

# Tailoring mechanical properties of optomechanical detectors

M. Karuza

University of Rijeka, Faculty of Physics, Rijeka, Croatia

INFN Sezione di Trieste, Trieste, Italy

University of Rijeka, Centre of excellence for advanced sensors and materials and Centre for micro- and nanosciences and technologies, Rijeka, Croatia



# Outline



INTRODUCTION

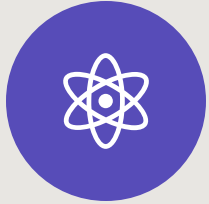


LAYMAN'S VIEW



CONCLUSION AND OUTLOOK

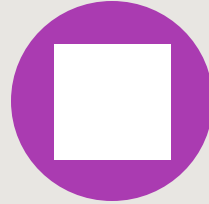
# Introduction



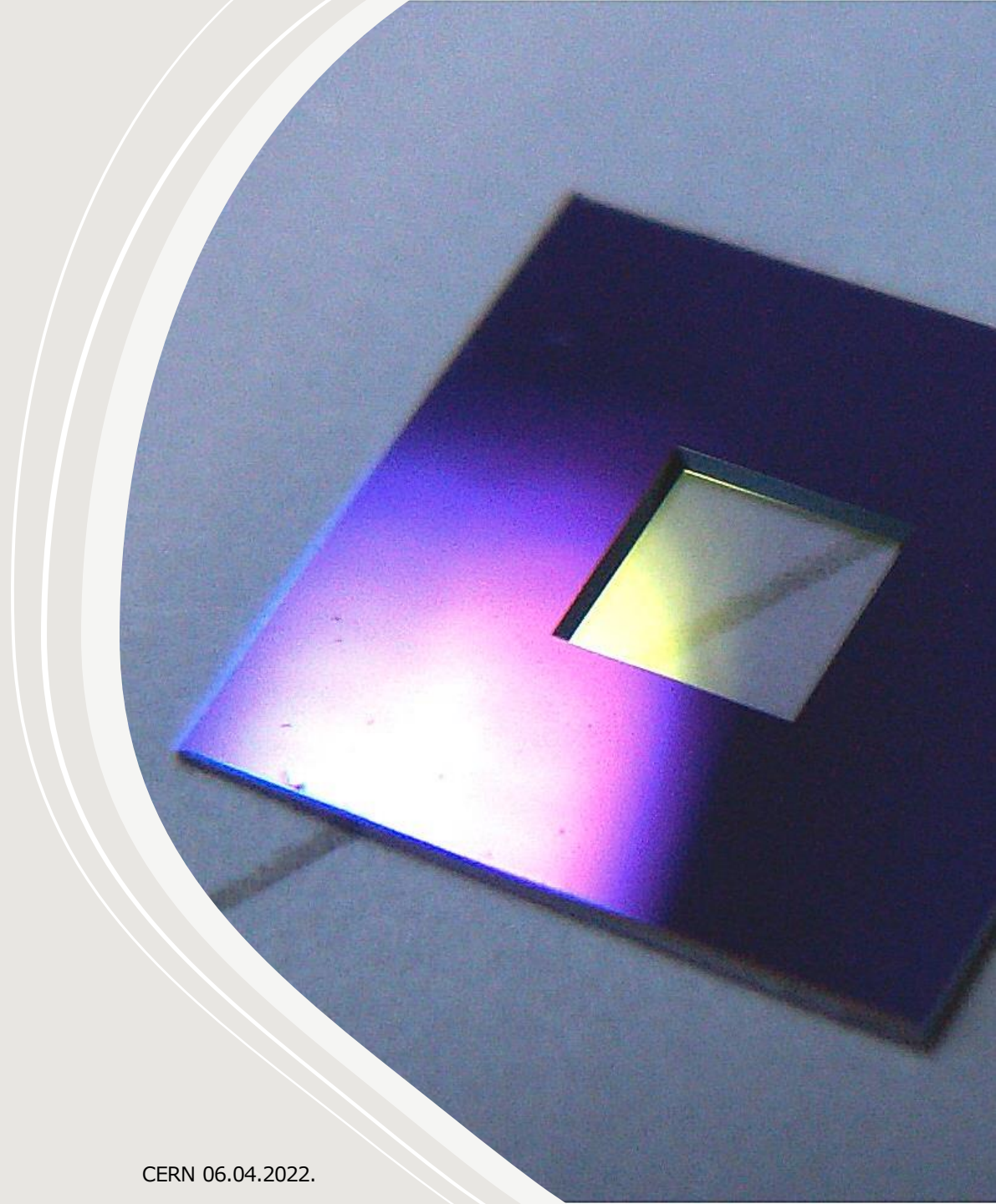
QUANTUM-LIMITED  
SENSORS, I.E.,  
WORKING AT THE  
SENSITIVITY LIMITS  
IMPOSED BY  
HEISENBERG  
UNCERTAINTY  
PRINCIPLE



EXPLORING THE  
BOUNDARY BETWEEN  
THE CLASSICAL  
MACROSCOPIC  
WORLD AND THE  
QUANTUM  
MICROWORLD



QUANTUM  
INFORMATION  
APPLICATIONS  
(OPTOMECHANICAL  
AND  
ELECTROMECHANICAL  
DEVICES AS LIGHT-  
MATTER INTERFACES  
AND QUANTUM  
MEMORIES)



# Start from scratch ...

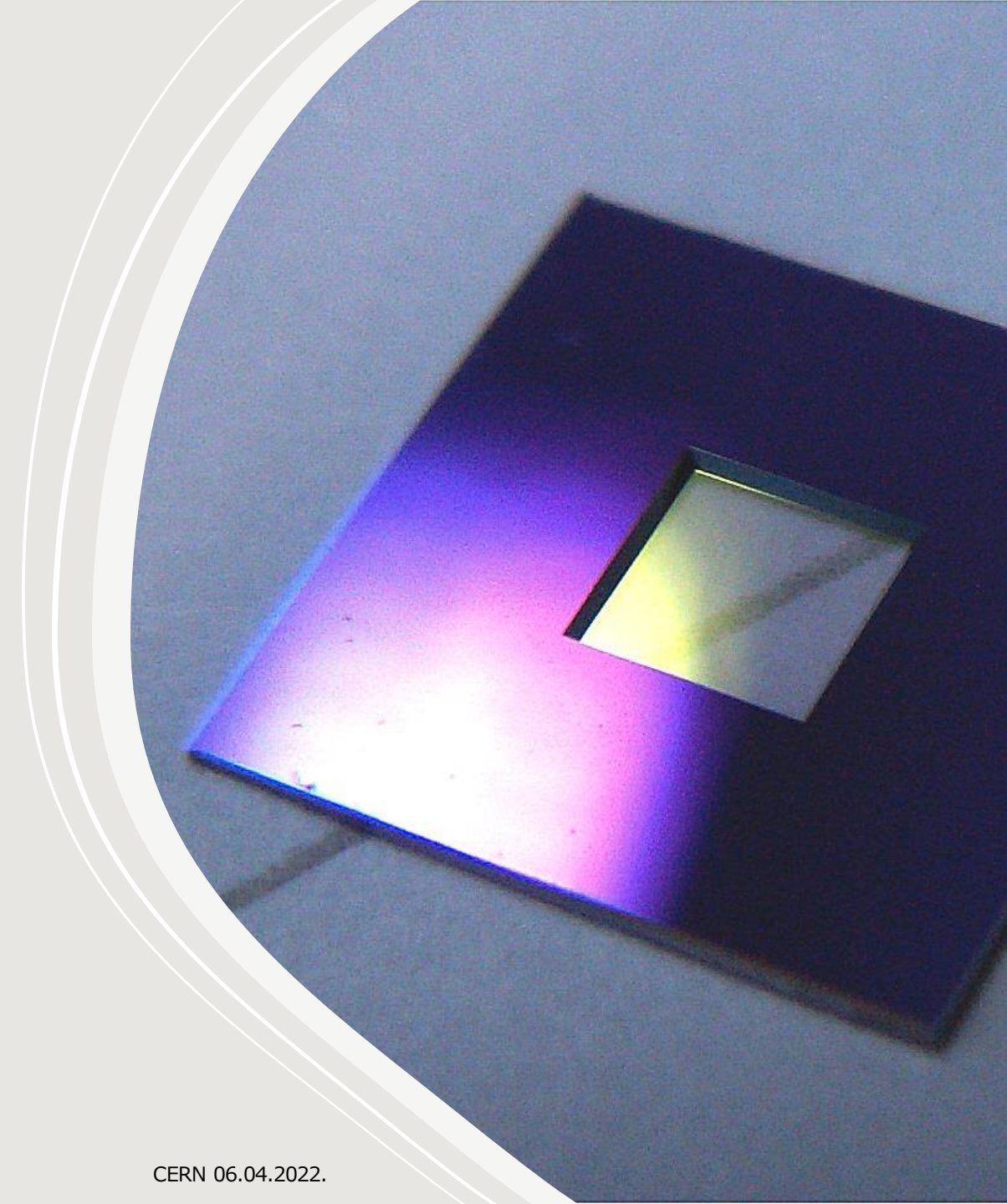
- silicon wafer (200um)

