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1) Introduction to cavity optomechanics

2) Mechanical state preparation

mechanical mode cooling

optomechanical strong coupling

3) Optomechanical state reconstruction

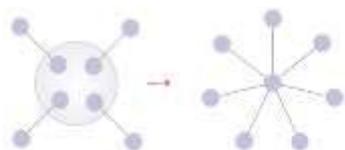
4) Outlook: quantum optomechanics



# quantum optics / quantum information with ... (not complete)

## AMO

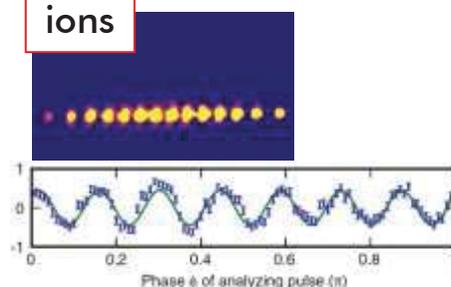
### photons



X.-C. Yao et al.,  
Nature Photonics 6 (12)

$\sim 10^1$  photons

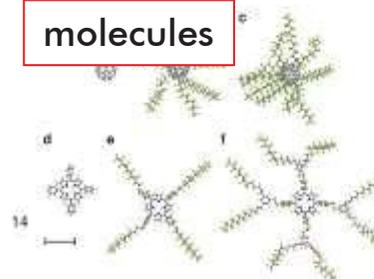
### ions



T. Monz et al.,  
PRL 106 (11)

$\sim 10^1$  ions

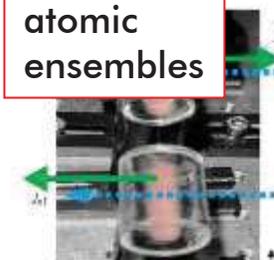
### molecules



S. Gerlich et al.,  
Nature Comm. 2 (11)

$\sim 10^3$  atoms

### atomic ensembles

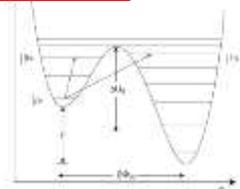


B. Julsgaard et al.,  
Nature 413 (01)

$\sim 10^{12}$  atoms

## Solidstate-based

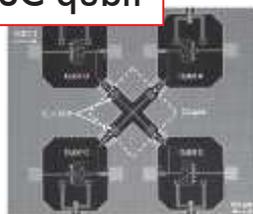
### SQUID



J. R. Friedman et al.,  
Nature 406 (00)

$\sim 10^9$  cooper pairs

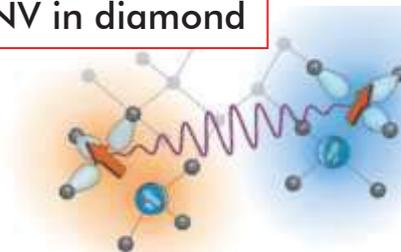
### SC qubit



M. Neeley et al.,  
Nature 467 (10);  
L. DiCarlo, Nature 467 (10)

$< 10^1$  SC qubits

### NV in diamond



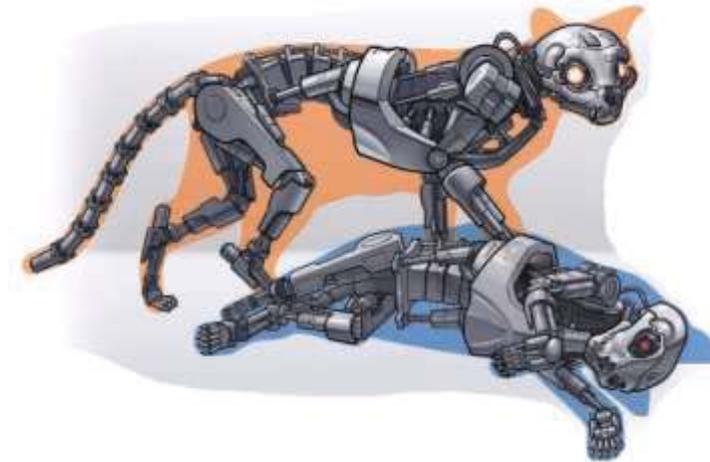
F. Dolde et al.,  
Nature Physics 9 (13)

$< 10^1$  NV centers

towards macroscopic, mechanical objects



mechanical oscillator



$> 10^{14}$  atoms



g – kg

Hz

cm

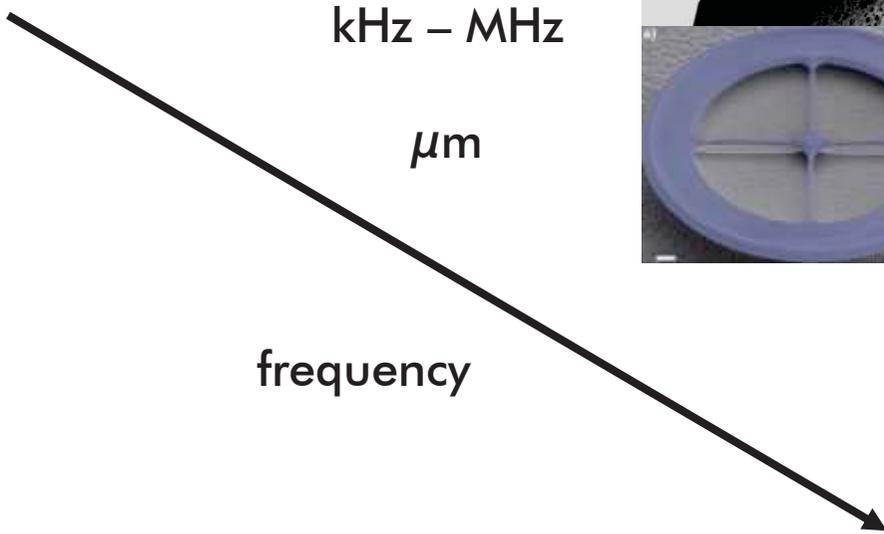
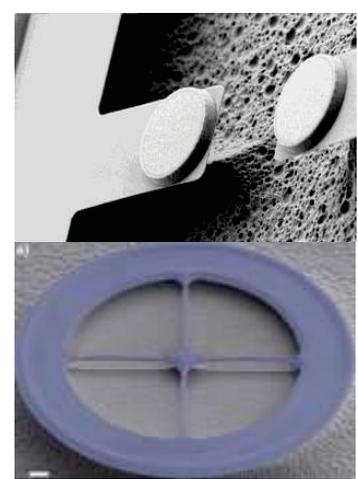


mass

ng - mg

kHz – MHz

$\mu\text{m}$

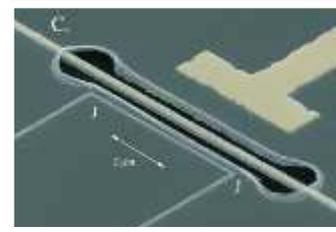
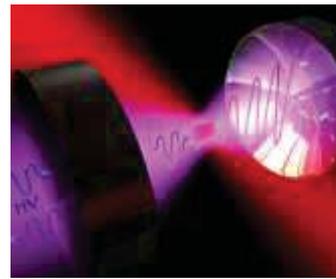


frequency

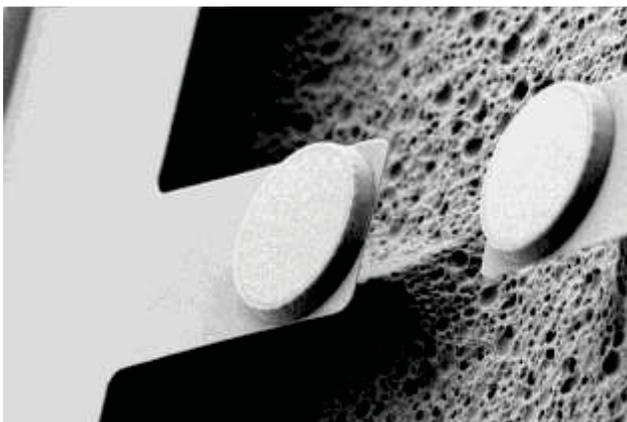
pg - ng

MHz – GHz

nm



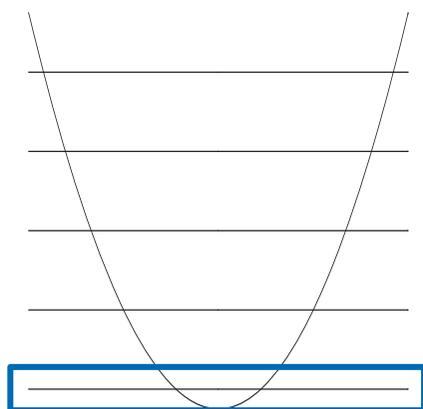
M. Aspelmeyer, T. Kippenberg, F. Marquardt,  
arXiv:1303.0733 [quant-ph] (2013)



undesired  
damping  
(energy loss to environment)

$$\dot{x} = p/m$$
$$\dot{p} = -\omega_m^2 m x - \gamma_m p - \sum_i f_i(t)$$

thermal noise force  
external forces



experimental challenge:

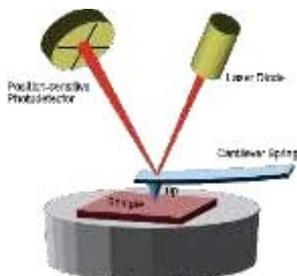
$$\langle E \rangle = \hbar\omega_m \left( \langle n \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$
$$\langle n \rangle = (\exp(\hbar\omega_m/k_B T) - 1)^{-1}$$

example

frequency 1MHz,  $n < 1$ :  $T < 70\mu\text{K}$



What can be done with “quantum”-controlled mechanical oscillators?

