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Phonon Fluctuations in a Bose-Einstein Condensate Subject to Repeated Weak Measurements EMINE ALTUNTAS, SHANGJIE GUO, HI-LARY HURST, YUCHEN YUE, FRANCISCO SALCES-CARCOBA, CHRISTO-PHER BILLINGTON, IAN B. SPIELMAN, Joint Quantum Institute, National Institute of Standards and Technology, and University of Maryland — Weak measurements are minimally destructive measurement techniques that present new opportunities for understanding the system-reservoir dynamics of many-body systems. Weak measurements yield a controlled reservoir and consequently allow time-resolved study of the system evolution. We experimentally study the phonon fluctuations that result from the quantum backaction induced by repeated weak measurements in quasi-one dimensional Bose-Einstein condensates (BECs). We use partial transfer absorption imaging (PTAI) technique to obtain minimally destructive and multiple successive in situ images of the same BEC. We describe the reciprocal space analysis of the density profiles and present the resultant space-time separated density-density correlation functions. Further we discuss feedback control protocols for future applications of Hamiltonian engineering using weak measurements and feedback.

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