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Phase Identification and Thermometry of Condensates in 2D Optical Lattices¹ ERIC DUCHON, The Ohio State University, YASUYUKI KATO, NAOKI KAWASHIMA, Institute for Solid State Physics, Tokyo, NANDINI TRIVEDI, The Ohio State University — Definitive identification of the phases in a periodic optical lattice and an overall confining potential continues to present difficulties. By direct comparison of density images from experiments² of bosons on 2D optical lattices to QMC density profile calculations,³ we differentiate between Mott insulator, superfluid and normal phases. Kinks in the compressibility spatially locate the emergence of superfluid order.⁴ The temperature is estimated by examining the deviations from integer density of the Mott plateaus as well as from the tails of the density profiles.

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