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



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Quantum sensing with atoms and light 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 1/2 systems (87Rb 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[ $J_x + i J_y$ ]: Phase difference between two levels

Uncertainty relation: $\Delta J_z \Delta J_y = N/4$ Shot noise: projection onto  $J_z$  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



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

## Many-atom cavity QED implementation



Cavity resonance shift: 5.5 Hz per spin-flip (8kHz linewidth) Technical noise floor: 3 spin-flips (out of 1M)

#### Homodyne detection:

10 nW path length stabilization sidebands ~10 pW probe (90 photons/pW)



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

## Metrology demonstration: Tipping



 20 dB squeezed states, 18.5 dB direct metrology demo

## 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

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

<u>Graham P. Greve</u>, <u>Chengyi Luo</u>, <u>Baochen Wu</u> & <u>James K. Thompson</u>

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

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## 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

 $10^6$  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

	780 nm, S-pol.	780 nm, P-pol.
Finesse	~36000	~2500
Full linewidth	83 kHz	1.2 MHz
FSR	3.05 GHz	3.05 GHz
Mirr. refl. phase	171°	140°

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.

in-vacuum µw antenna

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

- Exclusive yaw motion optomechanical coupling
- S. Agafonova, ..., O. Hosten, PRResearch 2024

Optomechanical control of a 1 mg torsional pendulum

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

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



## The group



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