



Two-membrane cavity optomechanics: linear and non-linear dynamics

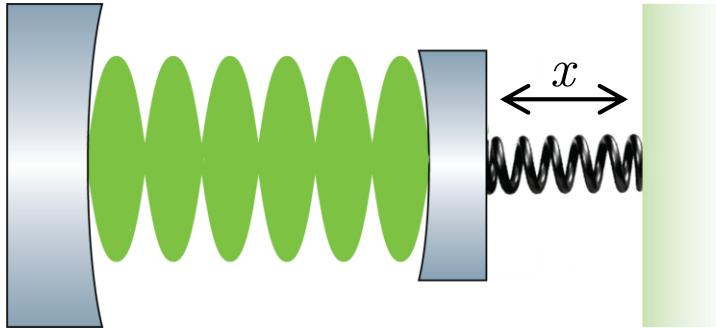
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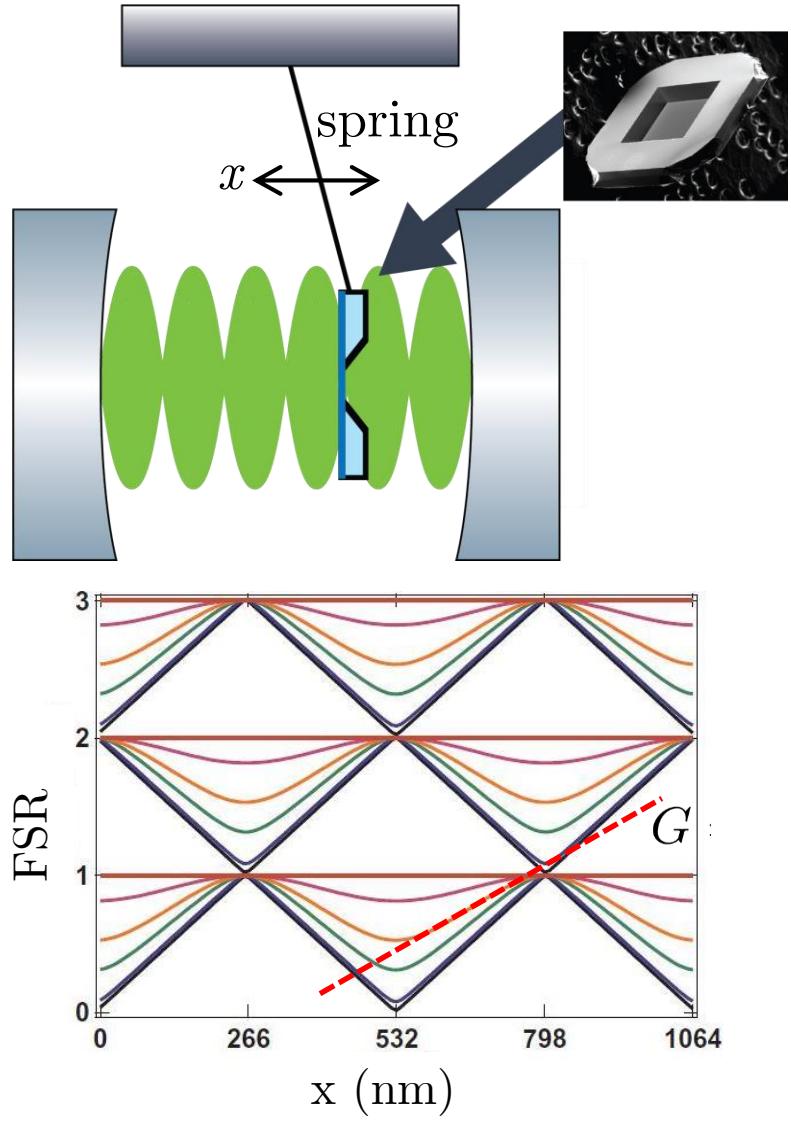
Optomechanics



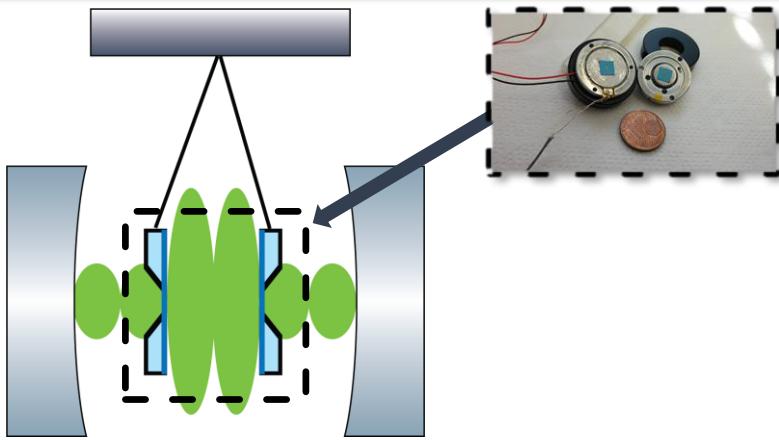
$$\omega_{cav} = \omega_0 \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right)$$

Radiation pressure couples the cavity radiation field to the mechanical motion.

