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# Education

**M.Sc. Quantum Science  
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Specialization in Quantum Information and Computation

Research interests in Quantum Surface Codes, QML, QEC, Quantum Algorithms and Fundamental Quantum Theory

**B.A.Sc Engineering  
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**Queen's**  
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Stockdale, P. Excellence Award in Physics

Thesis on Developing Machine Learning Algorithms for American Style Stock Options

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Queen's  
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# Optomechanical Pair-Coherent State Generation

Schrodinger's Optomechanical Cats: Pairing up for Quantum Computing

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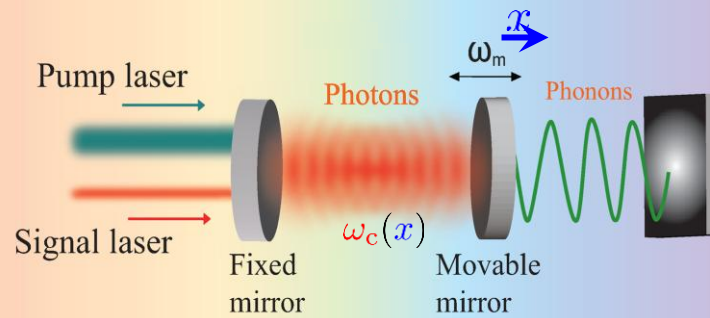


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Li, Jinjin, et al. Entropy, vol. 15, no. 2, 2013, pp. 434-444

## Advantages of Mechanical Systems

### 1 Noise-Biased Error Correction

Mechanical systems offer the potential for noise-biased error correction within a compact footprint.

### 2 Long Lifetimes

Mechanical qubits Have the potential to exhibit longer coherence times, enabling longer quantum operations.

### 3 Minimal Crosstalk

The low crosstalk between mechanical qubits allows for high-fidelity operations and the scaling of the system.

# Pair Coherent States

$$\gamma = \frac{\epsilon_{ab}}{i\kappa_{ab}/2}$$

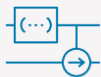
$$|\gamma, \delta\rangle = \mathcal{N} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\gamma^{n+\delta/2}}{\sqrt{n!(n+\delta)!}} |n+\delta\rangle_a |n\rangle_b$$

$$\delta = a^\dagger a - b^\dagger b$$



## Improved Error Correction

- Pair cat codes detect and correct a broader range of errors than single cat codes. Robust to single photon loss



## Enhanced Fault Tolerance

- Greater resistance to noise and correlated errors
- Reduced physical qubits for error corrected logical qubits



## Increased Stability and Performance

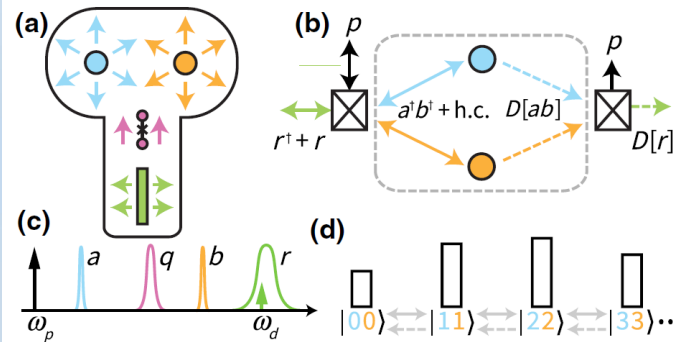
- Better long-term coherence for quantum computing and communication

$$\dot{\rho} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} [H, \rho] + \kappa_{ab} L[ab]\rho$$

