# Mechanical Vibrations and Waves for Quantum Technology



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# **Vibrations and Waves**



Vibration: time-periodic motion of a mechanical object

Wave: propagation of energy and information via a space

**Relevant Physical Parameters:** 

- Density or mass
- Tension or internal stress
- Elastic properties
- Physical dimensions

#### Vibrations and Waves: that we want to avoid..





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Tacoma Bridge

#### **Seismic Waves**

#### We might want to remove vibrations and waves at the macroscale..

#### Vibrations and Waves: for fun



#### We can take advantage of waves, but be careful about sharks !!!

# Vibrations and Waves at the Nanoscale



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# Nanomechanical Systems and Their Merits





- small device footprint ( $\lambda_{phonons} \ll \lambda_{photons}$ )
- high-frequency operations
- low-energy loss (high Q)
- electromechanical and optomechanical coupling
- coupling with qubits, spins, charges, etc.

Nanomechanical Systems are perfect platforms for interconnecting different physical systems!

# **Mechanical Vibrations and Waves for Quantum Technology**



levitated nanoparticles in optical traps

Motional quantum ground state: Science, **367**, 892-895 (2020) microwave circuit optomechanics

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Superconducting qubit and surface acoustic wave resonator

Qubit-SAW phonon coupling: Nature 563, 661-665 (2018)

# Mechanical Vibrations of a Single Body

Newton's second law

$$m\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \sum F$$

$$m\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -kx$$

k

m

$$m\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + kx = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$$

 $\omega_0 =$ 

natural frequency



#### Single degree of freedom







damping rate natural frequency resonance frequency

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \Gamma \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_0^2 x = \frac{F_0}{m} \sin(\omega t)$$

If we calculate the steady state solution with

$$x = x(\omega)\sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

we obtain

$$x(\omega) = \frac{F_0}{m\sqrt{(\omega\Gamma)^2 + (\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2}}$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1}(\frac{\omega\Gamma}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2})$$

- **Note:** a single mass system has one resonant frequency
  - the amplitude goes maximum at the resonance
  - low damping leads to large displacement



When we analyze resonance data from experiments, we fit to the Lorentzian curve to obtain the resonance frequency and the damping rate. How then the displacement response is related to the Lorentzian?

Let's begin with the displacement spectrum we obtained previously.

$$x(\omega) = \frac{F_0}{m\sqrt{(\omega\Gamma)^2 + (\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2}}$$

$$k$$

$$F(t) = F_0 \sin(\omega t)$$

$$c$$

Around the resonance  $\omega \approx \omega_0$ , we can use the following approximation and insert this to the displacement equation.

$$(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) \approx (\omega_0 + \omega)(\omega_0 - \omega) = 2\omega_0(\omega_0 - \omega)$$

The displacement function then becomes

$$x(\omega) = \frac{F_0}{m\sqrt{(\omega_0\Gamma)^2 + (2\omega_0(\omega_0 - \omega))^2}} = \frac{F_0}{2m\omega_0\sqrt{\left(\frac{\Gamma}{2}\right)^2 + (\omega_0 - \omega)^2}}$$

In experiment, the response of a mechanical resonator is related to its energy, we should consider the square of the displacement. Thus,

$$|x(\omega)|^{2} = \frac{F_{0}^{2}}{4m^{2}\omega_{0}^{2}\left[\left(\frac{\Gamma}{2}\right)^{2} + (\omega_{0} - \omega)^{2}\right]}$$

$$\propto \frac{1}{\left[\left(\frac{\Gamma}{2}\right)^{2} + (\omega_{0} - \omega)^{2}\right]} \quad \longleftarrow$$

$$\mathbf{k}$$

This formula is the well known Lorentzian function!

**Example)** a resonance curve of a nanomechanical resonator





$$\omega_0 \approx 2\pi \times 8.369 \text{ MHz}$$
  
 $\Gamma \approx 2\pi \times 810 \text{ Hz}$   
 $Q = \frac{\omega_0}{\Gamma}$  quality factor

#### Mechanical Vibrations of a Two-Body System

Let's consider a case where two masses exist. The Newton's second law leads

$$m\frac{d^{2}x_{1}}{dt^{2}} = k(x_{2} - x_{1}) - kx_{1}$$
$$m\frac{d^{2}x_{2}}{dt^{2}} = k(x_{1} - x_{2}) - kx_{2}$$



two degrees of freedom

If we express the equations of motion in a matrix form, we get

$$m\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0\\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1\\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = k \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1\\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1\\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow m\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0\\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1\\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} - k \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1\\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1\\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

To calculate the natural frequencies (eigenvalues) of this system, we let  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-i\omega t}$  and insert this solution to the above equation, we obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} -m\omega^2 + 2k & -k \\ -k & -m\omega^2 + 2k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \longrightarrow \begin{vmatrix} -m\omega^2 + 2k & -k \\ -k & -m\omega^2 + 2k \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

