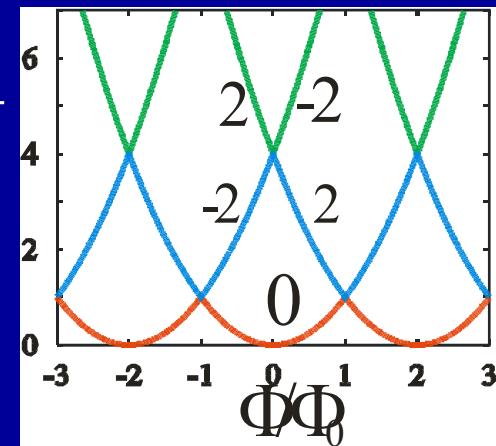
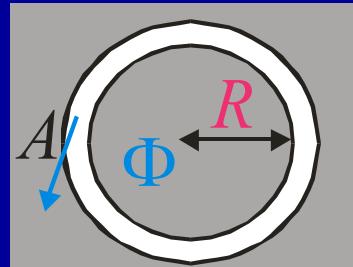
Interference is affected by Aharonov-Bohm flux

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\vec{p} - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A} \right)^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2mR^2} \left(-i \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\Phi}{\Phi_0} \right)^2; \quad E / \frac{\hbar^2}{2mR^2}$$

$$\Psi(\phi) \propto e^{iN\phi} \Rightarrow$$

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2}{2mR^2} \left(N - \frac{\Phi}{\Phi_0} \right)^2$$



Energy levels vs. flux

Measurements of persistent currents

$$I = \frac{\partial E}{\partial \Phi} = \sum_{\text{filled levels}} \frac{\partial E_i}{\partial \Phi}$$

Amplitude clean, single ring: $\frac{e\hbar}{mR^2}$

Amplitude disordered:

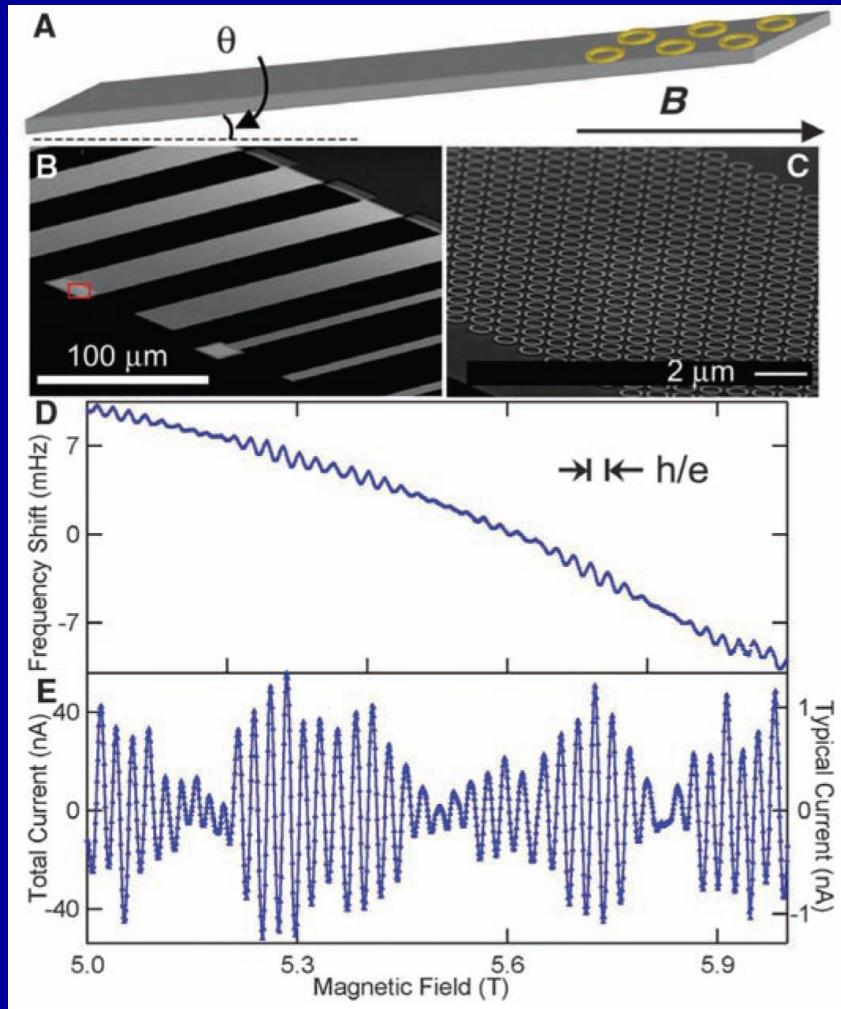
$$I = \sum_l I_l \sin \frac{2\pi l \Phi}{\Phi_0}, I_l = -\frac{4e\delta}{\pi^2 \hbar}$$

Difficult to measure!

A. C. Bleszynski-Jayich et al,
Science **326**, 272 (2009)

Experiments to date have produced a number of confusing results in apparent contradiction with theory and even among the experiments themselves (2, 3). These conflicts have remained without a clear resolution for nearly 20 years, suggesting that our understanding of how to measure and/or calculate the ground-state properties of as simple a system as an isolated metal ring may be incomplete.

Measurements of persistent currents



A. C. Bleszynski-Jayich, W. E. Shanks,
 B. Peaudecerf, E. Ginossar,
 F. von Oppen, L. Glazman,
 J. G. E. Harris
Science **326**, 272 (2009)

