

Manipulating and Measuring States of an Optomechanical Resonator in the Quantum Regime

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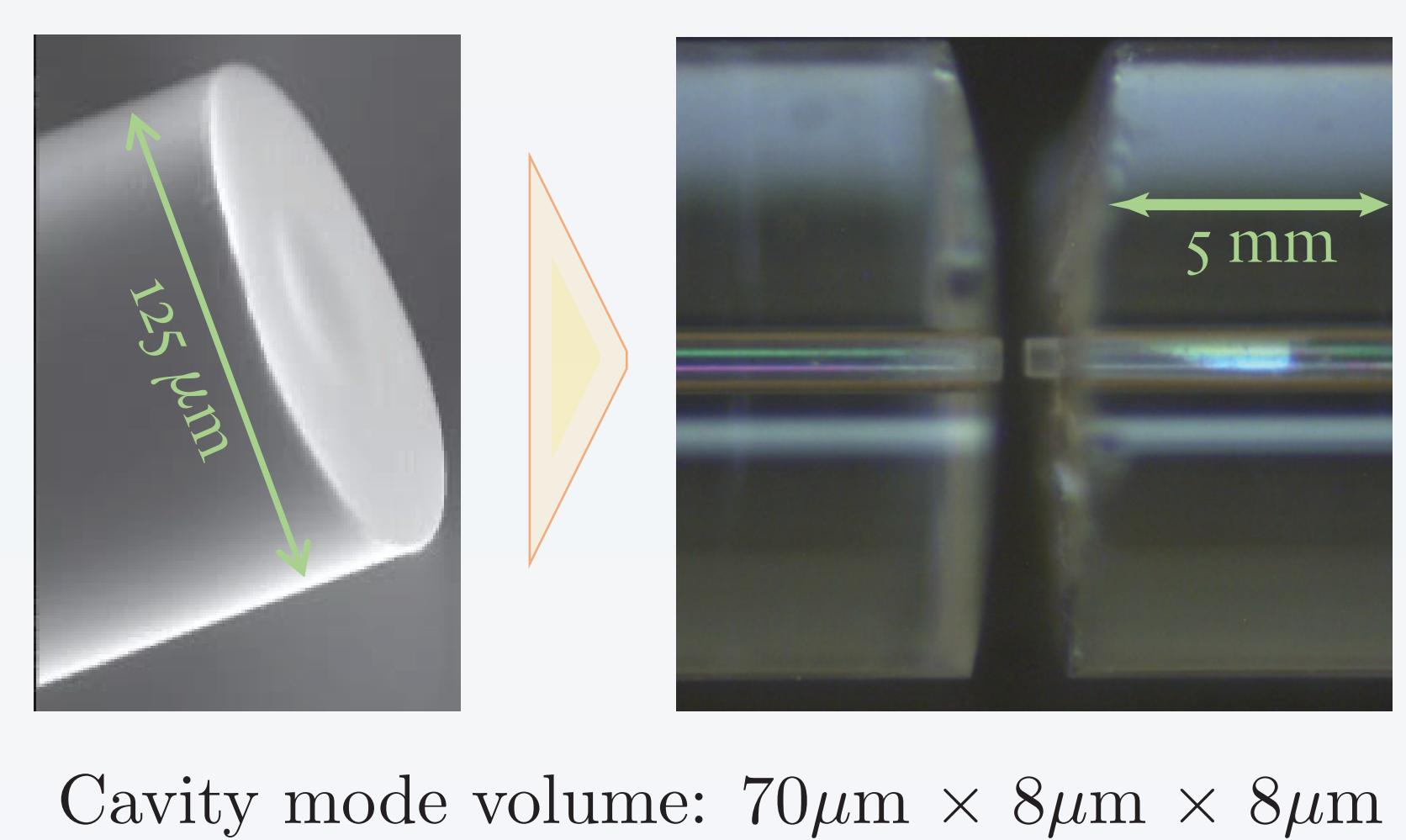
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Motivation

Why Superfluid Helium:

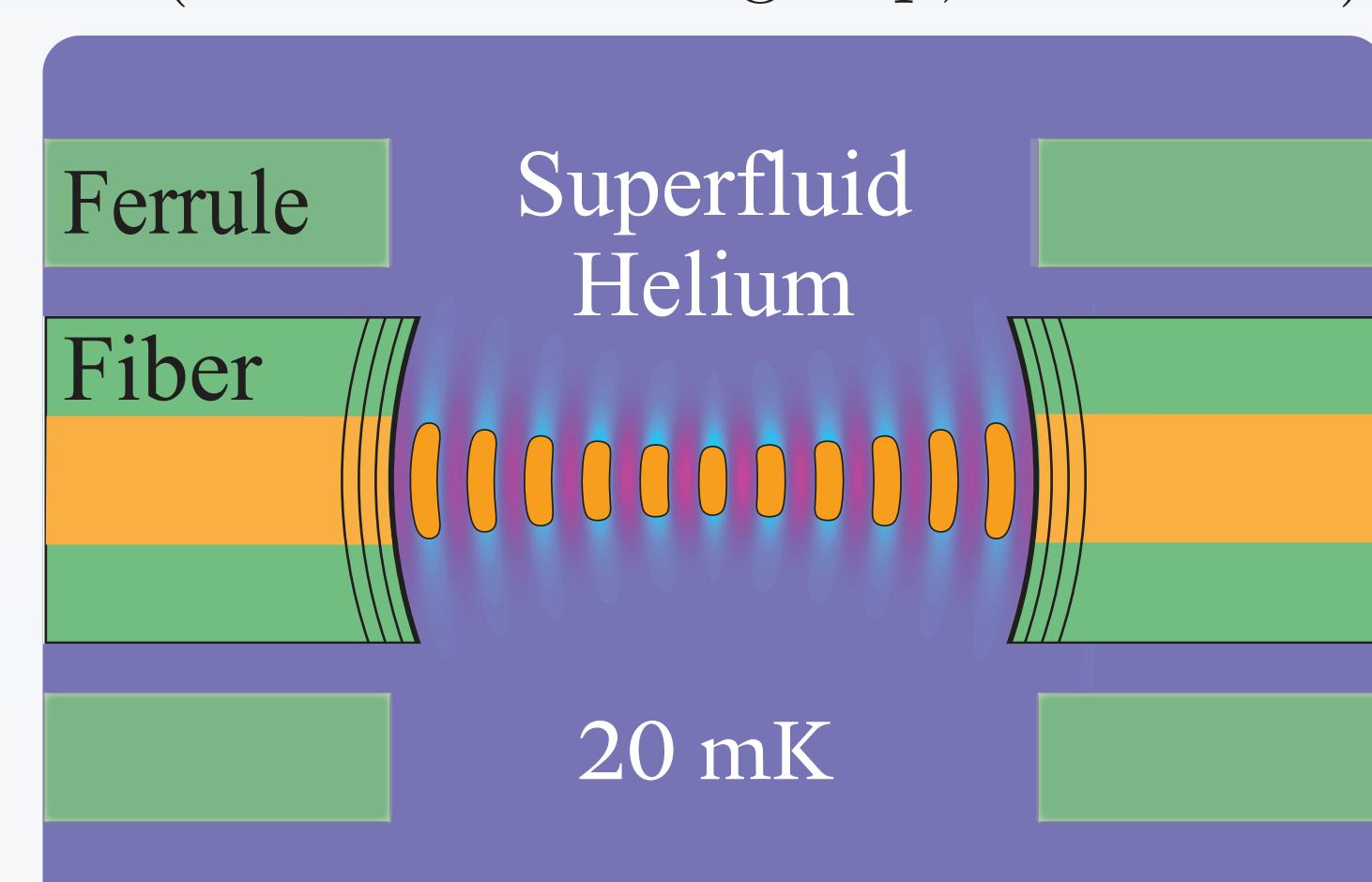
- 19 eV bandgap
- Zero chemical impurities
- Zero structural defects
- Zero viscosity
- High thermal conductivity
- Self-aligned optical & acoustic modes
- Can host new hybrid quantum systems



Cavity mode volume: $70\mu\text{m} \times 8\mu\text{m} \times 8\mu\text{m}$
(Jakob Reichel's group, ENS Paris)

Goal of the Experiment:

- Quantum optomechanics
- Macroscopic quantum phenomena
- Test quantum gravity effects
- Promising system for light DM searches
- Quantum sensing
- Quantum memory
- Superfluid dynamics
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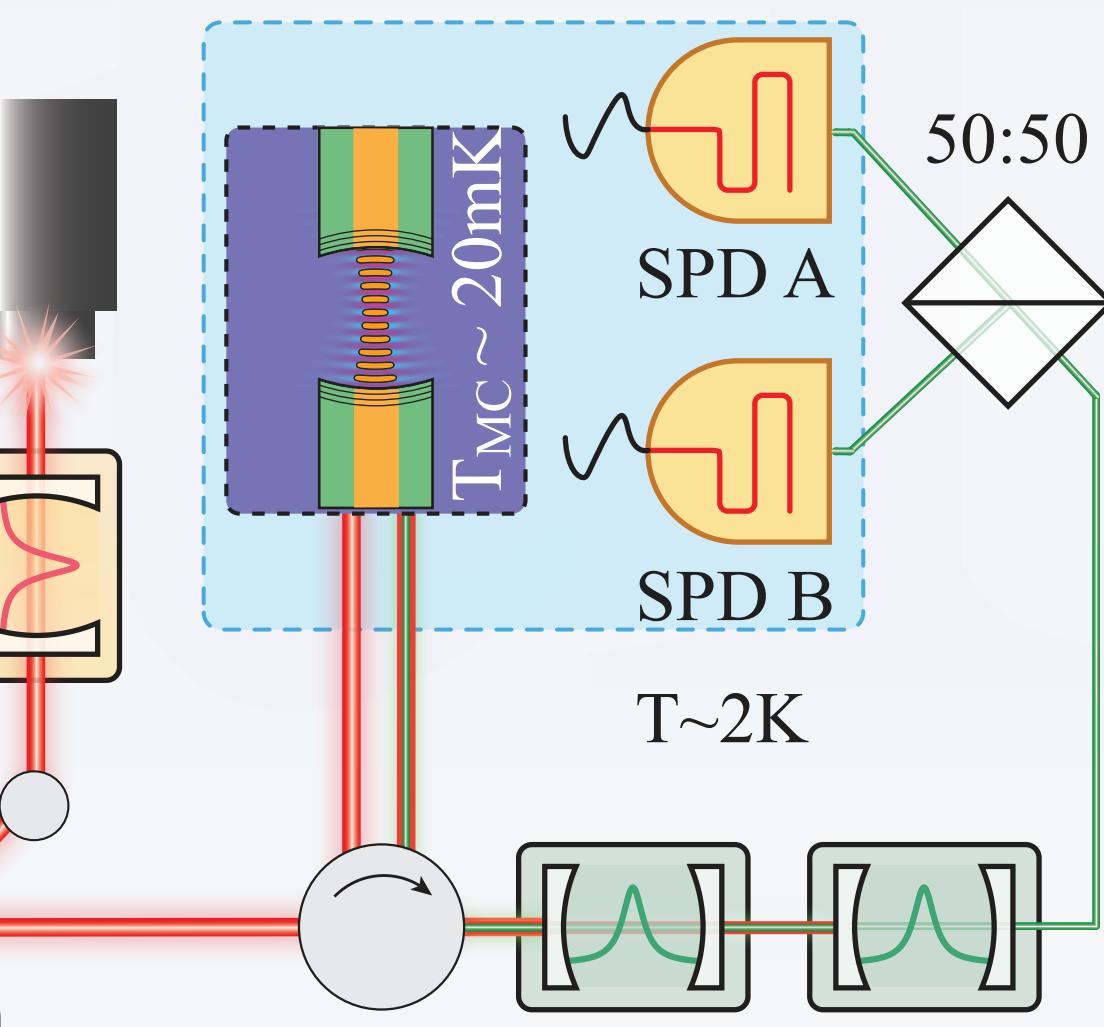
Experiment Setup