$$G = \frac{d\omega_{cav}}{dx} = \frac{\omega_0}{L}$$



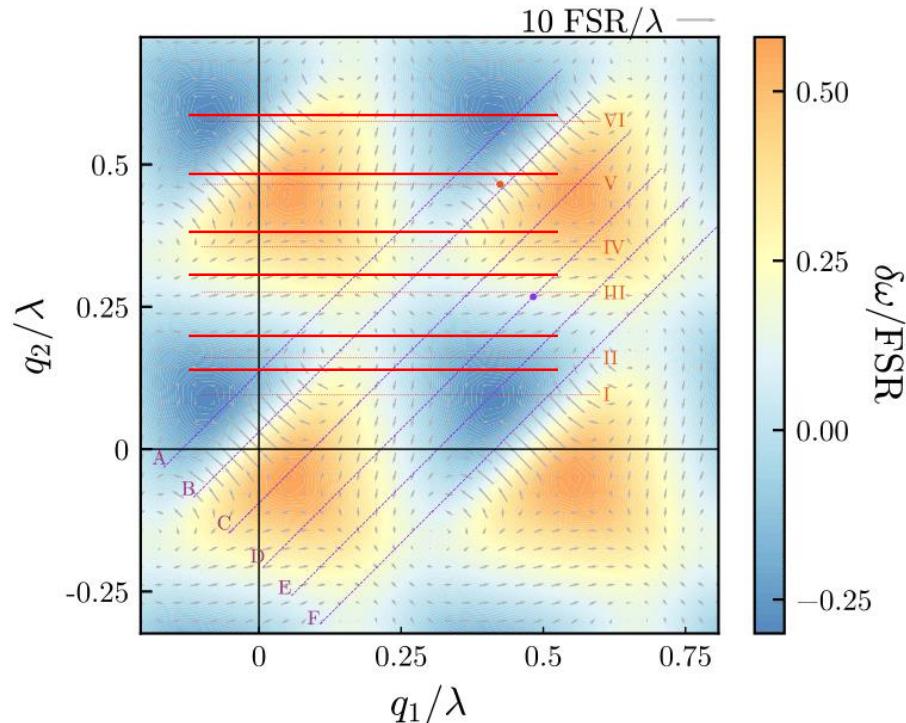
Optomechanical coupling strength



$$R_m < 1 \quad |G_j^{max}| = \frac{1}{1 - \sqrt{R_m}} |G_{sing}^{max}|$$

$$R_m \sim 1 \quad |G_j^{sat}| = 2\pi c / (\lambda_0 L_c)$$

$$R_m \sim 0.4 \rightarrow |G_j^{max}| \sim 2.72 |G_{sing}^{max}|$$

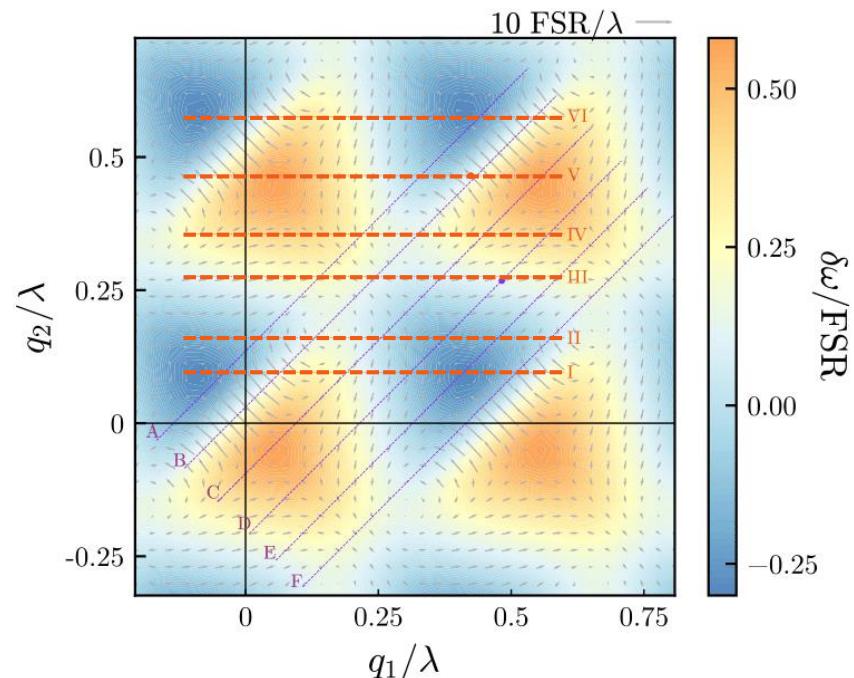
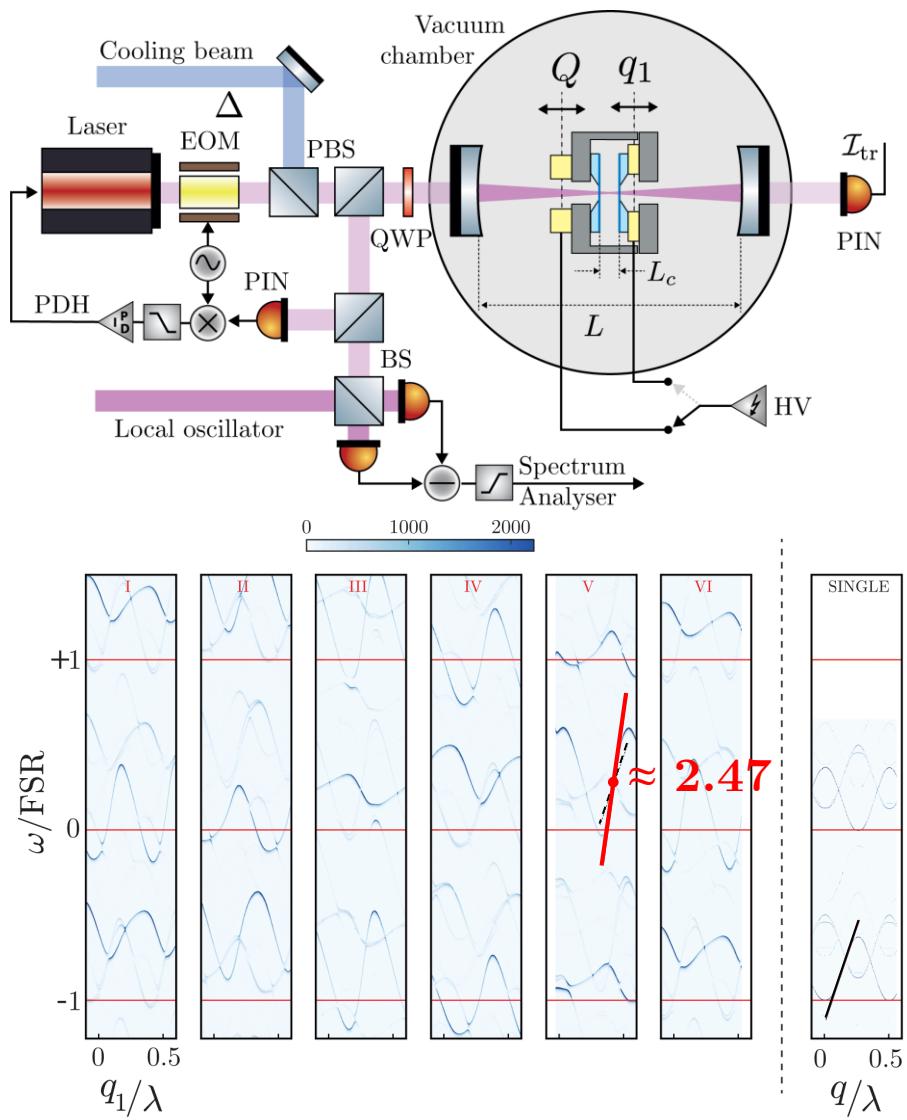