# Mechanical Vibrations of a Two-Body System

If we calculate the determinant, we obtain the following characteristic equation:

$$(m\omega^2 - 2k)^2 - k^2 = 0$$

The eigenfrequencies are then given by

$$\omega_{\pm} = \sqrt{\frac{2k \pm k}{m}}$$

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If we insert this to the eigenvalue equation, we obtain the following eigenvalue-eigenvector pairs.

$$\omega_{-} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad , \ \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

symmetric eigenmode for the smaller eigenfrequency

$$\omega_{+} = \sqrt{\frac{3k}{m}} \quad , \quad \begin{bmatrix} u_{1} \\ u_{2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

asymmetric eigenmode for the larger eigenfrequency

#### Research Example of Mechanical Vibrations of a Two-Body System



Coherent phonon manipulation in coupled mechanical resonators, Nature Physics 9, 480-484 (2013)



What about if we have **an one-dimensional, infinite array of mass-spring systems**? Here, note that we introduce a new parameter *a* which is the lattice periodicity (the size of a unit cell). Let's write down the equation of motion for this system. In this case, since the periodic nature of this system, we only need to consider the dynamics of a mass in a unit cell. The equation reads

$$m\frac{d^2u_i}{dt^2} = k(u_{i+1} - u_i) + k(u_{i-1} - u_i)$$

What this equation implies for with the spatial information? Let's do some approximation to the equation.

$$u_i = u(x, t) \qquad u_{i\pm 1} = u(x \pm a, t)$$

If we insert this to the equation of motion, we obtain.

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$$m\frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial t^2} = k[u(x+a,t) - u(x,t)] + k[u(x-a,t) - u(x,t)]$$

If we describe  $u(x \pm a, t)$  using the Taylor expansion up to the second order with respect to x, we get

$$u(x \pm a, t) = u(x, t) \pm a \frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial x} + \frac{a^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2}$$

wave velocity!

If we insert this expression to the equation, we indeed obtain the famous wave equation!!

$$m\frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial t^2} = ka^2 \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2} \longrightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2} \qquad c^2 = \frac{k}{m}a^2$$

If we insert a plane-wave solution to the wave equation,

$$u(x,t) = u_0 e^{j(qx-\omega t)}$$



We obtain the following (dispersion) relation for the angular frequency  $\omega$  and the wave vector  $\sigma$ 

the wave vector q

 $\omega = cq$ 

So we now understand that this infinite array of masses can support propagating wave which can be described by the wave equation with linear dispersion relation.

However, we also know that we did some (continuum) approximation and the equation does not fully capture the behavior of this system with discrete nature. To see the discrete effects, let's consider the equation of motion again.

$$m \frac{d^2 u_i}{dt^2} = k(u_{i+1} - u_i) + k(u_{i-1} - u_i)$$
 Bloch theorem!

Here, we can use a form of the solution,  $u_i = u_0 e^{j[q(ia) - \omega t]}$ , which leads to  $u_{i\pm 1} = u_i e^{\pm jqa}$ Inserting these to the equation of motion, we get



$$m\omega^{2} + k(e^{jqa} + e^{-jqa} - 2) = m\omega^{2} + k(2\cos qa - 2) = m\omega^{2} - 4k\sin^{2}\frac{qa}{2} = 0$$

In the end, we obtain the dispersion relation for this one-dimensional monatomic system as





What about if we have two masses in a unit cell of an one-dimensional, infinite array of mass-spring systems?

Let's write down the equations of motion!

$$m\frac{d^{2}u_{i}}{dt^{2}} = k(v_{i} - u_{i}) + k(v_{i-1} - u_{i})$$
$$M\frac{d^{2}v_{i}}{dt^{2}} = k(u_{i+1} - v_{i}) + k(u_{i} - v_{i})$$

Here, the solutions we will use are

$$u_i = u_0 e^{j[q(ia) - \omega t]} \qquad v_i = v_0 e^{j[q(ia) - \omega t]}$$

 $u_{i\pm 1} = u_i e^{\pm jqa} \qquad v_{i\pm 1} = v_i e^{\pm jqa}$ 



If we insert these solutions to the equations of motion, we obtain

$$-\omega^2 m u_0 = k(v_0 - u_0) + k(v_0 e^{-jqa} - u_0)$$

$$-\omega^2 M v_0 = k \left( u_0 e^{jqa} - v_0 \right) + k (u_0 - v_0)$$

In a matrix form, we can express the equations as

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\omega^2 m & 0 \\ 0 & -\omega^2 M \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_0 \\ v_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2k & k(1+e^{-jqa}) \\ k(1+e^{jqa}) & -2k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_0 \\ v_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can easily notice that because the characteristic equation is a 2 x 2 matrix equation, we will have two dispersion curves.

