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**Harnessing modulational instability for the generation of vector solitons**<sup>1</sup> PETER ENGELS, JIAJIA CHANG, CHRIS HAMNER, Washington State University — We investigate the formation of solitons in elongated Bose-Einstein condensates. Counterflow-induced modulational instability is introduced as an effective tool to generate vector solitons in a two-component BEC that have no analog in single-component systems. The current status of the experiment will be discussed.

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