Advantages:

- Strong coupling regime
- Energy transfer and entanglement
- Synchronization

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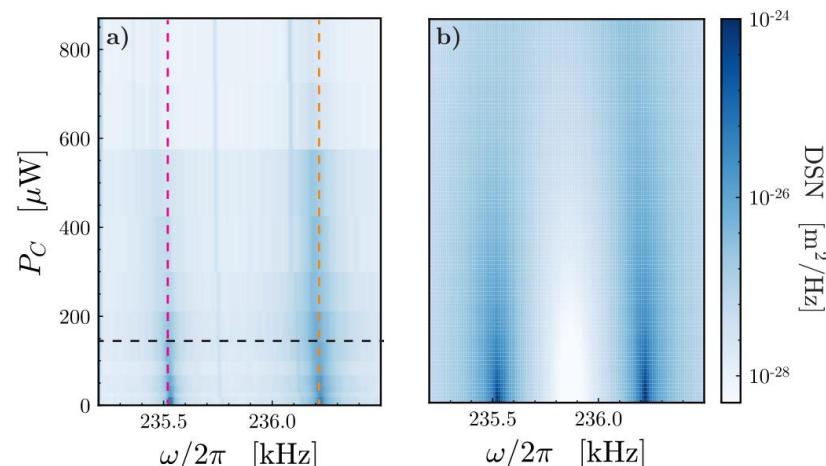
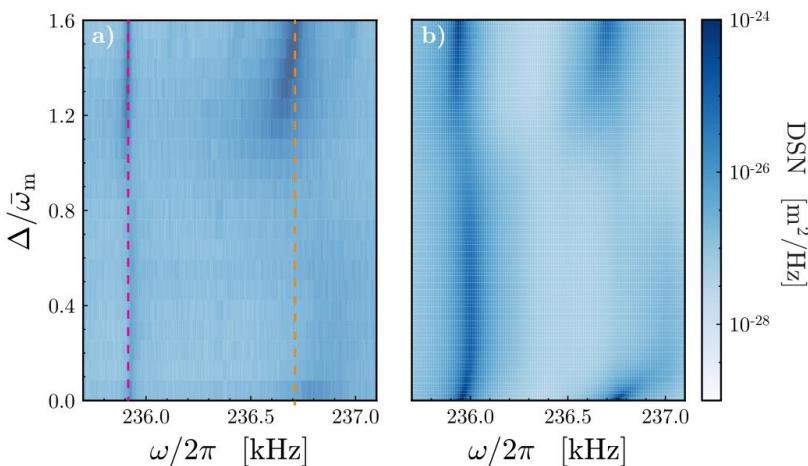
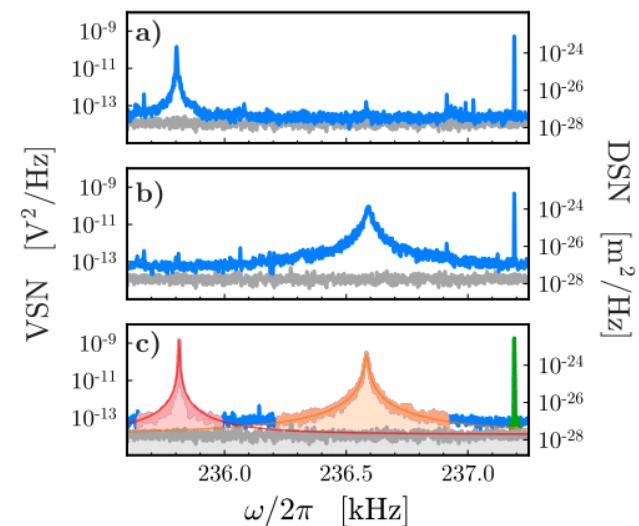
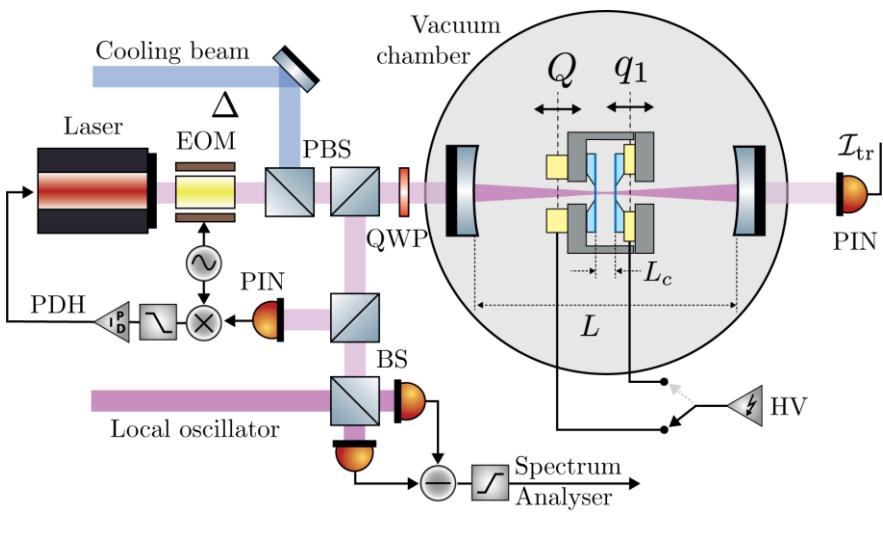
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$$G_{sing}^{max} \sim 2\pi \times 3.47 \text{ MHz nm}^{-1}$$

