

# Broadband variational measurement using strongly nondegenerate dichromatic optical pump

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# Standard Quantum Limit (SQL)

## Free mass

$$-m\Omega^2 x = F_s + 2\sqrt{2}\hbar k A a_a$$

Quadratures of the reflected light:

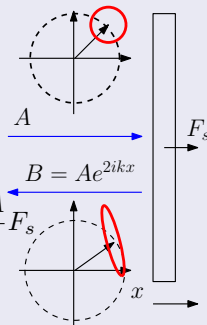
$$b_a = a_a,$$

$$b_\phi = a_\phi + 2\sqrt{2}Akx = a_\phi - \frac{8\hbar k^2 A^2}{m\Omega^2} a_a - \frac{2\sqrt{2}\hbar k A}{m\Omega^2} F_s$$

Measurement of phase quadrature:

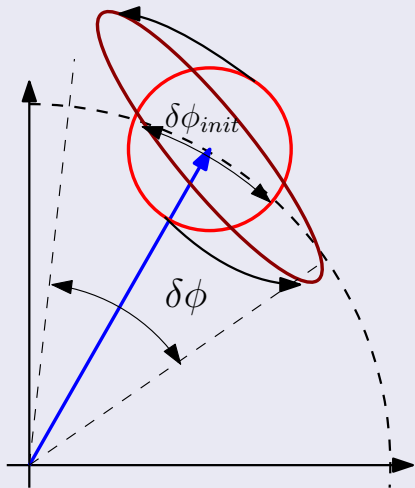
$$\mathcal{K} = \frac{8\hbar k^2 A^2}{m\Omega^2}, \quad f_s = \frac{F_s}{F_{SQL}}, \quad F_{SQL} = \sqrt{2\hbar m\Omega^2},$$

$$b_\phi = \sqrt{2\mathcal{K}} \left( \frac{a_\phi}{\sqrt{2\mathcal{K}}} - \sqrt{\frac{\mathcal{K}}{2}} a_a + f_s \right), \quad S_f = \frac{1}{2\mathcal{K}} + \frac{\mathcal{K}}{2} \geq 1.$$



## SQL

## Illustration



Amplitude fluctuations does not change.

Amplitude fluctuations transforms into phase ones:

$$\delta\phi > \delta\phi_{init}$$

The more incident power the more strong transform — larger  $\delta\phi$

There is optimum power of incident light — **Standard Quantum Limit.**



## Conventional variational measurement (CVM): free mass

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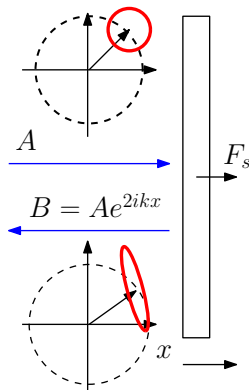
$$b_a = a_a,$$

$$b_\phi = a_\phi - \mathcal{K}a_a - \sqrt{2\mathcal{K}}f_s$$

Conventional variational measurement:

$$b_\theta = b_a \cos \theta + b_\phi \sin \theta =$$

$$= a_a (\cos \theta - \mathcal{K} \sin \theta) + (a_\phi - \sqrt{2\mathcal{K}}f_s) \sin \theta$$



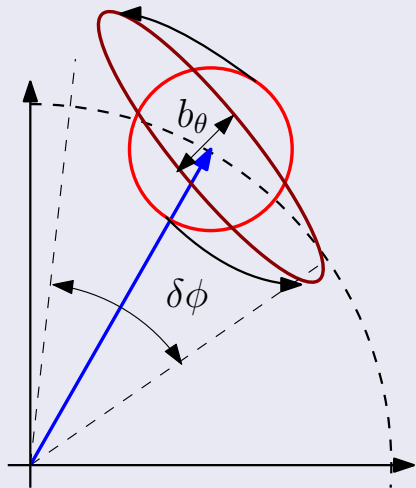
Back action can be compensated on one chosen frequency ( $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}(\Omega)$ ).  
CVM: SQL can be surpassed, but in narrow frequency band:

$$S_f = \frac{1}{2\mathcal{K}} + \left( \frac{\cot \theta}{\sqrt{2\mathcal{K}}} - \sqrt{\frac{\mathcal{K}}{2}} \right)^2 < 1.$$



# Conventional variational measurement (CVM): free mass

## Illustration



CVM: to measure quadrature  $b_\theta$  (not  $b_\phi$ ). **Back action evasion (!)**.

