

Double Bethe lattice

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I. INTRODUCTION

[Pump-probe (PP) experiments and relaxation of excited state]

[Numerical modeling of PP]

[CDW, BaBiO₃ and electron-phonon interaction]

[Target: possible XFEL experiments?]

[Model system: double Bethe lattice; previous results of PRB 59, 6846 (1999) and Lichtenstein]

[The aim of paper]

A. BaBiO₃-based compounds

Perovskite compounds based on BaBiO₃ are special representatives of the high-temperature superconductor (HTSC) class, which do not include transition metal ions. Superconductivity in these compounds with transition temperatures $T_c = 13K$ at doping with lead and $T_c = 34K$ at doping with potassium was discovered in 1975 [1] and in 1988 [2], respectively. Compounds belonging to the class of perovskites, as a rule, have a complex phase diagram, which includes dielectric – metal phase transitions and various structural phases when the degree of doping or temperature changes [3]. The parent compound of bismuthates BaBiO₃ is characterized by charge ordering, and has a transport gap of 0.25 eV [4], the origin of which is assumed to be associated with the “breathing distortion” phenomenon, when the sizes of BiO₆ octahedra alternate along three crystallographic directions with the formation of Bi–O bonds of various lengths [3]. This breathing mode is usually interpreted as the phenomenon of “disproportionation of valence” of Bi⁴⁺ [5] and the formation of ions Bi³⁺ and Bi⁵⁺, which determine the different sizes of octahedra [6].

The presence of a number of extraordinary properties of bismuth-based HTSC, such as the existence of two energy gaps, transport and optical, differing in values by an order of magnitude; low density of states at the Fermi level; the manifestation of diamagnetism at any concentrations of dopants [7], gave impetus to numerous studies of these compounds, both experimental and theoretical, which have started more than thirty years ago and are currently ongoing. There is still no clear answer to the question of what causes the appearance

of HTSC in BaBiO₃-based compounds. Recent experiments using the ARPES technique [8, 9] suggested that the generally accepted scenario of the disproportionation of valence may not be sufficiently correct, and the bismuth atoms that are part of octahedra of different sizes have the same valence. This assumption, however, has a serious counter-argument, expressed as early as 1996 in [10], in which a precise measurement of the photoemission X-ray spectra (XPS spectra) of Ba_{1-x}K_xBiO₃ single crystals was performed, indicating the presence of two different values of Bi_{4f} bond energies in doped Ba_{1-x}K_xBiO₃, which convincingly proves the existence of two different bismuth states in the compounds under study.

In [11–13], based on the results of experimental studies of X-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS) [14, 15], a new description of the local electronic structure of bismuth-based HTSCs in the form of a spatially separated Fermi-Bose mixture was presented: two types of charge carriers, local electron pairs (bosons) and free electrons (fermions) coexist in BaBiO₃ doped with potassium with a concentration of $x \geq 0.37$. In this case, electron pairs participate in charge transfer and in the formation of superconductivity, while free electrons are responsible for the observed dielectric – metal phase transition and the appearance of a Fermi-liquid state when overcoming the percolation threshold ($x \geq 0.37$). It was suggested that the ground state exists in the BaBiO₃ compound in the form of a pair-charge-density wave (PDW) [13].

The understanding of the nature of the ground state of BaBiO₃ and, consequently, the explanation of properties of this compound, may be achieved by performing a pump-probe experiment on the excitation of the BaBiO₃ sample over the optical gap.

B. Pump-probe experiments

The technique of a pump-probe experiment is a valuable tool to study the interplay between microscopic degrees of freedom in correlated materials. In this technique, the pump pulse drives a system under study into a nonequilibrium state, the process which is often accompanied by a change in the phase state of the system. Afterwards, the second, probe pulse, monitors the response of the system to the pump pulse and its return to the

equilibrium state by varying the time delay between the pump and the probe.

The great progress in the pump-probe technique in recent decades has made it possible to discover many new phenomena in quantum materials [16, 17]. In the context of this study, we would like to note the particular success of the pump-probe technique in the study of cuprate superconductors [18–25], iron-based superconductors [26–29], and charge density wave (CDW) materials [30–36].

In the lattice of BaBiO_3 the neighboring BiO_6 octahedra are not equivalent. Slightly bigger octahedra have an electron pair on the upper antibonding $\text{Bi}6s\text{-O}2p_{\sigma^*}$ orbital, while smaller octahedra have a hole pair. The different electron filling of the $\text{Bi}6s\text{-O}2p_{\sigma^*}$ orbital of the neighboring BiO_6 octahedral complexes leads to the formation of a dynamical double-well potential for the vibration of oxygen ions, which arises due to the local electron pair tunneling between the neighboring octahedra; this potential was experimentally observed in EXAFS spectra [14, 15].

Ultrafast excitation over the optical gap will break the electron pair on the antibonding orbital and will cause the single electron to skip from the BiO_6 octahedron to the neighboring one with the hole pair, so that two different BiO_6 complexes turn into two similar ones with the accompanying removal of the lattice distortion (Fig. 1). Such an electronic structure change, as well as strong local deformation of the lattice and the appearance of local magnetic moment in the newborn BiO_6 complexes, may be probed with a spectroscopy technique. The characteristic times of relaxation after laser excitation are of the order of few ps [37].

