### Quantum limits and benefits to metrology

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# Atomic, molecular, and optical physics connecting to quantum challenges

#### Metrology



### Quantum interfaces and logic

#### Quantum computation



### Quantum simulation

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Optical resonato

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500 Microns

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### The Quantum SI

- Defining quantities based upon fundamental constants and agreed upon physical law, with accepted realizations
- What is quantum about it? Some quantities limited by quantum effects in realization; others determined by single particle quantum physics
- Quantum technology: all of the above... plus using entanglement and multi-body physics to go beyond those limits

#### **Quantum interfaces**





### **Optical light as a force**

[G. Shaw, J. Lehman, ...]



Ways to use optical reference in momentum? Atom interferometer! But also...

Each photon bounce induces impulse  $\hbar(\vec{k}_{in} - \vec{k}_{out}) \sim \frac{2h\nu}{c}$ Bounces are (mostly) elastic  $E_{\text{recoil}} \sim \frac{(\hbar k)^2}{2M} = h\nu \frac{2h\nu}{Mc^2}$ 

A continuous stream: radiation pressure  $F = \dot{N}2h\nu/c = 2P/c$ 

#### Non-demolition measurement of power

#### "Measure twice, cut once"



John Lehman Michelle Stephens Paul Williams Matt Spidell Nathan Tomlin Chris Yung Brian Simonds Malcolm White Thomas Gerrits Zeus Gutierez (CENAM) Solomon Woods Ivan Ryger

Light bounces off calibrated scale, then can be detected a second time (or used!)

Quantum mechanically: <> photon number <> force <> displacement <> measure + feedback

### Small Mass and Force: best of both worlds

Covered 12 orders of magnitude in force / laser power within the SI



G. Shaw et al., NIST small force metrology group

## Recent examples of phononic and photonic resonators



Silicon nitride membranes Harris, Regal, Polzik, ..



Superconducting strip line resonators Haroche, Schoelkopf, ...



Whispering-galley mode optical resonators Vahala, Kimble, Srinivasan ...

Glass flexures Pratt, Shaw, JMT...



Photonic-phononic crystals Painter, Cleland, Tang, ...



# Small force metrology for atomic force microscopy



(displacement)

• Mirror (photon momentum)

Melcher, et al., Appl. Phys. Lett., 105, 233109 (2014)

# Optical measurement of spring constant for calibrated AFM



This work links SI mass, force, laser power and frequency in a portable reference device.

In Air

### AFM topographical map of an oxidized silicon surface

In Water





### Optomechanics in a cavity: photons coupled to phonons



Bounces per second? FSR

Force 
$$\frac{c}{2L} \frac{2h\nu}{c} a^{\dagger} a = \frac{1}{L} h\nu a^{\dagger} a$$

 $H = h\nu(L)a^{\dagger}a$ Frequency shift <> force

$$F = -\partial_L H = h \frac{nc}{2L^2} a^{\dagger} a = \frac{1}{L} h \nu a^{\dagger} a$$

## From force to position: the harmonic oscillator

### Many ways to balance a force... but first, convert to position

At low frequency, harmonic oscillator displaces adiabatically

$$\Delta x = \frac{F}{M\omega^2} = \frac{a}{\omega^2}$$

For acceleration detection, a frequency-length connection [F. Guzman-Cervantes et al., Metrologia (2015)]

Estimate position? Interferometry! But it comes with measurement back action

More generally: transduction, superposition, squeezing...

#### Measuring at the standard quantum limit



#### More photon force? Bounce more times!

In a cavity, many bounces per photon ('gain')!



Zero bounce pOne bounce p(1-p)M bounces  $p(1-p)^M$ 

Statistics? Superpoissonian

Consequence: back action matters! Highly correlated signal!

$$\bar{M} = \frac{1-p}{p}$$
$$Var M = \frac{1-p}{p^2} = \bar{M}\frac{1}{p}$$

#### **Brownian motion primary thermometry**



$$\langle V(\omega)V(-\omega')\rangle = 4Rk_bT\delta(\omega-\omega')$$

Classical

Key challenges:

- realization of the Volt (Josephson effect)
- realization of resistance (Quantum Hall)

$$k_b T \to \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} \left( \frac{1/2}{1/2} + \frac{1}{\exp(\beta\hbar\omega) - 1} \right)$$

Quantum



#### Quantum Brownian motion: the mass-temperature connection



#### **Temperature / frequency interconnect**



#### **Optomechanical Quantum Correlation Thermometry**



- Use quantum fluctuations as intrinsic force standard
- Look at optical correlations to distinguish thermal from quantum backaction force (similar to Raman sideband asymmetry, but technically easier)
- Goals:

absolute noise

calibrate

noise) but is hard to

- Build on-chip, photonic integrated primary thermometer
- Develop methods to observe quantum measurement backaction at room temperature



1µm

#### **3.6 GHz vibrational mode of Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> nanobeam**

#### **Optomechanical Quantum Correlation Thermometry**



 Optomechanical interaction creates quantum backaction induced correlations when optically driven motion is written back onto light probing the mechanics

$$\begin{split} \delta X_{I} & \rightarrow \delta X_{I} & \text{amplitude fluctuations} \\ \delta X_{Q} & \rightarrow \underbrace{\delta X_{Q}}_{o} + \underbrace{\alpha \delta F_{th}}_{th} + \underbrace{\beta \delta X_{I}}_{o} & \text{phase fluctuations} \\ & \text{shot thermal quantum} \\ & \text{noise motion backaction} \end{split}$$

 Correlation spectrum reveals information about quantum and thermal signals

$$S_{\phi_1,\phi_2}(\omega) = \left\langle \delta X^*_{\phi_1}(\omega) \delta X_{\phi_2}(\omega) \right\rangle$$

$$\frac{\operatorname{Re}\{S_{\pi/4,3\pi/4}(\omega)\}}{\operatorname{Im}\{S_{\pi/4,3\pi/4}(\omega)\}} = \operatorname{Coth}\left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{2k_BT}\right) \approx \frac{A}{2B}$$

 Ratios of spectral features give temperature directly related to fundamental constants and independent of device parameters





#### **Optomechanical Quantum Correlation Thermometry**



T. P. Purdy, K. E. Grutter, K. Srinivasan, J. M. Taylor, Science (2017)]

## Optomechanical transduction: photons coupled to phonons



Small non-linear coupling => large linear coupling

#### **Coupled harmonic oscillators: cooling**



#### Experimental evidence: mechanically-induced transparency



#### Efficient detection of astrophysical rf photons



### A universal interface?



#### Measuring NMR signals optically

Coil signal to motion to light

[Takeda et al., 1706.00532]



# **Beyond Kelvin: frequency to chemical potential (for light)**



### What does it do?

Our results: Time-dependent coupling between the photonic device and an (low frequency) reservoir leads to a chemical potential Electronic:  $\Box = \frac{1}{2}$ 



This provides a method for generating the optical or microwave photonic equivalent of a fixed voltage standard, like Josephson-based voltage standards

#### Laser cooling of atoms implementation



### Thanks!

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