If we obtain eigenfrequencies and eigenvectors by solving the characteristic equation,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \omega^2 m - 2k & k(1 + e^{-jqa}) \\ k(1 + e^{jqa}) & \omega^2 M - 2k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_0 \\ v_0 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$



If we insert these solutions to the equations of motion, we obtain

$$(\omega^{2}m - 2k)(\omega^{2}M - 2k) - k^{2}(1 + e^{-jqa})(1 + e^{jqa}) = 0$$
$$mM\omega^{4} - 2k(m + M)\omega^{2} + 2k^{2}(1 - \cos qa) = 0$$
$$\omega^{4} - 2k\left(\frac{1}{M} + \frac{1}{m}\right)\omega^{2} + \frac{4k^{2}}{mM}\sin^{2}\frac{qa}{2} = 0$$

$$\omega_{\pm}^2 = k\left(\frac{1}{M} + \frac{1}{m}\right) \pm k\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{M} + \frac{1}{m}\right)^2 - \frac{4}{mM}\sin^2\frac{qa}{2}}$$



# **Research Example** of Waves in a One-Dimensional Lattice



Isotropic HF etching of thermal SiO<sub>2</sub>

Electrical tuning of elastic wave propagation in nanomechanical lattices at MHz frequencies, *Nature Nanotechnology* **13**, 1016-1020 (2018)

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## Waves in a Multi-Dimensional Lattice: Phononic Crystal



*Nature* **503** 209–217 (2013)

In general, periodic mechanical systems can be arranged in two- and three-dimensions. Such mechanical systems have received great attention due to the possibility of controlling elastic and acoustic wave propagation in desired ways.

Phononic crystals and metamaterials designate such kinds of mechanical systems nowadays and provide a wide range of opportunities for engineering mechanical waves with many design parameters such as crystalline symmetries, unit cell architecture, the properties and compositions of constituent materials and so on.

# Waves in a Multi-Dimensional Lattice: Phononic Crystal

Frequency



Dimension

# Waves in a Multi-Dimensional Lattice: Crystalline Symmetry



# Waves in a Multi-Dimensional Lattice: Reciprocal Space

- To study waves in a periodic structure, we analyze its dispersion relation (frequency-wavelength relation) in a reciprocal space or wavevector space.
- When studying mechanical vibrations, we analyze the responses of mechanical systems in frequency domain which is the reciprocal space of time domain.
- However, since a spatial domain can also be two- and three-dimensional unlike time domain (which is onedimensional), a reciprocal space has the same dimension with that of a space domain.
- Lattices in real space have various crystalline symmetries, so we have to find proper reciprocal space to study the behavior of waves in the lattices.



### **Research Example 1 of Phononic Crystals**



 $\vec{u}(x, y)$  : displacement field

A phononic bandgap shield for high-Q membrane microresonators, *Applied Ph* ysics Letters **104**, 023510 (2014)

# **Research Example 1 of Phononic Crystals**



We will see later how this is related to quantum technology

A phononic bandgap shield for high-Q membrane microresonators, *Applied Ph ysics Letters* **104**, 023510 (2014)

# **Research Example 2** of Phononic Crystals



In this research, they realize a phononic crystal in a highly stressed silicon nitride nanomembrane ( $\sigma \sim 1.27$  GPa) and utilized the phononic band gap to achieve ultra high-Q mechanical resonator (Q~ 10<sup>8</sup>)

Ultracoherent nanomechanical resonators via soft clamping and dissipation dilution , *Nature Nanotechnology* **12**, 776-783 (2017)

#### **Research Example 2 of Phononic Crystals**



<sup>,</sup> Nature Nanotechnology **12**, 776-783 (2017)

# Simulation of Phononic Crystals using COMSOL

Step 1. Design the geometry and define your primitive unit cell of the lattice and define the material pr operties



Step 2. Mesh generation: discretization of your system, constructing mass and stiffness matrices



# Simulation of Phononic Crystals using COMSOL

Step 3. Apply the Bloch periodic conditions(select Floquet periodicity in COMSOL)



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## Simulation of Phononic Crystals using COMSOL

Step 4. Solve the eigenvalue equations for different wave vectors(at the boundary of irreducible BZ)

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## Simulation of Phononic Crystals using COMSOL

Step 5. Plot your dispersion curves and analyze mode dynamics!



# Let's Do Some Quantum from Now On

### **Quantum Mechanics of A Single-Mode Mechanical Resonator**

A time-independent Schroedinger equation reads

 $\widehat{H}\psi(x) = E\psi(x)$ 

- $\widehat{H}$ : Hamiltonian operator
- $\psi$ : wave function(eigenfunction)
- E: energy(eigenvalue)

 $|\psi(x)|^2 \, dx = 1$ 

 $|\psi(x)|^2$ : the probability of finding the particle at point **x** 



Recall the Hamiltonian for the mechanical oscillator

$$\widehat{H} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2 = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2$$

p = mv: momentum operator

 $\chi$ : position operator

$$k = m\omega^2$$
: spring constant

 $\omega$ : (angular)resonant frequency

### **Quantum Mechanics of A Single-Mode Mechanical Resonator**

$$H\psi(x) = E\psi(x)$$
$$\left(\frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2\hat{x}^2\right)\psi(x) = E\psi(x)$$

 $\Delta$  . . .