Photon Counting

Nonlinearity induced by measurement projection
Measure motional state by photon statistics
Weak measurements

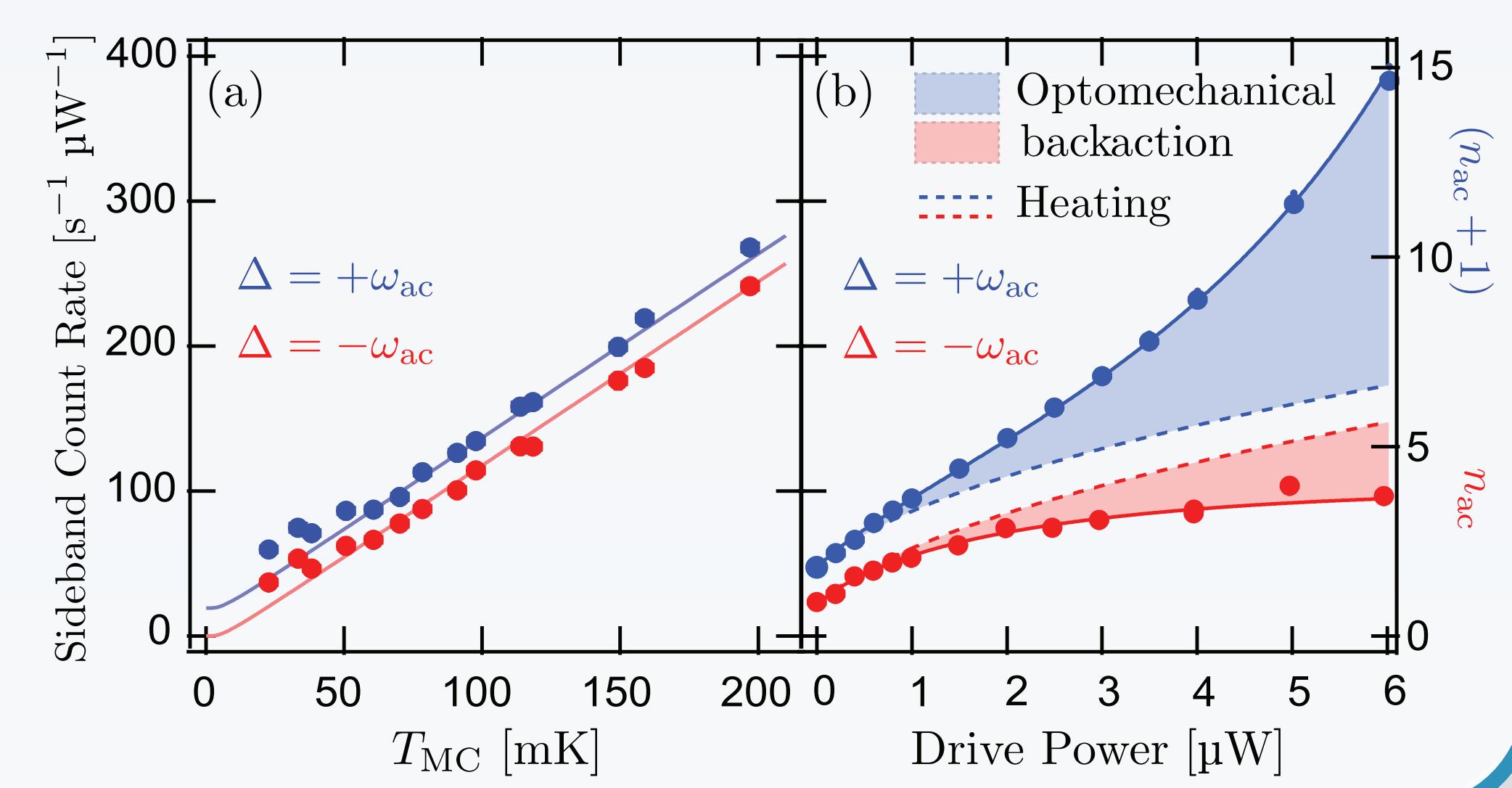
'Heralded' protocols to prepare Nonclassical state