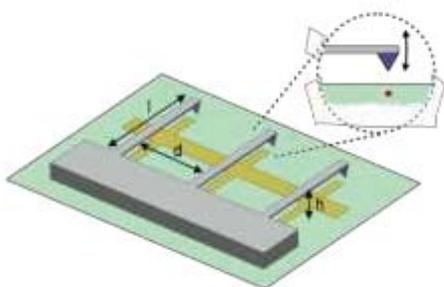


### Mechanical sensing

present performance: yoctogram, yoctonewton, attometer, etc.  
*What are the quantum limits to mechanical sensing?*

### Quantum foundations

macroscopic superpositions involving up to  $10^{20}$  atoms  
*Is there a limit to the size of Schrödinger cats?*



### Quantum information

potential hybrid quantum information architectures on a chip  
*Can mechanical systems serve as a quantum bus / memory?*

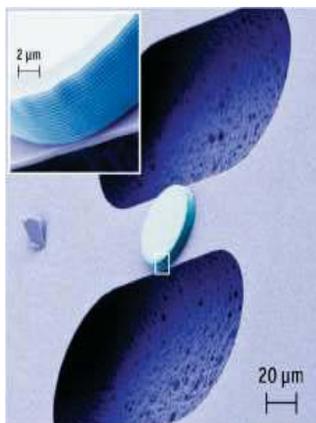
Realization by combining  
tools of quantum optics  
with high-performance micro/nanomechanical systems



# How to control a mechanical oscillator?

photon  
momentum

$$\hbar k$$



S. Gröblacher et al.,  
Nature Physics 5 (09)

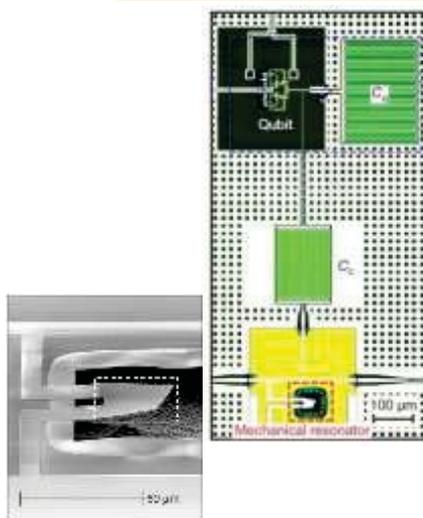
*optical light fields*



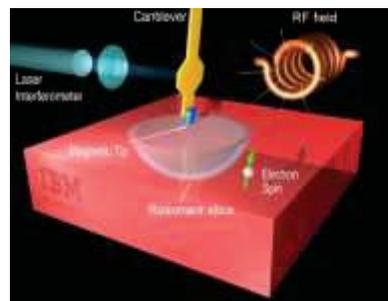
coherent states  
squeezed states  
single photons



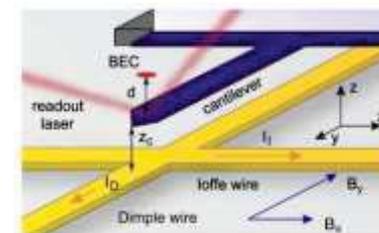
homodyne/heterodyne detection  
single photon counting



A. O'Connell et al.,  
Nature 464 (10)



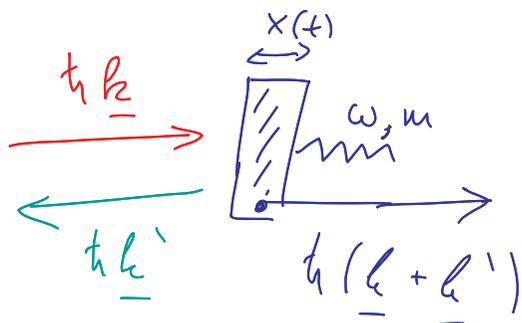
D. Rugar et al.,  
Nature 430 (04)



D. Hunger et al.,  
PRL 104 (10)



interaction via radiation pressure:  
effect of a single photon



energy conservation:

$$\Delta x^2 = \frac{\Delta p^2 / 2m}{m\omega_m^2 / 2}$$

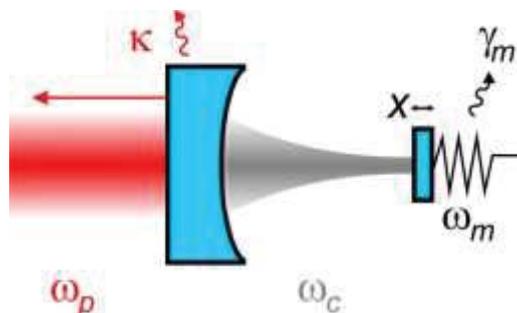
1MHz, 50ng, 1064nm:  $\frac{\Delta x}{x_{z\text{p}}} = 8\pi \frac{x_{z\text{p}}}{\lambda} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-8})$

$$x_{z\text{p}} \sim 10^{-16}\text{m}$$

increase by interaction with coherent state  $n_c \gg 1$



qualitatively and quantitatively new:  
cavity-optomechanics



$$\Delta p = \frac{\mathcal{F}}{\pi} \cdot 2\hbar k \longrightarrow \frac{\Delta x}{x_{zP}} = 8\mathcal{F} \frac{x_{zP}}{\lambda}$$

Finesse up to  $10^4 \dots 10^5$

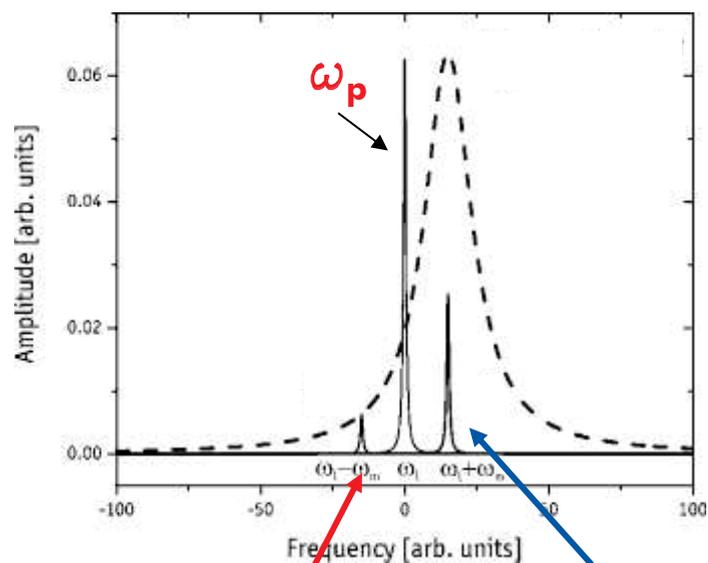
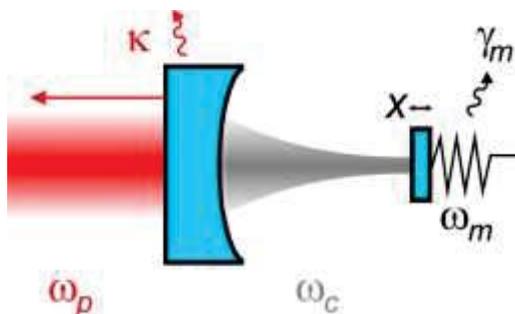
further increase by pumping with coherent input states:  $n_c \gg 1$

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \underbrace{\hbar\omega_c \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}}_{\text{cavity}} + \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega_m (\hat{p}^2 + \hat{x}^2) \underbrace{- \hbar g_0 \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \hat{x}}_{\text{OM interaction}} + \underbrace{i\hbar E (\hat{a}^\dagger e^{-i\omega_p t} - \hat{a} e^{i\omega_p t})}_{\text{drive}}$$

M. Aspelmeyer, T. Kippenberg, F. Marquardt,  
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$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \boxed{\hbar\omega_c \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}} + \frac{1}{2} \hbar\omega_m (\hat{p}^2 + \hat{x}^2) - \hbar g_0 \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \hat{x} + i\hbar E \boxed{\hat{a}^\dagger e^{-i\omega_p t} - \hat{a} e^{i\omega_p t}}$$