If we define new operators

$$\hat{a}^{\dagger} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\hbar m\omega}} (-i\hat{p} + m\omega\hat{x}) \qquad \begin{array}{l} \text{creation operator} \\ (생성) \\ \hat{a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\hbar m\omega}} (i\hat{p} + m\omega\hat{x}) \qquad \begin{array}{l} \text{annihilation operator} \\ (소멸) \end{array}$$

$$\widehat{H}\psi(x) = \hbar\omega\left(\widehat{a}^{\dagger}\widehat{a} + \frac{1}{2}\right)\psi(x) = E\psi(x)$$



#### Phonon:

Phonon is a quasiparticle(준입자) which represents a quantized energy unit of mechanical vibrations and waves. It is like photon for electromagnetic waves.

Ex) we have many phonons in a mechanical resonator => the energy of a mechanical resonator is high.

### **Quantum Mechanics of A Single-Mode Mechanical Resonator**

$$\widehat{H}\psi(x) = E\psi(x)$$

- $\hat{a}^{\dagger}$  creation operator
  - annihilation operator

$$\widehat{H} = \hbar \omega \left( \widehat{a}^{\dagger} \widehat{a} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

Hamiltonian for a single-mode mechanical resonator

$$E = \hbar \omega \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

Energy of a single-mode mechanical resonator



 $E_7$ 

 $E_6$ 

 $\Psi_{7}(x)$ 

 $\Psi_{6}(\mathbf{x})$ 

 $\Psi_{s}(x)$ 

 $\Psi_4(x)$ 

 $\Psi_{i}(x)$ 

 $\Psi_2(\mathbf{x})$ 

 $\Psi_i(x)$ 

 $\Psi_0(\mathbf{x})$ 



zero-point fluctuation

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### Thermodynamic Aspects of A Single-Mode Mechanical Resonator

• Bose-Einstein Distributions: A distribution that shows the average number of particles that occupy a quantum state. Also called the occupancy of the quantum state.



- h: Planck's constant
- *f*: resonant or mode frequency
- $k_B$ : Boltzmann constant
- T: Temperature

• The exponent  $\frac{hf}{k_BT}$  is the most important indicator that informs us of whether a system behaves

quantum mechanically or not.

• If  $hf \gg k_B T$ ,  $n \ll 1$ 

- If  $hf \ll k_BT$ ,  $n \gg 1 \longrightarrow$  Thermal energy(noise) excites the system. A system behaves classically.
  - No boson exists in the system. The system is in the quantum ground state or is quantum vacuum. A system behaves quantum mechanically.

## Thermodynamic Aspects of A Single-Mode Mechanical Resonator

• Let's look at the Bose-Einstein distribution for different temperatures and frequencies.



 $n = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{hf}{k_BT}} - 1}$ 

Note:

Superconducting quantum devices operate at mK temperatures!

- The occupancy decreases as the temperature decreases at the same resonant frequency.
- The occupancy decreases as the frequency increases at the same temperature.

### **Thermodynamic Aspects of A Single-Mode Mechanical Resonator**

**Examples)** Calculate the phonon occupancy of two different nanomechanical systems oscillating at different resonant frequencies at 20 mK.

**Graphene nanomechanical resonator**  $f \sim 20 \text{ MHz}$ 

J. S. Bunch et al. Science 315, 490-493 (2007)

$$n = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{hf}{k_BT}} - 1} = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{(6.626 \times 10^{-34}J \cdot s)(20 MHz)}{(1.38 \times 10^{-23}J/K)(20 mK)}} - 1} \approx 20$$

There are **20 phonons** thermally created! => The thermally excited mechanical resonator has its energy corresponding to 20 phonons!



J. Chan et al. Appl. Phys. Lett. 101, 081115 (2012)

$$n = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{hf}{k_BT}} - 1} = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{(6.626 \times 10^{-34}J \cdot s)(3 GHz)}{(1.38 \times 10^{-23}J/K)(20 mK)}}} \approx 0.0007$$

There are almost **no phonon** in the system! => The mechanical resonator are now in its quantum ground state!



an optical cavity(Fabry-Perot type) made of two highly reflective mirrors

Remark) Optical cavities are essential components for cavity quantum electrodynamics(cavity QED) and thus quantum information science! We start from the well-known Maxwell's equations. Note that there is no charge or current source that provides additional electric or magnetic fields.

