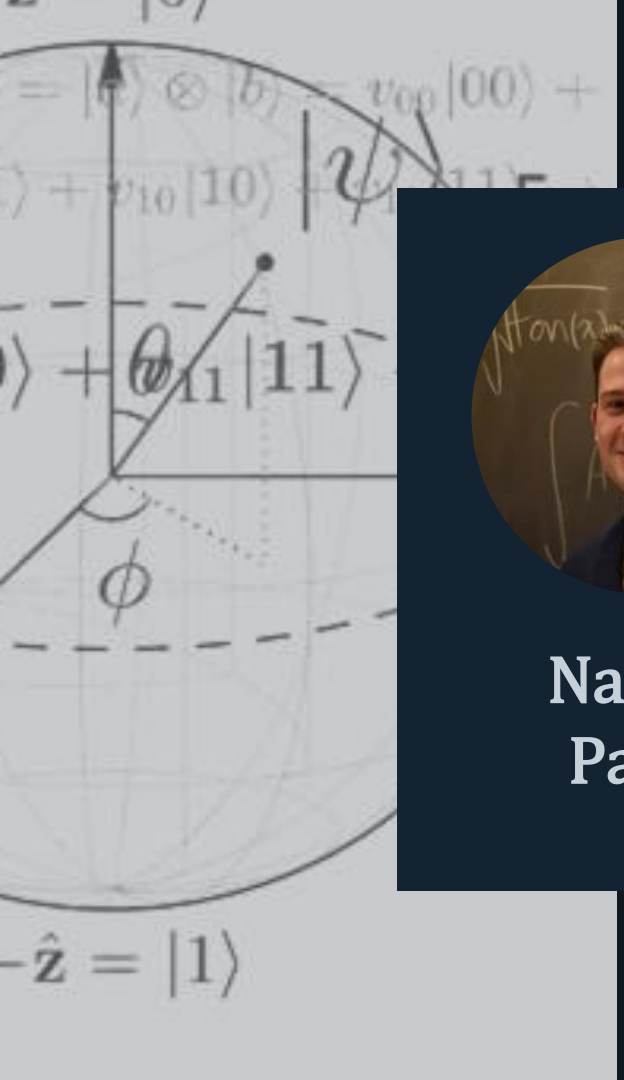

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Optomechanical Pair-Coherent State Generation

Schrodinger's Optomechanical Cats: Pairing up for Quantum Computing

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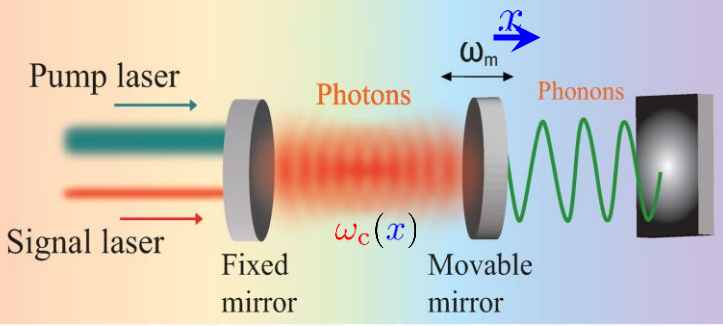


Li, Jinjin, et al. Entropy, vol. 15, no. 2, 2013, pp. 434-444

Advantages of Mechanical Systems

1 Noise-Biased Error Correction

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

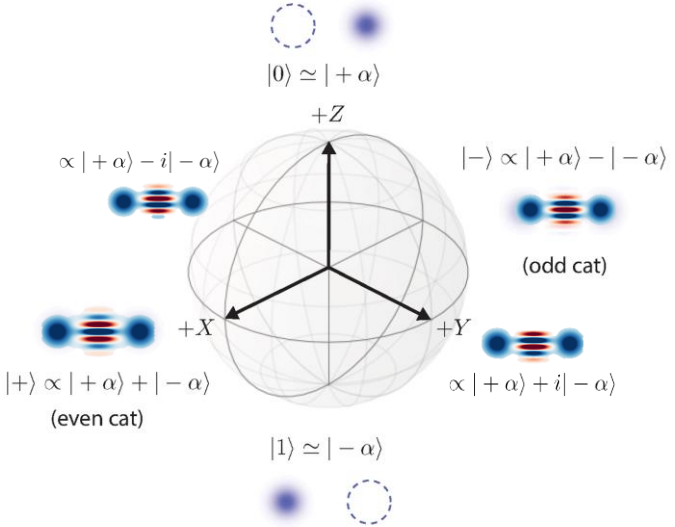
2 Long Lifetimes

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.

