

Hybrid dynamics of an optical field and a Bose-Einstein condensation

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Optical fields have played a critical role in manipulating ultracold atomic or molecular gases for precision measurement and quantum emulation. However, in most of these researches, the local field effect (or the feedback effect) of ultracold gases on the optical field propagation has been ignored. However, our recent research [1–3] shows that including the feedback effect, the optical field propagation and matter wave dynamics cannot be separated, i.e., we enter a regime that hybrid dynamics of the optical field and the matter wave is dominant. Using our theory, we have successfully explained asymmetric matter wave diffraction observed by Le et al. [4], and predicted polaritonic solitons in a soft optical lattice. Most recently, we further have proposed magnetic local field effect [3] which deals with the hybrid dynamics of a spinor gas and a microwave field, and predicted the generation of monopole-like subwavelength microwave soliton and matter wave soliton which could be useful for realizing atomic laser. Our theory of hybrid optical wave and matter wave could be further extended to study precision measurement, to study polariton in far-off resonant regime and to study the subwavelength phenomena.

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