Cavity optomechanics: – interactions between light and nanomechanical motion

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Radiation pressure



(Comet Hale-Bopp; by Robert Allevo)

Radiation pressure





Johannes Kepler De Cometis, 1619

Radiation pressure

Nichols and Hull, 1901 Lebedev, 1901

A PRELIMINARY COMMUNICATION ON THE PRESSURE OF HEAT AND LIGHT RADIATION.

BY E. F. NICHOLS AND G. F. HULL.

MAXWELL,¹ dealing mathematically with the stresses in an electro-magnetic field, reached the conclusion that "in a medium in which waves are propagated there is a pressure normal to the waves and numerically equal to the energy in unit volume."



Nichols and Hull, Physical Review **13**, 307 (1901)

Radiation forces



Trapping and cooling

- Optical tweezers
- Optical lattices

...but usually no back-action from motion onto light!

Optomechanics on different length scales



LIGO – Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory

$$\omega_M \sim 1 \text{kHz} - 1 \text{GHz}$$

$$m \sim 10^{-12} - 10^{-10} \text{kg}$$

$$x_{\text{ZPF}} \sim 10^{-16} - 10^{-14} \text{m}$$

$$x_{\text{ZPF}} = \sqrt{\hbar/(2m\omega_M)} \checkmark$$

Mirror on cantilever – Bouwmeester lab, Santa Barbara (2006)















$\hat{H} = \hbar \omega_{\rm cav}(\hat{x})\hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{a} + \hbar \omega_M \hat{b}^{\dagger}\hat{b} + \dots$

...any dielectric moving inside a cavity generates an optomechanical interaction!

The zoo of optomechanical (and analogous) systems



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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

small displacements, masses, forces, and accelerations

50 µm 100 µm Tang lab (Yale)

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

Towards the quantum regime of mechanical motion



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The quantum mechanic's toolbox

Putting Mechanics into Quantum Mechanics

Nanoelectromechanical structures are starting to approach the ultimate quantum mechanical limits for detecting and exciting motion at the nanoscale. Nonclassical states of a mechanical resonator are also on the horizon.

Keith C. Schwab and Michael L. Roukes

everything moves! In a world dominated by electronic devices and instruments it is easy to forget that all measurements involve motion, whether it be the motion of electrons through a transistor, Cooper pairs or quasiparticles through a superconducting quantum interference device (SQUID), photons through an optical interferometer-or the simple displacement of a mechanical element

achieved to read out those devices, now bring us to the realm of quantum mechanical systems.

The quantum realm

What conditions are required to observe the quantum properties of a mechanical structure, and what can we learn when we encounter them? Such questions have received

Schwab and Roukes, Physics Today 2005

nano-electro-mechanical systems
 Superconducting qubit coupled to nanoresonator: Cleland & Martinis 2010

optomechanical systems

Laser-cooling towards the ground state



Optomechanics (Outline)



Optical displacement detection



Thermal fluctuations of a harmonic oscillator



Classical equipartition theorem:

$$\frac{m\omega_M^2}{2} \langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{k_B T}{2} \Rightarrow \langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{k_B T}{m\omega_M^2}$$
extract temperature!

•Direct time-resolved detection

Analyze fluctuation spectrum of x

Fluctuation spectrum



Fluctuation spectrum



Fluctuation-dissipation theorem

General relation between noise spectrum and linear response susceptibility

$$\langle \delta x \rangle (\omega) = \chi_{xx}(\omega) F(\omega)$$

susceptibility
 $S_{xx}(\omega) = \frac{2k_B T}{\omega} \operatorname{Im} \chi_{xx}(\omega)$ (classical limit)

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for the damped oscillator:
$$m\ddot{x} + m\omega_M^2 x + m\Gamma\dot{x} = F$$

$$x(\omega) = \frac{1}{m(\omega_M^2 - \omega^2) - im\Gamma\omega} F(\omega)$$

$$\chi_{xx}(\omega)$$

for

General relation between noise spectrum and linear response susceptibility



Displacement spectrum



Teufel et al., Nature 2011

Measurement noise



Measurement noise



Two contributions to $x_{noise}(t)$

- I. measurement imprecision laser beam (shot noise limit!)
- 2. measurement back-action:
- fluctuating force on system
- noisy radiation pressure force