Cat Codes



$$|0\rangle_\alpha = \tfrac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(|+\rangle_\alpha + |-\rangle_\alpha\right) = |+\alpha\rangle + \mathcal{O}(e^{-2|\alpha|^2})$$
$$|1\rangle_\alpha = \tfrac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(|+\rangle_\alpha - |-\rangle_\alpha\right) = |-\alpha\rangle + \mathcal{O}(e^{-2|\alpha|^2})$$

Chamberland *et al., PRX Quantum* **3**, 010329 (2022)

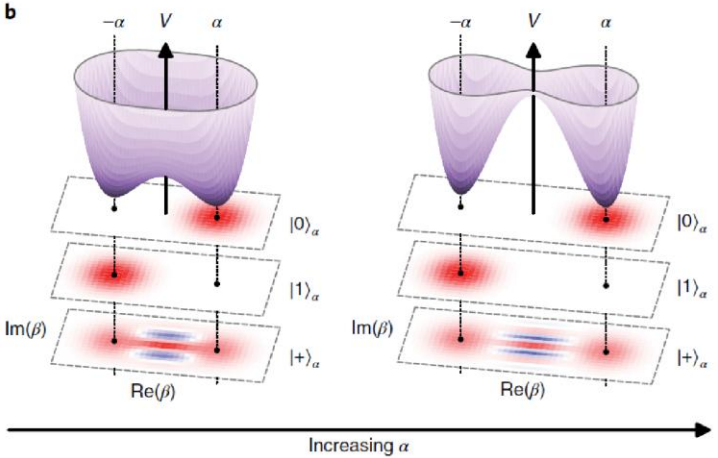
Bit-flip error rate

$$\Gamma_{0\leftrightarrow 1} \sim |\alpha|^2 e^{-2|\alpha|^2} \kappa_{\text{err}}$$

Phase-flip error rate

$$\Gamma_{+\leftrightarrow -} \sim |\alpha|^2 \kappa_{\text{err}}$$

Choose $|\alpha|^2 \gg 1$ to suppress bit flip errors



Lescanne *et al., Nat. Phys.* **16**, 509 (2020)

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

$$\dot{\rho} = -\frac{i}{\hbar}[H,\rho] + \kappa_{ab} L[ab]\rho \qquad \frac{H}{\hbar} = \epsilon_{ab}^* ab + \epsilon_{ab} a^\dagger b^\dagger$$

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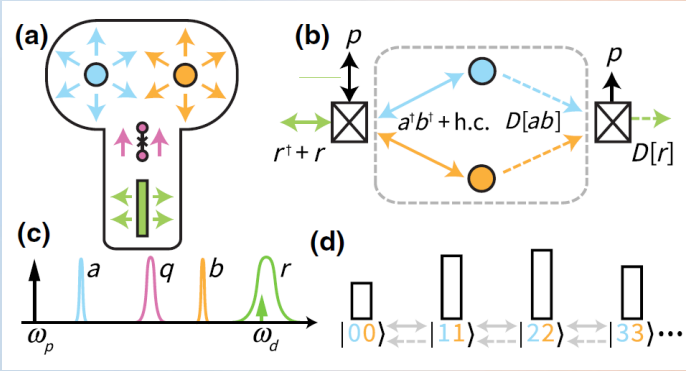
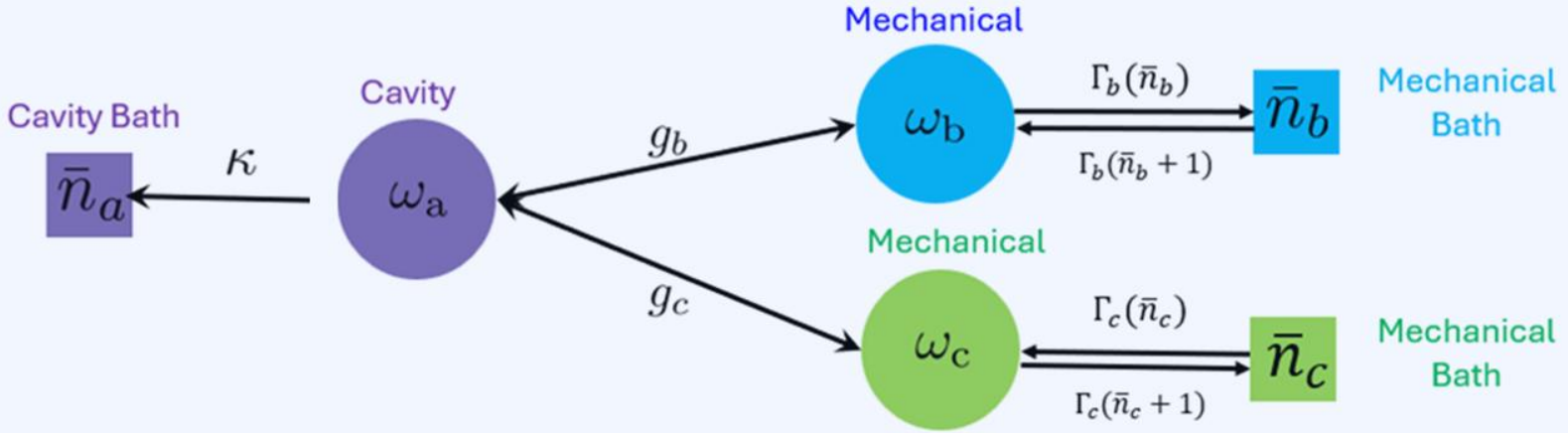
Gertler *et al.*, *PRX* **4**, 020319 (2023)



