### **Graphene ElectroMechanical Resonators**



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# Graphene Hall Bar





# When going small



C Lee et al. Science 2008;321:385-388

# bending rigidity







Atalaya, Isacsson and Kinaret, Nano Letters (2008)

### Motivation : mass sensing



mass resolution (g)



ers 2008

## Motivation : quantum limit

$$E = \hbar \omega (n + 1/2)$$

$$\delta x_{QL} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega}}$$



\_\_\_\_\_ l μm



$$\delta x_{OL} \sim 2 \cdot 10^{-17} \text{ m}$$

 $\delta x_{QL} \sim 10^{-11} \text{ m}$ 

# seeing is believing



Garcia-Sanchez, van der Zande, San Paulo, Lassagne, McEuen, Bachtold Nano Letters 8, 1399 (2008)

## mixing technique – frequency modulation



V. Gouttenoire *et al.*, Small **6**, 1060 (2010)

adapted from V. Sazonova et al., Nature 431, 284 (2004)

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$$m\frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial t^2} + \gamma \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + kx = F_0 \cos(2\pi f t)$$

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{k/m}$$

$$Q = \frac{2\pi m f_0}{\gamma}$$

## What a surprise !



















$$m \dot{x} = -kx - \gamma \dot{x} - \alpha x^{3}$$
$$-\alpha x^{2} - bx \dot{x} - cx \dot{x}^{2} - dx^{2} \dot{x} - e \dot{x}^{3}$$

# higher order terms



### nonlinear damping

Ron Lifshitz and M.C. Cross. *Review of Nonlinear Dynamics and Complexity* **1** (2008) 1-52. S. Zaitsev, O. Shtempluck, E. Buks, O. Gottlieb, arXiv:0911.0833

### NONLINEAR DAMPING



A. Eichler, J. Moser, J. Chaste, M. Zdrojek, I. Wilson-Rae, A. Bachtold, arXiv:1103.1788

### hysteresis and nonlinear damping



## DAMPING



 $F_{damping} = \gamma x$ 

for mechanical resonators

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$$F_{damping} = -\eta x^2 \dot{x}$$

$$F_{damping} = -\gamma x$$

## high quality factor



Can we tune:  

$$m x = -kx - \gamma x - \alpha x^{3} - \eta x^{2} x$$
?





Lassagne, Tarakanov, Kinaret, Garcia-Sanchez, Bachtold, Science (2009) see also: Steele, Hüttel, Witkamp, Poot, Meerwaldt, Kouwenhoven, van der Zant, Science (2009)





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### Stability diagrams



J. Moser and A. Bachtold, Appl. Phys. Lett. 95, 173506 (2009)

### Models for quantum dots in constrictions



### conclusion



$$m x = -kx - \gamma x^{3} - \eta x^{2} x$$

quantum dot  $F_{electro} = -k_{electro} x - \gamma_{electro} x$ 



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