$ abla \cdot \vec{E} = 0$	$\vec{E}$ :
$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$	$\vec{B}$ :
$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial B}{\partial t}$	$\mu_0$
$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$	ε <sub>0</sub> :

*E*: electric field  $\vec{B}$ : magnetic field  $\mu_0$ : vacuum permeability  $\mathcal{E}_0$ : vacuum permittivity



From the four Maxwell's equations, we derive the wave equation for electromagnetic waves in vacuum. This reads

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$$
 with  $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0}}$ : the speed of light

Assume that the electric field is linearly polarized in zdirection as in the figure and the propagation direction is parallel to x-direction.

The total energy of the electromagnetic field contained in the cavity is given by

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \int_{V} \left( \varepsilon_0 E_z^2 + \frac{B_y^2}{\mu_0} \right) dV$$



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If we let 
$$E_z = q(t) \sin kx$$
, we obtain  $B_y = -\frac{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0}{k} \dot{q}(t) \cos kx$   
Note that we use  $\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$ .

If we insert the electric field and the magnetic field into the energy equation,  $U = \frac{1}{2} \int_{V} (\varepsilon_0 E_z^2 + \frac{B_y^2}{\mu_0}) dV$ we obtian

$$U = \frac{\varepsilon_0 V}{2} \left[ \frac{\dot{q}^2(t)}{c^2 k^2} + q^2(t) \right] = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 q^2$$

Here, we define a momentum p = mq with  $m = \frac{\varepsilon_0 V}{\omega^2}$ .

The form of the equation remind us of the energy of a single-mode mechanical resonator!



Therefore, electromagnetic waves behaves like mechanical resonators in quantum mechanics and their quantization is called **photons**. So all the quantum mechanical definitions of the mechanical resonators are also valid for photons.

$$\widehat{H} = \hbar \omega \left( \widehat{a}^{\dagger} \widehat{a} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

 $\hat{a}^{\dagger}$  creation operator

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annihilation operator



Thermal Occupancy

$$x_{zpf} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega}{2V\varepsilon_0}}$$

zero-point fluctuation



$$E = \hbar \omega \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

There are many types of optical cavities such as free-space optical cavities, whispering gallery mode optical resonators, and photonic crystal cavities.



Wikipedia

A free-space optical cavity. This can be used to trap particles and neutral atoms.



D. K. Armani et al. Nature 421, 925-928 (2003)

Whispering gallery mode optical resonator. This can be used to generate optical frequency combs.



J. Riedrich-Moller *et al. Nat. Nanotechnol.* **7**, 69-74 (2012)

Photonic crystal cavity resonator. This can be used to study cavity QED with NV centers and cavity optomechanics.

Obviously, microwave resonators follow all the definitions of quantum harmonic oscillators we discussed so far. There are many types of microwave resonators we can realize such as coplanar waveguide cavity, 3D microwave cavity, and LC resonators.



A. Wallraff et al. Nature 431, 162-167 (2004)

coplanar waveguide microwave resonator for qubit measurement.

LC resonator for superconducting nanoelectromechanics





### Thermodynamics of Electromagnetic Waves

**Examples)** Calculate the occupancy of two different electromagnetic resonators with different resonant frequencies at 300 K(room temperature).

**Superconducting Microwave Resonators**  $f \sim 7 GHz$ 



There are **892 photons** thermally created at the room temperature! That's why we have to operate superconducting quantum devices at mK temperatures!

**no photons** in the system! The system is in its quantum ground state. That's why photon-based quantum experiments can be realized at the room temperature!

**Optical resonator**  $f \sim 193 GHz$ 



#### **Optical and Mechanical Resonators**

T. J. Kippenberg, Cavity Optomechanics: Back-Action at the Mesoscale, *Science* 321, 1172 - 1176 (2008)

#### **Examples: 2D Nanomechanical Resonators**



Jaesung Lee et al. Science Advances eaao6653 (2018)



R. De Alba et al. Nature Nanotechnology 11, 741-746 (2016)



- Cavity enhanced photons exert forces (via the radiation-pressure) to the mechanical resonator
- The consequent motion of the mechanical resonator perturbs the optical cavity
- Due to the cavity perturbation, the forces applied by the photons change.

$$\widehat{H} = \frac{\hbar\omega_c \widehat{a}^{\dagger} \widehat{a}}{\text{photon}} + \frac{\hbar\Omega_m \widehat{b}^{\dagger} \widehat{b}}{\text{phonon}} - \frac{\hbar g_0 \widehat{a}^{\dagger} \widehat{a} (\widehat{b}^{\dagger} + \widehat{b})}{\text{interaction}}$$

- Optomechanical interaction leads to uncertainties in interferometric measurement
- But we can also exploit this to control the behavior of mechanical resonators or the behavior of light.



## LIGO: Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory



- Noise from the light source (e.g. shot noise)
- "Back-action noise" originating from mechanically perturbed mirror due to the radiation pressure of the light.
- The precision of the measurement is limited by the intensity of the light an d the back-action noise.
- Optimal intensity of light compromisi ng the two effects needed to be find.