"Standard Quantum Limit"



Best case allowed by quantum mechanics:

 $S_{xx}^{(\text{meas})}(\omega) \ge 2 \cdot S_{xx}^{T=0}(\omega) \qquad \text{``Standard quantum limit} \\ (SQL) \text{ of displacement} \\ \text{detection''}$

...as if adding the zero-point fluctuations a second time: "adding half a photon"

Notes on the SQL



- "weak measurement": integrating the signal over time to suppress the noise
- trying to detect slowly varying "quadratures of motion": $\hat{x}(t) = \hat{X}_1 \cos(\omega_M t) + \hat{X}_2 \sin(\omega_M t)$ $\left[\hat{X}_1, \hat{X}_2\right] = 2x_{\text{ZPF}}^2$ Heisenberg is the reason for SQL! no limit for instantaneous measurement of x(t)!
- SQL means: detect $\hat{X}_{1,2}$ down to x_{ZPF} on a time scale $1/\Gamma$ Impressive: $x_{\text{ZPF}} \sim 10^{-15} m$!

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$$F_{\text{rad}}(x) = 2I(x)/c$$

$$\frac{\lambda}{2\mathcal{F}} \qquad \lambda/2$$

$$V_{\text{rad}}(x)$$

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$$V_{\text{eff}} = V_{\text{rad}} + V_{\text{HO}}$$

$$x$$

Experimental proof of static bistability: A. Dorsel, J. D. McCullen, P. Meystre, E. Vignes and H. Walther: Phys. Rev. Lett. 51, 1550 (1983)



Basic physics: dynamics



Equations of motion



Equations of motion


Linearized optomechanics

$$\alpha(t) = \bar{\alpha} + \delta \alpha(t)$$
$$x(t) = \bar{x} + \delta x(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow$$
(solve for arbitrary $F_{\text{ext}}(\omega)$)

$$\delta x(\omega) = \frac{1}{m(\omega_M^2 - \omega^2) - im\omega\Gamma + \Sigma(\omega)} F_{\text{ext}}(\omega)$$

$$\chi_{xx}^{\text{eff}}(\omega)$$

$$\delta \omega_M^2 = \frac{1}{m} \text{Re}\Sigma(\omega_M)$$

$$\int_{\text{opt}} \text{Optomechanical frequency shift ("optical spring")}}_{\Gamma_{\text{opt}} = -\frac{1}{m\omega_M}} \text{Im}\Sigma(\omega_M)$$
Effective optomechanical damping rate

Linearized dynamics



Linearized dynamics



Optomechanical Hamiltonian



Quantum optomechanics: Linearized Hamiltonian

$$\hat{a} = \alpha + \delta \hat{a}$$

large amplitude quantum fluctuations
(laser drive)

Sufficient to explain (almost) all current optomechanical experiments in the quantum regime

Mechanics & Optics

After linearization: two linearly coupled harmonic oscillators!



Different regimes



Optomechanics (Outline)



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Beyond some laser input power threshold: instability Cantilever displacement x Amplitude A Time t

An optomechanical cell as a Hopf oscillator



Amplitude fixed, phase undetermined!











Höhberger, Karrai, IEEE proceedings 2004

Carmon, Rokhsari, Yang, Kippenberg, Vahala, PRL 2005

FM, Harris, Girvin, PRL 2006

Metzger et al., PRL 2008



Coupled oscillators?

