# Integrated optomechanics and linear optics quantum circuits



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# Outline

#### **Opto- & electromechanics with the "H-resonator"**

- Application: broadband phase shifting
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#### **Outlook and conclusions**







# **On-chip optomechanics at Yale**

# Large-amplitude motion and optomechanical memories



Bagheri, Poot *et al.*, Nature Nanotech. 2011 Poot, Bagheri *et al.*, Phys Rev. A. 2012

# Synchronization between remote optomechanical oscillators





Fong, Poot, and Tang, Nano Lett., 2015



# **Opto-electromechanics**

#### **Optomechanics**

- Very good sensitivity
  - Quantum-limited lasers
  - Low-noise detectors
- Photons interact only very weakly with the resonator
  - Momentum:  $p = h/λ = 4.3 \times 10^{-28} \text{ kg m/s}$



#### Nanoelectromechanics

- Sensitivity "low" without special mesoscopic devices
- Strong electrostatic forces
  - Inversely proportional to the gap → make small



For a review of all the different optomechanical and NEMS devices that are used see e.g. "Mechanical Systems in the Quantum Regime" Phys. Rep. **511** 273–335 (2012)

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    Use an on-chip Mach-Zehnder
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# **Application: phase shifting**

- Very important optical component:
  - Power modulators
  - Tunable filters
  - Quantum algorithms
- Phase acquired when light travels through a material:  $\phi = 2\pi n L/\lambda_0$



Xu, Schmidth, Pradhan, and Lipson, Nature **435** 325 (2005) G. T. Reed *et al.*, Nat Phot, **4** 518 (2010) source: http://www2.physics.ox.ac.uk/

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## The "H" optomechanical phase shifter



#### Voltage $\rightarrow$ displacement $\rightarrow$ refr. index $\rightarrow$ phase

- Electrostatic: no power dissipated
  - ✓ No thermal crosstalk
  - ✓ Ideal for cryogenic operation
- Does not rely on a cavity works for a large wavelength range

- Small optical forces large power range possible: from single photon to Watt
- SiN = high-stress material = high eigenfrequency broadband operation

M. Poot and H. Tang, Appl. Phys. Lett. 104, 061101 (2014)

# **Opto-electromechanical phase shifting**

- Measure transmission of the device: MZI fringes
- Apply voltage:
  Shift in the fringe position = phase shift



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- Quadratic phase shift with V (electrostatic force ~ V<sup>2</sup>)
- π/2 phase shifts for the first generation of devices

## **Dynamic performance – frequency domain**

- Operates up to a few MHz; 3 dB point at 1 MHz
- Peaks due to the mechanical modes
- Quality factor ~ 10 in air
- Quality factor up to 300 000 in vacuum

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M. Poot et al., High-quality opto-electromechanical resonators, in preparation

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### **Electromechanics with H-resonators**

#### **Electrostatic spring effect**

An extremely strong electrostatic tuning of the resonance frequency is observed

#### **Tunable nonlinearity**

The Duffing parameter α is completely determined by the strong electrostatic effects CNT: Hüttel, Nano Lett. 2009, Häkkinen, Nano Lett. 2015

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### **Optomechanics with H-resonators**

- Small objects perform Brownian motion: Gaussian and equal quadratures
- Modulation of the resonance frequency  $f_0$  at  $2f_0$ :  $\chi = \partial f_0 / \partial V_{dc} \cdot V_P$
- Noise squeezed in the X quadrature limited to 3 dB

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 $X = \langle x(t)\cos(\omega_F t) \rangle_{\omega_F}$ 

 $Y = \langle x(t) \sin(\omega_F t) \rangle_{\omega_F}$ 

M. Poot, K.Fong, and H.Tang, Phys.Rev. A 90 063809 (2014)

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- Parametric squeezing reduces noise in one quadrature (X)  $\gamma_0 + \chi$ Limited to 3 dB due to instability in other quadrature (Y)  $\gamma_0 - \chi + g$
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- 15 dB of squeezing achieved: far beyond the 3 dB limit and even surpasses the FB cooling limit

![](_page_15_Figure_5.jpeg)

M. Poot, K.Y. Fong, and H.X. Tang, New J. Phys. 17 043056 (2015)

- So far these experiments were done with thermal motion
- How about the quantum regime?

Resonance frequency	Temperature	Thermal occupation	Required squeezing
500 kHz	300 K	1.3x10 <sup>7</sup>	74 dB
1 GHz	4 K	83	22 dB
1 GHz	20 mK	0.1	0.8 dB

- Low temperature and high frequency are the way to go Need for faster electronics/alternative feedback schemes e.g. Poot et al., APL 99, 013113 (2011)
- What is actually limiting the squeezing?

