LEVITATED NANOPHOTONICS

Objective: Macroscopic Quantum Superpositions

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ACCELERATION AND TRAPPING OF PARTICLES BY RADIATION PRESSURE

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The extension to vacuum of the present experiments on particle trapping in potential wells would be of interest since then any motions are frictionless. Uniform angular acceleration of trapped particles based on optical absorption of circular polarized light or use of birefringent particles is possible. Only destruction by mechanical failure should limit the rotational speed. In vacuum, particles will heat until they are cooled by thermal radiation or vaporize. With the minimum power needed for levitation, micron spheres will assume temperatures of hundreds to thousands of degrees depending on the loss. The ability to heat in vacuum without contaminating containing vessels is of interest. Acceleration of neutral spheres to velocities ~105-10⁷ cm/sec is readily possible using powers that avoid vaporization. In this regard one could at**ETH** zürich

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TIME DOMAIN



 $\Omega_0 = \sqrt{}$

 $4\pi^3$

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 $P_{\rm gas} = 10^{-5} \,\text{mbar} \longrightarrow \Gamma_0/2\pi = 10 \,\text{mHz} \longrightarrow Q = 10^7$

$$P_{\rm gas} = 10^{-9} \,\mathrm{mbar} \longrightarrow Q \sim 10^{11}$$

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QUANTUM GROUNDSTATE



Mean thermal occupancy :

$$n = \frac{k_B T_{\text{c.m.}}}{\hbar \Omega_0}$$

Quantum groundstate : $n < 1 \longrightarrow T_{c.m.} \sim 6 \ \mu K$

 \rightarrow compression ratio of 10⁸ !



PASSIVE BACKACTION



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Cavity opto-mechanics using an optically levitated nanosphere

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Toward quantum superposition of living organisms

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ACTIVE BACKACTION



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PARAMETRIC CONTROL OF MOTION



$$\langle E\rangle \;=\; \frac{1}{2}m\,\Omega_0^2\,\langle x^2\rangle \;=\; \frac{1}{2}k_B T_{\rm cm} \;=\; n\,\hbar\Omega_0 \label{eq:eq:expansion}$$

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FEEDBACK COOLING TO μK



pressures (mbar): 8.8, 6.6 10⁻⁴, 1.1 10⁻⁵, 2 10⁻⁸

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PARAMETRIC FEEDBACK COOLING



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ENTERING NEW HEATING REGIME



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REHEATING DYNAMICS



PHOTON RECOIL HEATING

 $\mathbf{n}(t) = \mathbf{n}_0 + \Gamma_{\text{recoil}} t$



EQUILIBRIUM



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PARAMETRICALLY COUPLED OSCILLATORS





COUPLED MODE THEORY



$$|e\rangle \frac{x(t) = \bar{a}(t) \exp[i(\Omega_0 - \omega/2)t]}{\Omega_{\rm R}} \frac{\hbar}{i\left[\frac{\dot{a}}{\dot{b}}\right]} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} (\Delta - i\gamma) & \omega_x - i\omega_y \\ \omega_x + i\omega_y & -(\Delta - i\gamma) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{a} \\ \bar{b} \end{bmatrix}}$$
$$|g\rangle \frac{y(t) = \bar{b}(t) \exp[i(\Omega_0 + \omega/2)t]}{W(t) = \bar{b}(t) \exp[i(\Omega_0 + \omega/2)t]} \xrightarrow{\qquad} SU(2)$$

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CLASSICAL SCHRÖDINGER EQUATION

$$\begin{split} \hbar i \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\bar{a}} \\ \dot{\bar{b}} \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{bmatrix} (\Delta - i\gamma) & \omega_x - i\omega_y \\ \omega_x + i\omega_y & -(\Delta - i\gamma) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{a} \\ \bar{b} \end{bmatrix} \\ \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi\rangle & \hat{H} & |\psi\rangle \end{split}$$

$$\hat{H} \;=\; rac{\hbar}{2} (\Delta - i \gamma) \hat{\sigma}_z \;+\; rac{\hbar \omega_x}{2} \hat{\sigma}_x \;+\; rac{\hbar \omega_y}{2} \hat{\sigma}_y$$

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RABI OSCILLATIONS



COOLING PROTOCOL



Cooling limit :
$$\langle E_{\min} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} m \Omega_{\mathrm{mech}}^2 S_{xx}^{\mathrm{noise}} \gamma$$

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FORCE SENSITIVITY

Minimum detectable force in bandwidth B : $F = \sqrt{\frac{4k_BT \, m \, \Omega_0 \, B}{Q}}$

For
$$P_{
m gas} = 10^{-9}\,{
m mbar}$$
: $F pprox 10^{-20}\,{
m N}$ in 1 sec

- a. Casimir / van der Waals forces
- b. Vacuum friction
- c. Nuclear spin detection
- d. Phase transitions
- e. Non-Newtonian gravitylike forces
- f. Dark matter
- g. ...

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T. D. Stowe *et al.*, Appl. Phys. Lett. **71**, 288 (1997).

CHARGING/DECHARGING OF PARTICLE



(300K / 1 mBar)

SENSING OF STATIC FORCES



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QUANTUM COLLAPSE

Number of coherent oscillations before recoil : $\Omega_0 / \Gamma_{\text{recoil}} = 10$

Number of scattered photons before recoil: 109

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FEEDBACK ON STATE ESTIMATE



c.f. Aspelmeyer & co. (*PRL* **114**, 223601, 2015)

CONTINUOUS WEAK MEASUREMENTS

Stochastic Schrödinger Equation (with measurement) :

SUMMARY

- Trapping and cooling with a single laser beam

- Parametric feedback (compression of 10^7 -> 90 μ K, n=15)

- Ultrahigh force sensitivity

- Nonequilibrium dynamics, coherent control, free fall, multiple traps, ..