- PECVD --> SiNx

- etching --> window

- low stress --> low mechanical frequency

$$f = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2L} \sqrt{\frac{T}{\rho t}}$$





# Start from scratch ...

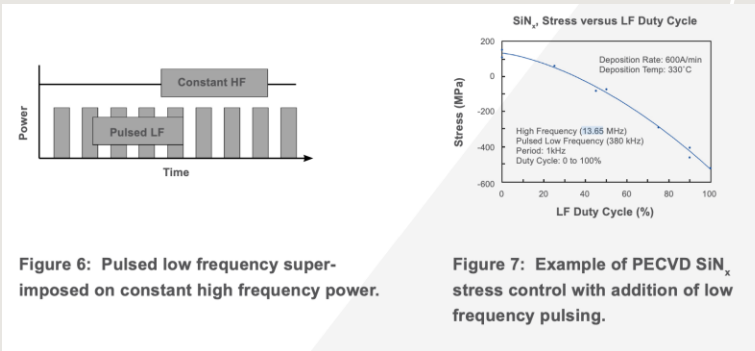
D. G: Lishan, K.D. Mackenzie

WHITEPAPER

Comparing Chemical Vapor Deposition Systems:

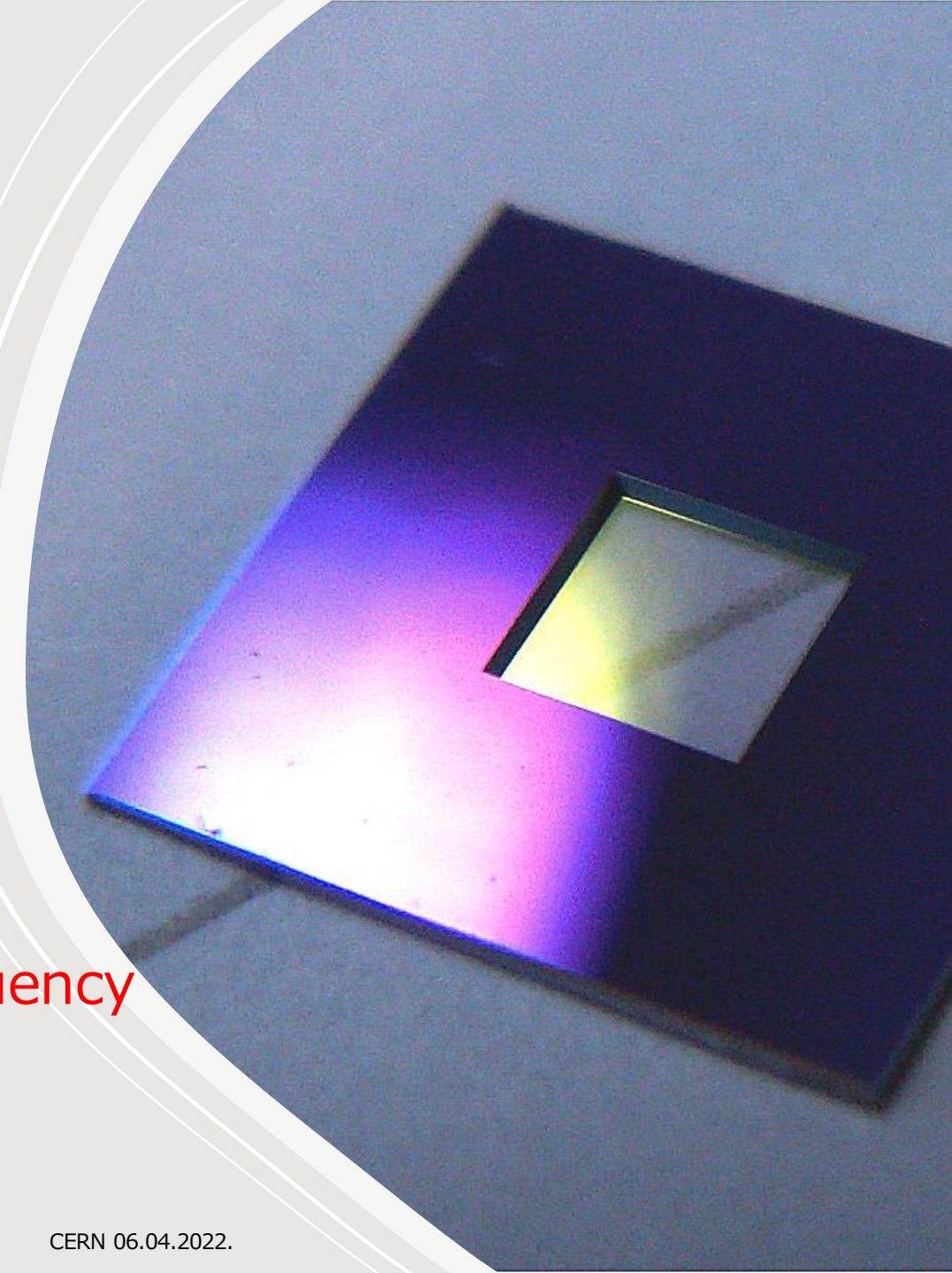
**LPCVD VS.  
PECVD VS.  
HDPCVD**

- during deposition



- after deposition  
- thermal annealing (600 °C)

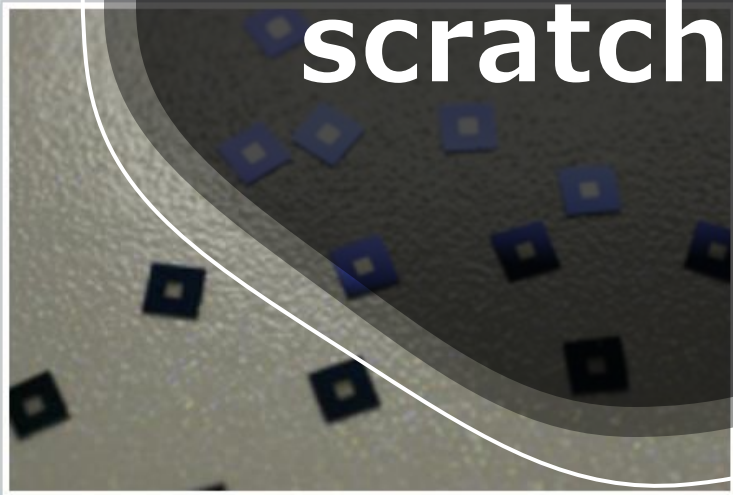
high stress --> high frequency



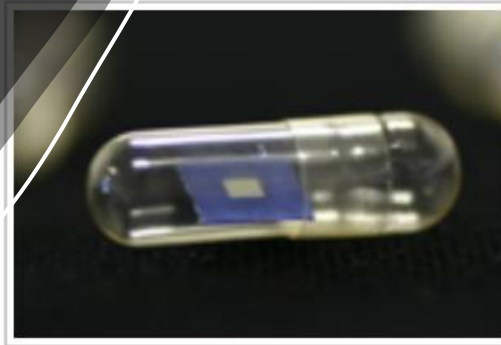
- Company
- Products
- Services
- Tech Info
- News
- Contact

# Start from scratch ...

## → HIGH-Q Si3N4 MEMBRANE WINDOWS



ORDERING ONLINE



Norcada's Nitride Windows individually packaged in gel capsules for ease of handling.