Currents produce torque and shift
the cantilever frequency

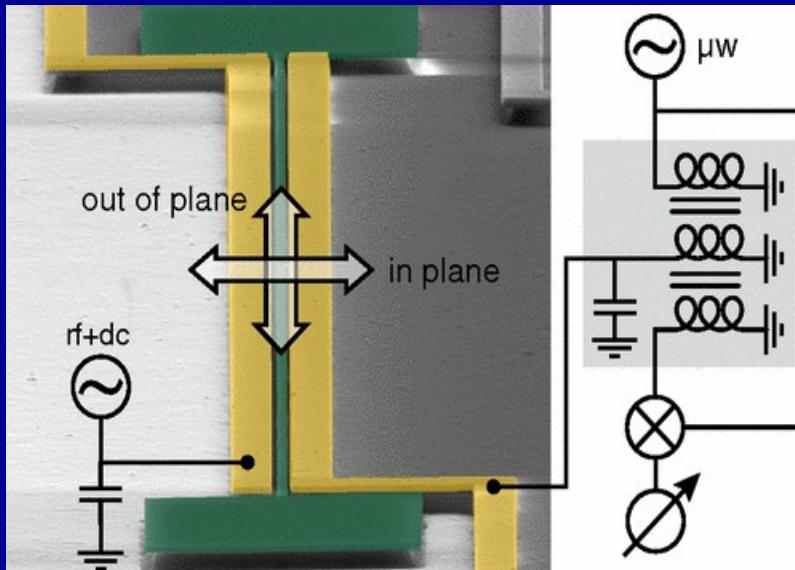


$$\tau = \mu \times B$$

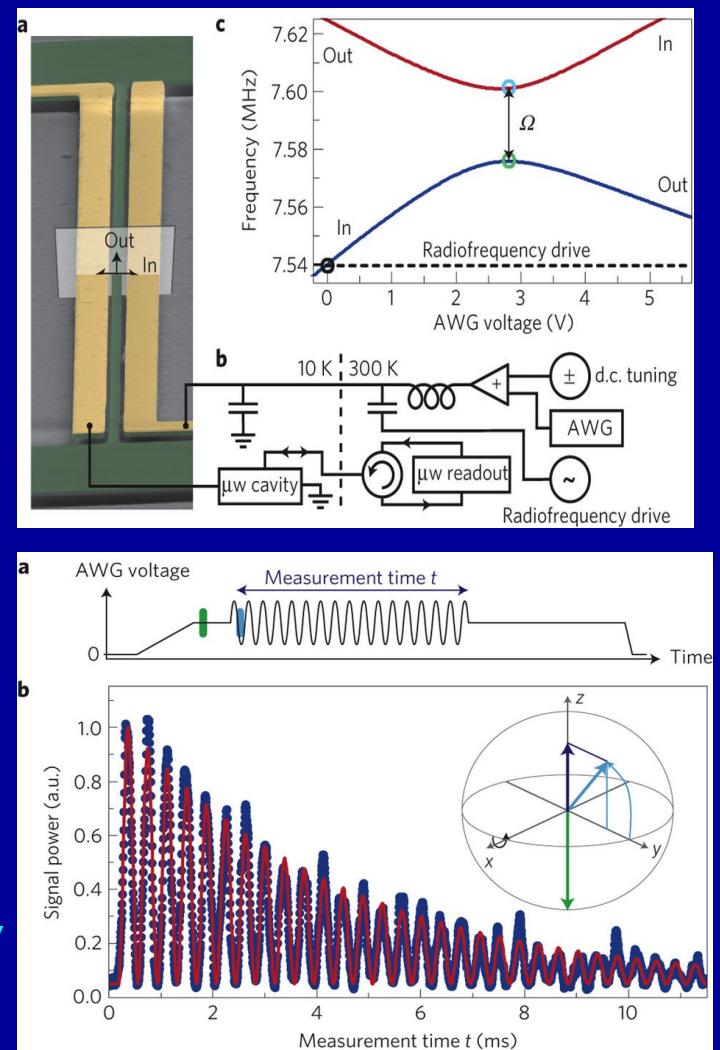
Good agreement with the theory predictions

Coherent two-mode manipulation

T. Faust, J. Rieger, M. J. Seitner,
 P. Krenn, J. P. Kotthaus, E. M. Weig,
 PRL **109**, 037205 (2012)

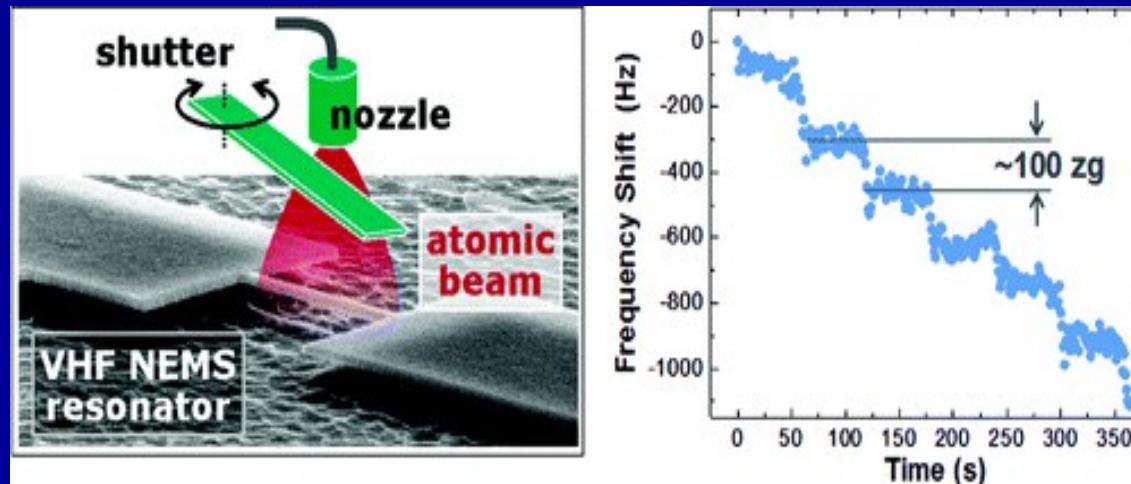


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 Nature Physics **9**, 485 (2013)



Mass detection

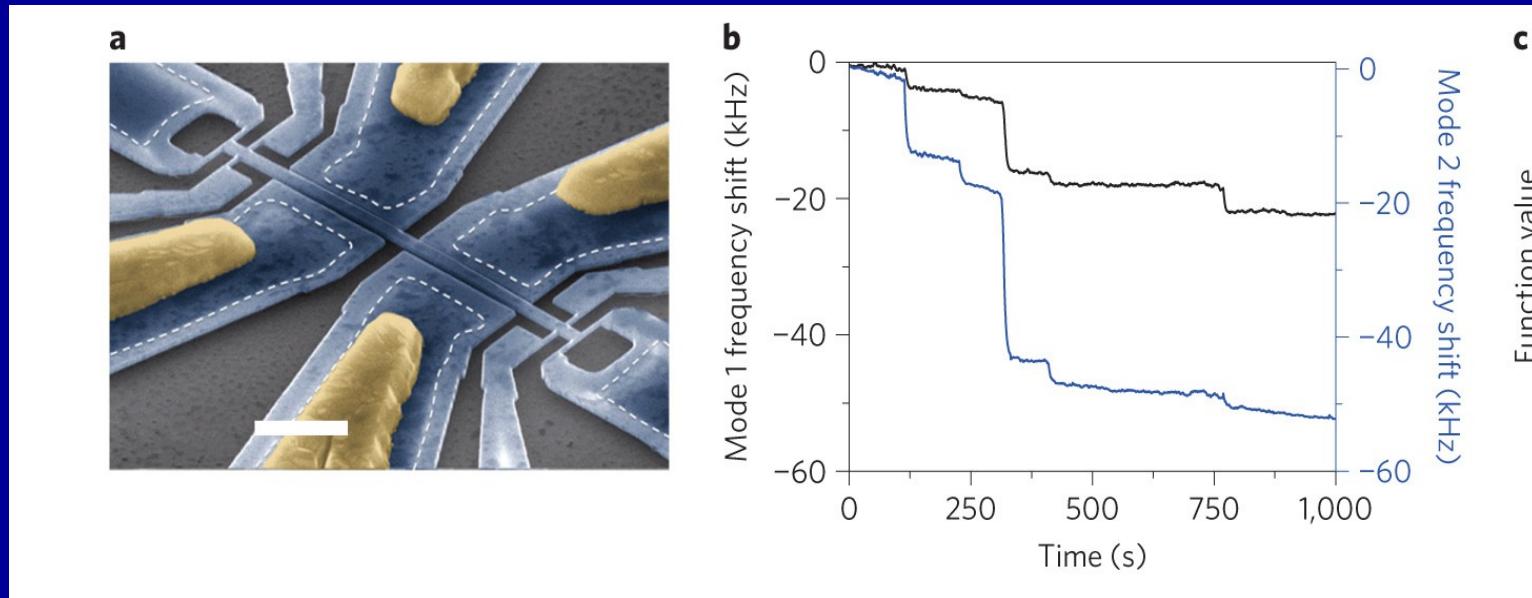
Y. T. Yang, C. Callegari, X. L. Feng, K. L. Ekinci, M. L. Roukes,
Nano Letters **6**, 583 (2006)



