Supporting Information

Mass sensing for the advanced fabrication of nanomechanical resonators

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I. NON-LINEARITIES OBSERVED VIA E-BEAM ELECTROMECNANICAL COUPLING

Figure S1 shows how the spectrum determined by e-beam electromechanical coupling evolves during the deposition of Pt on a carbon nanotube. For this measurement, spectra were recorded every ≈ 0.32 s with a resolution bandwidth $BW \approx 5$ kHz over a frequency span of ≈ 400 kHz. At each time step, multiple equidistantly-spaced peaks can be observed (labeled n = 1, 2, 3, ...10), which correspond to harmonics of the same fundamental mode. This clearly points out that the resonator is deep in the non-linear regime of the detection.¹ Furthermore, the graph shows an increase in the signal-to-noise ratio and peak intensities as the particle grows. This indicates an increase of the coupling strength of the e-beam electromechanical coupling due to a larger volume interacting with the e-beam and a higher secondary electron (SE) yield. Furthermore, it hints towards the presence of self-oscillations.¹



FIG. S1. Evolution of the spectra recorded via e-beam electromechanical coupling during the deposition of Pt on a carbon nanotube.

II. OPTOMECHANICAL MEASUREMENT OF f_{res}

In order to confirm the resonance frequency $f_{\rm res}$ determined by e-beam electromechanical coupling, we conducted optomechanical measurements.² The measurement in Fig. S2 shows the thermally-driven peak with the resonance frequency $f_{\rm res} = 57.04$ kHz at room temperature. This value is reasonably close to the one observed using the e-beam electromechanical coupling $f_{\rm res} = 56.1$ kHz.



FIG. S2. Optomechanical measurement of the thermally-driven resonance peak (red) of the nanotube shown in Fig. 1 of the main text at room temperature and Lorentzian fit (black).

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