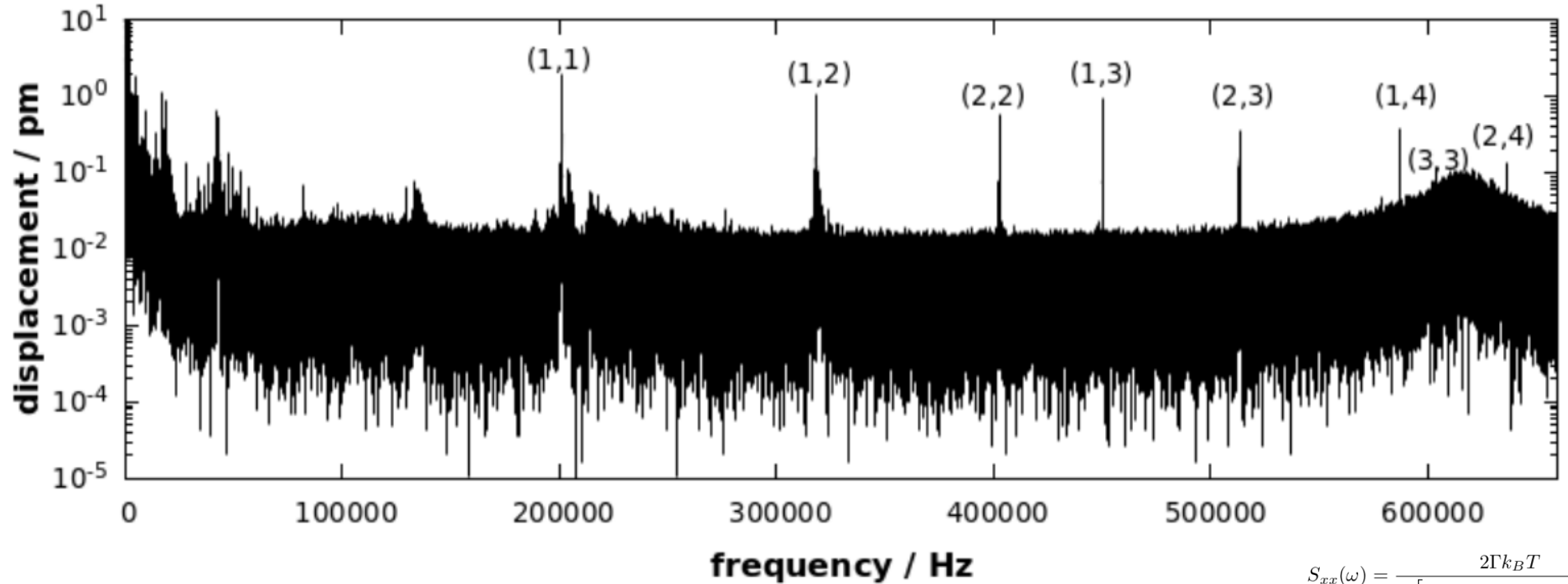


Norcada's Nitride Windows are carefully cleaned to minimize contamination.

$$m\ddot{x} + D\dot{x} + kx = F \sin(\omega t)$$

$$f = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2L} \sqrt{\frac{T}{\rho t}}$$

$$\omega_{mn} = \pi v \sqrt{\left(\frac{m}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^2}$$



$$S_{xx}(\omega) = \frac{2\Gamma k_B T}{m \left[ (\omega_{(n,m)}^2 - \omega^2)^2 + (\Gamma\omega)^2 \right]}$$

- oscillator thermally excited (F – white noise)



# Start from scratch ...

Published: 12 June 2017

## Ultracoherent nanomechanical resonators via soft clamping and dissipation dilution

Y. Tsaturyan, A. Barg, E. S. Polzik & A. Schliesser

Nature Nanotechnology 12, 776–783 (2017) | Cite this article

10k Accesses | 188 Citations | 88 Altmetric | Metrics

## Microfabrication of large-area circular high-stress silicon nitride membranes for optomechanical applications

Cite as: AIP Advances 6, 065004 (2016); <https://doi.org/10.1063/1.4953805>

Submitted: 16 December 2015 • Accepted: 30 May 2016 • Published Online: 07 June 2016

E. Serra, M. Bawaj, A. Borrielli, et al.

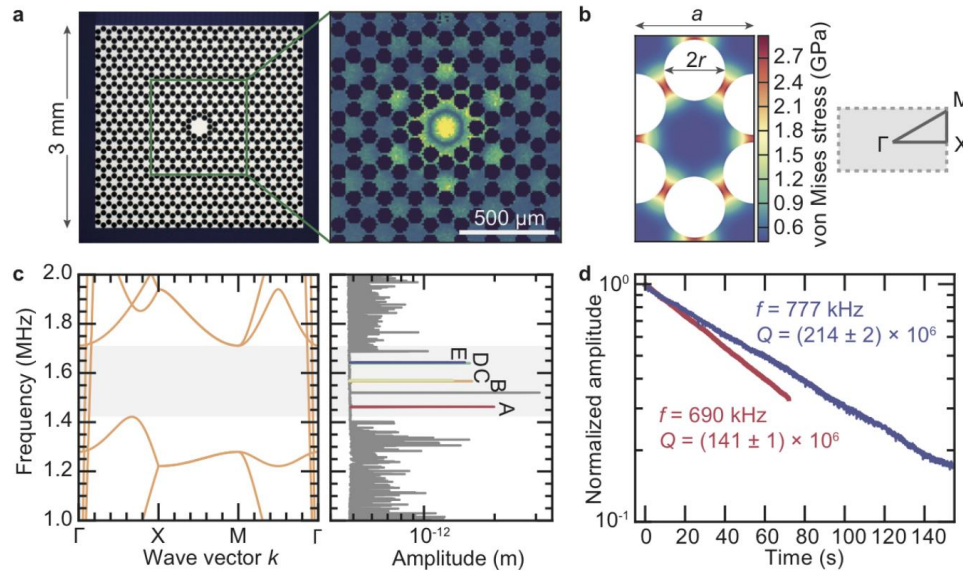
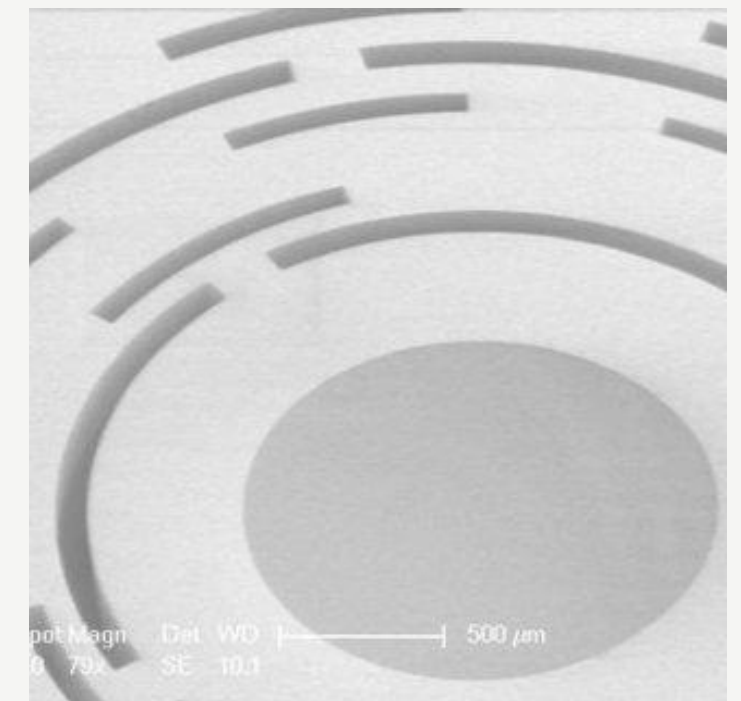


FIG. 1: **Device characterisation** a) Micrograph of a silicon nitride membrane patterned with a phononic crystal structure (left) and measured out-of-plane displacement pattern of the first localized mode “A” (right), of a device with lattice constant  $a = 160\mu\text{m}$ . b) Simulation of the stress redistribution in a unit cell of the hexagonal honeycomb lattice (left) and the corresponding first Brillouin zone (right). c) Simulated band diagram of a unit cell (left) and measured Brownian motion in the central part of the device shown in (a). Localized modes A-E are colour-coded, the peak around 1.5 MHz is an injected tone for calibration of the displacement amplitude. d) Ringdown measurements of A (red) and E (blue) modes of two membrane resonators with  $a = 346\mu\text{m}$ .

