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Real-timepho-toinduced quasi-particle relaxation of superconductors<sup>1</sup> JIANMIN TAO,JIAN-XIN ZHU, Theoretical Division and CNLS, Los Alamos National Laboratory— Ultrafast optical phenomena are of fundamental importance in the investigationof electronic dynamics of metals and superconductors [1]. By considering a modelHamiltonian with electron-boson coupling of a superconductor exposed to a time-dependent laser field, we calculate the current density, which can be expressed interms of the quasi-particle density matrices. The time evolution of these densitymatrices is derived within a mean-field approximation using the equation-of-motionapproach and is numerically investigated with Runge-Kutta method. we discuss theconsequence of the d-wave pairing symmetry in the quasi-particle relaxation process.

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