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Non-equilibrium topological phase transitions in two-dimensional optical lattices

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Abstract:

Topological phases, such as topological insulators and topological superconductors, are one of highly nontrivial properties of matter. Recently, those concepts are extended to non-equilibrium systems, especially periodically driven systems [1,2]. Dynamical induction of topological phases are discussed and explored in several systems, e.g. photo-induced quantum Hall effect in graphene [1] and zero energy edge states in photonic quantum-walk systems [2].

In this study, we propose a model as a new example of non-equilibrium topological phases using ultracold fermions in two-dimensional optical lattices [3]. Based on Floquet theory of periodically driven quantum systems, we demonstrate that Rabi oscillation driven by external light changes the effective band structure in optical lattices and induces (effectively) time-reversal-invariant topological insulators in non-equilibrium situations. Furthermore, if we consider atom-atom interactions, correlation plays a peculiar role due to time-dependence of the system, and novel correlated topological phases might be expected in non-equilibrium. To discuss interaction effects on the non-equilibrium topological phases, we develop Schrieffer-Wolff-type perturbation theory in terms of the external field, and reveal that the time-dependent external field induces emergent effective interactions.

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