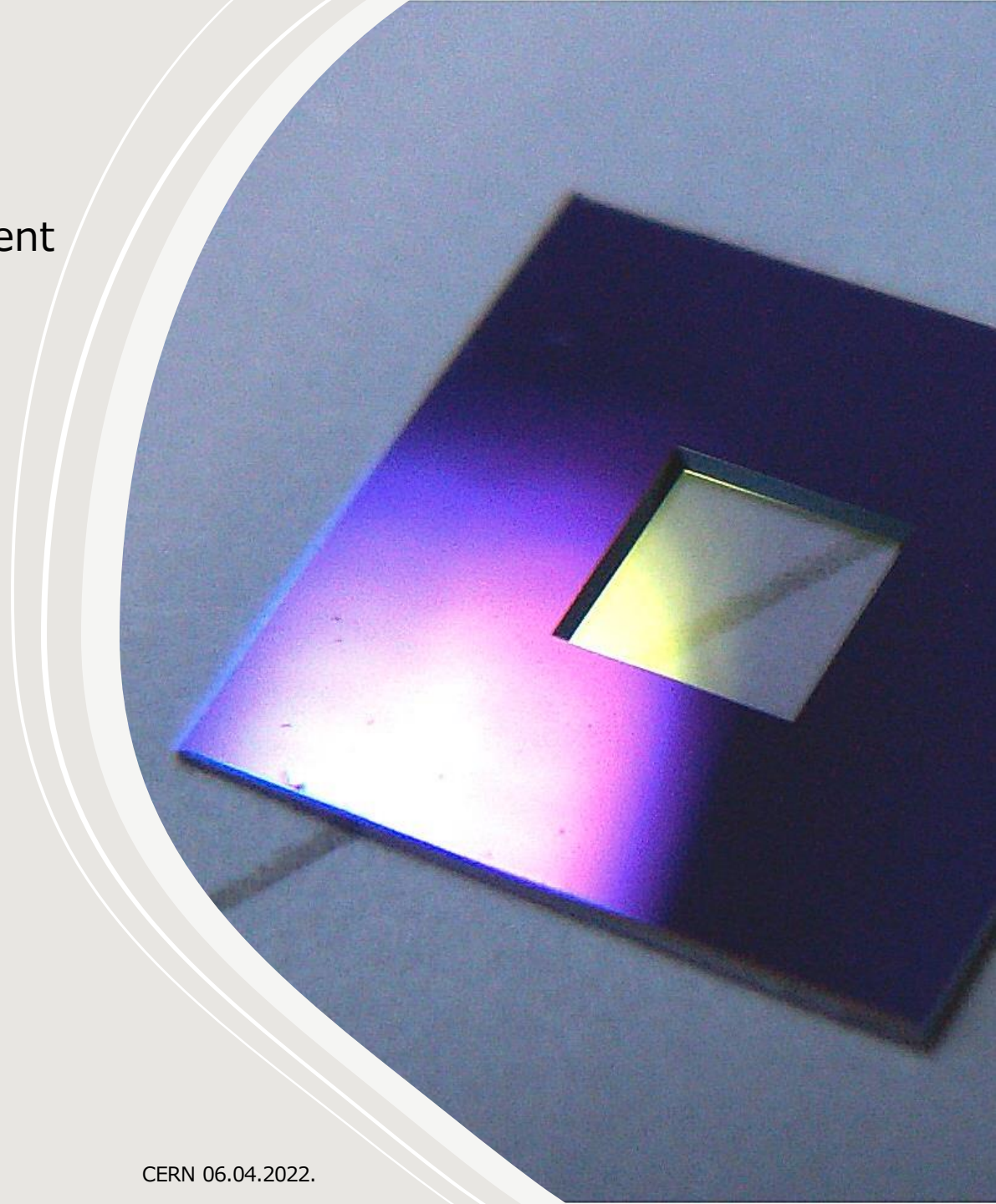




# Start from one

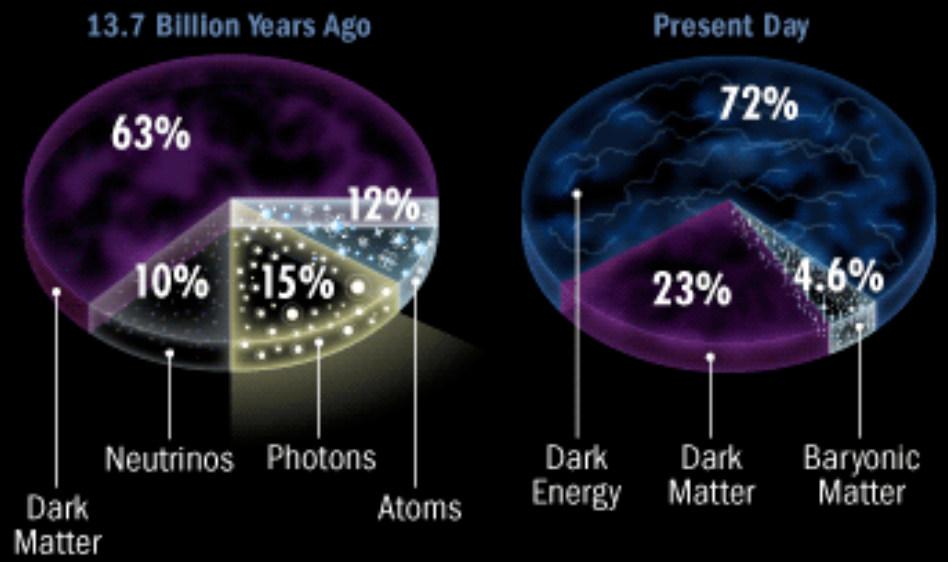
- high frequency and Q factor not the only requirement
- conductivity, density, mass ...

--> additional layers needed!

