Quantum enhanced sensing with light and atoms



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Black hole from "Interstellar"

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Gravitational wave detection



Very large Michelson interferometer, e.g. LIGO, VIRGO, GEO, TAMA, LISA sensitivity $\delta L = 10^{-18}$ m or $\delta L/L = 10^{-23}$



Quantum enhanced sensing (outline)

Motivation and example Gravitational wave interferometers Quantum sensitivity limits Pre-1980 **Caves** proposal Quantum optics of fields Squeezing generation Sensing atoms with squeezed light Atomic ensembles as a quantum system **Collective variables approach** Quantum non-demolition measurements Spin squeezing

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Gravitational waves from black hole mergers



Gravitational wave detection

Search for gravitational waves from binary black hole inspiral, merger and ringdown. Phys. Rev. D 83, 122005 (2011)



Search for gravitational waves from binary black hole inspiral, merger and ringdo

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LIGO + VIRGO



Shot noise in an interferometer



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Michelson and other interferometers



Michelson and other interferometers





Polarisation interferometer

Shot noise in an interferometer (y < 1980)



Shot noise in an interferometer (y < 1980)



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Poisson distribution

$$\overline{n_E} = \overline{n_A} \cos^2 \frac{\phi}{2}$$
$$\delta n_E = \sqrt{\overline{n_E}} = \sqrt{\overline{n_A}} |\cos \frac{\phi}{2}|$$

$$\delta\phi = \frac{\delta n_E}{\overline{n_A}|\sin\frac{\phi}{2}\cos\frac{\phi}{2}|} \qquad \delta\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\overline{n_A}}}\frac{1}{|\sin\frac{\phi}{2}|}$$

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Shot noise in an interferometer (y < 1980)



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Beating shot noise in interferometry



Quantization of light

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{E} &= 0 & \mathbf{B} &= \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \\
\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= 0 & \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \\
\nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{B} & \left(\nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r},t) = \sum_{k,lpha} q_{k,lpha}(t) \mathbf{u}_{k,lpha}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\ddot{q}_{k,\alpha} = -c^2 k^2 q_{k,\alpha}$$

collection of harmonic oscillators

Light as harmonic oscillators



Light as harmonic oscillators



Multi-mode light



Multi-mode light



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Shot noise in an interferometer (y < 1980)



Shot noise in an interferometer (y < 1980)



the heart of Caves' insight



Beating shot noise in interferometry





Proposal for squeezing (C. Caves, 1981)

Quantum-mechanical noise in an interferometer

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The interferometers now being developed to detect gravitational waves work by measuring the relative positions of widely separated masses. Two fundamental sources of quantum-mechanical noise determine the sensitivity of such an interferometer: (i) fluctuations in number of output photons (photon-counting error) and (ii) fluctuations in radiation pressure on the masses (radiation-pressure error). Because of the low power of available continuous-wave lasers, the sensitivity of currently planned interferometers will be limited by photon-counting error. This paper presents an analysis of the two types of quantum-mechanical noise, and it proposes a new technique—the "squeezed-state" technique—that allows one to decrease the photon-counting error while increasing the radiation-pressure error, or vice versa. The key requirement of the squeezed-state technique is that the state of the light entering the interferometer's normally unused input port must be not the vacuum, as in a standard interferometer, but rather a "squeezed state"—a state whose uncertainties in the two quadrature phases are unequal. Squeezed states can be generated by a variety of nonlinear optical processes, including degenerate parametric amplification.