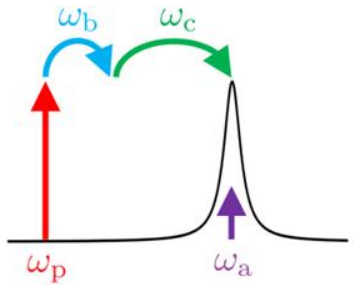
Experimental Fidelity: $\mathcal{F} = 41.5 \pm 1.3\ \%$

Double Mechanical Mode Optomechanical System



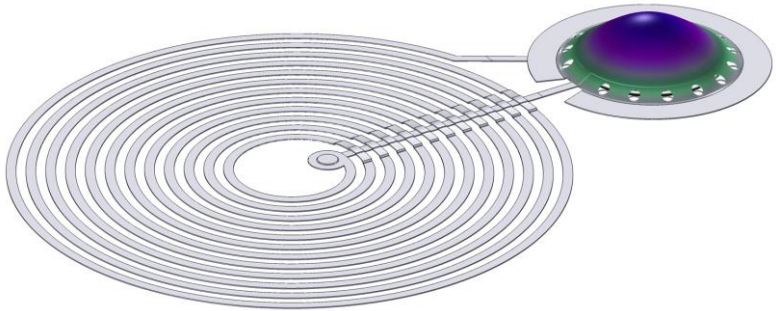
$$\dot{\rho} = -\frac{i}{\hbar}[H,\rho] + \kappa L[a]\rho + \Gamma_b(\bar{n}_b+1)\,L[b]\rho + \Gamma_b\bar{n}_b L[b^\dagger]\rho + \Gamma_c(\bar{n}_c+1)\,L[c]\rho + \Gamma_c\bar{n}_c L[c^\dagger]\rho$$

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



Experimental Realization

Vacuum Gap Capacitors of Two Types



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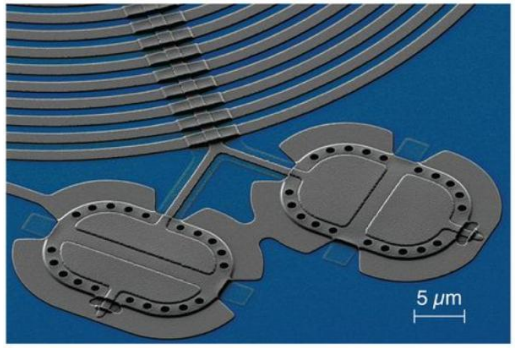
1: Two Mechanical Resonators



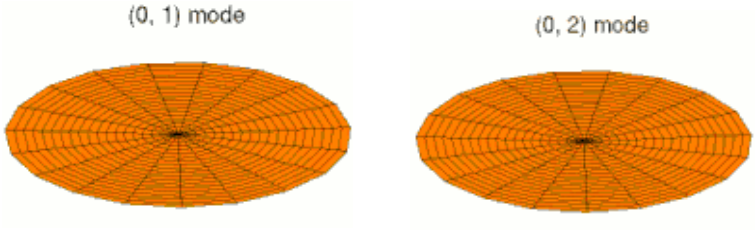
Kotler *et al., Science* **372**, 622 (2021)