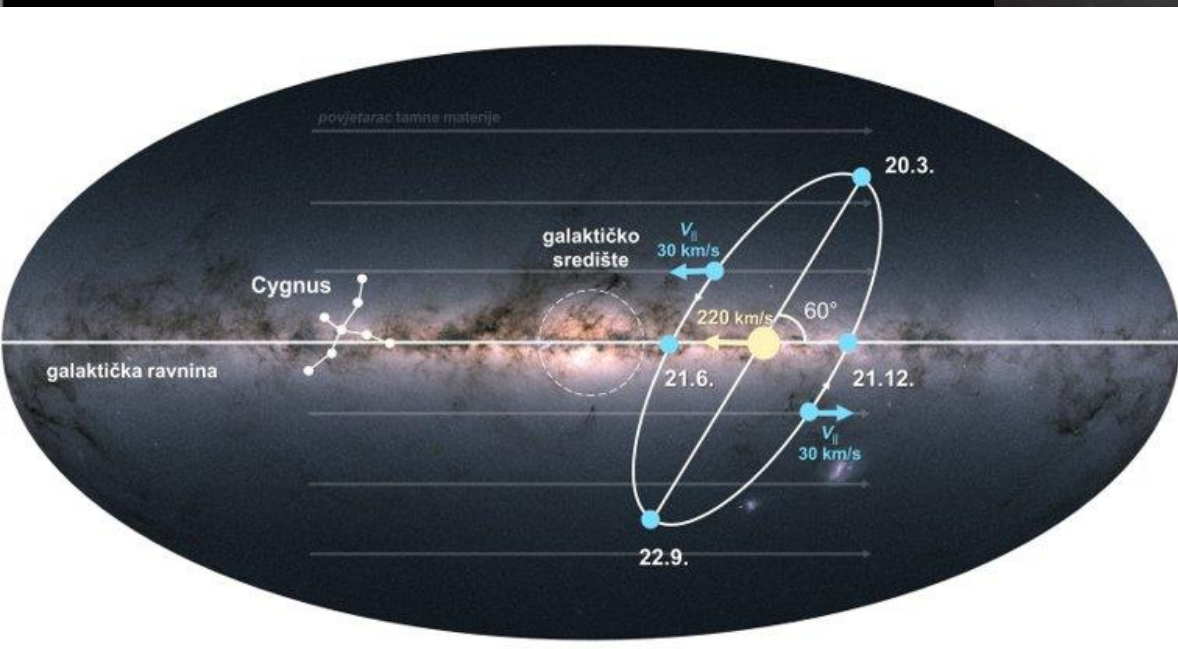


# What is the Universe Made of?

©2010 HowStuffWorks



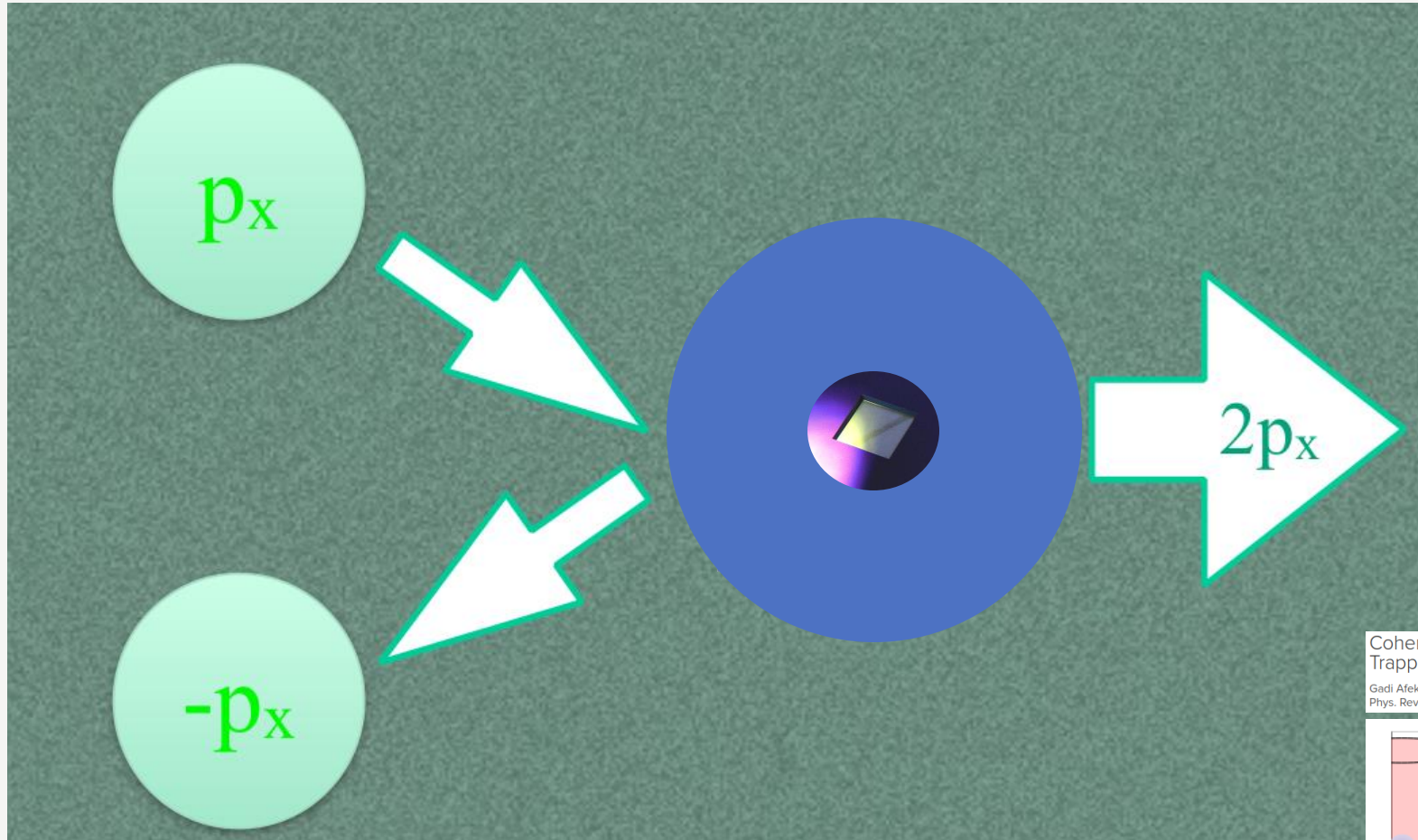
Source: NASA / WMAP Science Team



# Motivation







# Develop a radiation pressure detector!

- measure momentum transfer
- high sensitivity

Coherent Scattering of Low Mass Dark Matter from Optically Trapped Sensors

Gadi Afek, Daniel Carney, and David C. Moore  
 Phys. Rev. Lett. **128**, 101301 – Published 9 March 2022

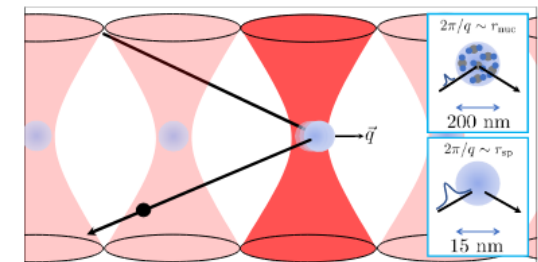


FIG. 1. As a dark matter particle scatters from a levitated optomechanical sensor (possibly part of a large array), it transfers to it momentum  $\vec{q}$ . For “large” sensors (upper inset) the interaction is coherent over a single nucleus. For “small” enough sensors, such that the inverse transferred momentum  $2\pi/q$  of the dark matter particle is comparable to the size of the sensor, the interaction is coherent over the entire sensor, leading to a large increase in scattering cross-section.



# Start from one

- PECS II System

Broad argon ion beam system designed to polish and coat samples for SEM imaging and analytical techniques.

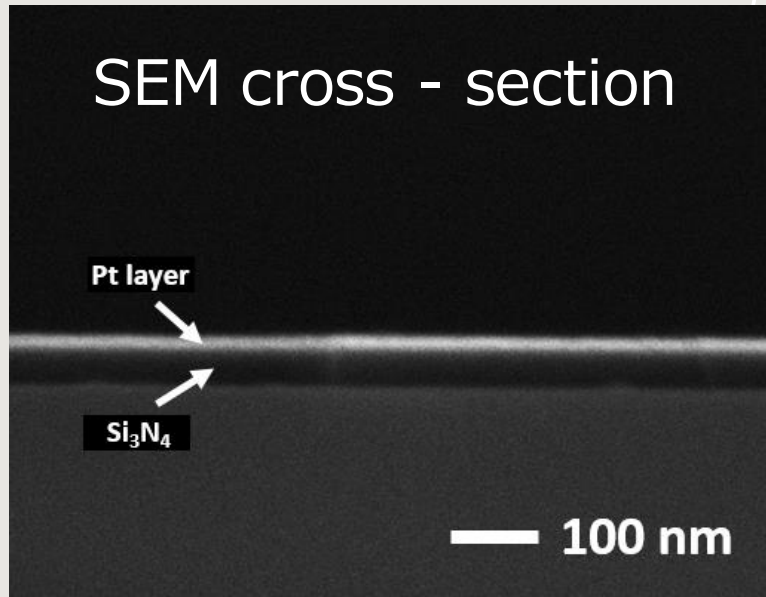
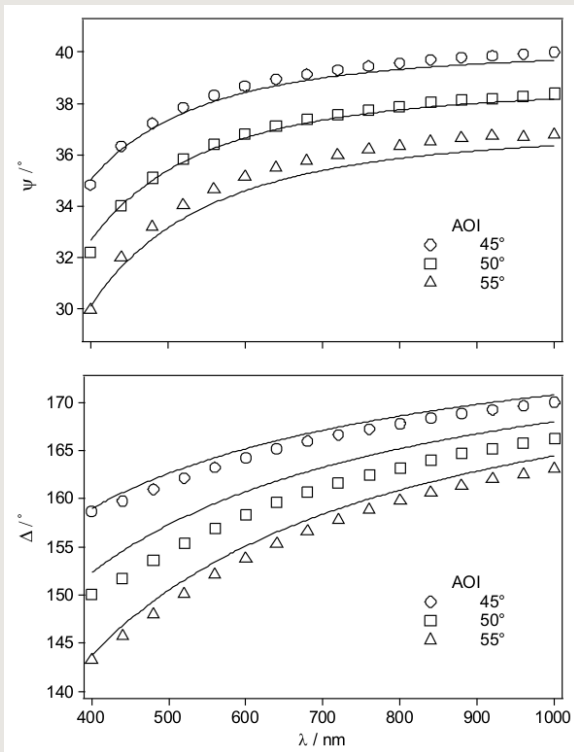
--> Pt layer