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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

Classical nonlinear collective dynamics: Synchronization in an optomechanical array



Experiments (two cells, joint optical mode)

Michal Lipson lab, Cornell





Hong Tang lab, Yale



(Zhang et al., PRL 2012)

Effective Kuramoto model



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Effective Kuramoto-type model for coupled Hopf oscillators:

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

Effective Kuramoto model



Synchronization in optomechanical arrays



Optomechanical arrays

Optomechanical array: Many coupled optomechanical cells





mechanical mode





Possible design based on "snowflake" 2D optomechanical crystal (Painter group), here: with suitable defects forming a superlattice (array of cells)

Pattern formation in optomechanical arrays



Transition towards coherent mechanical oscillations



Mechanical quantum states

Incoherent mechan. oscillations (weak inter-cell coupling)

Mechanical Wigner density shows incoherent mixture of all possible oscillation phases



Coherent mechan. oscillations (strong inter-cell coupling)

Mechanical Wigner density shows preferred phase (coherent state) – spontaneous symmetry breaking!



Transition towards coherent mechanical oscillations

$$\langle \hat{b} \rangle(t) = \bar{b} + r e^{-i\Omega_{\rm eff}t}$$
 "order parameter" ("mechanical coherence")



Max Ludwig, FM, PRL 111, 073603 (2013): Quantum many-body dynamics in optomechanical arrays

Optomechanics (Outline)



Cooling with light



Current goal in the field: ground state of mechanical motion of a macroscopic cantilever



Classical theory:

Pioneering theory and experiments: **Braginsky** (since 1960s)

 $T_{\rm eff} = T \cdot \frac{\Gamma_M}{\Gamma_{\rm opt} + \Gamma_M}$ $T_{\rm optomechanical damping rate}$

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 $k_B T_{\rm eff} \ll \hbar \omega_M$

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Cooling with light



Quantum picture: Raman scattering – sideband cooling

Original idea:

Sideband cooling in ion traps – Hänsch, Schawlow / Wineland, Dehmelt 1975

Similar ideas proposed for nanomechanics:

cantilever + quantum dot – Wilson-Rae, Zoller, Imamoglu 2004 cantilever + Cooper-pair box – Martin Shnirman, Tian, Zoller 2004 cantilever + ion – Tian, Zoller 2004 cantilever + supercond. SET – Clerk, Bennett / Blencowe, Imbers, Armour 2005, Naik et al. (Schwab group) 2006

Quantum noise approach


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Quantum theory of optomechanical cooling

Spectrum of radiation pressure fluctuations

$$S_{FF}(\omega) = \int e^{i\omega t} \left\langle \hat{F}(t)\hat{F}(0) \right\rangle dt$$
radiation
pressure
 $\hat{F} = \left(\frac{\hbar\omega_R}{L}\right) \hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{a}$
photon number
$$S_{FF}(\omega) = \left(\frac{\hbar\omega_R}{L}\right)^2 \bar{n}_p \frac{\kappa}{(\omega + \Delta)^2 + (\kappa/2)^2}$$

photon shot noise spectrum



$\frac{dt e^{i\omega t}(\langle \hat{n}(t) \hat{n}(0) \rangle - \bar{n}^{2})}{Q} = \sqrt{n} \frac{1}{Q} \frac{1$



FM, Chen, Clerk, Girvin, PRL **93**, 093902 (2007) *also:* Wilson-Rae, Nooshi, Zwerger, Kippenberg, PRL **99**, 093901 (2007); Genes et al, PRA 2008

experiment with $~\kappa/\omega_M\approx 1/20$ Kippenberg group 2007

Cooling rate

$$\Gamma_{\text{opt}} = \frac{x_{\text{ZPF}}^2}{\hbar^2} [S_{FF}(+\omega_M) - S_{FF}(-\omega_M)]$$

Quantum limit for cantilever phonon number

$$\frac{n_{\rm opt} + 1}{n_{\rm opt}} = \frac{S_{FF}(+\omega_M)}{S_{FF}(-\omega_M)}$$
$$\Delta = -\omega_M \Rightarrow n_{\rm opt} = \left(\frac{\kappa}{4\omega_M}\right)^2$$

Ground-state cooling needs: high optical finesse / large mechanical frequency

Laser-cooling towards the ground state



Optomechanics (Outline)













Squeezing the mechanical oscillator state





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(quantum state tomography)

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Optomechanical entanglement



Bose, Jacobs, Knight 1997; Mancini et al. 1997

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Proposed optomechanical which-path experiment and quantum eraser



Marshall, Simon, Penrose, Bouwmeester, PRL 91, 130401 (2003)

Optomechanics (Outline)



"Membrane in the middle" setup



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Experiment (Harris group, Yale)



Mechanical frequency: $\omega_M = 2\pi \cdot 134 \text{ kHz}$ Mechanical quality factor: $Q = 10^6 \div 10^7$

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

1200 Thompson, Zwickl, Jayich, Marquardt, Girvin, Harris, Nature 72, 452 (2008)



Detection of displacement x: not what we need!