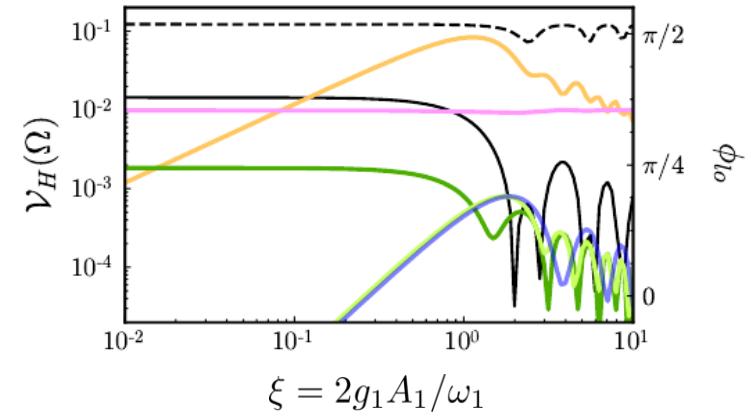
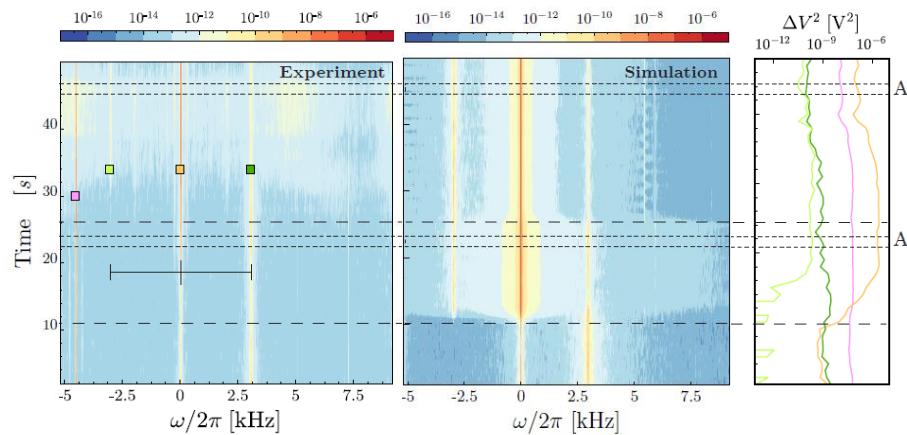
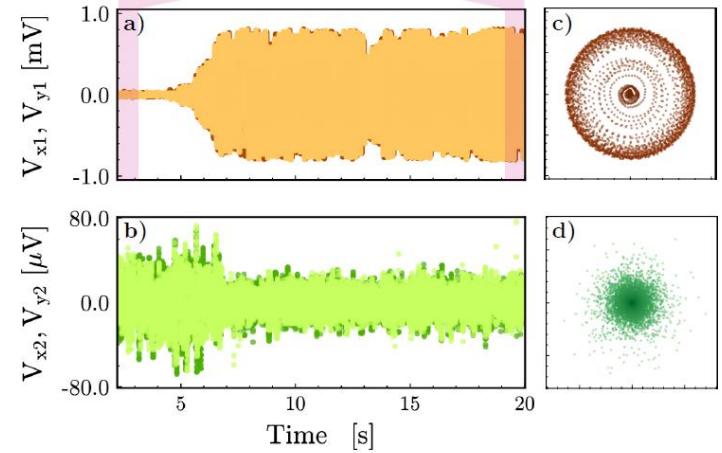
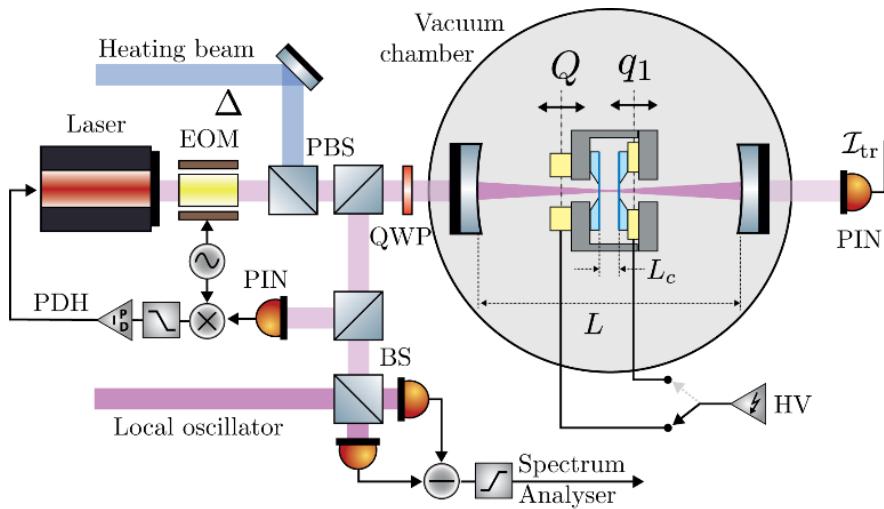
$$G_{q_1}^{max} \sim 2\pi \times 8.59 \text{ MHz nm}^{-1}$$

