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Task 3.1. Interconversion of microwaves and optical fields by means of a nanomechanical quantum interface.

#### D3.1: Strong electro-mechanical coupling at room temperature [month 12]

D3.2: Theoretical analysis of the microwave to optical interface using mechanical transduction [month 12]

## D3.3: Development of composite graphene-insulator, metal-insulator and semiconductor membrane actuators [month 24]

D3.4: Theoretical analysis of quantum limits on sensitivity and bandwidth [month 24]

D3.5: Demonstration of radio-frequency field readout with close-to-unity quantum efficiency [month 36]

## D3.6: Demonstration of strong electro-mechanical coupling with superconducting LC circuit [month 36]

D3.7: Demonstration of a mechanical microwave amplifier with single phonon resolution [month 36]

D3.8: Proof of principle demonstration of graphene-based photon-phonon-photon THz detector in the microwave regime [month 36]

## Optical readout of radio waves through a nanomechanical transducer.

(in principle) accepted to Nature.



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## Mechanically oscillating capacitor





#### Laser Cooling and Optical Detection of Excitations in a LC Electrical Circuit

Theory

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Highlight: March 2012 issue of Nature Photonics

## **Opto-electro-mechanical hybrid** Antenna Q = 110





SiN – 100 nm + Al – 50 nm





Optical detection of electro-mechanical coupling: from Mechanically-Induced Transparency to Strong Coupling

$$V_{dc} = \frac{g^2}{\Omega^2} = \frac{c}{Q_{LC}Q_m} = \frac{\delta C}{C}$$

Strong coupling:

$$\frac{g}{\Omega}Q_{LC} = Q_{LC}\sqrt{\frac{\delta C}{C}} > 1$$

Optical and electrical readout of coupled electro-mechanical oscillators





Electrical Mechanically-induced transparency (EMIT)



Optical readout of strong electro-mechanical coupling



## Optical observation of electro-mechanical normal mode splitting and anti-crossing



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## Summary

- Strong electro-mechanical coupling at room temperature
- Optical read-out and amplification of electronic signals
- Added noise floor of 40 milliKelvin
- Nanomechanical transduction from RF to optics
- All-optical processing of electronic signals
- Extension to microwave-to-optics

## Outlook



Integrated interferometer

Probe light

Medium F cavity formed by membrane + chip





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- Clamping losses set an upper limit to mechanical Q-factor
- Tailor the phononic state density in the membrane frame with a phononic structure
- Membrane modes of interest inside the phononic bandgap, thus decoupling from the environment







- Driven response measurements of the displacement, measured on the defect and the frame
- Up to 40 dB suppression inside the phononic bandgap
- Ringdown measurements, with freestanding and bolted down samples
- Modes inside the bandgap are unaffected by clamping



- Compilation of clamped/unclamped ringdown measurements (7 samples, 11 membrane modes on each)
- Data sorted into modes outside (a) and inside (b) a bandgap.



- . Cryogenic measurements with the sample bolted to the cold finger
- Q × f products of 6 × 10<sup>12</sup> Hz at 300 K and 14 × 10<sup>12</sup> Hz at 8 K



## Solid cryogenic cavity design



Towards photon-phonon-photon strong coupling

### **Towards probing mechanical oscillator beyond SQL**

Entanglement of a mechanical oscillator (positive mass) with an atomic ensemble ("negative mass")



Establishing Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen channels between nanomechanics and atomic ensembles. K. Hammerer, M. Aspelmeyer, E.S. Polzik, P. Zoller. **Phys. Rev. Lett.** 102, 020501 (2009).



## Quantum optical interface for disparate oscillators





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## Processing Quantum States below the Heisenberg Uncertainty Bound

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Standard (?) Quantum Limit (SQL)

$$\left[\hat{J}_{z}, \hat{J}_{y}\right] = iJ_{x} \quad \delta J_{z} \cdot \delta J_{y} \leq \frac{F}{4}N$$

Tracing the spin direction with precision better than SQL – Trajectories without Quantum Uncertainties

Steady state entanglement generated by dissipation

Transfer of spin states from one location to another – quantum teleportation

- 3 steps to noiseless quantum trajectories
- 1. Trajectory is defined relative to an origin system which is treated quantum mechanically
- 2. The origin system has an effective negative mass or negative frequency (for oscillator)
- 3. Entangled state of the origin system and the system of interest is generated

From free particles to oscillators Oscillator in classical coordinate frame:

$$\left[\hat{X},\hat{P}\right] = i$$

 $X(t) = X(0)\cos(\omega t) + P(0)\sin(\omega t) / m$ 

Oscillator in quantum reference frame with respect to a negative mass (m =  $-m_0 = 1$ ) or negative frequency system:

 $X(t) - X_0(t) = [X(0) - X_0(0)]\cos(\omega t) + [P(0) + P_0(0)]\sin(\omega t)$ 

Simon (2000); Duan, Giedke, Cirac, Zoller (2000) Entanglement condition

$$Var(X - X_0) + Var(P + P_0) < 2$$

 $\Rightarrow Var[X(t) - X_0(t)] < 1$  stanlar guantum limit



#### Membrane- 3 seconds

Time it takes to get 1 MHz thermal phonon from the environment:

300K3K107 Phonons105 phonons300 nsec30 microsec





H. Krauter, C. Muschik, K. Jensen, W. Wasilewski, J. Pedersen, I. Cirac, E. S. Polzik, Phys.Rev.Lett. 107, 080503 (2011)



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