Squeezed states of light - generation and applications

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Semiclassical optics

- light is a wave
- color (wavelength/frequency) is important
- amplitude (a) and phase are important, $E(t) = ae^{i(kz-\omega t)}$
- cannot explain residual measurements noise





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 $E(\phi) = |a|e^{-i\phi} = |a|\cos(\phi) + i|a|\sin(\phi) = X_1 + iX_2, \ \phi = \omega t - kz$ Detectors sense the real part of the field (X₁) but there is a way to see X_2 as well



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Classical quadratures vs time in a rotating frame

$$E(\phi) = |a|e^{-i\phi} = |a|\cos(\phi) + i|a|\sin(\phi) = X_1 + iX_2, \ \phi = \omega t - kz$$



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Simple photodetector



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Balanced photodetector



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Transition from classical to quantum field

Classical analog

- Field amplitude a
- Field real part $X_1 = (a^* + a)/2$
- Field imaginary part $X_2 = i(a^* a)/2$



Quantum approach

- Field operator â
- Amplitude quadrature $\hat{X_1} = (\hat{a}^\dagger + \hat{a})/2$
- Phase quadrature $\hat{\chi_2} = i(\hat{a}^{\dagger} \hat{a})/2$



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Light consist of photons • $\hat{N} = a^{\dagger} a$ Commutator relationship • $[a, a^{\dagger}] = 1$ • $[X_1, X_2] = i/2$ Detectors measure number of photons N • Quadratures \hat{X}_1 and \hat{X}_2 Uncertainty relationship • $\Delta X_1 \Delta X_2 > 1/4$

Heisenberg uncertainty principle and its optics equivalent



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 $\Delta p \Delta x \geq \hbar/2$

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Optics equivalent

 $\Delta \phi \Delta N \geq 1$

The more precisely the PHASE is determined, the less precisely the AMPLITUDE is known, and vice versa

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Optics equivalent strict definition












$\Delta X_1 \Delta X_2 = 1/4$



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Apply squeezing operator $|\xi>=\hat{S}(\xi)|0>$



$$\hat{\mathsf{S}}(\xi) = \pmb{e}^{rac{1}{2}\xi^*\pmb{a}^2 - rac{1}{2}\xi\pmb{a}^{\dagger 2}}$$







Squeezed state $|\xi>=\hat{S}(\xi)|0>$ properties



$$\begin{split} \hat{S}(\xi) &= e^{\frac{1}{2}\xi^* a^2 - \frac{1}{2}\xi a^{\dagger 2}}, \xi = r e^{i\theta} \\ \text{If } \theta &= 0 \\ &< \xi |(\Delta X_1)^2|\xi > = \frac{1}{4} e^{-2r} \\ &< \xi |(\Delta X_2)^2|\xi > = \frac{1}{4} e^{2r} \end{split}$$

$$<\xi|(\Delta X_1)^2|\xi> = \frac{1}{4}(\cosh^2 r + \sinh^2 r - 2\sinh r \cosh r \cos\theta)$$

$$<\xi|(\Delta X_2)^2|\xi> = \frac{1}{4}(\cosh^2 r + \sinh^2 r + 2\sinh r \cosh r \cos\theta)$$

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Photon number of squeezed state $|\xi>$



Probability to detect given number of photons $C = < n | \xi >$ for squeezed vacuum

even

$$C_{2m} = (-1) \frac{\sqrt{(2m)!}}{2^m m!} \frac{(e^{i\theta} \tanh r)^m}{\sqrt{\cosh r}}$$

odd

$$C_{2m+1} = 0$$

Average number of photons in general squeezed state

$$< \alpha, \xi | \boldsymbol{a}^{\dagger} \boldsymbol{a} | \alpha, \xi > = \alpha + \sinh^2 r$$

Tools for squeezing

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Two photon squeezing picture



Squeezing operator

$$\hat{S}(\xi) = e^{rac{1}{2}\xi^*a^2 - rac{1}{2}\xi a^{\dagger 2}}$$

Parametric down-conversion in crystal

$$\hat{H} = i\hbar\chi^{(2)}(\mathbf{a}^2b^\dagger - \mathbf{a}^{\dagger 2}b)$$



Squeezing

result of correlation of upper and lower sidebands

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- improvements any shot noise limited optical sensors
- noiseless signal amplification
- photon pair generation, entanglement, true single photon sources
- interferometers sensitivity boost (for example gravitational wave antennas)
- light free measurements
- quantum memory probe and information carrier

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Squeezing and interferometer

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Vacuum input



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Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory





- *L* = 4 km *h* ∼ 2 × 10⁻²³
- $\Delta L \sim 10^{-20}$ m



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Squeezing level vs time (unlocked)



"A quantum-enhanced prototype gravitational-wave detector", Nature Physics, **4**, 472-476, (2008).