$$\frac{H}{\hbar} = \epsilon_{ab}^* ab + \epsilon_{ab} a^\dagger b^\dagger$$

Chen Wang Lab at  
the University of Massachusetts-Amherst

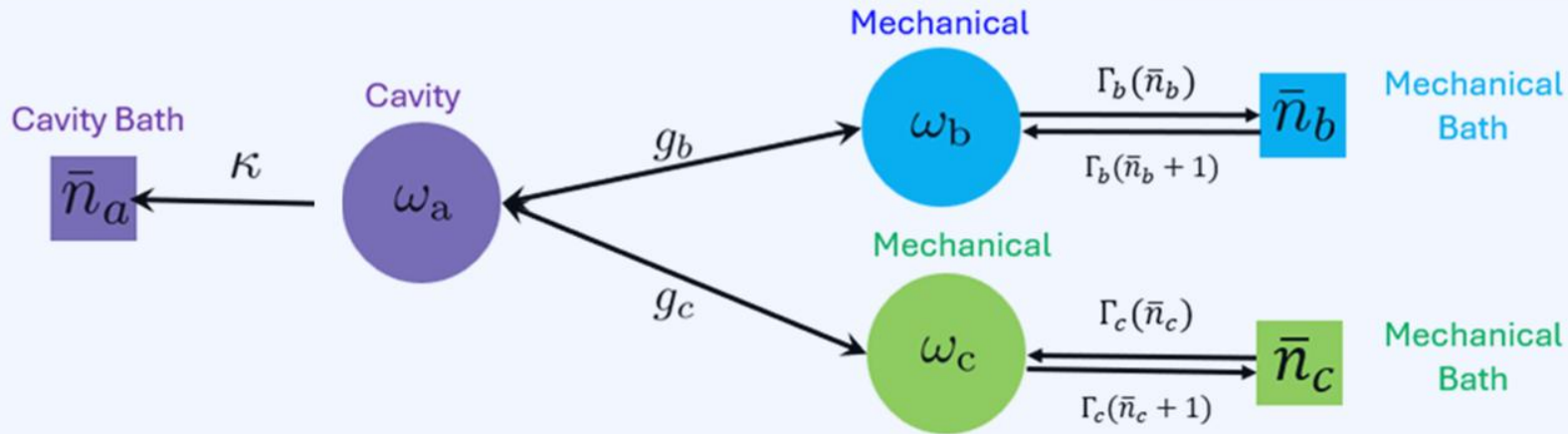
Gertler et al., PRX 4, 020319 (2023)



**Experimental Fidelity:**  $\mathcal{F} = 41.5 \pm 1.3 \%$

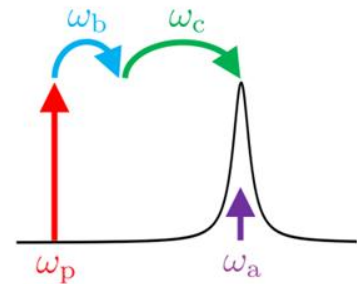


# Double Mechanical Mode Optomechanical System



$$\dot{\rho} = -\frac{i}{\hbar}[H, \rho] + \kappa L[a]\rho + \Gamma_b(\bar{n}_b + 1)L[b]\rho + \Gamma_b\bar{n}_b L[b^\dagger]\rho + \Gamma_c(\bar{n}_c + 1)L[c]\rho + \Gamma_c\bar{n}_c L[c^\dagger]\rho$$

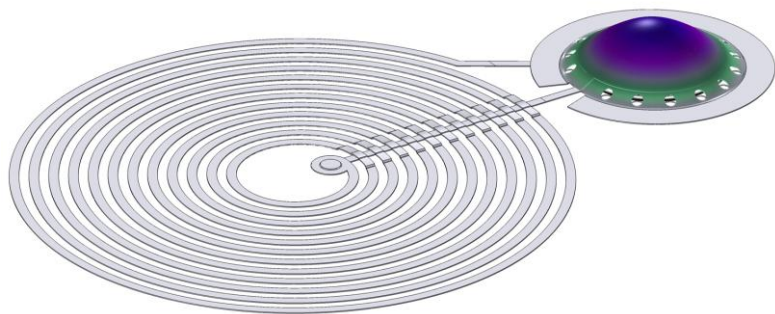
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{H}{\hbar} = & \omega_a a^\dagger a + \omega_b b^\dagger b + \omega_c c^\dagger c + a^\dagger a [g_b(b + b^\dagger) + g_c(c + c^\dagger)] \\ & + \varepsilon_d a^\dagger e^{i\omega_d t} + \varepsilon_d^* a e^{-i\omega_d t} + \varepsilon_p a^\dagger e^{i\omega_p t} + \varepsilon_p^* a e^{-i\omega_p t} \end{aligned}$$





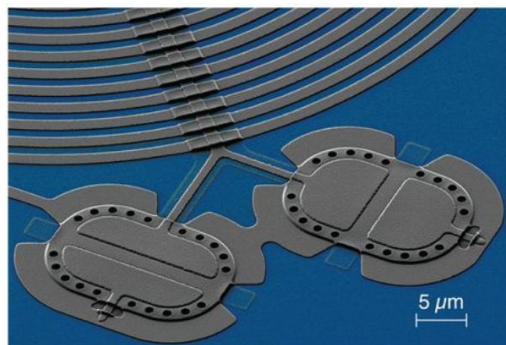
# Experimental Realization

## Vacuum Gap Capacitors of Two Types



Teufel *et al.*, *Nature* **475**, 359 (2011)

## 1: Two Mechanical Resonators



Kotler *et al.*, *Science* **372**, 622 (2021)

