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“Theoretical Study of Laser Control of Magnetization and Chirality in Quantum Magnets and Multiferroics”

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Abstract

Periodically-driven quantum systems are attracting huge interest recently [1-6]. This is mainly due to the rapid development in laser physics. Strong lasers with well controlled phase can be prepared to realize driven quantum states. From the theory side, powerful techniques such as the Floquet theory are being applied with which we can map such nonequilibrium systems to effective *static* systems enabling us to apply various theoretical concepts from stationary physics.

We focus on laser-driven dynamics in quantum antiferromagnets [4,6] and multiferroics [5], which are known to exhibit many exotic quantum many-body effects. We found three novel laser-induced nonequilibrium phenomena in these systems [4,5,6]: (i) When we apply a circularly polarized laser to quantum magnets with gradually increasing the laser frequency (i.e., chirping), the magnetization can follow the equilibrium magnetization curve as a function of time [4]. (ii) When we apply an elliptically (or circularly) polarized laser to multiferroic systems with a magnetoelectric coupling between electric polarization and spin chirality, a new synthetic Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya (DM) interaction emerges [5]. (iii) When we apply an elliptically (or circularly) polarized laser to the Kitaev honeycomb-lattice model with a magnetostriction type coupling, a topological gapped spin-liquid state with a gapless chiral edge mode appears [6]. In the seminar, I will mainly discuss (i) and (ii) which are expected to immediately become relevant in near-future experiments and offer novel ways to control magnetization and DM interactions by using laser.

(The talk will be given in Japanese. 講演は日本語で行われます。)

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