

## Area Seminar

Title Bose Einstein Condensation: A Quantum many-body approach

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Abstract The discovery of Bose-Einstein condensation in cold alkali atomic vapors and subsequent experiments including the strong interaction regimes is one of the most successful and interesting research area since last decade. A lot of theoretical works are going on in different directions to explain experimental results and predict new ones. The widely used approach is the mean field Gross-Pitaevskii equation. Although it is a very convenient approach to predict gross property of the condensate, still the uncorrelated mean field equation using just contact delta interaction ( with a singularity in the origin in 3D) is questionable and deserves full quantum many body calculation using interatomic correlations and realistic interaction. Very recently, we have applied a very convenient ab-initio many body approach with certain approximation, which include two body correlations and realistic van der Waals interaction. We correctly describe ground state properties, collective excitations and also thermodynamic properties of dilute BEC in JILA trap and it can handle quite large number (approx. 15000) of bosons. Our approach has also been spectacularly successful in reproducing the controlled collapse experiment of attractive BEC in JILA trap and calculated stability factor which is in nice agreement with experiment.