Nature **460**, 724 – 727 (2009)



Nature 452, 72 – 75 (2008)



Nature **472**, 69 – 73 (2011)





Nature **482**, 63 – 67 (2012)



Based on the formalism we discussed so far in the theory section, we begin with a Hamiltonian

$$\widehat{H} = \hbar \omega_c(x) \widehat{a}^{\dagger} \widehat{a} + \hbar \Omega_m \widehat{b}^{\dagger} \widehat{b}$$

Here, we note that the resonant frequency of the cavity depends on the displacement of the mechanical resonator.



If we approximate  $\omega_c(x)$  using the Taylor's expansion up to the first order, we will have

$$\omega_{c}(x) = \omega_{c}(x=0) + \frac{d\omega_{c}}{dx}x$$
A resonant frequency of the optical

A resonant frequency of the optical cavity when there is no mechanical displacement This term describes the change of the optical cavity frequency when there is a mechanical displacement

If we insert the approximation to the Hamiltonian equation, we get

$$\widehat{H} = \hbar\omega_c (x=0)\widehat{a}^{\dagger}\widehat{a} + \hbar\Omega_m\widehat{b}^{\dagger}\widehat{b} + \hbar\frac{d\omega_c}{dx}x\widehat{a}^{\dagger}\widehat{a}$$

If we describe the displacement in terms of the creation  $(\hat{b}^{\dagger})$  and annihilation operators  $(\hat{b})$  of phonon, we can express x as in the following:

$$x = x_{zpf}(\hat{b}^{\dagger} + \hat{b})$$
 with  $x_{zpf} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}}$ 

If we use this formula, the Hamiltonian then becomes

$$\hat{H} = \hbar \omega_c (x = 0)\hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{a} + \hbar \Omega_m \hat{b}^{\dagger}\hat{b} + \hbar \frac{d\omega_c}{dx} x_{zpf} (\hat{b}^{\dagger} + \hat{b})\hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{a}$$
vacuum
optomechanical
coupling rate

**Example)** Calculate the single-photon optomechanical coupling of an optical cavity-mechanical resonator system shown below. Parameters are given in the following.



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If we let  $g_0 = -\frac{d\omega_c}{dx} x_{zpf}$ , and write the Hamiltonian considering an external drive field (note that the optomechanical interaction can only be realized when there is an external drive), we reach

$$\widehat{H} = \hbar\omega_c(x=0)\widehat{a}^{\dagger}\widehat{a} + \hbar\Omega_m\widehat{b}^{\dagger}\widehat{b} - \frac{\hbar g_0(\widehat{b}^{\dagger} + \widehat{b})\widehat{a}^{\dagger}\widehat{a}}{H_{drive}}$$

optomechanical interaction

with 
$$\hat{H}_{drive} = i\hbar\alpha_{in}\sqrt{\kappa_{ext}}(\hat{a}^{\dagger}e^{-i\omega_{d}t} + \hat{a}e^{i\omega_{d}t})$$
  
Laser intensity coupling rate to cavity laser drive frequency

To remove the time-dependent term, we consider the Hamiltonian in a new frame rotating at the drive laser frequency  $\omega_d$ , by applying the unitary transformation with  $\hat{U} = e^{i\omega_d \hat{a}^{\dagger} \hat{a} t}$ . The new Hamiltonian is given by

$$\widehat{H}_{new} = \widehat{U}\widehat{H}\widehat{U}^{\dagger} - i\hbar\widehat{U}\partial\widehat{U}^{\dagger}/\partial t$$

By taking one more approximation called linear approximation  $\hat{a} = \sqrt{n_c} + \hat{a}$ ,

we obtain the optomechanical Hamiltonian as in the following:

$$\widehat{H} = -\hbar\Delta\widehat{a}^{\dagger}\widehat{a} + \hbar\Omega_{m}\widehat{b}^{\dagger}\widehat{b} - \hbar\frac{g_{0}\sqrt{n_{c}}}{(\widehat{a}^{\dagger} + \widehat{a})(\widehat{b}^{\dagger} + \widehat{b})}$$

- We neglect the driving terms and other small terms for the simplicity
- Here the most important term is detuning  $\Delta = \omega_d \omega_c$ , which denotes the difference between the driving frequency and the cavity frequency.
- Depending on the detuning, optomechanical systems exhibit different behaviors and we will see in the following.
- Here,  $g = g_0 \sqrt{n_c}$  is general optomechanical coupling rate. This means that the coupling depends on the strength of the drive field.



