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Dissipative defects in Bose-Einstein condensates

We study the evolution of a Bose-Einstein condensate subjected to a local dissipative defect. In our experiment, we locally remove atoms from the cloud by ionizing them with a focussed electron beam. By analyzing the time resolved ion signal, we explore the decay dynamics of the BEC. Theoretically, we model the decay by a numerical simulation of the Gross-Pitaevskii equation with an imaginary potential.

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