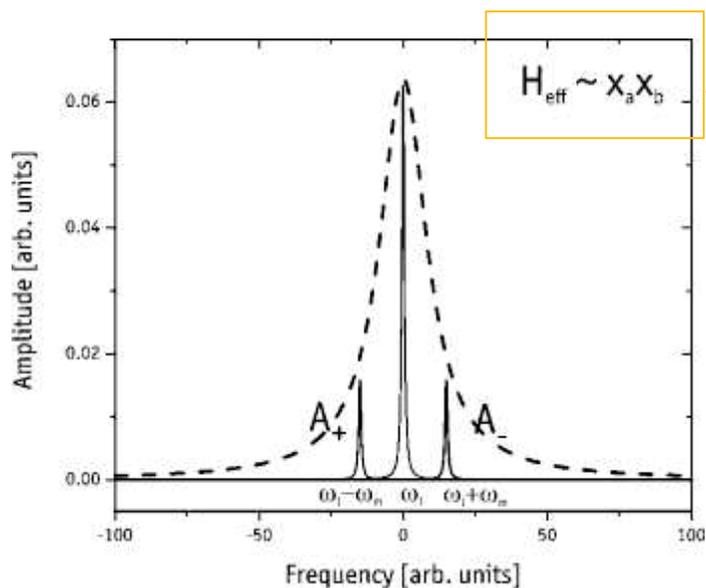
**Stokes Anti-Stokes**

T. Kippenberg, K. Vahala, Science 321 (08)

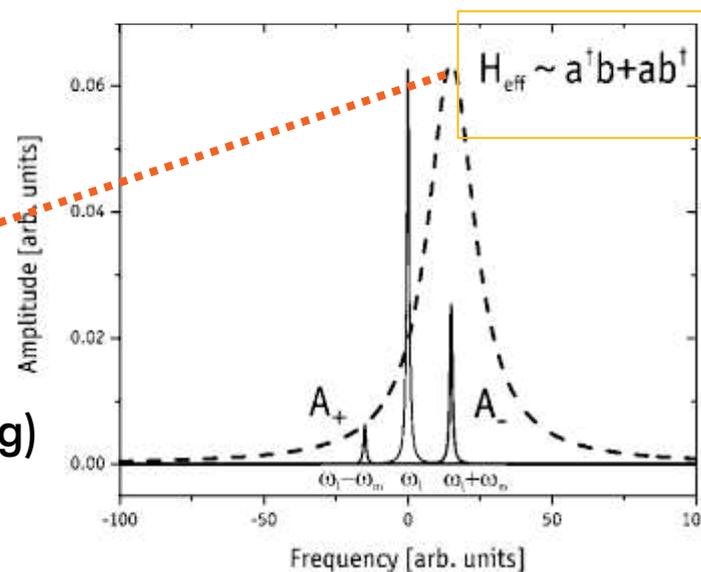
M. Aspelmeyer, K. Schwab, NJP 10 (08)

F. Marquardt, S. Girvin, Physics 2 (09)

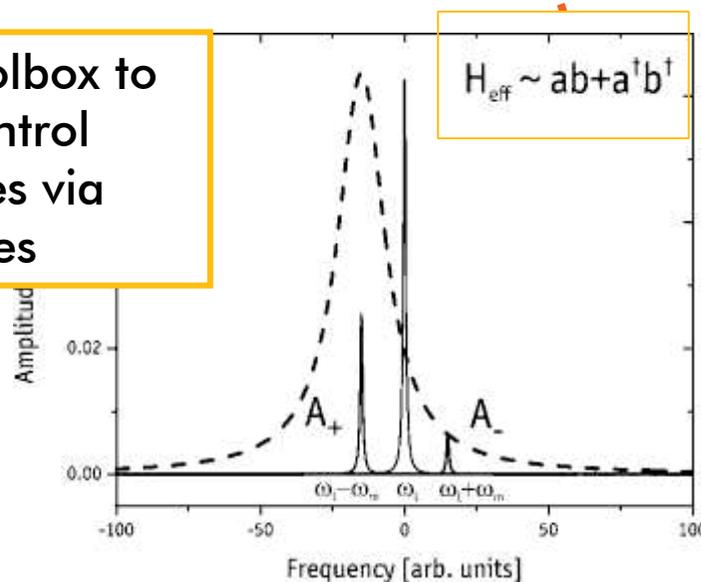
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- QND (photon number)
- Beamsplitter (cooling)
- TM squeezer (parametric driving)



quantum optics toolbox to prepare and control mechanical states via photonic states



approximations:

- $n_c \gg 1$
- $g \ll \omega_m$



What is the quantum regime of a mechanical oscillator?

### state initialization

minimum entropy mechanical states  
(e.g. ground state via side-band cooling)

- A. O'Connell, Nature 464 (10)
- J. Teufel et al., Nature 475 (11)
- J. Chan et al., Nature 478 (11)
- E. Verhagen et al., Nature 482 (12)

$$\langle n \rangle \lesssim 1$$

### coherent photon-phonon exchange

(strong optomechanical coupling)

- S. Gröblacher et al., Nature 460 (09)
- J. Teufel et al., Nature 471 (11)
- E. Verhagen et al., Nature 482 (12)

$$\Gamma_m \ll \kappa \ll \omega_m, g$$

### state preparation and verification

- Palomaki et al., Nature 495 (13)

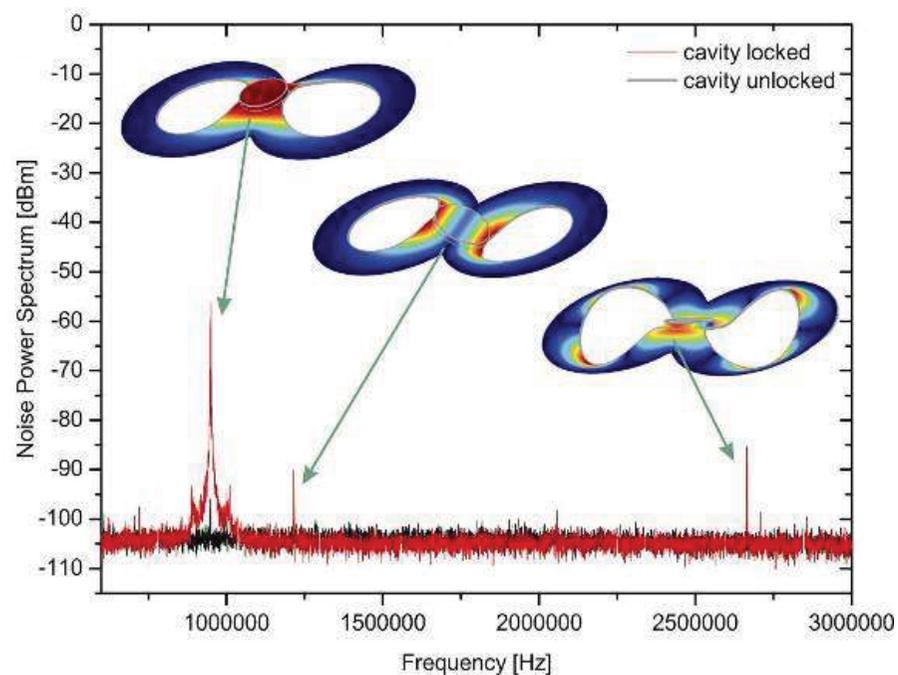


## Cavity-optomechanics in practice with a 1MHz mechanical oscillator

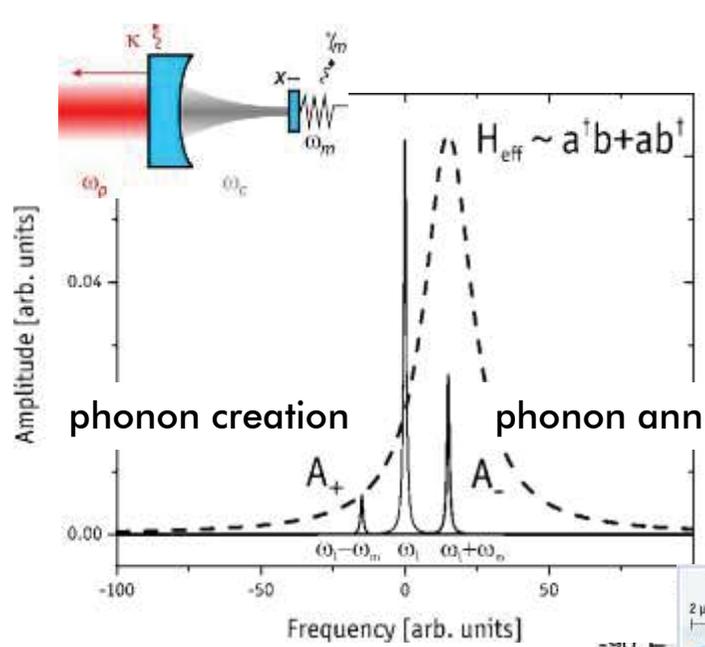
Hybrid  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$  &  $\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5/\text{SiO}_2$



dimensions:  $150 \times 50 \times 1 \mu\text{m}^3$   
reflectivity  $> 0.9999$  (absorption  $< 0.4\text{ppm}$ )  
Finesse  $\sim 20000$ , up to  $\kappa \sim 0.2\omega_m$   
 $Q_m \sim 30000$  at low T,  $m_{\text{eff}} \sim 50\text{ng}$