Not working for large area membranes



# Start from one

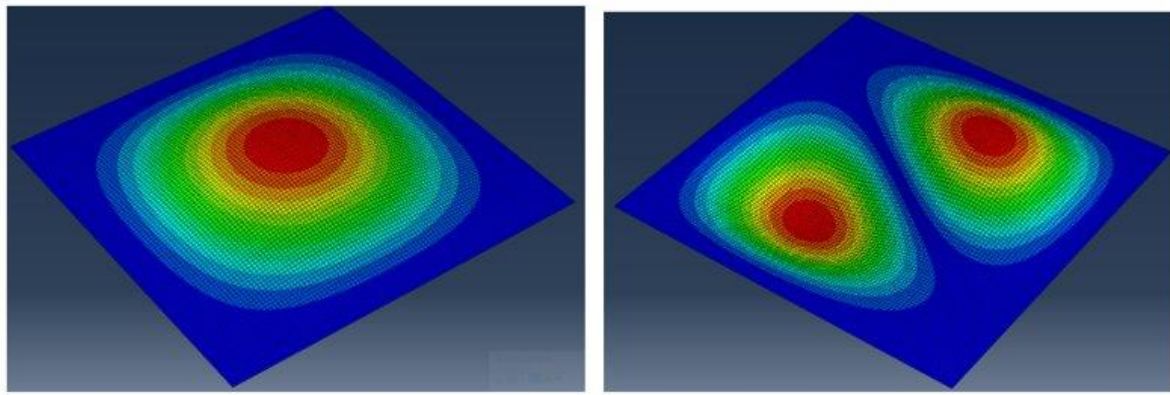
Ellipsometry 45 nm + 13 Pt



- different thickness from nominal

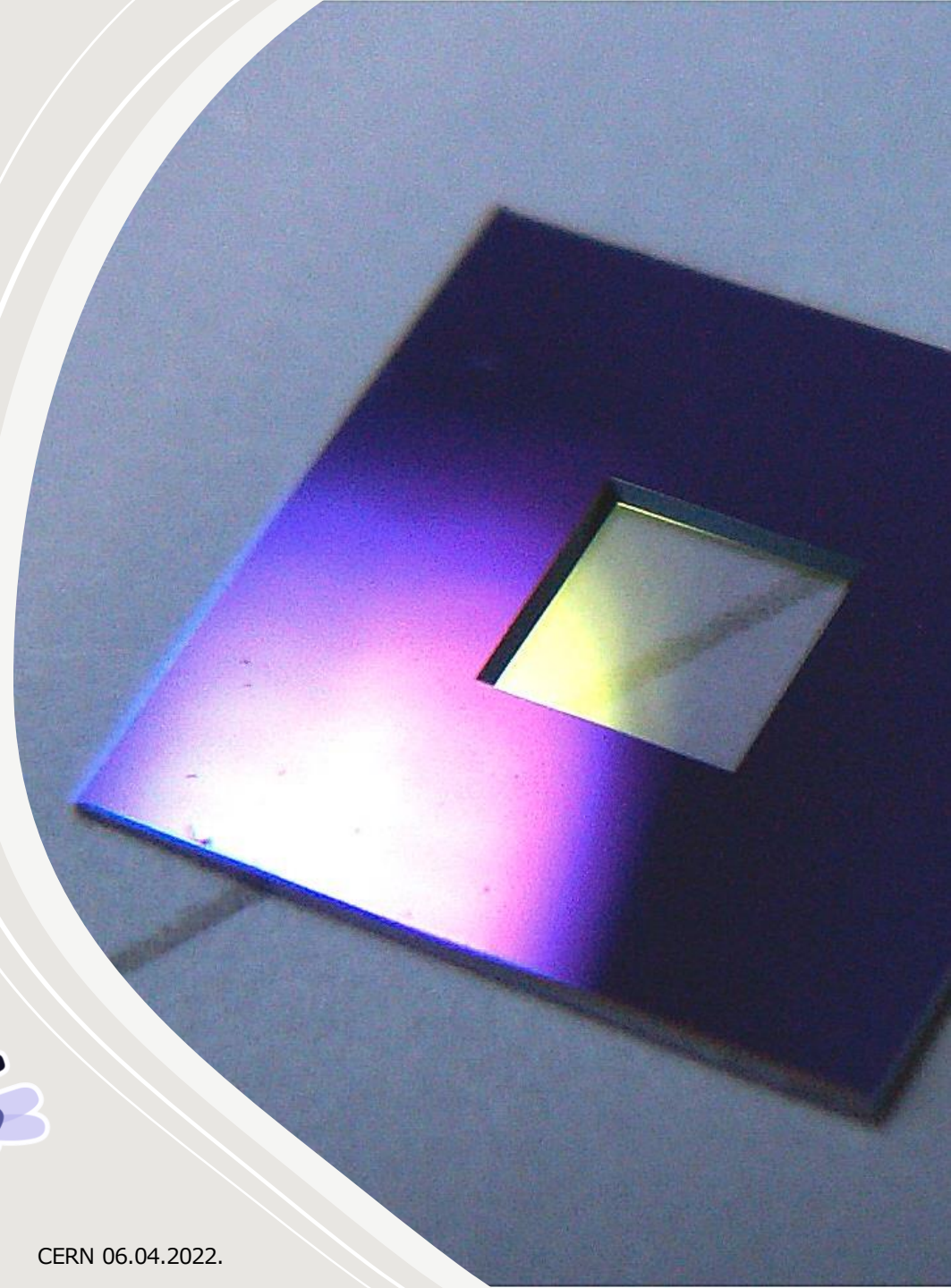
# Start from one

FEM simulation 50 nm + 15 Pt



- discrepancy between simulation and experiment
- measured resonant frequency lower than simulation

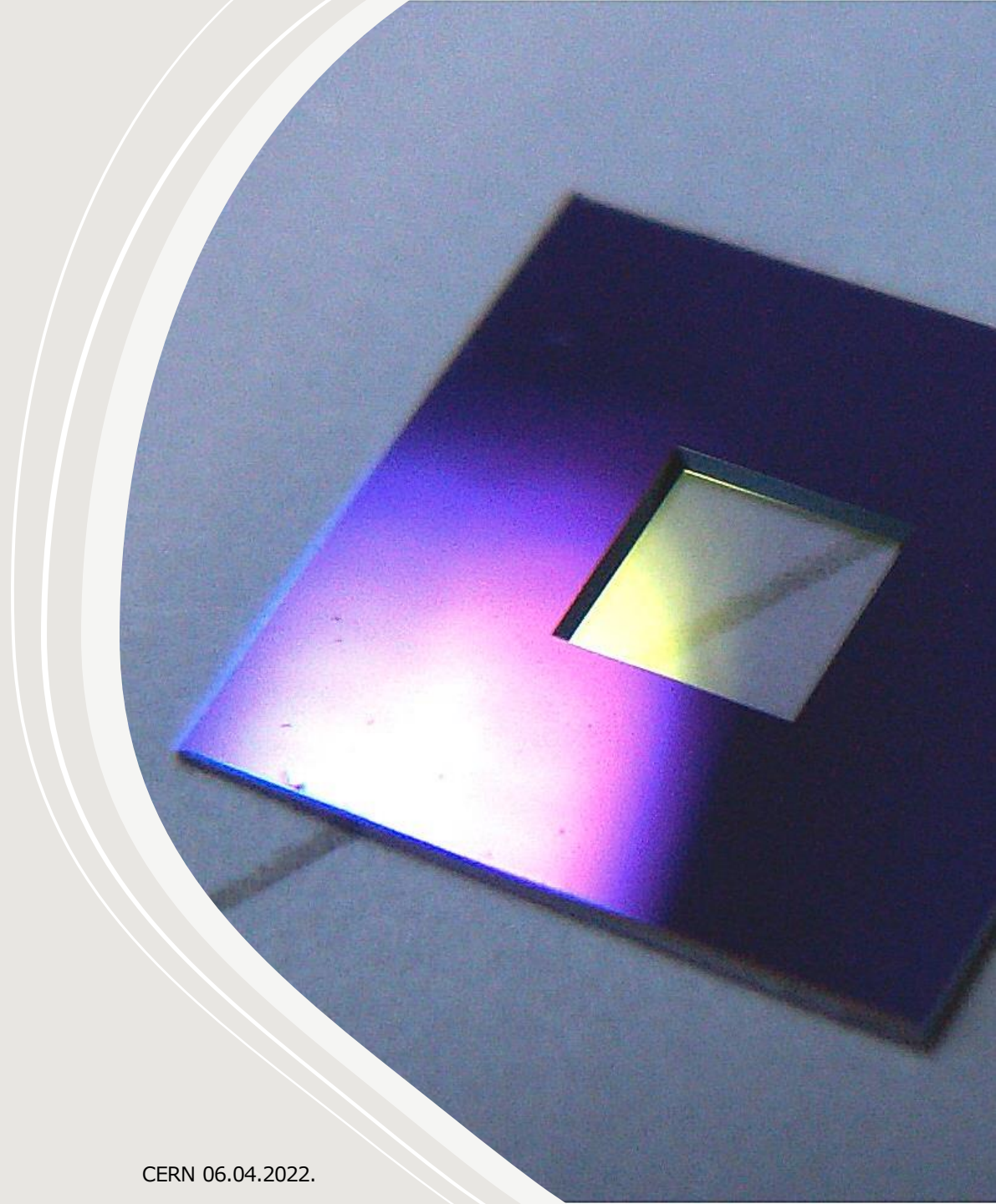
- metallic layer introduces additional loss channel
- implantation of Pt atoms in  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$



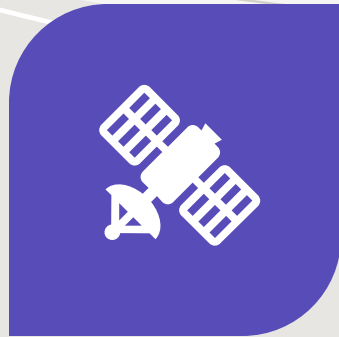
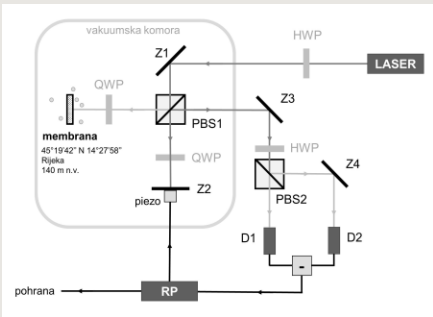


# Conclusion and outlook

- test other coatings and techniques
- first tests with ALD
  
- optimized mechanical design
  
  
- promising sensors



# Conclusion and outlook

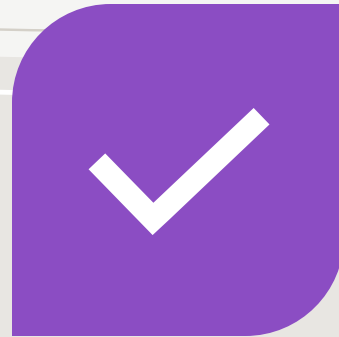


## DIRECTIONAL DARK MATTER DETECTOR- GALACTIC HALO

Dark matter induced Brownian motion

[Ting Cheng, Reinard Primulando & Martin Spinrath](#)

[The European Physical Journal C](#) **80**, Article number: 519 (2020) | [Cite this article](#)

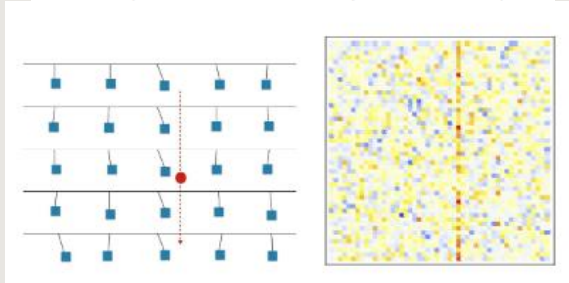


## GRAVITATIONAL DETECTION

[PHYSICAL REVIEW D](#) **102**, 072003 (2020)