#### Introduction to Cavity Optomechanics

Let's consider a Fabry-Perot cavity in the following figure. If the cavity is modulated by the mechanical motion, the optical responses we measure using the detector shows the laser intensity oscillation at the frequency of the mechanical resonator  $\Omega_m$ . If we consider this modulation process in the optical spectrum domain, we can see sidebands generated at  $\ \omega_d + \Omega_m$  and  $\omega_d - \Omega_m$  . phonon absorption Mechanica oscillator Spectrum Input Cavity laser phonon emission dxPhase/amplitude detector Optical spectrum

T. J. Kippenberg, Cavity Optomechanics: Back-Action at the Mesoscale, Science 321, 1172 - 1176 (2008)

In cavity optomechanics, we manipulate this sideband generation process to achieve desired responses of systems.

#### Introduction to Cavity Optomechanics (Optomechanical Cooling)

One of the representative phenomena we can realize using the optomechanical interaction is **optomechanical cooling**.

When  $\Delta = \omega_d - \omega_c = -\Omega_m$  and  $\Omega_m \gg \kappa$ , optomechanical interaction creates a frequency sideband only around the cavity frequency. This single sideband generation is related to **phonon-absorption process**. This means that we **reduce(or cool down)** the energy of the mechanical resonator using optomechanical interaction.



#### Introduction to Cavity Optomechanics (Optomechanical Amplification)

Another representative phenomena is **optomechanical amplification**.

 $\Delta=\omega_d-\omega_c=\Omega_m~~$  and  $\Omega_m\gg\kappa$  , optomechanical interaction creates a frequency sideband When only around the cavity frequency. This single sideband generation is related to **phonon-creation process**. This means that we **increase(or amplify)** the energy of the mechanical resonator using optomechanical interaction. The Hamiltonian then becomes create phonon  $\widehat{H} = -\hbar\Delta\widehat{a}^{\dagger}\widehat{a} + \hbar\Omega_{m}\widehat{b}^{\dagger}\widehat{b} - \hbar g_{0}\sqrt{n_{c}}(\widehat{a}^{\dagger}\widehat{b}^{\dagger} + \widehat{a}\widehat{b})$ cavity resonance spectrum create cavity photon Amplitude

This regime is called **blue-detuned regime** as the driving laser frequency is larger and this operation leads to amplification of phonons.



#### **Research Example** of Cavity Optomechanics



radiation loss to the bulk is suppressed!



engineering phononic band gap for high-Q resonator



Laser cooling of a nanomechanical oscillator into its quantum ground state. *Nature* **478**, 89 – 92 (2011)

#### Hybrid Quantum Systems with Superconducting Microwave Circuits





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- Superconducting nanoelectromechanical systems can realize cavity optomechanical interaction via microwave fields at GHz frequencies.
- The reason why we are using superconducting materials for such devices is that microwave loss properties can extremely be enhanced as a superconducting material has zero electrical resistivity below its superconducting temperature.
- Furthermore, as we discussed, mK environments enable the quantum ground state of GHz microwave resonators.
- The system can easily be modelled using LC circuit where the capacitance depends on the mechanical displacement. Their coupling is realized by electromechanical interaction where the voltage applied to the capacitor leads to mechanical displacement via electrostatic interactions.





The Hamiltonian describing this system is given by

$$\widehat{H} = \frac{1}{2}LI^2 + \frac{1}{2}C(x)V^2 + \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\Omega_m^2 x^2$$

microwave resonator

mechanical resonator

 $C(x) = \frac{\varepsilon_0 A}{(d+x)}$  for parallel capacitor

• The Hamiltonian describes two-coupled harmonic oscillators. If we express the Hamiltonian quantum mechanically, we get

$$\begin{split} \widehat{H} &= \hbar \omega_c \widehat{a}^{\dagger} \widehat{a} + \hbar \Omega_m \widehat{b}^{\dagger} \widehat{b} - \frac{\hbar g_0 \widehat{a}^{\dagger} \widehat{a} (\widehat{b}^{\dagger} + \widehat{b})}{\text{photon}} \\ \text{photon} \quad \text{phonon} \quad \text{interaction} \end{split}$$

 $g_0 = -\frac{\partial \omega_c}{\partial x} x_{zpf}$  single photon optomechanical coupling constant

**Example)** Calculate the single-photon optomechanical coupling of a superconducting nanoelectromechanical device shown in the below. Parameters are given in the following.