Resonant frequency: 133 MHz
Size: 2300 x 150 x 70 nm
Mass sensitivity: 100 zg

Single-molecule detection

M. S. Hanay, S. Kelber, A. K. Naik, D. Chi, S. Hentz, E. C. Bullard, E. Colinet, L. Duraffourg, M. L. Roukes, Nature Nanotech. **7**, 602 (2012)



J. Chaste, A. Eichler, J. Moser, G. Ceballos, R. Rurali, A. Bachtold
Nature Nanotech. **7**, 301 (2012) – 1 yg resolution

Real-space tailoring of the electron-phonon coupling in ultraclean nanotube mechanical resonators

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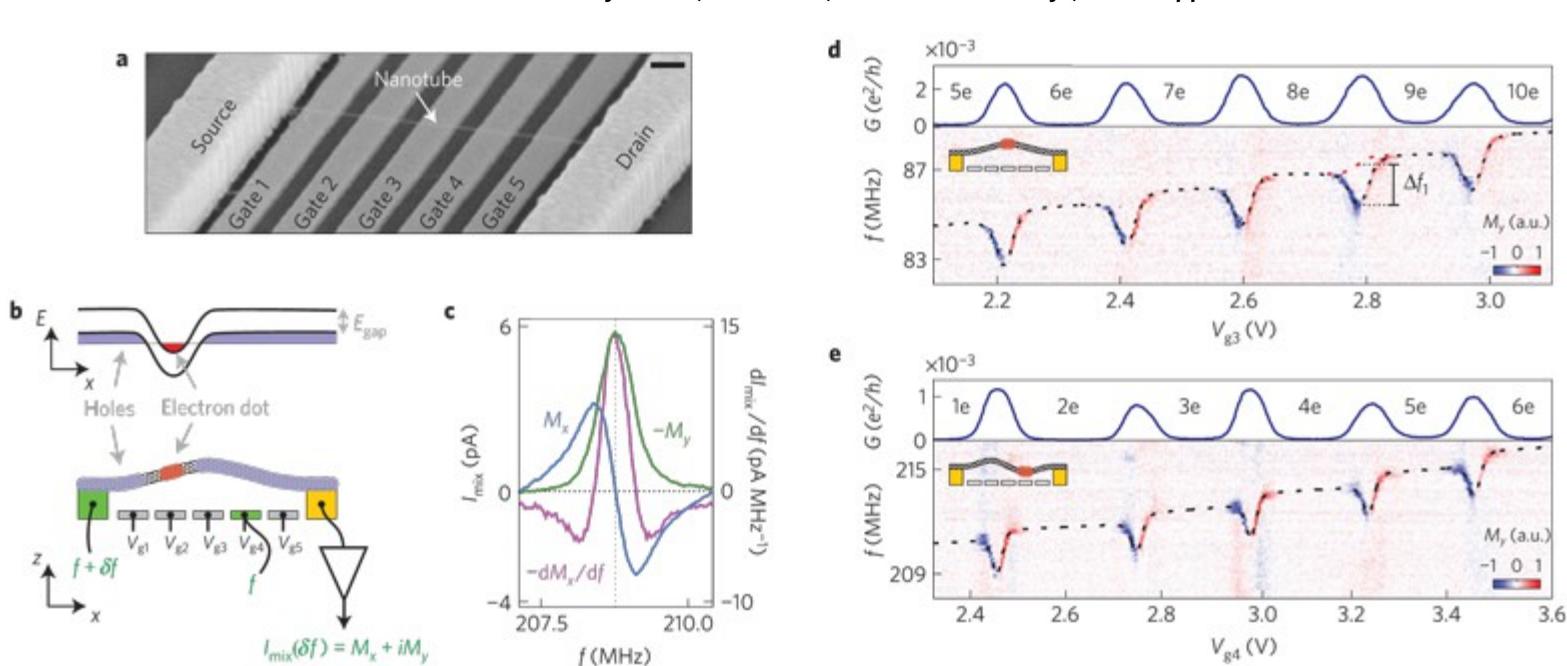
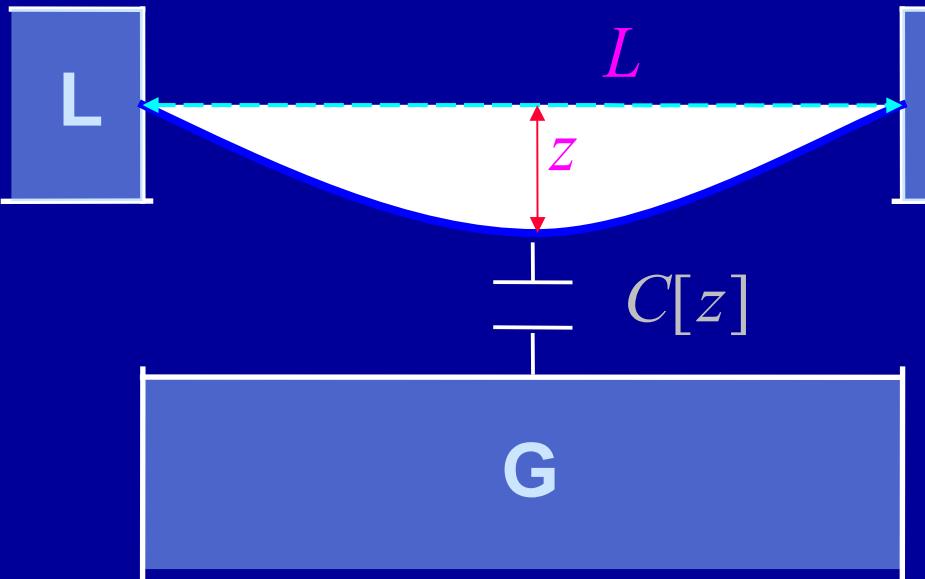


Figure 1 | A carbon nanotube mechanical resonator coupled to localized ultraclean quantum dots. **a**, Scanning electron micrograph of a device similar to the one measured, with an 880-nm-long nanotube suspended 125 nm above five gates with a periodicity of 150 nm. Scale bar, 100 nm. **b**, Measurement layout: d.c. gate voltages, V_{g1} to V_{g5} , locally dope the nanotube with electrons (red) or holes (blue). Mechanical motion is actuated by a radiofrequency signal on gate 4 (frequency f) leading to a high-frequency modulation of the current, which is down-mixed to low frequencies using a weak probe signal of frequency $f + \delta f$ applied at the source. **c**, The mixing current, which is the current measured at frequency δf , has components that are in-phase (M_x) and out-of-phase (M_y) with the drive; both are plotted as function of the drive frequency (blue and green, respectively). Also shown is the derivative dM_x/df (purple). **d**, Top: conductance, G , of a dot above gate 3 as a function of V_{g3} . Bottom: corresponding mixing signal, M_y (colour map), measured for the first mechanical mode, as a function of V_{g3} and f . Dashed red line is a fit to a theory including only the static electron-phonon coupling, capturing the frequency step across a Coulomb blockade peak. The dashed black line includes also the dynamical coupling (Supplementary Information 1). Their difference at the centre of the Coulomb peak, Δf_1 , gives the dynamic frequency softening. **e**, Similar measurement for the second mechanical mode with a dot above gate 4. All measurements in this article are done at an electron temperature of $T = 16$ K as determined from the Coulomb peaks in the conductance.

