PhD Fellowship for Researcher (M/F) on the Theory of Hybrid Quantum Mechanical Systems. (H/F), Université de Bordeaux and CNRS, LOMA.

Detecting and manipulating nanomechanical oscillators in the quantum regime is a current and significant challenge with implications for quantum sensing and quantum state manipulation. In our research group, we have demonstrated the feasibility of coupling a mechanical oscillator to single molecules and leveraging the spectroscopic signal to detect the displacement of the mechanical oscillator [1]. More recently, we have explored methods for cooling the oscillator and performing topological operations on its mechanical state by driving the oscillator around an exceptional point in the mechanical spectrum [2]. Our group has also illustrated how a carbon nanotube coupled to a double quantum dot two-level system can serve as a nanomechanical qubit [3]. Notably, the experimentally observed non-linearity predicted in this context has been reported [4].

The goal of the PhD project is to study mechanical systems coupled to two-level systems, investigating their dynamics and the way they can be manipulated and detected.

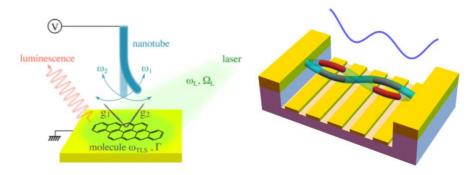


Figure: *Left*: A singly clamped suspended carbon nanotube oscillates modulating the electric field on a single molecule [1,2]. The single molecule is embedded in a solid-state matrix and irradiated by a laser beam. *Right*: suspended carbon nanotube coupled to a double-dot and forming a nanomechanical qubit [3].

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