Tunable coupling and laser cooling



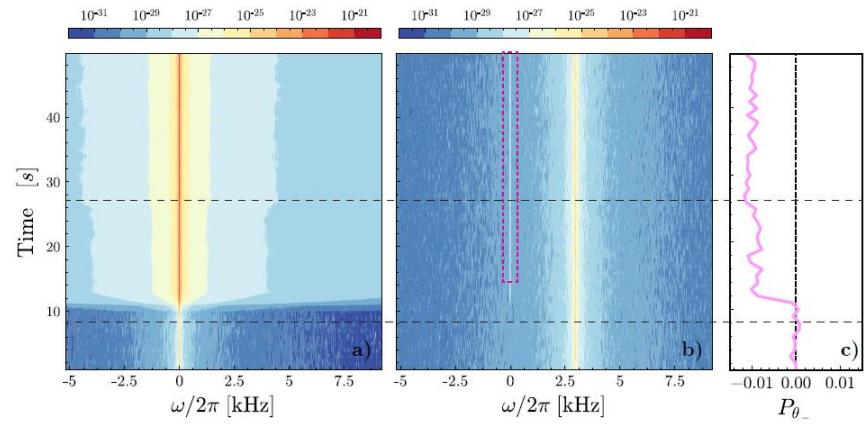
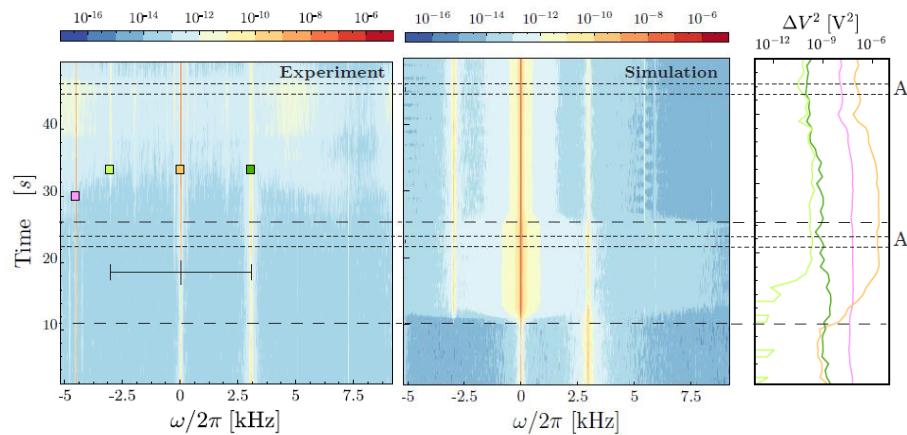
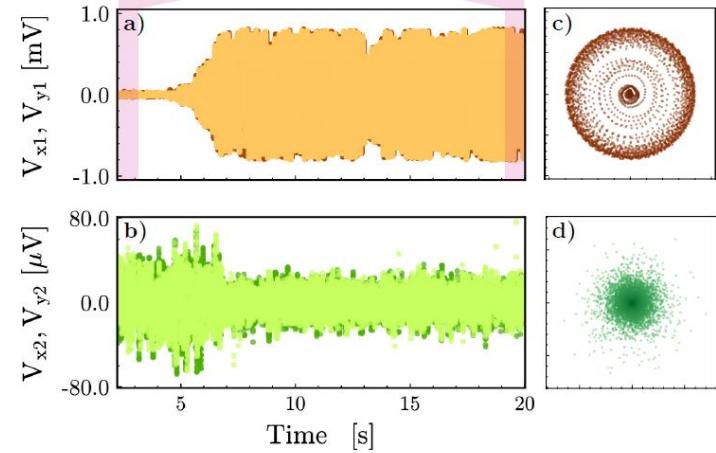
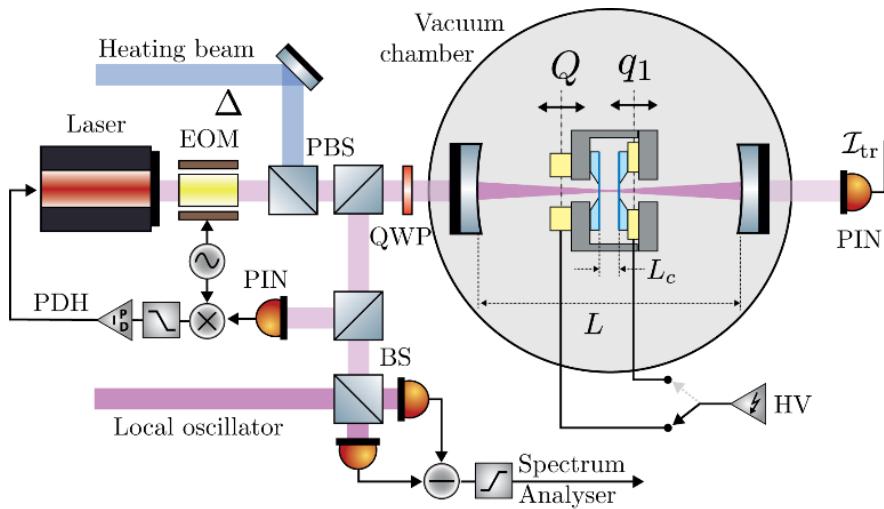
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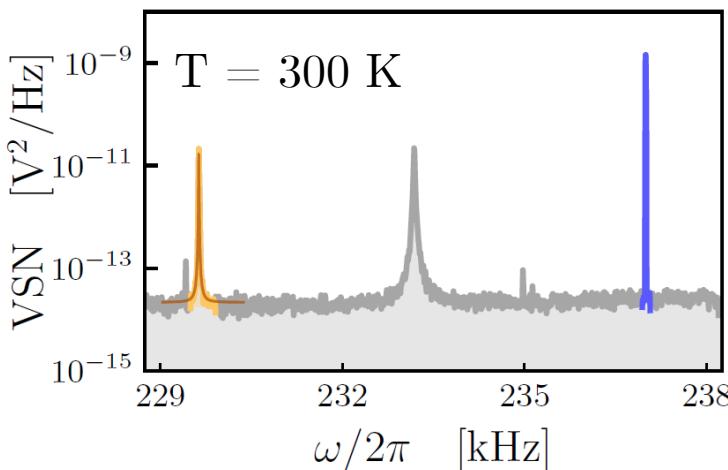
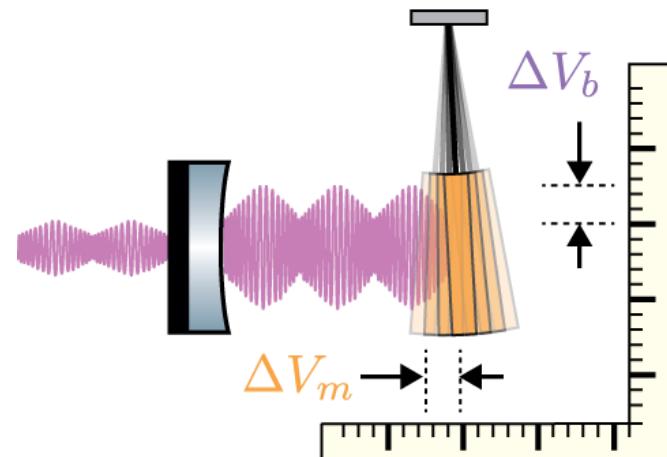
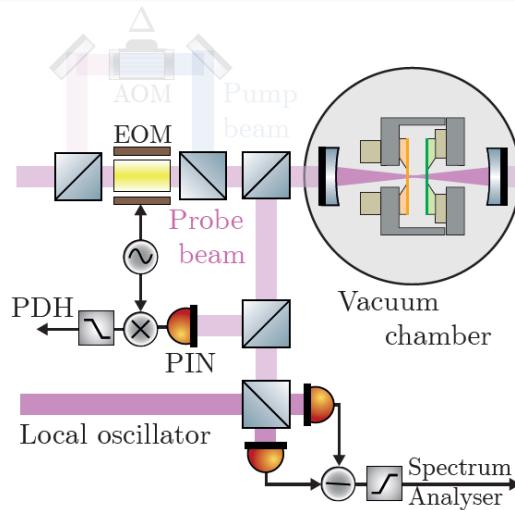
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Determination of the single-photon optomechanical coupling

