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**Photon assisted double quantum dot spin filter** ERNESTO COTA,  
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Madrid - CSIC — We report on numerical and analytical studies of spin transport  
through a double quantum dot system in the Coulomb blockade regime, at zero  
bias. In the presence of a magnetic field and an AC field, a device is proposed  
where both spin filtering and spin pumping take place, in the sequential tunneling  
regime. We show that in such a device, the amount of polarization of the current  
can be controlled by the intensity of the AC field while the sign of the spin polarized  
current is controlled by its frequency. A master equation approach is used to study  
the time evolution of the reduced density matrix, in the Markov approximation,  
including spin relaxation and decoherence effects. The heights and widths of the  
current peaks obtained for one, two or more photon absorption processes, can be  
explained by a simple analytical study in the stationary regime. We also show that  
the decoherence time can be obtained from an analysis of the widths in frequency  
of the current. Finally, we include results on cotunneling effects on our spin filter  
and spin pump device.

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