C. The aim of the paper

II. MODEL

[double Bethe lattice]

[Modeling of the pump laser: hoppings modulation]

[Approximations used]

[Variables of interest]

The electron-phonon Hamiltonian on the double Bethe lattice reads:

$$H = \left(-t_{\parallel} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle \alpha \sigma} c_{j\alpha\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{i\alpha\sigma} - t_{\perp} \sum_{i\sigma} c_{i1\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{i2\sigma} + \text{h.c.} \right) - \mu \sum_i n_i + g \sum_i (b_i^{\dagger} + b_i) (n_i - 1) + \omega_0 \sum_i b_i^{\dagger} b_i. \quad (1)$$

Here $\langle i, j \rangle$ denotes nearest-neighbor lattice sites; σ is the spin; $\alpha = 1, 2$ is the Bethe lattice index; $c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger}$ (b_i^{\dagger}) is the creation operators of an electron (phonon); μ is the chemical potential; g is the constant of the electron-phonon coupling; ω_0 is the phonon frequency. The amplitudes t_{\parallel} and t_{\perp} are hopping parameters within and between Bethe

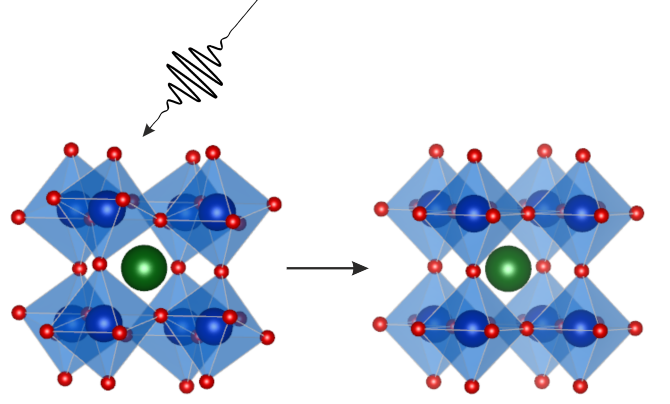


FIG. 1. The effect of a pump laser on BaBiO_3 lattice. The excitation over the optical gap breaks electron pairs on the upper antibonding $\text{Bi}6s\text{-O}2p_{\sigma^*}$ orbital, leading to the removal of lattice distortions and the appearance of a magnetic moment on BiO_6 octahedra. Bismuth, oxygen, and barium atoms are shown in blue, red, and green, respectively.

lattices, respectively (the symbol t_{\parallel} is used to avoid confusion with the time variable t); $n_i = n_{i\uparrow} + n_{i\downarrow}$.

In the DMFT approach [38], the lattice problem (1) is mapped to an effective impurity model, which in our case is a dimer, connected to a free electron bath characterized by the hybridization function $\Delta(t, t')$ (defined below). The effective action of the impurity model is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{\text{imp}} = & i \sum_{\sigma} \int_{\mathcal{C}} dt dt' c_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(t) \mathcal{G}_0^{-1}(t, t') c_{\sigma}(t') \\ & + i \int_{\mathcal{C}} dt dt' X(t) \frac{D_0^{-1}(t, t')}{2} X(t') \\ & - ig \sum_{\sigma} \int_{\mathcal{C}} dt X(t) c_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(t) c_{\sigma}(t), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where the integration is performed along the Kadanoff–Baym (KB) contour \mathcal{C} (Fig. 2); $X = b^{\dagger} + b$; $\mathcal{G}_0(t, t')$ is the Weiss Green’s function (GF) for the impurity model, which is related to the hybridization function by

$$\mathcal{G}_0^{-1}(t, t') = [i\partial_t + \mu] \delta_{\mathcal{C}}(t, t') - \Delta(t, t') \quad (3)$$

and should be determined self-consistently to achieve the equivalence between local and impurity GFs and self-energies ($G_{\text{loc}} = G_{\text{imp}}$, $\Sigma_{\text{loc}} = \Sigma_{\text{imp}}$); $D_0^{-1}(t, t')$ is the inverse of the phonon bare Green’s function,

$$D_0^{-1}(t, t') = \frac{-\partial_t^2 - \omega_0^2}{2\omega_0} \delta_{\mathcal{C}}(t, t'); \quad (4)$$

all functions in (2) are matrices 2×2 and $\delta_{\mathcal{C}}(t, t')$ is delta function defined on \mathcal{C} .