C. Caves, "Quantum Mechanical Noise In an Interferometer" Phys. Rev. D 23 1693 1981 Quantum and Nonlinear Optics, Sørup Herregaard 2015

Proposal for squeezing (C. Caves, 1981)



$$S^{\dagger}(\zeta)aS(\zeta) = a\cosh r - a^{\dagger}e^{i\theta}\sinh r,$$

$$S^{\dagger}(\zeta)a^{\dagger}S(\zeta) = a^{\dagger}\cosh r - ae^{-i\theta}\sinh r,$$
(2.8)

$$S^{\dagger}(re^{i heta})aS(re^{i heta}) = a\cosh r - a^{\dagger}e^{i heta}\sinh r$$

 $S^{\dagger}(re^{i heta})a^{\dagger}S(re^{i heta}) = a^{\dagger}\cosh r - ae^{i heta}\sinh r$

FIG. 2. Graphs of electric field versus time for three states of the electromagnetic field. In each graph the dark line is the expectation value of the electric field, and the shaded region represents the uncertainty in the electric field. To the right of each graph is the corresponding "error box" in the complex-amplitude plane. (a) Coherent state $|\alpha\rangle$ (α real). This state exhibits neither bunching nor antibunching $(g_{12}^{(2)}=1)$. (b) Squeezed state $|\alpha, r\rangle$ (α real) with r > 0. This state exhibits antibunching $(g_{12}^{(2)}<1)$ as long as $0 < r \le \frac{1}{4} \ln(8\alpha^2)$. (c) Squeezed state $|\alpha, r\rangle$ (α real) with r < 0. This state exhibits antibunching.

(a) (b) FIG. 1. (a) Error circle in complex-amplitude plane for coherent state [4). (b) Error ellipse in complex-

amplitude plane for squeezed state $|\alpha, re^{i\theta}\rangle$ (r > 0).

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Parametric amplification



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parametric amplifier



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parametric amplification



optical parametric amplifier




Saleh + Teich "Fundamentals of Photonics" p. 914

Optical Parametric Amplifier (OPA)

The OPA uses three-wave mixing in a nonlinear crystal to provide optical gain [Fig. 21.4-3(*a*)]. The process is governed by the same three coupled equations (21.4-20) with the waves identified as follows. Wave 1 is the **signal** to be amplified; it is incident on the crystal with a small intensity $I_1(0)$. Wave 3, the **pump**, is an intense wave that provides power to the amplifier. Wave 2, called the **idler**, is an auxiliary wave created by the interaction process.



Figure 21.4-3 The optical parametric amplifier: (a) wave mixing; (b) photon flux densities of the signal and the idler (the pump photon-flux density is assumed constant); (c) photon mixing.

$$(\nabla^2 + k_1^2)E_1 = -2\mu_o\omega_1^2 d E_3 E_1^*,$$

$$(\nabla^2 + k_3^2)E_3 = -\mu_o\omega_3^2 d E_1 E_1.$$

(21.4-16a) (21.4-16b) SHG Coupled Equations

$$E_q = \sqrt{2\eta} \hbar \omega_q \mathfrak{a}_q \exp(-jk_q z), \qquad q = 1, 2, 3,$$

$$S^{\dagger}(re^{i\theta})aS(re^{i\theta}) = a\cosh r - a^{\dagger}e^{i\theta}\sinh r$$

 $S^{\dagger}(re^{i\theta})a^{\dagger}S(re^{i\theta}) = a^{\dagger}\cosh r - ae^{i\theta}\sinh r$

where $\gamma = 2\mathfrak{ga}_3(0)$. If $\mathfrak{a}_3(0)$ is real, γ is also real, and the differential equations have the solution

$$a_1(z) = a_1(0) \cosh \frac{\gamma z}{2} - j a_2^*(0) \sinh \frac{\gamma z}{2}$$
 (21.4-45a)

$$a_2(z) = -ja_1^*(0)\sinh\frac{\gamma z}{2} + a_2(0)\cosh\frac{\gamma z}{2}.$$
 (21.4-45b)

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Reducing the vacuum fluctions



Squeezed-light in Barcelona



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Squeezing experiments at ICFO



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Construction of OPO: Pump system



Measured linewidth: 400 kHz

Blue output: 100 mW at 397,5 nm

Construction of OPO: OPO and locking



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Construction of OPO: detection



Quantum efficiency 95% Shot-noise limited by 12 dB at 2 MHz.