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Parameters: 
$$t = 100 nm$$
;  $D = 15 \mu m$   
 $\rho_{Al} = 2700 \frac{kg}{m^3}$ ;  $\Omega_m = 2\pi \times 10.69 MHz$   
 $d_{cap} = 50 nm$   
 $L = 12 nH$ ;  $C_{x=0} = 38 fF$   
Solution) For LC circuit, the resonant frequency is  
 $\rho_c(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC(x)}} = \sqrt{\frac{d+x}{LA\varepsilon_0}} = \sqrt{\frac{d(1+\frac{x}{d})}{LA\varepsilon_0}} \approx \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC_{x=0}}} (1+\frac{x}{2d})$   
 $g_0 = -\frac{\partial \omega_c}{\partial x} x_{zpf} = -\frac{(LC_{x=0})^{-0.5}}{2d} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\Omega_m}} \approx 2\pi \times 300 Hz$ 



J Cha, et al. Nano Letters 21, 1800-1806 (2021)
#### **Optomechanical Cooling**



• The Hamiltonian is

$$\hat{H} = -\hbar\Delta\hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{a} + \hbar\Omega_{m}\hat{b}^{\dagger}\hat{b} - \hbar g_{0}\sqrt{n_{d}}(\hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{b} + \hat{a}\hat{b}^{\dagger})$$

- Broadening of mechanical noise spectrum.
   => optomechanical damping effect.
- Decrease of the area of the Lorentzian curve
   => Reduction of the energy of the nanomechanical resonator.
   => Reduction of the phonon number

$$A = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_x(\omega) \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} = \langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{k_B T}{m \Omega_m^2} = \frac{2k_B T x_{zpf}^2}{\hbar \Omega_m} = 2n_{ph} x_{zpf}^2$$

$$n_{ph} = \left[ \exp\left(\frac{\hbar\Omega_m}{k_B T}\right) - 1 \right]^{-1} \approx \frac{k_B T}{\hbar\Omega_m} \quad \text{for} \quad \frac{k_B T}{\hbar\Omega_m} \gg 1$$

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Ground-State Cooling: Quantum Mechanics with Macroscopic Objects



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- Ground-state preparation for quantum applications
- Quantum-limited position and force detection



J.D. Teufel, et al. Nature 471, 359-363 (2011)

#### **Ground-State Cooling with Phononic Crystals**





Ground state cooling of an ultracoherent electromechanical system. *Nat ure Communications* **13**, 1507 (2022)

#### **Optomechanical Amplification**



• The Hamiltonian is

$$\hat{H} = -\hbar\Delta\hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{a} + \hbar\Omega_{m}\hat{b}^{\dagger}\hat{b} - \hbar g_{0}\sqrt{n_{d}}\left(\hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{b}^{\dagger} + \hat{a}\hat{b}\right)$$

- Narrowing of mechanical noise spectrum.
   => optomechanical anti-damping effect.
- Increase of the area of the Lorentzian curve
   => Increase of the energy of the nanomechanical resonator.
   => Increase of the phonon number

$$A = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_x(\omega) \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} = \langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{k_B T}{m \Omega_m^2} = \frac{2k_B T x_{zpf}^2}{\hbar \Omega_m} = 2n_{ph} x_{zpf}^2$$

$$n_{ph} = \left[ \exp\left(\frac{\hbar\Omega_m}{k_B T}\right) - 1 \right]^{-1} \approx \frac{k_B T}{\hbar\Omega_m} \quad \text{for} \quad \frac{k_B T}{\hbar\Omega_m} \gg 1$$

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**Optomechanical Control of Microwave Transmission: Optomechanically Induced Transparency** 



If we send a weak probe beam at  $\omega_p$ , this probe beam and the mechanical sideband spectrum interfere and change the microwave transmission





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surface acoustic wave resonators fabricated at KRISS





$$f_r = \frac{c}{\lambda} = \frac{c}{2p}$$

 $c \sim 4000 \text{ m/s for LiNbO}_3$ 

*p*~ 400 nm => ~5 GHz

Direct coupling to microwave quantum states !





The Jaynes-Cummings Hamiltonian can also be used to describe qubit-phonon interactions

$$H_{JC} = \hbar\Omega_{m}\hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{a} + \frac{\hbar\omega_{q}}{2}\sigma_{z} + \hbar g(\hat{a}^{\dagger}\sigma_{-} + \hat{a}\sigma_{+})$$
  
Hamiltonian for the microwave resonator  $\omega_{r}$  denotes a photon frequency

- Hamiltonian for the SC • qubit when approximated as a two-level system
- $\omega_q$  denotes the qubit frequency

- n
- g denotes the qubit-photon coupling





- Surface acoustic wave phonon can be coupled to superconducting qubits via piezoelectricity
- In this device, the coupling between phonon and qubit is tunable via a coupler





Quantum acoustics with superconducting qubits, Science 358, 199-202 (2017)

# **Quantum Transducer: Conversion of Microwave to Optical Signals**



Oskar Painter group at Caltech has recently shown that a superconducting qubit can be measured using optical photons

Superconducting qubit to optical photon transduction. Nature 588, 599-603 (2020)

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# **Quantum Transducer: Conversion of Microwave to Optical Signals**



#### The pulse sequence for quantum transduction

qubit state preparation (ex, |0> -> |1>)
qubit-phonon swap (qubit relaxed, phonon excited)

red-detuned optical pump to the optomechanical cavity

sideband photon signals are measured using SNSPD.



Superconducting qubit to optical photon transduction. *Nature* **588**, 599-603 (2020)