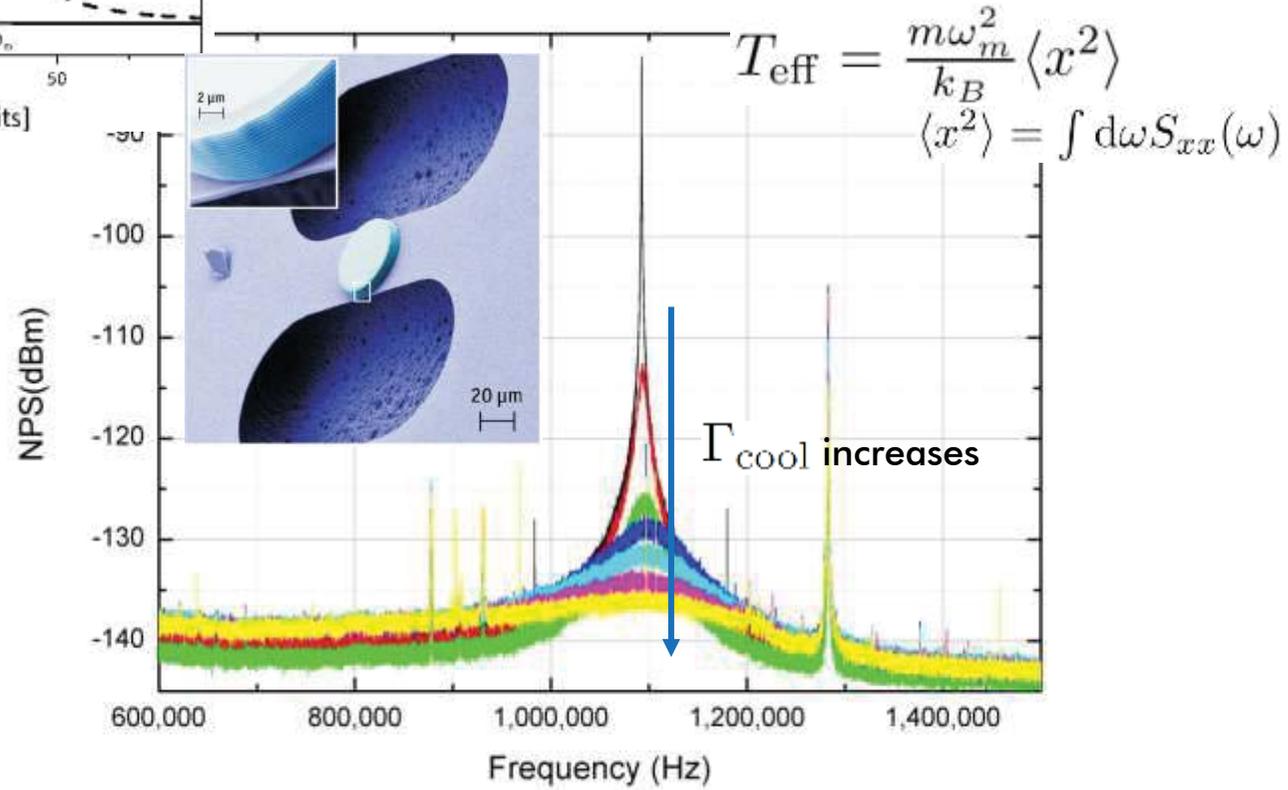


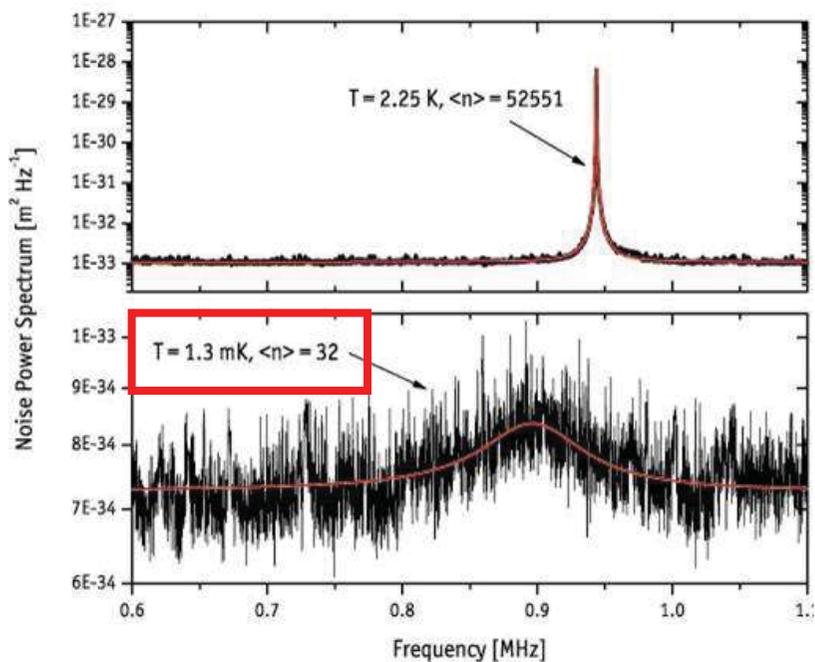
S. Gröblacher et al., Nature Physics 5 (09)



$$\Gamma_{cool} = A_- - A_+$$

$$\langle n \rangle_{eff} = \frac{\gamma_m \bar{n} + A_+}{\gamma_m + \Gamma_{cool}}$$



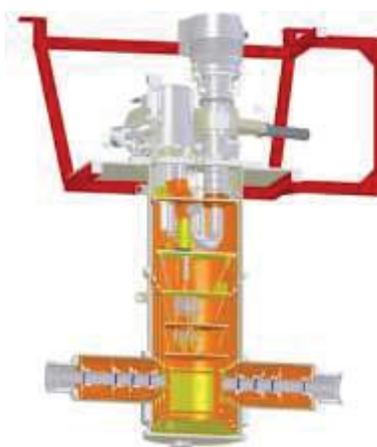


S. Gröblacher et al., Nature Physics 5 (09)

$$\langle n \rangle_{eff} = \frac{\gamma_m \bar{n} + A_+}{\gamma_m + \Gamma_{cool}}$$

reduction of bath occupation  
via lower bath temperatures  
(mostly also decrease in  $\gamma_m$ )

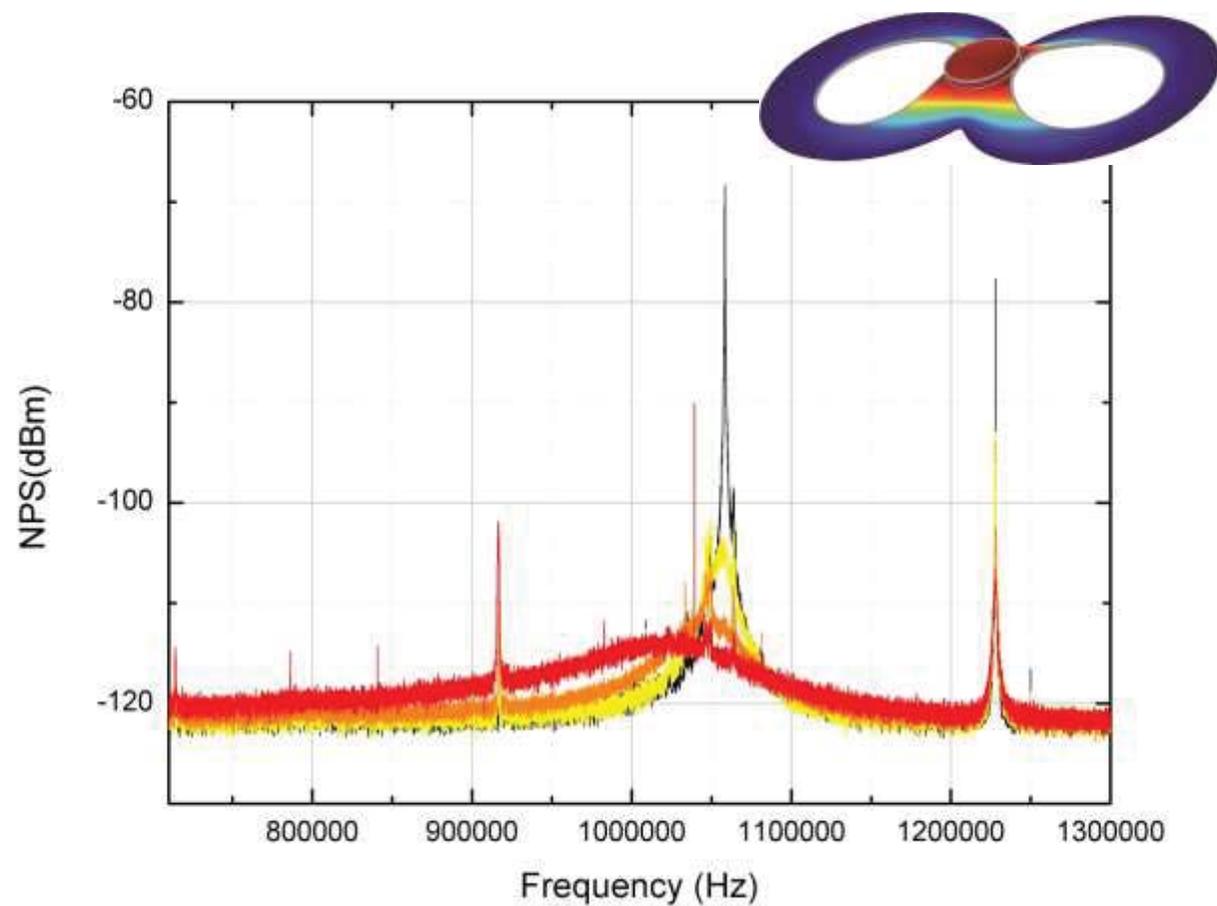
T	$\langle n \rangle$ for $\omega_m/2\pi = 1\text{MHz}$
4.2K	87000
20mK	420





