

Lowest loss mechanical oscillators for fundamental and applied sensing.

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Recent years have seen a rapid improvement in the performance of mechanical membrane oscillators. As a result, these devices become increasingly sensitive to external forces. After providing a brief overview on the development of these highly-

engineered chip-scale mechanical sensors, I will focus on two exciting future applications. First, high-frequency gravitational wave detection at yet unexplored frequencies around 100 kHz, which requires coupling a membrane to a laser field. Second, widerange gas pressure sensing, where the calibration can be directly derived from the mechanical properties of the membrane. These recent concepts are also a prime example of synergies between fundamental and applied science.



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