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Towards Fock state detection of a macroscopic object



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- Ideal single-sided cavity: Can observe **only** phase of reflected light, i.e. x²: good
- Two-sided cavity: Can **also** observe transmitted vs. reflected intensity: **linear** in x!



Miao, H., S. Danilishin, T. Corbitt, and Y. Chen, 2009, PRL 103, 100402

Optomechanics (Outline)



Atom-membrane coupling

Note: Existing works simulate optomechanical effects using cold atoms

K.W. Murch, K. L. Moore, S. Gupta, and D. M. Stamper-Kurn, Nature Phys. **4**, 561 (2008).

F. Brennecke, S. Ritter, T. Donner, and T. Esslinger, Science **322**, 235 (2008).



...profit from small mass of atomic cloud

Here: Coupling a single atom to a macroscopic mechanical object

Challenge: huge mass ratio

Strong atom-membrane coupling via the light field



existing experiments on "optomechanics with cold atoms": labs of Dan-Stamper Kurn (Berkeley) and Tilman Esslinger (ETH)

collaboration:

LMU (M. Ludwig, FM, P.Treutlein), Innsbruck (K. Hammerer, C. Genes, M. Wallquist, P. Zoller), Boulder (J.Ye), Caltech (H. J. Kimble) Hammerer et al., PRL 2009

Goal:

$$\hat{H} = \hbar \omega_{\rm at} \hat{a}^{\dagger} \hat{a} + \hbar \omega_m \hat{b}^{\dagger} \hat{b} + \hbar G_{\rm eff} (\hat{a}^{\dagger} + \hat{a}) (\hat{b}^{\dagger} + \hat{b})$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \hat{b}^{\dagger} \hat{b} + \hat{b} \\ \text{atom} & \text{membrane} \\ \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{atom-membrane coupling} \end{array}$$

Optomechanics (Outline)



Many modes











Scaling down



Scaling down



Scaling down



Optomechanical crystals

free-standing photonic crystal structures



from: M. Eichenfield et al., Optics Express 17, 20078 (2009), Painter group, Caltech

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

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

Optomechanical arrays



collective nonlinear dynamics: classical / quantum

cf. Josephson arrays

Dynamics in optomechanical arrays

Outlook

- 2D geometries
- Quantum or classical information processing and storage (continuous variables)
- Dissipative quantum many-body dynamics (quantum simulations)
- Hybrid devices: interfacing GHz qubits with light

Photon-phonon translator

(concept: Painter group, Caltech)



 $\hat{H} = \ldots + \hbar g_0 (\hat{a}_2^{\dagger} \hat{a}_1 + \hat{a}_1^{\dagger} \hat{a}_2) (\hat{b} + \hat{b}^{\dagger})$

Superconducting qubit coupled to nanomechanical resonator



swap excitation between qubit and mechanical resonator in a few ns!

Conversion of quantum information



Recent trends

- Ground-state cooling: success! (spring 2011) [Teufel et al. in microwave circuit; Painter group in optical regime]
- Optomechanical (photonic) crystals
- Multiple mechanical/optical modes
- Option: build arrays or 'optomechanical circuits'
- Strong improvements in coupling
- Possibly soon: ultrastrong coupling (resolve single photonphonon coupling)
- Hybrid systems: Convert GHz quantum information (superconducting qubit) to photons
- Hybrid systems: atom/mechanics [e.g. Treutlein group]
- Levitating spheres: weak decoherence! [Barker/ Chang et al./ Romero-Isart et al.]