- Phonon-photon entanglement
- Fock states
- Entanglement of two mechanical oscillators
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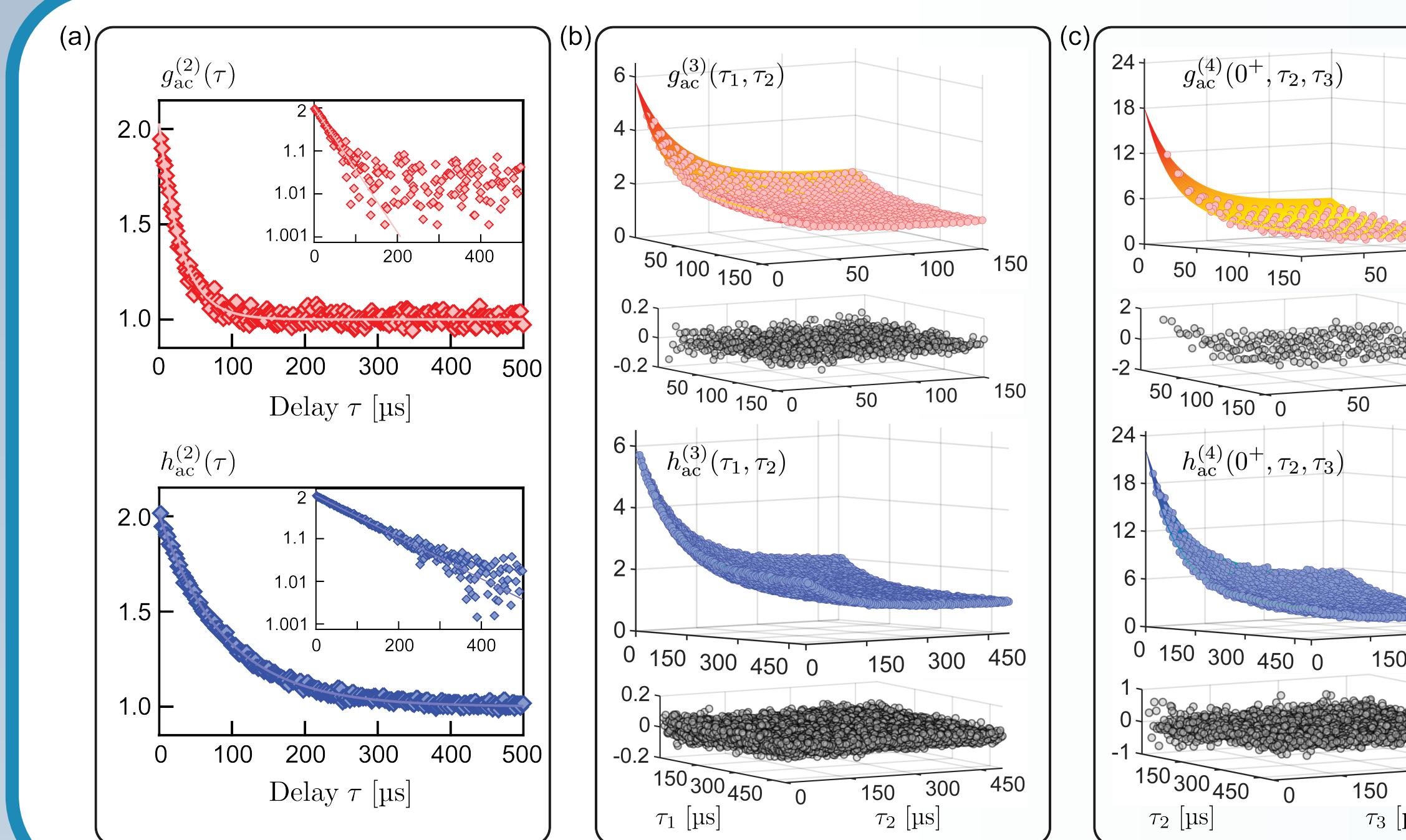
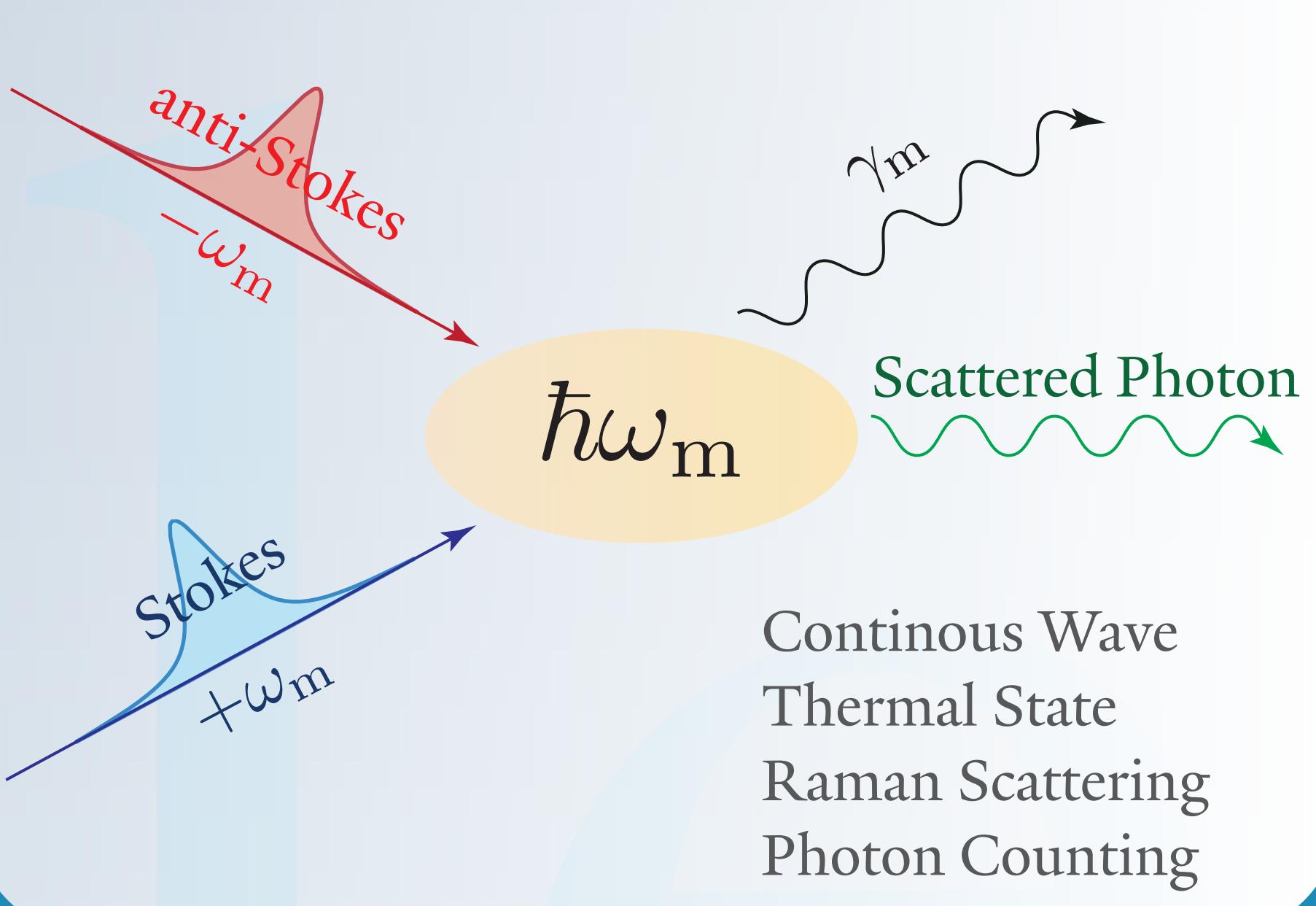