Recent work on quantum squeezing using BAE: Wollman, Schwab *et al.*, Science, **349**, 952 (2015) Lecocq, Teufel *et al.*, PRX, **5**, 041037 (2015)

$$\bar{n} = \left\{ \exp\left(\frac{hf}{k_B T}\right) - 1 \right\}^{-1}$$
$$\frac{\langle u^2 \rangle}{u_{\rm zpm}^2} = 2\bar{n} + 1$$

- Calculate the amount of squeezing for nonideal parameters
- The maximum squeezing degrades when the not exactly on resonance → frequency drift
- Similar effect for finite phases  $\theta$ ,  $\theta_{FB}$

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- What about the signal-to-background ratio (SBR)?
  - A weak measurement (C << C<sub>SQL</sub>) gives a noisy signal
  - A strong measurement (C >> C<sub>SQL</sub>) gives a clearer signal, but backaction heats the resonator
- For a quantum resonator the SBR is small near the SQL; for higher temperature SBR is larger

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- Turn up the parametric pump (and stabilizing feedback) to increase squeezing
- 8 dB of quantum squeezing for  $\chi = 10^3$
- How robust is it?
- Can one see it?

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# Linear optical quantum computation

- Optical photons are ideal qubits: they hardly interact with their environment
  - Easily transferred over large distances
  - Coherence is well preserved
- Problems:
  - Photons hardly interact with each other:
    Difficult to make 2 qubit gates
    Solution: measurement-induced nonlinearity (KLM scheme)
  - Not very scalable in free-space optics Measured in "number of optical tables" Use integrated optics:
    - Many small devices on a chip
    - Phase stability

http://www.wiretechworld.com/files/2015/07/Optical-Fibers.jpg http://www.fisi.polimi.it/sites/default/files/allegati/images/LabLaserA1.JPG

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M. Poot et al, Integrated quantum optics circuits with superconducting detectors and optomechanical phase shifters, in preparation

## **Directional coupler**

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#### How large should the interaction length be for a given splitting ratio C?

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### **Directional coupler**

- Measure transmission for different interaction lengths L<sub>int</sub>
- Fit:  $C = \sin^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{L_{\text{int}} + \ell_0}{\ell_c} \right)$
- With  $\ell_0$ ,  $\ell_c$  determine  $L_{int}$  for new chip
- Very close to target values of 1/2 and 2/3

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M. Poot et al., Op. Ex. 24 6843 (2016)

### A more complex circuit: a CNOT gate

- Need to confirm that the network works as designed
- Classical scattering matrix determines the quantum behavior e.g. J. Skaar, J. C. Garcia Escartin, and H. Landro, Am. J. Phys, 2004
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# **Characterizing the CNOT**

- Transmissions determined by the model of the CNOT gate
- From least-squares fit:
  C<sub>50</sub> = 0.477 and C<sub>67</sub> = 0.676
- Values close to ideal

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Simulation: correct result 99.8% of the time → high fidelity operation

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M. Poot et al., Op. Ex. 24 6843 (2016)

# The full circuit – initialization and tomography

Need to prepare qubits in arbitrary state

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 Use H-resonators as optomechanical phase shifters

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M. Poot and H. Tang, Appl. Phys. Lett. 104, 061101 (2014)

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### **Determining the phases**

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M. Poot et al, Characterization of optical quantum circuits using resonant phase shifts, submitted

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## Superconducting single photon detectors

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Voltage (V)

1.6K

30 .. 70 nm wide ~ 5 nm thick NbTiN on top of a waveguide

> The SSPDs work OK after the entire fabrication process, including the release of the phase shifters

> > 4.00um

Gol'tsman *et al.*, APL 2001 Pernice *et al.*, Nat Comm. 2012 Schuck *et al.*, Sci Rep. 20<del>13</del>

Yale 15.0kV 15.5mm x12.0k SE(M)

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0

Current (µA)

4

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## **Conclusions and outlook**

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We demonstrate strong electrostatic interactions, and squeezing with feedback in Hresonators. These experiments can be extended to the quantum regime

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Our "H" phase shifters are not only useful in optomechanics but are essential parts in integrated quantum optics

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Integration of all elements - SSPDs, phase shifters and quantum circuitry - is underway and the next step is to send nonclassical light into these exciting devices

# Photonic circuits for integrated quantum optics

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