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GW 40m detector and squeezer



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GW 40m detector with 4dB of squeezed vacuum



Signal to noise improvement by factor of 1.43

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Pros

- mainstream: many different nonlinear crystals available
- so far the best squeezers
 - maximum squeezing value detected 11.5 dB at 1064 nm
 - Moritz Mehmet, Henning Vahlbruch, Nico Lastzka, Karsten Danzmann, and Roman Schnabel, "Observation of squeezed states with strong photon-number oscillations", Phys. Rev. A 81, 013814 (2010)
- well understood

Cons

- crystals have limited transparency window
- thus squeezing is hard to generate at visible wavelength
 - at 795 nm only 4-6 dB squeezing is reported
- this limits applications of such squeezers for spectroscopy

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Self-rotation of elliptical polarization in atomic medium



A.B. Matsko et al., PRA 66, 043815 (2002): theoretically prediction of 4-6 dB noise suppression

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Setup



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Noise contrast vs detuning in hot ⁸⁷Rb vacuum cell



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Squeezing region

Squeezing



Anti-squeezing

Observation of reduction of quantum noise below the shot noise limit is corrupted by the excess noise due to atomic interaction with atoms.

Maximally squeezed spectrum with ⁸⁷Rb

W&M team. ⁸⁷Rb $F_g = 2 \rightarrow F_e = 2$, laser power 7 mW, T=65° C



Lezama et.al report 3 dB squeezing in similar setup Phys. Rev. A 84, 033851 (2011)

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⁸⁷Rb D₁ line







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Optical magnetometer and non linear Faraday effect

Naive model of rotation

Experiment





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Optical magnetometer and non linear Faraday effect

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Shot noise limit of the magnetometer



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Squeezed enhanced magnetometer setup



Note: Squeezed enhanced magnetometer was first demonstrated by Wolfgramm *et. al* Phys. Rev. Lett, **105**, 053601, 2010,

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Magnetometer noise floor improvements



Magnetometer noise spectra



Noise suppression and response vs atomic density

Noise suppression (dB) 5 kHz 100 kHz 500 kHz 1 MHz -6^{-10} 10¹² 10¹¹ Atomic density (atoms/cm³) 0.25 Slope of rotation signal (V/µT) 0.2 formalized transmission 0.15 0.1 0.05 Þ -<mark>12</mark>75 1010 10¹¹ Atomic density (atoms/cm³)

Noise suppression

Response

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Magnetometer with squeezing enhancement



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Squeezing vs magnetic field

Spectrum analyzer settings: Central frequency = 1 MHz, VBW = 3 MHz, RBW = 100 kHz



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Squeezing modulation and time advancement



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Advancement vs power



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Squeezing level before and after advancement cell



Squeezing advancement vs atomic density



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Squeezing and self-focusing



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Quantum limited interferometers revisited



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radiation pressure noise

Photons impart momentum to mirrors

$$n \sim \sqrt{\frac{P}{M^2 f^4}}$$
 (2)

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There is no optimal light power to suit all detection frequency. Optimal power depends on desired detection frequency.

Interferometer sensitivity improvement with squeezing

Projected advanced LIGO sensitivity



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Squeezing and EIT filter setup



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EIT filter and measurements without light



Coherent signal





Wide EIT filter and squeezing



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Narrow EIT filter and squeezing



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Control off no EIT and no squeezing at the output



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Squeezing angle rotation



 $\begin{pmatrix} V_{1}^{out} \\ V_{2}^{out} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos^{2}\varphi_{+} & \sin^{2}\varphi_{+} \\ \sin^{2}\varphi_{+} & \cos^{2}\varphi_{+} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_{+}^{2} & A_{-}^{2} \\ A_{-}^{2} & A_{+}^{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_{1}^{in} \\ V_{2}^{in} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \left(A_{+}^{2} + A_{-}^{2}\right) \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ Locked at 300kHz Locked at 1200kHz



Potential squeezing improvement with coated cells

Vacuum cell

Coated cell



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Vacuum cell





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Summary

- We demonstrate fully atomic squeezed enhanced magnetometer with sensitivity as low as 1 pT/ \sqrt{Hz}
- First demonstration of superluminal squeezing propagation with $v_g \approx -7'000$ m/s $\approx -c/43'000$ or time advancement of 11 μ S
- Control over spacial mode and spectral profile of squeezing

But more importantly

- Squeezing is exciting
- many applications benefit from squeezing
- there is still a lot of interesting physics to do

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