Optomechanics: general outlook



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Precision measurements

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



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Parameters of Optomechanical Systems

Mechanical damping rate

 $\Gamma_{\rm m}$ rate of energy loss, linewidth in mechanical spectrum

 $\Gamma_{\rm m} \bar{n}_{\rm th}$ rate of re-thermalization, ground state decoherence rate

$$Q = \frac{\Omega_{\rm m}}{\Gamma_{\rm m}}$$

Mechanical quality factor, number of oscillations during damping time



Optomechanical coupling strength

*g*₀ Single-photon optomechanical coupling rate nonclassical mechanical quantum states,

g Linearized (driving-enhanced) optomechanical coupling rate

optomechanical damping rate, state transfer rate, ...



Cooperativities

Linearized (driving-enhanced) cooperativity



 $C = \frac{g_0^2 \bar{n}_{cav}}{\Gamma_m \kappa}$ Optomechanically induced transparency, instability towards optomech. oscillations

Linearized (driving-enhanced) quantum cooperativity

$$C_{\rm th} = \mathcal{C} = \frac{g_0^2 \bar{n}_{\rm cav}}{\Gamma_{\rm m} \bar{n}_{\rm th} \kappa}$$

ground state cooling, state transfer, entanglement, squeezing of light, ...

Single-photon cooperativity

$$C_0 = \frac{g_0^2}{\Gamma_{\rm m}\kappa}$$

Single-photon "quantum" cooperativity

$$C_{0,\rm th} = \mathcal{C} = \frac{g_0^2}{\Gamma_{\rm m}\bar{n}_{\rm th}\kappa}$$



Photon interaction

$$g_0 \hat{a}^{\dagger} \hat{a} (\hat{b} + \hat{b}^{\dagger}) \quad \mapsto -\frac{g_0^2}{\Omega_{\rm m}} (\hat{a}^{\dagger} \hat{a})^2$$

photon blockade, photon QND measurement, ...





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Linear Optomechanics

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Displacement detection Optical Spring Cooling & Amplification Two-tone drive: "Optomechanically induced transparency" State transfer, pulsed operation Wavelength conversion Radiation Pressure Shot Noise Squeezing of Light Squeezing of Mechanics Entanglement Precision measurements

Optomechanical Circuits

Bandstructure in arrays
Synchronization/patterns in arrays
Transport & pulses in arrays

Nonlinear Optomechanics

Self-induced mechanical oscillations
 Synchronization of oscillations
 Chaos

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Nonlinear QuantumOptomechanicsPhonon number detection

 Phonon number detection
 Phonon shot noise
 Photon blockade
 Optomechanical "which-way" experiment
 Nonclassical mechanical q. states
 Nonlinear OMIT
 Noncl. via Conditional Detection
 Single-photon sources
 Coupling to other two-level systems



Linear Optomechanics

- Displacement detection
- Optical Spring
- Cooling & Amplification
- Two-tone drive: "Optomechanically induced transparency"
- Ground state cooling
- State transfer, pulsed operation
- Wavelength conversion
- Radiation Pressure Shot Noise
- Squeezing of Light
- Squeezing of Mechanics
- Light-Mechanics Entanglement
- Accelerometers
- Single-quadrature detection, Wigner density
- Optomechanics with an active medium
- Measure gravity or other small forces
- Mechanics-Mechanics entanglement
- Pulsed measurement
- Quantum Feedback
- Rotational Optomechanics

Multimode

- Mechanical information processing
- Bandstructure in arrays
- Synchronization/patterns in arrays
- Transport & pulses in arrays

Nonlinear Optomechanics

- Self-induced mechanical oscillations
- Attractor diagram?
- Synchronization of oscillations
- Chaos

O White: yet unknown challenges/goals

Nonlinear Quantum Optomechanics

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 "which was " and a size
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- Optomechanical Matter-Wave Interferometry

Optomechanics

Review "Cavity Optomechanics": M.Aspelmeyer, T. Kippenberg, FM arXiv: 1303.0733