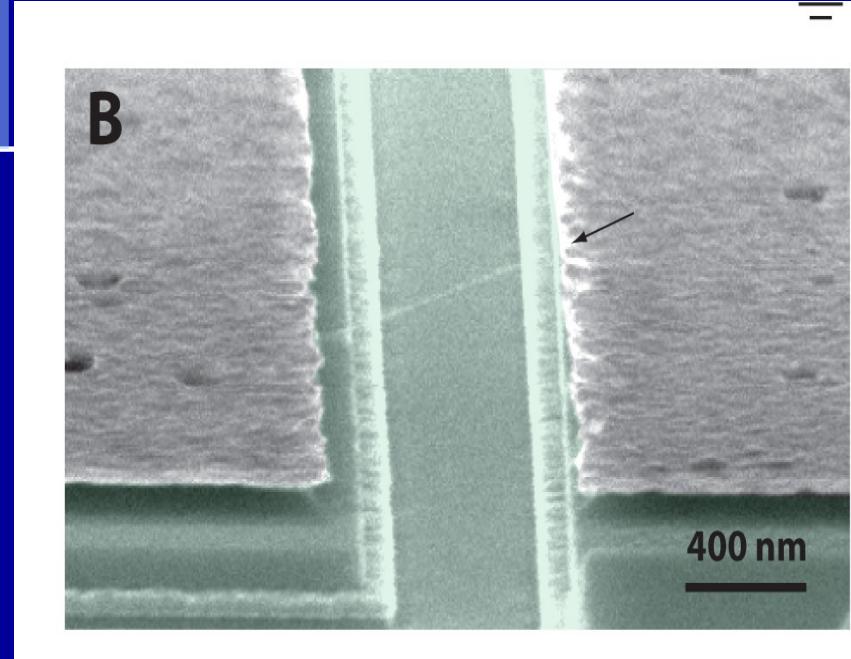
Double-clamped beam

S. Sapmaz . YMB. L. Gurevich,
 H. S. J. van der Zant,
 PRB **67**, 235414 (2003)



Couples phonons to charge due to
 the Coulomb-induced force

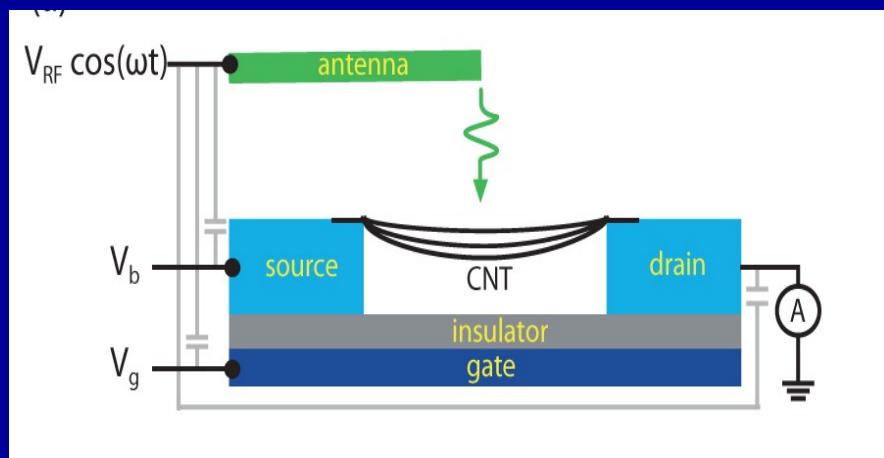
G. Steele, A. K. Hüttel, B. Witkamp,
 M. Poot, H. B. Meerwaldt,
 L. P. Kouwenhoven, H. S. J. van der Zant
 Science **325**, 1103 (2009)



Size: 500 nm
 Frequency: 140 MHz

Backaction in a double-clamped beam

H. B. Meerwaldt, G. Labadze, B. H. Schneider, A. Taspinar, YMB,
 H. S. J. van der Zant, and G. A. Steele, PRB **86**, 115454 (2012)



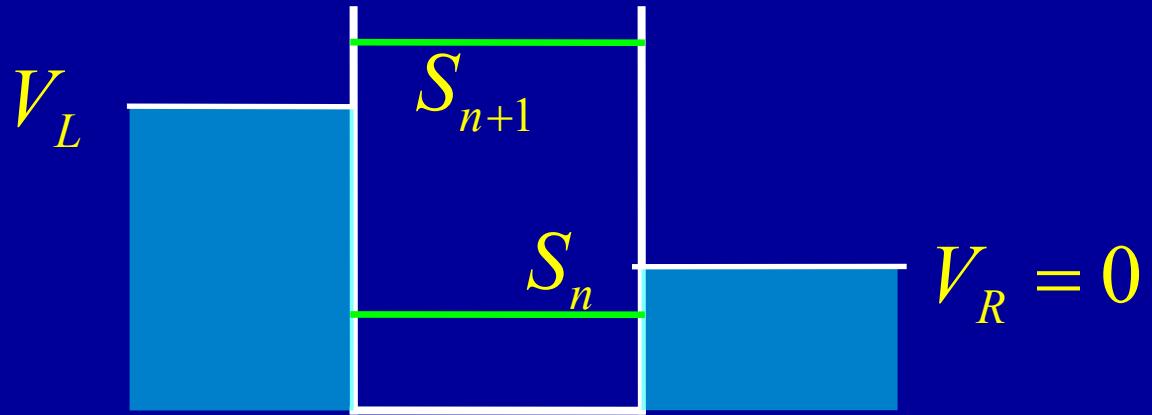
$$M\ddot{x} + \frac{M\omega_0}{Q}\dot{x} + M\omega_0^2 x = F[x]$$

$$F[x] = -\Delta kx - \beta x^2 - \alpha x^3$$

$$F = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} C_g(x) (V_g - V_{CNT}(x))^2$$

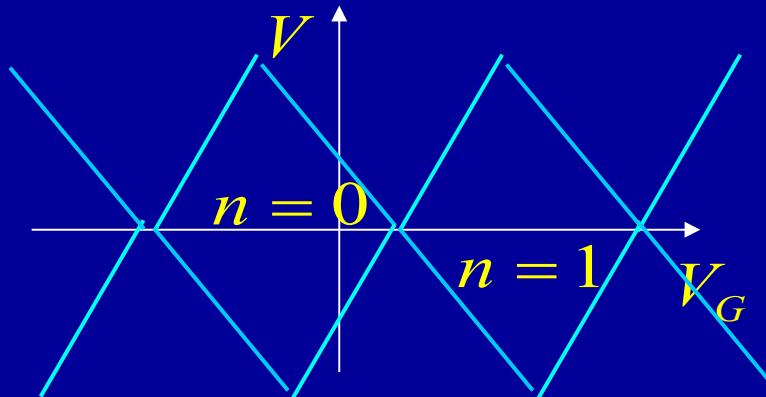
The beam is stretched by the gate voltage, and this shifts the frequency (optical spring effect)