**Proposal for gravitational direct detection of dark matter**

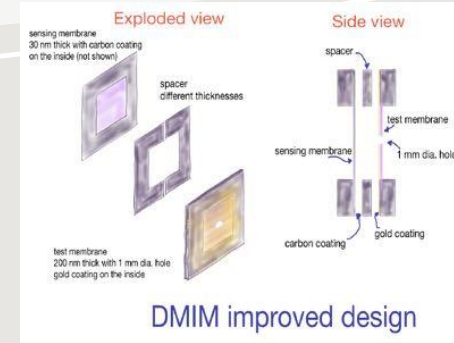
Daniel Carney,<sup>1,2,\*</sup> Sohriti Ghosh,<sup>1</sup> Gordan Krnjaic,<sup>2</sup> and Jacob M. Taylor<sup>1,†</sup>



## CASIMIR FORCE MODIFICATION

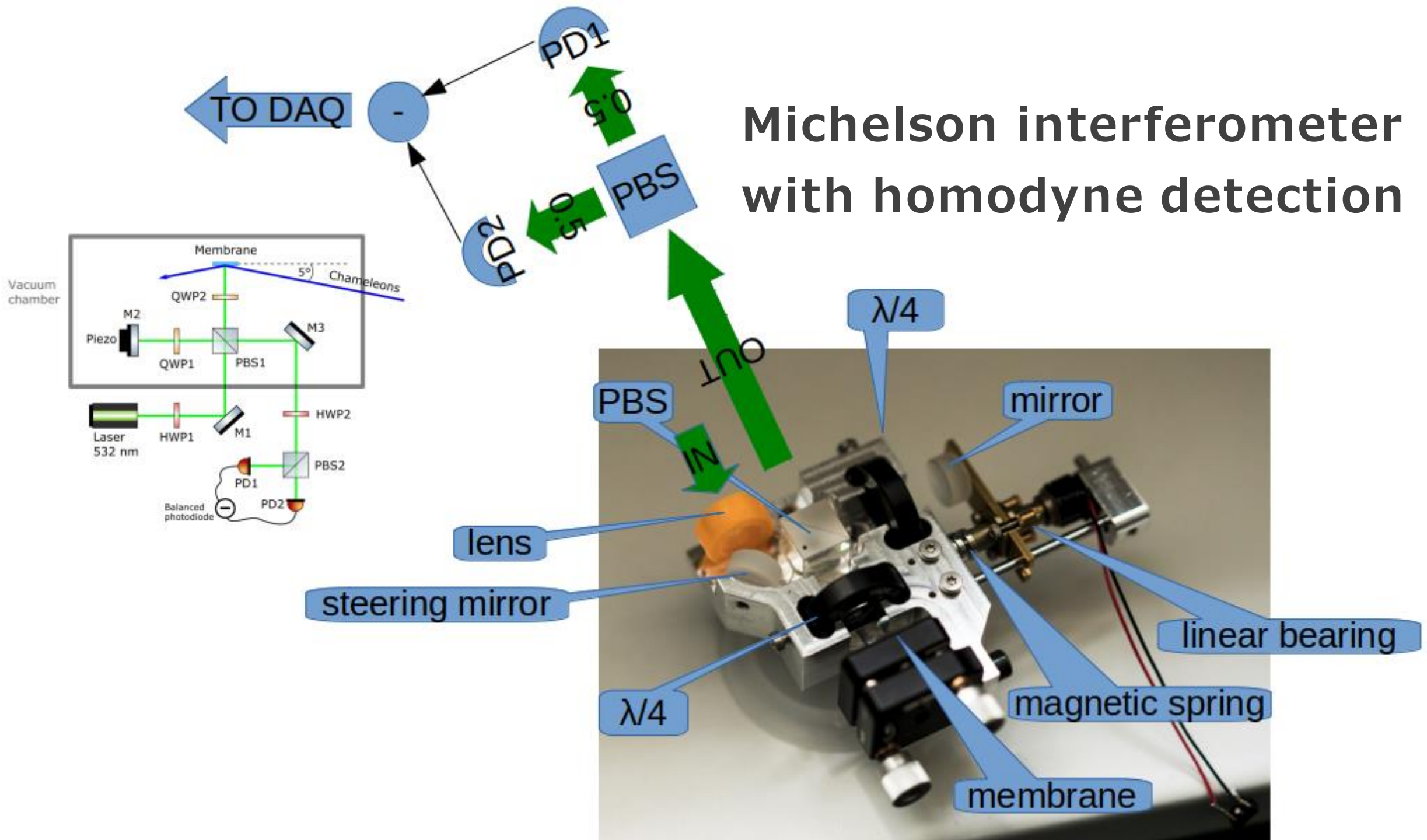
Force sensor for chameleon and Casimir force experiments with parallel-plate configuration

Attaallah Almasi, Philippe Brax, Davide Iannuzzi, and René I. P. Sedmik  
[Phys. Rev. D](#) **91**, 102002 – Published 7 May 2015



DMIM improved design

# Michelson interferometer with homodyne detection







CAST – CERN Axion Solar Telescope



# Detector@CAST



ELSEVIER

Contents lists available at [ScienceDirect](https://www.sciencedirect.com)

## Physics of the Dark Universe

journal homepage: [www.elsevier.com/locate/dark](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/dark)



### First results on the search for chameleons with the KWISP detector at CAST

S. Arguedas Cuendis <sup>g</sup>, J. Baier <sup>e</sup>, K. Barth <sup>g</sup>, S. Baum <sup>p,q</sup>, A. Bayirli <sup>i,1</sup>, A. Belov <sup>l</sup>, H. Bräuninger <sup>f</sup>, G. Cantatore <sup>r,s,\*</sup>, J.M. Carmona <sup>v</sup>, J.F. Castel <sup>v</sup>, S.A. Cetin <sup>i</sup>, T. Dafni <sup>v</sup>, M. Davenport <sup>g</sup>, A. Dermenev <sup>l</sup>, K. Desch <sup>a</sup>, B. Döbrich <sup>g</sup>, H. Fischer <sup>e,\*</sup>, W. Funk <sup>g</sup>, J.A. García <sup>v,2</sup>, A. Gardikiotis <sup>m</sup>, J.G. Garza <sup>v</sup>, S. Gninenko <sup>l</sup>, M.D. Hasinoff <sup>t</sup>, D.H.H. Hoffmann <sup>w</sup>, F.J. Iguaz <sup>v</sup>, I.G. Irastorza <sup>v</sup>, K. Jakovčić <sup>u</sup>, J. Kaminski <sup>a</sup>, M. Karuza <sup>n,o,r,\*</sup>, C. Krieger <sup>a,3</sup>, B. Lakić <sup>u</sup>, J.M. Laurent <sup>g</sup>, G. Luzón <sup>v</sup>, M. Maroudas <sup>m</sup>, L. Miceli <sup>b</sup>, S. Neff <sup>d</sup>, I. Ortega <sup>v,g</sup>, A. Ozbey <sup>i,4</sup>, M.J. Pivovarov <sup>j</sup>, M. Rosu <sup>k</sup>, J. Ruz <sup>j</sup>, E. Ruiz Chóliz <sup>v</sup>, S. Schmidt <sup>a</sup>, M. Schumann <sup>e</sup>, Y.K. Semertzidis <sup>b,c</sup>, S.K. Solanki <sup>h</sup>, L. Stewart <sup>g</sup>, I. Tsagris <sup>m</sup>, T. Vafeiadis <sup>g</sup>, J.K. Vogel <sup>i</sup>, M. Vretenar <sup>n</sup>, S.C. Yildiz <sup>i,5</sup>, K. Zioutas <sup>m,g</sup>





# Conclusion



## CERN Quantum Technology Initiative unveils strategic roadmap shaping CERN's role in next quantum revolution

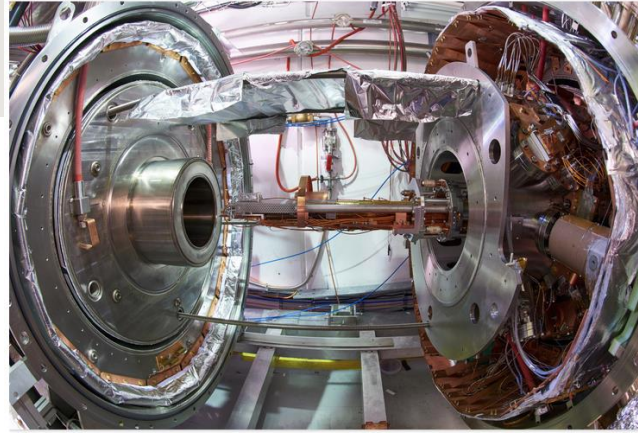
CERN QTI reaches its next milestone today, with the unveiling of a first roadmap defining its medium- and long-term quantum research programme

