

Nondemolition thermometry of a BEC in sub-nK regime

By using Bose-Polaron model

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Most works are based on the **thermalization** assumption







What do *we* look for?

A thermometry protocol that is:

- 1. Nondemolition
- 2. Precise in nK and sub-nK regime
- 3. Built upon a comprehensive theoretical description



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- The impurity (thermometer):
 - Interacts with the BEC
 - Relaxes to a non-thermal steady state.
 - Its **position** and **momentum** depend on **T**.





We have to map the outcomes of the measurement to **T**. Thus, **we need---theoretically---the T-dependence of the statistics of the impurity.**



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- The Hamiltonian is **quadratic**.
- The second moments (Covariance Matrix) fully describe the quantum state.

The Covariance Matrix Is All We Need

• In the quantum **Langevin** formaism we can find the covariance matrix

$$\sigma_{ss} = egin{pmatrix} < x^2 > & < \{x,p\} > \ < \{x,p\} > & < p^2 > \end{pmatrix}$$

• The relative error if we measure observable *O*: $\frac{\delta T(\hat{O})}{T} \equiv \frac{\Delta \hat{O}}{\sqrt{\nu}T|\chi_T(\hat{O})|} \qquad \text{Uncertainty} \\ \text{Temperature susceptibility} \\ \text{# of measurements} \qquad \chi_T(\hat{O}) = \partial_T < \hat{O} >$

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• The optimal measurement in Gaussian formalism

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$$egin{aligned} &\Lambda_T = C_x \left(x^2 - < x^2 >
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BEC: K Impurity: Yb

n: The strength of the BEC-impurity interaction

T: From 0.2nK to 2nK



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Relative error below 18%, by measuring **x^2**; number of measurements 400 times.

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Enhancement of low-temperature thermometry by strong coupling

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Thanks for your attention

Which Regime Is Exactly Solvable?

Treating the model is not easy in general!

- The BEC approximation: Almost all atoms are in the ground state N – N₀ ≪ N
- Thomas Fermi density profile: $n(x) = \frac{\mu}{g_B B} (1 - x^2 / R^2)$

The Hamiltonian of the BEC can be mapped into **non-interacting Bogoli-ubov modes**!

• Linear interaction: $\langle x \rangle = 0, \delta x \ll R$

