

## Cryogenic temperatures

Time until creation of first contaminant atom is [300]

$$\tau = \frac{\tau_s}{bN_0} = \frac{4\delta^2}{\Omega^2} \frac{\tau_{\text{eff}}}{bN_0},$$

where  $b$  is the branching ratio to contaminant states and  $N_0$  is the total number of atoms. Using the estimates from [302] and the quasiclassical formulas in [303] we calculate how  $b$ ,  $\tau_{\text{eff}}$  and their relevant combinations depend on the ambient temperature.

Figure 1 indicates how the branching ratio decreases when the temperature is reduced from 300 K to 1 K. It goes down by about 1 order of magnitude for temperatures between 10 K and 30 K, and about 2 orders of magnitude for  $T$  between 1 and 5 K. (At 77 K the branching ratio is roughly 2-4 times smaller).

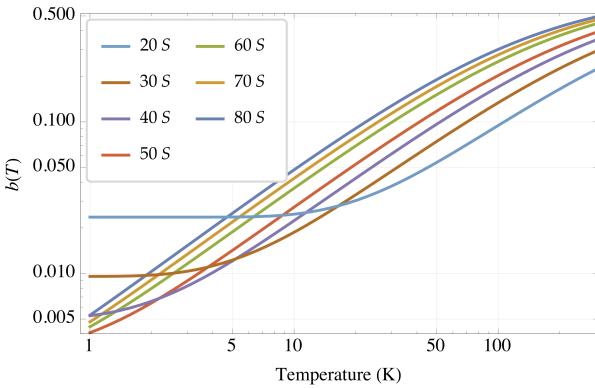


Figure 1:  $b(T)$  vs  $T$  for different  $nS$  levels of  $^{87}\text{Rb}$ .

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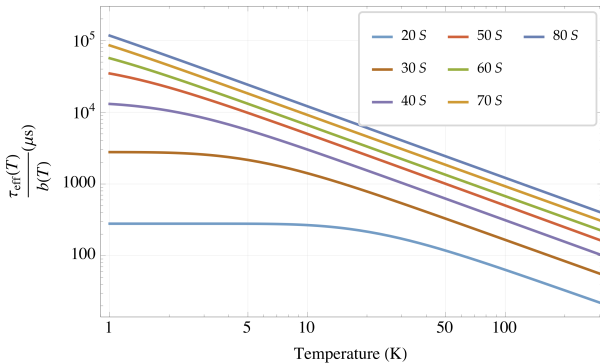


Figure 2:  $\frac{\tau_{\text{eff}}(T)}{b(T)}$  vs  $T$  for different  $nS$  levels of  $^{87}\text{Rb}$ .

Figure 3 shows the *coherence* time reduction due to AB (proportional to  $N^{-1}$ ) can only be *fully* compensated for atom number less than

- 600 for  $T \gtrsim 1$  K.
- 100 for  $T \gtrsim 5$  K.
- 15 for  $T \gtrsim 50$  K.

From 1 K to 5 K one can *expect to fully neutralize* the AB effect for a system between 100 and 500 atoms. From 50K to 100 K this would occur only with less than 15 atoms.

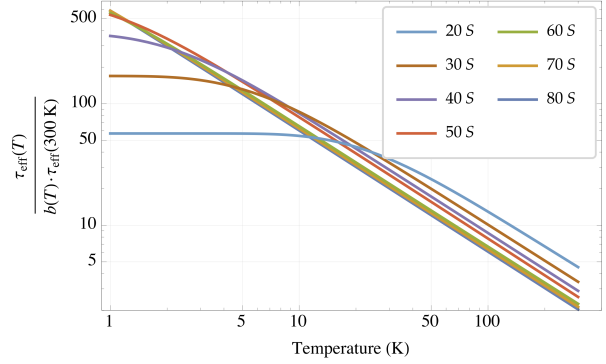


Figure 3:  $\frac{\tau_{\text{eff}}(T)}{\tau_{\text{eff}}(300\text{K})} \cdot \frac{1}{b(T)}$  vs  $T$  for different  $nS$  levels of  $^{87}\text{Rb}$ . The y axis can be interpreted as the atom number at which the  $\frac{\tau_{\text{eff}}}{bN_0}$  factor becomes larger than  $\tau_{\text{eff}}(300\text{K})$ .

How would this help certain proposals? ...

- Reference [304, Pupillo] proposes a  $N \lesssim 40$  atoms system to observe supersolid phases (This 2D system is purely repulsive, which makes me doubt is worth considering.). The AB effect would be compensated for temperatures around 20 K.
- Ref [305, Glaetzle] proposes realizing quantum spin ice in two dimensions using  $16 \geq N_0 \geq 72$ . Reducing the black-body radiation temperature between 50 K and 10 K would make up for the AB decoherence effect.
- Bloch Paper using 200 atoms would require temperatures between 3 K and 5 K. (Not entirely sure since I need to check the vdW radius).

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