Drawbacks:

- a) signal became smaller (vulnerable to thermal and technical noise) ;
- b) back action evasion takes place only in some bandwidth, the larger pump power, the smaller bandwidth (reason:  $\mathcal{K}$  depends on  $\Omega$ ).



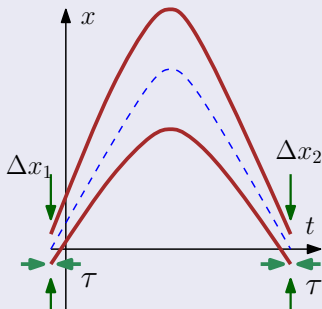
# Surpassing of SQL for mechanical oscillator

## Stroboscopic measurement

Variational measurement is good for free test mass, but not for mechanical oscillator.

Stroboscopic (instantaneous) 2 measurements of position separated by time  $2/T_m^a$ .

Short measurement  $\Rightarrow$  large pump. Difficult to realize...



<sup>a</sup>V.B. Braginsky, Y.I. Vorontsov, and K.S. Thorne, Science **209**, 547 (1980)



# Stroboscopic and Quadrature measurement

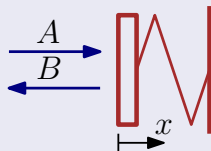
## Quadrature measurement

Stroboscopic measurement is equivalent to quadrature measurement:

$$x(t) = d_a \cos \omega_m t + d_\phi \sin \omega_m t,$$

$$x(t) \times \cos \omega_m t \simeq d_a/2,$$

$$B \simeq A(1 + 2ikx), \Rightarrow A = A_0 \cos \omega_m t e^{i\omega_0 t}$$



## Double pump

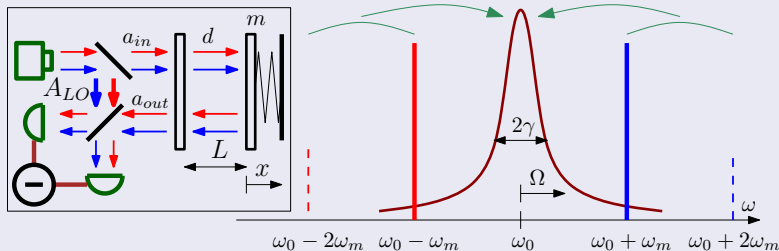
$$A^* = A_0 \cos \omega_m t e^{i\omega_0 t} = \frac{A_0}{2} \left( e^{i(\omega_0 + \omega_m)t} + e^{i(\omega_0 - \omega_m)t} \right)$$





# Double pump

Idea — to measure not coordinate but one of quadratures of mechanical oscillator, using double pump<sup>a</sup>:



**Figure:** Measurement of mechanical quadratures. Sidebands  $\omega_0 \pm 2\omega_m$  — residual back action.

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A. Clerk, F. Marquardt, and K. Jacobs, *New Journal of Physics* **10**, 095010 (2008).

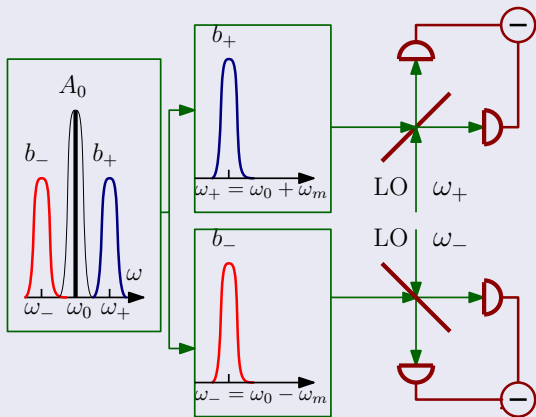


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# The model with three modes. TWO outputs (!)

Idea: separate detection of sidebands



Optical resonator is pumped on the middle frequency, and **two output sidebands**  $\omega_{\pm}$  are measured independently.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>S. Vyatchanin, A. Nazmiev, A. Matsko, Physical Review A, **106**, 053711 (2022)



# Quadratures. TWO outputs (!)

Output fields  $b_+$  and  $b_-$  can be separated and amplitude quadratures  $b_{+a}$  and  $b_{-a}$  can be measured independently.