Coulomb blockade



Conditions that current is not flowing:

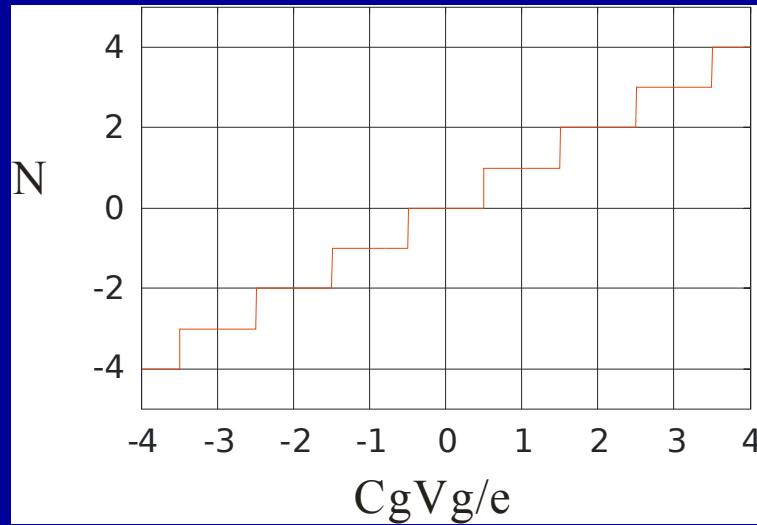
- (a) $S_{n+1} > eV_L$
- (b) $S_n < eV_L$
- (c) $S_{n+1} > 0$
- (d) $S_n < 0$



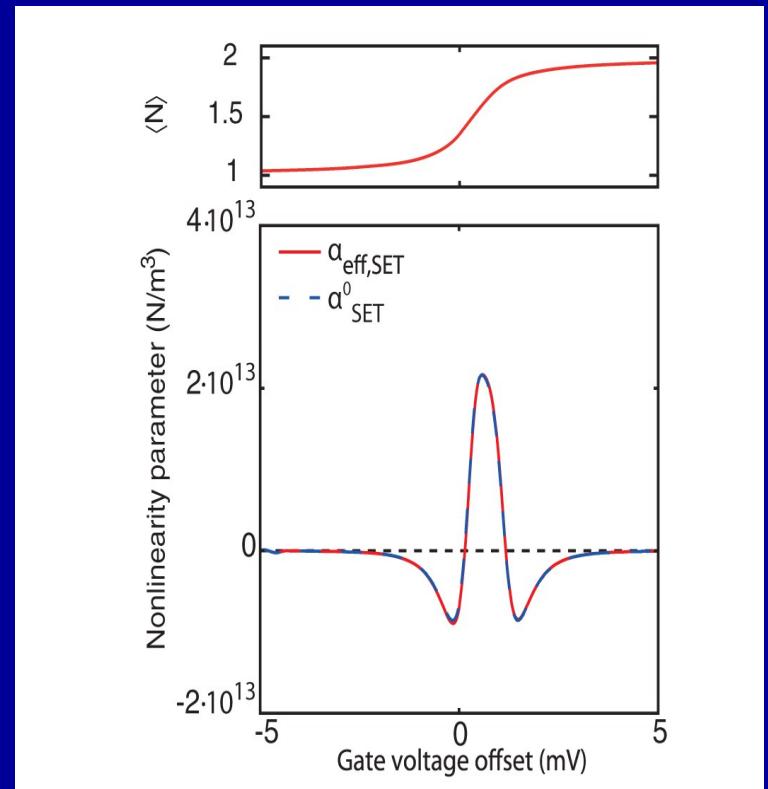
Frequency softening by Coulomb effects

H. B. Meerwaldt, G. Labadze, B. H. Schneider, A. Taspinar, YMB,
 H. S. J. van der Zant, and G. A. Steele, PRB **86**, 115454 (2012)

$$\Delta\omega_0 \propto 1 - \frac{C_{tot}}{C_g} - \frac{e}{C_g} \frac{\partial \langle N \rangle}{\partial V_g}$$



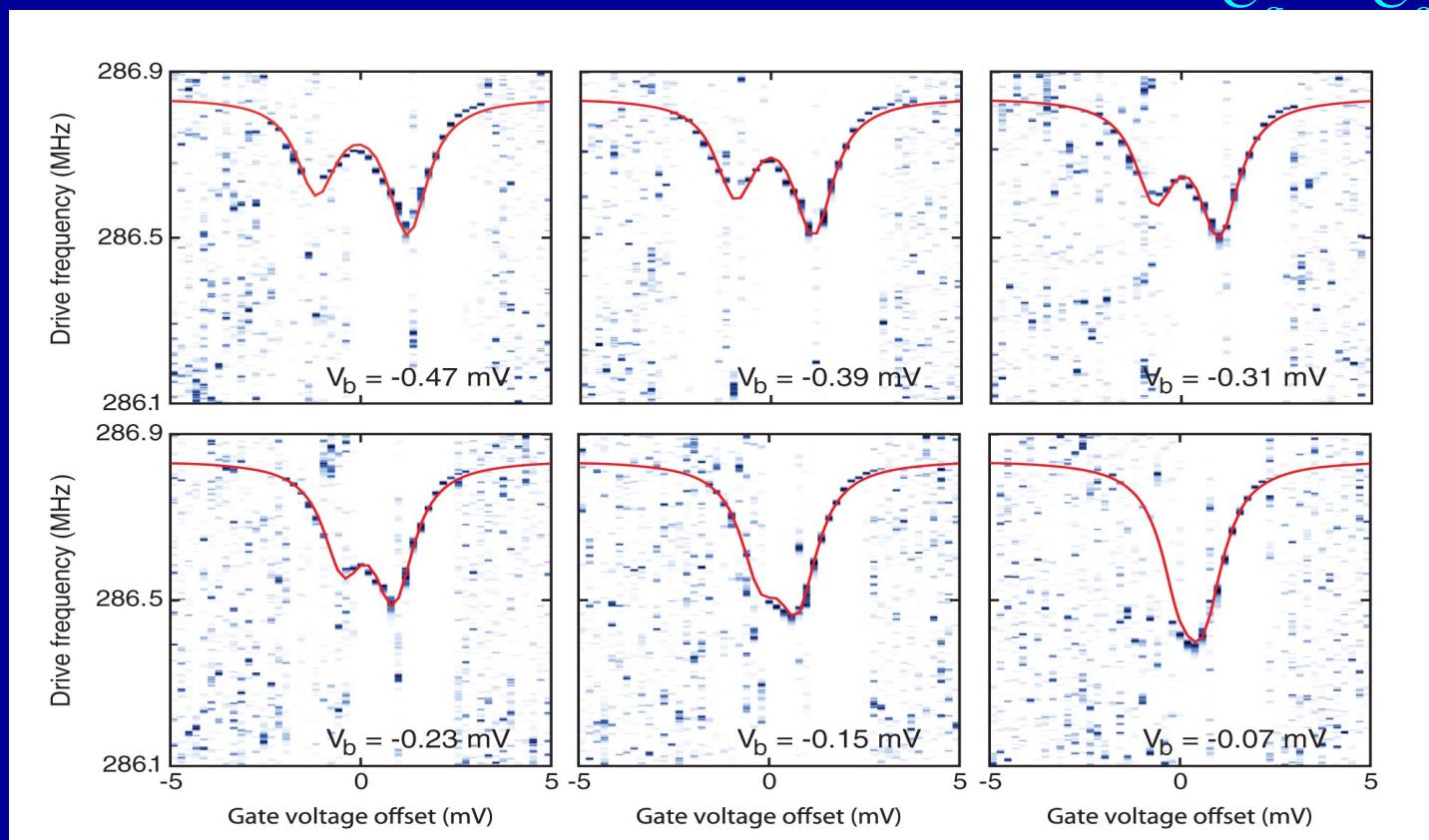
(zero bias)