Quantum Optomechanics

- Single-mode optomechanics
- Stokes/anti-Stokes scattering
- Quantum backaction
- Quantum sideband asymmetry
- Zero point fluctuation (ZPF)
- Photon correlations



Thermal State



High-order Phonon Correlations*

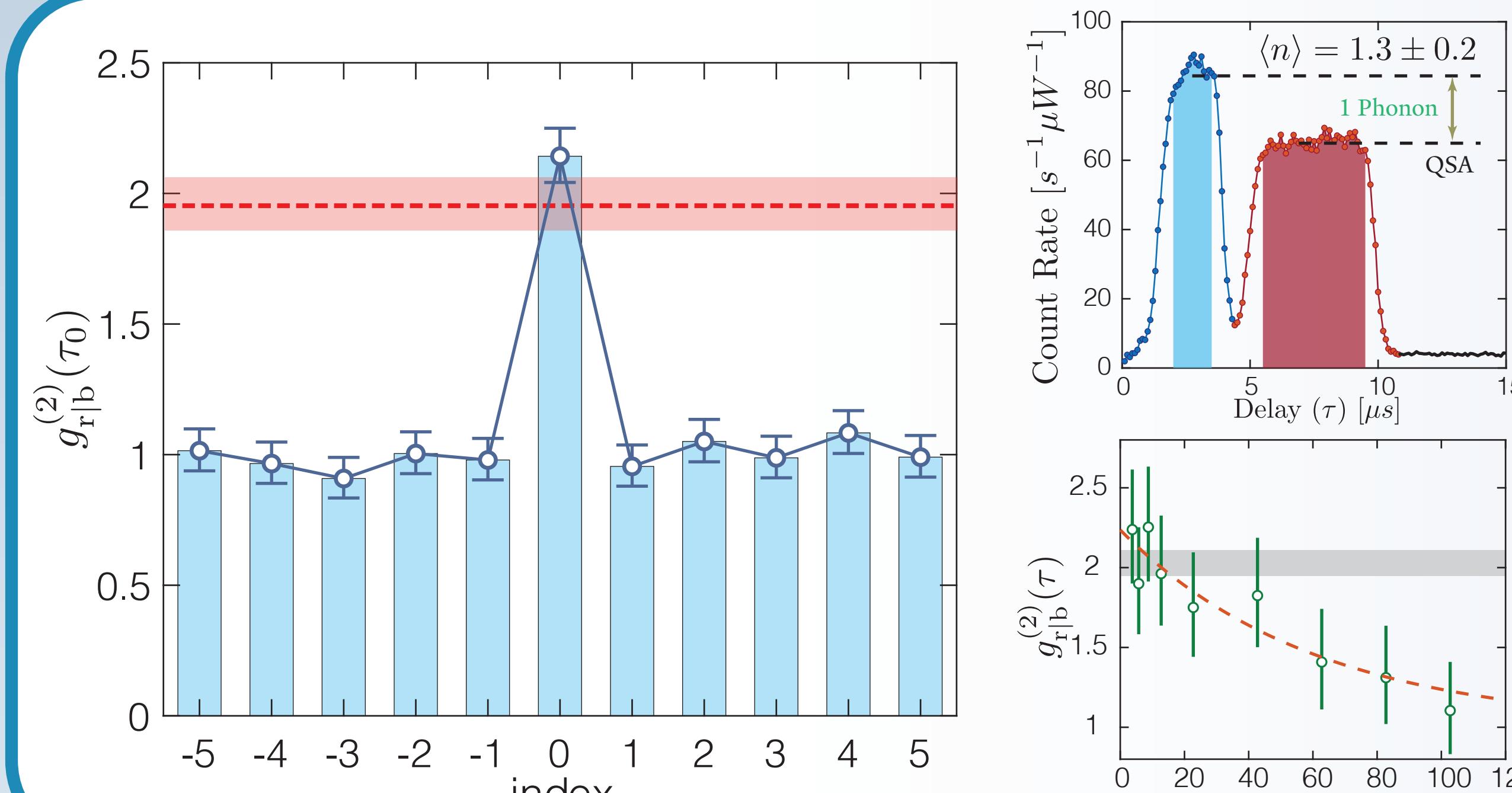
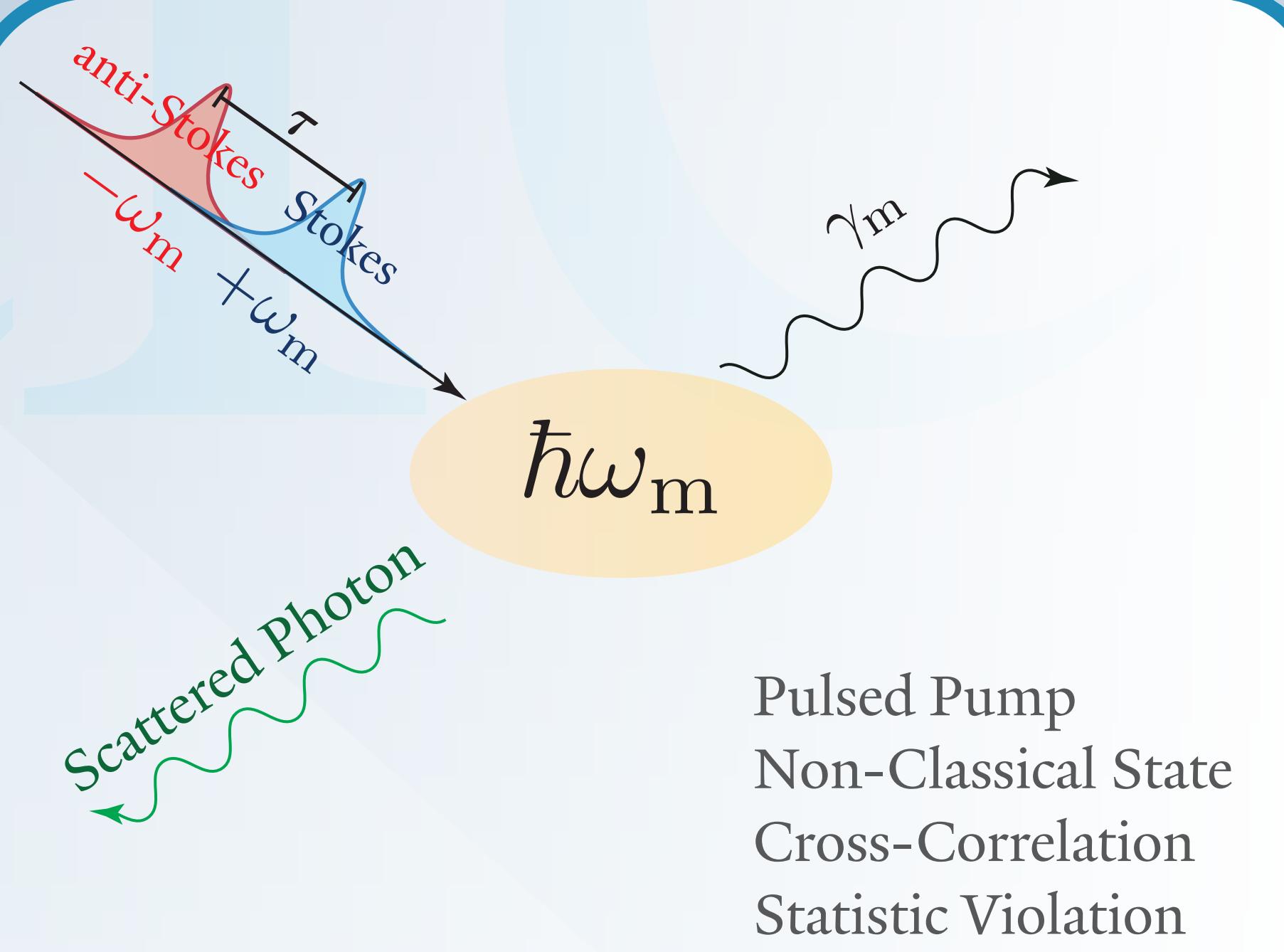
- Photon-phonon correspondence
- Phonon bunching effect
- Characterize phonon statistics of a thermal state up to 4th order
- Less than 4 phonons
- Reconstruct Wigner function?

