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Optimizing a trapped atom interferometer¹ J. GROND, U. HOHEN-
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TU-Wien — Interferometry with trapped Bose-Einstein condensates (BECs)
offers new prospects for precision measurements. We analyse the limits of atom inter-
ferometry with split trapped BECs. The atom-atom interactions during the waiting
stage (phase accumulation stage) of the interferometer limit the phase sensitivity.
Number squeezing reduces phase diffusion in split Bose-Einstein condensates, phase
squeezing would enhance the readout. We will discuss how to optimize the per-
formance of a trapped atom interferometer and describe how to create the desired
input states to optimize the phase sensitivity. These states can be prepared apply-
ing optimal control theory. To properly account for the many-body dynamics we
perform calculations within the multi-configurational time dependent Hartree for
Bosons (MCTDHB) method.

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