Superharmonic Josephsons Relations in Unconventional Superconductor Junctions with Ferromagnetic Barrier

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Abstract. The recent experimental progress provides the possibility of fabrication of clean d-wave superconductor/ferromagnetic metal/d-wave superconductor junctions with the large degree of barrier transparency. For misorientation 0-45° of superconducting electrodes in the a-b-plane we predict the coexistence of 0 and π stable phases (double degenerate state) in finite intervals of the magnetic barrier strength, alternating with the intervals of $\pi/2$ stable states. At low temperature there are also triple-degenerate states $(0,\pi/2,\pi)$ at the limits of above intervals. The corresponding current-phase relations (CPR) are quite unconventional: at low T for (0- π state) CPR is close to the second harmonic, $I_C \approx \sin 2\phi$, whereas for $\pi/2$ state the sign is changed, $I_C \approx -\sin 2\phi$, and for $(0,\pi/2,\pi)$ state CPR is close to the forth harmonic, $I_C \approx \sin 4\phi$. These unusual features open new possibilities for superharmonic squids with doubly and triply degenerate ground state.

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