- 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

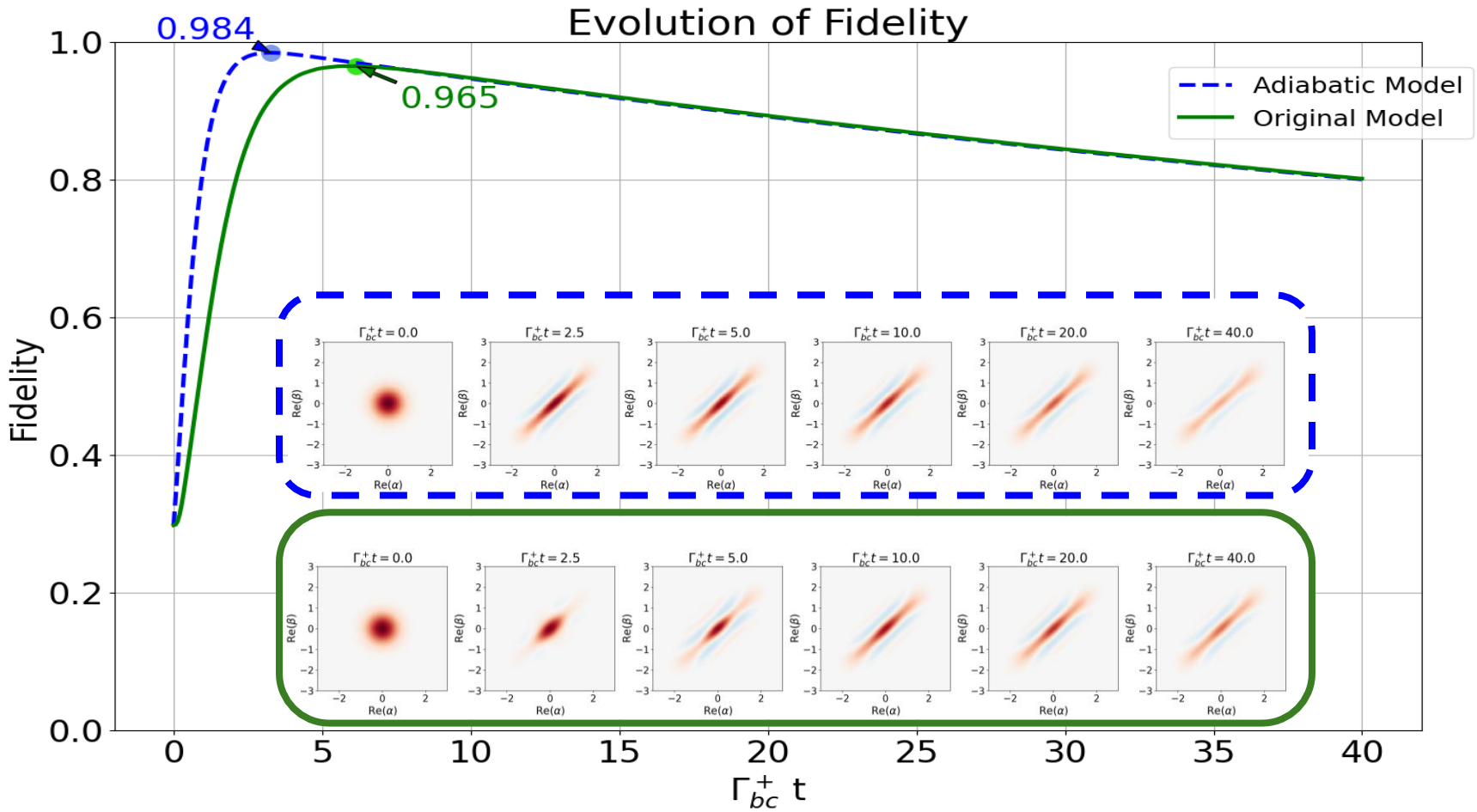
- More constrained in frequency for a given geometry
- **Choose this option** with a constant circular membrane mode ratio

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



Simulation Fidelity

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



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