# Ultracold gases and Functional renormalization I 

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Very nice model system to test methods of quantum and statistical field theory!

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with Occupation number $n(\vec{p})$. Example: Homogeneous Bose gas

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Occupation numbers are measured in time-of-flight experiments.


Picture from W. Ketterle, MIT.

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