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Renormalisation-group study of Bose polarons

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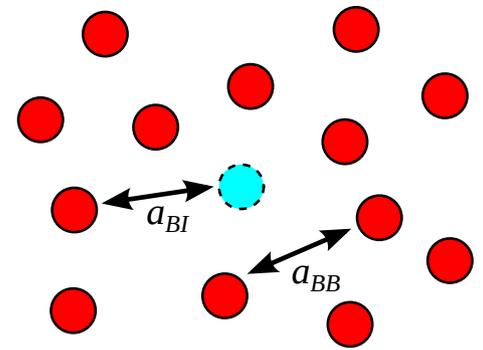
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Bose polaron: impurity immersed in a Bose gas

- The problem of an impurity immersed in a **Bose gas** has attracted significant attention in the past few years.
- Experimentally, Bose polarons have been observed with cold atoms by different groups.



[Aarhus](#): PRL **117**, 055302 (2016). [JILA](#): PRL **117**, 055301 (2016). [MIT](#): Science **368**, 190 (2020).

- Theoretically, different techniques have provided successful descriptions of the strong-coupling regime of three-dimensional Bose polarons.

[Variational](#): PRX **8**, 011024 (2018). [Ladder](#): PRX **8**, 031042 (2018). [MC](#): PRA **99**, 063607 (2019). [GPe](#): PRA **103**, 013317 (2021).

- Nevertheless, there are a plethora of open questions, including the importance of multi-body correlations, the role of the dimensionality, etc.
- We propose a new method to study Bose polarons based on the **functional renormalization group (FRG)**.
- We study a single impurity immersed in Bose gases in $d=2,3$ at $T=0$.

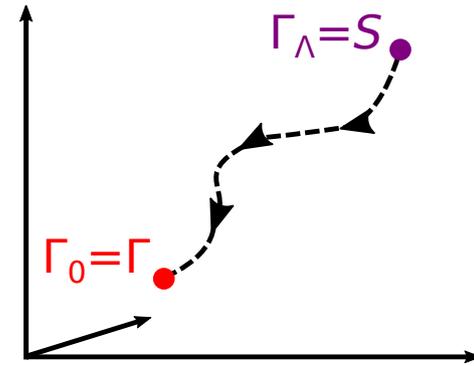
$$\mathcal{S} = \int_x \left[\psi_B^\dagger \left(\partial_\tau - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m_B} - \mu_B \right) \psi_B + \psi_I^\dagger \left(\partial_\tau - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m_I} - \mu_I \right) \psi_I + \frac{g_{BB}}{2} |\psi_B|^4 + g_{BI} |\psi_B|^2 |\psi_I|^2 \right]$$

B : bath bosons
I : impurity

The functional renormalization group (FRG)

- The FRG is a non-perturbative technique where the **effective action** Γ is obtained by solving a RG equation.
- **Fluctuations** are gradually incorporated in the RG flow.
- It is particularly useful to study **strongly-interacting systems**. This makes the FRG suitable to study the strong-coupling regime of Bose polarons.

Recent comprehensive review: N. Dupuis *et al.*, *Physics Reports* **910**, 1 (2021).



- The flow of Γ is obtained by solving the Wetterich equation:

$$\partial_k \Gamma_k = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left[\partial_k R_k (\Gamma^{(2)} + R_k)^{-1} \right]$$

C. Wetterich, *Phys. Lett. B* **301**, 90 (1993)

- In contrast to Fermi polarons, **three- and higher-body correlations** play an important role in Bose polarons due to the bosonic nature of the bath.
- The FRG enables us to include and quantify multi-body correlations easily.
- We focus on the attractive branch of the Bose polaron.