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Polarization beyond the shot noise limit



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Squeezed-light GW detector

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A quantum-enhanced prototype gravitational-wave detector

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related work from ANU, Hanover

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GEO 600 sensitivity boost

A gravitational wave observatory operating beyond the quantum shot-noise limit

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Figure 3 | Nonclassical reduction of the GEO 600 instrumental noise using squeezed vacuum states of light.

LIGO sensitivity boost

Enhanced sensitivity of the LIGO gravitational wave detector by using squeezed states of light



Figure 2 | Strain sensitivity of the H1 detector measured with and without squeezing injection.

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Squeezed light magnetometer



Squeezed-light magnetometer



Prototype optical magnetometer (2010)



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Improved SNR with squeezing



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Collective variables description



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Cold atom magnetometer



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cold ⁸⁷Rb ensemble



I µs long pulses linearly polarized "mode matched" to atoms 0.7 GHz from D₂ line

~10^{6 87}Rb atoms at 25µK f=1 ground-state

¹ effective OD > 50
² Sensitivity 512 spins, < SQL
³ QND measurement
⁴ spin squeezing

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Hot atoms as a quantum system





cell @ 80-170 °C densities 10^{14} cm⁻³ N₂ buffer gas OD in the 100s

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Collective variables description



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Commutation relations

$$egin{aligned} & [\hat{x},\hat{p}] = i\hbar & \longrightarrow \hat{p}\psi(x) = -i\hbar\partial_x\psi(x) \ & [\hat{a},\hat{a}^\dagger] = 1 & \longrightarrow & ext{harmonic oscillator} \ & [\hat{F}_i,\hat{F}_j] = i\hbar\epsilon_{ijk}\hat{F}_k & \longrightarrow & ext{angular momentum} \end{aligned}$$

Robertson (-Schrödinger) relation

 $\begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}, \hat{p} \end{bmatrix} = i\hbar \qquad \begin{bmatrix} \hat{F}_x, \hat{F}_y \end{bmatrix} = i\hbar\hat{F}_z$ $\delta x \delta p \ge \frac{1}{2}\hbar \qquad \delta F_x \delta F_y \ge \frac{1}{2} |\langle F_z \rangle|$

$$\delta A \delta B \geq rac{1}{2} |\langle [A, B] \rangle |$$

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Macroscopic quantum variables



Macroscopic quantum variables



Wigner distribution representation

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"Phase space" for atomic spin ensembles

$$[F_x, F_y] = i F_z$$

and cycl. permutations

$$\delta F_x \delta F_z \ge \frac{1}{2} |\langle F_y \rangle|$$



$$\delta F_z = \sqrt{\frac{N}{2}}$$

standard quantum limit (F=1)



$$\begin{split} S_X &= (n_H - n_V)/2 \\ S_Y &= (n_{z^{\prime}} - n_{x_x})/2 \\ S_Z &= (n_L - n_R)/2 \\ [S_x, S_y] &= iS_z \end{split}$$



$$\delta S_y = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{N}$$

standard quantum limit

coherent polarization state

Coupling of atoms and light



Faraday rotation

$$S_z F_z$$

Alignment-to-orientation conversion

 $S_x J_x + S_v J_v$

Coupling of atoms and light

$$H_{eff} = \alpha^{(1)} S_z F_z + \alpha^{(2)} (S_x J_x + S_y J_y)$$

$$QND \qquad AOC$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} S_y = \frac{1}{i} [S_y, H_{QND}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{i} [S_y, \alpha^{(1)} S_z F_z] = \alpha^{(1)} S_x F_z$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} F_z = \frac{1}{i} [F_z, H_{QND}] = 0$$

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non-destructive Faraday rotation probing



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Faraday rotation spin measurement



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Measurement-induced squeezing



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Measurement-induced squeezing



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Planar squeezed states



Planar squeezed states



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Beyond planar squeezing



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Vector non-demolition measurements



first vector measurement

Squeezing by selection



Unconditional squeezing



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