14 OCTOBER, 2021

## CERN meets quantum technology

The CERN Quantum Technology Initiative will explore the potential of devices harnessing perplexing quantum phenomena such as entanglement to enrich and expand its challenging research programme

30 SEPTEMBER, 2020 | By Matthew Chalmers



The AEGIS 1T antimatter trap stack. CERN's AEGIS experiment is able to explore the multi-particle entangled nature of photons from positronium annihilation, and is one of several examples of existing CERN research with relevance to quantum technologies. (Image: CERN)

## Dark matter

Invisible dark matter makes up most of the universe – but we can only detect it from its gravitational effects

### Services

- › Infrastructure for Experiments
- › B-field mapping
- › Detector cooling service
- › Gas Systems
- › Controls & DAQ
- › Infrastructure for Detector R&D
- › Engineering Office
- › Irradiation Facilities
- › Solid State Detector Lab
- › Thin Film & Glass service
- › Wire Bonding Lab (BONDLAB)
- › Quality Assurance and Reliability Testing Lab (QARTlab)
- › Department Silicon Facility (DSF)
- › Scintillators production
- › Micro-Pattern Technologies



## Cryogenics: Low temperatures, high performance

CERN's cryogenic systems cool over 1000 magnets on the LHC to temperatures close to absolute zero, where matter takes on some unusual properties

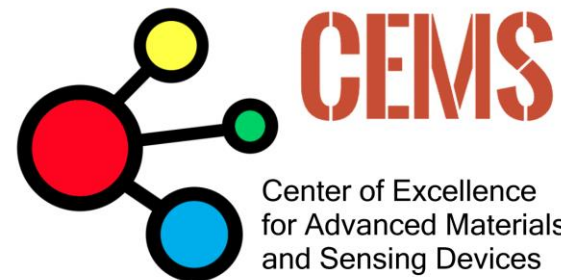
## A vacuum as empty as interstellar space

With the first start-up of beams in 2008, the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) became the biggest operational vacuum system in the world



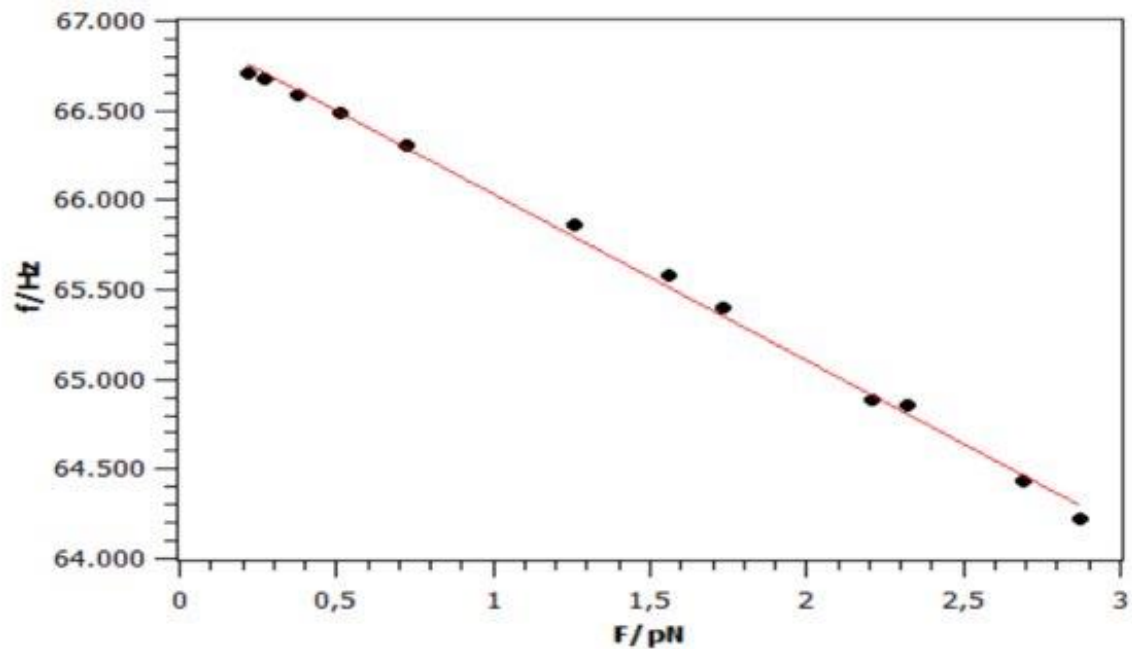
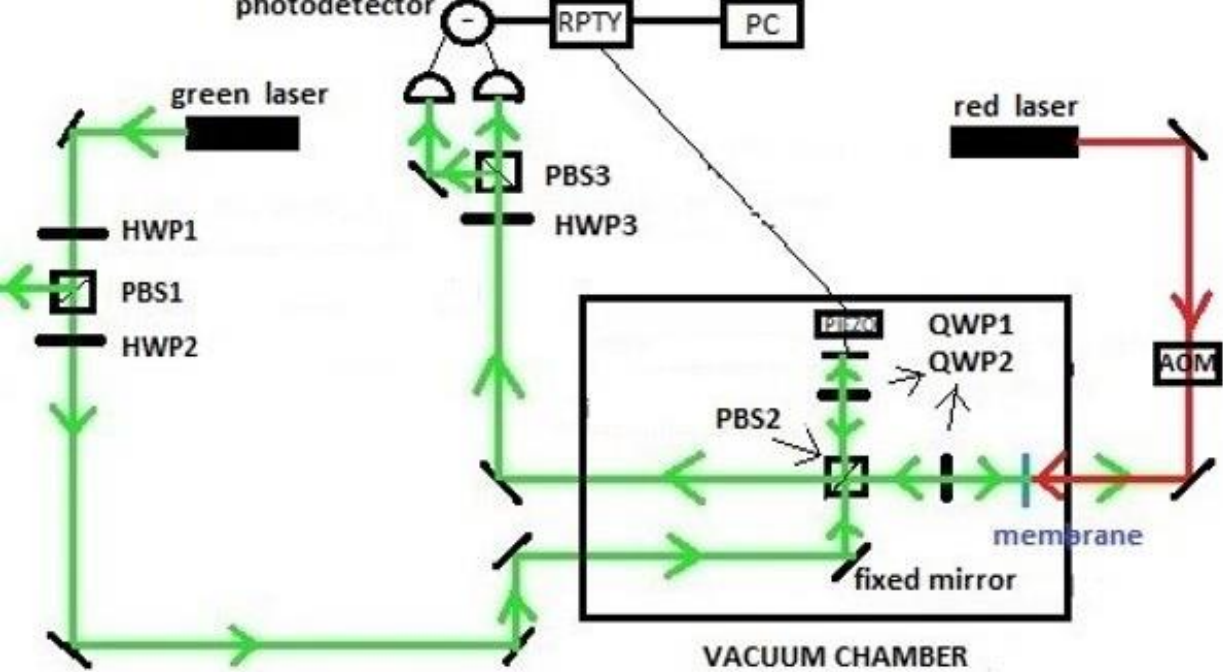


CENTAR ZA MIKRO- I  
NANOZNANOSTI I TEHNOLOGIJE

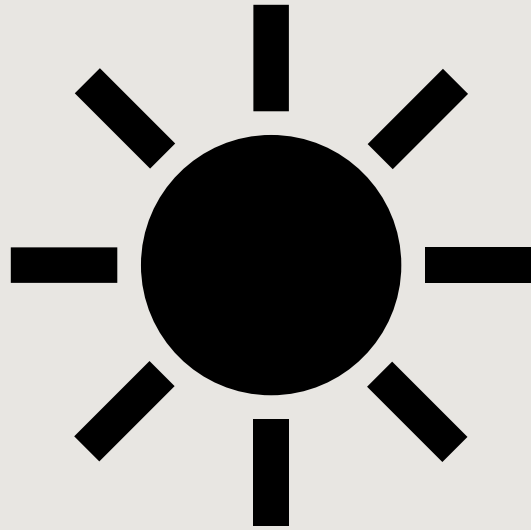


We acknowledge support from University of Rijeka with grant no 13.12.2.2.09, 18-126, EU fund projects KK.01.1.1.01.0001 and RC.2.2.06.-0001. The authors express their gratitude to the colleagues of the INFN Sezione di Trieste mechanical workshop where parts of the detector were built.





**Force calibration**  
 - radiation pressure  
 from 2 mW HeNe red  
 laser  
 - 3 pN force /  
 resolution  $\sim$ fN



$$V_{\text{eff}}(\phi) = \Lambda^4 \left( 1 + \frac{\Lambda^n}{\phi^n} \right) + \rho_m e^{\frac{\beta_m \phi}{M_{\text{Pl}}}} + \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} e^{\frac{\beta_\gamma \phi}{M_{\text{Pl}}}}$$



$$m_{\text{eff}}^2 = (n + 1) \frac{\beta_m \rho_m}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \frac{1}{\phi_{\text{min}}}$$

# Dark Energy

- accelerated expansion of the Universe