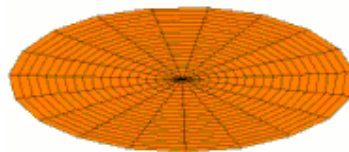
- Individual frequencies (more tunable) but share a single cavity mode
- Coupling shared between mechanical modes
- Can cause parasitic coupling

## 2: Two mechanical Modes of a Single Resonator

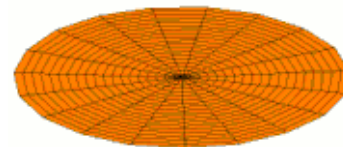
- More constrained in frequency for a given geometry
- **Choose this option** with a constant circular membrane mode ratio

$$\frac{\omega_b}{\omega_c} = 2.3$$

(0, 1) mode



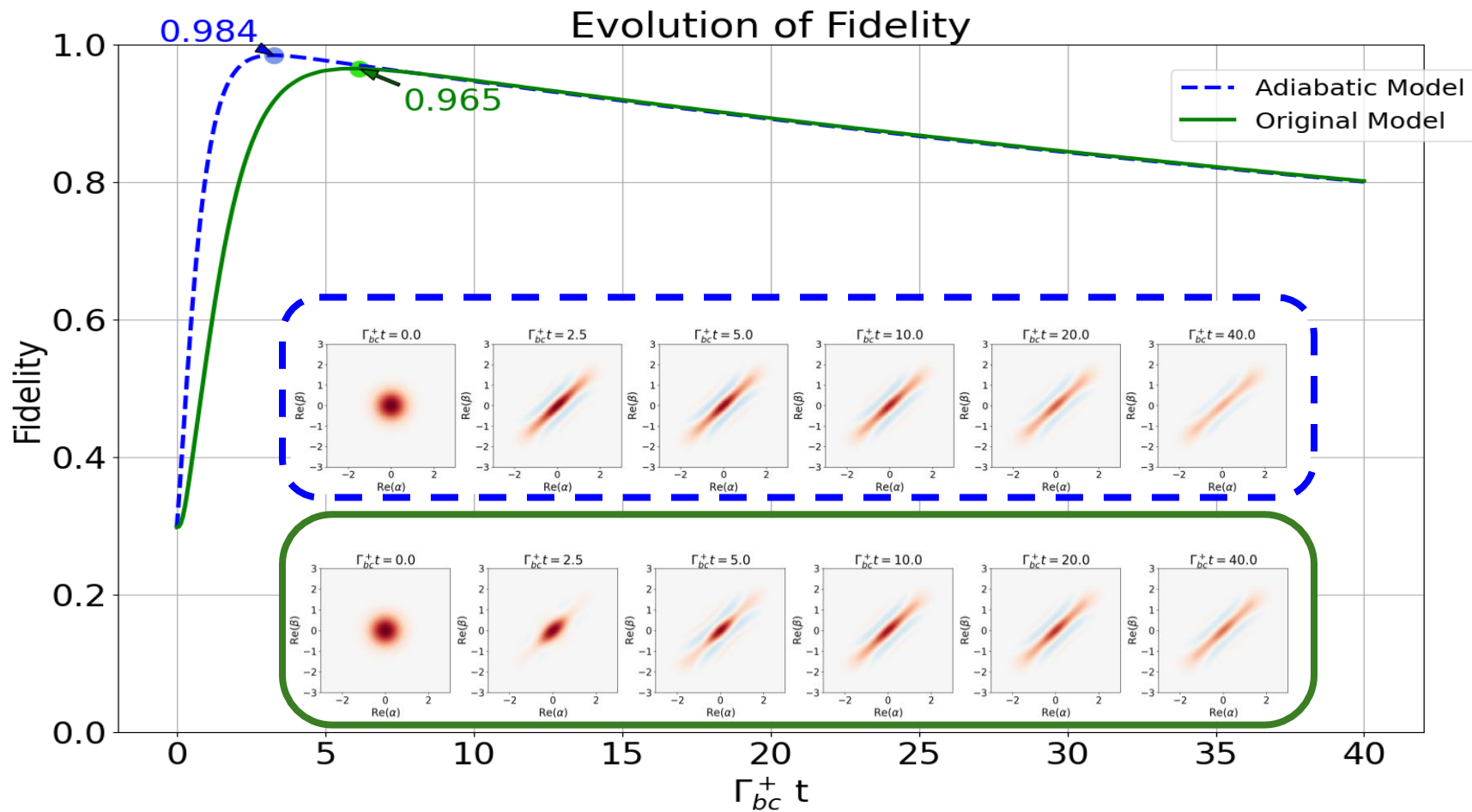
(0, 2) mode





# Simulation Fidelity

*Pair Coherent State:  $\delta = 0$*



When Nathan isn't  
doing Physics, what is  
he up to?