Optomechanical coupling rate determination

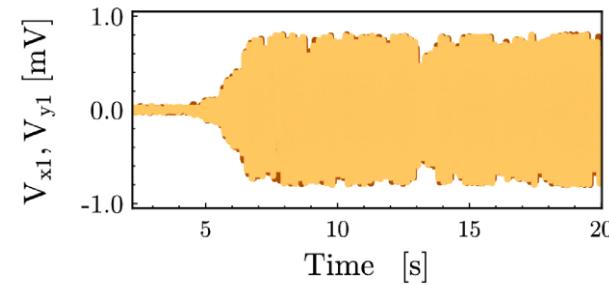
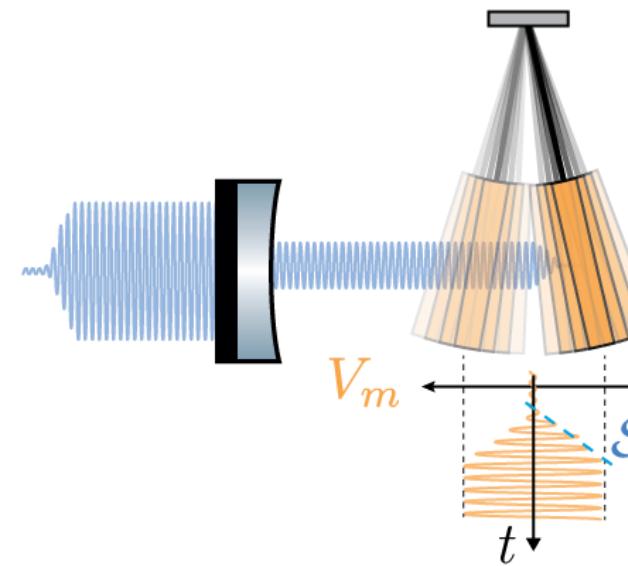
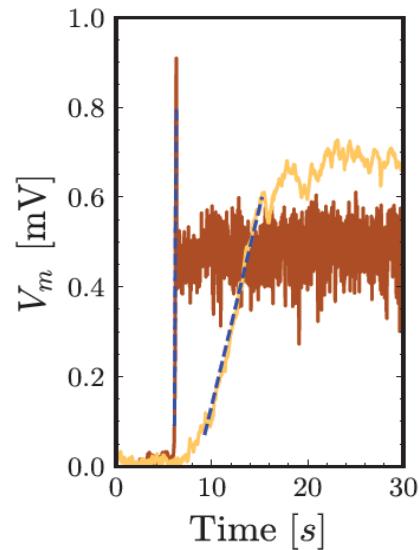
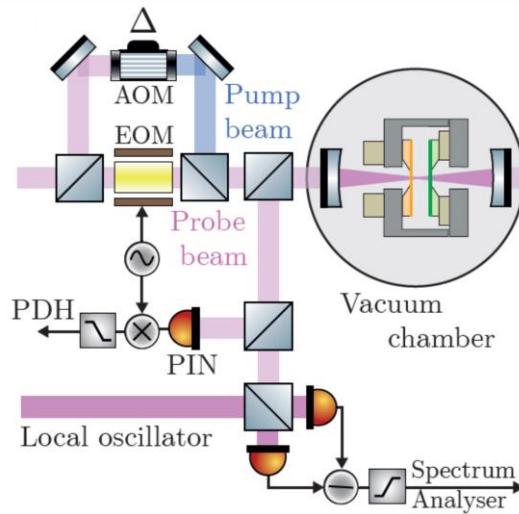


$$g_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\bar{n}_m}} \frac{\beta\omega_b}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\Delta V_m^2}{\Delta V_b^2}} \mathcal{K} = 2\pi \cdot 0.327(33) \text{ Hz}$$

- Need to know the temperature.
- Requires calibration of the EOM.