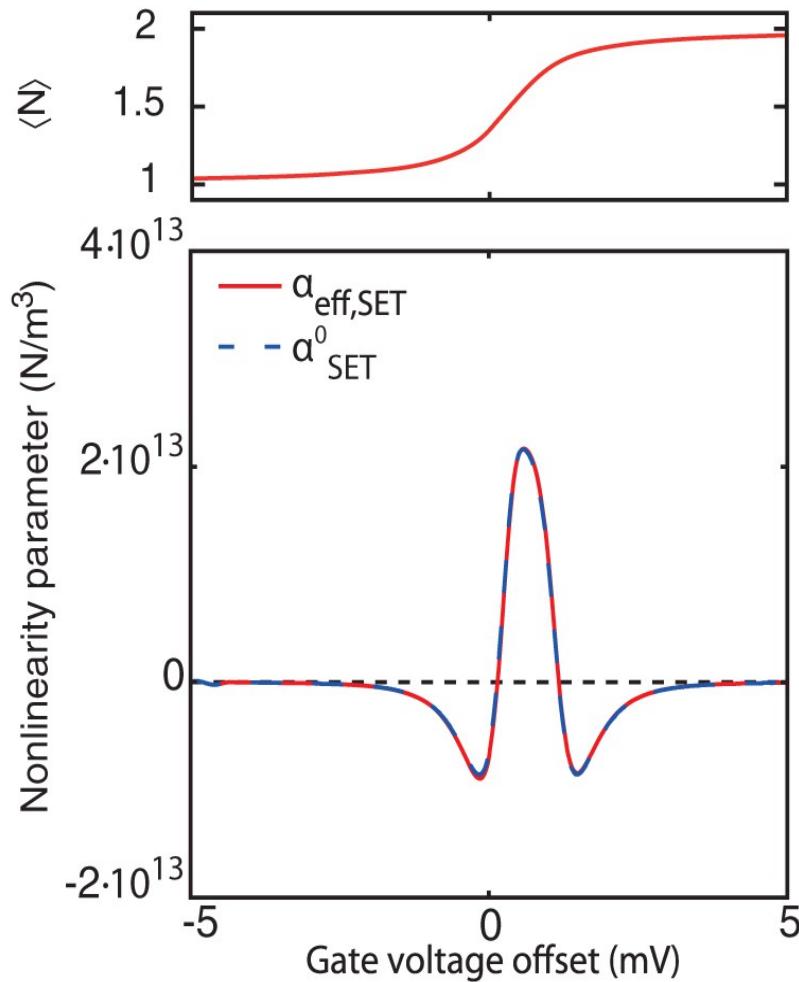
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$$\Delta\omega_0 \propto 1 - \frac{C_{tot}}{C_s} - \frac{e}{C_s} \frac{\partial \langle N \rangle}{\partial V_g}$$



Coulomb-induced nonlinearity

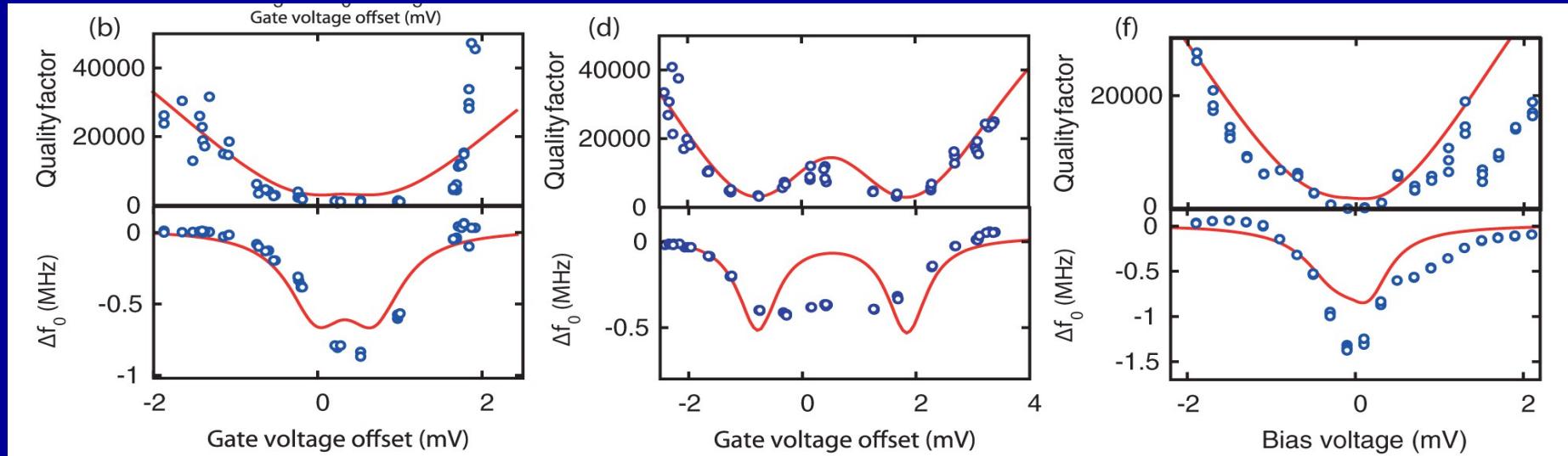


$$F[x] = -\Delta kx - \beta x^2 - \alpha x^3$$

Coulomb-induced damping

$$\frac{\omega_0}{Q} = \frac{\omega_0}{Q_0} + \frac{F_{stoch} V_g}{m C_g} \frac{1}{\Gamma_{tot}} \frac{dC_g}{dx} \frac{\partial \langle N \rangle}{\partial V_g}$$

O. Usmani, YMB, and Yu. V.Nazarov, PRB **75**, 195312 (2007)
 F. Pistoleti, YMB, and I. Martin, PRB **78**, 085127 (2008)



Backaction in SET coupled to a resonator

$P_n(x, v, t)$ - obeys master equation

x – position

v - velocity

O. Usmani, YMB, Yu. V. Nazarov,
PRB **75**, 195312 (2007)

$$\frac{\partial P_n}{\partial t} + \left(v \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \frac{F}{M} \right) P_n = St[P]$$

$$F(x, v) = -M\omega^2 x - M\gamma v + Fn$$

Adiabaticity: reduce to Fokker-Planck equation

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} - \omega^2 x \frac{\partial P}{\partial v} - \left[\frac{\omega}{Q} + \Psi(x) \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial v} (vP) = D(x) \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial v^2}$$

