# **Progress towards a squeezed-state atom interferometer in a ring cavity**



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Hosten Group at IST Austria (since 2018):

Quantum sensing with atoms and light [https://hostenlab.pages.ist.ac.at](https://hostenlab.pages.ist.ac.at/)

## **Outline**





# Special techniques Squash locking

## Precision sensing with atoms



Atomic clocks (resolve gravitational time dilation)

Molecules for Electron EDM searches energy level shifts in E field (constraining supersymmetry)





Atom interferometers (Testing Einstein's equivalence principle) (Gravitational wave detection) (Searches of dark energy) (Determination of fine structure const.) (Gravimetry, inertial navigation)



#### In common:

- Reduce to sensing w/ two-level quantum system
- Can be improved via entanglement (spin squeezing)

## Spin squeezing experiments

#### Illustrate the main experimental techniques with work we did back at Stanford



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## Measurement noise 100 times lower than the quantum-projection limit using entangled atoms

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- 20 dB spin squeezing and & atomic clock demonstration

## A formal view for atomic sensors

2-level atoms: Spin ½ systems ( <sup>87</sup>Rb hyperfine clock states)

Spin N/2 system: Collective angular momentum vector **J**



Coherent spin state (uncorrelated spins) Representation on Bloch sphere (Wigner)

 $J_z$ : Population imbalance (-N/2 to N/2) Arg[ $J_{\chi}$ + i  $J_{\chi}$ ] : Phase difference between two levels

Uncertainty relation:  $\Delta J_z \Delta J_y = N/4$ Shot noise: projection onto J<sub>z</sub> axis  $\sqrt{N}/2$ 

## Spin Squeezed Atomic States

#### Spin squeezed states:



Reduced noise in  $\Delta J_z$  at the expense of  $\Delta J_y$  $\Delta J_z < \sqrt{N}/2$ 

Necessarily implies entanglement

Can sense phase/population changes more accurately



## Generic atom sensor



 $\Delta\theta \sim 1/N$  in principle

# Many-atom cavity QED implementation



Technical noise floor: 3 spin-flips (out of 1M)

#### Homodyne detection:

10 nW path length stabilization sidebands  $\sim$ 10 pW probe (90 photons/pW)



Homodyne system: Shot noise limited from 10Hz – 5MHz

## Metrology demonstration: Tipping



## Squeezed microwave clock



Performance limit:  $\mu$ -wave LO

10.5dB boost: 11 times faster averaging.

## Key developments since…

#### Squeezed optical clock (2020)

**Entanglement-Enhanced Optical Atomic Clock** 

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#### Second-scale lifetime for squeezed states (2020)

#### Self-amplifying spin measurement in a long-lived spin-squeezed state

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#### Mapping of internal-to-momentum entanglement – twin fock states (2021)

Momentum entanglement for atom interferometry

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# Key developments since – cont.

## 11.8 beyond SQL time reversal metrology (2022)

## Time-reversal-based quantum metrology with many-body entangled states

Simone Colombo  $\mathbf{D}^{1,4}$ , Edwin Pedrozo-Peñafiel  $\mathbf{D}^{1,4}$ , Albert F. Adivatullin<sup>1,3,4</sup>, Zeyang Li $\mathbf{D}^1$ , Enrique Mendez<sup>1</sup>, Chi Shu<sup>1,2</sup> and Vladan Vuletić<sup>o1⊠</sup>

## 1.7 dB squeezed complete atom interferometry demo (2022) **Entanglement-enhanced matter-wave interferometry** in a high-finesse cavity

Graham P. Greve, Chengyi Luo, Baochen Wu & James K. Thompson

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1.6 dB differential squeezing between two  $\sim$  co-located atom interferometers (2022)Distributed quantum sensing with mode-entangled spin-squeezed atomic states

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## **Outline**





## Special techniques



Squash locking

## Squeezed-state atom interferometry

Exploit squeezed states for force/acceleration sensing through atom interferometry

Applied aspect: Improve sensitivity of inertial sensors Fundamental aspect: Investigate large mass quantum superpositions

 $10<sup>6</sup>$  atoms + 20 dB squeezing:

Effectively equivalent to quantum interference with  $10<sup>6</sup>$  atomic-mass unit collective object. (state of the art is 25000 amu)

Strategy:

Map spin squeezing onto spatial motion in a traveling wave cavity

# Mapping of entanglement to motional states

Raman-transitions: Spin-to-path mapping

State dependent momentum transfer:

- Flip internal states
- Impart  $\pm 2\hbar k$  momentum to atoms





# Traveling wave cavity



#### Role of the cavity

- 1) Radially trap atoms 1560 nm
	- (500 Hz radial trap freq., 1Hz axial…)
- 2) Generate and probe squeezed states
- 3) Assist spin-momentum mapping
	- (6.834 GHz hyperfine split cavity modes)

## The constructed cavity



Finesse at 1560 nm: ~50000

Experimentally determined to obtain 6.834 GHz s- & p-polarization mode splitting

## The cold atom machine

#### 2D-MOT loads 20 M atoms



to be loaded into cavity dipole trap

## Traveling wave cavity – cont.



#### The high and low finesse modes



Cavity length adjustable up to 1mm through piezo stage to fine tune Raman modes.

work in progress for interferometry and squeezing

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# Squash locking – the idea

## A competitive method for locking a laser to a cavity (and more)

- Measure the ellipticity of a laser beam reflecting form a cavity
- TEM00 + small amount TEM11  $\rightarrow$  elliptical beam
- Mode selective phase shift by the cavity near resonance



# **Performance**



# Bonus slide: A new direction in our group

## Milligram scale optomechanics for gravitational and quantum physics

Towards generation of entanglement between two pendulums through gravity







## Zigzag optical cavity to interface torsional motion with light

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- S. Agafonova, …, O. Hosten, PRResearch 2024

Optomechanical control of a 1 mg torsional pendulum

Coldest oscillator from  $\mu$ g to kg:  $\sim$ 240  $\mu$ K (prev. record: 6.9 mK)

S. Agafonova, ..., O. Hosten, in preparation



# The group



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