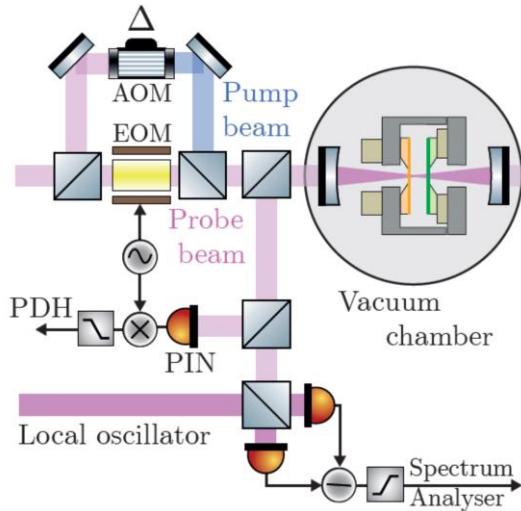
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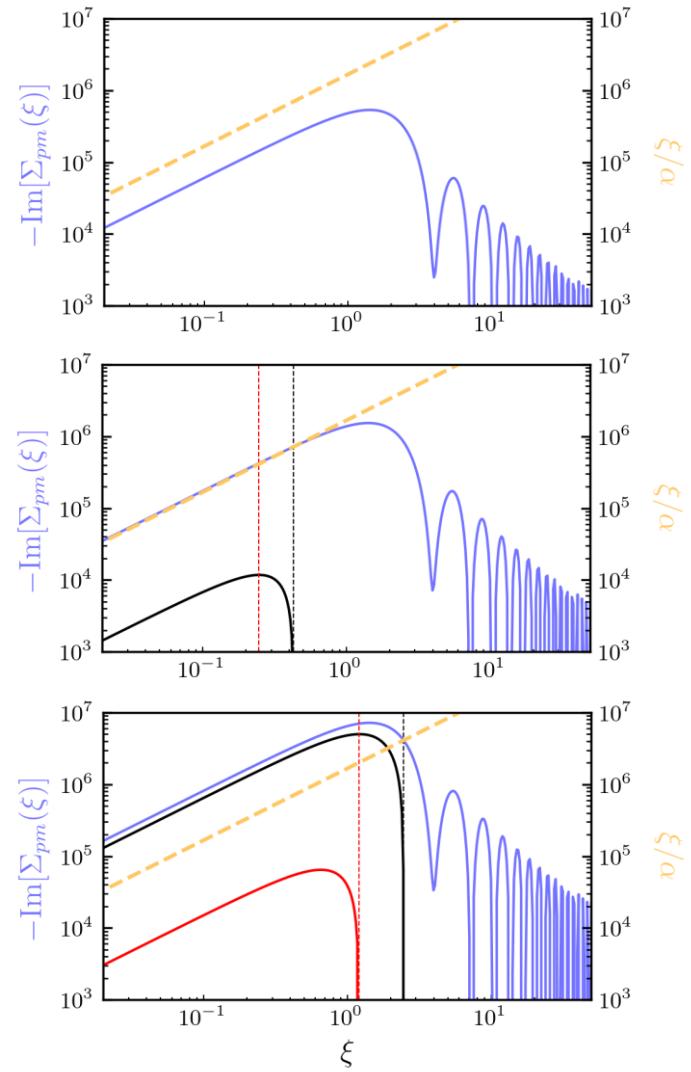


$$\dot{\xi}(t) = -\xi - \frac{2g_0^2}{\gamma_m \omega_m} \text{Im} \left[E_{pm}^2 \Sigma_{pm}(\xi) + E_{pr}^2 \Sigma_{pr}(\xi) \right]$$

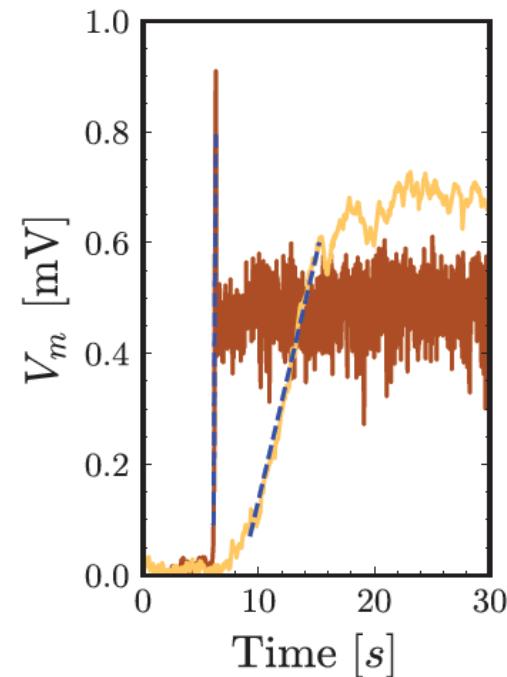
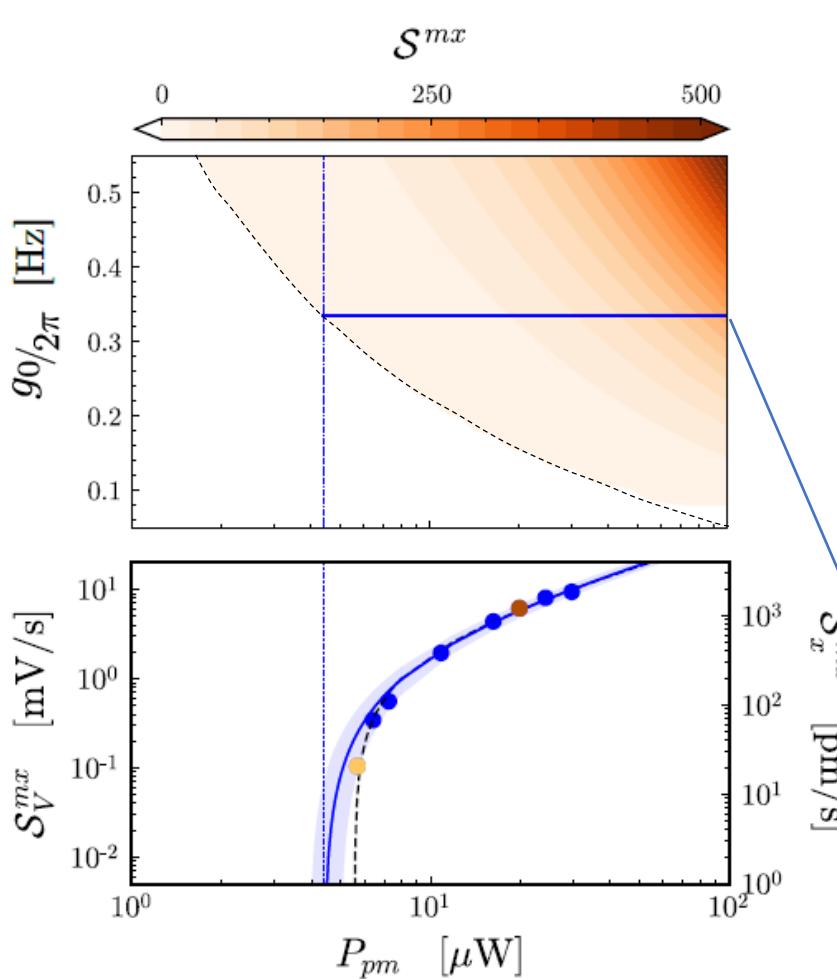
$$\frac{\gamma_m \omega_m}{2g_0^2} \xi = - \text{Im} \left[E_{pm}^2 \Sigma_{pm}(\xi) \right]$$