preliminary data

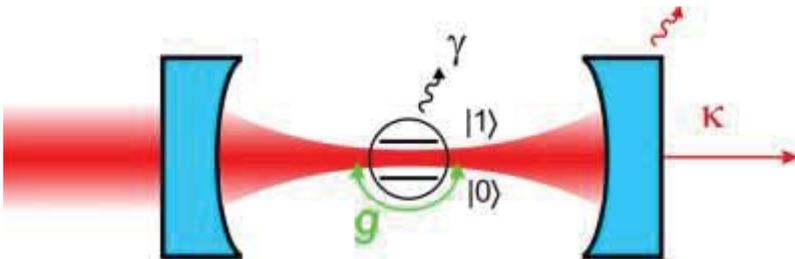
Finesse  $\sim 17000$ ,  $T \sim 200\text{mK}$ ,  $m_{\text{eff}} \sim 350\text{ng}$



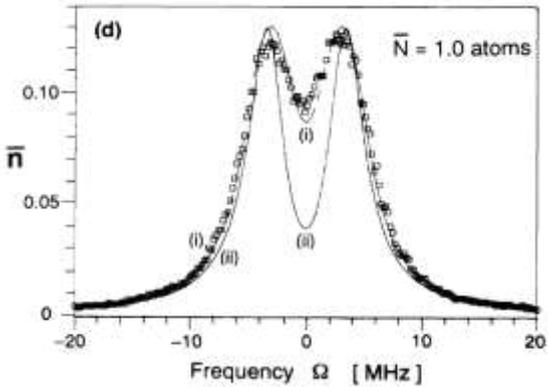
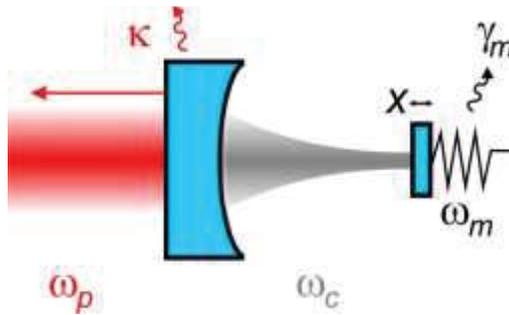


strong coupling  $g > \kappa, \gamma_m$

cavityQED



optomechanics



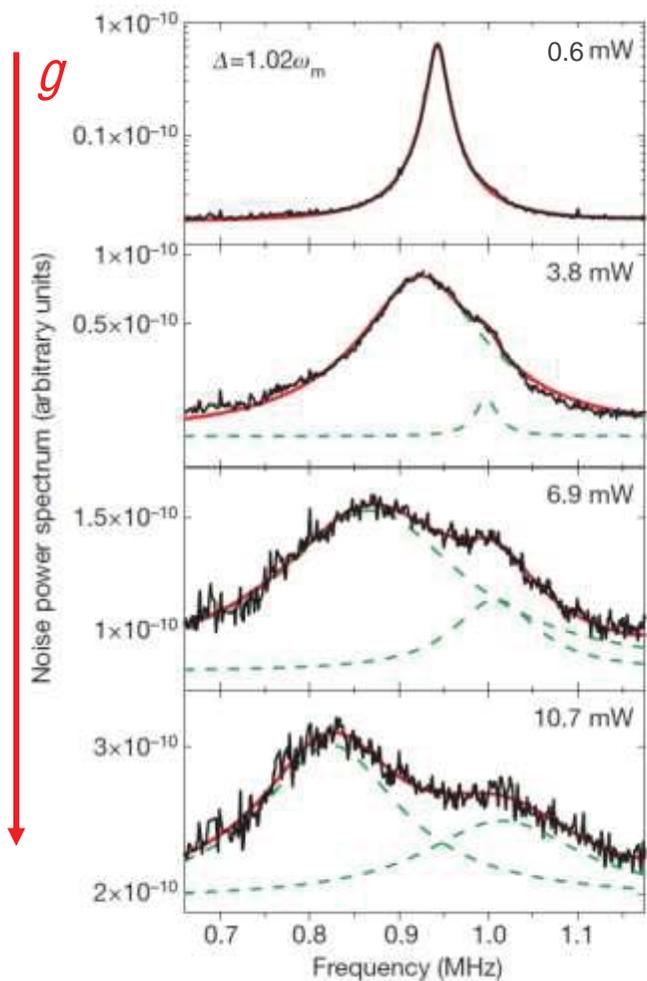
mechanical oscillator:  $\omega_m$   
 light: effective harmonic oscillator at  
 $|\Delta| = |\omega_p - \omega_c| = \omega_m$   
 coherent interaction:  
 signature normal mode splitting

R. J. Thompson et al., PRL 68 (92)

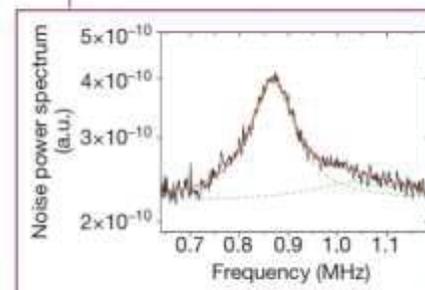
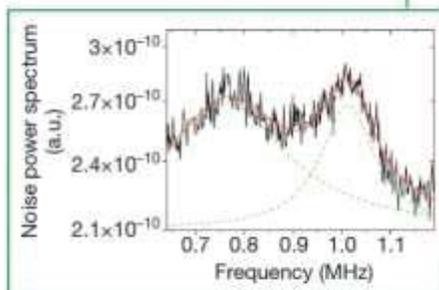
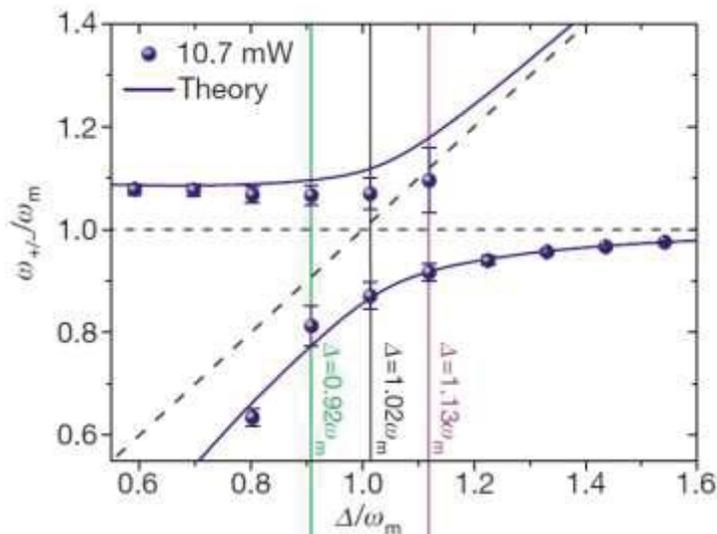
F. Marquardt et al., PRL 99 (07)  
 J. Dobrindt et al., PRL 101 (08)



# optomechanical normal mode splitting @ RT



Finesse 14000,  $Q_m = 6700$  at RT,  $m_{eff} = 145\text{ng}$



$$g \approx 2\pi \times 325 \text{ kHz}$$

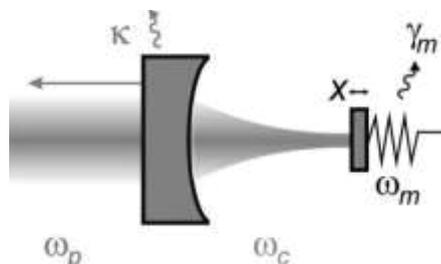
$$\kappa = 2\pi \times 215 \text{ kHz}$$

$$\gamma_m = 2\pi \times 140 \text{ Hz}$$

S. Gröblacher et al., Nature 460 (09)



optomechanical state reconstruction  
*verification of prepared optomechanical states*



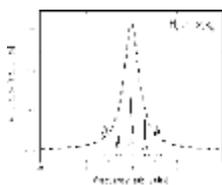
$$x_m(\theta) = x_m \cos \theta + p_m \sin \theta$$

$(x_m, p_m)$  - only indirect read-out via light field

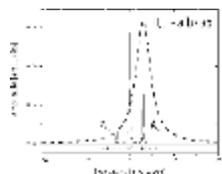
$$x_l(\phi) = x_l \cos \phi + y_l \sin \phi$$

