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# Quantum Metrology beyond Heisenberg limit with bright quantum solitons

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# Plan of the talk

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- ЭНИВЕРСИТЕТ ИТМО
- Introduction: Quantum metrology tasks and state of the art ; ;
- Quantum metrology approach in optics and atom optics with Bose-Einstein condensates;
- Quantum metrology with condensate solitons;
  - Quantum soliton Josephson Junction (SJJ) device as a new powerful tool for quantum metrological applications ;
- Lossy quantum metrology with solitons, Quantum Fisher information approach;

Current progress in experiment for quantum metrology with solitons

# Quantum metrology: tasks and problems

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The aim of quantum metrology is development of methods and devices to measure some physical parameter at the level of fundamental quantum noise limit, determined by some uncertainty relations.

## A schematic diagram of $\boldsymbol{\varphi}$ parameter measurement and estimation



## The main questions:

- 1. What is the transformation  $U(\varphi)$  for measurement and estimation of  $\varphi$  which allows to obtain highest precision?
- 2. How we can prepare quantum state of probe to achieve best measurement precision for  $\phi$ ?
- *3.* What is the most effective scheme of detection the  $\hat{P}$  observable?

# Some historical remarks

## Early Studies – measurement of weak forces

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#### Vladimir Braginsky

## Sketch on Mach-Zehnder interferometer



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To measure some physical variable one needs to measure precisely the phaseshift,  $\phi \ll 1$ , in the arms of the interferometer

#### Interferometry with coherent probe $|\alpha>$

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# Quantum phase uncertainty with coherent state :

**Uncertainty relation** 

 $\Delta \varphi \Delta P \geq 1$ 

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**▲ P** 

 $P = N_C - N_D$ 

$$\Delta \varphi = \frac{\Delta P}{|\partial P/\partial \varphi|} = \frac{\Delta P}{I_A |sin(\varphi)|} = \frac{\Delta P}{I_A} \quad For \ \varphi = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Delta P = \sqrt{\left\langle \left( \Delta \widehat{P} \right)^2 \right\rangle} = \sqrt{N}$$

$$\Delta arphi_{SQL} = rac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

**Standard Quantum Limit for** phase measurement

# Metrology with non-classical states



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To measure some physical variable one needs to measure precisely the phaseshift,  $\phi \ll 1$ , in the arms of the interferometer

# Metrology with noise suppression (GEO600, KAGRA, LIGO, Virgo)



#### **Squeezed vacuum**



Roman Schnabel, Physics Reports 684 (2017)

#### Strain sensitivity of the H1 detector measured with and without squeezing injection



Currently maximal squeezing in Lab is 15dB

# Linear metrology



Heisenberg limit with maximally path-entangled *NOON*-state

$$\frac{1}{N} \leq \Delta \varphi \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

 $|N\rangle_A|0\rangle_B + e^{i\varphi N}|0\rangle_A|N\rangle_B$ 

## Some recent experiments

- ✓ Heonoh Kim et al Three-photon NOON states generated by photon subtraction from double photon pairs Optics Express 17, 19720 (2009)
- ✓ I. Afek et al *High-NOON States by Mixing Quantum and Classical Light* Science 328, 879 (2010)
- ✓ L. A. Rozema et al Scalable Spatial Superresolution Using Entangled Photons PRL 112, 223602 (2014)
- ✓ S. T Merkel, F. Kwilhelm Generation and detection of NOON states in superconducting circuits NJP 12, 093036 (2010)

<u>A problem:</u> *NOON*-state with N > 3 are hard to create!

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$$\boldsymbol{U}(\boldsymbol{\varphi}) = \boldsymbol{e}^{\boldsymbol{i}\boldsymbol{\varphi}\boldsymbol{N}}$$

**N** – number of particles

Standard Quantum Limit (SQL), with a two-mode coherent input state  $|\Psi\rangle$ 

Vital question: Is it possible to obtain N00N-like "robust" state for mesoscopic N≥50 number of particles?

# Nonlinear metrology; Super-Heisenberg limit

 $|\Psi\rangle_{in}$  $|\Psi\rangle_{out}$  $\boldsymbol{U}(\boldsymbol{\varphi}) = \boldsymbol{e}^{i\boldsymbol{\varphi}N^m}$  $U(\varphi)$  $\varphi$  – nonlinear phase-shift Probe preparation Detection & Estimation per particle  $\frac{1}{N^m} \le \Delta \varphi \le \frac{1}{N^{m-1/2}}$ Super-Heisenberg limit with Quantum limit with with two-mode maximally path-entangled states coherent input state Vital question: For Kerr-like medium m = 2 $\frac{1}{N^2} \le \Delta \varphi \le \frac{1}{N^{3/2}}$ Can we beat this limit in **X**<sup>(3)</sup>  $|\Psi\rangle_{in}$ practice?