$$E_{pm} = \sqrt{2\kappa_{in} P_{pm} / \hbar \omega_L}$$

$$\Sigma_{pm}(\xi) = \sum_n \frac{J_n(-\xi) J_{n+1}(-\xi)}{[in\omega_m - \mathcal{W}_i][-i(n+1)\omega_m - \mathcal{W}_i^*]}$$



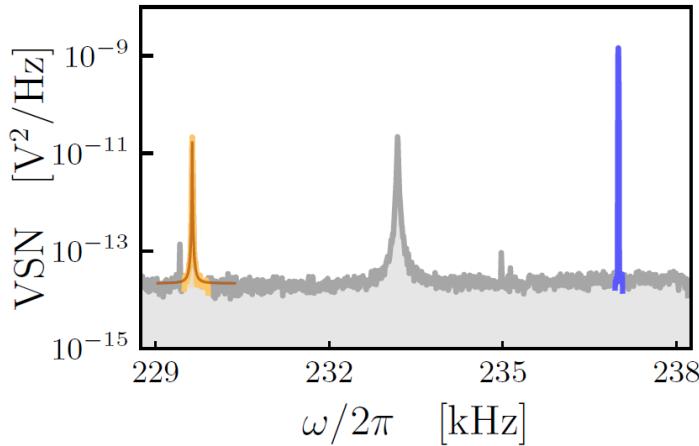
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$$g_0^2 = (2\pi)^2 \frac{0.497 \text{ Hz}^2 \mu\text{W}}{P_{pm}^{th} [\mu\text{W}]}$$

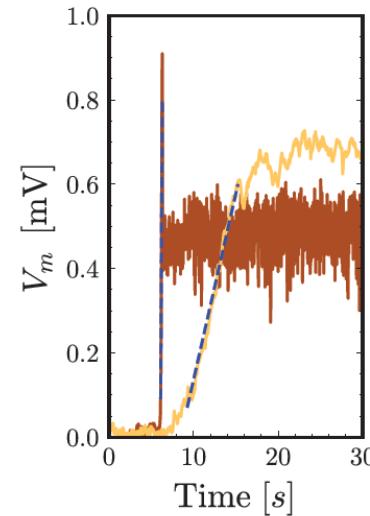
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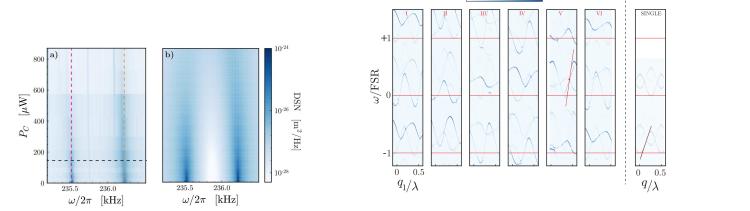


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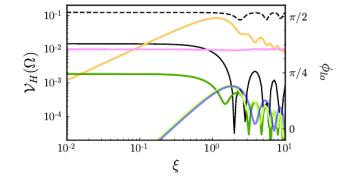
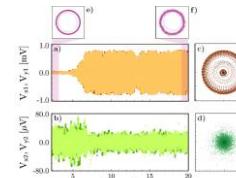
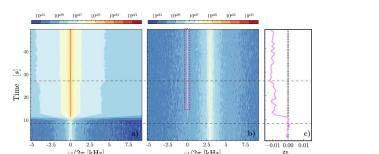
- No external calibration needed
- No need to know the temperature
- Applicable to any system where a Hopf bifurcation occurs
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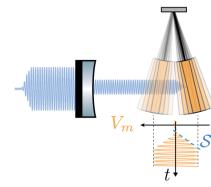
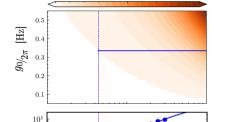
Conclusions

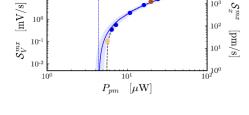
- Enhanced the optomechanical coupling strength by a factor ≈ 2.47 respect to the single membrane case.



- Optical heating of the fundamental modes of the membranes and onset of synchronization.



- Non-linear dynamics of the optomechanical system.
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- New method for the determination of optomechanical coupling rate.