$(x_l, y_l)$  - direct read-out

different regimes:



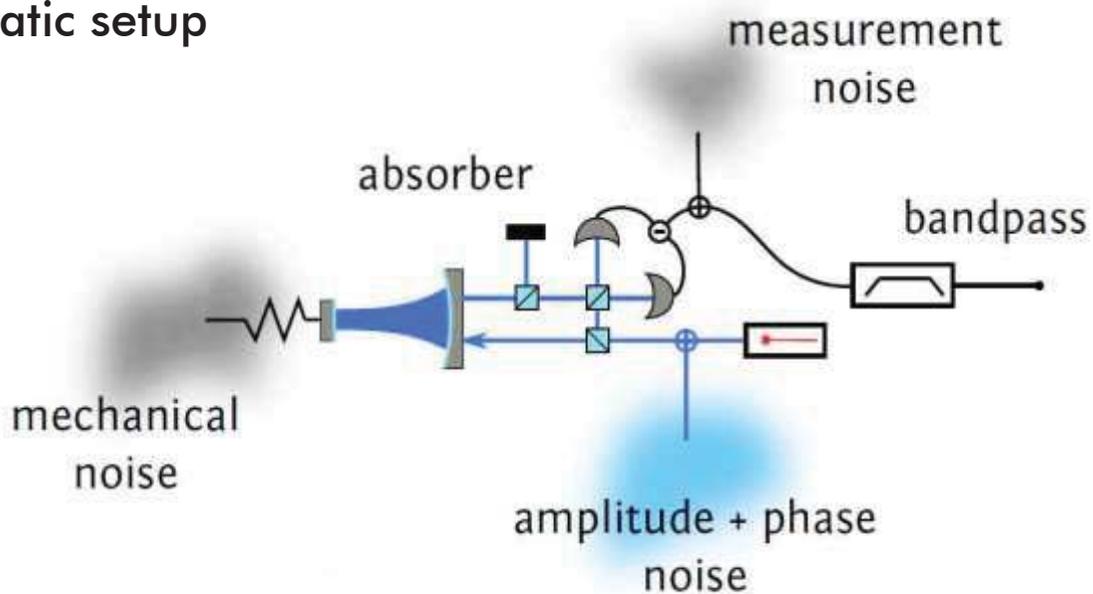
$$\Delta = 0 \rightarrow x_m(\theta(\kappa, \omega_m)) \text{ via } y_l$$



$$\Delta = \omega_m \rightarrow x_l x_m + y_l p_m$$

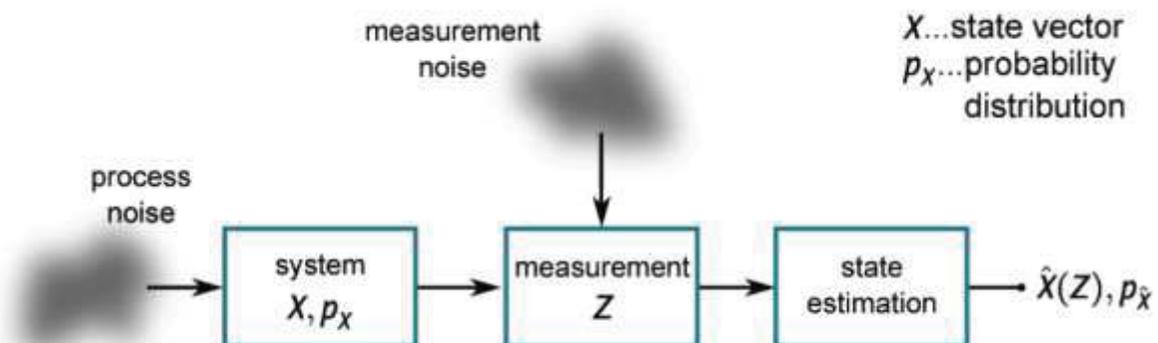


## Schematic setup



## Kalman-filter

*known from classical signal processing and used for state estimation*



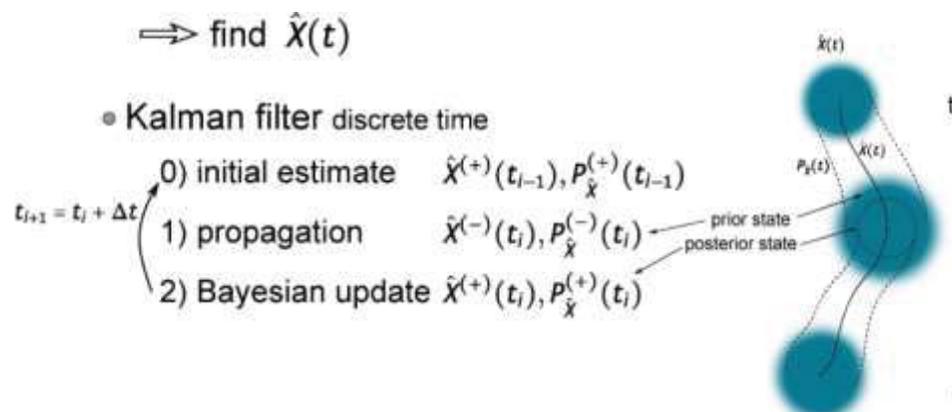


Physical model

$$\begin{aligned}
 X &= \begin{cases} \dot{x}_m &= \omega_m p_m \\ \dot{p}_m &= -\omega_m x_m - \gamma_m p_m - g(a_c + a_c^\dagger) - \sqrt{2\gamma_m} \xi \\ \dot{a}_c &= -i\Delta a_c - \kappa a_c - igx_m + \sqrt{2\kappa} a_{\text{in}} \end{cases} \\
 Z &= \{ x_{\text{out}} = \sqrt{2\kappa} x_c(\phi) + x_{\text{in}}(\phi) \}
 \end{aligned}$$