For Bethe lattice

$$\mathcal{G}_0^{-1} = i\omega_n + \mu - t_{\parallel}^2 G_{\text{loc}}, \quad (5)$$

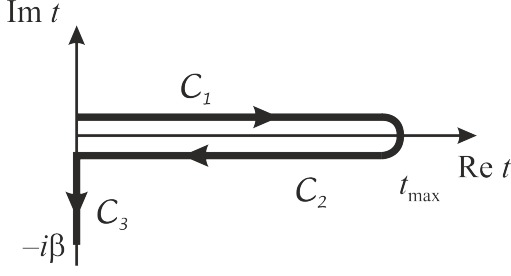


FIG. 2. Kadanoff-Baym contour with three time domains: real-time forward C_1 and backward C_2 , and imaginary-time C_3 . The arrows set the contour time ordering; t_{\max} corresponds to the maximum real-time propagation of the solution.

and, taking into account the equivalence of the sites of the dimer,

$$\mathcal{G}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{G}_{11} & \mathcal{G}_{12} \\ \mathcal{G}_{12} & \mathcal{G}_{11} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6)$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{11} = \frac{1}{2} [G_B(i\omega_n + \mu - t_\perp) + G_B(i\omega_n + \mu + t_\perp)], \quad (7)$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{12} = \frac{1}{2} [G_B(i\omega_n + \mu - t_\perp) - G_B(i\omega_n + \mu + t_\perp)], \quad (8)$$

$$G_B(\xi) = \frac{1}{2t_\parallel^2} \left(\xi - \sqrt{\xi^2 - 4t_\parallel^2} \right). \quad (9)$$

The Dyson equations for the impurity problem are

$$[i\partial_t - \epsilon(t)] G(t, t') - \int_C d\bar{t} \tilde{\Sigma}(\bar{t}, t) G(t, \bar{t}) = \delta_C(t, t'), \quad (10)$$

$$D(t, t') = D_0(t, t') + \int_C d\bar{t} d\bar{t}' D_0(t, \bar{t}) \Pi(\bar{t}, \bar{t}') D(\bar{t}', t'), \quad (11)$$

where $\epsilon(t)$ is the one-particle Hamiltonian,

$$\epsilon(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \mu + \Sigma_1^{\text{MF}} & -t_\perp \\ -t_\perp & \mu + \Sigma_2^{\text{MF}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (12)$$

with the mean-field contribution

$$\Sigma_i^{\text{MF}}(t) = gX_i(t). \quad (13)$$

The impurity self-energy for electrons includes two components,

$$\tilde{\Sigma} = \Sigma_{\text{ME}} + \Delta; \quad (14)$$

where the hybridization function $\Delta(t, t')$ in the case of the Bethe lattice has the form

$$\Delta(t, t') = t_\parallel^2 G(t, t'), \quad (15)$$

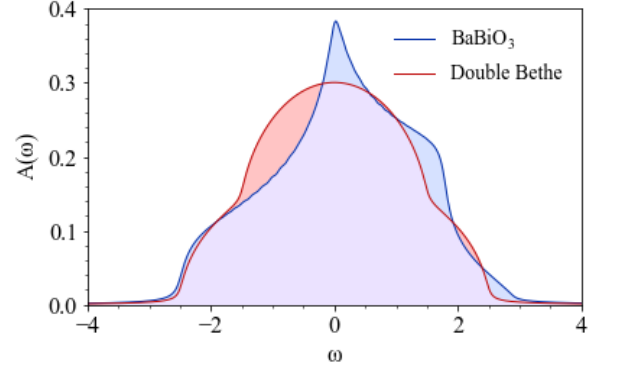


FIG. 3. The density of electron states for the tight-binding model of BaBiO₃ compounds from [41] and for the double Bethe lattice model used in this work. $t_\parallel = 1.0$; $t_\perp = 0.5$; $g = 0.43$.

and Σ_{ME} is the beyond-mean-field contribution to the self-energy, which in terms of the self-consistent Migdal approximation is [39, 40]:

$$\Sigma_{\text{ME}}(t, t') = ig^2 D(t, t') G(t, t'); \quad (16)$$

the impurity self-energy for phonons within this approximation reads

$$\Pi(t, t') \rightarrow \Pi_{\text{ME}}(t, t') = -2ig^2 G(t, t') G(t', t). \quad (17)$$

III. METHOD

[Contour equations]

[NESSi and extensions]

To solve the Dyson equations (10–11), a set of minimum four components defined on different time domains of the KB contour is needed for both electron and phonon GFs. In this work, we use the lesser $G^<$, the retarded G^R , the left-mixing G^l , and Matsubara G^M components and solve the equations with the help of *Non-Equilibrium Systems Simulation Library* (Nessi, [42]).

The laser pulse was modelled via Peierls substitution,

$$t_\perp \rightarrow t_\perp(t) = t_\perp e^{iA(t)}, \quad (18)$$

where the vector potential of the pump is

$$A(t) = \frac{A}{\tau} e^{-t^2/2\tau^2} \cos(\omega t) \quad (19)$$

with A , τ and ω are the amplitude, pulse width, and frequency of the vector potential, respectively.

IV. RESULTS

[Equilibrium; without laser - bipolar state? - phase diagram]

[Excitation]

[1) two identical sites?]

[2) different chemical potential on sites - modeling of distorted structure of BaBiO₃?]

[3) various e-ph couplings?]

V. CONCLUSIONS

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