Phonon Added/Subtracted States
Heralded protocol
Nonclassical states preparation



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Entangled State



Photon-phonon Entanglement

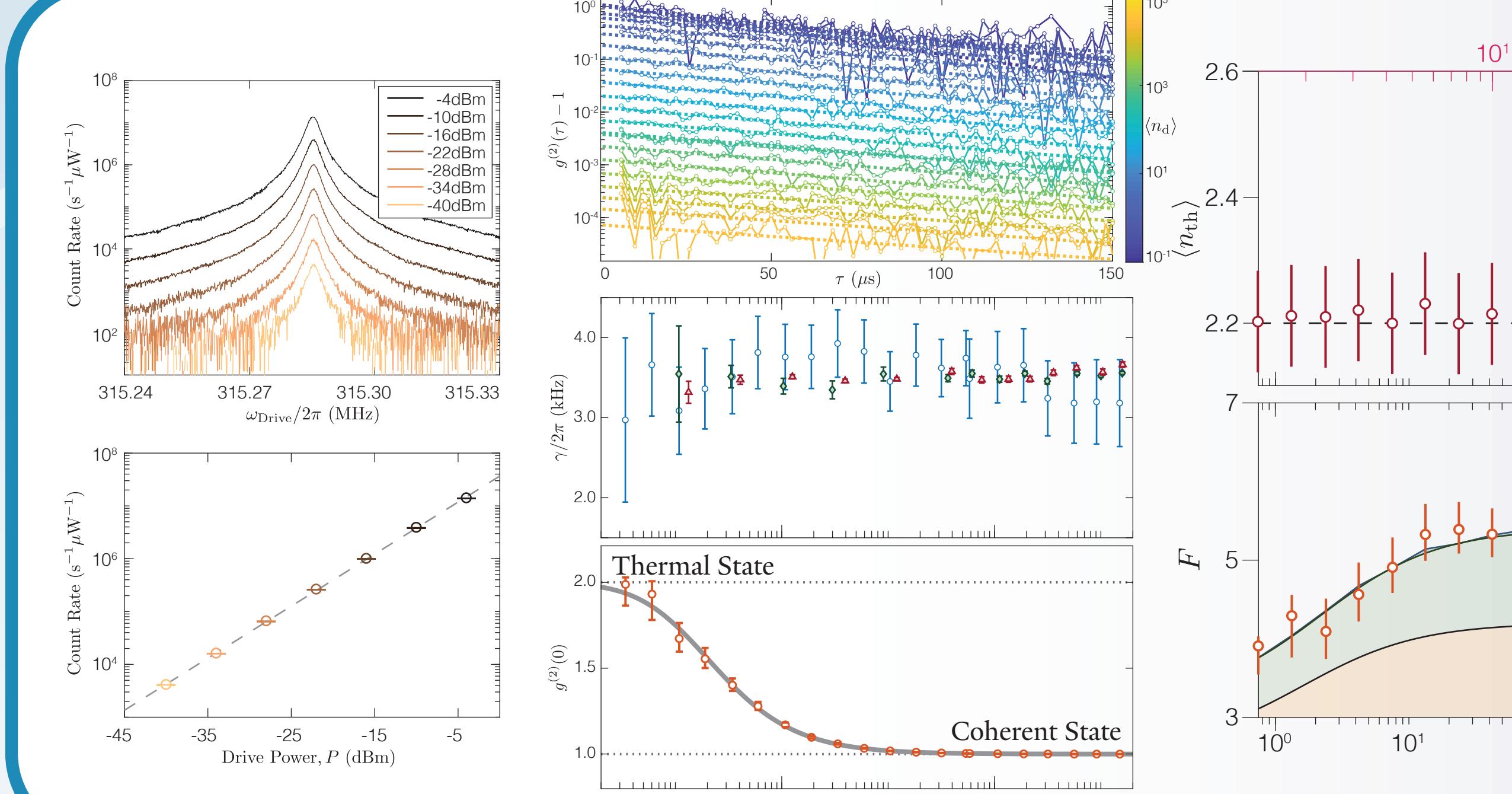
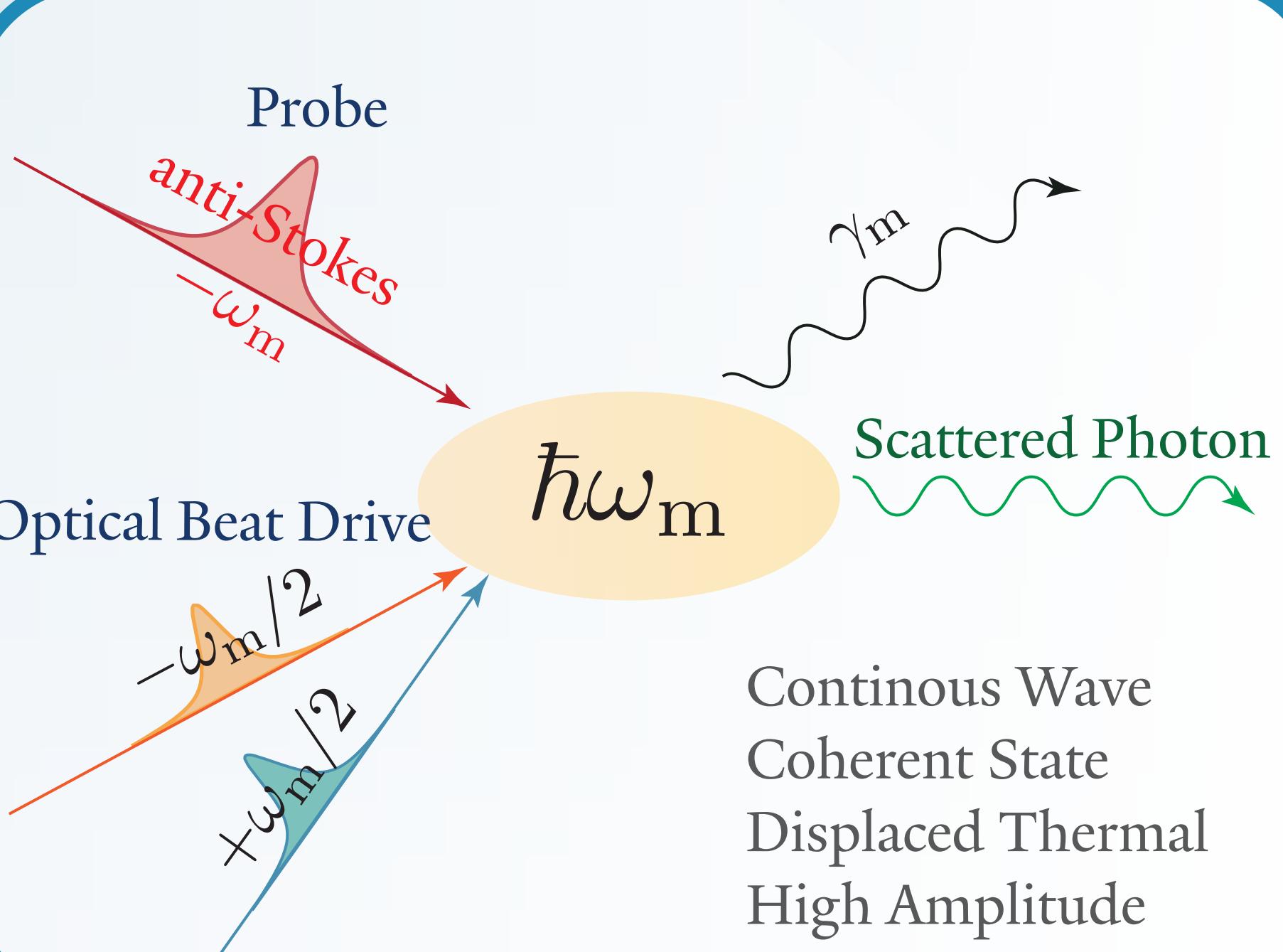
- Prepare the mechanical state
- Send a blue-detuned pulse (Two-mode Squeezing)
- Add one phonon into the mechanical mode
- Send a red-detuned pulse (State Swap)
- Swap the mechanical state into the optical mode
- Measure the correlation between photons

Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality

$$g_{r|r}^{(2)}(\tau_0) = 2.14^{+0.10}_{-0.10} \not\leq g_{CL}^{(2)} \equiv \sqrt{g_{b|b}^{(2)}(0)g_{r|r}^{(2)}(0)} = 1.95^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$$

Negative Glauber-Sudarshan P -function with 99.5% Confidence on a Macroscopic, Massive (~1 ng) resonator

Coherent State



Phonon Coherent State

- Nearly ZPF (<3 Phonon) in the motional state
- Realize nearly coherent states up to 10^4 phonons in a massive mechanical oscillator (~1 ng)
- Characterize displaced thermal states by measuring the first-order and the second-order coherence of the anti-Stokes photons

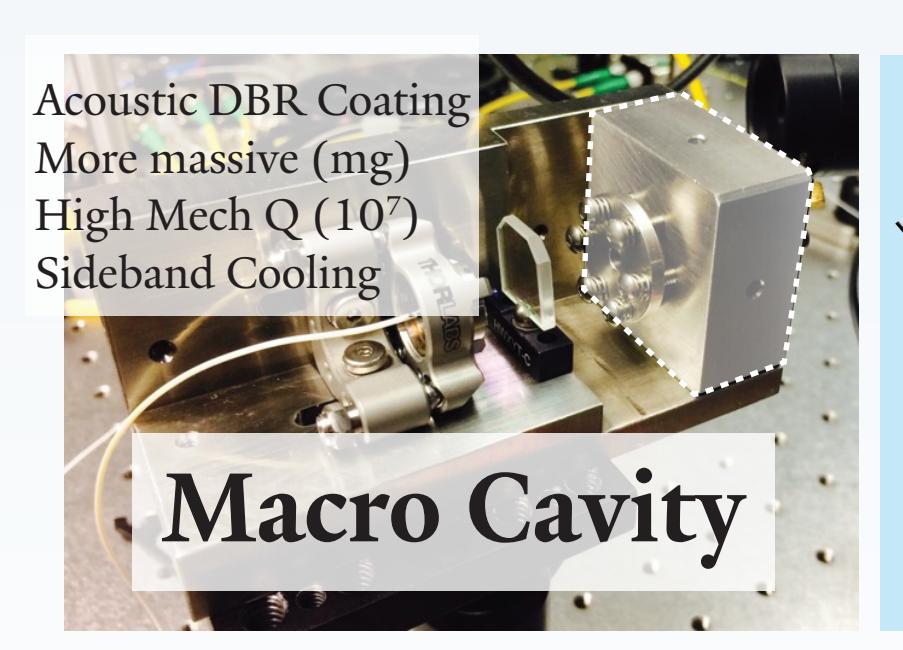
Applications

- Quantum Gravity Effect (Non-local dynamics)
- SQL in Acoustic Interferometer
- Macroscopic Quantum Mechanics
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Outlook

Even More MACRO!

- Increased Mass and Size
- Longer Coherence Time
- "Cooler" New Devices
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Ring Cavity



Total Internal Reflection
High Mech Q (10⁸)
Sideband Cooling
Lower Base Occupancy

Even More QUANTUM!

- Non-Classical Motional State
- Entangled Multi Devices
- Macroscopic Quantum Effects
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