Gaussian

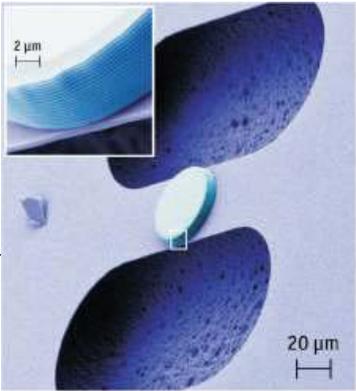
Reconstruction  
via Kalman filter



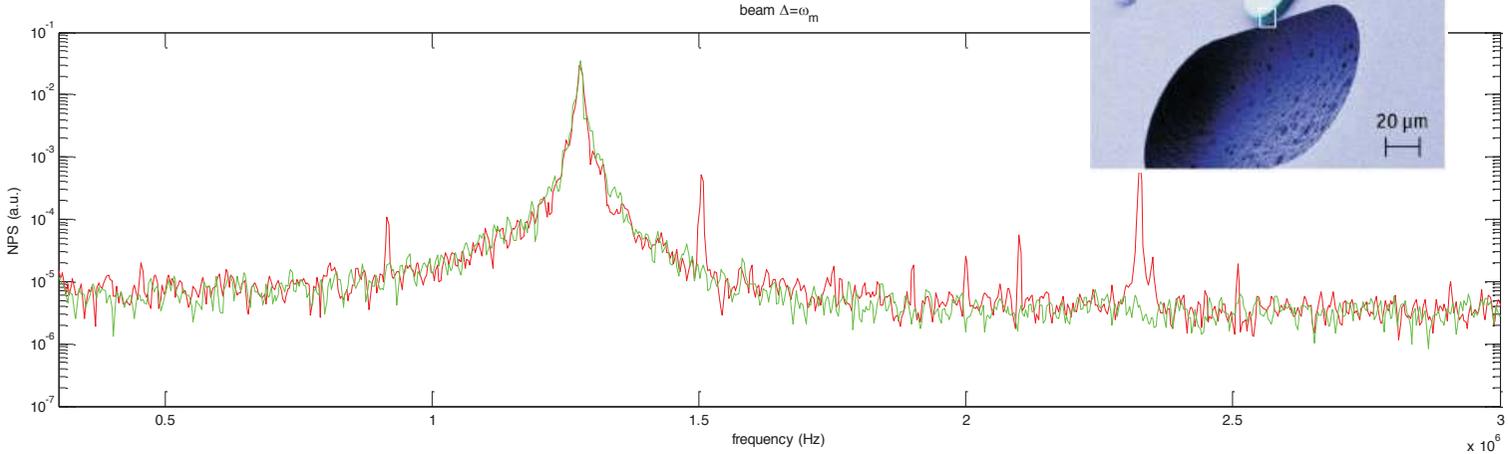
minimizes error covariance

$$P = \langle [X - \hat{X}(Z)][X - \hat{X}(Z)]^T \rangle$$

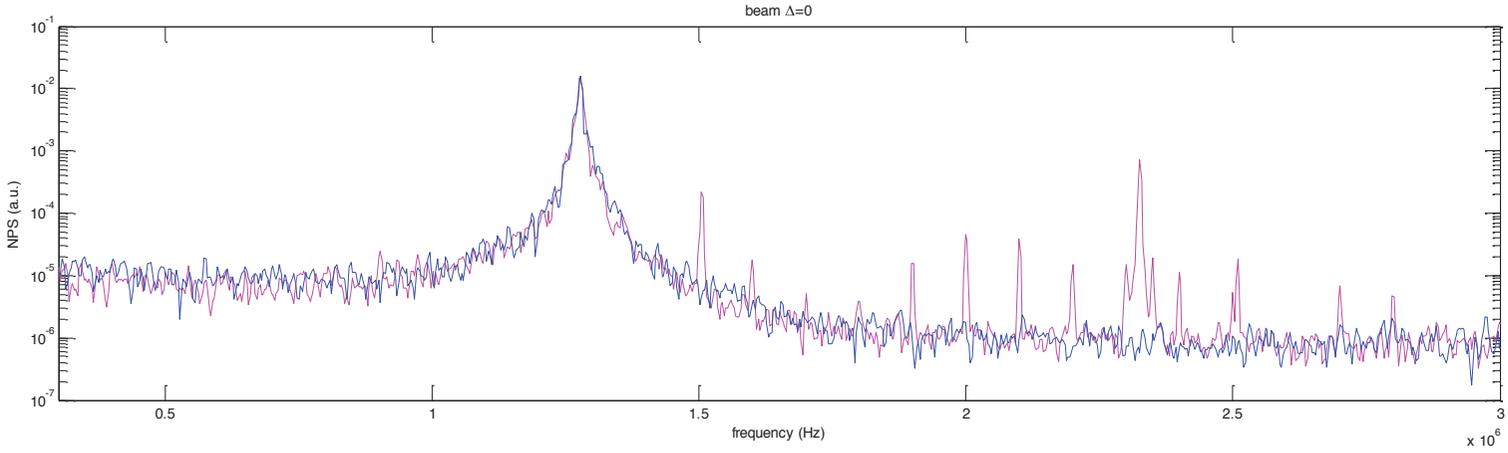
# Comparison: NPS of simulated vs. real data