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## Some papers

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- M. Napolitano et al Interaction-based quantum metrology showing scaling beyond the Heisenberg limit Nature 471, 486 (2011)

## Quantum metrology with atomic condensates



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In a Mach-Zehnder interferometer two spatial modes  $|a\rangle$  and  $|b\rangle$  are combined on beam splitter, followed by a relative phase shift  $\varphi = \theta_a - \theta_b$  between the two arms, and finally recombined on a second beam splitter.

Equivalent representation of MZ interferometer operations as rotations of the collective spin on the Bloch sphere. The initial state here  $|a\rangle^{\otimes N}$  is pointing toward the north pole. The full sequence is equivalent to the rotation of an  $\varphi$  angle around the y axis.

Condensates possess high nonlinearity in Tonks-Girardeau (1D) regime at mesoscopic number of particles

L. Pezze, et al, Rev. Mod. Phys. (2018)

# Quantum Metrology with solitons



We can do a particle counting measurement and assign parity to be +1 if the number is even or-1 if the number is odd.

## **Ultimate Propagating error is**

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$$\Delta \varphi = \frac{1}{N}$$

Coupled solitons allow to create entangled Fock states approaching NOON -states

#### **Ultimate Propagating error is**

$$\Delta \varphi = \frac{1}{N^3}$$

 $\varphi_{sol}$  Is nonlinear phase between solitons

#### Non-linear metrology approach



G. S. Thekkadath , B. A. Bell, I. A. Walmsley, and A. I. Lvovsky, Quantum 4, 239 (2020)

# Quantum approach to solitons

#### Quantum field theories for solitons

*Elliott H. Lieb and Werner Liniger, Exact Analysis of an Interacting Bose Gas. I, II* Physical Review 130: 1605–1624 (1963) *Faddeev, L. D., & Korepin, V. E.*. *Quantum theory of solitons*. *Physics Reports, 42(1), 1–87* (1978)

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#### Solitons under matter light interaction

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#### **BEC** solitons

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 S. Raghavan and G.P. Agrawal Switching and self-trapping dynamics of Bose – Einstein Solitons J. Mod. Opt. 47 1155–69 (2000)

# Atomic bright solitons

## **Schrodinger Equation**

$$i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\psi = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}\psi - u\,|\psi|^2\psi$$



 $u = 2\pi |a_{sc}|/a_0$  characterizes atomic nonlinearity  $a_{sc}$  is an s-wave scattering length  $a_0$  is a characteristic trap size

## Feshbach resonance for $~^7\mathrm{Li}$



Critical number of Li atoms when collapse occurs

**Classical non-moving bright soliton** 

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$$\psi(x, t) = \frac{N\sqrt{u}}{2} \operatorname{sech}\left[\frac{Nux}{2}\right] e^{i\frac{N^2u^2}{8}t}$$

 $\psi(x, t)$  condensate 'wave-function

**Normalization condition** 

 $\int |\psi|^2 \mathrm{d}x = N_z$ 

 $uN_{\rm c} \approx 4.2.$  $N_{\rm c}|a_{\rm sc}| \simeq 1.105 \,\mu{\rm m}.$ 



# The number of particles is mesoscopic !

- ✓ Strecker K E, et al, Nature 417 150–3 (2002)
- ✓ Khaykovich L, et al , Science 296 1290 (2002)

## Soliton quantization in single mode approximation

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### For BEC Gaussian state

Solution ansatz 
$$\hat{\psi}(x, t) = \hat{a}(t)\Psi(x)$$

$$\Psi = \frac{\nu^{1/4} \sqrt{N}}{\pi^{1/4}} e^{-\nu x^2/2} e^{i\theta}$$

Spatial condensate wave function

✓ A.S. Parkins, D.F. Walls, Physics Reports (1998)
✓ J. R. Anglin and A. Vardi, Phys. Rev. A (2001)

#### Hamiltonian is

$$\hat{H} = \int dx \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x, t) \left( -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - \frac{u}{2} \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x, t) \hat{\psi}(x, t) + U_{tr}(x) \right) \hat{\psi}(x, t)$$

$$\hat{H}_{eff} = \hbar \Omega_L \hat{N} - \hbar \Omega_2 \hat{N}^2 - \hbar \Omega_L \hat{N} = \int dx \Psi^*(x) \left( -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + U_{tr}(x) \right) \Psi(x),$$

$$\hbar \Omega_2 = \frac{u}{2} \int dx |\Psi(x)|^4.$$

Solution ansatz  

$$\psi(x, t) = \frac{N\sqrt{u}}{2} \operatorname{sech}\left[\frac{Nux}{2}\right] e^{i\frac{N^2u^2}{8}t}$$
For BEC soliton state  

$$\hat{H} = \int dx \psi^*(x, t) \left(-\frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - \frac{u}{2}|\psi(x, t)|^2\right) \psi(x, t).$$