## Combinations of quadratures

$$\alpha_{\pm a} = \frac{a_{+a} \pm a_{-a}}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \alpha_{\pm \phi} = \frac{a_{+\phi} \pm a_{-\phi}}{\sqrt{2}},$$

$$\beta_{\pm a} = \frac{b_{+a} \pm b_{-a}}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \beta_{\pm \phi} = \frac{b_{+\phi} \pm b_{-\phi}}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

Sum and difference of output amplitude quadratures:

$$\beta_{+a} = \underbrace{\frac{\gamma + i\Omega}{\gamma - i\Omega} \alpha_{+a}}_{\text{shot noise}}, \quad \beta_{-a} = \underbrace{\frac{\gamma + i\Omega}{\gamma - i\Omega} \alpha_{-a}}_{\text{shot noise}} + \frac{2\sqrt{\gamma}|\eta C|}{\gamma - i\Omega} d_\phi,$$

$$(\gamma_m - i\Omega)d_\phi = - \underbrace{\frac{2\sqrt{\gamma}|\eta C|}{(\gamma - i\Omega)} \alpha_{+a}}_{\text{back-action}} + \underbrace{\sqrt{2\gamma M} q_\phi + f_a}_{\text{thermal noise and signal}}.$$



# Measurement

## Output sum and difference

$$\beta_{+a} = \frac{\gamma + i\Omega}{\gamma - i\Omega} \alpha_{+a},$$

$$\beta_{-a} = \frac{\gamma + i\Omega}{\gamma - i\Omega} \alpha_{-a} - \frac{4\gamma|\eta C|^2}{(\gamma - i\Omega)^2} \frac{\alpha_{+a}}{\gamma_m - i\Omega} + \frac{2\sqrt{\gamma}|\eta C|}{\gamma - i\Omega} \frac{\sqrt{2\gamma_M} q_\phi + f_a}{\gamma_m - i\Omega}.$$

## 2 outputs: measured combinations

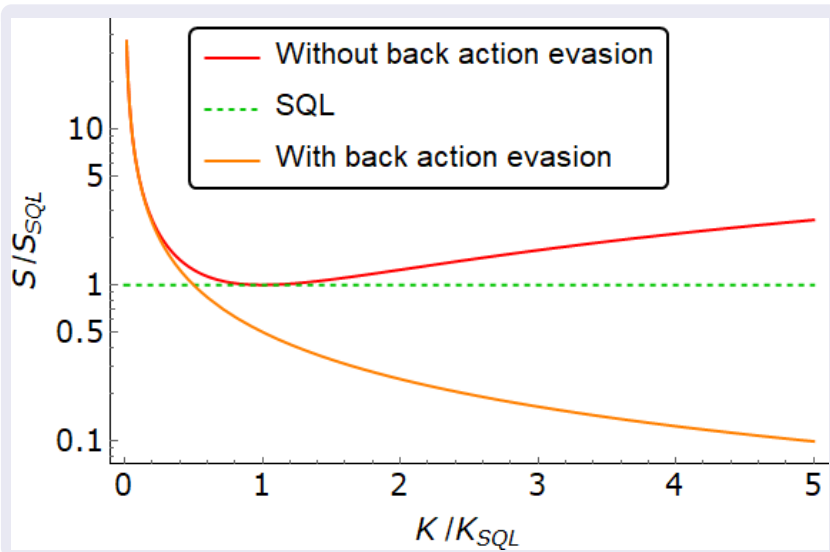
We measure sum  $\beta_{+a}$  and difference  $\beta_{-a}$ .

Post-processing: subtraction of back action term **completely (!)**.

- Continuous measurement.
- Presence of back action.
- Measurement in two channels.
- Complete back action evasion after post-processing.