NPS  $\Delta = \omega_m$



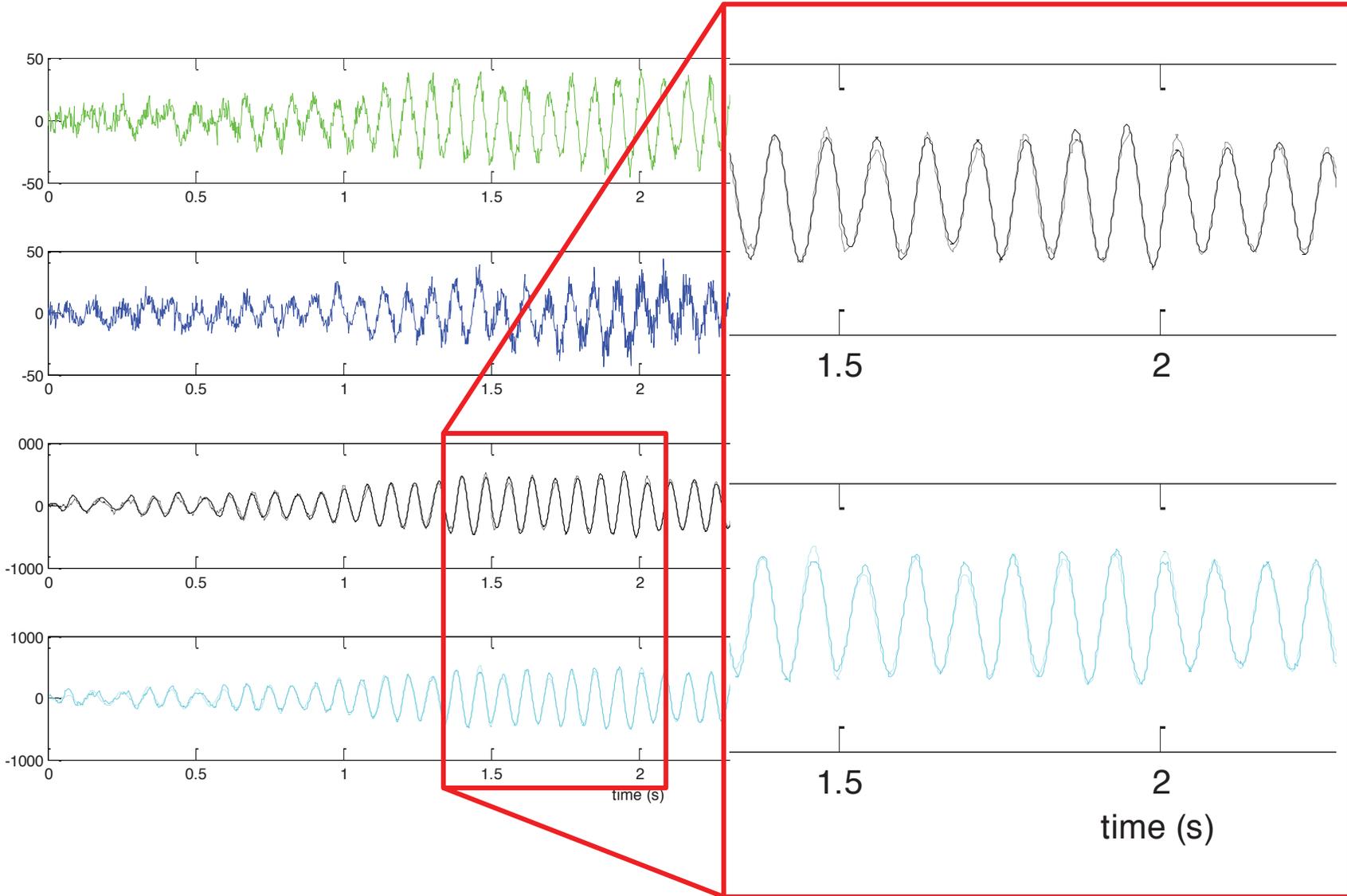
NPS  $\Delta = 0$





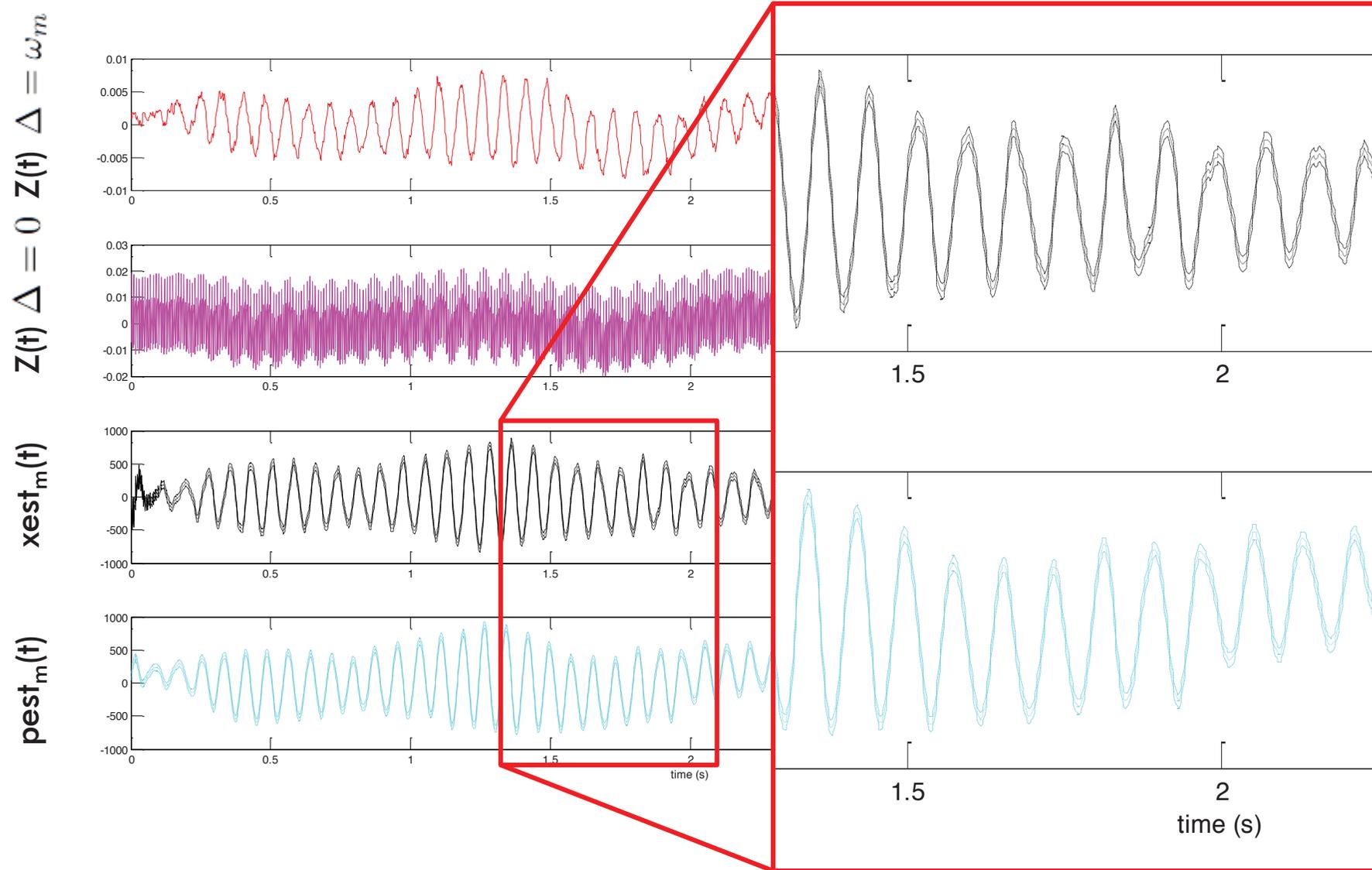
# Simulated data and its reconstruction

$Z(t) \Delta = 0$   
 $x_m, x_{est_m}(t)$   
 $p_m, p_{est_m}(t)$





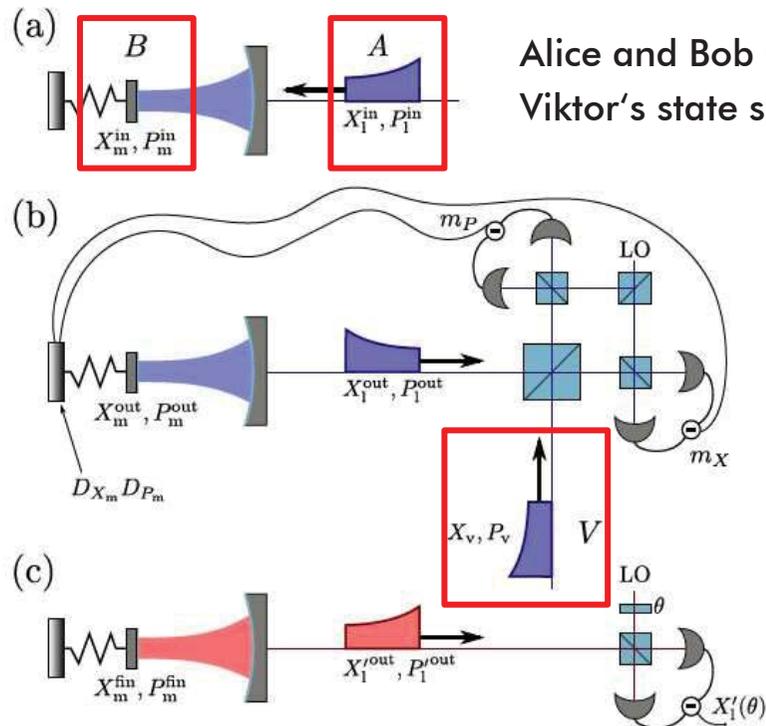
# Real data and its reconstruction



# Where do we want to go?

## Optomechanical teleportation *state preparation*

collaboration with K. Hammerer,  
University of Hannover  
Hofer et al., PRA 84 (2011)



Alice and Bob share an entangled state  
Viktor's state shall be teleported to Bob

teleportation fidelity

$$F_{\text{tp}} = (1 + \Delta_{\text{EPR}}/2)^{-1}$$

better than classical, if

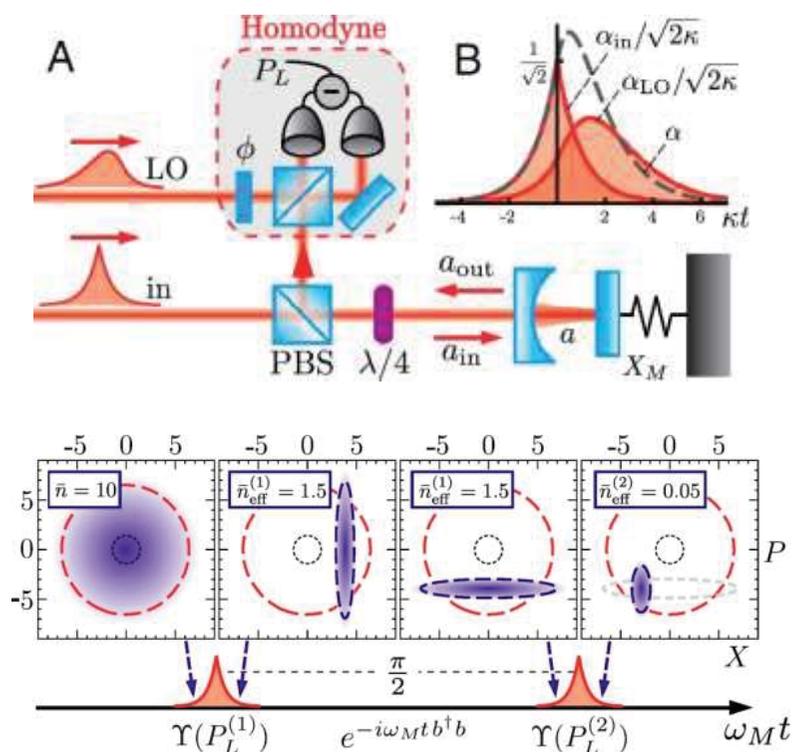
$$\Delta_{\text{EPR}} < 2$$

$\omega_m/2\pi$	$Q_m$	$T_{\text{bath}}$	$\bar{n}$	$n_0$	$g_0/2\pi$	$\kappa_{\text{opt}}/2\pi$	$\tau_{\text{opt}}$	$P_{\text{opt}}$	$g_{\text{opt}}/2\pi$	$\Delta_{\text{EPR}}$
3.8 MHz	$10^5$	200 mK	1100	0.0	4.8 Hz	3.2 MHz	$2.5 \mu\text{s}$	30 mW	0.97 MHz	0.7
3.7 GHz	$10^5$	200 mK	0.7	0.7	910.0 kHz	0.26 GHz	$0.41 \mu\text{s}$	$6 \mu\text{W}$	0.032 GHz	0.1
3.7 GHz	$10^5$	1 K	3.7	3.7	910.0 kHz	0.31 GHz	$0.30 \mu\text{s}$	$8 \mu\text{W}$	0.040 GHz	0.5



## Optomechanical quantum control

*mechanical state preparation  
and characterization*

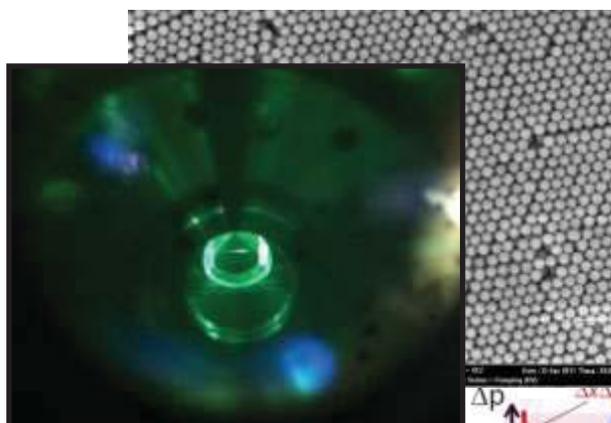
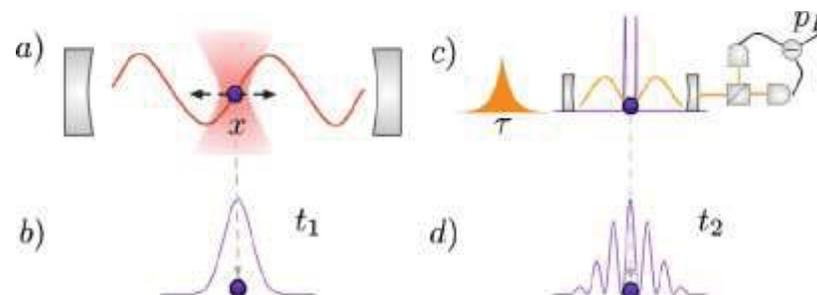


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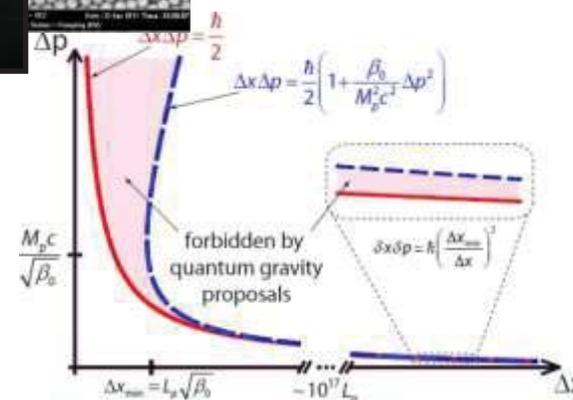
## Foundational questions

*testing collapse models  
testing predictions of quantum gravity*



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## Summary

Cavity optomechanical systems as new building blocks in quantum optics

state initialization:

low-entropy state

state preparation:

by means of strong coupling and state transfer

teleportation

pulsed optomechanics

state read-out and verification:

reconstruction via Kalman filter



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