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{N^3u^2}{24}$$
This approach is valid for characteristic trap size  $a \gg |a_{sc}| N$ 

# Soliton Josephson Junctions (SJJ)



For  $z^2 \ll 1$  we have  $\kappa_{eff} \approx \kappa$  and  $\Lambda_{eff} \approx \Lambda$  - similar to Gaussian BECs For  $z^2 \rightarrow 1$  we have  $\kappa_{eff} \rightarrow 0$  and  $\Lambda_{eff} \rightarrow \infty$  - the tunneling is effectively blocking!



## Quantum SJJ model

Ground state in the Fock basis:

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{N} A_n |n\rangle_1 |N-n\rangle_2$$

Where  $\sum_{n=0}^{N} |A_n|^2 = 1$ 

Coefficients  $A_n$  may be find from solution of Schrodinger equation

a)  $\Lambda, \lambda \approx 0;$ 

b)  $\Lambda = 2, \lambda = 1;$ 

c)  $\Lambda \approx 2.009925$ ,  $\lambda = 2.1$ ;

d)  $\Lambda$ ,  $\lambda = 4$ 

Haigh T J, Ferris A J and Olsen M K *Opt. Commun.* 283 3540–7 (2010)



## Multi-particle entanglement

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Hillery-Zubairy m-th order entanglement criteria :  $0 \le E_{HZ}^{(m)} < 1$ , where



✓ H. M. Wiseman, S. J. Jones, and A. C. Doherty Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 140402 – Published 6 April 2007

## Nonlinear Metrology with solitons; Results

Scheme for counterpropagating solitons



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- **P** relative momentum of solitons;
  - $\delta$  relative coordinate of solitons.



## Superposition NOON-state:

$$|N00N\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|N0\rangle + e^{-i\varphi_{sol}}|0N\rangle),$$

**Relative phase** 

 $\varphi_{sol} = \arccos(-0.625\Lambda)$ 

D V Tsarev, T.V. Ngo, Ray-Kuang Lee, and AP Alodjants, *Nonlinear quantum metrology with moving matter-wave solitons*, **New J. Phys.** 21, 083041, (2019)

## Propagation error for soliton parameters

Soliton phase

 $\varphi_{sol} \approx \frac{\pi}{2}N + 0.63N^3\Theta$ where  $\Theta = u^2/16\kappa$  is parameter that we can estimate

 $\Delta \Theta \propto \frac{1}{N^3}$ 

Phase difference of two interfering matter waves  $\varphi = P\delta/\hbar$ 

Standard Quantum Limit for displacement measurement with  $\Delta \varphi_{SQL} = 1/\sqrt{N}$ 





Propagation error for solitons displacement

$$\Delta\delta \propto rac{\Theta}{N^3P}$$

## Lossy Quantum Metrology

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## Soliton Quantum State verification

Scheme of conditional state preparation

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**Conditional state**  

$$|\Psi_{\text{out}}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}} \sum_{l_b=0}^{N} \sum_{l_a=0}^{N-l_b} \sum_{n=l_b}^{N-l_a} A_n \sqrt{B_{l_a,l_b}^n} |N-n-l_a\rangle_a |n-l_b\rangle_b |l_a\rangle |l_b\rangle,$$

$$B_{l_a,l_b}^n = \binom{N-n}{l_a} \binom{n}{l_b} \eta_a^{N-n} (\eta_a^{-1}-1)^{l_a} \eta_b^n (\eta_b^{-1}-1)^{l_b}.$$

 $p = \sum_{l_b=0}^{N} \sum_{l_a=0}^{N-l_b} \sum_{n=l_b}^{N-l_a} |A_n|^2 B_{l_a,l_b}^n$  - normalization constant



Fock State superposition

$$\Psi_{\rm out}^{(1,0)} \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} A_n \sqrt{N-n} \sqrt{\eta^{N-1}(1-\eta)} |N-n-1\rangle_a |n\rangle_b$$

Population  $\sqrt{N}$  times lower!

