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Dynamics of Quantum Gas in Non-Abelian Gauge Field MEHEDI HASAN, CHETAN MADASU, CHANG CHI KWONG, Nanyang Tech Univ, FR-DRIC CHEVY, Laboratoire Kastler Brossel, Ecole Normale Suprieure, DAVID WILKOWSKI, Nanyang Tech Univ — We experimentally realize SU(2)-symmetric artificial gauge field with the tripod laser scheme. First, the non-Abelian nature of the artificial gauge field is revealed by performing loop operations, at different orders, in the parameter space [1]. It was found that the dynamics of internal states leads to a new thermometric scheme that exploits the interferometric-displacement of atoms [1]. Afterwards, the coupling dynamics of internal (i.e., spin)- and external (i.e., momentum)-degrees of freedoms, in a two-dimensional non-Abelian gauge field, is shown to exhibit an asymmetric expansion of the atomic cloud [2]. This spin-orbit-coupled gas breaks the Galilean invariance and modifies the usual reflection-laws, owing to its inherent peculiar dispersion relation. The density distribution of external dynamics markedly carries the signature of the non-Abelian nature of the underlying gauge field.

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