## Plots



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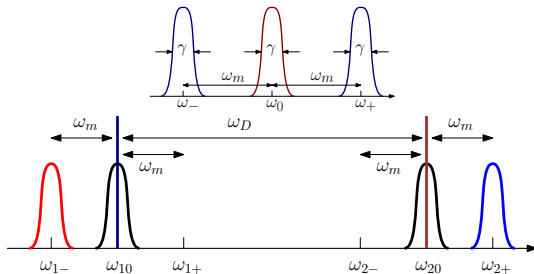


# Splitting

## How to select optical modes?

The main difficulty to separate modes  $\omega_+$ ,  $\omega_-$  — relatively small mechanical frequency (1 – 100 MHz, too small in optics scale).

Proposition: “dividual” (“spased”) broadband variational measurement: two nearly degenerate optical mode doublets detuned from each other by several tens of GHz.



No problem to make separate balanced homodyne detection of modes  $\omega_{1-}$ ,  $\omega_{2+}$





# Splitting (cont.)

## Model

Two equal pumps on  $\omega_{10}$  and  $\omega_{20}$ .

Output of modes  $\omega_{1-}$ ,  $\omega_{2+}$  are detected separately.

Post-processing.

$$\omega_{1-} = \omega_{10} - \omega_m, \quad \omega_{2+} = \omega_{20} + \omega_m, \quad (1)$$

$$\gamma_m \ll 1/\tau \ll \gamma \ll \omega_m. \quad (2)$$

## Thermal noise

Thermal (Nyquist) noise in mechanical oscillator. It can be considerably reduced if measurement time  $\tau$  is much smaller than the mechanical ring down time  $\gamma_m^{-1}$ .

## Payment

Presence of vacuum fluctuations around frequencies  $\omega_{1+}$ ,  $\omega_{2-}$ . They produce not compensated back action.



# Details of calculations

## Basic equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{\hat{c}}_{1-} + \gamma \hat{c}_{1-} &= \eta C_{10} \hat{d}^\dagger + \sqrt{2\gamma} \hat{a}_{1-} \\
 \dot{\hat{c}}_{2+} + \gamma \hat{c}_{2+} &= -\eta C_{02} \hat{d} + \sqrt{2\gamma} \hat{a}_{2+}, \\
 \dot{\hat{d}} + \gamma_m \hat{d} &= \eta \left( C_{10} \hat{c}_{1-}^\dagger + C_{20}^* \hat{c}_{2+} + \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + C_{10}^* \hat{c}_{1+} + C_{20} \hat{c}_{2-}^\dagger \right) + \sqrt{2\gamma_m} \hat{q} + f_s.
 \end{aligned}$$

## Fluctuation operators

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\hat{a}_{i,j\pm}(t), \hat{a}_{i,j\pm}^\dagger(t')] &= \delta_{ij} \delta(t - t'), \\
 [\hat{q}(t), \hat{q}^\dagger(t')] &= \delta(t - t'), \\
 \langle \hat{q}(t) \hat{q}^\dagger(t') \rangle &= (2n_T + 1) \delta(t - t'), \\
 n_T &= \left( e^{\hbar\omega_m / \kappa_B T} - 1 \right)^{-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$



## Details of calculations (cont.)

### Parasitic modes

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\hat{c}}_{1+} + (\gamma - i\omega_m)\hat{c}_{1+} &= -\eta C_{10}\hat{d} + \sqrt{2\gamma}\hat{a}_{1+} \\ \dot{\hat{c}}_{2-} + (\gamma + i\omega_m)\hat{c}_{2-} &= \eta C_{02}\hat{d}^\dagger + \sqrt{2\gamma}\hat{a}_{2-}.\end{aligned}$$

### Input – output relations and output amplitude quadratures

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{b}_{1-} &= -\hat{a}_{1-} + \sqrt{2\gamma}\hat{c}_{1-}, \\ \hat{b}_{2+} &= -\hat{a}_{2+} + \sqrt{2\gamma}\hat{c}_{2+}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}b_{a1-} &= \frac{\sqrt{2\gamma}\eta C_0 d_a}{\gamma - i\Omega} + \frac{\gamma + i\Omega}{\gamma - i\Omega} a_{a1-}, \\ b_{a2+} &= \frac{-\sqrt{2\gamma}\eta C_0 d_a}{\gamma - i\Omega} + \frac{\gamma + i\Omega}{\gamma - i\Omega} a_{a2+}.\end{aligned}$$