Built-in dissipation

Dissipation due to tunneling

Diffusion in velocity space

$$\Psi(x) = \frac{F^2}{M^2} \frac{\Gamma^-(x) \partial_x \Gamma^+(x) - \Gamma^+(x) \partial_x \Gamma^-(x)}{\Gamma_t^3}$$

Strain in graphene

Deformation of a graphene sheet acts at electrons as pseudomagnetic field in the Dirac equation

$$A_x = t\beta(u_{xx} - u_{yy});$$

$$A_y = -2t\beta u_{xy}; \beta \approx 3$$

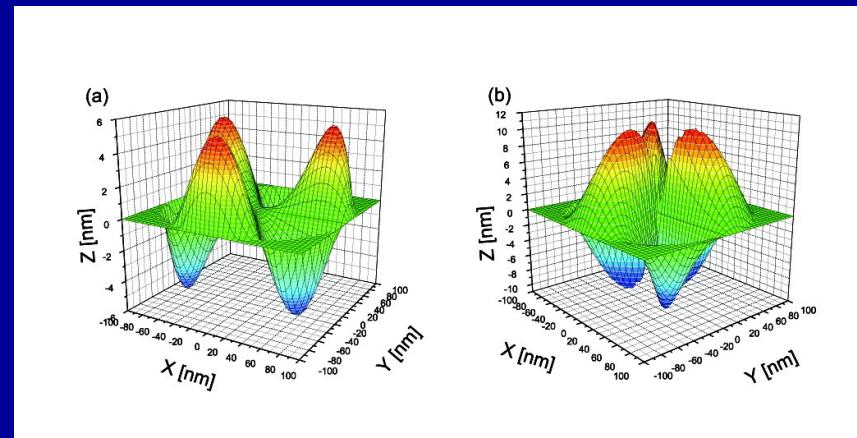
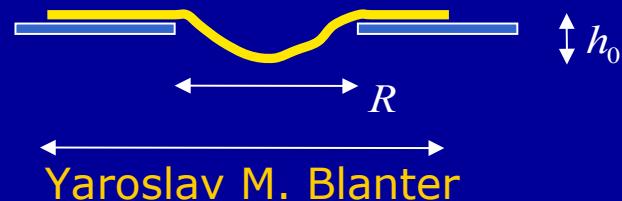
H. Suzuura, T. Ando Phys. Rev. B **65**, 235412
 F. Guinea, M. I. Katsnelson, M. A. H. Vozmediano
 Phys. Rev. B **77**, 075422 (2008)

Deformation caused by uniform load:

$$h(r) = \frac{h_0}{R^4} (R^2 - r^2)^2$$

Deformation caused by local load:

$$h(r) = \frac{h_0}{R^2} \left(\frac{1}{2} (R^2 - r^2) - r^2 \ln \frac{R}{r} \right)$$



Uniform load

Local load (center)

Dirac equation: with added gauge fields

$$\vec{\sigma}(v_F \vec{p} + \vec{A}) \Psi(\vec{r}) = E \Psi(\vec{r})$$

K.-J.Kim, YMB, K.-H.Ahn
 Phys. Rev. B **84**, 081401 (2011)

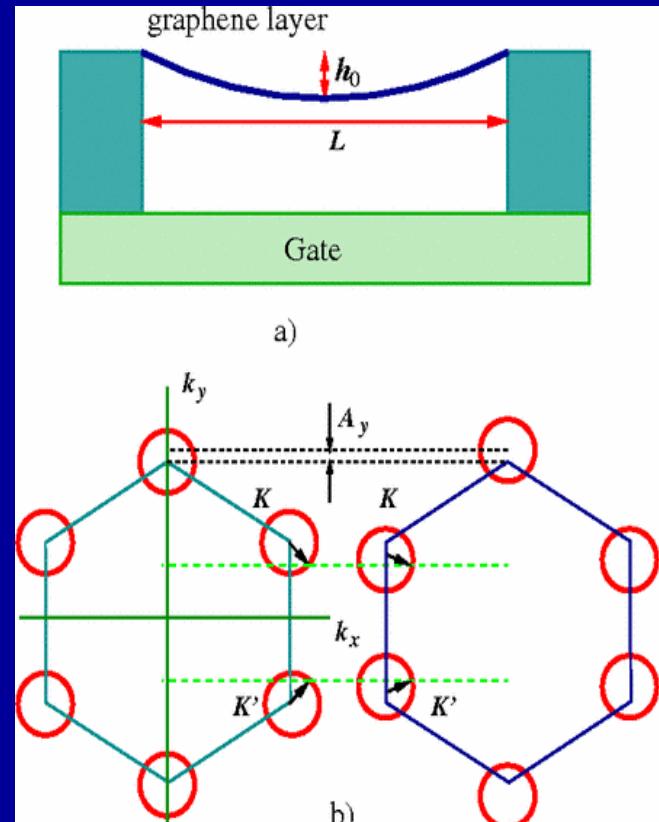
Piezoeconductivity in graphene

Deformation:

- Creates strain: pseudomagnetic gauge fields
- Creates density redistribution; the profile needs in principle to be calculated self-consistently

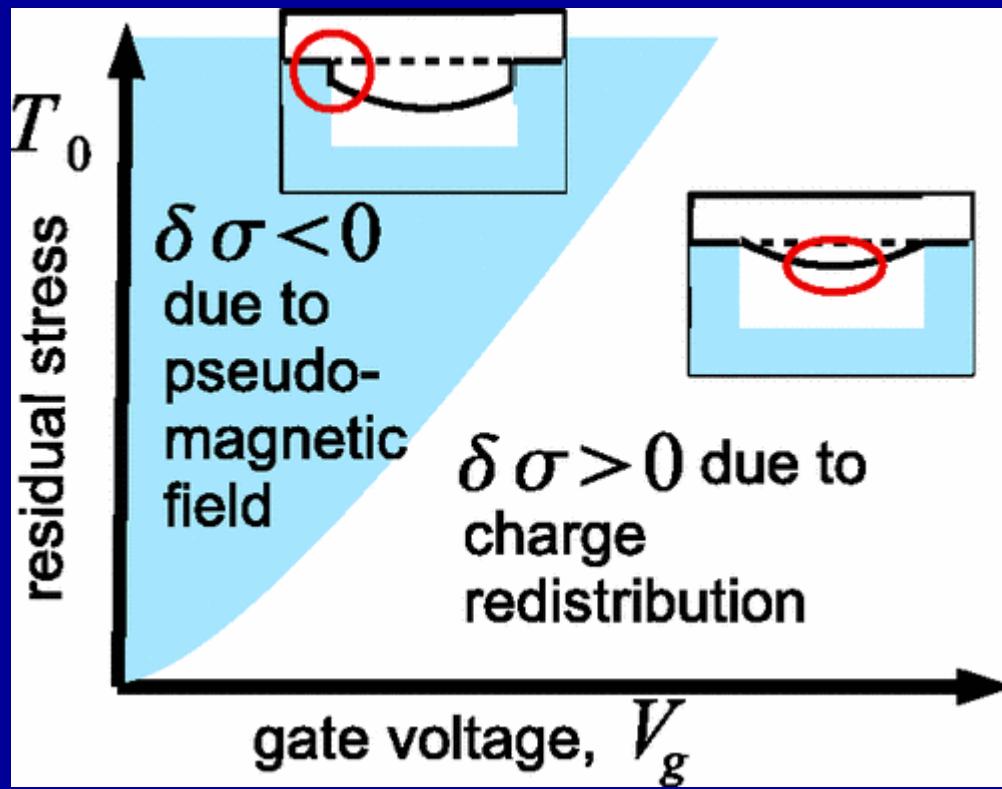
M. Fogler, F. Guinea, M. I. Katsnelson
 Phys. Rev. Lett. **101**, 226804 (2008)