## Quantum State verification

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#### $N \quad N - l_b N - l_a$ $|\Psi_{\rm out}\rangle = \sum \sum \sum C_{l_a,l_b}^n |N - n - l_a\rangle_a |n - l_b\rangle_b$ $\overline{l_{h}=0}$ $\overline{l_{a}=0}$ $\overline{n=l_{h}}$ Without losses n = 1 $\eta = 0.95$ $\eta = 0.8$ 0.3 ຼີ ຊິ 0.2 ບຼື 0.1 With losses 0 $\left|\Psi_{out}\right\rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sqrt{\alpha_{n}} \left[\left|n\right\rangle_{a} \left|0\right\rangle_{b} + \left|0\right\rangle_{a} \left|n\right\rangle_{b}\right]$ 0 20 n=040 $\alpha_n^{Gauss} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi N(1-\eta)}} e^{-\frac{(n-N\eta)^2}{2N(1-\eta)}}$ 60 80 80 n 100 100

**The State** 

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Linear metrology approach

Non-linear metrology approach with solitons

Quantum Cramer-Rao (QCR) bound; Fisher information

# $\Delta arphi \geq rac{1}{\sqrt{ u} \sqrt{F_Q}}$

where 
$$F_Q = 4(\langle \psi' | \psi' \rangle - |\langle \psi' | \psi \rangle|^2) = \langle \Delta((\widehat{b}^+ \widehat{b})^m)^2 \rangle$$

 $|\psi'
angle = \partial |\psi
angle / \partial arphi$  Is a number of experimental runs

## Fisher information Zoo in the presence of losses

Results (upper bound for FI)  $\tilde{F}_Q = 4 \left( \sum_{n=0}^{N} n^{2m} A_n^2 - \sum_{l_b=0}^{N} \sum_{l_a=0}^{N-l_b} \frac{\left(\sum_{n=l_b}^{N-l_a} n^m C_{l_a,l_b}^n\right)^2}{\sum_{n=l_b}^{N-l_a} C_{l_a,l_b}^n} \right)$   $\delta \phi_{min} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{F_0}}$ 

Standard interferometric limit (SIL) -  $= 1/\sqrt{\eta N}$ Heisenberg Limit (HL) - 1/NNon-linear interferometric limit (NIL) -  $1/N^{5/2}\sqrt{\eta}$ Super-Heisenberg Limit (SHL) -  $1/N^3$ 

NOON state may be useful if  $\eta \ge e^{-2m/N}$ , for m=1, and m=3

For  $\eta = 0.9 \ N_1 = 19 \ and \ N_3 = 57$ 

U. Dorner, et al, PRL 102, 040403 (2009)



## Losses in condensate solitons in semi-classical limit

- > One-body losses (exponential decay)  $\gamma_1 = 0.2 \text{ s}^{-1}$
- > Three-body losses (non-exponential decay)  $\gamma_3 = 5.2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

## Condition $\gamma_{1,3} t \ll 1$ is fulfilled in current experiments!



Absorption images at variable delays after switching off the vertical trapping beam. Propagation of an ideal BEC gas (A) and of a soliton (B) in the horizontal 1D waveguide in the presence of an expulsive potential. Propagation without dispersion over 1.1 mm is a clear signature of a soliton. Corresponding axial profiles are integrated over the vertical direction.

Lev Khaykovich, et al, Science 296 1290 (2002)

## Atomic solitons collision

### Schematic of the experiment and images of phase-dependent collisions



a) Couple of solitons formation via potential barrier. **b-c**) Time evolution of a soliton pair after the barrier is turned off. Solitons are accelerated towards the centre of the trap and collide at a quarter-period ( $\tau = 2\pi/\omega_z = 32ms$ ). The density peak appearing at the centre-of-mass indicates that this is an in-phase ( $\theta = 0$ ) collision. c, Similar to b, except the density node appearing at the centre-of-mass indicates an out-of-phase ( $\theta = \pi$ ) collision.

#### Nguyen J, Dyke P, Malomed B A, et al Collisions of matter-wave solitons Nature Phys. 10, 10918-922 (2014)

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## What is about other solitons?

42.9

50.0

60.0

23.7

16

14

10

23.4

23.5

23.6

Wavevector (µm<sup>-1</sup>)

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### Exciton polariton solitons in waveguides (P.M. Walker, et al, Nat.com.6, 2015)



Measured time of flight of different wavevector components of pulse at low power (black diamonds) and high power (coloured symbols), and time of flight extracted from curvature of polariton dispersion (solid curve).

Refractive index is  $n_2 = -1.6 \times 10^{-14} \,\mathrm{m}^2 \,\mathrm{W}^{-1}$  It is three orders of magnitude larger than in planar AlGaAs waveguides in the weak coupling regime.

We propose to use quantum bright solitons with mesoscopic number of particles for quantum metrological applications;

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- > We have shown for the first time that solitons allow SH phase estimation up to  $1/N^3$  level in the framework of a nonlinear metrology approach.
- ➢ We propose *new* soliton Josephson junction (SJJ) device that allows to create robust entangled Fock state which can be modeled by the NOON state for the losses less than  $1 e^{-2m/N}$ , m=1, and m=3.
- We have shown feasibility of quantum metrological applications of quantum solitons in current experiments with atomic solitons containing moderate (mesoscopic) number of particles.



## Our team

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# Thank you for attention!

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