# Post-processing analysis

## Sum and difference of amplitude quadratures

$$\beta_{a\pm} = \frac{b_{a1-} \pm b_{a2+}}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \alpha_{a\pm} = \frac{a_{a1-} \pm a_{a2+}}{\sqrt{2}},$$

$$\beta_{a+} = \xi \alpha_{a+}, \quad \xi \equiv \frac{\gamma + i\Omega}{\gamma - i\Omega},$$

$$\beta_{a-} = \frac{-2\sqrt{\gamma} \eta C_0 d_a}{\gamma - i\Omega} + \xi \alpha_{a-},$$

$$d_a = \frac{2\sqrt{\gamma} \eta C_0 \left( \alpha_{a+} - \frac{\gamma - i\Omega}{\omega_m} \alpha_{\phi-} \right)}{(\gamma_m - i\Omega)(\gamma - i\Omega)} + \frac{\sqrt{2\gamma_m} q_a + f_{sa}}{\gamma_m - i\Omega}.$$

Measurement of  $\beta_{a+}$  — main back action ( $\sim \alpha_{a+}$ ) (can be subtracted from  $\beta_{a-}$  in post-processing). The blue back action term ( $\sim \alpha_{\phi-}$ ) defines limit sensitivity.



## Post-processing analysis (cont.)

After subtraction of main back action

$$\tilde{\beta}_{a-} = \frac{\sqrt{\xi\mathcal{K}}}{\gamma_m - i\Omega} \left( (\gamma_m - i\Omega) \sqrt{\frac{\xi}{\mathcal{K}}} \alpha_{a-} + \right. \\ \left. + \sqrt{\xi\mathcal{K}} \frac{\gamma - i\Omega}{\omega_m} \alpha_{\phi-} - \sqrt{2\gamma_m} q_a + f_{sa} \right), \quad \mathcal{K} \equiv \frac{4\gamma \eta^2 C_0^2}{\gamma^2 + \Omega^2}.$$

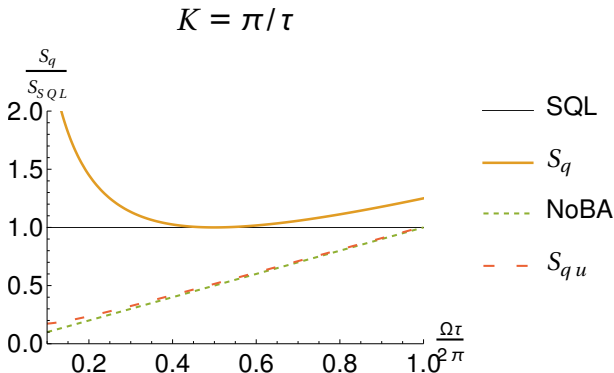
Spectral density

Single-sided spectral density of the noise reevaluated for the normalized force quadrature  $f_a$  :

$$S_{fa} = S_T + S_{qu}, \quad S_T = 2\gamma_m \left( n_T + \frac{1}{2} \right), \\ S_{qu} = \frac{|\gamma_m - i\Omega|^2}{\mathcal{K}} + \frac{\mathcal{K}|\gamma - i\Omega|^2}{\omega_m^2} \simeq \frac{\Omega^2}{\mathcal{K}} + \mathcal{K} \frac{\gamma^2}{\omega_m^2}$$



## Plot



**Figure:** Power spectral density of the measurement noise normalized to SQL in several cases. The curve marked by  $S_q$  relates to the usual SQL. The curve marked with “NoBA” corresponds to the case of the complete back action evasion. The curve marked by  $S_{qu}$  illustrates the partial back action evasion characterized with the coefficient  $(\gamma/\omega_m)^2 \simeq 0.03$ . Here time  $\tau$  is a duration of the signal resonance force envelope.



## Conclusion

- 1 We have investigated a broadband multidimensional variation measurement of a force acting on a mechanical oscillator using a strongly nondegenerate dichromatic optical pump.
- 2 We found that the scheme supports the broadband back action evading measurement and also allows straightforward experimental implementation.
- 3 The back action compensation is not complete in the presence of off-resonant modulation sidebands, they restrict the value of back action correlation in the two measurement channels and, hence, sensitivity.

MANY THANKS  
FOR ATTENTION!