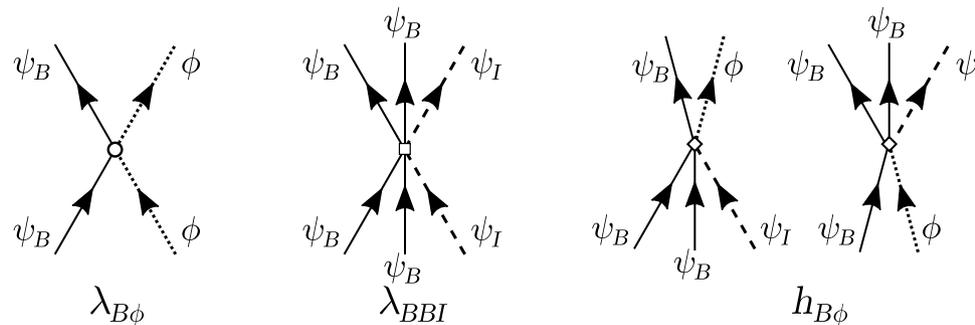
Ansatz for the attractive Bose polaron

- We propose an ansatz using dimer fields ϕ to mediate the B-I interactions:

$$\Gamma_k = \int_x \left[\psi_B^\dagger \left(S_B \partial_\tau - \frac{Z_B}{2m_B} \nabla^2 - V_B \partial_\tau^2 \right) \psi_B + \psi_I^\dagger \left(S_I \partial_\tau - \frac{Z_I}{2m_I} \nabla^2 + U_I(\rho_B) \right) \psi_I \right. \\ \left. + \phi^\dagger \left(S_\phi \partial_\tau - \frac{Z_\phi}{2m_\phi} \nabla^2 + U_\phi(\rho_B) \right) \phi + U_B(\rho_B) + H_\phi(\rho_B) \left(\phi^\dagger \psi_B \psi_I + \phi \psi_B^\dagger \psi_I^\dagger \right) \right]$$

where $\phi \sim \psi_B \psi_I$, $\rho_B = \psi_B^\dagger \psi_B$

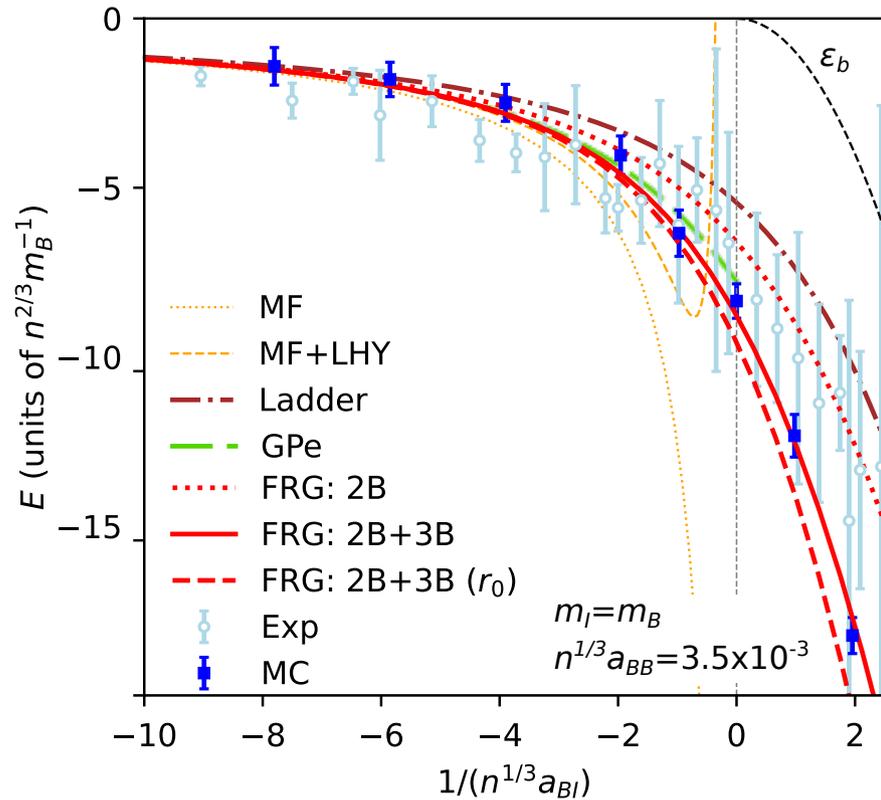
- We consider up to three-body boson-impurity couplings:



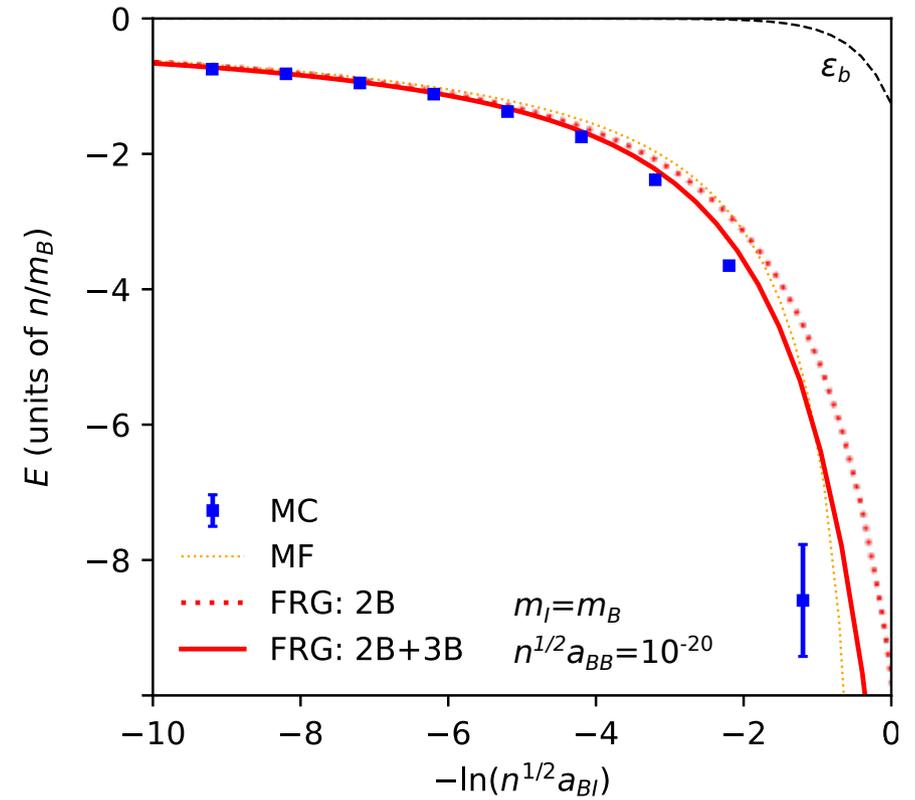
- Inputs: a_{BB} , a_{BI} , μ_B , μ_I , r_0 (B-I effective range).
- We find the physical **polaron energy** μ_i^* from the choice of μ_i that gives a vanishing inverse impurity propagator $\det(G_i^{-1})=0$.

Results

$d=3$



$d=2$



GPe: N.-E. Guenther *et al.*, PRA **103**, 013317 (2021).
Ladder: A. Camacho-Guardian and G. Bruun, PRX **8**, 031042 (2018).
MC: L. Peña Ardila *et al.*, PRA **99**, 063607 (2019).
Exp: N. B. Jørgensen *et al.*, PRL **117**, 055302 (2016).

MC: L. Peña Ardila *et al.*, PRR **2**, 023405 (2020).

More results and comparisons in our paper: F. Isaule *et al.*, PRA **104**, 023317 (2021)

Conclusions

- The FRG can provide a successful description of two- and three-dimensional Bose polarons, including the **strong-coupling regime**.
- **Three and higher-body correlations** are conceptually easy to include within the FRG. Moreover, the FRG enables us to quantify their importance.
- Future work:
 - Include four- and higher-body correlations.
 - Study polarons at finite temperatures, particularly around the critical temperature of the bath (impact of BKT transition in 2D?).
 - Study Efimov physics in three dimensions.
 - Consider impurities in other quantum mediums, such as in cold atom mixtures.