Local shift of the Dirac cones:
 Predicted metal-insulator transition at certain deformation



Piezoelectricity in graphene

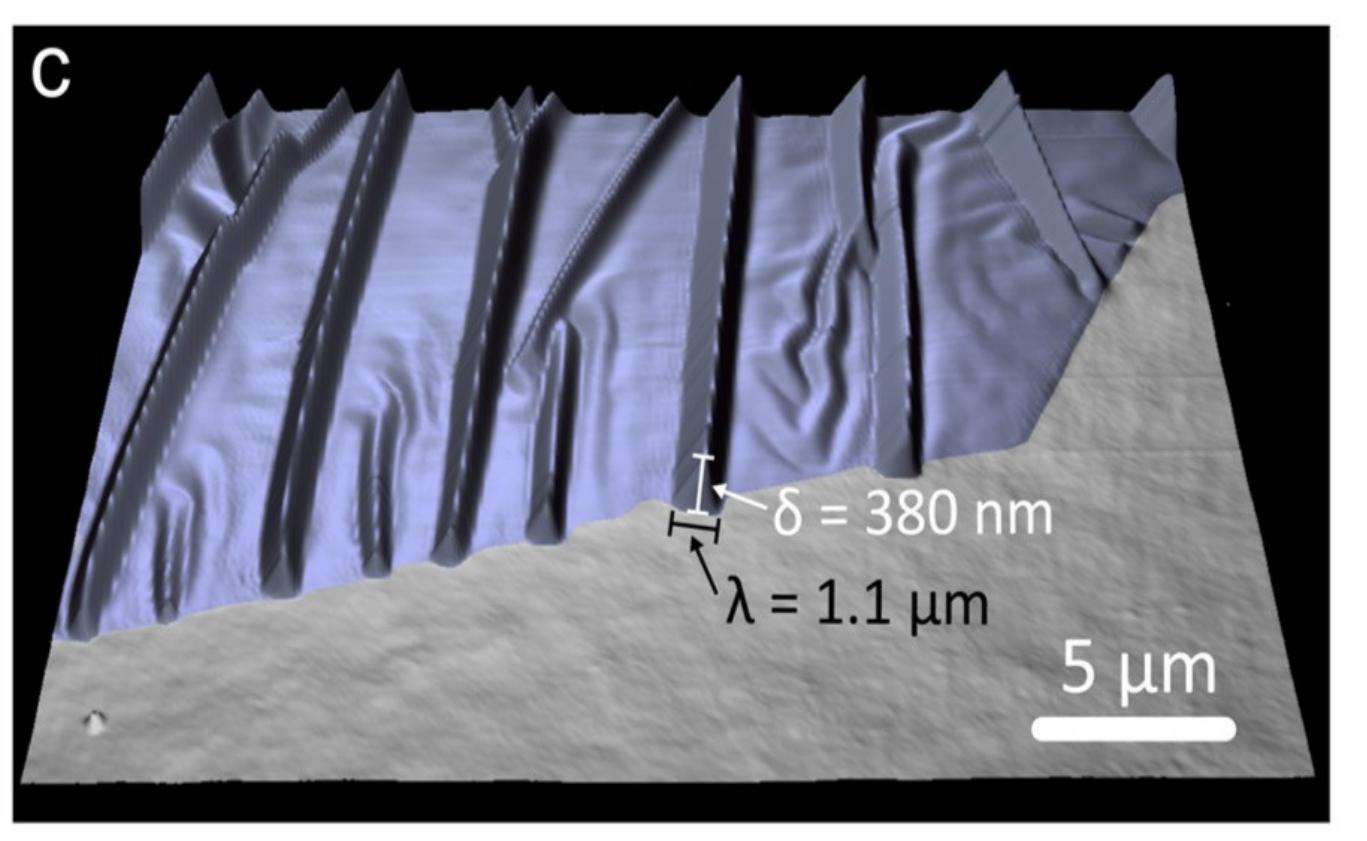
M. V. Medvedyeva and YMB
Phys. Rev. B **83**, 045426 (2011)



Strain engineering in MoS₂

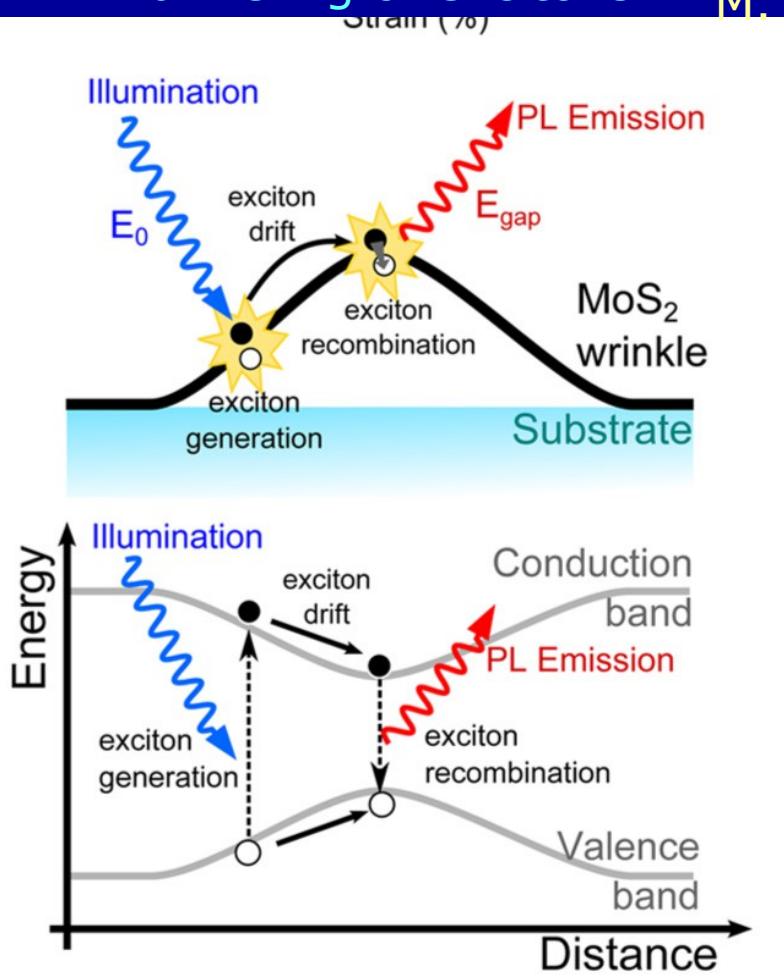
Wrinkles: large strain difference

A. Castellanos-Gomez, R. Roldán, E. Cappelluti,
M. Buschema, F. Guinea, H. S. J. van der Zant,
G. A. Steele, Nano Lett. **13**, 5361 (2013)



Strain engineering in MoS₂

Funneling of excitons



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